

SOME NERVY PLAYERS

Bresnahan Praises Men Who Can Deliver When Needed.

Substitute Catcher for Chicago Cubs Praises Frank Schulte, Outfielder, and Heine Zimmerman, Slugging Third Baseman.

In baseball there are two kinds of nerve, according to Roger Bresnahan, substitute Cub catcher. One is possessed by the type of player who bullies men on the field, has a weak heart when he is asked to go to the plate in the ninth inning with a man on third and drive home the run that will win the game.

Bresnahan declares the first is the easiest to beat in a game and the second is the fellow who makes competition keen all the time.

Bob Bescher, left fielder of the Cincinnati team, struck Bresnahan last year in the jaw, after a game of ball, because the fielder struck out in a pinch when a long fly or a single meant a victory. It was while discussing this episode that Bresnahan defined the two kinds of nerve in baseball.

"There are two kinds of nerve in this game," said Bresnahan, "and I profess to have only one. I'll admit Bescher took a solid punch at me. I stood for it. There may be a lot of fellows playing ball today who can trim me off the field, but when it comes to matching brains and nerve during a game I think I can hold my own with any of them."

"Bescher was up in the ninth inning in a pinch, when just a little single would have given the Reds the game. He was aware that it was up to him to rap out the hit that would turn the tide. But he was as nervous as a cat. I joshed him about it and he took it seriously. That was how the argument started. That was exactly what I was looking for, because it won the game for me. He struck out in the pinch and that was what made him angry."

"Frank Schulte is about the best example of the man with the nerve in a pinch I know of in the league today.



Roger Bresnahan.

You never see Frank argue or dispute with any one, nor you never heard of his having a battle on the street. But you have seen him go up to the plate with runners on the bases in the ninth inning, smash out a single or extra base hit off the best pitchers in the league and win the game. He is the type of man to have on a team.

"Heine Zimmerman appears to be extremely boisterous and rough, but he is a corking good man in a pinch because he is stubborn. He is too arrogant to have it said that he lost his nerve, and it is just that bit of pride that makes him so great a player."

"Come-Back" Surprise.

Charlie Smith of the Cubs is a come-back who has surprised baseball fans throughout the big leagues. In 1893 Smith pitched for Atlanta and looked like a promising kid. From here he was shipped to Cleveland, where he gained a victory over Rube Waddell. A week later he was sent to New Orleans. Then he was shipped to Atlanta and then back to the big leagues again. He saw service with the Washington and Boston American league clubs and in the Eastern league. The Cubs secured him from the Eastern league, and his thinking power and curve have helped the Cubs on numerous occasions. Smith takes pitching seriously and never cracks a smile when on the mound.

Leading Hitters.

Four American leaguers are hitting about the 400 average, while only two National leaguers have so far been able to comb the ball for this extra high percentage. The four leaders in the younger organization are Collins, 511; Speaker, 468; Schaller, 462, and Compton, 400; Viox, with 435, and Miller, 429, are blazing the way in the National.

Hit by Injuries.

Clark Griffith's Washington's have been hard hit by injuries to players. The Nationals have had Catchers Ansmith and Williams, Pitcher Cashion, Third Baseman Foster, Second Baseman Morgan and Outfielder Shanks on the hospital list. No wonder the team slumped up.

WHICH IS REAL "FIND" OF THE SEASON?



Ray Schalk, Clever Young White Sox Backstop.

An interesting question that has bobbed up in the American league recently relates to the problem of singling out the catching "find" of the season. Chicago fans are practically unanimous that the palm should go to Ray Schalk of the White Sox and they have much company in other cities. They consider the problem an easy one. Some critics have appeared to dispute the right to the honor of the young backstop corralled by Comiskey recently.

"I watched Wallie Schang of the Philadelphia Athletics closely in the series with the Cleveland Naps and with all due respect to Schalk I think Connie Mack has barged the biggest young catcher, all things considered, in the major leagues," said a Cleveland scribe.

