

FROM KNOTHOLE TO OWNER'S BOX SEAT—  
GEORGE W. GRANT'S RISE IN BASEBALL



New Owner of Boston National League Team.

Do you remember the time the Gainsboro Giants came over to play your own home-town nine for the county championship and how you had the knothole in the ballyard fence, from which you were to witness the decisive contest, picked out several days ahead, and how you got up early on the day of the game so as to be sure another kid did not beat you to that same knothole, and how on your arrival at the park you discovered to your dismay that the groundkeeper had carefully covered every knothole with tin, and how the fence was unshinnable, and how you resolved then and there to some day own a ball club and let all the kids in free and bar the groundkeeper, even though he paid five hundred dollars for a ticket? Of course you remember. But then as the years passed you forgot your boyhood resolutions and decided to become the town's leading lawyer or doctor?

Grant Didn't Forget.

George Washington Grant, who recently purchased the Boston National league team, was one who did not forget. Diamond destiny had marked him for its very own. A rabid fan from boyhood, he witnessed many games through a knothole. George's baseball experience started in Cincinnati, his boyhood home. He lived near the hotel where the big league players

stopped while in town, and it was his proud and exclusive privilege to ride in the bus which carried the players to the ball park for morning practice. In the afternoons he so'd newspapers in the vicinity of the park and between sales watched the games through a knothole. His specialty was baseball editions.

Time passed and young Grant emigrated to New York and became one of the pioneers in the motion picture game. He was enjoying a degree of prosperity which at that time came in no small measure to those who had ground-floor connections in the motion picture enterprises. He then went to London, where he became a leader in the new industry.

Bought Boston Braves.

Though many miles of water separated him from the States his interest in baseball never waned. On two occasions he came back to the United States for the sole purpose of seeing the world series games.

Mr. Grant was now rated as a millionaire, and when the opportunity presented itself he purchased the Boston club for a price said to be \$500,000. His boyhood ambition realized, he now watches his own team play from the owner's box instead of from the knothole in the unshinnable fence.

And he hasn't forgotten his resolution to let the most loyal of rooters, the knothole spectators, in free.

WORLD SERIES HERO  
IS SOON FORGOTTEN

All Major League Clubs Waive on  
Outfielder Whiteman.

Player Who Made It Possible for  
Boston Red Sox to Win Cham-  
pionship by Spectacular Play-  
ing Not Wanted.

Baseball heroes are soon forgotten. Now comes the news that waivers have been received from all the major league clubs by Manager Edward Barrow of the Boston Red Sox on Outfielder George Whiteman, the hero of the 1918 world series, who made it possible for the Red Sox to cop the championship.

In the first game of the 1918 world series "Big Jim" Vaughn, of the Cubs, opposed "Blabe" Ruth in one of the closest pitchers' battles ever contested in the big series. George Whiteman was the only player who succeeded in getting two hits. Twice he saved this game by great catches.

Whiteman's three-bagger to the centerfield fence in the second contest scored the lone tally made by his team in that game. The third game of the series was featured by George's playing. He scored one of his team's runs and in the fourth inning ended Chicago's rally by a spectacular play.

Up until the fourth game of the series Whiteman had hit safely in



George Whiteman.

every contest and, while scoring in this one, he failed to get a safe drive. Whiteman featured the fifth game by another clever catch and in the sixth lining his perfect throw to the plate prevented the Cubs from scoring.

In the final game of the series Whiteman's playing, enabled his team to cop the world's championship.

MILWAUKEE SIGNS ED WALSH

Former Idol of White Sox Fans is to  
Be Given Trial to Come Back  
With Brewers.

Ed Walsh, once idol of White Sox fans, will bend them over for the Milwaukee team this season. President



Ed Walsh.

Clarence Rowland made the announcement at a dinner given him by the Rowland Booster club. Rowland expects the big fellow to work regularly.

