

But There Will Be Baseball in Washington After Johnson Leaves

Loss of Johnson's Twirling Would Hurt Clark Griffith



LEFT TO RIGHT: MILAN, JOHNSON AND AINSMITH.

Washington, May 24.—I will pitch for the team that offers me the most money," Walter Johnson, member pitcher of the Washington Nationals, said tonight after a conference with Joe Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federals. "I am not going to sign any contract for 1915," he added, "until my contract with the Nationals expires. Then the manager who offers the best contract will get my services."

While pitcher Walter Johnson, catcher Ainsmith and outfielder Clyde Milan of the Senators have all branded as false the story coming from Chicago that they have determined to jump to the Federal at the close of the present year, still there are some who are inclined to believe there may be truth in the story. The statement in this morning's press dispatch regarding the rumor, at least, among other things, the Chicago sport writer who first sprung the story, says:

"Pitcher Walter Johnson, catcher Ainsmith and outfielder Clyde Milan of the Senators, three of the American league's greatest stars, have put their names to an agreement to sign with the Pittsburgh Federals at the end of this season. This information comes from a reliable and authoritative source."

For the next few days the fans will probably be treated to reports from various league officials. This is to be expected, and always follows news of importance.

"It looks as if the Federals are putting over another coup, one that is fully as important as when they induced Joe Tinker to jump, organized

ball. By getting hold of Walter Johnson they will have one of the two greatest drawing cards in baseball, the other being Tyron Cobb.

"The fact that Walter Johnson has frequently been dissatisfied with his present lot is an open secret. He played a long time with the Senators at a low salary. He has been a hold-out in the past. He believes he is entitled to big money.

"This is one reason why the above info. listens so good. Pittsburgh has evidently offered an agreement that are most flattering. It goes without saying that Johnson, on the field line, would make the Pittsburghers a whole of a drawing card everywhere.

"But please don't overlook Ainsmith and Milan.

"For years Ainsmith has been catching Johnson. Whenever the name of Ainsmith, Johnson likes to pitch to his backstop. They work together without a hitch. They understand each other's moves and habits. And wherever Walter goes it is natural for Ainsmith to follow.

"Then Clyde Milan would make the Pittsburgh outfit a corner. He stands among the four leading outfielders in America. The other three are Cobb, Speaker and Jackson. Milan is probably the greatest base stealer in the country. He is a heavy batter and a magnificent fielder.

"What Washington would do without this trio is difficult to even estimate. More than half of the Senators' strength would be gone in one fell swoop. They might replace Ainsmith, but Johnson and Milan are in a class so high above the ordinary run of ball players that the loss would be well-nigh hopeless."

GOLD DISCOVERED ON SOUTH SIDE CITY LOTS

GREAT EXCITEMENT OVER NUGGETS WHICH CAME FROM MISSOULA GRAVEL BED.

That the owners of every lot near the located along River street in south Missoula may dig gold together and purchase the big gold dredging machine on the Kennedy creek placer and rush it to Missoula to begin work through that strip of gravel, might be the possible outcome of the discovery of placer gold at the corner of Hickory and River streets yesterday. The discovery was not made in the ordinary way but the nuggets found were the "pure mill" so far as could be determined without the need of being assayed, and those who are in on the secret were much excited over it last night.

The story required to unfold the tale that tells this year, after back three years ago when John E. Wilson, the man whose city sidewalk contracts have caused him a lot of grief, dug a cesspool on his property. This was about the time that Congressman Evans, who was Mayor Evans then, commenced to fight the proposed south side sewer system. But Jack went ahead with his cesspool and did what he considered a very neat job. Then he connected the drain pipes to his house.

More than two years passed when one day Billy Cormier came along and rented Wilson's house. Cormier became a chicken fancier and constructed a model hen yard and stocked it with the kind of chickens that make the best eating about this time of year. For the scratching pen of this hen-

ary Cormier selected an ideal plot of ground immediately over Wilson's cesspool. This patch of ground being splendidly supplied with gravel.

The contents several more chapters and end this story in this column, it may be stated: Yesterday Cormier called a chicken for his Sunday dinner. In its crop two fine gold nuggets were found among the gravel picked up by the chicken from about Wilson's cesspool. One nugget is as large as two peas and the other the size of a split pea. Cormier couldn't keep the secret and showed the gold to Wilson, who spent the rest of the day organizing a company to develop the mine.

TWENTY-NINE GOLFERS IN FRENCH TOURNEY

Paris, May 24.—Twenty-nine golfers had signified their intention to compete for the French amateur championships when the entries closed to night. Play in the preliminary round will begin Tuesday. The final round, 36 holes, will be played Thursday. Thirteen of the 29 entrants are Americans, two Australians, two Frenchmen and the remainder Englishmen, Scotchmen and Irishmen. J. L. C. Jenkins of Troon, Scotland, who yesterday won the British amateur championship, is eligible, but it is doubtful whether he will compete.

