

# MATTY'S BIG LEAGUE MATTHEWSON GOSSIP



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THE GIANTS' STAR PITCHER

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One batter in baseball certainly tops all the rest. Once more I revert to that old trum of McGraw's, "Figures do not lie," and Tyra hit 280 with a club that finished down it the vice, according to the official averages of the American League. It is tougher for a man to make a good showing with a team that is up in the going, and Cobb deserves all the more credit for his work.

It is my opinion that Cobb is the greatest hitter of all time. The veteran, like "Cap" Anson, may talk of the performers of their days, but do not believe they had any better to class with Cobb. It is true that he has attained higher averages in the past than he collected for this year, and that he did not realize his ambition to hit more than 400 each season for three consecutive campaigns, but he has a grand average of .408 for the three years, according to the papers here on the coast.

It is at a terrific nervous strain that Cobb accomplishes what he does. He is a very high strung man, and he is exceedingly ambitious, so that he frets for fear that someone is going to take his crown away from him. Then, every pitcher who faces him tries extra hard against the great slugger because all the crowds on the road denote that Cobb is struck out. There is nothing that a foreign crowd enjoys more than to see some man who has made a big thing of himself fan. Then it has a chance to hood him. I know that in my league I always go after Wagner with care and work on him because he is dangerous for one thing, and because of his reputation. Therefore, it will be seen that Cobb's reputation is a handicap to him, since he is always going up against the best pitching which can be served to him.

Few persons know that Cobb's eyes are not strong. On the contrary, they are what oculists call weak, and one is much worse than the other. I think it is the left eye out of which he can see only about two-thirds as well as his right. His eyes are very susceptible to any strain and if he rides in an automobile without goggles on, they become inflamed and sore. He has to nurse them and bathe them all the time.

But Cobb does not bat so much with his eye and his body as with his head. American League players have told me that Cobb is the fastest thinking batsman ever to wear a uniform. He is always "reading up" the other side by pretending to hunt one and then "busting" into the line, or drawing the shortstop over to cover on hitting through by working the hit and run. I believe that

Cobb's thinking has the most to do with his wonderful hitting.

Several years ago there were some scandal among American League ball players about certain ballmen, eager to finish over the three hundred mark, "lobbying" for hits. That is, they would mention the fact to tail-end teams to ward the finish on the season that the club had no chance in the world to show in the money, and the pitchers might therefore ease up when they came to bat to that it would benefit the team. I heard of one case where a man made some such suggestion and then robbet one member of the club, who was hanging on the brink of three hundred runs, catch. After that the other pitchers always put everything on the ball when the batsman came to the plate. He got none the best of it, "lobbying" for hits generally works out that way.

"Cobb plays the game hard and never asks for any edge," declared "Jimmy" Calahan recently. "He doesn't want to take signs from the coaches, and, in fact, has flatly refused to do so on several occasions."

"I don't care anything about being up there set for a curve and meeting a fast one," declares Ty.

"Neither would he ask any pitcher to ease up to him. He considers the man's dignity. He wants what he gets, and he gets all he is credited with, believe me!"

Some one was telling me recently a story about Cobb and his hitting. It is no secret that the great Georgian frets about this work excessively, and it is this ambition and his spirit of dissatisfaction with himself which make him the star here. This story illustrates his mental attitude.

"The battle for the championship was getting on my nerves about the end of August last year," remarked Cobb, according to my informant. "I made up my mind I would go out and play my game and pay no attention to the averages; I would put them right out of my head. Maybe this attitude lasted for a couple of days, when I picked up a paper and read I was a few points behind Jackson. Then I went out under the same old strain."

To my mind, it is this fighting strain which keeps Cobb in front year after year. But he is that as it may, the man who told me this story added a touch to it.

"And where Jackson has the advantage over Cobb," he said, "is that the great slugger of the Cleveland club does not read the newspapers very regularly so that the averages don't bother him."

My hat is off to Cobb. He certainly faces good pitching, and he hits the ball.

## BASEBALL

### New Canadian Trophy.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—A new trophy is to be presented to the Canadian League. It will be given to the player who proves the most valuable to his club during the season. The silverware, presented by Mr. Leclaire, the winner will be decided by a vote of a committee of baseball officials to be named by the Canadian League. Mr. Leclaire, who was host to many of the ball teams during their stay in the capital last summer, will confer with Manager Frank Shaughnessy, of the Ottawas, who will lay the matter before the Canadian League delegates at their annual meeting tomorrow.

The trophy is valued at \$350, and is of solid silver, mounted on an ebony base, and topped off with the figure of a baseball player, bat in hand. It is beautifully designed, and will undoubtedly prove a most acceptable trophy. It will be put up for annual competition, and will not become the permanent property of any one player.

