

Baseball No Pastime But A Disease In Washington

No Army in Field Ever Had More Ardent Support than Capital Is Giving the Senators Who are in Far Reaches of West Battle for Pennant

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Washington, Sept. 20.—Baseball in the National capital no longer is a national game.

It is a disease, a flaming epidemic, a wild raving mania, and if something doesn't happen soon to ease the strain on the faithful fans half the population of the District of Columbia will be dead of heart failure.

No army fighting in foreign lands ever had the support that the Old Home Town is giving to the Senators in their dazzling fight for the American League pennant out there in the West where men are men, where base hits are a blessing and errors the saddest words of tongue or pen.

From the White House to the humblest alley-dwelling, Washington hangs daily upon the baseball scores. It is no longer a question of waiting for the final results. The games by half-innings are flashed to the far corners of the city. They are posted in the office buildings, they are chalked upon the windows of the corner groceries; they are passed by word of mouth along the street; the trolley conductors and motormen carry the tidings good or bad. It is bad enough for the fans to have to follow their own team in such minute detail, but they have to watch the Yanks in the same manner.

It is no exaggeration, no mere figure of speech to say that Washington is baseball crazy; baseball hungry; and it is an irony of fate that the first time the Senators have had a real chance for the old gonfalon, the team had to go away from home for all of its crucial series. But the craze is bad enough as it is. If the team were playing here, business probably would be suspended all day instead of merely during the baseball hours in the Western cities. Washington can't keep its mind on the job while the scores are coming in and makes no attempt to. Wherever you see a group of substantial business or professional men talking together, it is all about baseball. In the Government departments thousands of dollars a day disappear through the utter helplessness of the employees. They've got the baseball palsy.

The psychology of the situation here is interesting. The great bulk of the population believes it would be too good to be true for Washington to win. They never have won, so it is a psychology of precedent, a complex of pessimism. But the defeatists won't admit their feelings even to themselves. They are out at the score boards every day rooting for all they are worth and each day the shade of the game is the mood of the nation's capital. On Thursday when Cleveland was four runs ahead up to the fourth inning you could cut the gloom in Washington with a knife. There was no excitement as the Yankees in such a pitiless struggle as the race has turned out to be, is hard on the fans. They would have liked to see Washington romp in, but if victory should come after such a harrowing race, the joy will be all the sweeter. If Washington loses in the end, however, the disappointment here will be little short of a national calamity.

Washington people eagerly ask visitors if New York is as excited as the capital and they cannot understand the apparent indifference of the Bronx and Manhattan fans.

In Brooklyn it is different. There the mania is almost if not quite as bad as it is here. Brooklyn has won a pennant, but you would never know it from the inflated condition of her fans. They block traffic around the score boards, shutting off Brooklyn's famous service that gave the team at one time the sobriquet of "rolley dodgers." The fans are dodgers no longer. They take their stands in the streets and say "they shall not pass." The police are powerless to fight a way through.

And Brooklyn will never forget that final Sunday game with the Giants when the fans stormed the walls, like ancient infantry, when the gates had to be closed almost as soon as they were opened, and where Judge Landis and the chief of the fire department couldn't edge their way in with a shoe horn.

From the artistic and sentimental points of view it would be

KILLED BY MAN SHE BEFRIENDED

Wealthy Chicago Woman Brutally Murdered and Police Search for Ex-Convict She Had Helped.

Pasadena, Sep. 20.—Mrs. Clifton Hinn, wife of a wealthy Chicago business man, was killed last night by an ex-convict she once befriended.

The police said he smashed her head with a hammer, shot her through the heart and looted her apartment of goods valued at \$20,000.

The police today were seeking as Mrs. Hinn's slayer Harry Connor alias Harry Garbutt, who, according to the authorities, was released from Illinois prison through her influence after serving part of a sentence for robbery.

PHOTOGRAPHS ARE ADDED EVIDENCE

Mount Vernon, Ill., Sept. 20.—Two photographs found in the home of Rev. Lawrence Hight, held in jail while authorities investigate the death of his wife and of Wilford Sweetin who died under circumstances said to be similar, were today considered to be an important part of the evidence in the case.

Photographs of Hight and Mrs. Sweetin pasted together, the sheriff said, were found in the clergyman's home while the officers were searching for further evidence to prove that the death of Mrs. Hight was caused by poison.

SOUTHERN WOULD ADD EQUIPMENT

Washington, Sept. 20.—The Southern Railway today applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to issue \$7,550,000 of 4 1/2 per cent equipment trust certificates with which to purchase rolling stock, the total cost of which will be \$8,828,000.

UGLY SCALP WOUND WHEN HIT BY AUTO

Riding a bicycle on the wrong side of the street Abram Morris, colored whose home is on Burnett's Avenue, was struck Saturday at about noon by an automobile driven by Jim Knight, also colored. Knocked from his wheel Morris received an ugly scalp wound which required six stitches to close it up. The accident occurred in the down town section.

He Rests His Elbows



He goes the physical culture expert one better. Instead of merely leaning over until the tips of his fingers touch the ground, this St. Paul, Minn. boy can lean down until his elbows are resting on his knees—without so much as tending a knee.

KIWANIS CLUB HAD BIG NIGHT

Between Telling Thrusts of Wit that Bent Hearers With Laughter McLauchlin Preached Real Sermon

No after dinner speaker ever heard in Elizabeth City has made a more decided hit than one of Josephus Daniels' "God Blessed Macs" of the Cape Fear basin, the Rev. Dr. N. D. McLauchlin, minister of the Second Presbyterian Church of Norfolk.