**Umpires' Protective Association.**  
Chicago semiprofessional baseball umpires have organized an umpires' mutual protective association.

**Cleveland Wants the Big Game.**  
Cleveland wants the next Olympic international games festival.

**Shefelman Is Captain.**  
S. H. Shefelman, 21, has been elected captain of the Brown university wrestling team for next year.

**Meehan With Braves.**  
John ("Click") Meehan, former crack athlete at Syracuse university, has signed a contract with the Boston Nationals. He is an infielder.

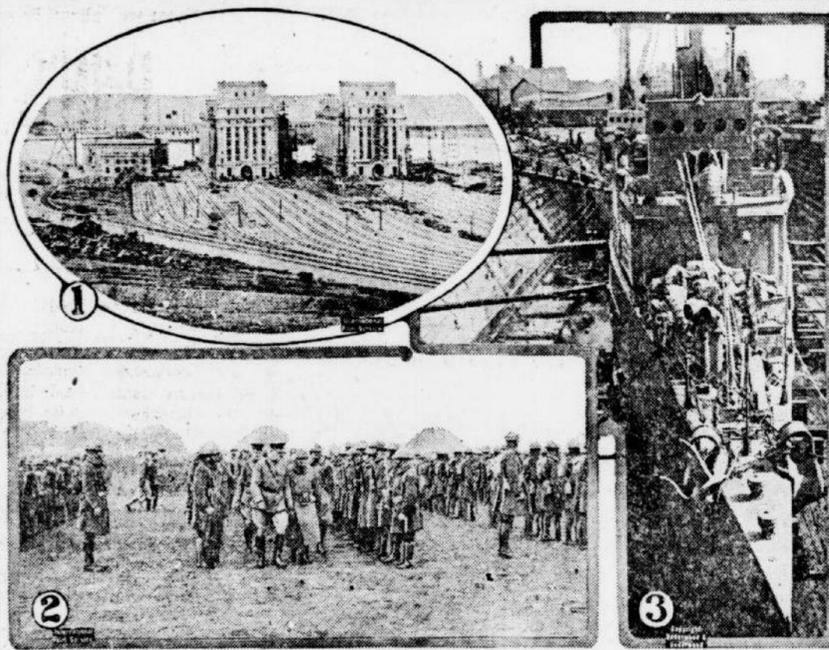
**Browns Sell McCabe.**  
The Browns have sold Tim McCabe, pitcher, to the Louisville club of the American association.

**Athlete Breaks Wrist.**  
Wysocki, Lehigh football star, broke his wrist in the recent New York university-Lehigh basketball game.

**Pian Big Track Meet.**  
Columbia, Dartmouth and Penn will meet in a triangular track and field meet at Franklin field, Philadelphia, on May 17.

**Phillies Get Collegian.**  
George Casazza, southpaw pitcher of St. John's college, Brooklyn, has signed a contract with the Phillies.

**Chance for Semipro.**  
R. W. Thomas, a semiprofessional catcher of Fremont, O., has been claimed by the Little Rock club.



1—View of the granaries at Constanza, the Roumanian Black sea port where allied troops are said to have landed. 2—General Pershing inspecting a regiment of marines at Vallendar, Germany. 3—One of the Eagle boats, of which several have been sent across the Atlantic by the navy.

COMMISSION TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WAR



The special commission appointed by the delegates to the peace conference in Paris to ascertain the responsibility for the war is here shown in conference. Secretary Lansing is the fourth figure at the right of the table.

