

DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS

By This Time Angeline Is a Little Mixed on Values

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BOXING, WRESTLING, AQUATICS, TENNIS, POLO

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SAFETY MARGIN OF LOAD.

Weight of a Crowd Largely Increased When It Is in Motion.

When the winning run for the home team comes across the plate in the ninth inning and every fan in the grand stand jumps to his feet with delight the steelwork of the stand has to brace up its back and carry for an instant nearly double its ordinary load.

Insult to Injury. "Mrs. Wambolt is highly indignant." "Her house was robbed, I hear?" "Yes, and the next night the burglars brought back her silver plated ware."

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BOXING CHAMPS BORN NOT MADE

Scramble for "White Hopes" Proves Good Men Are Scarce

First-class boxers, like men who make their marks in all other professions, are born, not made. Ever since that memorable battle between Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson, on July 4, 1910, the boxing promoters and managers have turned the entire universe topsy-turvy in search of a boxer who could do the big black, put up to date have not even unearthed a man who is considered a logical contender for the heavyweight title.

Quint Smith, the most likely of the white hopes now in the limelight, has just one chance in his favor to answer the title, and that is if Johnson has gone back. This is very likely, as he has lived a fast life since he has been at the top of the ladder, and they have off of three and one-half years, possibly if it is a long-distance contest.

Prior to Johnson holding the title, almost every witness would argue that he knew of someone who knew of some horseman or burly blacksmith that could punch all the championship pugilists into a pulp in a fraction less than a jiffy, but the research developed that argument.

And so it has been from time immemorial in the boxing game. The men who have made good in the ring are those who have taken to the game themselves and not those forced into it on account of their bulk, as are many of our present white hopes.

Man's Natural Bent. It is as natural for some men to be boxers as it is for others to be poets, musicians and artists. Circumstances often develop the pugilistic nature in the successful fighting man, but nobody can become a topnotcher in the prize ring unless he has the natural trappings in his makeup.

John L. Sullivan's parents admitted that nature made the big fellow a champion. It was about the same with the parents of Jeffries. His father, who was a traveling preacher up and down the western rivers, tried hard to have his son follow in the same path, but nature's nature stepped in and declared Jim a gladiator. It is almost always the case that parents of pugilists are opposed to the fighting game.

When Sullivan was a young fellow in Boston, his father put him to work in a factory to learn the trade of a tinker. John had refused to study and wanted to be his own boss. He developed a fondness for baseball, and at each dinner hour he would go in his friends to a game in a nearby lot. The boss of the factory was a big, burly fellow who ruled the apprentices with an iron hand. When the whistle blew at 5 o'clock he would accept no excuses from the boys who were a few minutes late.

One afternoon Sullivan was so taken up with his ball playing that he did not hear the factory whistle and was absent ten minutes late when he came back to the shop. With no word of warning the boss rushed at John L. He was a cyclone, clouted him in the face, and kicked him in the body. Like an infuriated tiger, Sullivan turned, and landed on his mighty right fist he landed on the boss's paw, sending the latter flying through a window into the yard.

Sullivan lost his job, but it was not long after that he came to be known as "the strong boy." His rise from that time on is known to almost every schoolboy.

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THE PEERLESS TY COBB.

Writer in American Magazine Describes Great Play.

In the February American Magazine appears a page entitled "Two Glimpses of Ty Cobb." One of the stories told is the following, which relates how the great Detroit baseball player—perhaps the greatest player in the world—made a lucky scratch hit and then scored on three stolen bases:

"The greatest baseball play I ever saw occurred in a game between the Philadelphia Athletics and the Detroit Tigers in Shibe Park, Philadelphia, June, 1912.

"Ty Cobb, his first time up, hit a nasty grounder toward first base. The ball had a deceptive bound and 'Stuffy' McInnes had some trouble reaching for it and keeping hold of the ball when he got it. But he managed to scramble over and touch first just as 'Ty' raced over the bag. 'Comme' Mack's loyal rooters' declared the Georgia Peach out by a mile, but the umpire had ideas of his own and Tyrus rested safely on the initial sack.

