

WEEGHMAN'S LUNCH COUNTERS MAY BE EXPECTED TO BOOST PRICES SINCE U. S. GOT ALEX

LOSING BIG ALEX COMPLETELY SMASHES DREAMS OF PENNANT ENTERTAINED BY CUB MAGNATE

Weeghman Staked Everything on Hurling Department and on Big Nebraskan Playing Out Season—Baker Won Great Gamble

Another Vision Vanishes

I dreamed a dream that was sweet and fair— A vision lovely beyond compare— I dreamed of a start in the pennant grind That would leave the Giants in dust behind...

MAGNATE WEEGHMAN, he of the flashy bankroll and the ambition of a Kaiser in the matter of diamond conquest, has had a lovely dream. League and world series pennants have haunted his slumber chamber just like the well-known revenant made famous by Mr. Poe.

Now, however, the draft of Uncle Sam has upset the entire scheme of things and the face of the returns shows the Chicago magnate to be a good loser. He has no kick and his club willingly bears the brunt of the situation.

The effect of the blow to Weeghman's plans may be well appreciated when it is considered that his entire scheme of winning hinged upon the pitching department and on getting a flying start.

Douglas fell by the wayside with an attack of appendicitis and the needed operation put him out of the early season running, and now Alex is to disappear after a brief ten days of service, in which he can possibly hurl three games.

AN INTERESTING note just at this point is that for the period of service in question Magnate Weeghman will be putting down \$5000 per day, \$50,000 being the sum invested in the big hurler.

Baker Won Out in Gamble With the War

WHEN Alexander, his one big playing and financial asset, was turned over to the Cubs, President Baker, of the Phils, took a long chance. He stood to lose \$100,000—Alexander's undoubted value in coin of the realm to any club for some time to come—and he also took a chance on great loss of prestige with the home baseball public.

Facing these things the die was cast in favor of the war call, and there cannot now be any criticism of the manner in which the trade went through. The chance was that Alex, being eligible and an altogether healthy person, would have to go to war or enjoy some unusual break of luck in classification, and the local magnate staked his judgment on Uncle Sam's determination to get what was coming to him in the man-power line.

An interesting point in the drama is what is to become of the bonus of \$5000 in cash supposed to have been paid Alex for signing. This, of course, is a matter between the player and the owner of the Chicago team. The indications at least are that Alex likely will proceed to hold out some more and stand upon whatever legal footing he may be able to establish.

The holding out has been good and why not continue the habit? The turn of events would appear to be peculiarly disastrous to the Cubs' season on account of the fact that all designs for the year were to provide an article of ball that at least would divide the interest of the home fans. With the White Sox guaranteed their great world-beating team intact, the Cubs' owner was compelled to spend a fortune and take a big chance in the effort to make a showing before the home folks, and it now is impossible to figure on a real team, for nine-tenths of the figuring was, as stated, based upon pitching and upon Alex coming through with one of his well-known strings of thirty victories.

THE depression in Cub ranks is bound to be keen as a result of Alexander being lost, for none can be optimistic enough to believe that with the mediocre outfield and infirmid the remainder of the pitching staff, as good as it may be, can be expected to produce many winning games.

Cageball Latest War-camp Athletic Sport

THE athletic authorities have labored hard to produce war sports that would get as many men into action as possible. The vigorous requirements of football and the amount of space necessary for the game make it unsuitable for a general camp sport, although its value as a spectacle and a recreation feature, as well as a strenuous developer of war athletes, makes it most desirable as far as it goes.

Cageball is the latest. It is now being demonstrated by its inventor, Dr. Emmett Dunn Angell, assistant surgeon of the United States naval reserve force, at Great Lakes. It is guaranteed to give an average physical exercise to more men in a limited space than any other game yet invented. The official cageball is twenty-four inches long and about thirty inches in diameter, being of oval shape, with a rubber inflated bladder and a canvas cover. Nets are stretched across each end of the court when played indoors, while outdoors the cage is in the nature of a goal. There is virtually no limit to the number of participants when the game is played outdoors, and Doctor Angell declares he has seen 2500 jacksies in a contest at Great Lakes.