BRITAIN'S FAREWELL TO ADMIRAL SIMS



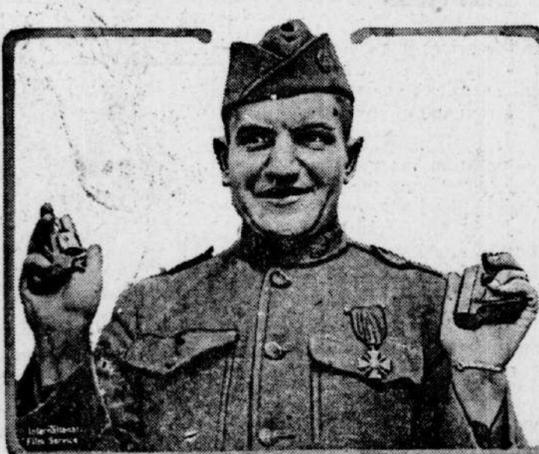
British officials and citizens vied with each other in the rousing "send-off" tendered to Admiral Sims, as he departed on the Mauretania for home in America. The photograph shows the presentation of pieces of plate to the admiral at the farewell luncheon at the Savoy in London.

GEN. EDWARD B. WINANS



Gen. Edward B. Winans of the Thirty-second division, composed of men from Wisconsin and Michigan, photographed at Bertha Krupp's famous hunting lodge at Sayneck, Germany. General Winans and his staff are billeted at the lodge.

"KAMERAD" GUNS USED BY THE HUNS



A Croix de Guerre man of the American army, one of Ohio complement, holding in his hands two "kamerad" guns which were used effectively by Germans in their "surrender" to American troops. The German method was to throw up their hands when encountering a small American force and to bring the gun from concealment and into play when the Yanks approached within firing distance.

GATHERED FACTS

Amundsen's plan for his aerial trip to the north pole is to make many short trips first, depositing supplies of gasoline and other necessities along the way. From these supply stations the airplanes can be replenished when they make the dash for the pole. The submarine Deutschland sailed from Kiel, Germany, June 10, 1916, and arrived at Baltimore July 10. It was the first trans-Atlantic voyage by an undersea boat. It has been noticed that the ash tree

He May Be Waiting Yet.

It isn't easy living up to the reputation of being a wit, but Jimkins did his best. Meeting a friend one morning he said suddenly: "I say, old fellow, have you heard about that girl who poured a jug of water into her fiance's top hat?" "No," replied his friend, getting ready to hear an excellent anecdote. "Neither have I," said Jimkins, as he began to walk quickly away. "It hasn't leaked out yet."

Another Bug.

Besides the seventeen-year-old locust, we have another bug due in a short time. The golf bug. About this time he can be found massaging the rust of his clubs and oiling up the kinks in his wrists with midiron, mangle and putting practice on the parlor floor blanket. He goes through more motions than Houdini unbuckling himself loose from a straight-jacket tuxedo, over what he calls "getting into form." "Form" in golf, is a series of tricks to make one have a hard time of it trying to play a simple game. At the first game "form" will leave him with a one-way ticket for parts unknown. Then he will turn in a fair score after each game, providing he marks up the strokes himself. At this stanza of the year the golf bug is all strung up like a harp, waiting for the opening "slice" of the cornfield pool season.—Gene Ahera.

Took the Risk.

Parson—Johnson, you hadn't oughter swiped dat chicken, 'cause de debil send it just to tempt you, he did. Johnson—Well, suh, den de debil sho' los' his chicken.—Boys' Life.

Tobacco and the Far North.

Captain Bartlett, who goes to the arctic regions in a flying machine next summer, says that one problem he has to solve will be to find space for an adequate supply of tobacco. Tobacco is as necessary as food in exploring work, says Captain Bartlett.—Rochester Post-Express.

Paint Removed.

Turpentine will remove paint or varnish or pitch from any kind of goods, woolen or cotton, then rinse in soap and water.

DOGS HELPED TO WIN V

Part Played by Pets of the Amer-  
Soldiers Should by No Means  
Be Overlooked.

A bewildering mass of printed text is accumulating which bears the relative and intrinsic usefulness of various agencies which contribute to the welfare and comfort of American army in France. They also much discuss of the which French women and child played in mitigating the loneliness and hardships of service far from home. But little has been said of service rendered by French dogs.

