

Giants Again Find Key to the Cellar, Superbas Lose Too, but Yankees Win

Wagner Does Little But the Giants Lose Pirates Drive Perritt from Box Without Aid from the "Aged" Hans— Babe Adams in Fine Fettle.

According to popular conception his name is Hans, and he is an aged person who thinks like George Sylvester Viereck and talks like Weber and Fields. It's not true.

Wagner did not play much of a part when the Pirates defeated the Giants by a score of 6 to 2 at the Polo Grounds yesterday, but justice to him is much more important than any baseball game. So here are the facts:

His name is not Hans at all but John. He was born in Pennsylvania, close to the American border, and at an early age he foreswore allegiance to Boies Penrose and vowed loyalty to the United States. He speaks English of a sort, which he picked up from Barney Dreyfuss.

Wagner never wrote a letter to a newspaper protesting that the shipment of arms and ammunition was a violation of neutrality, he never invented an excuse for the violation of Belgium's neutrality and he does not drink beer. In other words, he is not a German.

John P. Wagner frequently has been referred to as a "grand old man." Nobody ever thought of calling Theodore Roosevelt anything like that, but the Colonel is sixteen years older than Wagner. Billy Sunday has eleven years the better of Hans. Elihu Root beats him by twenty-nine and Joe Cannon is the senior of the shortstop by thirty-eight years.

Just now Theodore Roosevelt is doing double duty defending a libel suit and rooting for war. Joe Cannon has only recently escaped a come-back. Elihu Root has been on the ropes and Billy Sunday is going to run for President. John Wagner is not too old to play baseball.

John P. Wagner loves fish, chickens, automobiles, pay checks and base hits. He lives in Pittsburgh. He is bow-legged and he has long arms. Once upon a time he was a good hitter. That's all we know about him except the fact that his favorite hunting dog is called Jason Weatherly.

We hesitate to give this last bit of information, for it came from a story in a Sunday newspaper. One of George Ade's characters was kicked in the head by a mule, and thereafter believed everything he read in the Sunday papers. Anyway, the paper was printed in 1912, and there's no telling how time has treated Jason Weatherly in the intervening years. The climate of Pittsburgh is no trying.

But if Tim Lincecum ever tried to touch Hans Wagner, it missed him by as great a distance as the unsuccessful base runner marks with his hands for the benefit of the umpire. Hans did not hit a home run yesterday, but he made a sacrifice fly, and his arm is as good as ever. One of the balls he threw went all the way to the stand in back of first base.

Other Pirates made up for the hitting which Wagner did not do, but mostly they just trusted to Bill Perritt, who was knocked out of the box in the second inning. Babe Adams pitched steadily, and had no great difficulty in holding an early lead.

A fate which guided many a hard-hit ball straight into the hands of fielders made the task of Adams a little easier than it might have been if luck had remained neutral. Max Carey made the feature play of the game by stealing home in the eighth inning. Max was in that inning, stole second, went to third on a bad throw, which Fletcher made worse with a hot, and then stole home. It was an excellent display of ambition and energy on the part of Carey.

There used to be a yarn in circulation that Carey was playing with the Pirates in order to complete a course for the ministry. Babe Adams is still with the Pirates and without a pulpit. Probably the tale was just another of those Sunday stories.

