

## VANCE WAS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Dazzy Won Signal Honor by Brilliant Work in Box.

By HENRY L. FARRELL (United Press Sports Editor)

New York, Dec. 4.—Selection of Dazzy Vance by the committee of eight baseball writers named to pick the most valuable player in the National League was a choice almost as popular as the nomination of Walter Johnson for the same honor in the American League.

It is coincidental and unusual that two players selected for the best tribute that baseball can pay to a player were pitchers. While Johnson's choice was unanimous, there was a lot of sentiment behind the ballots, although no one will attempt to insinuate that his honor was not earned on the field. Vance's nomination was not unanimous, but it was by a margin wide enough to make it convincing.

Vance deserved the honor because it was his brilliant work in the box that brought a very ordinary club up from an assigned position in the second division to second place in one of the hottest pennant races of years.

The first ten players turned in by the committee were: Vance, 74 points; Rogers Hornsby, 62; Frank Frisch, 43; Zach Wheat, 40; Ross Young, 38; George Kelly, 34; Walter Maraville, 33; Hazen Cuyler, 25; Jack Fournier, 21; and Eddie Roush, 12.

The committee of writers which made the selection was Fred Lieb, New York chairman; Thomas Rice, Brooklyn; Jack Ryder, Cincinnati; Irving Vaughn, Chicago; William Brandt, Philadelphia; Edward Balingier, Pittsburgh; and Sid Keener, St. Louis.

From the voting of the committee it was possible to get what possibly is the best qualified opinion of an all-National League team. The players who received the most votes for the various positions were:

First base, Kelly; Giants; second base, Hornsby; Cards; shortstop, Maraville; Pirates; third base, Frisch; Wheat; left field, Roush; right field, Young; Maraville; Cuyler on six; Young, Giants; utility, Bressler, Reds;

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## SENATORS MUST REPLACE JOHNSON

Loss of Pitching Ace Will Greatly Weaken the Team.

By HENRY L. FARRELL (United Press Sports Editor)

New York, Dec. 4.—Walter Johnson's proposed retirement from the American League to become an owner and manager in the Pacific Coast League not only removes one of the finest personal assets in the major leagues but it may take with it Washington's chance to win another pennant.

Considering that Johnson is still a major league pitcher with enough head and arm to last several seasons more in fast company, the loss to the Washington club is of tremendous proportions.

Clarke Griffith and Buck Harris are now up against the problem of getting someone to take the veteran's place. When you look over the list of major league pitchers and see how many were twenty-three out of twenty-nine games last season, you will appreciate the impossibility of replacing Johnson.

Washington had more luck in winning the pennant last season than any other team in the major leagues. And any one who saw the two crazy bounds that the ball took over Lindstrom's head and gave the world's champion for the Senators in the last game of the world's series, will admit that luck certainly did not go against them.

The minor fields have been too thoroughly combed for Washington to find an ace, the only really great young pitcher to be discovered in years. The situation as club owners find it, can be compared to the situation of the Philadelphia Athletics, who are not in the league class, have to pay \$100,000 for an experiment like Lefty Grove, an International League product, who comes up with the recommendation that he will strike out about fifteen batters in a game and walk about the same number.

Even before Johnson decided that it was time for him to get out of the major leagues while he was still a major league, it was doubtful that the Washington club would be able to repeat as the American League champions. There were competent critics who insisted at the end of the season, with no desire to take the credit away from a game, inspired ball club, that the New York Yankees and the Detroit Tigers were better ball clubs than the pennant winners. It is quite possible that the Yankees or the Tigers would have finished in first place if they had the luck of Washington in escaping injuries.

Washington didn't get a bad break until the world's series was under way and when Roger Peckinpaugh had to go to the bench with a bad charley-horse, the serious weakness of the club in reserve strength was made strikingly apparent and it prompted the question: "What would Washington have done or where would the club have finished if Peck was injured during that last terrific drive the team had to make to nose out the Yankees?"

The romance surrounding the Senators in the last pennant race will be considerably reduced next season with Johnson gone and with Buck Harris an established leader, instead of a budding kid manager with the color of a college football captain. Washington will not have the same incentive to win next season that inspired the team to fight so courageously this year and to overcome obstacles that nothing but an inspired clutch could get around.

In Washington, in all probability, may follow the same road as the Boston Braves of 1914, who made one dynamic flash and then fell back into ordinary ways of an ordinary ball club.

There is no reason to believe now that the Yankees and the Tigers will be weaker next year. On the other hand, nothing to indicate that the two outstanding rivals for the pennant will be weaker next year. The Senators also need a shortstop, because Peck can't be counted upon to have another season like he enjoyed last season and his fragile legs certainly will not get stronger as he gets older.

