

SPORTING NEWS

"RUBE" WADDELL, GREATEST LEFT-HANDER BASEBALL EVER KNEW, WAS THE BILLIKIN AND PETER PAN OF THE GAME; HE MADE PEOPLE HAPPY AND REFUSED TO GROW UP.



Of all the baseball characters the quaintest was George Edward ("Rube") Waddell, of St. Mary's Elk county, Pennsylvania, the Billiken and Peter Pan of the game.

Waddell was a mine of fun for a sporting page humorist; a horrible example for the temperance lecturer; a joy to the fans; a terror to batters, and a nightmare to the managers who had him.

A boy who never grew up, the gigantic Waddell was baseball's Peter Pan. At one time he was almost a

national figure because of his eccentricities.

Baseball was more joyous because of him. He was a jester, but his comely never harmed anyone and he was never vulgar. He was a fun-maker extraordinary. He drove away gloom like the sun dispersing a fog. He made everybody happy. Millions smiled at his antics. He was the Billiken of the game.

Now Waddell, victim of tuberculosis, is paying the price of his years of night-hawking and revelry, but those

who know him best say he will greet the reaper with a grin and a joke.

Waddell went from one team to another between 1897 and 1900, but in 1901 "found" himself and became a mighty factor for Jim Hart's Chicago team. The day Waddell and Mathewson fought their duel, which the "Rube" won, he was a Chicago hero.

Waddell loved the lights. He liked to don a bartender's apron and serve drinks to a crowd. Once, having wandered upon the stage of a theatre where an animal act was on, he fooled with a lion until the beast clawed his arm, whereupon Waddell repaired to a police station and, while his wounds were being dressed, unraveled a tale of brink held up and stabbed by highwaymen, whom he had bested, this story being intended to keep Hart from firing him next day.

Connie Mack handled Waddell better than anyone else. Mack's way was to make him believe the other fellows regarded him as easy, whereupon "Rube" would shoot them across so fast they looked like marbles.

While with the Athletics Waddell pitched the first game of a double-header winning after 14 innings, and then refused to leave the box, winning a nine-inning game. He won a 20-inning contest from Boston, against Cy Young, and a 17-inning game from Bill Dinneen. He offered to pitch a four-game series against the White Sox and won the first two games, but was knocked out of the box in the third.

Waddell tried football at Butler, Pa., and when he walked upon the field with a keg of nails balanced on each hand, the opposing team left the field.

In the winter of 1903-4, Waddell starred in "The Stain of Guilt." His act consisted of flogging the villains, but he put so much realism into his acting that new villains were necessary every week or so.

Many of the tales told of Waddell were exaggerated. He left a delightful memory, free from strings. A physical marvel, with few equals as a fun-maker or a pitcher, irrespressible and devil may care, he sowed fun broadcast. He was everyone's friend and his own worst enemy, and the world is better because "Rube" Waddell lived on it.

WHO WILL BE THE PITCHING FIND IN 1914 GAMES

(By E. A. Batchelor.)

Who will be the pitching find of 1914?

Just about eight American league managers would like to know the answer to this question and each hopes to discover that the man who is to wear the title draws salary at his own particular pay window. There is almost certain to be one find for they have been bobbing up regularly for several seasons and among the unusually large crop of recruits who will be tried out next spring there surely should be some jewel.

The year 1913 produced two hurlers in the Johnsonian league who would merit the title "find." These men were Joe Boehling, of Washington,

and "Red" Russell, of Chicago. There were some good ones besides this pair, of course, but none of the other youngsters was quite up to the standard of these young men.

In 1912 Joan Dubuc, of the Tigers, was distinctly "the" find of the season, his good work helping the Tigers, who otherwise were wabbling, to maintain a semblance of strength. The stocky French-Canadian had a fine winning percentage in spite of losing some tough luck games through his tendency to blow up in the ninth inning. He piled up a comfortable string of consecutive victories in mid-season only to have it broken by the Yankees who happened to catch Detroit when Jennings' club was going particularly badly.

It was a curious coincidence that both of the hurling finds of 1913 are left-handers. Boehling, who established a season's league record for winning games in succession, had no professional experience when Clark

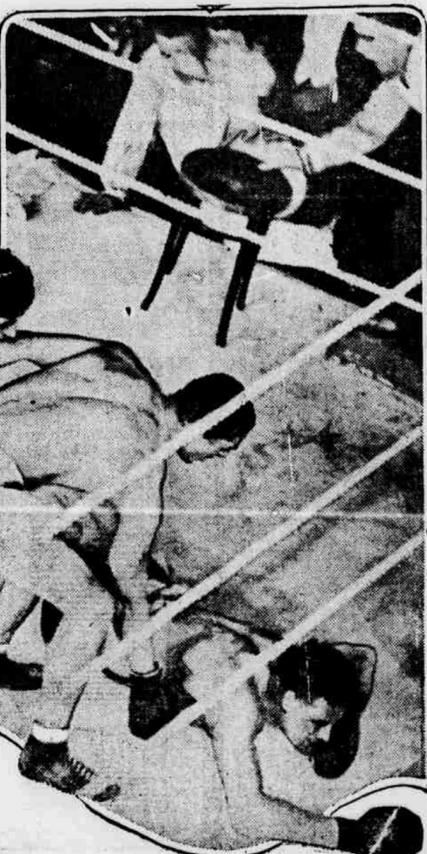
Griffith took hold of him, being discovered by a Washington newspaper man in Richmond, Va., where he played with the Battle Ax club, a semi-professional aggregation. When Griff first grabbed him Joseph had all the wildness usually accompanying sinister pitching talent, but the Nationals took hold of him and tamed him so thoroughly that control was his strong point last season.

