

Sporting Comment

Umpire Bill Byron is regarded by ball players as a humorist in the national league and one who gives them more laughs on and off the field than most recruits. He is known as the "Singing Umpire," and almost continuously chants in the field to keep himself in good humor. This alone is one of the peculiarities of Byron that makes his work on the field interesting to the players.

Singing on the diamond is not the only feature of Byron's work that has attracted him to all the players in the league. They say he can make more peculiar decisions than any other man officiating behind the plate or on the bases. He is a bit autocratic and likes to convince the men in action that he is the king on the field.

Off the field Byron is a likeable chap. He is always pleasant and not a bit given to self-praise. Jack Doyle, former player and umpire, recently met Manager Mitchell of the Cubs and inquired after Byron. "Don't seem to be improving a great deal," replied Mitchell. "He gave a decision against us last summer that cost me a game as well as \$100. We were playing in St. Louis and big Mule Watson was on the rubber. At Wilson was at the plate. Watson, as he started to pitch, stubbed his toe and in trying to hold back on the ball threw it wildly and hit Wilson on the back of the neck. Byron would not let him take his base, saying it was a slow ball. I protested, and he was quickly was chased to the clubhouse and later fined \$100."

Doyle laughed at Mitchell's experience with Byron and then related the following: "Byron and I worked together in a game in Newark in the International League some years ago. He was behind the plate and I was rendering decisions on the bases. In one of the innings a batter knocked a foul fly between third and home. The catcher and third baseman ran for the ball. As both men started to get under it the catcher bawled out that he would take it. The catcher and third baseman heard the voice and thought it was the other shouting for the ball and stopped. The ball fell to ground. Byron immediately called the batsman out. Of course, the catcher protested and asked why, to which Byron replied: 'He's out for vocal interference.' That created a big laugh and stood."

This story was not new to Manager Mitchell, for he was the catcher who, along with Thirdbaseman Bill Doyle, at the time he was wearing a plaster over his left eye and one on his hip as a result of a collision with the third baseman of his club and naturally was a bit timid in going after fouls. Doyle also had the accident on his hip, and Meyer, knowing this, thought quick and got away with the trick until Umpire Byron made his decision on "vocal interference."

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Boston	12	5	.706
Cleveland	9	6	.600
Chicago	6	6	.500
New York	8	8	.500
Detroit	6	6	.500
Philadelphia	5	6	.455
St. Louis	6	8	.429
Washington	5	10	.333

Saturday's Scores.			
New York	5	Boston	4
Philadelphia	1	Chicago	2
Detroit	2	St. Louis	1
St. Louis	4	Cleveland	3

Sunday's Scores.			
Detroit	3	Chicago	2
St. Louis	3	Cleveland	0

To-day's Games.			
St. Louis at Detroit.			
Cleveland at Chicago.			
Washington at Philadelphia.			
Boston at New York.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
New York	14	1	.933
Chicago	11	3	.786
Philadelphia	8	2	.800
Pittsburgh	7	7	.500
Cincinnati	3	10	.444
Brooklyn	5	10	.333
St. Louis	5	11	.313
Boston	3	12	.200

Saturday's Scores.			
Brooklyn	3	Philadelphia	0
Pittsburgh	3	St. Louis	4
Chicago	1	Cincinnati	0
New York	4	Boston	1

Sunday's Scores.			
Chicago	3	St. Louis	0



Cincinnati . . . 3 Pittsburgh . . . 1-4
To-day's Games.
New York at Boston.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn.
Cincinnati at St. Louis.

A POOR RETURN BEAT WHITE SOX

Tigers Scored on Sacrifice Fly and Won Out in Eighth

Detroit, May 5.—A poor return by Leibold of Hellman's long sacrifice fly with the bases filled in the eighth inning enabled Detroit to win from Chicago 3 to 2 this afternoon. Bush drove a fast one through the pitcher's box, Cobb was hit by a pitched ball and Veach duplicated Bush's drive, filling the bases. Bush scored on Hellman's fly, and Cobb crossed when Leibold's throw went between third and the plate. The score: R. H. E.
Chicago . . . 000200000—2 9 3
Detroit . . . 010000002—3 6 2

Batteries—Danforth and Schalk; Daus, Jones, Velle and Stange. At St. Louis.—Sotheron bested Covalski in a pitchers' duel to-day, and St. Louis shut out Cleveland, 3 to 0. St. Louis made their hits count, while Cleveland, on the good support behind Sotheron's mastery twirling, was helpless when his meant runs. Five double plays were featured. Score: R. H. E.
Cleveland . . . 000000000—0 6 3
St. Louis . . . 110001000—3 10 2

Batteries—Covalski, Enzmann; O'Neill; Sotheron and Nunnaker.