The American players entered are: Charles W. Evans, Francis O'Brien, Jerome D. Travers, Harold Weber, Fraser Hale, J. T. Shanley, H. J. Topper, R. V. Forbes, A. B. Graves, W. Dowers, J. H. Snowden, A. J. Lockwood and James T. Smith.

The Americans arrived today and will devote tomorrow to practice.

SOLD.

Detroit, May 24.—Manager Jennings of the Detroit Baseball club announced the sale of First Baseman Del Gainer to the Boston Americans today.

ERRORLESS PLAYING AND ELEVEN SWATS

BROOKLYN FIELDS SHARPLY BEHIND ALLEN'S GOOD PITCHING AND HITS HARD.

GIANTS ARE GIVEN ONE

St. Louis Boots Away a Game to the Champs and the Cubs Go Down to Defeat Before the Humble Legume Consumers.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Pittsburgh	20	8	.714
New York	16	19	.615
Cincinnati	19	14	.576
St. Louis	17	18	.486
Brooklyn	13	14	.481
Chicago	14	19	.424
Philadelphia	11	15	.423
Boston	7	19	.269

Sharp Fielding.
Cincinnati, May 24.—Brooklyn outplayed Cincinnati today and won the last game of the series, 6 to 2. Allen pitched excellent ball, and sharp fielding saved him at critical points. Boston was hit hard, especially in the fifth, when Brooklyn scored four runs on five hits, three of them for three bases.

Score—R. H. E.
Brooklyn..... 6 11 0
Cincinnati..... 2 6 2

Batteries—Allen and Miller; Benton, Douglas and Clarke.

Errors.
St. Louis, May 24.—St. Louis' errors chiefly were responsible for New York's victory of 8 to 7 over the local team today. In the ninth the game was a tie at 5 to 5, and in the eleventh New York scored three and St. Louis two.

Score—R. H. E.
St. Louis..... 7 14 8
New York..... 8 11 2

Batteries—Perritt, Robinson, Griner and Roche; Marquard, Torsreau and Meyers.

One Bad Frame.
Chicago, May 24.—Boston defeated Chicago, 3 to 2, in the final game of the series today. Humphreys had one bad inning, the fifth, which cost the locals the game.

Score—R. H. E.
Boston..... 3 6 1
Chicago..... 2 8 3

Batteries—James, Tyler and Gowdy; Humphreys, Pierce and Breenahan.

FEDERAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Pittsburgh	19	7	.731
St. Louis	16	15	.516
Brooklyn	12	12	.500
Pittsburgh	13	12	.500
Chicago	15	16	.484
Indianapolis	12	15	.454
Kansas City	13	18	.419
Pittsburgh	11	17	.393

Swatting Does It.
Indianapolis, May 24.—Brown held Indianapolis safe at critical times while his teammates hit the ball hard and St. Louis defeated the locals, 9 to 3, today. Crandall and Tobin each made three hits in five times at bat.

Score—R. H. E.
St. Louis..... 9 14 2
Indianapolis..... 3 7 4

Batteries—Brown and Hartley; Mullin and Kardin.

AMERICAN ASS'N.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Milwaukee	19	13	.594
Louisville	20	15	.571
Indianapolis	19	14	.575
Cleveland	17	18	.486
Minneapolis	14	16	.467
Kansas City	18	21	.462
Columbus	15	19	.443
St. Paul	14	20	.412

Milwaukee, 11; Columbus, 12.
Minneapolis, 1; Indianapolis, 2.
(First game).
Minneapolis, 6; Indianapolis, 2. (Second game).
Kansas City, 7; Louisville, 6. (Eleven innings).
St. Paul, 1; Cleveland, 8. (First game).
St. Paul, 7; Cleveland, 3. (Second game).

WESTERN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Denver	21	11	.656
St. Joseph	19	12	.612
Sioux City	20	14	.588
Des Moines	15	16	.484
Omaha	15	16	.484
Lincoln	16	18	.471
Wichita	13	20	.394
Topeka	11	23	.324

Denver, 5; St. Joseph, 7.
Des Moines, 4; Lincoln, 5.
Omaha, 9; Wichita, 1.
Sioux City, 8; Topeka, 3.

IN AUSTRALIA.
Sydney, Australia, May 24.—Hughie McInnes, lightweight champion of Australia, defeated Joe Welling of Chicago on points in a 20-round boxing contest at the stadium today.