"I have seen Schalk in several series and I also have been in a position to watch the work of Schang in a bit of series in which Cleveland was battling Philadelphia with the clubs in first and second place. Schalk is just as good a receiver as Schang, but I think this young catcher of Mack has the edge on the Chicago backstop in speed, in throwing and batting—important considerations in a catcher."

While some fans and critics are inclined to be prejudiced in favor of such stars as Schalk and Schang, it is interesting to know what scribes and fans of other cities think of these players when they are visiting hostile camps.

The work of Schalk has stood out in marked contrast to that of any of the opposing catchers on other teams in the recent whirl of Comiskey's athletes around the eastern circle. His great plays at times were so thrilling as to draw spontaneous applause from a crowd rooting for the visiting club's downfall.

Following is the opinion of an observer in Boston, after watching Schalk in the series between the world's champions and the White Sox recently:

"I have seen all the catchers in the American league this season and I think Schalk is head and shoulders

BONEHEADED PLAY BY COBB

"John Andersoning" Was Only Excused by Catcher Henry's Forgetfulness and Poor Work.

Ty Cobb's "John Andersoning" in the first inning of a recent game caused more comment in Washington than any spectacular play Ty has made in recent years.

It is the first time that Cobb can be justly accused of pulling a rank bit of "boneheadedness," and Ty got out of the fix because of the surprise and momentary mental lapse of John Henry, Washington's star catcher.

Bush had reached third on an error and a sacrifice, and Cobb had walked.

They say that Umpire Hyron has a pose back of the box seats; that would be hard for a professional model to hold.

Hilly Murray, the Pirates alert scout, discovered Catcher Coleman when sent out on a hurry-up order from Fred Clarke.

Ty Cobb and Joe Jackson are putting up another neck and neck dash for the American league batting supremacy.

One of the greatest joys of Moose McCormick's life has been suddenly taken away from him. He can no longer bat for Josh Devore.

Turning back the pages of history we find that some years ago a Cleveland team was leading the league at this stage—and finished fifth!

Lee Magee, the young infielder of the Cards, pulled off a Ty Cobb stunt in a recent game against the Phillies. He scored all the way from first on a short single.

When Evers is unable to get on base in his first two times at bat against a pitcher he generally orders himself out of the game and substitutes Phelan.

above the whole lot. In getting down in front of the plate for bunted balls and whipping the sphere to first I have never seen his equal. His throwing is accurate, his receiving a delight to see and his batting surprising. He seems as quick as a cat in tagging runners out at the home plate and also seems absolutely fearless."

These two opinions of Schalk, expressed by critics outside Chicago, show how highly this young catcher is rated even by those who give Schang the shade in a comparison of the work of those two young stars. Chicago fans have had little opportunity to judge of the relative merits of these young catchers. They are strong for Schalk and chances are few White Sox fans could be found who would give any other catcher in the world the edge over the former Milwaukee phenom purchased by President Comiskey last fall for the record price of the season paid for a minor league player.

Schalk's wonderful play, requiring brains and action, in the eighth inning of a double header at Comiskey park, is only a sample of the kind of work this young catcher has been doing all the season. It was a thrilling play that roused the fans and caused a storm of applause in behalf of the young catcher's work. Johnston, on first base, tried to go all the way to third on Austin's bunt to Lord. The bunt had drawn Lord off third and nobody was present to cover the base. Johnston, seeing this, had rounded second and was sprinting toward third, with Weaver, who for once was tardy in covering the bag, in hot pursuit.

In this crisis the brain of Schalk was there in the pinch as usual. He had caught the situation at a glance and dashed for third. Hal Chase timed his throw and Schalk slid in with the ball in a wild mixup with the base runner. Schalk won the decision and completed one of the most daring double plays seen at Comiskey park in many a day. It saved the game for the White Sox, as Johnston would have scored with the winning run a few minutes later.

Truth Confirmed. The truth of this narrative is confirmed by the bricks found in the ruins of cities built during this period of Egyptian history. The bricks were made of clay mixed with stubble, rather than the ordinary straw and baked in the sun rather than in a fire kiln.