After the ball has been thrown up the only rule is that it must be kept in sight. This is to prevent accidents when the number of players is large. After that everything is allowed short of manslaughter. As the ball is light enough to move rapidly overhead, the players soon find themselves tip-toeing and stretching to their limit, almost unconsciously taking exercise that develops virtually every muscle in the body, and is besides especially good for the lungs and chest.

AT GREAT LAKES the soldiers have been playing Doctor Angell's new game all winter, and they have declared it to be well adapted to general conditioning as well as providing real diversion.

Natural Riders Make Best Aviators, Says Officer

NATURALLY trained athletes make the best air fighters, but according to an officer in the aviation service horsemen make perhaps the best of any. Riders naturally are daring and besides acquire use of their hands that especially fit them for handling a machine. Good football players come next in the estimation of the authority in question, who stated, replying to a direct inquiry as to what type of man proved the best flier:

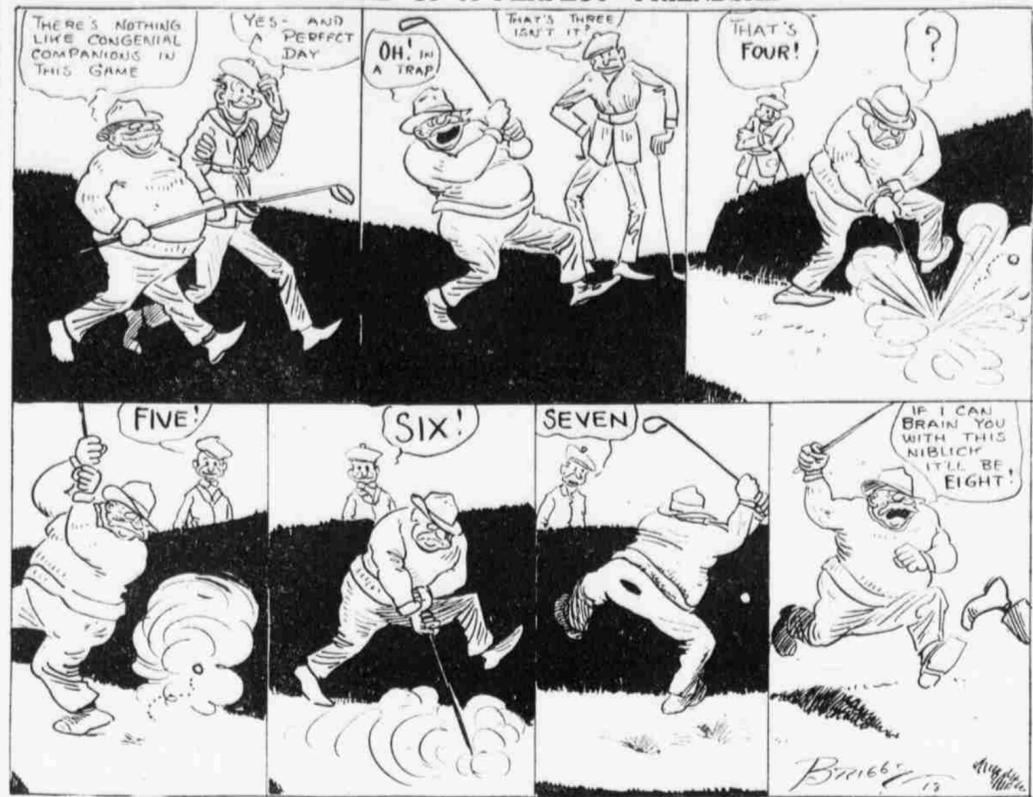
"No special type. But the men who make good quickest and prove the most adept fliers are those who have played games—football, basketball, baseball, handball and fencers—and best of all, I think, men who can ride well. You know that until recently the German army recruited virtually all of its fliers from the cavalry forces. Riders make heady, daring aviators and they have that nimbleness of hand that is so essential for a first-class flier. Personally, I would rather have a good rider any time. Next to him I want a good football player."

