

# RUTH AND DOYLE ARE LEADING ALL HITTERS

Ty Cobb Is Still Out of .300 Class—Merkle Jumps to Second

Chicago, June 8.—"Babe" Ruth, the Boston pitcher, continues to lead the American league in batting, with an average of .371, according to unofficial averages released today. He also tops the home-run hitters with seven. The figures include games of Wednesday.

St. Louis leads the base-stealers with 20, and McInnis, of Boston, and Shean, his teammate, remain tied in sacrifice hitting with 15. Chapman, of Cleveland, is ahead in scoring, having crossed the plate 30 times. St. Louis leads in team batting, with .274.

The leading batters are: Ruth, Boston, .371; Walker, Philadelphia, .367; Baker, New York, .359; Burns, Philadelphia, .344; Slater, St. Louis, .340; Eddie Collins, Chicago, .337; Hooper, Boston, .327; Tobin, St. Louis, .322; Gandil, Chicago, .320; McMahon, Chicago, .312; Felsch, Chicago, .305.

Cracking out a dozen hits in six games boosted Fred Merkle, the Chicago first baseman, from fifth to second place in the list of National league hitters. He is batting .376, 26 points above his average of a week ago, Larry Doyle, because of his continued absence from the game, remains at the top with .426. The averages include games of Wednesday.

Carey, of Pittsburgh, who is leading the base-stealers, has 20 thefts to his credit. Rousch, of Cincinnati, has taken the lead in sacrifice hitting, with 14. Wickland, of Boston, and Cruise, of St. Louis, top the home run hitters with three each. Benny Kauff, of New York, is leading in scoring, having registered 32 in 40 games. Chicago drove New York out of first place in team batting, with .282. The leading batters are:

Doyle, New York, .426; Merkle, Chicago, .376; Smith, Boston, .370; Wickland, Boston, .348; Daubert, Brooklyn, .343; Kauff, New York, .341; Mann, Chicago, .336; Paskert, Chicago, .321; Hollocher, Chicago, .320; Lee Mabee, Cincinnati, .320.

Barger, of Memphis, and Palmero, of Little Rock, are tied for batting leadership of the Southern association, with percentages of .400, according to averages including games of Wednesday. Coombs, of Little Rock, and Barbare, of New Orleans, are tied in sacrifice hitting, with 16 apiece. Moran, of Little Rock, continues to top the base stealers with 15. Other leading batters are:

Flagstead, Chattanooga, .388; Baker, Nashville, .335; Compton, New Orleans, .325; Hyatt, Little Rock, .309; Bstel, Little Rock, .308; Southworth, Birmingham, .307; Cuseto, Chattanooga, .306; Bues, Mobile, .305.

## GIANT FANS CEASE TO PITY REST OF WORLD

New York, June 7.—The recent cry of woe in the baseball world, the same being a howl to the effect that the Giants would trample civilization in the baseball world under foot and make a dash for the pennant that would stand for no opposition, was an eastern howl. It did not come from the west—and the west's confidence in the rest of the National league was well placed as can be seen by studying the effect of the western invasion on the monstrous average piled up by the Giants in the early part of the season.

If the east had been half as well equipped to withstand the murderous spurt of the Giants as early prognosticators hoped they would be, the cry never would have been raised. The trouble was that the west had been underestimated. Folks east of the Alleghenies refused to believe that the west had finally been raised to such a strength that the famous and troublesome Giants would be forced to swallow a pill after pill made of bitter, bitter. It was a fact last fall that the Cincinnati Reds were ready to challenge the Giants for the leadership in the National league, and it became a fact last winter that the Cubs were ready to bid for old-time favor. The Cardinals had some hard luck early in the season or they, too, would have been taking a few falls out of the Giants. Every one realized these things but the Giants and the Giant fans, who felt it their duty to shed tears of pity for the rest of the league.

