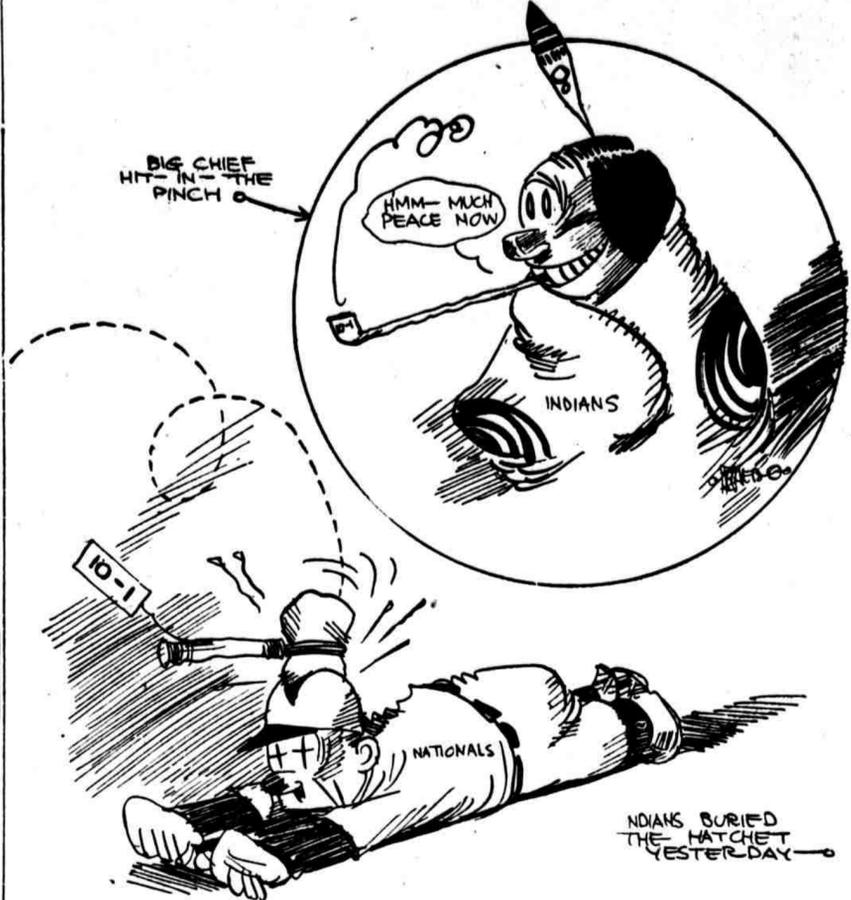


# Nationals Lack Capable Substitutes---Feds Lose Fight For Petey Compton

## IT WAS QUITE A BURIAL, TOO



# GRIFFS' WEAKNESS IS SHOWN BY SHANKS' SHIFT TO THE INFIELD

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

With a revised battle line the Griffmen face the Cleveland club in the final game of the series and the revision shows better than anything else the weakness of the Nationals. Howard Shanks, ranking among the best outfielders in the business, has been called into the infield and is expected to do his best at third base. Douglas Neff, former star at the University of Virginia, and Tommy Connolly, the brilliant Georgetown University shortstop, have been tried and found wanting in sufficient class for the big league. No more infielders remain on the roster, and so Shanks has been drafted for service in the inner quartet.

Shanks played third base before trying the outfield, but that was before he got into organized baseball. Ever since coming to Washington he has been an outfielder, though he has frequently practiced around the infield. It is his infield work that makes him sure of ground balls in the garden. He is better than either Milan or Moeller in this department of outfield play. In addition, Shanks possesses the real big league fire and spirit. If he can manage to field grounders at third as well as he snaps them up in the garden, he should prove a worthy successor of Eddie Foster. He certainly has more "pep" than any other member of the infield.

### OLD ADAGE COMES TO MIND.

An old adage comes to mind in the placing of Shanks at third. "A chain is no stronger than its weakest link," reads this line, and no ball team is really stronger than its list of substitutes. The Griffmen lack capable substitutes for all positions. In the spring Neff was expected to develop fast enough to make a fight for a place in the infield. However, on his varied trials he failed to impress Manager Griffith. Tommy Connolly, after failing in the outfield, was put on second and third. He did not do well at either place, in the estimation of the Old Fox, and now both of these youngsters are due for minor league experience before taking their places in the big show.

