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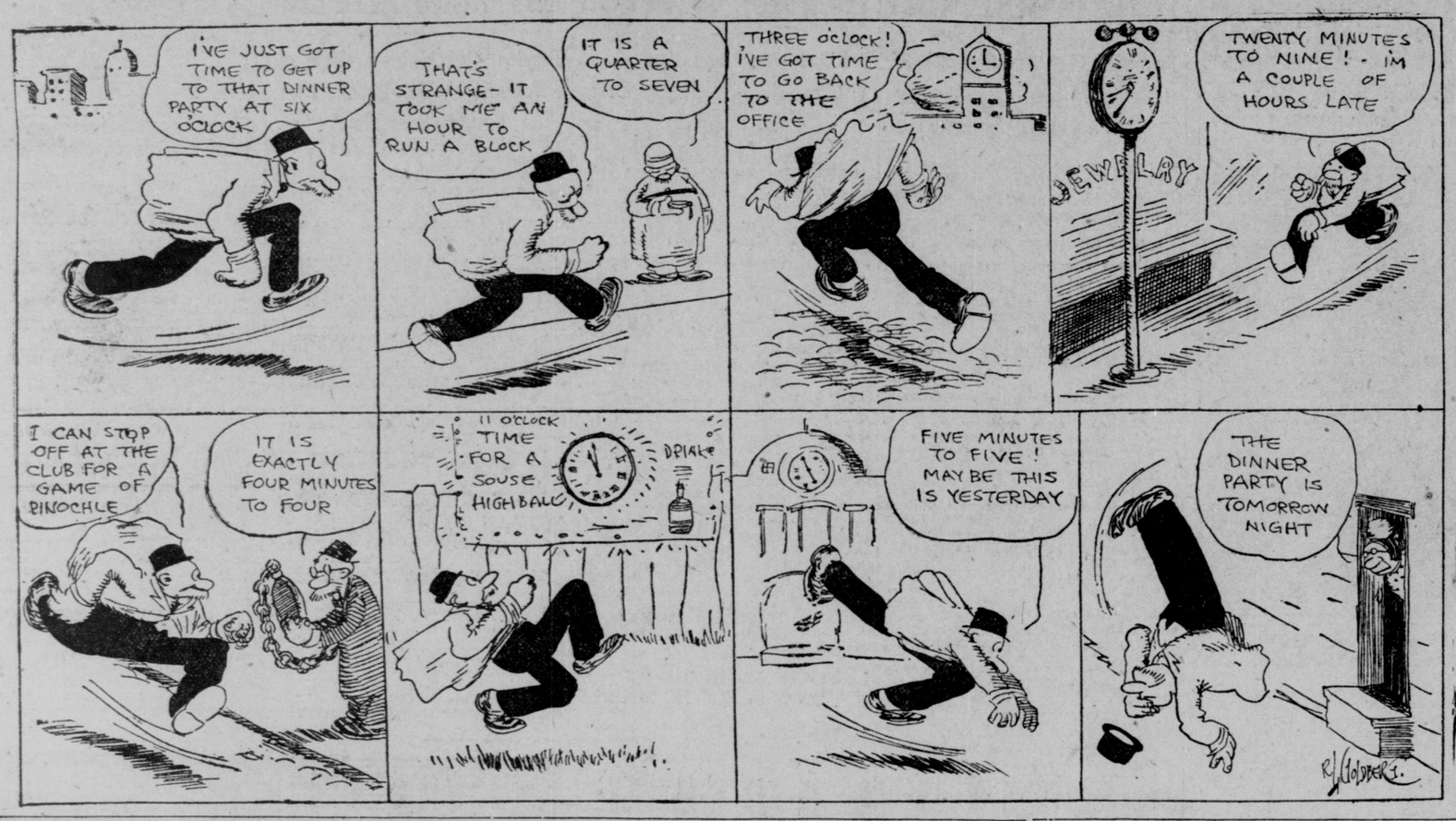

Trained Seals Take Seals From Training

Long Lets Lambs Grab Half Holiday When Circus Banishes Baseball From Players' Minds

By WILLIAM J. SLATTERY

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

PASO ROBLES, March 18.—The Seals trained on pink lemonade and peanuts this afternoon. The answer is that a circus paid its respects to Paso Robles. Danny Long did not have the heart to deprive the boys of a chance to take a peek at the white elephants, trained seals and the big white tents and the clowns. They wanted a little recreation, so he developed the generous spirit and called the game off.