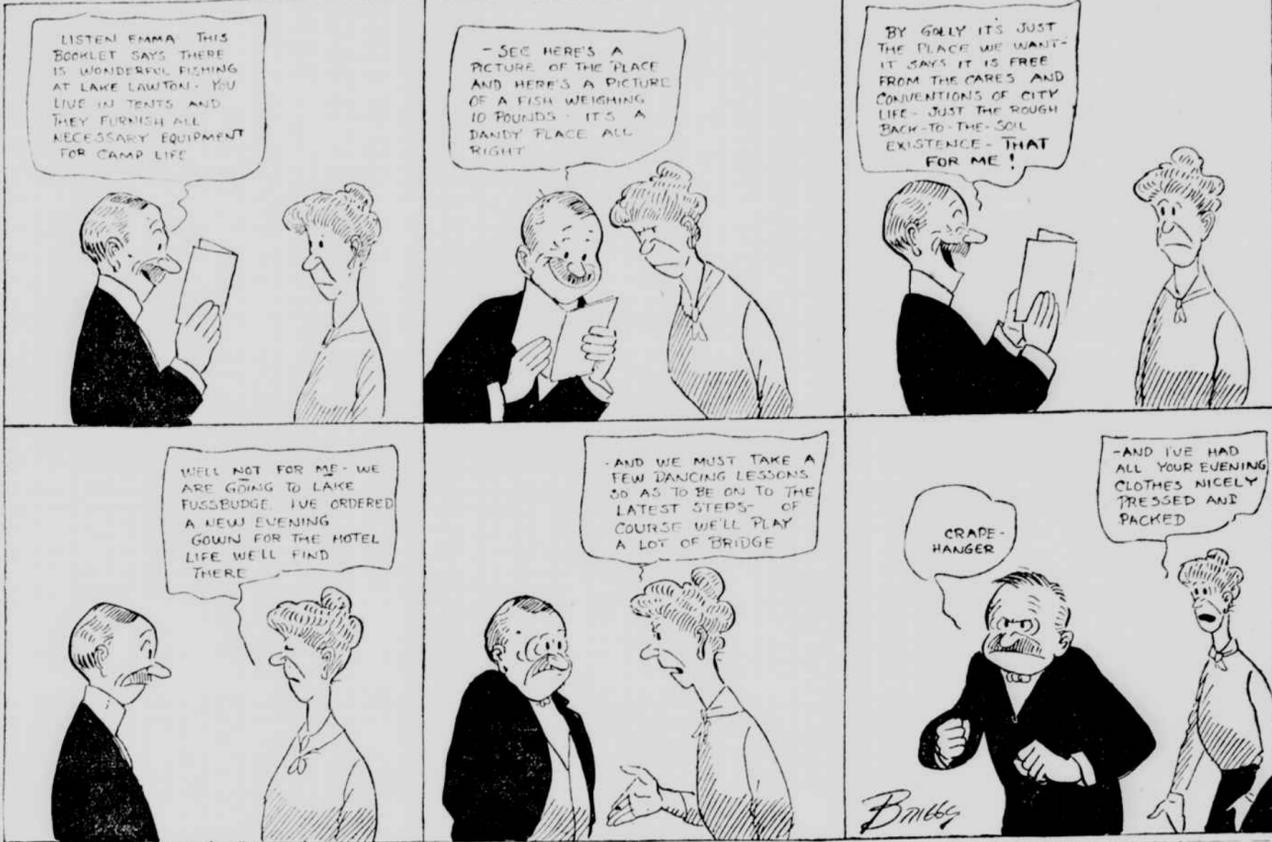
Singles by Johnston and Baird and a double steal gave the Pirates a run in the better fate, threw out Becker, the Cardinals' lead-off man. Becker was fanned by a curve ball. Dolan walked and stole. J. Miller, the versatile person who plays short, second and first equally well, rapped a hard grounder to Schultz, who saw Dolan lunge for the runner, and in the eyes of all save Eddie Dolan was out by some three feet.

Robb, after a moment's pause spread out his hands over the bag, thus telegraphing to the stands that the Cardinal was safe. An awful groan broke forth from the 1,500 "umpires" scattered about the stadium. Babe Adams, who had just pitched, looked on in a frenzy, but paused before he reached the territory back of the plate, and decrying that what he might say on the subject would be of no avail and turned back to the bench.

Robb also figured that Dell would get the next batter, and no damage would be done. But the next man to come to the plate was a man who had a long memory, and Sallee, who the latter stopped prettily and fielded to first in the nick of time. Both drives were of the sort that easily might have been a sacrifice, but they were not. When Casey got to second, when he picked left field for his smash, which also went for a double, scoring Stengel. Cutshaw was unable to keep up the bombardment and died to J. Miller.

The score follows:
ST. LOUIS (N. L.) BROOKLYN (N. L.)
Runs, 6, 2; Hits, 10, 6; Errors, 1, 2.
Batter: 1. Miller, 2. Miller, 3. Miller, 4. Miller, 5. Miller, 6. Miller, 7. Miller, 8. Miller, 9. Miller.
Pitcher: 1. Adams, 2. Adams, 3. Adams, 4. Adams, 5. Adams, 6. Adams, 7. Adams, 8. Adams, 9. Adams.
Time of game, 1:45.

Somebody Is Always Taking the Joy Out of Life



Wagner Not Needed

Table with 2 columns: Pittsburgh (N. L.) and New York (N. L.). Rows include statistics for various players like Miller, Adams, etc.

Results of Games in Three Leagues and Standing of the Battling Teams

Table with 3 columns: NATIONAL LEAGUE, AMERICAN LEAGUE, FEDERAL LEAGUE. Rows include 'GAMES TO-DAY' and 'RESULTS OF GAMES YESTERDAY' for various teams.

A SETBACK FOR BRAVES

Cubs Win Game, Although Hughes Fans Eleven Men. Boston, May 20. The Chicago Cubs improved their hold on second place against the Braves' assault to-day, winning by a score of 4 to 2.