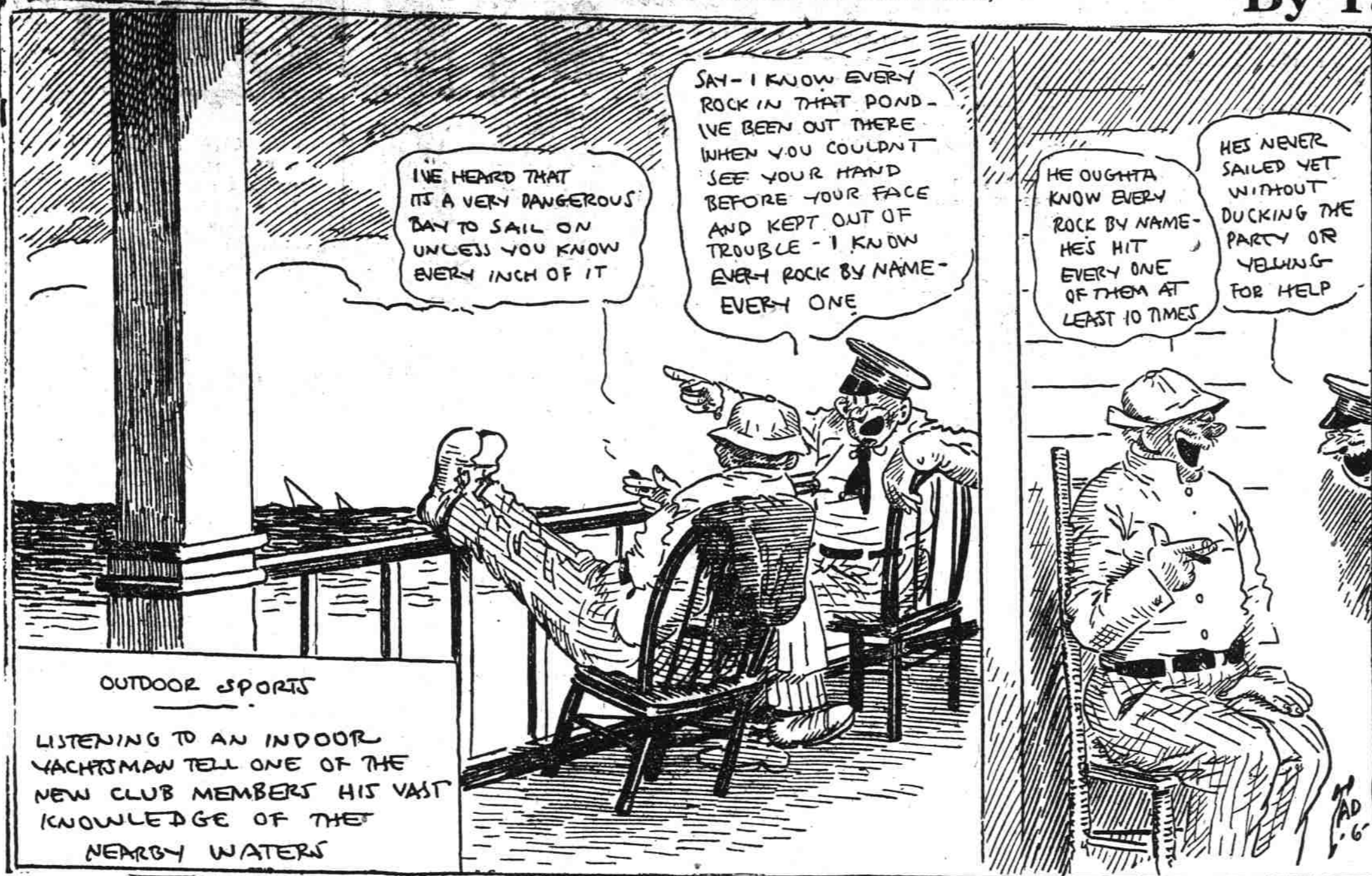
Time was when some of the National league was wondering why the Giants were not forced to sell or trade some of their players in order to help the rest of the league, which had been hard hit by the draft and enlistments. But the Giants' time to suffer came. The Giants have lost Jess Barnes, and are quite likely to lose Benny Kauff at any time. Rube Benton has been lost.

Party Game on Today. Washington, June 8.—Cares imposed by the war were to be laid aside for a time today by members of the house of representatives as the republicans and democrats met in annual congressional baseball game at the Washington American baseball park. Funds derived from admissions will be turned over to the American Red Cross. Speaker Clark and former Speaker Cannon were selected as honorary umpires.

Pitcher Sam Jones has been with the Red Sox for two years and last week succeeded in winning his first game for the Sox. For Sam's sake it is to be hoped that he won't wait until 1920 to cop another pastime.

Second base of the Giants seems to be a proper fix this season. First Larry Doyle took the count, and then Bert Niehoff broke a shaft while playing the second turn at the Polo Grounds.

## Outdoor Sports



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By Tad

## BASEBALL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

American League. Chicago 2; Philadelphia 1. Detroit 9; Washington 6. New York 1; St. Louis 0. Boston; Cleveland 14.

National League. All games postponed, rain.

American Association. Columbus 2-1; Milwaukee 4-2. Louisville 2; Kansas City 4. Toledo 1; St. Paul 6. Indianapolis 0; Minneapolis 1.

