

Sam Crawford Nearly Through With Tigers

Surest Sign of Veteran's Finish Given In Fact That He Has Been Left at Home While Detroit Team Goes Around Circuit

When the Tigers left home for their eastern trip, Sam Crawford was not included in the party, and it was the first time since joining the Detroit team that Crawford has been left behind. This announcement brings home the fact that Sam's major league career is nearing its close and probably he will not be a member of the Detroit team next season. It is said he intends to move to California next winter and make his future home in Los Angeles or San Diego, which may be significant in connection with a recent report that he will manage the San Francisco team in the Pacific Coast league next season.

Sam is playing his fifteenth season as a member of the Detroit team. He has been in the big show for 19 years, counting 1899, when he broke into the Cincinnati lineup. Then he part in 33 games that year. He started with Chatham, Ont., in the Canadian league, that year, and played 43 games there. Crawford turned him over to Grand Rapids and he played 50 games for the Michigan team. He was with Cincinnati until the end of the 1902 season. Then he signed with Detroit and when the peace agreement was made Garry Herrmann refused to contest the new contract, allowing Crawford to join Detroit.

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A PATHETIC MEAL—A SCENE TO AROUSE SYMPATHY OF CANADIAN'S. The photograph shows French peasant women at their mid-day meal at a ruined farm-house "somewhere in the recaptured district of the Somme." A jug and a loaf comprises the whole menu. To the left stands a soldier, no longer fit for service because of his missing leg.

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Sporting Comment

No Gain in Sliding to First. Why does a baseball player slide to first base when trying to beat a close play? Because he thinks he can hit the bag quicker that way than by going across standing up. That fallacy was exploded years ago by actual test, but the younger generation of players either has forgotten it or never knew it, and the practice of sliding into first base is growing with each new relay of recruits to the majors. Even some of the older players, who ought to know better, are catching the disease.

'Way back before the present century began there was considerable agitation in favor of letting baserunners overrun second as well as first without incurring liability to be put out for it. The object was to increase the baserunning by improving a man's chances of stealing second. It was argued, and actually demonstrated by stop-watch tests, that a runner had to slow up a fraction of a second to make a slide either head first or feet first. The reason was never clearly given, but some asserted it was because the runner had to break his stride to make the slide, and others that he lost some of his bodily momentum.

'Anniehow' the tests showed the fastest possible way to get from one base to another was to stand up, run at top speed all the way, and overrun the bag. But it was decided against permitting runners to do that in going to second base because of the different conditions. At first base it is not necessary to touch the runner, but only to best him to that cushion with the ball, while at the other three bases it is necessary to tag the runner, as everyone knows. Under these conditions it really is an advantage for a runner to slide instead of going in standing up. Frequently when the ball beats a runner to second, third or home, he can avoid being touched by sliding away from the guardian of the base and making it necessary to tag his spikes of his shins, whereas if he went in standing up he would present a much larger target for the baseman to touch.

Consequently the movement to permit overrunning second base was sidetracked as a favor to foxy baserunners with the ability to slip around opponents although at the cost of a fraction of a second in their speed. There is no such advantage in the slide to first base, however, and the player who hits the dirt merely increases the chances of being beaten by the ball. It is quite probable that the players' habit of sliding to other bases on all close plays, so as to make it as hard as possible to tag them, is responsible for the growing practice of handicapping themselves at first base. Instinctively when a runner going to first sees the play will be close he makes up his mind to slide, the same as at any other base.

It has cost many a runner a life which he might have gained by springing across the base at top speed. Many decisions at first are by the wink of an eyelash, consequently the loss of a small part of a second is enough to turn the scale. Also the umpire sometimes is confused by the slide and makes the wrong decision because he expects the runner to flash past the bag instead of sliding.

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SENATORS HUMBLE LEAGUE LEADERS

White Sox Stopped Yesterday While Tigers Climbed To Third

DEFEATED RED SOX

Yanks and Indians Split, While Athletics Beat The Browns

Boston, Aug. 8.—Detroit defeated Boston 6 to 2 in the opening game of their series to-day and went into third place. Leonard, who started for Boston, was given ragged support, and Detroit piled up an early lead. Daus was hit hard, but he kept the hits scattered. Score: R. H. E. Detroit 3 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 0—6 7 1 Boston 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1—2 9 5 Batteries—Daus and Spencer; Leonard, Pennock and Thomas.

At New York. New York broke even in its double-header with Cleveland here to-day, winning the first game 8 to 2 and losing the second 2 to 1. New York won the first game by knocking Bagby out of the box in the fourth inning, scoring six runs on six hits and an error. The second game was a pitchers' battle between Caldwell and Covalski. The three runs scored were home runs. Smith and Graney hitting two for Cleveland and Caldwell one for New York. Scores: First game—R. H. E. New York 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1—2 8 2 Cleveland 0 0 1 6 0 0 1 0 x—8 13 0 Batteries—Bagby, Gould and Billings; Fisher and Nunamaker. Second game—R. H. E. Cleveland 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0—2 5 1 New York 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—1 6 0 Batteries—Covalski and O'Neill; Caldwell and Walters.

