

## DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS

It's the Day After the Circus, That's All

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## Timely Observations of Events Happening in the Sporting World

## LARGE SUM FOR MINOR PLAYERS

Statistician Figures \$147,000 Has Been Paid by Magnates

St. Louis, Aug. 26.—More money has been spent in the last few years for young baseball players than ever before—that is, the figures quoted by the major and minor magnates. Taken all in all, \$147,000 has been spent for a dozen ball players, some of whom have made good, some are unknown, while one of them has been sent back many moons ago.

Major league magnates are always trying to outdo each other in paying large prices for aspiring athletes. Or is it the minors who are claiming the record prices?

The year of 1913 sets the high mark for all others. So far \$48,000 has been spent by the major league magnates. Connie Mack, championing the leading club in the American league, has a club that cost him less than has been paid out for five ball tossers this year. The championship infield was secured for car fare and now is valued at \$100,000.

The prize of the 1913 flock is \$18,000 for Larry Chappell, an outfielder, who has failed to startle the baseball community. McGraw paid out \$15,000 for Babe Shauer, a pitcher working in the Northern league, a Class C organization. Frank Farrell expected \$12,000 for Montgomery and \$6,000 for McHale. Then Montgomery got \$7,000 for Elmer Brown.

**Mack Was Sking Once.**  
There are few magnates, in fact none, who follow Connie Mack's system. In all the years that he has managed the Athletics, and he always had good clubs, he has purchased only one high-priced player. This one, Lefty Russell, cost \$12,500, and he proved a big lemon. That was the end of Connie Mack paying out large sums for a reputed wonder.

Charles Comiskey of the White Sox takes a front seat in getting the high-priced athlete. First Comiskey secured Russell Blackburne, shortstop, for \$12,000. Blackburne proved a failure, but that did not stop the Old Roman. He grabbed Schalk and Chappell, the two costing him about \$23,000.

This baseball lottery started several seasons ago when McGraw paid \$11,000 for Babe Marquard. After doing little for two seasons, Babe came around and now is living up to his price. But for two years he was a complete failure and termed as the "Bull" of the lot.

**O'Toole "Sale" Is High.**  
Then Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pirates, sprung the high mark of all times when he "banded out" \$23,000 to the St. Paul management for Marty O'Toole. Marty has yet to prove that he is worth that much.

True, several others have made good, but some have not. Maybe the new ones coming up this year will prove wonders; maybe they won't.

A few of the high-priced players bought in the last few years.

Name	Team	Price Paid
Marty O'Toole	Pittsburgh	\$23,000
Larry Chappell	White Sox	18,000
Ray Schalk	White Sox	15,000
Lefty Russell	Athletics	12,500
Russ Blackburne	White Sox	12,000
Fred Mabel	Yankees	12,000
Babe Marquard	Giants	11,000
Ralph Comstock	Detroit	10,000
Babe Schauer	Giants	7,500
Elmer Brown	Superbas	7,000
Bill Gelly	Pittsburgh	7,000
Babe Benton	Reds	6,500
McHale	Yankees	6,000
Total		\$147,000

## PHILLIES BUY CAMNITZ

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 26.—Manager Doolin of the Philadelphia National League club announced today that he had given infielder Dolan and a cash consideration for Pitcher Camnitz and Third Baseman Byrne of the Pittsburgh team. The deal goes into effect at once.

Australia last year bought over 25,000 automobiles from the United States.

## EVERS SAYS CUBS' OWNER IS "JINX"

New York, Aug. 26.—John Evers, manager of the Chicago Nationals, considers Charles Murphy, his club owner, to be a jinx. "That's why I left Murphy in Chicago on this trip," said Evers, "for we are anxious to finish at least second in the race. We won seven straight games in Boston and Philadelphia. We are not saying anything about the Giants, but we are going to keep on plugging until the end of the season."

## JOHNSON RECORD BREAKER.

Has Already Tied Last Year's Mark for Shut Outs.