Kube Odring plays a very fair game at short and third, but Connie Mack refused to keep his outfielder there, saying, "I can't run the risk of spoiling a capable outfielder to make a remainder infielder." It is to be hoped that Shanks will not be ruined as an outfielder for his sojourn at the hot corner.

With Shanks playing third, Merito Acosta will go to the garden. The little Cuban is now on his third year as a member of the Nationals, but his chances to show his class have been low and far between. At times he has looked worthy of being kept in the lineup, but at others he has looked very crude. However, the exigencies of the moment require his trial in the outfield. If Shanks can't be used to make good, a heavy burden will be lifted from Manager Griffith's shoulders, but the weakness of the team will remain as long as no capable substitutes can be found on the roster.

A new pitcher has been signed by the Washington club. Sam Rice, twenty-two years old, right handed, has been bought from the Petersburg club of the Virginia League, and will report here Sunday. Little is known about him, except that he has recently been a member of the United States military service and was brought to bear to obtain his release from the Government service. He may get into a game next week, if the right occasion appears.

President Gilmore now threatens to have all shirkers in the Federal League released immediately. The Fed boss doesn't care whether the lazy ones have iron-clad contracts or not. He will release them all, as soon as it is shown that they are shirking. Petey Compton, who has been playing ball at top speed to hold his berth, no matter what league he may be in.

With Johnson on the slab today, Doc Ayers is expected to open the series with the Browns tomorrow.

Jim Shaw's arm is recovering fast, and Manager Griffith expects to have him ready for the final game with the Browns.

Frank Baker is hitting for .226 in the

### THE LINE-UP.

INDIANS	GRIFFMEN.
Southworth, lf.	Moeller, rf.
Eschen, cf.	Foster, 2b.
Chapman, ss.	Milan, cf.
Kirke, 1b.	Shanks, 3b.
Smith, rf.	Gandil, 1b.
Turner, 3b.	Acosta, lf.
Wamy, 2b.	Ainsmith, c.
O'Neill, c.	Henry, c.
Morton, p.	McBride, ss.
Walker, p.	Johnson, p.
Harstad, p.	Ayers, p.

Game at 3:30 p. m.

Delaware County League, according to the latest news, is for the first time on the list of leaders, having four errors in twenty-three chances.

The Cleveland American Association team will be sold to Toledo capitalists next week. A stock company has been formed to buy the club, and the American Association is conducting the negotiations.

The St. Louis Browns are due in the Capital tonight around the witching hour. They are carrying a grand new secretary in the person of Clarence F. Lloyd, for several years a leading baseball writer of the Mount City Herald, and who has been writing for the Browns since he was a boy. He is being engaged in providing just that. No better stunt was ever worked by "Colonel" Hedges than to appoint Lloyd to this position of public expert for the Browns. This is following the line of the New York Yankees who have many such a veteran New York scribe, as publicity expert.

If Joe Boehling's future hung upon his work against the Indians—well, he has no future. The Follies of 1915 won, he lost, and he was out. The Browns want what kind of a ball game it was. The Richmond southwain had nothing with which to puzzle the enemy, and Sam Rice had nothing with which to puzzle the lives out of the Griffmen. To add stick to the occasion the Griffis fell down in the field. A small crowd stuck it out in full alliance.

Boehling staggered along into the sixth, and then vanished in favor of Harry Harper. The Hackenbacker has been sojourning in Joe Cantillon's school for slingers recently, and, naturally, he was out when he started. He had a pretty good curve, but his speed wasn't in sight. The Indians kept right on with their outside fire, and a Harper for a Harper didn't worry them in the least.

Sam Jones pursued a steady course, giving the Indians a hard time. The home boys managed to collect two of them together for their lone run. Milan opened with a safe one to the advanced on Shanks' death, and scored on Gandil's drive to left. But, outside of that, the fourth frame the Griffis were simply active as retrievers for the Indians' slams.