"However, you never can tell about these big, strapping athletes. Some of them develop hands like hams and turn out rather poor fliers. Another class of men who have been somewhat disappointing in their development are the automobile drivers. They know all about the engine and mechanical part of the game, but that is only the groundwork of the art of aviation. Another thing, recklessness is not a good attribute for a flier. In fact, the authorities want none of that kind."

"We get two men, one a big, well-developed athlete and the other the weedy, unimpressive sort, who does not appear to have any stamina or too much 'guts.' The thin, weedy fellow is more likely to turn out a great flier than the well-developed athlete. However, all in all, our material is splendid. I know that before this war is over we are going to demonstrate our superiority in the air. The American athlete is an ideal aviator. German fliers have shown daring and ability, but the German is a notoriously poor flier in the face of adverse conditions."

PUT him in a bad place and he's done for. Brave as he might be, he will yield under that Toulon characteristic. Down in the gutter the German is a quitter. Whatever success the Germans have shown has been the result of their superior equipment.

THE END OF A PERFECT—FRIENDSHIP



U. S. SPORTS MAKE SOLDIERLY MEN

Promote Strength, Skill, Speed, Courage, Game-ness and Gray Matter

REFLECT GAME OF WAR

"Game-ness is the most necessary attribute of a soldier—and an athlete. Strong, able, steady, aggressive, and all the rest of it go for naught unless backed by game-ness. The never-say-die spirit has won out over any other virtue. It is the basic characteristic of every good soldier and every good athlete—otherwise they could not be termed such. The New York Globe, which cites many instances and further observations:

"It may be said that the army of a nation can be judged by the athletes of that nation. It is possible to obtain a somewhat accurate estimate of the quality of the world's greatest contest in Picardy by what our athletes have done in little contests over here.

"Americans are the best athletes in the world, and the best soldiers, so have no fear as our boys are marching on to Picardy."

"A glance over the field of sport reveals remarkable instances of courage and game-ness, and the news from over there will bear many more worthy ones."

Boxers Are Game

"Boxing offers hundreds of exhibitions deserving of mention. There is that classic of the ring, Kid Lavigne's battle against the Barbados demon, Joe Wolf, at Massport, L. I. Lavigne, handicapped in size and strength, was horribly beaten during the early part of the fight, and he was almost quit, but he was groggy and battered and covered with blood—it seemed certain that he must go down before the black demon—but he came up and fought on until he turned the tide and almost made Walcott quit in the twelfth round. Lavigne won that battle, which is regarded now as the most thrilling contest ever fought in the East.

Instances Numerous

"Then there are those famous instances of Dempsey in his battle with Fitzsimmons, Carl Morris against Flynn, Fitz against Corbett and Ryan against Billy West.

"Football, too, is replete with courageous action. Almost every game brings out some unusual individual effort. For instance, little Ed, of Yale, years ago suffered two broken ribs, a broken collarbone and a dislocated shoulder—yet he stayed in the game. Watson of Williams was knocked cold eight times—but finished. Dave Fultz played a game with a fractured collarbone and with his arm strapped to his side. And many more.

QUIMET WILL HEAD CAMP DEVENS GOLFERS

Former Amateur and Open Champion Will Have Strong Team to Help Him

AYER, Mass., April 12.—Sergeant Francis Quimet, amateur champion, will head the Camp Devens golf team, the make-up of which was announced yesterday by Lieutenant Robert C. Deming, division athletic director.

Other members of the team are Lieutenants Horton, Herbert Jacques and Robert V. Bean, Sergeants Christopher Dunphy, A. R. McInyre, B. P. Merriman and Frank McNamara, and Corporal J. F. Reid. The first match probably will be against a team organized by Outing's former business partner, John M. Sullivan, Jr.

SLIM SALLEE SEEMS TO BE BEST SOUTHPAW IN MCGRAW'S OUTFIT

Old Fellow Has Shown Great Early Season Form and Will Open Season for Giants

WITH Schupp ailing and Benton lumbered in coming to, Old Man Slim Sallee seems to be McGraw's best southpaw. If not general bet, at the opening season. In any event, the rock-ribbed left-hander who can lay 'em around the knee or about one on a line with the chin at pleasure has been assured the assignment of going against the Dodgers when the two teams make the season's kick-off next Tuesday.