### Diamond Sparkles.

"Dots" is the latest big league to up golf. Like Christy Mathewson, "Pier" Bender, Johnny Evers, "Hack" Engel and Joe Wood, "Dots" is the greatest recreation for a ball player.

It must be a busy winter for Heinie Zimmerman of the Cubs. According to the "dopists" Zim has been traded four or five times since the season closed, and now he has been signed to manage the Chicago Federal League team.

Mr. John Briggs, Whitehead, Sask., writes: "I am sending you this testimonial out of pure gratitude, as I am a believer in patent medicines, but I got so run down, that I became quite willing to give anything a trial. I paid a visit to our local druggist, and told him I was suffering intense agony with my back. He told me I had kidney trouble, and handed me a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, saying it was the best thing he could possibly give me. I tried them, and the effect was certainly marvelous. They are worth \$10.00 a box of anybody's money, and I would not be without a box by me. I certainly owe my present condition to Doan's Kidney Pills."

### Third Round

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 7.—Billy Weeks won the Canadian middle-weight championship at the Steveston Arena on Saturday when he knocked out Gil Martin, former Canadian amateur champion in the third round of a scheduled fifteen round contest. A heavy right cross to the jaw sent Martin to the mat in the first round, and a similar blow ended the battle in the third round.

Kid O'Neil the Winner

What was to have been a ten round bout between Kid O'Neil of Halifax and Charles Askins of Boston in Halifax on Saturday evening ended in the fifth when O'Neil knocked his opponent out of the ring and received the decision.

Wells and Carpenter Tonight

Bombardier Wells, champion heavyweight of the British Isles, will meet George Carpenter of France at the National Sporting Club this evening for a twenty round bout.

### RUNNING

Krist won Six Mile Run

Abel Krist, Irish-American, A. C., won the national senior cross-country championship of the Amateur Athletic Union at New York on Saturday. His time was seventeen seconds behind the record.

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and should have immediate efficient treatment with SCOTT'S EMULSION because physical power is reduced and the cold would not exist.

Drugged pills and alcoholic syrups are cruelties, not remedies, but SCOTT'S Emulsion drives out the colds, warms the body by enriching the blood, and strengthens the lungs.

Nothing equals or compares Scott's Emulsion in building the forces to prevent bronchitis, grippe or pneumonia.

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# HON. J. D. HAZEN'S CYNICAL REPLY TO CONSTITUENTS

Forwards Message From Ottawa Official Declaring Saint John's "Agitation and Noise" Merely a "Fuss Caused by Ignorance"

A reply was received yesterday by J. M. Robinson, president of the board of trade, to the telegram sent by that body to Hon. J. D. Hazen in New York, Dec. 6.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 6. J. M. Robinson, St. John, N. B.

On receipt of telegram this morning received postmaster-general, and have received following reply from R. M. Coulter, deputy postmaster-general: "Anxiety to routing English mails absolutely unnecessary. All fuss caused by ignorance of St. John people in regard to what is going on, coupled with agitation worked by special interests, which you will understand. No necessity for special train at all, inasmuch as English office did not send letter mail by boat but only parcels and newspapers, which are being forwarded from St. John by both C. P. R. and Intercolonial. Whole agitation and noise purely fictitious and without meaning. Minister absent for the day but will bring your telegram to his attention immediately upon his return."

J. D. HAZEN.

The board of trade of Winnipeg has notified the minister of railways and the postmaster-general at Ottawa, that it wants the British mails forwarded from St. John via a faster route than over the C. P. R. which would cause a delay of fifteen hours.

## MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

After having eaten breakfast yesterday morning Mr. and Mrs. George Fry and their two young children were taken suddenly ill at their home in Sunny Brae, near Moncton. Dr. Price and Dr. White worked with them for several hours before they were relieved of danger. It is believed that food they had eaten contained poison.

The by-election of South Lanes, Ontario, today were Dr. Hanna, Dr. Price and Dr. White. Dr. Hanna, Independent, Conservative, and Arthur Hawkes "Canada First" candidate, will take place on December 18. The visit of two cabinet ministers to the riding, Hon. Mr. White and Hon. Mr. Price, caused reports of a possible election, and the riding was plunged into a heated war.

## Suffered Intense Agony With His Back.

Kidneys Were the Cause.

Weak back is caused by weak kidneys, and on the first approach of evidence, kidney trouble Doan's Kidney Pills should be used, and serious trouble avoided.

Doan's Kidney Pills go right to the seat of the trouble, cure the weak aching back, prevent any further complications arising.