What's the use of going into lengthy detail concerning the downfall of Boehling? He was almost choked to death in his first inning, fouling a ball, and a free pass giving the foe three runs. Chapman, Kirke and Smith collided safely in succession to start the third and fourth frames. Harry Harper's play and three resounding slams scored two more in the sixth before the game was over. The Indians won by that time no one cared much what happened.

Harper got rid of the first two lads hitting him, but a couple of hits and Tommy Connolly's amazingly vacuous performance at third brought over three more runs before the inning ended. Bunching a pass to Chapman and singles by Kirke and Turner scored the last run for the Indians in the eighth. But that of it. One run more or less wasn't important when the score was 10 to 1. On the whole Harper's well-earned name in the American League cannot be called exactly friendly.

Mechanical misplays are overlooked in baseball pretty much, but mental lapses are not. Therefore, Connolly is doomed to be beheaded. When Kirke singled to left in the sixth, Chapman raced to third. Connolly turned and saw Shanks gather in the bounder just as Chapman was about to turn the hot ball back to the pitcher. Shanks tossed to third. Of course, the ball rolled away off into the prairie and Chapman scored easily. That play may mean a curfew for Connolly. It generally does.

Nats. AB O A E Cleveland AB O A E  
 Moeller, rf. 3 0 0 0 Eschen, cf. 6 1 4 0  
 Foster, 2b. 4 0 0 0 Chapman, ss. 3 0 1 0  
 Milan, cf. 4 1 1 0 Smith, rf. 3 2 3 0  
 Shanks, 3b. 3 0 0 0 Turner, 3b. 4 1 1 0  
 Gandil, 1b. 4 1 2 1 Wamy, 2b. 4 1 1 1  
 Henry, c. 2 1 0 0 O'Neill, c. 2 1 2 0  
 Harstad, p. 2 0 0 0 Johnson, p. 2 1 2 0  
 Walker, p. 3 0 0 0 Ayers, p. 2 1 2 0  
 Harstad, p. 1 0 0 0  
 Totals..... 32 6 27 12 1

Nationals..... 000 000 000-10  
 Cleveland..... 301 000 010-10

Runs—Smallwood, Chapman (4), Kirke, Turner, Wamy, O'Neill, Jones and Milan. Stolen bases—Moeller and Turner. Left on bases—Nationals, 12; Cleveland, 12. First base on error—Boehling, 1; off Harper, 4. Hits made—off Boehling, 11; off Harper, 6. Time at bat—Against Boehling, 24; against Harper, 23. Two-base hits—Boehling, 1; O'Neill, 1. Sacrifices—Smith, 1; Turner, 1. Southworth's sacrifice. Umpires—Messrs. O'Loughlin and Hildebrand. Time of game—1 hour.

# TWO MANAGERS ARE FIGHTING UMPIRES

George Stovall and Lee Magee Take Turns Handing Wallops to Corcoran.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 29.—Batting Corcoran is a Federal League umpire, but he missed his vocation. He hit the head with a punch much better than any other umpire known to science, and as for the efficacy of his punches—well, ask George Stovall and Lee Magee about that.

Corcoran won two cyclonic battles with his fists, and then he vanished his victims to Siberia—the clubhouse, to be exact. Any umpire who can lick George Stovall is free of consideration.

While all this free-for-all fighting was going on the Tip Tops and Packers divided a double-header. Brooklyn won the first, with the score at 4 to 3, while the Packers came off with the laurels in the second, while the totals rested at 3 to 2.

Stovall was first to get his boxing lesson. The sport had not advanced far when Corcoran made a decision which aroused the ire of Stovall. He declared two Brooklyn runners safe on what the local manager insisted was a double play. One word borrowed another, until Stovall swung a left to the head. Corcoran shifted inside and worked at the body, and then, smiling his man, connected with the left on the jaw. Just when it looked as if it could no longer be kept a strictly private "cooler heads" butted in. Stovall was sent to the clubhouse.

