

# LIVE TOPICS OF SPORT AT HOME AND ABROAD

## GIANTS THE FAVORITES IN BETTING RING

(By "Dutch" Ervin.)

New York, Oct. 6.—New York is crowded with baseball fans tonight, the coming majority election is at present taking a back seat and there is nothing but world's series baseball being talked of.

While Philadelphia has many admirers, the Giants are tonight the favorites with the betting, ten to nine.

The hotels are crowded, but it is expected that all who wish seats at the Polo grounds tomorrow will have no trouble in procuring them. Eight thousand reserved seats at three dollars each have been sold and there remain thirty-two thousand seats at one and two dollars for the public to get tomorrow morning. There are several St. John people here to attend the games. There was a large crowd at the Polo grounds this afternoon to witness athletic contests between players on Giants and Phillies.

The different events proved interesting. At 3.30 teams started to see how fast they could play nine innings and at 4.03 just thirty-three minutes, they played nine full innings, making a world's record, the Giants winning, score four to one.

Big Larry McLean, a one-time player in St. John, but now a Giants catcher, looks better than ever, and in a brief message asked, "The Standard to extend his best wishes to his numerous friends in St. John."

Paul Shannon, baseball writer, commenting on the outlook for the world series, says that the Giants look very good for the pennant and that the New York team are favorites in betting circles.

"From New York comes word that McGraw's team is the favorite in the betting and that for the first time in three seasons the Giants are the back selection among the class that rack their opinions and judgment in dollars and cents," he writes in the Boston Post. "Yet in a series such as this, baseball 'dope' oftentimes meets with unexpected reverses, and history will only repeat itself if some hitherto unknown hero comes through with the hit or play that changes the course of events."

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"Over at the Hotel Somerset, the gathering place of American league forces, the Philadelphia contingent is piling in. All of the Mackmen there some time today in order to get a good night's rest before the great struggle begins."

Camping beneath the very shadow of the Polo Grounds the Giants are in the very closest possible proximity to the scene of the big battle. They are as anxious as thoroughbred for the summons to action.

"Confidence is the keynote in both camps. With two world's championships already achieved, and by practically the same team, the Philadelphia clan await the word serene in the consciousness of inherent strength and a prestige up to date undimmed. The Giants, undeterred by the fact that they have been beaten in previous years by both Athletics and Red Sox, will toe the scratch tomorrow with the feeling that although twice beaten out in the race for baseball supremacy title, they are qualified to win through to the coveted goal on this their third essay and that this is the Giants' turn to win."

"That the Giants are not making this boast altogether in vain even the American league forces will admit. McGraw has strengthened in both in field and out garden, the acquisition of Left Fielder Burns having bolstered up a weakness that had for two years been the Giants' besetting sin. In the development of Shafer and Fletcher the inner defences of the Giants have been fortified also. But it is in the pitching department that the friends of the New York team find their greatest source of jubilation."

"While the weakness of the Athletics' pitching staff has been the cry all year, and the one big fact that prevents the Giants from being the favorites to be a stumbling block in the path of the Mackmen's success, the New York fans and the National league partisans point with glee to the fact that McGraw has four regular and experienced twirlers, who are capable of taking their turn in the box and with more than ordinary hope of success. Ante-series information from the big burg states that Mathewson was never better than he is today, that Marquard will be one of the big noises in this series, and that Tesreau and Demaree will come through as expected."

Furthermore, should McGraw be forced to use any one of his second string pitchers he can call upon Promme, who has been one of his most dependable twirlers this year, Wiltsie or Crandall. It is unlikely that he will be reduced to this extremity, however. Behind the bat the acquisition of big Larry McLean has given him an experienced, hard hitting and fine pegging backstop."

"Were it not for the fact that Mack's twirlers have been rather erratic this season, the Athletics would not look nearly so favorable. Outside of the pitching force there seems to be little question but that the Athletics have the best of it by old odds."