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## GAVE INSURANCE TALK IN CARLETON PLACE BY THE CHURCH

J. K. Percy, provincial manager of the Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada, delivered an address of more than ordinary interest upon the History and Principles of Life Insurance, before the Men's Association of the First Presbyterian church, West St. John, yesterday afternoon.

Going back to the origin of insurance in the 17th century the development was traced through the operations of the

## Radway's Ready Relief

Radway's Ready Relief is a powerful medicine for all kinds of ailments, including colds, coughs, and chest pains. It is a household name and is highly recommended by medical professionals.

# THE "U. S." CAPTURED BY THE "DOMINION"

Bold Canadian Invaders Sack Uncle Sam's Financial Stronghold, and Enrich Canada by a Great Manufacturing Plant and a Thriving Industry

## A Novel Inaugural Celebration Planned

Berlin, Ont., Dec. 6.—Some two years ago, a party of Canadians, headed by D. Lorne McGibbon, of Montreal, and T. H. Rieder and A. J. Kimmel, of Berlin, planned and performed a raid on "Uncle Sam" and returned home with spoils to the extent of several million dollars. It was the biggest coup that has been executed by Canadians in recent years.

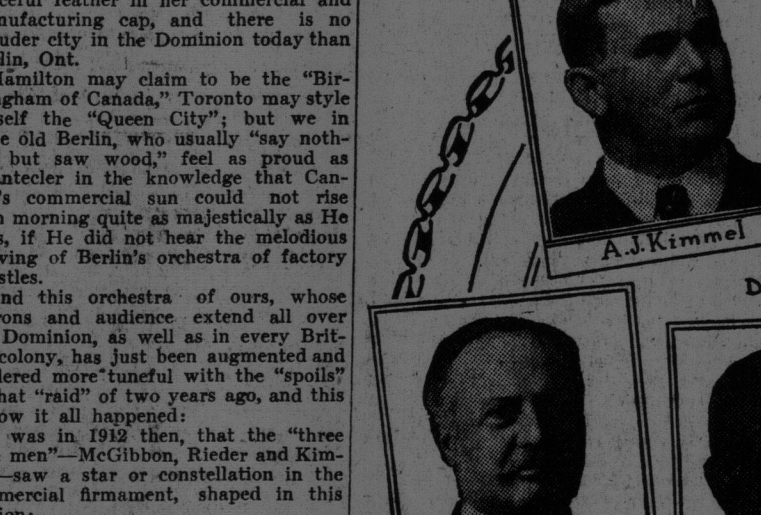
Armed with a plentiful supply of quick-riding, manufacturing maxims, clothed in most attractive Canadian uniforms, equipped with an ample commissary of mercantile and economic facts regarding both countries, and inspired with the belief that there is nothing too good for Canada and Canadians, these men sallied forth, and the enemy promptly capitulated.

"Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war," and, as a result of that well-planned raid two years ago, Canada now has another gorgeous and graceful feather in her commercial and manufacturing cap, and there is no rouser in the Dominion today than Berlin, Ont.

Hamilton may claim to be the "Birmingham of Canada," "Ottawa" may style herself the "Queen City," but we in little old Berlin, who usually "say nothing, but see much," feel as proud Chanticleer in the knowledge that Canada's commercial sun could not rise each morning quite as majestically as it does, if he did not hear the melodious crowing of Berlin's orchestra of factory whistles.

And this orchestra of ours, whose patrons and audience extend all over the Dominion, as well as in every British colony, has just been augmented and rendered more "musical" with the "spells" of that "raid" of two years ago, and this is how it all happened:

It was in 1911, when the "three wise men"—McGibbon, Rieder and Kimmel—saw a star or constellation in the commercial firmament, shaped in this fashion:



Without doubt, the finest and most complete tire factory in the world, and its equipment represents the latest and best apparatus for tire-making that has yet been conceived.

The Board of Directors of the Dominion Tire Company, Limited, is comprised of the following gentlemen: D. Lorne McGibbon, Colonel S. P. Colt, and Messrs. Victor E. Mitchell, Homer E. Sawyer, Elisha S. Williams, and Victor E. Mitchell K.C.

Mr. D. Lorne McGibbon is too well known to need any introduction. He is the president of the Dominion Consolidated Rubber Co., Limited, Goodwin's Limited, Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Limited, and a director of the United States Rubber Company and the Eastern Trust Company. He has been identified with the industrial development and progress of Canada as much as, if not more than, any of his contemporaries, and the fact that he is at the helm of any enterprise is sufficient guarantee of its success.