Pitcher Walter Johnson may not succeed in breaking his last year's record of pitching sixteen consecutive victories, a performance that Smokey Joe Wood of the Red Sox subsequently tied, but the star Washington twirler has already equaled one of last season's major league pitching marks in being credited nine shutout games. Last year Wood's nine runless games was the high water mark for both leagues, with Walter Johnson trailing in second place on seven shutout victories. Ed Walsh of the White Sox had six, the same number upon which Nap Rucker led the National league twirlers. With the season a little more than half over, Johnson has an excellent chance not only to shatter last year's figures but also to set up a world's record for the pitching of shutout games in a single season.

As Johnson is in line to improve the 1912 figures for individual shutouts, so it is reasonably certain that along in October it will be found that the number of shutout games played during the season far exceeded the total of twelve months back. There were seventy-eight of these shutout contests in the American league in 1912 and eighty the year before. There have already been sixty-six no-run victories in the American league. But even though this rate is maintained throughout the season the total would fall short of the league's record of 145 games—a record that will probably never be approached, inasmuch as it was made before the days of the cork-center ball.

## CONTRACTS FOR RACES

New York Yacht Club and Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

New York, Aug. 26.—Contracts between the New York Yacht club and the Royal Ulster Yacht club for next year's race for the America's cup have been signed, sealed and delivered, and now nothing stands in the way of the contest. The official announcement to the effect will be made in a day or two. The New York club is going ahead with its plans for the defense of the cup, and announcement will also soon be made as to the size of the boat which will meet Sir Thomas Lipton's 75-footer, Shamrock IV, as well as the owner or owners of the boat or boats to be built to meet her. That Lipton will be met with a yacht of the same size as his own is believed to be a certainty, and that there will be at least three yachts striving in trial races for the honor of defending is also practically assured.

## WIRELESS BALL SERVICE

Uncle Sam's Naval Heroes Kept Advised of Scores.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—Uncle Sam's aerial "news service," which by the officers and men on United States warships far out at sea are kept informed each night of the baseball scores and other items of interest, has proved a great success.

Reports to the navy department from the battleship Illinois, which has just returned to home waters with a big party of midshipmen, declare that the reports were picked up readily by the vessel when it was 2,175 nautical miles out at sea from the navy's powerful station at Arlington, Va., and 2,610 miles distant from the station at Key West. The battleship also reported intercepting wireless messages from European stations.

## FRESHMEN WILL HAVE GOOD TEAM

Michigan Looks for Great Results on the Gridiron This Fall

Although practice and training of the All-Freshman squad at the University of Michigan cannot be commenced in dead earnest until a few days after the opening of college, September 30th, interest in the team is already becoming manifest and from letters received from promising athletes all over the country, it is evident that the incoming class is sure to present some mighty good athletic material. No complete list has been given out by the athletic authorities of the men who have already signified their intention of choosing Michigan as their Alma Mater, but it is well known that the roll is already pleasing of caliber and proportions.

The reason for this is best realized when it is remembered that Michigan is the only western university which gives its freshmen team competition with outside colleges. Competent coaches are provided for the incoming athletes in all branches of sport and for the time the boys are sophomores they are much better qualified to place on the different varsity teams than is the case at other western colleges.

Francis P. Dougherty, who coaches the All-Freshman team through the two uncompleted seasons of 1909 and 1910, will again act as tutor this season. Dougherty, as a more experienced coach, got a great deal more out of the freshmen than did his successors of the seasons of 1911 and 1912. This is very evident when one stops to consider that seven of the All-Freshman squad of 1909 and eight of the 1910 squad made the varsity the following seasons. The past two seasons but three or four of the freshmen squads have won their varsity letter. The freshmen of this year are certain to be well grounded in the rules of the game and most thoroughly coached in the best style of play, for Dougherty is a wonder in these two particulars.

Adolph "Germany" Schultz, whom Walter Camp proclaimed the greatest center that ever played the game, will be an assistant to Yost this year, devoting his time and 270 pounds to the line men. "Germany" has coached the past two years at the University of Wisconsin and is given credit for the wonderful showing of the Wisconsin line those seasons. He will also give some of his time to the development of line men on the All-Freshman team.