Russell came to the White Sox from Texas, where his baseball experience had been very limited. With the Fort Worth club, of the Texas league, he did not achieve any particular distinction, but he certainly blossomed out when he struck big league society.

He has the nerve of a porch climber as a foundation for his success, harboring the conviction that no batter living has any right to face him. The first time he faced Ty Cobb, Joe Jackson and Eddie Collins he didn't even know who those great hitters were, nor did he seem to care upon be-

BOMBARDER WAS KNOCKED OUT IN A ROUND.

Bombardier Wells, English heavy-weight, met Georges Carpentier, French champion, at the National Sporting club, London, December 8, and was knocked out for the second time by the marvelous French boy in less than one round. The photograph shows Carpentier assisting Wells to his feet with the referee bending over him and Wells' seconds climbing through the ropes.



ing informed that they made a speciality of massaging young and ambitious hurlers. In addition to his other accomplishments, he proved himself an "iron man," taking the place that Walsh formerly held as the every day worker for Callahan.

It is entirely possible that the Tigers will be lucky enough to grab off the 1914 find, in which case they ought to be seen in the first division, providing the older pitchers do not slump. One youngster as good as Boehling or Russell would be a mighty big help to Jennings, especially if he could work often. There certainly is no lack of quantity on the Detroit hurling staff and if the kids can only produce some real quality, local fans will have many causes to rejoice before next fall.

BOB FITZSIMMONS CANNOT RE-ENTER RING IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 31.—That Bob Fitzsimmons, once heavyweight champion of the world, cannot re-enter the prize ring in New York, was the decision formerly reached yesterday by the New York State Athletic commission. Fitzsimmons said he was "feeling stronger" than ever, but the commission held that he no longer possessed the stamina to stand a fast bout. Fitzsimmons recently challenged any member of the white hope class to engage him in a ten-round bout.

FEDERAL ROUT IS PREDICTED BY OJINAGA

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ences were expected to be held today, preliminary to the anticipated operations against Guaymas.

Agree on Ransom. Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 31.—Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars gold has been agreed upon by General Villa, as the ransom he will accept for the release of Luis Terrazas, son of the rich Mexican land owner, who has been imprisoned here for five weeks on the charge that he had supported Huerta.

The money is to be paid by Luis Terrazas, Sr., who has been negotiating at El Paso for the release of his son. The prisoner is to be brought to the border, under safe conduct. The women members of the Terrazas family already have gone to the border.

When the federal army evacuated Chihuahua, Terrazas, Sr., went with them but the son remained behind to look after the estate. He was arrested by Villa, on the entrance of the rebels. General Choa, a rebel chief, is to become governor of Chihuahua state as soon as General Villa leaves for his campaign southward.

Mercedo Denounced. Vera Cruz, Dec. 31.—The United States gunboat Dolphin from Santiago, Cuba, arrived here this morning, as did also the British vessel Alabama, which brought sixty refugees, mostly Spaniards from Chihuahua. The refugees were thirty-four days on the way to the coast. Many of them bitterly denounced the federal general Mercedo for abandoning Chihuahua.

Warned Against Move. London, Dec. 31.—Miguel Covarrubias, ex-minister of Mexico to Russia, and now confidential agent in London of the Mexican constitutionalists, today issued a warning against the proposed scheme for the payment of interest on the Mexican National railways.

"The transaction will not be recognized by the constitutionalist government of Mexico," Senor Covarrubias said. "Therefore the securities offered in lieu of cash will never be negotiable."

Civil War in Guaymas. Hermosillo, Dec. 31.—The federals of the Guaymas garrison began skulking today among themselves, according to a report sent to military headquarters here by General Alvarado in charge of the insurgent outpost above Empalme.

It was said that late this morning a heavy fire was heard from the outskirts of the California gulf city and there had been no insurgent attack nor any insurgent forces within range of the federal position.

Desertions to the constitutionalist side have been occurring for several days.

ANTI-TRUST SUIT IS THREATENED BY FEDERALS.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 31.—That organized baseball will be attacked as a trust under the Sherman anti-trust law and as maintaining a blacklist, in case any injunctions are sought to restrain players under the reserve clause from playing with the Federal league, was indicated by a statement yesterday by Edwin E. Gates of this city, counsel for the Federal league.

"Any baseball club that attempts to obtain an injunction," said Mr. Gates, "to restrain a player from playing in the Federal league, must come into court with clean hands."

