Some People Are as Full of "Bones" as Fish.

Read the Times to Keep up With World of Sport

Dodgers' Prospects More Flattering Than Phils.

Boxing Promoter War Looms; Fans Anxious

Games Future Is at Stake; Nate Jackson and Young McKee Outpoint Burns and Sanders.

Despite declarations that all was serene, boxing fans last night had forced upon them at the B. M. A. A. smoker the conviction that harmony does not exist between the rival local boxing clubs.

While Sammy Samson, secretary of the B. M. A. A., was in the dressing room last night, hustling out Bobby Burns for the final event, Billy Gregg, promoter of the Capital Athletic club mounted his chair at the ringside and attempted to introduce Sailor Kirke who is scheduled to meet Otto Wallace before the C. A. C. October 12. Some one in the crowd suggested that the introduction be made from the ring. Gregg replied that this privilege had been denied by the management of the B. M. A. A. At this, Jackson, who is one of the stockholders in the B. M. A. A. left his corner and attempted to assist Kirke into the ring. Gregg refused to let him go.

Samson Introduces Boys.

During the hissing and booting interspersed with remarks about Gregg being out of order, Samson jumped into the ring and stated that he, as secretary of the club, had been accustomed to make all announcements himself and that when the time came for introductions, Kirke and Wallace would be introduced from the ring. And so they were, Samson himself presenting them.

There was a handshake after all was over, but those who saw are convinced that that which has been feared would come to pass since the new club entered the field actually is here—a promoter war.

Lengthening of Bouts Significant.

Those who have been watching developments closely during the last few weeks were not surprised. Open hostilities are not the only earmarks of promoter strife. When the C. A. C. announced fifteen rounds between Kirke and Wallace the other day, this was recognized as a competitive step, and one in the direction which boxing fans hate to see for it is the direction of inviting legal interference. Gregg explained his lengthening of bouts by saying that it was necessary in order to get the crowds for he had to make up in this way what the other club presented in the way of preliminaries.

Jackson Outpoints Burns.

Kirke and Wallace having been introduced as well as Vic Wright and Tom Storie who are to form one of two ten-round B. M. A. A. headliners next Monday night, Nate Jackson and Bobby Burns met in the center of the ring to settle their little argument about boxing superiority. Burns had all the evidence in his favor for the first two rounds, but in the third he was forced to slip the credit to Jackson. Their fistic arguments in the fourth would have resulted in a hung jury. Then in the fifth Jackson began leading out, winning the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth handily. The tenth was even, and after all the evidence was in, the press jury rendered a unanimous verdict in favor of Jackson.

M'Kee Beats Sanders.

The semi-final, a ten-rounder between Young McKee and Frankie Sanders was scarcely less interesting than the main event. The local youngster was up against a larger, stronger and much more experienced foe, but at the end of the ten rounds he emerged with five rounds in his favor, three in favor of Sanders and in two honors were even.

Oh, yes, Battling Memphis led another long-legged black sheep to the slaughter in the first preliminary and in the second, Lee Ingram outpointed Frankie Inman.

The Sportlight

By GRANTLAND RICE

No. 2. Red Sox Tradition.

Maybe these Red Sox [illegible] are due
At [illegible] to pull up, w[illegible] and faster;
Maybe [illegible] and then, again [illegible] and stew,
Maybe they ain't.

Maybe these Red Sox [illegible] will ring,
And take their place [illegible] club those who won't;
Maybe and then, again, [illegible] old top,
Maybe they won't.

Maybe these Red Sox [illegible] can't stick
And there with the winning clan,
Maybe and then, again [illegible] not kick,
Maybe they can.

Up to the Sops.

If the Red Sox live up to the system they have followed for the last two years the world series will result as follows:

There rivals will win the first game by 1 to 0 or 2 to 1, and thereafter the Red Sox will scatter it up and down the landscape until they have made it four straight and cleared up the series.

We have never seen a ball club before that followed one system so closely. In 1912 the Red Sox developed the habit. In almost every important series, of losing the first game and then winning the others. Against the Phillies in the W[illegible] they lost to Alexander and then won the next four.

This same sprightly system has carried them through the present year. Against the Tigers and the White Sox they have, with about one exception, lost the first engagement and then mopped up. In Boston, at a vital spot, they dropped a double-header to the White Sox and then won two double-headers in a row. The same operation resulted in the final trip.