The Yankees need another pitcher, a catcher and a shortstop and it is possible that they will get two of them before another season starts. Earl Combs will take Whitey Witt's place in centerfield and he is expected to fill the bill.

The Tigers need a second baseman, but they have a slim chance of getting a player from any other club that would make a pennant winter out of them and there are no loose stars in the minors.

Her First Thought. Picked up uninjured from beneath a motor car which had knocked her down in Union street, Aldershot, a little girl, after wiping away her tears, cheerfully observed, "I nearly lost my comic," referring to a paper she had just bought.

A tablespoonful of ammonia added to hot water will remove grease from hair brushes and combs.

## GIBBONS WANTS TO MEET DEMPSEY

St. Paul Boxer Seeks Return Match With World's Champion.

New York, Dec. 4.—Contradicting reports circulated recently, Eddie Kane, manager of Tom Gibbons, yesterday announced that the St. Paul veteran not only still is in the hunt for a world's heavyweight championship with Jack Dempsey, but is ready to tackle any of the other heavyweight contenders, particularly Harry Wills and Jack Hensault, if a preliminary bout is necessary to determine Gibbons' qualifications for the title match.

Gibbons now is here training for his bout on Dec. 9 in Madison Square Garden against Kid Norfolk, the Baltimore negro light-heavyweight, who is claiming for a match with Mike McTigue, world's light-heavyweight titleholder. The pair are scheduled for fifteen rounds as the feature attraction on the American Christmas Fund fight programme.

This match is regarded by Kane and Gibbons as in the nature of qualifying trial for the title fight against Dempsey. Depending on Gibbons' performance against Norfolk, Kane plans a campaign subsequently in which the St. Paul light-heavyweight will seek matches against Dempsey's foremost challengers to demonstrate that he is qualified again to face the champion.

After the Norfolk bout, according to Kane, Gibbons will seek a match against Gene Tunney, American light-heavyweight champion, if such a bout can be arranged on a satisfactory basis for Gibbons. Kane stated his willingness to accept this match before seeking bouts for Gibbons against Renault or Wills. In the event that a Gibbons-Tunney battle cannot be arranged, however, Kane plans to proceed with his arrangements for a heavyweight campaign by his batter leading to a return meeting with Dempsey.

Gibbons plans a week of intensive training here in advance of the Norfolk match. The St. Paul veteran is confident he can eliminate Norfolk from his list of unconquered rivals and is determined to enjoy his best possible fighting condition when he enters the ring against the Baltimore negro. On cleverness, defensiveness and offense, Gibbons probably will enter the ring a favorite to win. Norfolk, however, will have plenty of support from those who wager on boxing matches. The negro is recognized as one of the most dangerous rivals Gibbons has ever agreed to face and is expected to make things interesting for the St. Paul boxer. That Norfolk is a supremely confident of his own ability is indicated by the fact that he has intention of betting \$10,000 on himself to beat Gibbons.



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902,595 Tons Are Mined in Dominion During September

Canadian Press Cable.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—The output of Canadian coal during September amounted to 902,595 short tons, an increase of 28 per cent over the tonnage of the previous month but 35 per cent below the average month for the last five years, according to a Dominion Bureau of Statistics bulletin issued today.

The greatest increase was 182,000 tons in Alberta to a total of 265,000 tons per month. The total number of men employed in Canadian coal mines during September was 21,639 as compared with 19,280 in August. The monthly production per man was 41.7 tons for September as against 35.4 tons per man in August.

Liquor or Tobacco. (Halifax Evening Mail.)

That he had been chewing tobacco and that the odor of this had given rise to the belief that he had been drinking, was the defence of Thomas Dunsworth, charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, when his case was resumed in the police court. The accused said that at times he had stood near men who had been chewing, when he had found it impossible to tell if the odor on their breath was that of rum or tobacco.

I. C. Doty, counsel for the defence, informed Magistrate Clune that he desired opportunity to have present as a witness some man familiar with the manufacture of tobacco. He had been instructed that in the making of some forms of chewing tobacco, the substance was soaked in rum to sweeten it and also to cause the fumes to stick together.

Arthur Morgan, who had been in the automobile on the afternoon when the accident occurred, said that he had joined Dunsworth at Snow and Com-

pany's barn, and had driven with him to the cemetery and back. At no time had he noticed any signs of liquor or had anything transpired to lead him to believe that the defendant had been drinking.

John Snow, his employer, was called to testify as to the character of the accused, and the defending counsel also produced letters, including one from his clergyman.

Hub.—"Had a busy day in stocks today, my dear, so you can now get that new dress you have waited for so long."

Wife—"Oh, isn't that just too lovely for anything—here's the bill, dear."

Aunt—"And were you a very good little girl at church this morning, Sally?"

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