

Thirty Years in Baseball.

BY ADRIAN ANSON.

Anson Tells About the American Players Being Introduced to the Prince of Wales, Who Later Became King Edward VII., and His Criticism of Our National Pastime.

CHAPTER XXIX. I Meet the Prince of Wales.

JUST as we were playing the end of the first half of the third inning of that first game in England I discovered something of a commotion in the vicinity of the clubhouse, and a few moments later the well-known face of the Prince of Wales, afterward Edward VII., appeared at the window. I gave a signal to the boys and we assembled at the home plate and sent up those rousing cheers and a tiger for His Royal Highness. At this the crowd went wild and the Prince disappeared from view. At the close of the fifth inning we were informed that His Royal Highness would like to meet us, and we wiped the moisture from our brows and the grime and black, sticky mud off our hands and proceeded to the clubhouse. President Spalding introduced us one by one to the future King of England, and the Prince shook hands with each of us in the most cordial manner, without a sign of the loftiness that had been such a prominent feature at our presentation to the American Minister at Home. His Highness chatted very affably for some time, asking a lot of questions about the

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game, and even making some suggestions as to how, in his opinion, it might be improved. I didn't agree with him, but I managed to keep mum, although I could have put up a strong argument against what he was saying. There is a newspaper story, which was circulated widely at the time, that I up and contradicted the Prince right before the whole bunch. I want to say right here that I did nothing of the kind, although I admit that it was pretty hard work not to butt in and set him right. As we left the Prince he bowed to each of us pleasantly and took a seat in the window to watch the finish of the game. The fog had come back and the fielding of both teams was really remarkable when the fact is taken into consideration that a half fifty feet in the air couldn't be seen at all. Hearty and Mark Baldwin did the twirling, and they acquitted themselves nobly in spite of the luncheon they had taken aboard. There wasn't a happier man in the "right little hole" than our friend Anson when the game, at the end of nine innings, resulted in our favor by a score of 7 to 4, and we had eaten every bit as much as the others, too. The London papers devoted a great deal of space to the game, and took occasion to compliment every member of both teams. I remember that some of

I WISH YOU COULD HAVE SEEN THOSE BIG CRICKETERS BAT.



The attempt to speak familiarly of the game amused me very much. I don't think I should have recognized it from the description. Some of the Journalists professed to see great merit in baseball, but most of them agreed that it was vastly inferior to cricket.

Prince Didn't Hear Toner.

Another story that has gone the rounds of the press is to the effect that after the game was over the Prince sent for John Toner and requested him to explain the game of baseball to him. As the story runs, John labored with His Highness for an hour, but didn't succeed in making him understand, and at the close of the confab the only thing the Prince would admit was that it might be a good game, but wasn't in the same class with cricket. I've never heard Toner either affirm or deny this yarn—perhaps he didn't like to admit that he was so unsuccessful in making anything so simple as baseball clear even to an Englishman. I'm inclined to think, however, that John did not have that private audience with the Prince. He wasn't pitching that day, and I see no reason why he should have been singled out as spokesman for the great American game.

Next day we played a game on Lord's Cricket Grounds, the finest in England at that time, and we gave the crowd of 7,000 a mighty good show for their money. The crowd must have thought so too, for I never heard more bracing cheering even in Chicago. It was a close tussle until the last moment, when Baldwin and I made errors that gave the All-Americans the game, they winning by a single run.

The following day we played a game on the Crystal Palace Grounds at Sydenham before a big crowd, and the All-Americans won it by a score of 5 to 2. The next morning we left London for Bristol, the home of the famous cricketers, the Grace brothers, who had given us a special invitation to visit them. Arriving there at noon, we were met by

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Farewell Game in London.

We returned to London that night and next day played our farewell game in the big metropolis on the grounds of the Essex County Club before a crowd of 8,000 persons. Crane and Earle and Baldwin and Daly were the batteries.



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The game was chock full of hard hitting, and although the score—13 to 6 in favor of the Chicago—wouldn't have pleased an American crowd a little bit, and next morning all the papers declared it the best game ever played on English soil. It had been arranged to pull off a throwing contest after the game between Crane and Conner, an Australian champion, but the latter backed out and Crane gave a solo exhibition, throwing a corker ball 110 yards and a baseball 120 yards. That evening we were treated to a banquet and our fine old friend, the Duke of Beaufort, "dropped in," as he expressed it, "to spend an evening with those splendid fellows from America."

It had been arranged that we should make a flying tour as far north as Glasgow before crossing over to Ireland. I wish you could have seen the special train in which we travelled on that trip. It consisted of nine cars, two of which were dining saloons, two smoking and reception cars and the balance sleepers. The exterior of the train was exceedingly swell, the body color of the coaches being white enamel, with trimmings of gold and seal brown and the royal arms in gold and scarlet on the carriage doors, while in each side of the coaches was the inscription in fancy lettering, "The American Baseball Club." Talk

Title of to-morrow's chapter: "I Play Two Games in Ireland."

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about travelling de luxe! That train was certainly one of the de luxe! propositions I ever went up against. The game we played at Birmingham that afternoon was one that would have delighted an American crowd. When it was called at the end of the tenth inning on account of darkness the score was a tie, each team having four runs to its credit, Baldwin and Healy both doing themselves proud. Next day we played at Sheffield in a pouring rain and had to quit at the fourth inning on account of the mud. The day following we had a similar experience at Bradford and didn't succeed in doing much but spot our uniforms.

Hearing of Asylum Attendant Accused of Beating Patient Is Postponed.

POUGHKEEPSIE, March 10.—The charge of mismanagement against the Matteawan State Hospital for the Insane, made following the death of John J. Nugent, an inmate alleged to have died Feb. 2, as a result of having been kicked by attendants, has practically

MISSING WITNESS HALTS PROBING OF MATTEAWAN CASE

collapsing, owing to the disappearance of George Galbraith, a former attendant, whom the police are seeking today. Daniel Riley, an attendant, said by Galbraith to have assaulted Nugent, was to have had a preliminary hearing before Judge Hasbrouck yesterday, but the case was left open owing to Galbraith's absence. He sent word he was sick in New Rochelle. Three or four physicians swore that Nugent died of heart failure and not as a result of brutality. The effort to show that Harry K. Thaw inspired the attacks against the asylum management failed, but it was brought out that a man whose name did not come out has been spending money liberally to raise a storm of protest against the asylum. The case will be resumed next Thursday or at a day's notice if Galbraith, the main dependence of the prosecution, is found.

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