Test Development.

These incidents and episodes are related with a direct purpose in view. A ball club that continues to come from behind and win does develop unusual character. It is strengthened by a training of courage and victory.

The pump game, the first one in a world series, has always been called the most important game. But beating the Red Sox on the first day would mean nothing. It would have no effect whatsoever upon Carrigan's club, for his men have long since grown accustomed to coming from the rear and mopping up.

The Complete Proof.

On a certain day late in August we were talking with Cobb and several members of the Detroit club.

Here was their done on the race. Boston at the time was being about two games ahead.

"Yes, the Red Sox look pretty good now, but suppose something should happen to Jack Barry? Where would they be then? If Barry should get hurt they would be nothing to it. Boston would fall faster than a steel girder thrown off a skyscraper. For Barry is holding the entire infield together. You can't tell. They have been pretty lucky so far. But look if Barry [illegible]."

That same afternoon Barry had his hand broken against the Browns. "Good night!"—was Detroit's viewpoint. "That ends Boston."

But that tradition of meeting the test was still there. The Red Sox went west with a one-game lead, minus Barry at second.

What happened? Two out of three from Chicago; three straight from Detroit; three out of four from Cleveland. Briefly, 8 out of 10 games from their main rivals.

The Pull Together.

Without being overly blessed or overly cursed by any great array of stars Boston has more than her share of experienced workmen who have been through the smash more than once.

Jack Barry has been a star in five pennant races and five world series. He should get beset with fluttering duck fits at another.

Duffy, Lewis, Harry Hooper, Forest Cady, Bill Carrigan and Larry Gardner have been through three pennant winning campaigns and two winning post-season championships.

The Red Sox pitching staff for two years has been acclimated against disaster and lifted to the test by facing and stopping a few such people as Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, Joe Jackson, Eddie Collins, Sam Crawford, George Sisler, Frank Baker, Happy Felsch, Bert Shotten, Bob Veach and Amos Strunk. This brand of competition has developed stamina and a pull-together spirit.

By losing Speaker in April and by losing Jack Barry in September the Red Sox were able to prove they were no one-man or two-man ball club. Against much tougher all around competition this season, minus Speaker all the year and Barry the last month, Carrigan's club has done as well this season as it did last.

That Pitching Staff.

When all the other chatter is finished concerning the Red Sox there is always this one main offering left—Ruth, Leonard, Shore, Mays and Foster.

This means great pitching, not for any one game or any two games, but for as many games as the series runs.

Compare these with Alexander, Rixey and Demaree, or with Marquard, Cheney, Pfeffer and Smith.

Alexander might be at his best, and still have the toughest sort of an afternoon beating any one of four. And when Alex drops out there is no comparison left. Alex might beat Ruth, but what National League club outside of New York is going to beat Leonard or Shore?

The dope, you remark, may be the recipient of a swift kick on the shins. Undoubtedly. But we have already shown that in twelve world series the dope has only suffered ignominy on three occasions. The dope is by no means perfect.

Pitchers Who Won 26 Straight For Giants

Ferdinand Schupp, "Pol" Perritt, "Jeff" Tesreau and "Rube" Benton are four who will go down in baseball's history. They are the four great twirlers who have helped the Giants another record number of straight victories, which probably never will be equalled by another major league team.

Red Sox Torn to Pieces But Prove Repeaters

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Of the seventeen players who represented the Boston American league club in the famous eight game world's series with the New York Nationals in 1912 less than ten will be seen in the coming series to be staged before the end of the week. Counting the present season the Red Sox have won three pennants and figured in three world's series in the past five years. Victors over the New York Giants in the stirring struggle of 1912 by four games to three with a tie contest thrown in for good measure the Red Sox added to their prestige in 1915 by sweeping through the Philadelphia Nationals in a world's championship four games to one.

In the 1912 series outfielders Hooper and Lewis were the same fast fielding hard hitting players they are today. Gardner, the present thirdbaseman, guarded the sacks. Cady and Carrigan worked behind the home plate and Trimble outfielder, Henriksen, figured as an emergency hitter but did not play in the field. All these members of the Red Sox combination participated in the series of a year ago in addition to Janvrin, Barry, Hoblitzel, Gainor, Scott, Thomas, Shore, Ruth, Leonard and Foster.