Sal has more stuff this season, according to Empire Bill Brennan and other sharps, including camp sear and follow-ers who have seen him perform. His fast one has the highly esteemed bow and his curve is colossal, which, added to control, brings quite a good deal. Here is the exact way the old fellow is going, according to a traveling scribe:

"Smooth as a Clock. In two starts against the Indians Sallee has flashed form that would justify any manager in sending him after almost any prize. Seven innings of desperate club swinging netted the American League just four hits and one unearned run, and at no time has the lanky Sheriff been extended. At the end of five splendid innings yesterday he was just beginning to feel like pitching, and could doubtless have finished the contest as brilliantly as he started. It had McGraw permitted him to continue."

"Empire Bill Brennan, who saw considerable Sallee in the old pre-Federal days, declares that Sal is showing more stuff in pitching than he has in his splendid period of an campaign within the last five years."

Carries a Big Hop

"His first ball, according to the same authority and testimony of the Cleveland players, carries a hop that makes it hard to hit."

Daily Baseball Yarn From Training Camps

Rixie Kicked About Dixie. Al Demaree tells of a queer feud between Bill Rixie and Eppa Rixie. "Rixie is a rabid Southerner, you know," says Al. "And every time that he sees Bill Rixie who wears the cap set high on top of his head and hunches his back, he would immediately start shouting at him like a Yankee blizzard of '61. Rixie declared to me, because I always throw the first two pitches right at his head, 'I never saw a fellow who looked so much like a Yankee soldier.'"

GENERAL MANN WILL THROW OUT FIRST BALL

Commander of the East Will Open National League Season at Polo Grounds

New York, April 12.—Major General William A. Mann, commander of the Department of the East at Governors Island, has accepted President Hempstead's invitation to throw out the first ball at the Polo Grounds next Tuesday when the Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers pry open the National League baseball season in this city.

The Mayor formerly was asked to throw out the first ball, but this year it was believed a high military officer would be more appropriate for the role, so an invitation was extended to General Mann.

Falkenberg Runs Bowling Alley

Pitcher's Falkenberg, who is running a bowling alley at Chesham, Pa., has concluded not to report to the Indianapolis Colts and has been notified that he should stay in Philadelphia.

STIFF FIGHTING AT NAVY YARD

Dale and Haney Draw in Heavyweight Service Bout

WHITE A WINNER

In one of the most thrilling heavyweight contests that have ever been witnessed in the history of the League, Frank White, of the United States Marine Corps Band, and Whitey Haney, a seaman, last night went through terrific rounds to a draw. The contest was one of the star bouts of an excellent program of eight contests held at the Navy and Marine Corps Recreation Building.

Frank, a husky westerner, who hails from Missouri and who, when he is not routing a saxophone in the marine band, finds nothing better than to don the padded mitts in process of elimination, has won the heavyweight championship of League Island Navy yard.

Last night in Haney, the big marine faced an opponent with whom he got going, ragged with all the temper of a non-westerner. For the first round and a greater part of the second round, Haney held his own. Then he received a vicious blow that partly stunned him and he was forced to take a rest. Haney was quick to follow his advantage. A series of follow-up wallops sent Dale to the floor.

Ding Dong Afloat

Dale came back in the last round, and evened matters by floating his sea-going rival. Both were fighting hard at the finish, and the judges declared the bout a draw.

A quartet of amateur boxers who recently represented the Boston Navy Yard also performed. Henry Brown and Phil Ritz, both of the same yard, and two champions, gave a clever exhibition. These men are in the middleweight class.

Howard Jones and Jimmie Sneed, holders of amateur titles in the 125-pound division, and former members of the Eastern Navy yard team, also furnished an exciting contest. All three men are from the naval training camp at League Island.

MURRAY HELD MARK FOR OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Fogarty, Ancient Phil, and Cravath Also Good in Similar Line

The retirement of Red Murray from the New York Giants recalls the fact that he was one of the modern outfielders who vied with old-time outfielders in making assists on hit balls. In this respect he led the National League four different seasons.