Just when the relations between player and umpire were becoming more amicable, in the second game, Corcoran made what Magee declared was a bad decision on Kauf. After some discussion Magee passed the shorter and uglier word and hooked a right to the head. In a minute the air was full of cheers, and likewise full of Magee. Corcoran clipped off a left lead and countered prettily with a right to the mouth.

It began to look bad for Magee when Benny Kauff put the question: "Is this a private battle?" "No," said Corcoran; "one can join in it." It is a ball player, not a fighter, and he came off a bad case. Then he joined Stovall and Magee in the solitude of the clubhouse.

Yale Football Eleven Loses Star in Yates

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 29.—Yale lost the most valuable member of its football squad of the coming fall, next to Captain Alex Wilson. Arthur Yates has been declared ineligible by the faculty because of some scholarship matter. He has withdrawn from college.

Several of the stars of the team are weak in scholarship, and it was said today that unless five eliminate conditions when they take the fall examinations, in September, others will follow Yates into retirement.

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# League Standing

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.	Today's
Boston	57	38	.600	853
Chicago	57	34	.626	830
Detroit	55	35	.611	815
Washington	48	45	.517	795
New York	43	46	.481	741
St. Louis	38	56	.408	678
Cleveland	35	58	.378	635
Philadelphia	31	60	.344	582

Tomorrow's Games.

St. Louis at Washington.  
 Cleveland at Philadelphia.  
 Detroit at Boston.  
 Chicago at New York.

Today's Games.

Cleveland at Washington.  
 St. Louis at Philadelphia.  
 Detroit at New York.  
 Chicago at Boston.

Yesterday's Results.

Cleveland, 10; Washington, 5.  
 St. Louis, 5; Philadelphia, 5.  
 New York, 6; Detroit, 4.  
 Chicago, 1; Boston, 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.	Today's
Phillies	49	58	.458	835
Brooklyn	45	56	.446	811
Boston	45	56	.446	811
Chicago	44	58	.433	796
Pittsburgh	41	60	.400	754
New York	41	63	.394	742
St. Louis	39	62	.386	728
Cincinnati	35	60	.368	635

Tomorrow's Games.

New York at Chicago.  
 Brooklyn at Pittsburgh.  
 Boston at Cincinnati.  
 Philadelphia at St. Louis.

Today's Games.

Brooklyn at Pittsburgh.  
 Boston at Cincinnati.  
 Philadelphia at St. Louis.  
 New York at Chicago (2 games).

Yesterday's Results.

St. Louis, 3; Philadelphia, 1.  
 Boston, 3; Cincinnati, 1.  
 Brooklyn, 1; Pittsburgh, 0.  
 New York, 1; Chicago, postponed.

FEDERAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.	Today's
Kansas City	57	38	.600	853
Chicago	55	39	.587	821
Pittsburgh	48	41	.539	544
Newark	41	48	.458	533
Baltimore	37	48	.438	518
Brooklyn	35	53	.400	484
St. Louis	32	52	.384	448
Baltimore	24	58	.293	374

Tomorrow's Games.

Newark at St. Louis.  
 Brooklyn at Kansas City.  
 Baltimore at Pittsburgh.  
 Buffalo at Chicago.

Today's Games.

Newark at St. Louis (two games).  
 Brooklyn at Kansas City (two games).  
 Baltimore at Pittsburgh (two games).  
 Buffalo at Chicago.

Yesterday's Results.

Pittsburgh, 3; Baltimore, 3.  
 Baltimore, 2; Pittsburgh, 2.  
 Brooklyn, 4; Kansas City, 3.  
 Kansas City, 3; Brooklyn, 2.  
 Buffalo, Chicago—Postponed.

# COMPTON MUST STAY WITH KANSAS CITY

St. Louis Federals Give Up Fight to Retain Outfielder Who Hopped.

ST. LOUIS, July 29.—Attorneys for the St. Louis Federals and the Kansas City Association club have agreed that a permanent injunction be issued to prevent Edgie Compton from playing in the Federal circuit. This announcement was made in the circuit court here.

The circuit court granted the permanent injunction. The stipulation of counsel, filed with the court, stated that the fine of \$500 imposed on Compton for jumping to the Federals would be remitted and that his salary of \$2,200 would be paid.