Series Batting Average 220.

In 1912 the Boston team had a world's series batting average of .220 and a fielding average of .958. In 1915 the Red Sox batted .254 and fielded .978. This season the averages show that up to within a few days of the close of the pennant race the Boston club, considered as a whole was batting .248 and fielding .971. Taking the figures for the two world's series and the work of the team for the major part of the 1916 pennant season the grand average will be found to be batting .244 and the fielding average .969.

The opinion is held in some quarters that the outfield with Tris Speaker missing from the line-up is not as strong as the one that played in the 1912 and the 1915 series. The absence of Barry from secondbase, due to injuries, is thought by certain critics to have weakened the infield defense and offense during the closing weeks of the race and it is contended that should he be able to participate in the series play the team will be far more formidable than with Barry on the bench.

Pitchers Hope of Sox.

There is but one opinion regarding the pitching staff, however, and a glance at the work of the twirlers, who have borne the burden of the hurling, and their records for the present season will indicate clearly the reason for the Boston fan's optimism regarding the outcome of the coming contests. The averages of the leading pitchers, both on the basis of games won and lost and earned runs per game by opponents, are as follows:

Shore .600 and 2.75; Mays .615 and 2.30; Ruth .667 and 2.11; Leonard .612 and 2.37; Foster .581 and 3.07; Gregg .333 and 3.23.

The batting and fielding averages of the players now with the team, in the world's series of 1912 and 1915 together with the averages for the present season, in the American league pennant race are as follows:

	1916 A. L. A.			1915 W. S. A.			1912 W. S. A.	
Player—	H.	F.	P. Ave.	H.	F.	P. Ave.	H.	F.
Hooper, rf	270	975	....	350	.888	....	.290	1.000
Janvrin, 2b	217	935	....	....	1.000	....	....	....
Barry, 2b	201	969	....	.177	.955	....	....	....
Shorten, rf	291	1.000	....	....	....	....	....	....
*Walsh, rf	224	.938	....	....	....	....	....	....
Walker, cf	272	.956	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hoblitzel, 1b	261	.988	....	.313	.976	....	....	....
Gainor, 1b	221	.997	....	.333	1.000	....	....	....
Lewis, lf	272	.960	....	.444	1.000	....	.156	.933
Gardner, 3b	210	.954	....	.235	1.000	....	.179	.840
Scott, ss	217	.968	....	.035	1.000	....	....	....
McNally, utility	160	.945	....	....	....	....	....	....
Henriksen, utility	204	1.000	....	....	....	....	1.000	....
Cady, c	204	.978	....	.333	1.000	....	.136	.978
Thomas, c	263	.985	....	.200	1.000	....	....	....
Carrigan, c	259	1.000	....	....	1.000	....	....	1.000
Shore, p	099	.871	.600	.200	.833	.500	....	....
Mays, p	239	.882	.15	....	....	....	....	....
Ruth, p	279	.861	.677	....	....	....	....	....
Leonard, p	231	.970	.612	....	1.000	1.000	....	....
Foster, p	177	.956	.581	.500	1.000	1.000	....	....
Gregg, p	105	1.000	.333	....	....	....	....	....

*Standing record while with Athletics.

BASE THIEVING SEEMS TO BE LOST ART WITH MAJOR LEAGUE CLUBS

ARE the base runners slowing up, are the catchers becoming more proficient in checking attempted steals, or has the straight away steal given way to the run-and-hit and the hit and run play?

A decided change has come over the base running end of the baseball game within the past few years and the present season will set a new mark in base stealing that has not been reached in many years. In both the National and American leagues there has been a marked falling off in base stealing, a feature of the game that has done much to add to its popularity.

No team in baseball today even approaches the Giants of 1911, 1912 and 1913, the three-time pennant winner for John McGraw. That old team average 270 steals a season over a stretch of three seasons. It was not uncommon in those days for a team to run far above the 200 mark in base thefts, many clubs going beyond the 250 mark. This season only one team in the two major leagues appears likely to finish the season with a total of 200 thefts.