Pharaoh's Method, vv. 10-15. It must have been a severe test of faith for the Israelites to have had their hopes thus dashed and more grievous burdens thrust upon them. Before the government furnished the necessary straw, now they must get it themselves and at the same time keep up the usual toll of bricks.

Those who were beaten (v. 14) were of their own number who were held accountable under the Egyptian taskmasters for the conduct of the whole. Is this not suggestive of one other than ourselves "who bore our sins in his own body on the tree" and "by whose stripes we are healed?"

How little we comprehend, even with centuries of Christian history as our guide and the inspired word as our teacher, the full meaning of Paul's words, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18. But God is mindful of his own and as soon as Moses and Aaron turned to him he gives them a most gracious renewal of his promise and of the ultimate blessing, see Chapter 6:1-8.

III. The Summary. God's ways of deliverance are never easy. His people are always slow to believe and his enemies have a hard hearted and terrible persistence in their opposition to him and his plans. But God does not permit this defeat, nor prevent the accomplishment of his purposes. When pain has done its work he makes it to cease. When the fire has burned out the dross he will extinguish it. Pharaoh esteemed human life cheaply, how about the sweat shop of today? "Let my people go" is the watchword of the fight that is still in progress. Israel's oppression still survives.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR JULY 27.

MOSES' REQUEST REFUSED.

LESSON TEXT—Ex. 5:1-14. GOLDEN TEXT—"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."—Matt. 5:4.

Only one incident is mentioned with reference to that long journey Moses had to take in returning from Midian to Egypt. "The Lord met him and sought to kill him," (4:24). Moses is about to pronounce a fearful penalty, see 4:23, and it was necessary that he comprehended the terrible meaning of his threat. Also he had neglected to observe the sign of covenant peace (circumcision) with his youngest son, and that was a serious delinquency for the future leader of Israel. "It was necessary at this stage of his experience that he should learn that God is in earnest when he speaks, and will assuredly perform all that he has threatened." (Murphy.)

Showing himself with Aaron, the elders of Israel are soon convinced that God had sent them and was about to work out through Moses and Aaron the long promised deliverance.

Issue Plainly Stated.

I. Moses' Message, vv. 1-9. Moses and Aaron plainly stated the issue at the very outset. "Thus saith the Lord God of Israel" (v. 1). This was at once a challenge as to the boasted superiority of the Egyptian gods. It also touched Pharaoh's pride for he was an absolute monarch and can he allow these representatives of an oppressed people any liberties? Lastly, it was a question of economic importance.

Pharaoh looked upon these Israelites as his own property, now they are claimed for another. "Let my people go." In contempt, Pharaoh exclaims, "Who is Jehovah?" It was in answer to that very question Moses had been sent and right well was Pharaoh to learn the answer ere the account is settled. Men are flippantly asking that same question today, both by word and deed, who will find out to their final sorrow who Jehovah is, and why they should obey his voice. Pharaoh spoke the truth when he said "I know not the Lord," but though he seems to boast of that he little knew what it means for a man to set up his will against that of God. "I will not" was the proud boast of a weak, willful, ignorant word of the dust, for all his exalted position among men. Read 2 Thess. 1:8 and Rom. 1:28.

In reply, (v. 3) Moses and Aaron did not seek to argue the case. Very little is ever gained by such a method, much better for us to deliver God's message verbatim and trust to the holy spirit to bring conviction. Moses and Aaron were far more afraid of the pestilence and sword of Jehovah than the boasted power of Pharaoh. God does punish disobedience whether we like it or not, see Deut. 28:21. Zech. 14:16-19, etc. This fearless anger Pharaoh (v. 4) and he commands them and their brethren at once to resume their burdens. The world is constantly accusing the servants of God of unfeeling people for their work, see Amos 7:10, Luke 23:2 and Acts 17:6.

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How Can God Declare One Righteous Who Is Not Righteous?

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TEXT—Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.—Romans 5:1.