Colonel S. P. Colt was admitted to the New York Bar in 1876. In 1887 he founded the Industrial Trust Company, of Providence, R. I., and is still Chairman of its Board of Directors. In that year, he also began his career in the rubber industry with the National India Rubber Company, which was later merged into the Dominion Consolidated Rubber Company, Limited, and the Dominion Langkat Rubber Company, in Sumatra.

Mr. Homer E. Sawyer is well known in the States as General Sawyer, and in the Dominion as the "Rubber King." He has been identified with the rubber industry since 1888, when he entered the employ of the Boston Rubber Shoe Company. He was Assistant Superintendent

of the factories of this company from 1888 to 1908, was appointed their General Selling Agent in 1909, and became connected with the United States Rubber Company in 1902 as Manager of Sales.

Mr. Elisha S. Williams has been identified with the rubber industry for the last twenty-two years, and has, for the past five years, been President of the Rubber Goods Manufacturing Co., of New York. Prior to that he was connected with the Revere Rubber Co., of Boston, entering their employ as a clerk, and finally becoming their General Manager and Treasurer.

Mr. V. E. Mitchell graduated B. C. L. at McGill University in the year 1896, and was admitted to the Bar in the same year.

He is a member of the firm of McGibbon, Casgrain, Mitchell and Casgrain, of Montreal. He was appointed King's counsel in 1909, and is regarded as one of the leading corporation lawyers in the Dominion.

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In 1900 he organized the Elmira Felt Co., Elmira, which company was remarkably successful. In 1909, the Canadian Consolidated Felt Company was formed with a capital of \$2,000,000, taking in the factories of the Elmira Co., The Kimmel Co., and the Berlin Felt Boot Co., with Mr. Kimmel as vice-

## USE THE WANT AD. WAY

the selling operations of the C Consolidated Rubber Company Ltd., which has a chain of twenty selling staffs and distributing houses throughout Canada, which the entire products of its going plants, as well as three plants, are marketed.

Other well-known Canadians connected with the new tire company Messrs. J. H. McKenchie, Walter H. H. Jamieson, and H. E. Jamieson, of Montreal, and to the Dominion Tire Co. Ltd., have evolved a novel congratulatory celebration.

Recognizing the importance to Canadian motorists of the manufacture of motor cars, the directors of the Dominion Tire Co. Ltd. have decided to enable as many motorists as possible to participate in the festivities.

Announcements or invitations which a fac-simile is shown below accordingly being sent to approximately 1000 motor car owners in Canada.

Everyone owning a car, whose address is available, will receive if you have a car and have not received one of these invitations will be promptly sent to you if you notify the Dominion Tire Co. Ltd. of Berlin, or their selling agent, Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co.,

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THE MILLION DOLLAR FACTORY AT BERLIN, ONT.

president and general manager. In the factory, his work, and its equipment, with the larger rubber interests of Canada, which later became merged into the Dominion Consolidated Rubber Co., Limited.

T. H. Rieder has charge of the manufacturing operations of five rubber factories, where the rubber is made into tires, and it will be called DOMINION TIRE DAY.

A meritorious product! A strong guarantee! A fitting celebration! Berlin takes off its hat to the DOMINION Tire, and to its sponsors! In truth, the "DOMINION" has cap the "U.S."

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By presenting you express prepaid, with a  
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should your birthday anniversary occur  
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of these motor car owners who  
return enclosed card

## MORE ENGLISH ACTORS COMING TO CANADA

(Montreal Star.)

London, Dec. 5.—Lawrence Irving, with his wife, Miss Mabel Hackney, and company will sail in January for a tour of Canada from Halifax to Victoria, next autumn.

## OVER HALF OF ALL SICKNESS CAUSED BY WEAKENED, CLOGGED-UP KIDN

Hundreds Suffer From Kidney Trouble and Don't Know Backache, Bladder Disorders and Rheumatism Is Result

It is a well recognized fact among physicians today that a greater part of all sickness can be avoided by keeping the kidneys working properly.

This is even more important than for the bowels to move regularly.

The kidneys and bladder are the filters and sewers of the body, and they must filter the blood and keep it pure. When they fail to do this properly, you suffer with pains in the back or sides; have bladder or urinary disorders, lumbar rheumatism, dizziness, nervousness, or feel tired and worn out. If you have any such symptoms, don't neglect them. After an attack, secure an original package of Croxone which costs but a trifle, take three doses a day, for a few

days, and you will be surprised how differently you will feel.

This new effective preparation, right in and cleans out the clogged, inactive kidneys, so that they can filter out all the poisonous waste matter and uric acid and keep the blood pure.

Croxone is truly a remarkable remedy for the prompt relief of kidneys and bladder disorders. You will find it everywhere. It is so quick-acting and effectively prepared, that it is practically impossible to take it without result.

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