NINE STRAIGHT FOR THE CUBS

Jim Vaughn Holds Cards to Three Hits and Scored Shutout

Chicago, May 6.—Jim Vaughn was in form Saturday and held St. Louis to three hits, while Chicago bunched his off Meadows and shut out the visitors 3 to 0, making it 9 straight for the locals. Score: R. H. E.
St. Louis . . . 000000000—0 3 1
Chicago . . . 000201000—3 7 1

Batteries, Meadows, May and Snyder; Vaughn and Killifer. At Cincinnati.—Pittsburgh broke even in the first major league double header of the season here Saturday. Toney, making his first appearance of the season, pitched fine ball in the first game. The locals knocked Jacobs out of the box in less than three innings.

In the second game Schneider was wild, and his error in the second inning gave Pittsburgh a run. The scores: First game—R. H. E.
Pittsburgh . . . 010000001—1 7 2
Cincinnati . . . 020000001—3 11 3

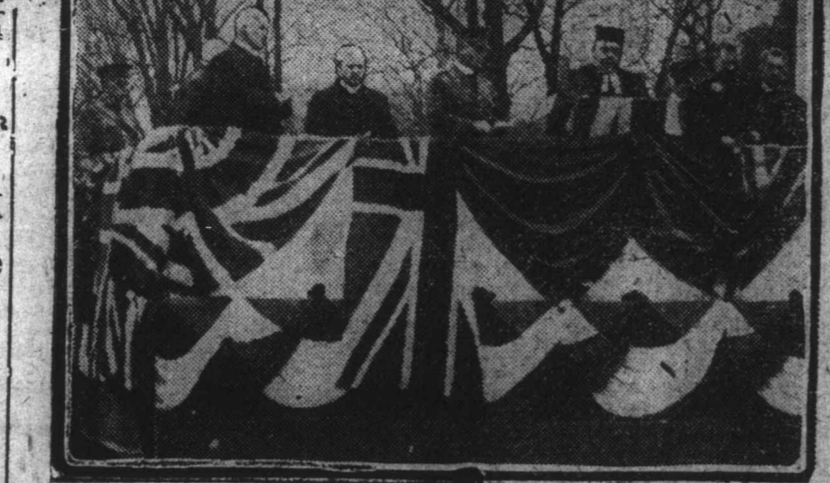
Batteries, Jacobs, Sanders and Archer; Toney and Wingo. Second game—R. H. E.
Pittsburgh . . . 120000010—4 9 1
Cincinnati . . . 020000001—3 11 3

Batteries, Harmon, Steele and Blackwell; Schneider and Wingo.

MONEY FOR GRANDCHILDREN.

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New York, May 3.—The will of Dr. W. A. Ewing, a prominent physician, just filed for probate, leaves him only surviving child, \$10,000 outright, and \$1,000 for each child she had "or brings into the world."

A Cleveland aeroplane worker is under arrest charged with tampering with finished machines.



THIRTY-THOUSAND AT INTERCESSIONAL SERVICE, TORONTO.

The top picture gives an estimate of the number of people that thronged Queen's Park Sunday afternoon on the occasion of the intercessional service for the success of the allied arms, showing as it does about one third on the field. At the right in the foreground a portion of the large section apportioned to be invaded men is shown. The lower picture shows the stand from which the representatives of the various churches directed the service. Rabbi Jacobs is seen in the act of reading the first lesson.

RAISE OR BONUS FOR THE POSTMEN

Government Will Likely Vote Allowance for the Current Year

Ottawa, May 5.—A salary increase or else a special bonus to help the lower classes in the Civil Service in solving the high cost of living problem is likely to be provided in the supplementary estimates. The Government realizes that its employees in the lower grades of the service, such as letter carriers, mail clerks, packers, messengers, etc., are not paid now comparatively as well as men in other vocations, and have a hard struggle to make both ends meet under prices for necessities. The cost of living has soared during the war years much more rapidly than the Government pay.

A good case for an extra allowance, commensurate with the increase in the cost of living, was made out by a deputation representing the mail carriers and other branches of the outside service which waited on the Government recently. Their representations have been sympathetically considered, and a bonus for them will probably be voted by Parliament before the session ends. Specific amounts and classes have not yet been decided, but it is likely that all permanent employees of the outside service now receiving less than \$1,000 a year will be given a \$100 bonus for the current fiscal year.

Readjustment by New Act.
After the new Civil Service Act is passed there will be a general reclassification and readjustment of salaries by the Civil Service Commission.

The Government will seek to run the service on straight business principles, paying salaries according to the responsibility and value of the service performed, on a par with the remuneration for similar services given in industrial life. Meanwhile, however, the Civil Service votes of this session have to determine the pay granted until the end of the present fiscal year.