"The National commission, if it goes into court, will immediately be confronted with two very serious propositions, namely, is the commission a trust within the meaning of the Sherman anti-trust act, and is not, in fact, a blacklist maintained?"

Mr. Gates declared the Federal league has been consistent in its policy not to enter into negotiations with a player who has signed a contract to play the season of 1914 with any of its rival clubs in either of the National, American or any of the minor leagues.

"We maintain, however," said Mr. Gates, "that the reserve clause is illegal and not binding upon players, lacks mutuality and is against public policy."

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THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC AMONG INDIANS DISCUSSED.

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ment, the government continues limited authority by reason of provisions of treaties or agreements, or through special acts of congress. This service commenced in 1907 with an appropriation of \$25,000; since that time the beneficial effect of this work has become so apparent that \$100,000 was appropriated for the last fiscal year.

"The liquor evil is recognized as one of the greatest confronting the Indian today, not only because of its demoralizing influence, but for the further and very important reason that it makes him an easy prey to the unscrupulous. There are many instances where, under the influence of liquor, the Indian has been induced to convey his property without consideration. My coming to Denver for this conference is that we may more perfectly organize and systematize this work, for it is my firm purpose, with the use of good judgment, to aggressively undertake to carry out in good faith our treaty relationships in this respect, and so effectively use the funds appropriated by congress as to insure the best results obtainable. It is my desire to co-operate with the state and local authorities. I am sure that the evil results of the liquor traffic among the Indians is a matter of grave concern to the white citizens of the country, both for the reason that they are properly interested in the uplift of the red men, and for the further reason that the impoverishment of the Indian means that he will ultimately become a charge upon the taxpayers of the several states."

Mr. Sells stated that he will leave tomorrow for Muskogee where he has arranged a conference with tribal attorneys, probate attorneys, field clerks and county judges to consider probate matters affecting the minors of the five civilized tribes. Of conditions affecting the Indians in Oklahoma he said:

"I have recently discovered that it costs about 3 per cent to settle a white child's estate and that it costs more than 30 per cent to settle the estate of an Indian boy or girl. It is my determined intention to reform this indefensible practice. To this end I have recently appointed a number of probate attorneys who will give their whole time to this work. I am now submitting a number of cases to the grand juries in Oklahoma looking towards the indictment and criminal

prosecution of those who have embezzled their funds." Mr. Sells expressed interest in the proposed Indian pageant in Denver in 1915.

TO SEARCH MINE FOR FUGITIVE MOUNTAINEERS.

Pineville, Ky., Dec. 31.—Adjutant General Ellis received word this morning from Governor McCreery to spend no more time in the siege in attempting to capture "Happy Jack" Hendrickson and his clan of mountaineers who are hiding in the mine between here and Elys. The adjutant general was ordered to send men to take men and enter the mine. He prepared to act accordingly some time this afternoon. Twenty searchlights have been obtained and these will be used by as many men, while twenty other men will follow heavily armed.

TO INVESTIGATE LONG ISLAND POISONING.

Amityville, L. I., Dec. 31.—Heroic treatment was being administered this afternoon to Mrs. Charles Wingate, daughter-in-law of General Geo. W. Wingate, chief counsel for the Long Island railroad, in an effort to save her life from the effects of a slow poison which she took last night. General Wingate said he was sure the poison had been taken by mistake but the case was nevertheless referred to the district attorney's office for investigation.

MONA LIZA IS AGAIN ON EXHIBITION IN PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The return today of Da Vinci's Mona Liza, to Paris, after an absence of two years and four months was made a ceremonious occasion by the French government. The picture, after traveling from Florence to Rome and thence to Milan under careful guardianship was committed to the care of the representative of the French government, Henry Marcel, conservator of the French national museums, who arrived here with a staff of assistants this afternoon in a private compartment of the express train from Italy.

REPUBLICANS BUCK AT CONFIRMING PINDELL.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Republicans of the senate foreign relations committee have made it known that they will not agree to final action on the appointment of Henry M. Pindell, of Peoria, Ill., as ambassador to Russia, until they have an opportunity to ex-

amine certain correspondence between Mr. Pindell and Representative Stone, said to bear on activities of postmasters in Illinois. Letters have been sent to Mr. Pindell urging him to lay the correspondence before the committee.

CANADA TO STAMP OUT POTATO DISEASE.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.—The Canadian government has decided to take drastic measures to stamp out the potato disease in the maritime provinces and to this end Prof. John Adams, of the Royal College of Science, Dublin, is to have charge of the investigation of the subject. A conference of experts will be held in the near future at Woodstock, N. B. in view of the Washington embargo against Canadian Potatoes.

EIGHT DIE IN NEW YORK TENEMENT FIRE.

New York, Dec. 31.—Eight persons, five men and three women, were killed in a tenement house fire at 96 Monroe street, in the crowded east side district today. Fifteen persons were injured, four seriously, by jumping from fire escapes.

The fire started on the ground floor, cutting off escape by the stairway. It is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

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