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DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS

No, it Hardly Seemed to Be the Place for Grace

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PITCHING FEATS OF PAST SEASON

Walter Johnson Has Best Record for Consecutive Wins

The consecutive winning pitching performances of the year have provided some of the most interesting angles of gossip that ever cropped up in the trail of the national game. With the 19-straight record of Babe Marquard, set last year, as a new mark to shoot at, all the star fingers of both big league circuits have been blazing away in their effort to forge up into a special notch of glory. One after another, they have run the string up to a point where they began to look dangerous, only to have the cord snapped and the other brilliant performances set at naught so far as the record is concerned. One little defeat and they fall back clear to the bottom, where they have to begin their climb all over again, through the weary stages of one, two, three, six, eight, straight, etc.

At the very start of the season several hurlers began nursing winning streaks. Fred Faltenberg—long C. of the Cleveland Naps—was the first to attract notice in this respect. He took 19 in a row; Grover Cleveland Alexander of the Phillies duplicated the feat and his mate—Scotton—put nine together. Eddie Plank, the great old veteran of the Athletics, southpawed his way into 10 also and so did Walter Johnson of the Senators. Lefty Russell of the White Sox clustered eight. Then everybody began to look Washington way again, when a boy, Joe Boehling, accumulated a starter and the youth kept on until he set the year's record up to that time of 11. A few days later—all within four days—Christy Mathewson and Babe Marquard, the pace-maker, both had strings of nine severed and Al Dentree, another Giant, has his at eight.

Now we have Walter Johnson with us again. Not only did he take 19 in a row in the early weeks but after a few vicissitudes he launched another string. His 14th straight was the most impressive of his bunch for he beat Cleveland, one of the hardest nuts in the American league to crack. The achievement of Johnson is unparalleled in baseball annals. Many pitchers have gone along for a goodly number of games without being beaten and several hurlers Marquard later surpassed the 14 straight mark but not one of them has been able to build up two such strings in a single season. The mental strain of nursing along a sequence of victories, of which so much has been said, is terrific with pitchers of certain sorts of temperament.

Take Marquard, for instance, in the case of his great dash of 1912. The "Rube" began to worry after he had taken a dozen games and wondered whether he would reach the record made by Keefe in the old days. The worry caused him to lose weight and when the Cubs finally checked him in his 20th start he was only a shadow of the "Rube" that began the season. He kept on in his moroseness and thought: "If I only had won that 20th game I would have possessed the record all alone." Also the enthusiasm was gone out on making a mark that would stand for years and here he was down at the bottom, forced to start all over again. He lost the next six he pitched and after that only broke even on the remainder of his games to the end of the season. He didn't pitch another really good game until the world's series.

After Plank won his 10th straight this year he lost his next three. At the end of the strings of Scotton and Alexander of the Phillies, both of them dropped several in a bunch at the time when the Quakers fell down out of the leadership of the league and the Giants took their place. Falkenberg, after his 19th, lost four straight and has only been a fair performer since. Boehling lost four in sequence after a long run.

But Johnson—what does Johnson do? The great Walter, after being shifted after his first 19, suffers only a temporary slump. In the between he lost three and won four, the three defeats being the only ones he had suffered, excepting two in the early season. Even in his slump, he

BASEBALL

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

**National League.**  
New York, N. Y., Oct. 3.—The New York-Philadelphia game began on August 29 in Philadelphia and stopped in the ninth inning by Umpire Brennan, was completed at the Polo grounds yesterday, Philadelphia winning, 3 to 0. "The longest game on record" was brought to a quick finish. Murray of the Giants, who was at bat with one out when the game at Philadelphia was interrupted, grounded to Lobert. Meyers singled, but Grant, who ran for him, was forced at second a moment later by McLean, batting for Snodgrass, and the game was over.

The Philadelphia players ran from the bench and danced in glee at the speedy decision in their favor of the long standing dispute. Umpire Brennan on August 30 stopped play in the ninth inning because of trouble with the bleacher crowd. Instructions for the play off called for resumption of the game just where it left off, with exactly the same players in the contest, the score standing 3 to 0 in favor of Philadelphia, with the Giants at bat and one man out.