Smiles began to unlimber the faces of Elizabeth City Kiwanians almost as soon as Dr. McLauchlin began to speak. Before his "I thank you," laudator had shaken their sides and rocked their bodies and when the program was done Kiwanians descended the stairway of the Southern Hotel with the face of every member broken all to pieces with a grin that stretched from ear to ear and from eyebrows to Adams apple.

Here was the closing joke: "The inmate of an institution for the insane kept importuning his attendant for a piece of toast. He was told that there was no toast to be had at that time but he was so insistent and importunate that the attendant called the warden.

"What can you want with a piece of toast this time of the day?" inquired the warden.

"Why I'm a poached egg," said the inmate's response, "and I want to sit down."

And so did Dr. McLauchlin. And yet Dr. McLauchlin's talk was by no means merely entertaining. Between his witty thrusts and his jokes told with a Scotch solemnity that added immortality to their effectiveness, he was still the preacher and, while the guard of his hearers was down, he sent in upper cuts and body thrusts that went to their mark with telling effect.

The Kiwanis watchwords of fellowship, co-operation and service were the first, secondly and thirdly of his sermonette, while dominating the whole was a plea for practice to match profession.

"We profess to subscribe to Kiwanis principles here at the luncheon table," he said, "and then we go out into business and are dominated by the law of the jungle.

"There are enough church members in the world to have conducted the whole world in a quiet square with their creeds, but it is so much easier to be narrow than to be good.

"Still I am persuaded that the world of men will be driven yet that man whom we must all confess, regardless of whence he came or whether he went, enunciated the loftiest principles that ever man spoke.

"There are many to profess but few to follow Him.

POINT SWEEP BY CLOUDBURST

Lower Currutuck Hard Hit When Three Days' Storm Comes to Climax Early Wednesday Morning.

Residents of Lower Currutuck in the city Saturday report a cloudburst Wednesday morning as a climax of the storm that swept this section on the first three days of this week.

The cloudburst occurred in the early morning shortly before dawn and the downpour lasted for about two hours, at the end of which time to a distance of eight miles above the point, Lower Currutuck was flooded to an extent that the oldest residents say they have no previous recollection of.

So great a volume of water fell that when the downpour slackened ditches were flooded and low fields were inundated to a depth of from 12 to 36 inches, while bridges were washed away and so damaged that it was impossible for the mail to make its regular run from Point Harbor to Snowdon.

The mail driver, starting out on his trip, got as far as Sheriff Griggs' home, but when he undertook to cross the bridge just above the Griggs residence the truck plunged into the ditch head first, the bridge having been entirely washed away by the flood without leaving a trace to indicate to the driver that it was gone.

N. T. Aydlott of the firm of Aydlott & Owens, former resident of Currutuck County, who was at Harbinger at the time, says that he never saw anything like it before and that in some cases entire fields of corn and cotton were completely inundated.

"Late Wednesday afternoon," says Mr. Aydlott, "the water was so deep in places in the main road from Harbinger to Towle's Point that the wheels of a Ford car in the road would be almost completely submerged and the driving as hazardous as it is on the Camden floating road at a high tide."

"It is feared," continues Mr. Aydlott, "that the crops in all the flat lands such as need sweet potatoes, fall eating potatoes for home use, and a good many gardens are completely destroyed. I saw with my own eyes nice gardens of collards with the tops of the plants barely showing above the water.

"The force of water flowing down from high tides was so great that whole trees that had been bedded in the mud for years were moved out to the sound.

"Chickens and turkeys were reported drowned and in some places the hogs were almost swimming about in the lot where they were fed."

The school trucks from the Point could not make their daily trips for two days this week on account of the storm.

REPORT COTTON SEED CRUSHED IN AUGUST

Washington, Sept. 20.—Cotton seed crushed during August totaled 63,541 tons and on hand at the mills August 31 totaled 92,644 tons, the Census Bureau announced today.

CAPTAIN MACMILLAN ARRIVES FROM NORTH

Wiscasset, Me., Sept. 20.—Capt. Donald S. MacMillan arrived here yesterday from the Far North with information which he says will benefit navigators of the world over.

CHRISTIAN JEW TO SPEAK HERE SUNDAY

Jacob Gartenhaus, a Polish Christian Jew who is working under the Baptist Home Mission Board of Atlanta, will speak at Blackwell Memorial Church on Sunday evening at 7.30. Mr. Gartenhaus' family live at present in Palestine, having gone there under the Zionist Movement. He has a thrilling story to tell and everybody is cordially invited to the service.

AGAINST SUNDAY EXCURSIONS

Boston, Sept. 20.—(Special.)—The Lord's Day League has filed a protest against the running of Sunday excursion trains by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

BIGGEST PLANING MILL HAS BEGUN OPERATION

Portland, Ore., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—The Long Bell Lumber Company's planing mill at Longview, Washington, has started operations, this mill being the largest of its kind in the world, covering five and a quarter acres and is equipped with 17 machines with a planing capacity of 125,000 feet of lumber an hour.

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With the assistance of Mr. Stevens and others in the neighborhood of Mr. Collins got the bear to Mr. Stevens' yard alive and then shot him. The animal was hard boiled and vicious, dragging his trap for thirty feet into the woods after being caught. He drank about a couple of gallons of water after being brought to the yard and broke strong sticks of wood all to pieces that were put into his mouth.

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NEW LOADING ACHIEVEMENT

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—(Special.)—A new achievement in loading was accomplished here this week when a complete motor bus 30 feet long, eight feet high and eight feet wide was run aboard a steamer under its own power and stowed.