Twenty-Two Damp Swats

Portland and Tacoma Go Through Nine Innings of Rain, Rolling Up Big Batting Averages for the Interested Parties.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Vancouver	26	12	.684
Seattle	25	16	.610
Spokane	21	17	.553
Tacoma	18	23	.439
Portland	17	23	.425
Victoria	11	27	.289

Hitting in the Rain.
Portland, May 24.—Portland's dozen hits counted two more runs than Tacoma's eleven, and the score was 11 to 5 today. Rain fell continuously throughout the game.

Score—R. H. E.
Portland..... 11 11 3
Tacoma..... 5 11 3

Batteries—Karnman and Harris; Brotem, Easterly and Murray.

Seattle's Stick.
Seattle, May 24.—Seattle hit Harstad frequently and hard today and defeated Vancouver, 8 to 1. The visitors' hits were scattered and fast fielding by the pitchers kept them from scoring.

Score—R. H. E.
Vancouver..... 1 19 8
Seattle..... 8 11 1

Batteries—Harstad and Check; Schneider and Cudman.

JUMPERS OUTLAWED BY NATIONAL UNION

BUT FREE AGENTS MAY JOIN THE FEDERALS AND HOLD THEIR GOOD STANDING.

Auburn, N. Y., May 24.—Baseball players who violate a contract of the National Association of Professional Baseball clubs by jumping to the Federal league will be denied recognition by the association, according to a ruling announced tonight by Secretary John H. Farrell. "Players who have no respect for contractual obligations are not wanted by our national association," Secretary Farrell's statement read. "Players, however, who sign Federal league contracts while free agents are eligible to contract with our clubs upon being released from the Federal league contracts."

The statement sets forth that the National association clubs would not be permitted to sign players under contract with the Federal organization.

BROAD JUMP.

New York, May 24.—Platt Adams of the New York Athletic club, an Olympic champion, cleared 23 feet 4 1/2 inch in the running broad jump in a penathlon competition at Celtic park today. This is said to be the best mark for the event ever made in a competition of this sort.

How Mack Selected Bush to Pitch the Third Game

Writing in the American Magazine, Eddie Collins tells this interesting story of how Leslie Bush came to pitch in the world's series. It refutes the claim that it was a streak of luck for the youngster.

"Contrary to newspaper talk then, it was not a 'hunch' that suddenly made to face the New York Giants. Before the series began Mack told Bush that he was to pitch the third game. We all recognized that Bush was a little different from the ordinary young pitcher. One autumn day in 1912, when returning home from a western trip, we stopped off in Columbus to play an exhibition game. Hinchman, an old Cleveland outfielder, was the Columbus manager. In the leagues he was a good watter, and a slugger, just the kind of a man to break up a young pitcher. But he didn't bother Bush at all. Indeed, using terrific speed, Bush was mowing down the Columbus team, striking out better after better. He struck out Hinchman several times and some of us began to 'josh' the veteran.

"That's all right," retorted Hinchman, "but it's too late in the season for me to take any chances against that fellow. I'm content to take three swats and sit down."

"We all knew then that Bush, to use the expression of baseball, 'had something.' When a veteran like Hinchman was afraid of him, it sounded promising. Not until the absence of Coombs, however, did Bush get his chance, but from the beginning of 1913, he helped carry us over the early stages of the race, when our pitching staff was shot to pieces. It might look like bad policy for a manager to let a young pitcher, says ahead of time that he was going to pitch a world series game, but Mack had learned Bush's temperament. He knew that Bush had wonderful self-confidence, and that if he told him he was going to use him against New York, it would give him more. With

BOISE CLIMBS HIGH AT HELENA'S EXPENSE

IDAHO TEAM CHALLENGES MURRAY IN SECOND PLACE BY A DOUBLE WIN.

OGDEN TOSSES ONE OFF

With the Game Cinched Errors Lead to an Extra-Inning Defeat, While Blank Trims the Ducklings in Good Style.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Ogden	16	18	.657
Murray	14	10	.583
Boise	13	10	.565
Salt Lake	12	11	.523
Butte	9	14	.391
Helena	6	18	.250

Doubleheader.
Helena, May 24.—Boise won both games of a doubleheader from the Vigilantes here today, taking the first 10 to 5, and the second, 2 to 1. In the first game Helena had a four-run lead up to the seventh inning when the visitors landed on Todd, the local twirler, for a triple, a double, and two singles, which, with a pass and an error, allowed the visitors to score four runs, and sent the game into overtime. Boise put two over in the 10th and won. A triple play by the locals featured the first game.

The second contest was a pitcher's battle between Toner and Garrett, in which the latter struck out 10 men. The visitors' hits were more timely and gave them the game. Scores:

First game—R. H. E.
Boise..... 10 13 2
Helena..... 5 11 7

Batteries—Woods, Toner and Weaver; Todd and Gleason. (Ten innings).

Second game—R. H. E.
Boise..... 2 5 1
Helena..... 1 5 3

Batteries—Toner and Coleman; Garrett and Crittenden.