In the National league base running has been falling off for some time, but the American league kept up well until this season. In 1916 six teams in Ban Johnson's league stole more than 200 bases during the season, and in each of the three succeeding campaigns five teams went above this mark.

Sooner-Kendall Battle Next Week Will Be First Real Game of Season

Bombarded in large scores ruled unclassified by the football lounge of Oklahoma university, and Kendall college, interest in the coming game is being centered on the meeting between these two eleven next week.

Oklahoma University is going against Central normal a week and certainly did not look like the contender of former years, but several of the men had just been out a day or two, and the Sachers were playing probably the best team that ever represented the bronze and blue.

Kendall Dangerous.

A new and powerful factor in Oklahoma football is Kendall college. The Presbyterians are confident of winning from the Sooners this year and with their entire 1915 team back and several promising new men, McMillan's eleven looks very formidable. The Sooners won from Kendall last year, 14 to 13.

Aggies Still Hopeful.

Wise by a year's experience and with a wealth of material at his disposal "Red" Griffith should turn out a winner at Stillwater. For the last decade it has been the ambition of the Aggies to "lick it on O. U." and this year the Farmers believe they can do it. Yes, it's going to be some night in win the state football championship.

Our season by Oklahoma Christian college has been as a championship possibility, unless the Teachers win from the Aggies, and the Farmers beat Kendall and the Sooners. Central did not play the football, it is capable of playing the first half of the O. U. game.

Phillies Better Than Last Year.

While the Cubs are leading the National league pennant race to date, should the Phillies win this afternoon's position, and the Dodgers lose, Moran's men will take the lead. It will be remembered that last year the Phillies finished the season playing poor ball, but this year, the Quakers are finishing stronger than any team, except the Giants.

Winners May Be Losers.

While everyone is saying nice things about the Giants and making their preparations for the Polo grounds in 1917, it would be well for them to stop and think. The Giants as they look now, have the best team in the world, but WILL THEY LOOK THAT WAY IN 1917? Baseball is a game of frequent uncertainties, and a twenty-six game winning streak in 1916 may be a twenty-six game losing streak in 1917. You never can tell.

WEATHER AND TIME FOR TODAY'S MAJOR GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

New York at Brooklyn; clear; 3 p. m.
Boston at Philadelphia; clear; 2; first 1:30 p. m.
No other games scheduled.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Washington at New York; clear; 3 p. m.
Philadelphia at Boston; clear; two; first 1 p. m.
No other games scheduled.

KID WILLIAMS EASILY BEATS BENNY KAUFMAN

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 3.—Kid Williams, the bantamweight champion of the world, outclassed Benny Kaufman, Philadelphia's best bantamweight, in six rounds her last night.

After the third round Kaufman weakened rapidly from the effects of terrific body punches which the champion appeared to place at will.

A short right hook under the heart started Kaufman going and from then until the finish Williams danced around him, landing many effective blows to the head and body.

Britton Beats Coffey.

SCHNECTADY, N. Y., Oct. 3.—Jack Britton, welterweight champion, earned a decision on points over Jimmy Coffey here last night. The latter forced the fighting all the way, but Britton used his powerful left to advantage.

At The THEATRES

Empress.

The exits arising out of the Bradford system formerly extant in Ireland forms the basis for "The Marriage of Mell O'." Triangle photoplay at the Empress today and Wednesday. A young nobleman falls in love with the daughter of one of his tenants. Mae Marsh and Robert Harron have the leading roles in this delightful comedy drama portrayed by the Fine Arts-Triangle company. Charles Ray, Frank Keenan and Louise Glaum come Thursday in "Honor Thy Name."

Majestic.

"The Grouch," a comedy production "Hearts of Love," Great Seal feature and good comedies today. Tomorrow "The Suspense," Lee and Red Feather detective story, brings the eighth reel show.

Folly.

"The Faded Flower," a "one hundred percent feature photo drama" as a motion picture critic terms it, premiered in six reels and featuring five stars, including Marguerite Snow, Alma Hanlon and Rose Coghlan, is the Folly offering today together with the Favorite Sextette, clever instrumental and vocal entertainers who appear in continuous concert from 2:30 to 5:30 and from 7:30 to 10:30 daily. Three reeland laughable comedies also are shown.

Liberty.