The unique entertainment proceeded a double-header, the Giants winning the opener and Philadelphia the second. The second game was called at the end of the sixth on account of darkness.

**R H E**  
Philadelphia ..... 000101010—3 7 4  
New York ..... 20000420X—3 14 2  
Batteries—Chalmers, Finerman and E. Burna; Mathewson, Marquard and Meyers. Two-base hit—Luders, Philadelphia. Three-base hit—Lobert, Philadelphia.

**Second game—**  
Philadelphia ..... 210010—4 6 1  
New York ..... 0000012—3 7 2  
Batteries—Scotton and Doolin; Hearne and McLean. Two-base hit—Cooper, New York. Three-base hit—Cravath, Philadelphia; McCormick, New York.

**LOOK OUT FOR TIGERS.**  
Falkenberg Says Detroit Will Be Surprise of 1914 Race.  
Cleveland, O., Oct. 3.—Cy Falkenberg, Nap pitcher, springs a new dark horse for next year's American league race.

BACKSTOPS ARE WELL MATCHED

Men Who Will Do Receiving in the World's Series Strong

New York, Oct. 3.—The catchers of the New York Giants and Philadelphia Athletics will play an important part in the coming battles for the world's managers of the rival clubs are fortunate in having dependable trios for the position behind the plate. Connie Mack has Schang, Lapp and Thomas to use as his judgment dictates and McGraw in Meyers, McLean and Wilson has an opposing squad of catchers which, viewed in a broad manner, suffer little if any when compared with the Philadelphia wearers of mitt and mask.

Meyers and Schang appear to have first call for the position with McLean and Lapp second choice and Wilson and Thomas as third-string catchers. Meyers and Schang will be called upon to do the brunt of the work, barring illness or accident, and are therefore first to be considered in a comparison of the catching strength of the two clubs. From an offensive standpoint Meyers is the better player of the two, due to his ability as a batter. The big Indian has an unofficial record of 219 for 115 games this season as against 259 for Schang in 75 games. On the basis of the Philadelphia backstop is a faster man, but this asset is more or less nullified by the fact that Meyers gets to the initial bag more frequently than his chief rival in the world's series.

**Schang Best Thrower.**  
Rapid eye accurate and fast in throwing to bases, but the Athletics' thrower has a margin over Meyers in this respect, for he shoots to second with less apparent exertion and more speed than the Chief Tortois.

Lapp has taken the ascendancy over Thomas during the past season and judging from present indications will be Connie Mack's second choice for the stand behind the home plate. He will have a formidable opponent in McLean, who joined the Giants via the trade route from St. Louis after the mid-season mark had been passed. As in the case of Meyers and Schang the Giants' second string catcher has a decided advantage over Lapp in batting, for the records show that the former Cincinnati-St. Louis catcher has a batting average of .283 as against Lapp's .219. The figures are all the more impressive since both catchers have worked in about the same number of games. As an offset the Philadelphia catcher has proved to be equally in throwing base stealers out at second and third and in this respect outranks the veteran who was traded into a world's series pot of gold after his new team mates had secured a commanding lead in the race for the pennant.

**Records are Compared.**  
Ira Thomas, one of Mack's veterans, in point of experience at least outranks Wilson easily, but the old adage of youth vs. age may equalize this should the pair don masks and pads in the same game. Thomas is a catcher who rises to emergencies and as a tactician has few equals. As far as batting is concerned he is far superior to Wilson, but the latter has been improving steadily and may surpass expectations in this respect in case he has an opportunity to break into the series at a critical period. Once on the base lines he will have an excellent chance to pick up Thomas' advantage with the bat, for he is fast, considered from the standpoint of a catcher.

REAL FOOTBALL BEGINS

Splendid Contests Scheduled for East Tomorrow

New York, Oct. 3.—Virtually all of the big college football teams in the East will be seen on the gridiron tomorrow. The majority of the contests will be in the nature of practice games, the big teams lining up against the weaker opponents, but many of them nevertheless are expected to afford a good indication of the calibre and condition of the big eleven and a more or less reliable forecast of the probable results when the big fellows clash later in the season.