Rube Ellis, who formerly played with the St. Louis Cardinals, but is now a member of the Los Angeles team, had a fine whip and used to average about twenty-five assists a season. He hasn't done so well since returning to the minors.

Titus Bates, Cravath and Snodgrass were also good at this branch of the art, but the outfielders of the '80s and '90s towered above the present-day players in this respect. "My Fogarty, of the Philles, averaged an assist from the outfield in every third game, and Sam Thompson, of the old Detroit and Philadelphia clubs, was a mighty wingster in his day."

Although Jimmy Ryan, of the Chicago Nationals, was left handed, he could punch a ball from the farthest corner of the outfield with deadly effect. Bill Lange had a wonderful throwing arm and was feared by all base runners. The great Mike Kelly, back in 1885, when with the Chicago Cubs, made the greatest record in throwing out base runners from the outfield. Mike threw out twenty-nine men in thirty-seven contests, which seems to be the record for the majors.

Holy Cross Makes Fine Trip

Holy Cross made the best record of any northern college nine on a southern trip. Jesse Burkett's lead team, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and District of Columbia, then came north and met teams in New Jersey and New York without sustaining a defeat. Gil and Ryan should be the pitching men for the Holy Cross team. Both performed in a manner that puts them up with the best pitchers in the country. Both were in the center of the circle over at Footbal Stadium, Philadelphia, Pa., where against Columbia they were defeated.

LOW SCORES COME TO GOLFERS WHO PLAY GAME RIGHT AND NOT TO THOSE WHO TAKE CHANCES

Better Scores Will Come Later, if Players Will Play the Game According to Proved Principles, Says Evans

By CHARLES (CHICK) EVANS, Jr.

IT HAS long been a golf theory of mine that the easiest time to correct faults is the beginning of each season, and I recently had this idea confirmed by a noted teacher of psychology, who is also a golf fan.

Another thing it is well for golfers to hear is that the brain is in the best possible condition to form new golf habits and methods.

So you see we have in this case golf experience confirmed by science. That's why I advise all my readers to think over their little weaknesses of last year and start out right now correcting them.

How to Get Low Scores. Low scores come to the golfer who plays golf right rather than to the one who strains for distance, takes long chances in the hope of retaining impossible situations and uses the wrong club on impulse rather than judgment.

Not a Chance in World to Land This Big Bout. New Jersey would like to stage the Willard-Pulton match, John S. Smith of Atlantic City, chairman of the newly organized boxing commission, which controls the sport, now legalized in the State under the Hurley act, has announced.

He declares that the State would welcome the bout, but emphatically warns that the profits must be pledged for the Red Cross. Eight rounds are permitted in New Jersey, and it is believed that the heavyweight classic would bring a larger attendance at Atlantic City than anywhere else in the United States.

Practice for a free motion, one will not strain the arm with every pull. And when you get this you are ready for the big league for a run of at least ten years, according to Leon, there is no reason why you should step out at a thirty-year mark and don't forget the early to bed, plenty of sleep and good habits will keep the right or left arm in condition.

Ames is a type of the old school, but has the good old side-whip and a heavy left curve, coming in from the side, which has a heavy backswing. Ames is not one who keeps his hands in his glove. He delights in watching youngsters come in the big league and he is willing to take the time to go back to give them a few instructions.

What he says is good advice. It is because he has been in the National League longer than any player in the circuit today.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

DOWN at the National A. A. boxing exhibition is looked for tonight. The world's greatest lightweight, a recognized puncher, admitted to be clever and accurate, and having much knowledge of the finer points of the ring game, will be 29 per cent of the attraction. Nine other boys will supply the remaining 1 per cent.

Benny Leonard will be with us. This is enough. Leonard and a fighting champion are synonymous. Benny showed that he still retains his old-time fighting powers when he humbled Young Joe Borrell all over the Olympia ring last Monday night. This evening Jack Morris will be Leonard's partner. Morris is a fair fighter, but is Leonard's partner. Morris has a difficult part to play in this skit and is likely to fade away at any time.

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