Officials of the Federal club said they had given up the contest for Compton because they discovered he was not a free agent. His Kansas City contract, it was said, had not been given by Compton whenever either party considered a breach to exist. Such a notice, it was said, had not been given by Compton. Compton said he would abide by the agreement.

Under the National agreement Compton has sustained automatic suspension for three years because he played two games with the St. Louis Federals last year, which he jumped to the local Federals. Compton is an outfielder.

Rumors then circulated that the St. Louis Americans would buy Compton for \$500 from the Kansas City Club, from which he jumped to the local Federals. Compton is an outfielder.

# MIXED DOUBLES ON IN HOME CLUB EVENT

The mixed doubles matches are carded for today among the Home Club tennis players now participating in the big tourney. E. F. Andrews, the first player to qualify for the semi-finals in singles, is paired with Miss S. B. Boehling and Mrs. Stambaugh, in opposition in the first scheduled match.

In the singles and doubles the pairings for today follow:

Doubles, first round, D. M. Greene and C. D. Calvert, Land, vs. F. Webster and E. Walker, Patent; second round, winner of above match vs. B. F. Andrews, Education, and R. C. Wells, Geological Survey.

Following are the other matches of yesterday:

Singles, second round, E. Thompson, Pension, defeated W. S. Warren, Reclamation, 6-4, 6-1; doubles, first round, B. F. Andrews, Education, defeated G. W. Numbers, of Reclamation, 6-1, 6-1.

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Willie Ritchie announces he will be ready in the fall, but the public refuses to.

The city officials of Geneva, Ohio, have ruled that a parade is a vehicle and must carry warning lights, but he didn't notice the citizens of Ohio carrying any in their parades around the base yesterday.

Altho' discouraging pennant talk.

Pat Moran would rather have his ball team boast than blow.

Figures on attendance show the Liberty Bell is one of the best road teams in the league.

DAVID RUDOLPH

"All our pitchers seem to be throwing the boomerang ball."

In winning the pennant, Ty Cobb is worth ten men to the Tigers, but you can't lamp the boys dividing the gate receipts that way.

British uniforms are to be made fireproof, but even with one of 'em on, Larry McLean would still have been fired by John McGraw.

The Lowe-Houck fight was the toughest seen in Ardmore since a Republican ran for postmaster back in '92.

When he recovers consciousness tomorrow, Joe Boehling will naturally wonder what became of today.

When it comes to control, Harry Harper is a flivver with a busted steering gear: coming down Pike's Peak.

# Rooter Dies.

BOSTON, July 29.—While shrieking encouragement to his heroes, the Red Sox, in the second inning of yesterday's game at Fenway Park, William Coman, of Everett, was suddenly stricken with heart failure and died before aid could be summoned.

held for the Browns and doing a good job.

Hal Janvrik, the Red Sox infielder, is out of the game with a sprained ankle, but Everett Scott is playing short in his style and Jack Barry has begun to hit. Therefore, Janvrik isn't missed so much by the Carrigan clan.

# Britton Is Training.

NEW YORK, July 29.—Jack Britton, the Chicago lightweight, started training today for his coming ten-round bout with Johnny Dundee, at Madison Square Garden here next Tuesday night.

Twombly Goes Back.

CINCINNATI, July 29.—George Twombly, purchased from Jack Dunn's Baltimore Orioles last year, has been sold to Dunn's Richmond Virginians by the Reds. He is an outfielder.

# Minor Leagues Hold Whiphand in Battle

President Gilmore, of Federal Circuit, Says They "Need Not Stand Gaff" Unless They Wish. Replies to Chapin Concerning Kores.

CHICAGO, July 29.—Declaring minor leagues hold the whip hand and need not "stand the gaff" unless they choose, President Gilmore, of the Federal League, here today replied to a protest of C. T. Chapin, president of the Rochester club, of the International League, against the signing by the St. Louis Federals of Arthur E. Kores, whom Rochester bought from the New York Giants for \$250.