Some authorities claim that on average there was a pet dog to a company of soldiers averaging men, at the outset. This would mean 4,000 dogs for 1,000,000 men, or 3 dogs for the entire American army in France when the armistice signed.

It is quite possible that these thousands of pets contributed more to winning of the war than all of dogs used for scouting and wading and even those that served in the Cross to find wounded and exhausted soldiers and carry first-aid comfort to them where they lay, in obscure places not easily discovered by human search. For the pets helped mightily in keeping up the morale of men tired and battered by the hard work of the campaign. They were "on the job" all the time. They were a moral tonic they taught, as fine dogs always the kind of devotion and loyalty which is the very soul of a good army.

If 8,000 dogs, or only 5,000, were kept as pets by American soldiers in France it is certain that they would have saved millions of hours of pain for weary men and soothed a multitude of homesick hearts. They typified affection which does not grow cold, the faith which never wavers, and the steadfastness was good for fighting men to think about, in an alien land close to battle and the chance of death.

Get New Legs.

A young soldier walked with a stony stride into the office of the ability reviewing board at Camp yesterday and presented himself to officer at the desk. "What's your trouble?" asked the lieutenant as soldier handed over his certificate of disability rating by the camp examining board. "No legs, sir," answered the soldier. "What's that?" asked the officer, who had seen the man walk into the room, his soldierly bearing betraying the admiration of the office. "Both legs gone, but they've fixed me up almost as good as new with artificial ones," answered the soldier who is Sergt. Samuel F. Hall of Somerville, Mass., and the first draftee minus both legs who had been brought up to Camp Dix for discharge. He demonstrated he had learned to walk with the use of his new legs in perfect ease and was therefore given an immediate discharge. Except the loss of his legs, which were by the knee, Hall was in perfect physical condition. Under the terms of war risk insurance Hall's injury entitles a total disability and he draw \$100 a month for the rest of life.—New York Sun.

Cabling Fifty Years Ago.

The enormous mass of matter which is being cabled from Paris may be to some old newspaper men the curlicues with which the work was accomplished fifty years ago. For thing the rate was then a sovereign \$5—a word, and the gentleman sliding over the London end of Anglo-American Telegraph company was an autocrat who did not believe in special facilities for press, and among other things exact that the word "London"—representing a sovereign—should be added to signature in each case. "You proached his office," it was written "as you would approach a shrine temple of some far-off deity," when press messages were allowed to go at a reduced rate he imposed code under which he dealt with them as he chose, which meant that it was no knowing how or when they would be dispatched.

Ex-King Manuel Well Housed.

Fulwiler park, where ex-King Mar of Portugal has lived since he took bride to England five years ago, is historic mansion built mainly in Georgian style. A part of it dates back to James II, but it has been considerably enlarged from time to time and now contains a magnificent suite of six entertaining rooms. Besides nine-hole golf course there are several tennis courts in the grounds, for there is a game at which the ex-king excels. There is good fishing in the Rye Crane, on which also boating is possible. Fulwiler park has been the home of many famous people, and Twickham itself abounds in historic memories. In 1800 Orleans house was residence of Louis Philippe, then Duke of Orleans.

Clocks for France.

A jewelry house in Bordeaux, France, has closed a deal with a manufacturing firm in New England for an order of alarm clocks, the total purchase amounting to one-quarter million francs or \$48,250 at normal change. There is said to be a dearth of alarm clocks in France and French colonial possessions. This due to the inability of French dealers to obtain importations from their former sources of supply in enemy countries. The Bordeaux firm said placed this initial order as a means of ascertaining the quality of United States clocks and their suitability to price and wear for the French market.

For China Collectors.

It is well to keep a china collector of one kind or period together, if possible, the effect being thereby greatly enhanced; indeed, the same thing applies to most collections. When collections are numerous and space not overabundant, there is a good deal to be said for the plan of putting out things away for a time and bring others out in their place. Collectors generally enjoy handling and rearranging their treasures, and every chance may result in showing these to great advantage.