The All-Freshman football schedule this fall includes such old time enemies as the M. A. C. Freshman, Hillsdale College Varsity, Alma College Varsity and the University of Detroit Varsity.

## NEW OLYMPIC PROGRAMME

Berlin, Aug. 26.—The International Athletic federation adjourned today. The completion of the code of rules for the international competitions was left to the Paris congress to be held in 1914. The most important achievement of the federation was the formulation of a track and field sports program applicable to the Olympic games. The committee's suggestions and standing broad jumps, limiting shot putting and javelin and discus throwing with the best hand only, inserting the fifty-six-pound weight and the 400-meter hurdles.

## HAS BEEN A MINOR LEAGUER 17 YEARS

They talk about the Lajolles, Wagners and Cobbs in major leagues, but the minors have their batting kings as well. In the Northwestern league there is a player who has a most unique batting record. This particular person is Harry Meek of the Victoria club of the Northwestern league, who has been in the minors for 17 years.

## CRAVATH LEADS IN HOME RUNS

"Gabby" Cravath of the Phillies leads the major leagues in making home runs and from present indications it would seem as though he was going to set a new mark for major league clubbers.

Cravath has made 17 home runs thus far this season. He has made 22 doubles and 11 triples and has hit for a total of 208 bases. Vic Salter of the Chicago Cubs has contributed nine circuit smashes this season.

## BASEBALL

## LEAGUE STANDINGS.

National League.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	41	35	.539
Philadelphia	40	36	.526
Pittsburgh	38	38	.500
Chicago	37	39	.487
Brooklyn	36	40	.474
Boston	35	41	.461
Cincinnati	34	42	.447
St. Louis	33	43	.435

American League.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	39	37	.513
Cleveland	38	38	.500
Washington	37	39	.487
Chicago	36	40	.474
Boston	35	41	.461
Detroit	34	42	.447
St. Louis	33	43	.435
New York	32	44	.422

## TODAY'S GAMES.

National League.  
Pittsburgh at Boston.  
Chicago at Brooklyn.  
Cincinnati at New York.  
St. Louis at Philadelphia.

American League.  
Washington at Chicago.  
Philadelphia at St. Louis.  
Boston at Detroit.  
New York at Cleveland.

## YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

National League.  
Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 26.—After Allen and Humphries had been knocked out of the box yesterday, Yingling and Lavender engaged in a pitcher's battle, the latter winning for Chicago by scoring the winning run in the seventh on his double and Leach's single.

R H E  
Chicago ... 20 000 10 0 5 1  
Brooklyn ... 10 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 9 2  
Batteries—Humphries Lavender and Archer; Allen, Yingling and Miller. Two-base hits—Evers, Lavender, Chicago; Smith, Yingling, Brooklyn. Three-base hits—Leach, Chicago; Wheat, Brooklyn.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 26.—Rixey was in fine form and given such excellent support that St. Louis was shut out by Philadelphia here yesterday. Neither Byrne nor Camnitz, who were traded to Philadelphia by Pittsburgh last Saturday reported to Manager Doolin yesterday as expected.

R H E  
St. Louis ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 3  
Philadelphia ... 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 3 0 0  
Batteries—Drak, Geyer and Hildebrand; Rixey and Kilmer. Two-base hits—Doolan, Philadelphia; Hildebrand and St. Louis. Three-base hit—Lobert, Philadelphia.

New York, N. Y., Aug. 26.—A fierce ninth inning rally enabled New York to win from Cincinnati here yesterday. Ames, the Giant's discard, pitched great ball for eight innings, but weakened in the ninth, when McGraw won a battle of wits against Tinker.