And it was about the best thing that Danny ever did, at that. The boys were a bit weary after their strenuous efforts of yesterday. The double header here and the jump down to San Luis were quite an effort, and a game on top of the St. Patrick's day warmup might possibly have worked a hardship on several of them.

But they were out in the morning all right enough. Every one of them reported on the job and they put in about two and a half hours of regular work. This was work, too. Nobody was allowed to stall. They had batting practice and pitching practice and infield practice and everything else, with the exception of a real game. Nobody overlooked a chance and nobody shirked any of the work that came his way.

The main performer was Big Chief Billy Reidy. He reported at 9 with his three understudies—Noyes, Meikle and Mascow—and once more he put them over the jumps. The way in which the youngsters delivered made the veteran chuckle aloud. He is pulling for each of them to land a job on the team, although he has not yet had a chance to closely study the shoots of some of the others.

Long stood close to Reidy when the workout was being pulled. He, too, wanted to see what was doing. And he saw enough to convince him that he is going to be gray haired before he finally selects his pitching staff. The work of the youngsters was more than he had looked for and he has not overlooked many bets since the training season was in order.

From the way things are looming up at the present time, Henley, Miller, Noyes and Baker, and possibly Meikle, are ready to do the old open the season act. This quartet has rounded to in remarkably fast form. Each member of the bunch is able to cut a few of the sheots without any effect upon his arm, and each seems to have plenty of strength and ginger to fall back on.

Henley and Noyes delivered enough in the San Luis game yesterday to make all the men who saw them believe that they are set and ready for opening day. Strand did not even take a chance to giving his whole card, though at that he put a lot of stuff on the ball that many of them never believed he possessed. Strand is a bit soft yet and can stand a few more days' work before he looms up fit.

So far as the infielders go there is nothing to it. Jackson is right and so is Mohler and Corhan and McArdle. The latter bids fair to knock them all off their seats this season. He can pull more stuff right now than he ever pulled in his life, and if he is not the one big special sensation in infield work then something is going wrong in the meantime. They must all watch Mack's smoke this time.

The outfield brigade is still plugging away, each one hoping against hope that something will break right for him. Long can't figure out the combination yet, and the chances are that it will take a long time ere his mind is fully made up.

From the way in which things are breaking now none of them need be afraid of getting stale or going bad during their practice work. They have had just enough of the good work and just enough of the good weather to soup them out properly. A layoff now and again will not do anybody any harm, and even the circus lemonade is not liable to upset the stomachs of any of these star performers.

Catcher Walter Schmidt tumbled up Danny Long with a letter this afternoon. The backstop still wants to come back and he still wants that raise that he has been holding out so long for. He mentioned in his communication that Milford was hurt and that he would be in a position to aid the team to a marked degree. But the letter did not make much of a hit with Long. He will stand pat, and if Schmidt is willing to sign his original contract he can report on the job, but he will have to listen to Danny before he can hold out any hope of making the team.

U. C. VARSITY 2, INDEPENDENTS 0

BERKELEY, March 18.—The varsity baseball team defeated Ireland's Independents this afternoon by a score of 2 to 0. The game was well played throughout and was featured by the fine pitching of Conklin, who allowed the visitors but three hits. Doc Moskiman was touched up for a total of five hits. Summary:

	R.	H.	E.
Independents	0	3	2
Varsity	2	5	1

Batteries: Varsity—Conklin, Sandman and Stoner; Independents—Moskiman and Riordan.

AUSTIN SIGNS WITH BROWNS

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—Jimmy Austin, third baseman of the St. Louis Americans, who has been a "holdout," signed a contract today.