Bad Boots.
Ogden, May 24.—Ogden kicked away its game today. At the end of the fifth the score stood 7 to 1 for the home team. Thereafter Salt Lake began climbing, and at the tenth inning the score was tied at eight. Galea, left fielder for Salt Lake, deprived the home team of a victory when, in the ninth, he made a sensational catch for the third out. The game ended 8 to 8 for the visitors.

Score—R. H. E.
Salt Lake..... 8 11 3
Ogden..... 8 15 7

Batteries—Morgan, Fitzgerald and Tommaman; Ballinger, Newton and Raedel.

Murray Rallies.
Salt Lake, May 24.—(Special).—By winning today's game, 7 to 1, Murray broke even with Butte on the series. Today's battle was Butte's until the eighth, when the Murray team rallied. In the ninth, home runs by Birch and Menges cinched the victory for the infants.

Score—R. H. E.
Butte..... 6 8 2
Murray..... 7 10 3

Batteries—Jackson, Robinson and Lewis; Brown, Shadler and Aver.

Outfielder Is a Hitter



CLARENCE WALKER.

One St. Louis Brownsie who is showing a good deal of pep this year is Clarence Walker. Besides doing classy work in the outer garden he is hitting at a 300 clip.

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ALL HOPE ABANDONED FOR MISSING AIRMAN

London, May 24.—All hope for the safety of Gustave Hamel, the British aviator, has been abandoned and it is feared that he was drowned in crossing the English channel.

Hamel left Le Crotoy, France, for Hendon, shortly after 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Claude Graham-White, the aviator who went to Calais to investigate Hamel's disappearance, reports that he believed that a channel steamer had seen an aeroplane flying in mid-channel Saturday afternoon.

The only hope held tonight for the safety of Hamel was that he might have been rescued by a tramp steamer or that he put ashore and returned to some desolate spot on the British coast.

The machine was not provided with floats, and in the opinion of experts it must have sunk immediately if it touched the water. The only precaution taken by Hamel was an inflated pneumatic tire which he wore about his body to act as a life buoy in case he fell into the water.

Even Break.

Los Angeles, May 24.—San Francisco and Los Angeles divided today's doubleheader, the Angels taking the morning game at Venice by a score of 3 to 2 and the Sals winning out of 3 1/2 innings in the afternoon, 4 to 1.

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Batteries—Darbin and Sepulveda; Clarke; Ryan and Brookes.

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Batteries—Leifield and Clarke; Peritt and Bolos. (Eleven innings).

FIRST ENTRY.

San Francisco, May 24.—The first to enter a contestant in the Panama-Pacific exposition's around-the-world aviation race in 1915 is Dallas, Texas. The exposition's bureau of aeronautics announced today that the Dallas Chamber of Commerce had sent word that the city would be represented by Captain J. H. Weldon, with a monoplane. The city will build his machine about six miles from the airport. Captain Weldon at present is attached to the Mexican federal army. He is a Cherokee Indian.

ALONE IN DIGGINGS YOUNG IS KILLED BY BLAST

Coroner C. H. Marsh received word late last night of the findings of the body of George Young, a miner, on a placer claim in Forty-Six creek, back of Quartz. From all indications the miner had been killed by a premature explosion and had evidently been dead four or five days.

The information came to the coroner from Jim Pratt, a miner and prospector, who telephoned from Quartz. He had made a trip up Forty-Six creek, a tributary of Quartz creek, the body being discovered at a point about six miles from the railroad. Mr. Pratt stated that the dead man had been working a placer claim, but had been using gun powder in his operations. It was evident that an explosion had killed him instantly. Young was working alone at his claim.

George Young was a man about 50 years of age. He was best known as a packer and formerly lived on Fish creek. He has numerous friends and acquaintances here, but nothing of his history or relatives could be learned last night.

Coroner Marsh will leave this morning to bring the remains here.

THOMPSON FALLS WINS BY WHIRLWIND PITCHER

Thompson Falls, May 24.—(Special).—Before a large and enthusiastic crowd, Thompson Falls won this afternoon from the fast Mission Reds of St. Ignace, by the score of 4 to 0. The feature of the game was the playing of Pitcher Swain of Thompson Falls, who held the visitors to one scratch hit, did not walk a man and at got a two-bagger, a three-bagger and a home run. Thompson Falls meets the fast Northern Pacific team of Missoula here next Saturday and Sunday in a series of games.

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Tire	Tube	Price
28x3	\$ 2.20	\$2.00
28x3	19.25	2.20
28x3 1/2	13.50	2.50
28x3 1/2	14.05	3.00
34x3 1/2	15.25	3.20
34x4	17.00	3.25
32x4	18.00	3.30
32x4	19.50	3.40
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