Yankees Settle Browns In Very First Inning

Score Three Runs and Then Play Successful Defensive Game—Austin and Chill in Row. St. Louis, May 20. The Yankees settled the game against the Browns this afternoon by scoring three runs in the first inning. Thereafter Donovan's men were largely on the defensive, but they managed to win by a score of 4 to 2.

STALLINGS GIVES ADVICE

As Guest of Haughton Talks to the Harvard Nine. Cambridge, Mass., May 20. George Stallings, manager of the Boston Braves, spent the evening with the Harvard ball players at the Varsity Club here, tonight, being the guest of the new coach, P. D. Haughton.

Southern Association Results.

Table with 2 columns: Atlanta and Little Rock. Rows include game results and scores.

Dust from the Base Lines

By HEYWOOD BROWN. Philadelphia papers say that one reason for the poor attendance at Shibe Park is the fact that Ira Thomas angered the saloon element of Philadelphia by giving temperance talks. That there is not a single man in the league whose name begins with "I." The letter is not without its uses, however, for it is employed now and again by Christy Mathewson in his baseball article.

RULES AGAINST PACKERS

Head of Feds Decides Protest in Favor of Tip Tops. Chicago, May 20. President Gilmer to-day announced he had ruled against the Kansas City Feds in their protest based on the charge that Land, the Tip Top catcher, had interfered with the batter in Monday's game with Brooklyn.

Cathedral College Beats St. Peter's Nine

Cathedral College won its annual baseball game with St. Peter's College of Jersey City, played at Bronx Oval, yesterday, by a score of 12 to 5. Farrell, the Cathedral pitcher, lost control in the third and seventh innings, when St. Peter's scored its runs. He allowed only seven hits and struck out eleven St. Peter's batters. Haughey, the Cathedral captain, made two doubles and two singles, which were accountable for seven of his team's runs.

ALEXANDER FAILS TO PUZZLE REDS

Cincinnati Hits Ball Hard and Easily Defeats League Leaders. Philadelphia, May 20. Cincinnati hit the delivery of Alexander hard to-day, and the Phillies were defeated by a score of 6 to 2.

FORDHAM KEEPS IT UP

Wins Fourth Straight at Expense of Mt. St. Joseph Nine. Fordham won its fourth straight victory by defeating the Mt. St. Joseph nine on Fordham Field yesterday by a score of 8 to 2.

Buffalo Feds Pound Ball with a Will

St. Louis, May 20. Buffalo slugged Groom and Herbert for seventeen hits here to-day, which netted eleven runs, and defeated St. Louis by a score of 11 to 1. Ford and Sedlett allowed six hits.

State League Results.

Table with 2 columns: Binghamton and Elmira. Rows include game results and scores.

New England League Results.

Table with 2 columns: Portland and Lowell. Rows include game results and scores.

SKEETER PITCHERS EASY FOR BISON

Wild Tosses by Thompson Also Aid Buffalo to Capture Game.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 20. Fullenwider, the Bison pitcher, and Verbut and Thompson, who twirled for the Skeeters, were all hit hard to-day, but the local man proved the stealer, Buffalo winning by a score of 4 to 1.

INDIANS RISE AND WIN

Profit by Wildness of Herche and Beat Rochester. Rochester, N. Y., May 20. Cold weather kept down the attendance at the opening game between Rochester and Newark here this afternoon. Despite the handicap both teams played good ball until the final inning. Newark won by a score of 5 to 3.

Richmond Moves Into Lead.

Richmond, N. J., May 20. Richmond moved into the lead by defeating Paterson here to-day, 4 to 2.

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AMHERST BEATS WILLIAMS IN A MANY RUN GAME

Eight Men Scoot Across Plate in One Inning and Settle the Struggle.

Amherst, Mass., May 20. Before the junior prom crowd, the Amherst baseball team defeated Williams in the one hundredth game between the two rivals, by a score of 12 to 6.

CORNELL WINS THE ODD GAME OF SERIES

Michigan Wabbles in the Early Innings and Ithaca Nine Gets Needed Runs. Ithaca, N. Y., May 20. Cornell was the odd game from Michigan in a little contest here this afternoon by a score of 5 to 3.

Toronto Defeats Providence.

Toronto, Ont., May 20. Toronto defeated Providence here to-day, 4 to 2.

Arrow Collars

May be worn with four-button or bow tie. CLUETT, PEABODY & CO., Inc., MAINE.

RACING TO-DAY AT BELMONT PARK

FRIDAY'S SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDE THE WESTBURY FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS AND FIVE OTHER RACES—BEGINNING AT 2:30 P. M. SPECIAL RACE TRIPS TO-DAY. Leave Pennsylvania Station, 33d St. and 7th Ave. at 1:45 P. M. from Nostrand Ave. 15 minutes later. East New York 30 minutes later. Also reached by trolley.

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