"The unexpected usually happens when this star swatsman is running bases, and on this occasion he did not disappoint his admirers. After the pitcher had thrown the ball, Ty, having a fairly good lead, decided to amble along down to second, figuring, no doubt, that Lapp, the Athletic catcher, would be taken off his guard and throw wild. To try for second after a catcher of Lapp's ability has the ball requires 'nerve' of a high order. He is usually 'there' with the perfect lead, but the sight of Cobb's jogging along was too much for him and he heaved the ball into center field. Cobb saw Barry crouched in front of the base waiting as if to receive the ball, so, gathering speed, he made one of his famous bent leg slides and landed behind the bag. Then seeing that the ball had gone to center field, he started for third base at top speed. Suddenly, I think it was Collins, made a beautiful throw to 'Home Run' Baker, who stabbed Cobb with the ball as that well known gentleman was in the act of sliding head first for the third heaven of rest.

"The crowd groaned when the umpire motioned Cobb safe at third. While admiring his nifty exhibition, the fans' really wanted the dangerous fellow disposed of, and he had reached third by the closest kind of a margin.

"Ty slapped the dust from his toes and, as usual, ran several feet up the path toward home each time the pitcher started to wind up. The batter had now gathered two strikes, and with the next wind-up Cobb raced for the plate at full speed, sliding with great force against Lapp, who was waiting for him with the ball. But the throw had been a little too high and the catcher was taken off his feet before he could touch the daring base runner.

"Cobb therefore stole three bases after having reached first by a lucky scratch hit and made the first run of the game before the next batter up had hit the ball."

SAYS WAR WILL CONTINUE.

Feds Would Force Major Leagues to Recognize Them.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—War between the Federal league and organized baseball will continue until the latter receives the new circuit into its fold, according to Secretary Lloyd Rickart of the Federals. Rickart said that the Federals would continue next year their raids on the players now with organized baseball whose contracts expired at the end of this season.

There are enough of these to cripple the big leagues more seriously than the present raid will do, if they jump, said the secretary, while the Federal league believes itself safe from counter raids because its recently acquired stars are under contract, mainly for three years. The situation at the end of the season will be such as to force recognition from the American and National leagues, the Federals will operate on equal terms with the others in 1915, its promoters believe.

FINDS COMFORT IN STATEMENT

August Herrmann Decides Tinker Was Expensive Investment

"Now that I've had time to figure it out with some exactness of detail," says President Herrmann, "I honestly find it hard to weep even over the loss of so popular a player as Joe Tinker. Sport is sport, of course, but coin is coin, and most needs coin to back it. The Federal league may make inroads, and may make things very expensive but I can't see, when I look over the corrected balance sheet, where the Reds can possibly fare as badly as in 1913. This is about the way the ledger, as now corrected, runs: Cash paid for Curdison (shown in as lost for Tinker) \$ 8,000 Value of Mitchell, Phelan and Humphries, given for Joe... 15,000 (or over)

Salary, J. B. Tinker... 10,000 Cash given Boston for Kling... 1,500 Value of McDonald, given for Kling... 2,500 Expenses incurred signing up Kling... 500 Salary, John Kling... 7,500 Salary, Mordcaid Brown... 6,000 Waiver price and salary James T. Sheekard... 5,000 Waiver price for Powell... 1,500 Money paid for Harrington... 4,000 Probable value of Pitcher Dahlgren, fired by Tinker... 2,500 Damage caused by benching Bates in favor of Sheekard... Unknown Shrinkage in gate receipts caused by slump of club... 60,000

Approximate loss during 1913... \$124,000 "We got back \$15,000 on the Brooklyn sale, but must return \$12,500 of this for Moran and Yingling. To sum it up, we find ourselves plus Yingling and Moran, minus Tinker, Kling, Brown, Sheekard, Powell, Harrington and Dahlgren and minus about \$121,500. Where do we stand a chance to lose that much, even under war conditions, during 1914?"

GOTCH TO WAIVE RIGHTS.

Champion of Mat Game Will Not Defend Title.