Harvard will have Bates as an opponent and Yale will line up against the University of Maine, Pennsylvania and Lafayette will meet at Philadelphia at Princeton and Fordham at Princeton. Other contests of more or less interest to followers of the game will be those of Brown and Rhode Island State, at Providence; Dartmouth and Colby, at Hanover; Williams and Vermont, at Williamstown; Carleton and Lehigh, at South Bethlehem; Amherst and Colgate, at Hamilton; Syracuse and Hamilton, at Syracuse; Rutgers and Union, at New Brunswick; Trinity and Worcester Polytechnic, at Hartford; Holy Cross and M. A. C., at Worcester; Bowdoin and Wesleyan, at Middletown; Swarthmore and Villanova, at Swarthmore; West Point and Stevens Institute, at West Point. The first intercollegiate game of the season will be staged at Ithaca by Cornell and Oberlin.

**RALPH CRAIG, ATHLETE, WEDS IN NEW JERSEY**  
Olympian Victor and Bride Will Make Their Home in Detroit.  
Montclair, N. J., Oct. 3.—Ralph Craig, of Detroit, winner of the 100 and 200-meter dashes at the international Olympic meet at Stockholm, last year, was married to Miss Elizabeth Spies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hull Spies, of this city.

Craig formerly was a member of the track team at the University of Michigan and held several records. He was graduated from the state university two years ago. He is employed as chemist at the Stearns Laboratories in Detroit. After their honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Craig will make their home in Detroit.

**ENGLISH MAKE START.**  
Scour World For Best Ponies to Capture Polo Trophy.  
New York, Oct. 3.—Devereux Milburn, international poloist, returned from Europe on Wednesday on the liner Olympic with the news that the best British polo team yet is likely to face the Americans next year in an effort to regain the international cup.

COMISKEY'S HONEYMOON

Chicago, Oct. 3.—A tour of the world with the Chicago American and New York Nationals next winter will be the honeymoon of Louis J. Comiskey, son of the owner of the local club, and Miss Grace Kelly, who were married here last night. The couple will join the baseball aggregation at Portland, Ore., in November.

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Laurium Department

MEET IN NEW HALL NEXT WEEK

Decorators Putting Final Touches to Masonic Temple Walls

Members of Keweenaw lodge, P. & A. M., yesterday received an informal letter from Deputy Grand Master G. M. Perrett of Detroit to the effect that he and other grand lodge officers will be in Laurium November 19 and that date has been tentatively set for the dedication of the Masonic hall. The permanent date together with other arrangements will be made at a meeting October 9 when an executive committee will be appointed.

The furnishings and fixtures for the hall will have arrived early next week and the building will be entirely completed by the middle of the month. Decorators are now completing final touches on the walls and the structure will be turned over to the owners shortly. The first meeting of Masons in their new hall will be next week.

Laurium lodge has been officially notified of the death of Grand Master Francis D. Clark and the temporary succession to that office of Deputy Master Perrett, by Grand Secretary Lou B. Wilson. The personnel of the

**State Notes**  
SAGINAW—Mrs. Minnie Moss and John Dickerson are under arrest charged by Lottie Minkus, 15, with detaining her in a disorderly house.

**ALBION**—The Albion Chemical Co. has outgrown its quarters and has purchased a two-story factory building.

TAX COLLECTIONS BRISK.

delegation of officers who will assist in the dedication is not known but local members believe the entire staff will be present.

The formal opening of the Keweenaw hall will be the most important function in Masonic circles in the north end of the county this year and preparations for an auspicious event are in the making.

**RECEPTION TO NEW PASTOR.**  
The Epworth league of the Laurium M. E. church conducted a reception in honor of Rev. A. B. Sutcliffe Monday evening. Literary contributions and musical selections added to the evening's entertainment.

**DEATH RECORD INCREASES.**  
The death record for the month of September is the largest in the annals of the village of Laurium, while the birth record is normal. Twelve deaths and 15 births were recorded.

for throwing the contents of a bottle of carbolic acid on his wife and child. Both were badly burned.

**LYRIC THEATER**  
The Nestell Amusement Co. Lessees  
Commencing Sunday, October 5th Opening Play "The Bankers Son"

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