International League. Binghamton 8; Jersey City 4. Buffalo 2; Rochester 11. Toronto 4; Syracuse 7. Baltimore 2; Newark 1.

Southern Association. Little Rock 4; Memphis 2. New Orleans 4; Atlanta 0. Nashville 3; Birmingham 4.

Virginia League. Richmond-Newport News, rain. Norfolk-Petersburg, rain.

WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY.

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

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

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

American League			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Boston	28	18	.609
New York	26	18	.595
Chicago	22	17	.564
Cleveland	24	23	.511
St. Louis	20	21	.488
Washington	21	25	.457
Philadelphia	16	25	.390
Detroit	14	24	.368

National League			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	28	12	.700
New York	28	13	.683
Cincinnati	23	21	.523
Pittsburgh	18	21	.462
Boston	18	24	.429
St. Louis	17	24	.415
Brooklyn	15	27	.357

Eddie Cicotte is probably watched more closely when working on the mound than any other pitcher in the big show. The alertness of the enemy batsmen is due to the fear that the White Sox veteran may spring some new twister as baffling as was the emery teaser in its day.

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Chief interest centers in the meeting of Commander J. K. L. Ross' Cudgel and James Butler's Spur. Two weeks ago Spur, carrying 122 pounds, beat the Canadian-owned colt which had 133 pounds up, at the Jamaica track. Spur today will carry one pound more and Cudgel's impost will be 133 pounds. Their last meeting was at one and one-eighth miles and as the extra eighth is considered to be better for Cudgel, he is the favorite, as he cleverly won the Kentucky handicap at this distance at Louisville last Saturday.

The other four, Hollister, John, Hendric and Battle, are favored in the order named as betting choices.



LEONARD RED SOX

FIRST HITLESS GAME OF YEAR. "Dutch" Leonard, the Boston left-hander, defeated Detroit, 5 to 0, shutting them out without a hit. Only one Tiger reached first base, the result of the only base on balls Leonard issued.

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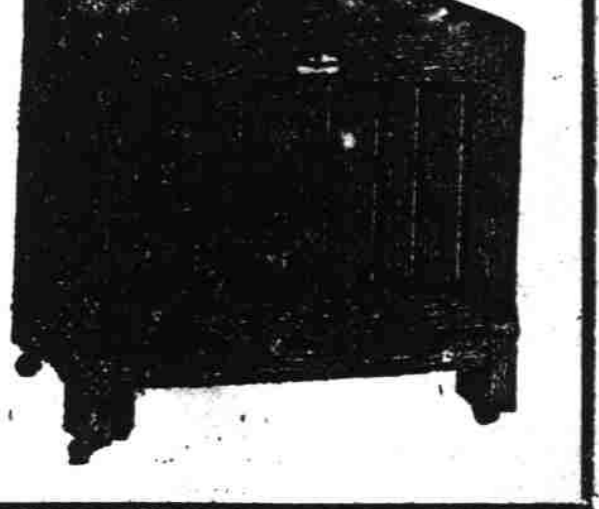
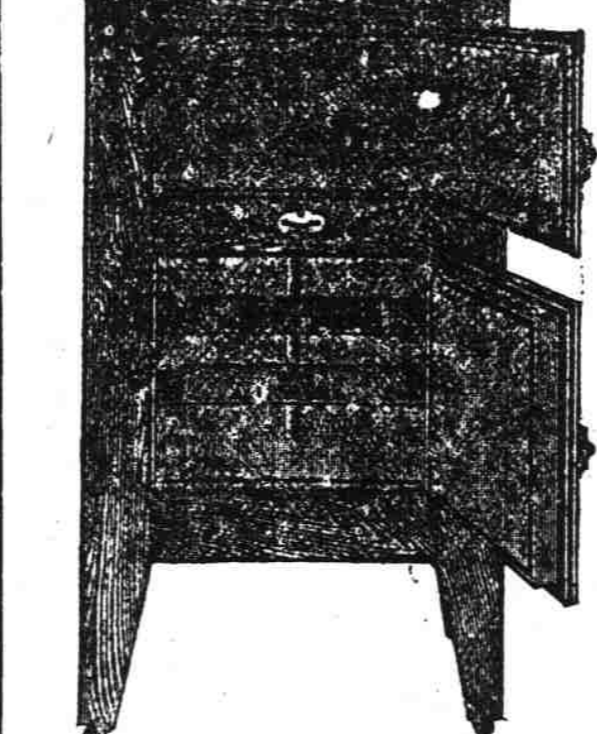
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