R H E  
Cincinnati ... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 0  
New York ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 8 2  
Batteries—Ames and Kling; DeMarco, Crandall and McLean, Wilson. Two-base hits—Tinker, Cincinnati; Burns, New York. Three-base hit—Murray, New York.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 26.—Boston defeated Pittsburgh here yesterday after

an exciting ninth inning battle. The last inning opened with the locals three runs in the lead, but two errors, two singles and two stolen bases allowed the visitors to score four runs, giving them a one-run lead. In Boston's half of the ninth, three singles, a double and a walk gave the locals the winning run.

R H E  
Pittsburgh ... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 6 9 1  
Boston ... 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 2 13 1  
Batteries—O'Toole, Robinson, McQuillan and Simon, Gibson; Dickson, and Whaling. Two-base hits—Mitchell, Pittsburgh; Whaling, Marienville, Lord, Boston.

American League.  
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 26.—Chicago bunched hits off Groom yesterday and defeated Washington. In the first the umpire gave a decision in favor of Collins at first and the Washington players surrounded him. He ordered Captain McBride off the field. McBride would not go and Manager Griffith, who also became vexed, refused to retreat. The visiting manager stalked about with his players at his heels until the umpire motioned a policeman. At the sight of the patrolman the Washingtonians slowly began their retreat to the players' coop.

R H E  
Washington ... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 3 1 1  
Chicago ... 12 0 0 0 0 0 2 8 5 8 0  
Batteries—Groom, Hughes and Henry; Russell and Schalk. Two-base hit—Foster, Washington. Three-base hit—Schalk, Chicago. Home run—Barger, Chicago.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 26.—The Philadelphia team was able to hit Lavender in but one inning, but this was enough, the league leaders tallying three runs on five hits and an error. Plank kept the locals out, fanning eleven.

R H E  
Philadelphia ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 5 1  
St. Louis ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 4  
Batteries—Plank and Schang; Lavender and Agnew. Two-base hit—Schang, Philadelphia.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 26.—Ty Cobb yesterday twice killed a possible Boston victory and Detroit won. In the fifth, Cobb stole home with the tying run and in the eighth after capturing Cooper's fly, he made a magnificent return to the plate and prevented Javiera from scoring on the out.

R H E  
Boston ... 4 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 4 5 1 1  
Detroit ... 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 6 11 2  
Batteries—Leonard, Bellent and Nannamaker, Cady, Carrigan, Lake, Willett and Stange. Two-base hits—Torres, Javiera, Boston; Veatch, Moriarty, Detroit.

R H E  
Cleveland ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 11 2  
New York ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 7 1  
Batteries—Blanding and O'Neil; McConnell, Fisher and Sweeney. Two-base hits—Jackson, Chapman, Cleveland. Three-base hit—Gracey, Cleveland.

American Association.  
Indianapolis 21 Columbia 12.  
St. Paul 6 Milwaukee 5.

SOCIETY NOTE  
There are just two kinds of girls in every social set—those who have learned to dance and the others—Dorothy News-Tribune.

By adding an ounce of camphor to each five gallons of gasoline in English automobile-chairs to have effected a fuel saving of 29 per cent.

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SLATED FOR A. A. N. HEAD  
Charles H. Carter, of Boston, Said to Be the Man.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 26.—Some of the New York friends of Charles H. Carter of this city, prominent in the Boston Athletic association, are advancing his name as a candidate for the presidency of the Amateur Athletic union, succeeding G. T. Kirby whose term of office expires this year. Mr. Carter, who has been prominent in amateur athletics in this city and vicinity for the past 25 years, told a local writer this morning that he had made no move in that direction, although it has been known by Mr. Carter's friends for some time that he would not be adverse to accepting the position if it came to him the right way. In fact, two years ago, when the present incumbent was making his run, Carter's name was mentioned, but not publicly.

"I really cannot say," said Mr. Carter today, "just what course I shall pursue. I can assure you that I have made no attempt as yet to secure the election to the presidency of the Athletic union. I have no desire to stir up any contest for the office and I should want to know the sentiment of several of those closely identified with the Amateur Athletic union before reaching any decision as to whether I shall run or not."

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