Today and tomorrow "The Aviator" will be presented again at the Liberty by Fuzzy Jimmie Hodges, beautiful Jean Temes and a cast of thirty people. The bill discloses Hodges in a new black face role—the funniest of his entire repertoire. Fourteen song hits, new 14 scenes, new costuming and a slightly enlarged chorus add to the attractiveness of the show which is drawing capacity crowds.

Lyric.

The musical MacDonalds present a delightful act, in which several kinds of instruments are used. Mrs. Mae Donald also offers a clever song in two distinct voices. Mr. Mac Donald has a peculiar laugh that is "catching," though it may be because he is a fat man that the fun comes out with the laugh. There are four other choice acts on the bill.

PROMINENT SOUTHWEST MINE OPERATOR DIES

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 3.—A. Bennett Brown, formerly a coal mining operator and labor commissioner for the southwestern interstate coal operators' association, died at his home here last night. Mr. Brown was born in Scotland in 1850 and came to this country when 21 years old, engaging in the mining business in Kansas and Arkansas. He retired in 1910. A widow and four children survive.

JEWISH RELIEF FUND NOW TOTALS $6,000,000

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—During the past two years the sum of $6,000,000 for the relief of Jews in countries affected by the war has been raised and distributed by the joint distribution committee, representing the American Jewish relief committee, the central relief committee and the people's relief committee, according to an announcement today.

Noisy Seconds Not Essential to Good Boxing

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Some battlers think that one of the essentials for success is to have a manager who can yell orders from the corner of the ring. "Stubby" Martin isn't of that sort, simply because it wouldn't do him any good if he did have a "noisy" manager, which he hasn't.

Martin is a deaf mute, and so is F. W. Meinkin, who guides his destinies. Earlier in his career Martin had a talkative manager, but he found him a liability instead of an asset. Of course, he can talk to a handy person to have around when a bum fighter wants a little publicity. But Martin decided that actions speak louder than words. So he hired Meinkin and they have lived happily ever since.

When Martin is in the ring Meinkin is in his corner. If the manager thinks it necessary to advise a hit, he wiggles a few of his fingers and presto! Martin understands and goes right out and follows said fingered advice.

Martin, by the way, is the only mute who ever gained any real prominence in the squared circle. He was quite generally pooh-poohed when first he made his entry in the professional ranks, but none of the middleweights is pooh-poohing him very much now. In fact, a lot of them are taking to the storm cellars when Martin looms up in the offing.

O. You Stagg.

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—A. Alonzo Stagg has set a new fashion for football coaches garb. Instead of the customary moleskin togs, he appears this fall, when directing the University of Chicago football practice, in tweed knickerbockers, a Norfolk coat and stockings of maroon.

NEW ORLEANS RACING WAR SETTLED AT LAST

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 3.—Directors of the Business Men's Racing association at a meeting today decided to purchase the City Park race track from the present owner, H. D. (Curley) Brown, and shorten the winter racing season here.

Brown, who recently purchased the City Park track for $150,000, offered to sell it for $275,000 if the season here would be shortened so as to remove opposition from the meetings at his track in Havana. The directors at tonight's meeting announced the season here next winter would start January 1 and continue through February 20. They previously had announced the meeting would open December 2. The action of the directors tonight makes assured a one-track season here.

CHICAGO CITY SERIES WILL OPEN TOMORROW

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—Final arrangements were being made today for the opening battle of the Chicago city series between the American and National league teams, scheduled for tomorrow. Managers of both aggregations were confident that the interest aroused by the efforts of the Chicago team to land first place in the American flag race would result in large attendances.

Young Pershing Grid Star.

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—Frank Pershing, a nephew of General Pershing, who led the American punitive expedition into Mexico, is slated to take Pete Russell's place as quarterback on the University of Chicago eleven. Pershing played only a few games at the job last year, but Coach Stagg has selected him as a most likely candidate.

BASEBALL FIGURES

American League Standing.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	91	61	.599	New York	75	74	.503
Chicago	89	63	.578	Washington	76	76	.500
Detroit	87	67	.565	Cleveland	76	75	.502
St. Louis	79	75	.513	Philadel.	54	97	.358

Results Yesterday—At Boston 4, Philadelphia 2. At New York 5, Washington 1. No others scheduled.