CASTE WAR ON IN DOGDOM SOCIETY

504 Canine Aristocrats Await Golden Gate Bench Show's Opening Today

Five hundred and four dogs, representing the best of San Francisco's thoroughbreds, the cream of the prize winners from Canada to Mexico on the Pacific coast; many eastern blue ribbons, and one dog from England, are in their assigned benches at the Auditorium, Page and Fillmore streets, awaiting the opening of the third annual show of the Golden Gate Kennel club this morning. The show will continue for four days.

James Mortimer of New York city, who will judge all breeds, will begin his difficult task this afternoon. As the result of his findings more than 200 trophies will be distributed among the winning dogs of the 39 different breeds entered.

The officers of the Golden Gate Kennel club for this year are Irving C. Ackerman, president; J. A. Folger and Charles K. Harley, vice presidents, and Alex Wolfen, vice president and secretary-treasurer. On the board of directors are Miss Jennie A. Crocker, J. Maxwell Taft, J. A. Folger, A. Korbel, Alex Wolfen, Irving C. Ackerman and Charles K. Harley. On the bench show committee are Wolfen, Ackerman and Folger. The officers of the show are R. H. Waggener, secretary, and E. Attridge, superintendent. T. R. Creeley, D. V. S., is veterinary, and James Mortimer, judge.

This is the biggest and finest dog show that San Francisco has ever had. Interest in breeding thoroughbred dogs has increased so much during the last year on the coast that the club confidently expects to bench at least 1,000 dogs at its exposition show in 1915.

Ralph Capron Signs to Play With Pirates

MINNEAPOLIS, March 18.—Ralph Capron, star quarterback of the University of Minnesota's football team, tonight signed a contract and left for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will join the Pittsburg Nationals.

He is to receive $3,500 for the season, whether he remains with the team or not.

By signing to play professional baseball, the University loses one of the strongest members of its football team and a possible member of the Olympic team, as Capron, who is a sprinter, has been in training for some time for the tryouts.

Mare Island Notes

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MARE ISLAND, March 18.—The boiler shop at Mare island has nothing to complain of regarding work at present. Repairs on two of the boilers for the destroyer Truxtun are now under way, while the four of the destroyer Paul Jones are also to be retubed during the vessel's stay at the yard. In addition there are three big boilers under way for the Jupiter, as well as the donkey boiler for the Collier.

Information was received at Mare island today to the effect that the new military masts recently erected on the cruisers California and South Dakota are too high. As a result, 10 feet of the "pipes" will be removed from both masts when the ships arrive at the local station.

Three target rafts are to be taken south next week. The rafts are due to arrive at San Diego harbor not later than Sunday, March 31. It is understood that the collier Nero will tow two of the rafts, while the tug Iroquois will probably take the other.

The refrigerator ship Glacier will arrive at Mare Island March 27. The ship is to take on stores and provisions for the vessels of the Pacific fleet which have been ordered to the Asiatic station.

H. E. Morin, chief electrician at the yard, will begin his wireless aeroplane tests at the station Wednesday morning. The tests will last throughout the remainder of the week.

MORNINGSTAR IS AFTER CROWN

PITTSBURG, March 18.—Ora Morningstar of Pittsburg, a former world's billiard champion at the 18.2 balk line, tonight issued a challenge to George Sutton of Chicago, present champion, to meet him for the 18.1 balk line championship of the world.

PATSY IS FIRST TO ANNOUNCE LINEUP

Senators' Chief Will Start 1912 Season With Formidable Array of Talent

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MARYSVILLE, March 18.—Captain Patsy O'Rourke of the Senators, the first of the Coast league leaders to select his lineup, will, according to announcement made today, start the season of 1912 with a team which will read like this:

CATCHERS—Cheek, Hart and Price.
PITCHERS—Baum, Fitzgerald, Arellanes, Byram, Thomas, Williams, Gaddy and an eighth man yet to be selected.
FIRST BASE—Miller and Williams.
SECOND BASE—O'Rourke.
SHORTSTOP—A man to come from either the Boston Americans or the Philadelphia Nationals.
THIRD BASE—Tommy Sheehan.
OUTFIELDERS—Van Buren, Swain, Lewis and Madden.
UTILITY—Heister.