LIBERTY LOAN TOTAL
Washington, May 3.—The liberty loan total to-day reached \$2,836,317,300, with partial reports from yesterday's business. The Chicago district is the fourth to go over the top with subscriptions of \$453,640,856 to cover its quota of \$425,000,000.

TEUTON DRIVE AGAINST ITALIANS

Long-Predicted Offensive on Trieste Front About to Begin

Fighting on Sunday

Emperor Charles and His Chief of Staff on the Scene

London, May 5.—Over the battle lines along the Piave River and in the mountainous region in Northern Italy, where the Allied forces have been holding their positions since last November after the great Italian retreat from the Isonzo, there is increased tension and the long-threatened blow at this front may be launched by the Teutonic allies within a few days. For many weeks the Italian War Office has been aware that the Austrians have been gathering the legions withdrawn from the Russian and Rumanian fronts for a drive at the Italian armies, and it is believed that it will not be long before the Central powers will make another attempt to reach the plains of Veneto, break through the Allies' lines and seek to bring about a decisive combat in that theatre of the war.

Emperor Charles of Austria, accompanied by his chief of staff, and high German and Austrian army officers, is reported on his way to the Italian front, and the great movement of troops in Tyrol and Trentino would seem to indicate that vast bodies of men are being taken from other fronts to be hurled at the Italian positions.

The blow, it is generally believed, will fall somewhere in the mountainous section of the front, probably in the Lagarina and Astico valleys. These sectors face the north, and, if broken, would permit the foe to penetrate into the lower foothills of the mountains, or even reach the plains. If this should occur the armies along the Piave River would be compelled to fall back, probably as far as the Adige River. This would entail the loss of

The old Fort George scenic railway at Washington Heights, N.Y., has been destroyed by fire.

O. A. B. A. HAS BEEN LAUNCHED

New Body is Organized to Govern Amateur Baseball in Ontario

Hamilton, May 5.—The Ontario Amateur Baseball Association is the latest organization in sporting circles. It came into being in this city yesterday when representative men interested in this sport came from various parts of the province and attended a meeting held in the Y.M.C.A. The meeting was called at the instance of the Ontario Baseball Commission and the following delegates were present: Toronto, W. J. Smith, A. J. Walsh, P. M. Kennedy, S. H. Armstrong, R. Hewitt, and George Walker; Hamilton, A. J. Waite, W. M. Snyder, Frank Robbins, G. I. Campbell and Fred Howard; Brantford—Ald. Kelly, and Messrs. Scruton, Davidson, Watley, Lee and Kratzman; Kitchener—Messrs. Webby and Redding; Preston—Messrs. Mitchell and O'Neill; Oshawa—E. W. Farr; Dundas—W. Murray.

The visiting delegates prior to the meeting witnessed the inaugural games of the season, being played by local amateur clubs at Victoria and Northend Parks. The meeting was presided over by W. J. Smith, of Toronto, who outlined a proposed scheme for organization by which the province would be divided into a number of districts, each of which would play a series of games, the winners in each instance to compete in semi-finals and finals for the amateur championship of the province. The meeting showed itself to be heartily in accord with the proposed amateur association, in connection with which S. H. Armstrong, Superintendent of Playgrounds for Toronto, gave very valuable suggestions. Their civic welcome was extended to the visitors by Controller T. M. Wright.

Frank Robbins President
The organization of the Ontario Amateur Baseball Association was then proceeded with and effected with the following officers—James A. Norris, Toronto, honorary president; Frank Robbins, Hamilton, 1st vice-president; Ald. Kelly, Brantford, 2nd vice-president; A. J. Walsh, Toronto, secretary-treasurer. An executive committee will be formed of a representative from each league or association affiliated with the organization.

A constitution was drafted and a comprehensive list of rules and regulations framed governing the conduct of the executive and the playing of the different series. Semi-final meetings will be held, the chief of which will take place on the last Saturday of April in each year; the other to convene at one place and on the date of the provincial final series championship game. The annual membership fee was placed at \$10. A clause was inserted in the constitution prohibiting gambling or improper conduct by players or officials at league games, and providing penalties for violation of this rule. The rules of the National League will govern all contests under the jurisdiction of the association and the semi-final and final games will be under the direct control of the provincial body.

The Norris Trophy
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A million and a half silver dollars are now being melted into bullion by the U. S. authorities.

Four U. S. military prisoners escaped from Camp McLean, Alta., after killing their guard.

The giant guns manufactured at Philadelphia can, it is claimed, throw a shell 114 miles.

President Wilson has bought a flock of sheep, which will graze on the White House grounds.

The S. S. Admiral Farragut has arrived at Seattle damaged through the grounding on an iceberg.

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