Games Today—Philadelphia at Boston. Washington at New York. No others scheduled.

National League Standing.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	95	59	.609	Chicago	66	86	.434
Philadel.	90	63	.588	Pittsburgh	65	85	.420
Boston	83	67	.553	St. Louis	60	92	.395
New York	65	84	.371	Cincinnati	60	93	.392

Results Yesterday—At Brooklyn 2, New York 0. At Philadelphia 2-1, Boston 0-4. Schedule of other teams completed.

Games Today—New York at Brooklyn. Boston at Philadelphia. Schedule of other teams completed.

Brooklyn Has Big Edge Now Over Phillies

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—Settlement of the National league championship in today's games appeared to be a probability today. According to statisticians, Philadelphia would have to win the next four games in order to force Brooklyn to make a clean sweep against New York, while on the other hand, if Philadelphia loses two games to Boston and Brooklyn wins from New York, the race is over. The latter result would give Brooklyn 93 victories and 59 defeats to 90 victories and 61 defeats for Philadelphia. By winning their two remaining games, the champions would still be short, even if Brooklyn lost their two. Should Brooklyn win the next three games, there would be no chance for Philadelphia to catch up.

Brooklyn has three more games with New York and Philadelphia four with Boston. From a percentage standpoint, if each team wins all of its games, Brooklyn will lead by one point. If Brooklyn loses three games, Philadelphia will have to break even to take the lead. If each team loses one game, Brooklyn will lead by two points. If each team loses two games Brooklyn will lead by three points.

Texan Is Charged With Embezzlement

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 3.—William I. Watson of El Paso, Texas, former tax collector of El Paso county, was arrested here early today, charged with embezzlement of county funds during his tenure of office. When arrested Watson's hair was dyed red, officials said. The detectives who made the arrest said that at first Watson denied being the man wanted, but finally admitted his identity.

Waddy Ya Mean, "Yes?"

Q. What is Luke McLuke's real name? (2) Is he fat or lean?—Admirer.

A. James Hastings. It is not known whether any one calls him "Jim." (2). Yes.—Luke McLuke.

HISTORY BITS

One Hundred Years Ago Today.

1816—The exciting presidential campaign between James Monroe (democratic-republican, and Rufus King (federalist), entered upon its final month.

Seventy-Five Years Ago Today.

1841—Delegates elected by friends of extension of suffrage, without regard to the law regulating the right of voting, assembled at Providence, R. I., to form a "people's constitution." (Beginning of Dorr's rebellion.)

Fifty Years Ago Today.

1866—Signing of the peace of Vienna, by which Austria ceded Venetia to Italy.

Twenty-Five Years Ago Today.

1891—Prince Maurice of Battenberg, youngest son of Princess Beatrice and grandson of Queen Victoria, born at Balmoral. Killed in the fighting in France in October, 1914.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

October 3, 1915—Russia ordered her minister to leave Sofia if Bulgaria did not break with Austria and Germany within twenty-four hours.

Our Daily Birthday Party.

Rt. Rev. James De Wolf Perry, Episcopal bishop of Rhode Island, who spent a part of the summer as a Plattsburg "rookie," born at Germantown, Pa., 45 years ago today.

Eleanore Duse, the most celebrated tragedienne of the Italian stage, born in Venice, 57 years ago today.

Maj. Gen. William C. Gorgas, surgeon general of the United States army born at Mobile, Ala., 62 years ago today.

Major League Races This Year Have Nothing On Those Tight Finishes of Eight Years Ago

This year's race in the big leagues has been characterized by a close and brilliant chase for the old gonfalon, but, when it comes to real excitement, it has nothing on the glorious year of 1908. That was some annum for the fans, believe us, and it is probable that half a century hence grey and grizzled grandpops will be taking their childer on their knees and telling them of those exciting days "back in 1908."