O'Rourke has five other recruit pitchers from which to select his eighth man. These are Holm, Dickenson, Mahoney, Knight and Kane. There is a possibility, of course, that one or more of these may displace the men so far named, but two weeks' practice has indicated that the seven men in the list above are sure of places. Mahoney has shown pretty good as a pitcher and is rated a good hitter and outfielder. Holm and Dickensen were both touted strongly by Graham. They have not been in the best of health and have not shown to advantage in practice.

In the senatorial squad are several others. Carrigan and Marty Murphy have both shown good, but are likely to be turned loose. Swain arrived in camp today. He looks the part of a cleanup hitter, standing some six feet in his stocking feet. He has been playing most of the winter and is in good condition.

O'Rourke does not seem to worry about his shortstop position. He has promise of two good infielders from the Boston American and has a contract for the purchase of a seasoned infielder from the Philadelphia Nationals if the Boston recruits do not show good.

Basket Ball on Skates Latest in Sports

Several of the high schools of the city have banded to introduce something new to basket ball enthusiasts, which will be their favorite game played on skates. Five high schools have already practiced the game, but only one has as yet selected its teams. Lowell selected the following: Foster, manager; G. E. Hall, captain; L. Taufenbach, T. P. Tissot, J. Strachen, E. Wilkins, L. McDonald and F. Pritchard.

St. Ignatius, Wilmerding, Lick and Polytechnic have been out practicing daily, but have not selected teams yet. The first game will be played Monday at the Coliseum rink between St. Ignatius and Cogswell.

Following is the schedule:

March 24—St. Ignatius vs. Cogswell.
March 29—Wilmerding vs. Polytechnic.
April 1—Lowell vs. Lick.
April 5—St. Ignatius vs. Polytechnic.
April 8—Lick vs. Cogswell.
April 12—Lowell vs. Polytechnic.
April 15—Wilmerding vs. Lick.
April 19—St. Ignatius vs. Lowell.
April 22—Wilmerding vs. Cogswell.
April 26—St. Ignatius vs. Lick.
April 29—Wilmerding vs. Lowell.
May 3—Lick vs. Polytechnic.
May 6—Lowell vs. Cogswell.
May 10—St. Ignatius vs. Wilmerding.
May 12—Cogswell vs. Polytechnic.

SCHOOLS PREPARE FOR SEASON

Final preparations for the fourth annual baseball tournament of the Catholic Schools Athletic league will be made at a special meeting next Thursday at St. Peter's school. The meeting has been called by President Nicholas J. Prendergast of the league, and among the important matters to be considered will be the extension of the time limit in which entry blanks are to be filed with the league secretary, from March 23 to March 31.

OWL MAKES TOWNS DARK—Grass Valley, March 18.—The reason for this place and Nevada City being plunged in total darkness for a short time Saturday night and for the electric railway being put out of service, was discovered today when an enormous owl was found hanging by its incinerated wing on the transmission wire between the two towns.

OAKS AND U. C. TO TANGLE UP TODAY

Coast Leaguers to Trail Down From Camp to Play on the Varsity Diamond

LIVERMORE, March 18.—The Oaks went through a hot spell at the camp today and tore off a double day's workout. They had a sharp morning practice that tended to warm them up well; then, after lunch, lined up for a Yannigan-Regular contest. The Regulars shoved over a coat of defeat on their brothers to the tune of 13 to 7.

Harry Ables and Tyler Christian did the work on the mound for the Regulars and were held up by "Honus" Mitze. Wilkinson played the first place, Leard second, Cook short and Hille third. The gardens contained Hoffman, Zacher and Coy. O'Loughlin and Bohen were on the firing line for the Yannigans. Gleason did the catching. Sharpe covered first, Jimmy Fricke second, Hamilton short and Hetling third. Smith, Bankhead and Patterson played the fields.

The Oaks will trail up from Livermore tomorrow to do battle with the varsity nine of the University of California on the college grounds at Berkeley. The storming crew, which will invade Oakland for the first time since the start of the training season, will number about 15 men, including three pitchers, a couple of catchers, and in and out field and a brace of extra fielders.