New York, Feb. 2.—Wrestling promoters here have been trying for some time to bring Frank Gotch, the heavy-weight wrestling champion of the world, to New York for three bouts, with foreign mat stars.

He was offered \$25,000. Gotch refused the offer, and says he will never wrestle again.

From his Iowa farm, Gotch, in replying to the New York offer, wrote that he "positively" had given up wrestling forever. His wife and he had gone over the situation, he wrote, and nothing "will induce me to change my mind." The call of the foreigners and the offer of big New York purses, he said, will never make him leave his farm again. He suggested that Howell and American get together and let the winner defend the title, saying that he was willing to waive his rights in favor of the better of the two.

YALE WILL PLAY NOTRE DAME IN EAST OCT. 17

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 2.—Yale's football schedule for next fall just announced, contains nine games, one less than last year. Holy Cross and Lafayette have been dropped and in their places will be the University of Virginia and Notre Dame.

Yale has never met the two latter colleges in football before. With the exception of the game with Princeton at Princeton, all the games will be played in New Haven. The schedule: Sept. 26, University of Maine; Oct. 2, University of Virginia; Oct. 16, Lehigh; Oct. 17, Notre Dame; Oct. 24, Washington and Jefferson; Oct. 31, Colgate; Nov. 7, Brown; Nov. 14, Princeton; Nov. 21, Harvard.

HOPPE TO DEFEND TITLE.

Balk-Line Champ Ready to Meet George Sutton.

New York, Feb. 2.—Before a select gathering of followers of the green table sport, Willie Hoppe, the brilliant billiard champion of the world, will defend his 182 balk-line title against George Sutton, the Chicago one expert, in a match at the Hotel Astor tomorrow night. For over a month each of the principals has been training and practicing for the big strain he will have to undergo in the match. Neither can say anything after the contest about not being in condition, as each has been doing great work in the way of preparation.

Hoppe holds both the professional championship titles for 181 and 182 balk-line. He has successfully defended both against the foremost of the American experts and this has led the lovers of the art of carambol to ask one another if he is not invincible. The condition of affairs is regarded as similar to that which prevailed some fifteen or twenty years ago, when Napoleon Ives swept all of the "championships" into his bag. None of the veterans of that day, not even "Wizards" Schaefer or "Student" Slosson, could wrest the titles from Ives. As a consequence there was a slump in professional matches, which prevailed until Ives' death. Followers of the game are wondering whether or not Hoppe is to repeat the feat of billiard history which Ives wrote in his day.

MATTY MOST RESPECTED.

Giant Pitcher Has Figured in Some Odd Deals, However.

Whenever the matter of the most generally respected ball player of the game is brought up, the consensus of opinion generally falls on Christy Mathewson. And there is no getting away from the fact that Matty is one fine character. Two years ago if somebody had put up the proposition of the powers that by taking an official stand against player-authors, about the last man to be expected to violate such an order would have been Matty. Yet the Six is practically the only player who continues to allow the use of his signature over stuff he never wrote or even read. Also, while the talk of jumping to the Federals is hot, the last man to be considered as a possibility of ever jumping would be Matty. Yet back in 1912 Sir Christopher agreed to play with the St. Louis Browns of the American league, only to be turned back to the Giants when the peace pact was signed shortly afterward. The average baseball fan also has forgotten how Matty's name was linked with that "spit" to bring the impresario when the Giants and Cubs met in the famous play-off game in 1908.

BAR THE "KIDNEY PUNCH."

Director of Public Safety Warns Fight Promoters.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 2.—Director of Public Safety Porter, after a conversation with Superintendent of Police Robinson, on Friday issued the following order to all managers of boxing clubs: "The foul blow, known as the kidney punch, delivered while contestants are partially clinched, must not be permitted. The referee must caution contestants before bouts, and if the rule is violated by either contestant after being cautioned, the bout must be stopped. The rule is simple, and is familiar to all boxing officials, referees, and contestants. It must be lived up to absolutely and the police official in charge of any boxing exhibition must promptly report to the director of public safety any violation whatsoever."

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