After pointing out that Kores' contract contained a five-day clause, and declaring that he left the Rochester club without notice, Mr. Chapin's letter said:

"How it can be possible for such a player to receive endorsement by the Federal League, we cannot understand, any more than we understand how to plan to bring about recognition for your league by organized baseball in the face of such questionable methods."

In his reply, which went forward today, Gilmore said:

"When the Federal League first entered the field we expected to recognize everything about baseball contracts except the reserve clause. My first and only conference with Ban Johnson in February, 1914, was how to plan to bring about recognition for your league by organized baseball in the face of such questionable methods."

When he declined, there was only one course open.

"Of course, I am fully sorry that the minor leagues must bear the brunt of this fight, but as I view the situation, they hold the whip hand and need not stand the gaff unless they choose."

Big League Biffers Of a Day

Player	AB.	H.	TB.	Av.
Connolly, Braves	3	3	3	1.000
Blackburne, W. S.	2	2	2	1.000
Shore, Red Sox	1	1	1	1.000
Turner, Indians	4	3	3	.750
Kirke, Indians	6	4	4	.667
Schang, Macks	3	2	4	.667
Smith, Indians	3	2	3	.667
Lajoie, Macks	3	2	3	.667
Austin, Browns	3	2	2	.667
Butler, Cards	3	2	2	.667
Mollwitz, Reds	3	2	2	.667
Chapman, Indians	5	3	3	.600

# White Sox Increase Lead On Detroiters

Thomas' Failure to Hold Hooper's Throw Gives Rowland's Clan Only Run of Game—Braves Are In Third Place and Becoming Menace.

Of all the first division clubs in the American League, the White Sox alone were victorious yesterday. The Griffmen dropped one to the Indians, the Red Sox fopped to the Rowland clan and the Tigers were passed easily by the Yankees.

Chester Thomas, the Boston backstop, won the game for the White Sox in the third inning when he dropped Harry Hooper's perfect peg and allowed Ray Schalk to score the lone run the afternoon. On pitching skill, Ernie Shore deserved a victory over Jim Scott. Remarkable fielding, especially by Eddie Collins and 'Happy' Felisch, assisted Jim Scott to hold his one-run margin to the end.

Jean Dubuc, though with the losers, came close to being the feature of the Yankees' victory yesterday, 6 to 4. The stocky Frenchman, besides being a twirler, is also some clouter. He drove home three of the Jugglers' four tallies off Ray Caldwell. The telegrapher-errand wasn't just right and had to hustle all the way through to stave off Jennings' men. Young Barney, the Jersey City recruit outfielder, played his first game for the Yanks and handled his five chances nicely. Not one was easy, either. At the bat Barney poled a single in a pinch that scored Maize and Pipp.

Young Healey, the Pittsburgh university star, performed valiantly at third for the Yankees yesterday. He had thirteen chances, ten of them of them. But he did well to lose only that many. For the drives came at him in all ways and with all speed. The youngster came in for lots of applause from the fans. The victory went to the Browns, 10 to 5. Weldon Wyckoff pitched good ball, but his support was filled with holes at the wrong time and so Grover Loudermilk copped the honors.

George Stallings and his Boston Braves have become a dangerous menace in the National League clash. By defeating the Reds yesterday, 3 to 2, the world's champions reached third place, and the outlook is for them to go higher. The Braves are hitting better than now than any other team in the league and the players have already begun betting on themselves to repeat their victory of 1914. Dick Rudolph let Herzog's lads down with five hits, but he was in the rear, 1 to 0, when the seventh session came along. Then McCarty's rooter allowed some tying runs to go over and the Braves added one each for the following two frames.

Grover Cleveland Alexander lost his fifth game of the season yesterday, the Phillies getting but three scattered hits off Bill Dook and making six errors the Cardinals landed, 3 to 1. Three boots in a row gave the Cardinals a run in the first inning, the other two tallies were the result of hits and a few boots.

George Kelly, first baseman of the Victoria club, of the Northwestern League, has been signed by the New York Giants. He is not expected to replace Fred Merkle at once, but may get a trial in the garden while the Giants are in the West.

George Sieler, former Michigan university twirler, is now playing center-

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