Yesterday was the anniversary of one of the greatest games played during those stirring closing days of the 1908 chase. On October 2 the White Sox, led by Fielder Jones, and the Naps of Napoleon Lajoie mingled on the Cleveland lot. The American race had narrowed down to Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit, although St. Louis had been a dark horse almost up to that time. In the crucial game in the Sixth City, Ed Walsh worked for the White Sox and Addie Joss was on the slab for the Naps. Walsh fanned fifteen Naps in eight innings. Of course he won. No, Geraldine, he did not win. The game was grabbed by Cleveland by a score of 1 to 0, Joe Birmingham making the lone tally. Cleveland held the lead by an eyelash up to the closing days of the struggle, but on the day prior to the end of the season the Naps lost to the Browns. On the wind-up day the White Sox and the Tigers met to decide the championship. Wild Bill Donovan went on the rubber for the Jennings bunch and Doc White started for Chicago. The Tigers won easily, 7 to 0.

In the National league the finish was just as close, the Cubs, Giants and Pirates all having a chance up to October 4. On that date the Buccaneers played the Bruins in Chicago. A victory for Clarke's crew meant a pennant for the Pirate craft, but, alas, she was not to be. Pittsburg lost, 5 to 2, and it was up to Chicago and New York to fight it out. The Cubs and Giants were tied for first place. Fred Merkle's failure to touch second in an earlier game had resulted in a wrangle and the directors ordered the game to be played over on the day following the close of the season. Quite a few people went to the Polo grounds that day, and the game caused quite a bit of talk and newspaper comment. In fact, if it had been the end of the world that was to be pulled off instead of a ball game, there probably wouldn't have been any more said about it. Prister started for the Cubs and Mathewson was up for the Giants. It wasn't Jack's day, and Chance yanked him after he had walked a couple of Giants and hit another. Old Mortified Three-Finger Brown was sent to the resque. The Giants had got one run off Pfiester, and they managed to get one more off of Brown. In the meantime, the Bruins put across four tallies. As for what happened in Chicago when the news of the Cubs' victory was flashed over the wires—well, one might say "pandemonium broke loose," but that would be too mild. One must needs fall back on that other old bromide—"the scene beggared description."

Major Leagues Hurting Themselves By Trying to Punish Bill Brennan

BY FRANK MENKE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Bill Brennan ranked as one of the best umpires in the National league until he quit and became chief of staff for the Feds.

"And now," remarks Jim Gilmore, "that organized baseball crowd won't give Bill a job in the majors. They've got the worst lot of umpires operating this season that I ever saw. Nine-tenths of them are worse than awful. Yet Bill Brennan continued jobless.

"Why was it? Well could it have been for any other reason than that Bill was being punished for coming with us? Such treatment seems unjust. When Bill did join us he didn't jump any contract. His old one had expired. We offered him much better money than he had been getting. He accepted. He saw a chance to get better pay and seized the opportunity. That doesn't constitute a crime in the minds of fair people. But those baseball folks seem to think it was. And Bill Brennan, master umpire, has had to suffer because of a lot of narrow-mindedness."

Fishy, Fishy Fishy.

Joe Kellmann, of West Bend, Ind., probably thought the Indiana chap who dove into a creek and killed a thirteen-pound carp with his head was a piker. Anyway Joe showed him up the other day. He dove into Cedar Lake, near his home, and put a twenty-two-pound pickerel out of business. Friends rescued the stunned Joe and the dead pickerel. (According to reports from West Bend.)

Hard to Hit Triples.

Some sluggers rarely make triples. When they do any extra base swatting they either make it a two-bagger or a homer. They seem averse to pulling up at third.

Frank Baker, who has slammed out something like eleven or twelve circuit drives this season, made his first triple of the year a week ago. Walter Pipp of the Yankees, who is batting with Baker for home run honors in Ban Johnson's league also has found it far more difficult to make than four bases. "Cactus" Cravath made twenty-four home runs in 1915—and only seven three-baggers.

Who Can Say?

"How may times have Battling Levinsky and Jack Dillon fought each other?" queries a Chicagoan. The records show they have met in the ring about ten times, but there isn't anything to show how many times they have "fought" each other.

Uncover Aquatic Wonder.

A new swimming marvel has been uncovered in Honolulu. His name is John Kelii. He is just a mere kid yet he covered the 100 yards in 55 3-5 seconds, the furlong in 2:29 4-5, (which is 4-5 of a second behind the world record) and the 440 yards in a trifle over 5 minutes and 10 seconds.

Kelii has been swimming in competition only a few months. His showing in the Honolulu meet has caused experts to predict that in another year or two he will be peer of all the "human fish" in the world.