4:51.

The word justify means to reckon or to declare righteous. Forgiveness is a negative term, meaning to put away or remit. Justification is a positive act, and means not simply forgiving the sinner, or letting him off from the punishment which he deserves, but declaring him righteous (Rom.

John accepts his offer and pays off his creditors. As they go out of his store they say to one another: "We are fortunate in getting our money this time, but we will not trust him again. He is the same shiftless John, and he will soon be as badly in debt as ever." Now what has his uncle accomplished for John? He has paid his debts, but he has not restored his credit.

Suppose, on the other hand, that the uncle had said: "John, I have been out of business a few years and I find that I am getting rusty. I like this town and I have about decided to go into partnership with you." John is delighted, of course. The uncle says: "I will put in all my capital and experience, but I shall insist upon being manager of the business. You can be the silent partner and work under my direction. And John, I think you had better take down that sign over the door, for your name does not command the highest respect in this town. Suppose you put up my name instead, & Co. I think it will look better, and you can be the company."

John gladly complies with the conditions, and the business opens under new auspices. John goes out to buy goods, and what does he find? Instead of refusing to trust him, every merchant in town is glad to give him credit, because his rich uncle has become identified with the business. In the one case the uncle paid his debts, but did not restore his credit. In the other case he restored his credit by going into partnership with him.

God's law says that the soul which sinneth shall die. When Jesus took our place on the cross and died for our sins, that paid our debt, but it did not restore our credit, it did not make us righteous. Had there been no resurrection of Jesus we could not have been justified, though it is conceivable that we might have been forgiven. But when Jesus rose from the dead and identified himself with us by faith, coming into our heart and taking possession of our life, then he not only paid our debts, but he restored our credit. He made it possible for God to declare us righteous, since we have gone into partnership with a righteous Saviour, who has not only kept the law perfectly himself, but who is able to help us to keep it. He is the managing partner, and we simply obey his orders. We have even taken down the old sign, and now we bear his name—Christian.

Martin Luther said: "If any one knocks at the door of my heart and inquires if Martin Luther lives here, I should reply, 'Martin Luther is dead, and Jesus Christ lives here.'" Paul had the same idea, for he said: "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." "For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God."

When a woman marries she loses her name and identity, but she takes the name of her husband and shares his rank. If he is a duke she becomes a duchess. If he is a prince, she becomes a princess. Even so, the believer who surrenders his life to the Lord Jesus loses his identity and his sins, but shares with him his name, his character and his rank. God calls him Christian, because he is the bride of Christ, his only begotten son. God can justly declare him righteous because he is forever united to One who is righteous, and who is able to make him like himself.

If Jesus lived a holy life in one body he is surely able to do it in another, if that body is yielded to his control. God then can properly and justly reckon the believer righteous because of his union with the righteous Saviour who has stoned for his past sins by his death on the cross, and who guarantees his present and future conduct because that life has been committed to his keeping.

If, as he says, he is "able to save unto the uttermost," "able to keep us from falling" (Jude 24), and if he guarantees to present us before the presence of God's glory absolutely faultless, surely God can safely reckon us as righteous. The ground of our justification then is not what we are, but whose we are, not our own good works, or our desire to be righteous, but our union with the Lord Jesus, who was "delivered for our offences, and was raised for our justification" (Rom. 4:25).

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NOT JUST WHAT SHE MEANT Under the Circumstances It is to Be Hoped Minister Had a Sense of Humor.

When the new minister made his first pastoral call at the Brownings he took little Anna on his knee and asked her if she had a kiss for him. But the little girl refused to kiss or be kissed. She squirmed loose and ran into the next room, where her mother was putting a few finishing touches to her adornment before going into the drawing room to greet the clergyman. "Mamma, the little girl whispered, 'the man in the drawing room wanted me to kiss him.'" "Well," replied mamma, "why didn't you let him? I would if I was you."

How She Did It. "That widow is a good manager, isn't she?" "Manager" I should say so. She got that house of hers fixed up like new for nothing.

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