The Oaks demonstrated that they are fast rounding to splendid form in their game with the Livermore aggregation yesterday and will be able to afford the fans a rattling good run for their money. Things are getting down to cases now, and the squad which will open hostilities when the season begins will soon be established. There is a hard rub for a couple of positions, notably third base, and there are also a hard bunch of boys in the pitching department who will have to be hoed down. Then there will be a hot contest in the outfield, although the veterans of last year's team seem to have things all their own way.

Durbin, Martinoni and Parkin are the favored ones who will be taken to Oakland to do the twirling tomorrow. "Big John" Tiedemann will do the bulk if not all of the backstop work. Sharpe will play first, Bill Leard second, Cook short, with possibly help from Jimmy Fricke. Bill Hille will play third. Hetling will also probably be taken up. In the gardens Hoffman, Zacher and Coy will do the heavy work.

The Oaks will make another trip to Oakland Sunday, when they will meet the St. Mary's college nine in the afternoon at Freeman's park. The Oaks will wind up their training season with two games, March 30 and 31, at Freeman's park with the Victoria team of the Northwest league.

College boys will line up:

Dodson, first; Goodwin, second; Rubke, short; Allen, third; Coane, left; Ford, center; Shepherd, right; Stoner, catcher; Forker, pitcher.

Stockton High Faculty To Play Seniors

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, March 18.—The Stockton high school faculty will play the senior nine baseball tomorrow on the high school gridiron. The teachers will appear in the uniforms of the old Stockton State league team.

The lineup follows:

Faculty—Gossett (captain), catcher; Bainbridge and Duff, pitchers; Ellis, Miller, first base; Love, second base; Wade, third base; Garrison, shortstop; Britton, Williams, Grubbs, Reed, Kent, Harrison, Butto, outfield.

Seniors—Atherton, catcher; Giannelli (captain), pitcher; Banks, first base; Spare, second base; McCormick, third base; Smith, shortstop; Sinai, Cowin, Giotonini, outfield.

Roller Loses Decision to Westergaard

KNOXVILLE, March 18—Jess Westergaard, the Iowa wrestler, was awarded the decision in a catch as catch can wrestling match here tonight with Dr. B. F. Roller of Seattle. After 40 minutes of wrestling without a fall Roller was injured slightly when the men fell through the ropes. He was unable to continue the match, although he recovered within a few minutes.

WAPPENSTEIN'S SENTENCE STANDS—Olympia, Wash., March 18.—The supreme court today affirmed the conviction of Charles W. Wappenstein, former chief of police of Seattle, on a charge of accepting a bribe. Wappenstein was sentenced to serve from three to 10 years at hard labor at Walla Walla state prison.

DRIVES MAY SAVE McDOWELL HIS JOB

Beaver Skipper Relents When About to Give Hard Hitting Recruit Away

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SANTA MARIA, March 18.—A few more practice settos like today's and Manager Williams of the Portland Northwest club will be minus one second baseman. Last week, after a squint at his five aspiring youngsters—Kibble, Bancroft, Coltrin, McDowell and Mathes—Walt McCredie of the Beavers opined that McDowell looked like a sweet hitter, but would have to be turned over to Williams' squad.

Sunday McDowell rapped out two terrific drives and McCredie pondered. Today, in the second of the regular Yannigan affrays, when the little Nebraska keystoner whanged out a double and a three bagger in five innings of fuss and the Yannigans again triumphed over the veterans 5 to 3, McCredie about decided to let Mathes go, instead. Walt McCredie was really the star of the engagement, scoring three of the five tallies with a home run and a triple in two waltzes.

Trainer Schmieder sent out his first call for Red Cross volunteers today, when Coltrin twisted an ankle and Krueger sprung a charleyhorse.

Bancroft, the recruit whom McCredie has practically chosen to start the season at shortstop, failed to connect safely in three trips today, but pulled off a remarkable one handed fielding maneuver that carried him through the good will league with flags a'flying. Rapps negotiated his daily homerun.

This morning Walter McCredie officially promulgated the appointment of William Rodgers to the captaincy of the coast champions.

Young Togo and Chaperon Here Seeking Mill

The latest to join the fighting brigade is Young Togo, the sensational little 105 pound Japanese, who recently boxed Battling Nelson six rounds at Fort Smith. The little brown fighter and his manager, Eddie Robinson, are here looking for action.