At Washington. Washington beat Chicago 2 to 0 in the first game of the series here to-day the visitors getting only three hits off Harper. Rice's hit and error by Clotte and Weaver gave Washington a run in the second inning. Successive singles by Foster, Morgan and Garrity produced the other in the fifth. Score: R. H. E. Washington 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2 5 1 Chicago 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 6 0 Batteries—Clotte and Lynn; Harper and Ainsmith.

At Philadelphia. Philadelphia and St. Louis took turns leading in to-day's game until the tenth inning when McInnes opened with a single and Schang hit for a home run, winning for the home team 6 to 5. Score: R. H. E. Philadelphia 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 2 0—5 12 5 St. Louis 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 6 1 0 Batteries—Sothoron and Seveiroid; Myers and Schang.

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INCOME TAX Associated Press

Amsterdam, Aug. 9.—According to Berlin advices, the final result of the State income tax assessment for Berlin in the taxation year of 1917, shows a total of 48,000,000 marks, or an increase of 3,500,000 over the 1916 assessment. Taxpayers with incomes of over 3,000 marks number 64,630 or 9,334 more than in 1916. The average income of skilled munition workers at the present time is from 5,000 to 6,000, and in many cases, 7,000 marks.

NOTICE

Brant Patriotic and War Relief Association

A Special Meeting of all subscribers to the Association will be held

Thursday Eve'g, Aug. 9th

at 8 p. m. in the basement of the PUBLIC LIBRARY

The purpose of the meeting will be to decide what action shall be taken to collect the arrears due by subscribers to the 1916 campaign fund.

According to the constitution of the Association, every person subscribing to the Fund thereby becomes a member

LLOYD HARRIS, President.
H. T. WATT, Sec.-Treasurer.

LEAFS SNATCH ANOTHER GAME

Took Yesterday's Encounter at Providence by Score Of Eight to Three

Providence, R.I., Aug. 9.—Nap LaJolie's scrappy Leafs dealt the pennant hopes of the groggy Grays another vicious jolt this afternoon, while 1,500 pop-eyed fans looked on in dismay. The count in this, the second combat of the series, was 8 to 3, and the victory was as clean cut as a cameo. Manager Larry sent Hearne against the Grays yesterday

yesterday afternoon and from the moment his brogans caressed the rubber until the last Providence man was out, he gave an exhibition of hurling that was fully up to the standard set by his portly side brother in arms. The ex-Virginian and Bison let down the leaders with a half-dozen bingles, two coming in the first frame and figuring in the scoring of the run that came the way of the homers, and then he made in the eighth and producing the Grays' third marker. The other was pried loose in the seventh and was a screaming three-bagger from Tutweiler's bat.

Year Gregg, the league's leading hurler, according to the official averages, attempted to curve the Leafs into submission, but they had more on the slapsticks than the lanky twirler had on the horseshide and he was forced to abdicate in favor of Schellenbach at the end of the sixth inning. The invaders nicked his slants safely seven times and they added five more off the delivery of his successor. In addition to playing a slashing game on the attack, the Leafs cut a wide swath on defence, not the slightest semblance of an error being made. Murray came into his own yesterday and delivered the goods like a little major in the short-stop berth. He also hammered out a hit. Jacobson was the big gunner in the hitting department with a triple and a brace of singles.

Manager Egan of the Grays was absent on a scouting trip and he hopes to bring back a couple of hurlers to keep the club in the race. The teams will hook up in the final game of the series to-day and in all probability Thompson will pitch for the Leafs.

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TORONTO-WINDSOR RUN IN 7 HOURS

All Previous Records For Trip Are Shattered By Maxwell Car

Ray McNamara shattered the Windsor-to-Toronto record by doing the run in seven hours, forty-four minutes elapsed time in a Maxwell touring car, carrying in addition to himself, two adult observers, Mr. A. Drake of the Windsor Record and Mr. W. Addyman, traffic manager of the Maxwell Corp. of Canada, three suitcases and auxiliary gasoline and oil reservoirs, auxiliary headlights and spare rim and tire. The car was a standard stock Maxwell touring car, with complete equipment, save for the absence of a top. The car was checked in by the contest official, observer of the Ontario Motor League at Sunnyside station, Toronto, at 6:50 in the morning. It checked out of Windsor at 11:06 the previous evening. Two tires were changed en route. Those familiar with the roads will realize the gruelling test that little Maxwell's stamina was put to and how truly remarkable was the record made.

NEW G. T. P. MANAGER Montreal, Aug. 9.—W. P. Hinton, hitherto traffic manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, has been appointed vice president and general manager of that railway to succeed Morley Donison, who has retired on account of ill health. Mr. Hinton was at one time connected with the old Canada-Atlantic railway with headquarters at Ottawa.

CRISIS IN DOMINION By Courier Leased Wire. Montreal, Aug. 9.—Archbishop Bruchesi on the occasion of the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of his elevation to Archbishop rank, this morning in St. James Cathedral, said the nation was passing through a crisis that was causing some alarm. They were nearing racial and religious war in Canada, he said. He was not discussing politics, but they could not close their eyes to the grave dangers that were arising. Inconceivable rights had been attacked and there was a danger that some of the troubles may exist after the war. He advised the people to be calm, not to lose hope and to pray sincerely for peace and a settlement on the basis of good understanding of the problems in Canada.

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