Umpire Evans Suggests  
Needed Changes in Rule

Billy Evans, baseball umpire, when asked what in his opinion was the most unfair rule in baseball, replied without one moment's hesitation: "The section that covers interference on part of the catcher. A wise catcher can secure a decided advantage for his club. "When a catcher interferes with a batsman, it gives the batsman the right to first base, but no runners can advance unless forced. "At a critical moment all the catcher need do is interfere with the batsman, and he makes void anything that is about to happen on the bases. "Runners should be allowed to advance on such an interference, whether forced or not. That would take away the premium on such a move."

SAM CRANE MADE HOME RUN

Incidentally His Hit Caused Summary  
Release of Pitcher Sweeney of  
Cardinals.

Samuel Crane, the veteran baseball writer and former infield star, is famous for having brought about a pitcher's release by hitting him for a home run. Sam was a great fielding second baseman, but no terror with the mace. While playing with the Detroit Nationals in 1886 against St. Louis Sam made one of the seven home runs which the Tigers hammered that day off Charles Sweeney of the Cardinals. Sam was pretty well pleased with himself that night, and, puffing a big cigar, he sauntered gayly down Woodward avenue. There he met Sweeney.

Smallwood Stays Overseas.

Walter Smallwood, Yankee pitcher, who is overseas, has written to Miller Huggins saying he does not expect to return to the team this season. He explained that he was in a replacement unit which is scheduled to join the army of occupation.

Golfers Heed Cry.

The Golf Association of Philadelphia favors employing injured soldiers, sailors and marines as caddie masters and workers on their courses.

Long Famous Rowing Course.

For the fourth time in 46 years Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, will be the scene of the annual championship regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen. It will be rowed over a 1 1/2-mile course, on August 1 and 2.

All From Brooklyn.

Arthur Irwin will have three boys on his Rochester team this year who learned their baseball on the Brooklyn lots. They are Jack Brandy, Hank Morgan and Walter Hoyte.

who immediately started to give Sam a terrible bawling out. "Why, what is wrong, Charlie?" said Sam.

"Wrong enough," replied the pitcher. "You had me fired this afternoon. Henry Lucas said to me, 'I don't mind regular batters hitting you for home runs, but when Sam Crane knocked you for that homer it was the straw that broke the camel's back. You're fired.'"

It might be remarked that Sam batted ninth on the Detroit, below the pitcher.

INTERESTING  
SPORT  
PARAGRAPHS

John McGraw is trying to land Rogers Hornsby for the Giants.

Rube Benton says he feels five years younger than he did a year ago.

Walter Johnson will open another season in the American league for the Nationals.

Manager Griffith thinks that Ed Hovlik will prove a valuable twirler this season.

Connie Mack is going along with Griffith in doing a "rob the cradle" act this season.

Ed Matteson ought to be a great relief pitcher this season, according to Manager Griffith.

Pitcher Cal Crum, formerly with the Boston Braves, has signed a contract with Indianapolis.

Joe Leonard will get a chance to show if he can make good as a shortstop. He may be seen there when the season opens.

Larry Doyle lost no time in hooking up with the Giants, once he got loose from the shipyards.

George Chaney of Baltimore, isn't having any trouble hooking bouts since he got out of the service.

Scrubbing floors and peeling potatoes in the navy did not ruin King Lear's hands for piano playing.

The New York Yankees have released Pitcher Cliff Markle to the Salt Lake City club of the Coast League.

Cornell university recently opened a new armory where basketball and other sporting features can be run off.

Lavene Fabrique, infielder, and Abe Bowman, pitcher, of the Toledo, A. A. club, have been sold to the Seattle club of the Pacific Coast league.

Lieut. Johnny Norton, holder of the world's record for the 220-yard hurdles on a curved track, 24 1/5 seconds, will represent the Olympic club of San Francisco this season, having been discharged from the service.