Togo has had 27 fights, and 25 of them he won by knockouts. Robinson says that he does not mind giving away 10 or 15 pounds as long as he can secure a battle over a distance. He wants his man to go 20 rounds, and he would send him against any boy the promoters might suggest.

Togo fought Battling Nelson in a handicap at Fort Smith a few weeks ago. Nelson weighed 35 pounds more than the Jap, but he was unable to put the little fellow away. The bout went six rounds and Nelson did not get anything for his evening's work.

The Battler is a shrewd financier, but this was one time when he "hooked" himself. He refused to fight on any terms but winner take all and Robinson conceded him the point. Nelson could not put Togo away and the Battler did not get a nickel.

NAVY YIELDS "WHITE HOPE"

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, March 18.—Manager Charles F. Grennan of the Palm Athletic club has at last secured a white hope to meet Sailor Schaffer of the torpedo boat Fox at Flosden next month. The heavy weight is known as Terry Martin and is at present attached to the receiving ship Independence.

BERGER AND CHIP FIGHT DRAW

PITTSBURG, March 18.—Buty Berger of Pittsburg and George Chip of Madison, Pa., middle weights, fought a six round draw here tonight. In the second round Chip had Berger in distress, but toward the end of the battle Berger had reversed the conditions.

COAST "BLUE ROCK" RECORD SHATTERED

SAN BERNARDINO, March 18. The Pacific Coast blue rock record was broken here today, when Fred C. Drew of the Urbita Gun club of this city broke 191 clay birds without a miss. Drew continued shooting after missing his 192d bird and made his score 198 out of 200.

PUTTER PENS NAME OF WHYTE ON CUP

Country Club's Star Golfer Is Winner of New Council Trophy Match

The finals of the golf contest for the first name to be placed on the new council cup of the San Francisco Golf and Country club took place at the Ingleside links on Sunday and resulted in a win by Campbell Whyte over A. A. Cuthbertson by seven up and five to go. Whyte turned four up at the end of the first 18 holes and in the afternoon increased his lead, finishing the match on the thirteenth green.

The winner's card read 76 and 74. He is entitled to have his name on the cup, which is now a permanent trophy, but he receives only a replica of the prize in miniature.

The first cup is in the possession of Campbell Whyte, who won it by three victories in four years after it had been competed for during 14 years, altogether. It bears 26 names of players who have made one to five wins and is the handsomest trophy that as yet has been put up for a Pacific coast golf prize.

St. Mary's Second Nine Trims U. C. No. 2

OAKLAND, March 18.—The second team of the University of California was defeated by the St. Mary's second nine on the St. Mary's diamond this afternoon by the score of 2 to 1.

Roth, for St. Mary's, twirled a splendid game, allowing but three hits and sending eight men to the bench on strikeouts. Sweet, for the Berkeley team, pitched good ball, but was touched up for eight safeties, including a three bagger by French. Five of the St. Mary's men fell victims to his slants.

A return game will be played, as each team has captured a contest.

	R.	H.	E.
California	1	3	1
St. Mary's	2	8	0

Batteries—Sweet and Abbot; Roth and Horan.

SENATORS WHITEWASH VIRGINIA

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 18.—The Washington Americans whitewashed the University of Virginia nine here today. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Washington	11	16	1
Virginia	0	3	4

Batteries: Senators—Walter, Johnson, Washion, Walker, Williams and Ainsmith; Virginia—Todd, Grant, Finlay and Landes.

DEROIT BOWLERS ROLL HIGH

CHICAGO, March 18.—Bowlers from Detroit threw a score into the leaders of the minor events at the American Bowling congress tournament today. Maurice Hotchkiss shot into second place in the individual event with a score of 674, while Thomas O'Connell and George Whitmarsh took fifth place in the doubles with 1,213.

CHANCE EMULATES TY COBB

MOBILE, Ala., March 18.—The Chicago Nationals defeated the Mobile team today, 4 to 1. Frank Chance knocked a home run over the left field fence, a feat accomplished but once before and then by Ty Cobb.

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