"There is no infield of either big league that can compare anywhere near to comparing with the Athletics' quartet, and the outfield is as good, if not better, than the New York lot. But it is in hitting that the Mackmen have shown tremendous and consistent power, with five of the team hitting for 300, and a couple of others, notably the brilliant Jack Barry, figuring as most dangerous hitters in a pinch."

"The Mackmen, however, will add to this big Jack Combs, and in his absence the burden will be thrown upon the broad shoulders of the veterans, Bender and Plank. Should this pair be in top-notch form, and should either Brown, Shawkey or Bush be able to come to their aid as expected, the Giants would find the path to a world's championship securely blocked. But it is the very uncertainty regarding the status of the Philadelphia pitchers that seems to give the Giants such a good chance."

## STAGE IS SET FOR THE OPENING SCENE OF WORLD'S SERIES TODAY; BOTH TEAMS IN TRIM AND INTEREST KEYED TO HIGH TENSION POINT



THE PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS.

New York, Oct. 6.—The stage is set and tomorrow the curtain will rise on the final act of the 1913 baseball drama. Behind the scenes the Philadelphia Athletics and the New York Giants are at their stations ready for the cue that will send them into the limelight of the world's series.

Spectators from all parts of the United States are ready for the rush on the Polo grounds and only the menace of the weatherman stands between thousands of fans and the fulfillment of their expectations. "Unsettled conditions," was his dubious prediction for tomorrow.

Whether the weather forecaster be right or wrong, the fact remains that the "unsettled conditions" is the keynote to the whole situation on the eve of the playing of the initial contest of the series tomorrow. The members of the champions of the universe. Players, fans and prophets are all in the same boat. Of opinions and forecasts there are end, but each and every one is fringed with strings of "ifs" and "buts" until the seeker for facts becomes bewildered by the maze of counter information. Viewed from any angle the series appears to promise sensational baseball with the luck and breaks of the game playing a part of more than usual importance.

Neither managers nor players will hazard a straight prediction as to the result of either the first game or of the series, and their doubt as to the outcome is reflected by the betting. The Athletics' supporters in Philadelphia are offering ten to nine on Connie Mack's team, while the New York Club supporters are willing to lay similar odds when batted in their own ballpark.

Professional bookmakers, and men of their type, accustomed to figure out betting propositions in a manner which gives them the edge, offer 9 to 10 with the better making his own choice as to the probable winner. So far as actual wagering is concerned, there has been less betting than usual. The amounts range from \$5 to \$50 and many are of the freak variety—concerning the pitchers for the opening game, total number of games in the series, and similar propositions.

In the midst of the turmoil of "fanning" on the eve of the mimic battle the players of the two clubs slipped away early and tried to calm frayed nerves with a sleep that appeared to be one of the most unattainable things of the night. The members of the New York Club retired to their homes several hours before midnight and even the literary characters among them dropped pens and pencils in order that the bat might prove effective on the morrow.

The entire Philadelphia club, accompanied by a number of loyal "rooters," arrived in this city shortly after 10 p. m., and retired at once to their quarters in one of the uptown hotels. Little information regarding the plan of campaign was forthcoming and apparently both Connie Mack and John McGraw were playing a waiting game so far as final plans and line-ups were concerned.

While the principal actors in the great climax of the baseball year swooning sleep, the ticket speculators and the baseball public were far more active. Despite the plans and protestations of the New York National League Club officials, the New York ticket speculator proved his right to the title of king of his craft. Although there were but 8,000 reserved seats sold by the club to a selected list of patrons, a certain percentage of the coupons "found" their way into the hands of the ticket vendors, who offered them at prices many times over their face value. This was the usual cry of "scandal" and "investigation" but old-timers smiled and spoke of similar previous experience which resulted in lots of talk but no action.

James E. Gaffney, president and owner of the Boston National League club, applied to the New York club for 48 seats as was his privilege as a club owner and member of the select list. He stated that the local club officials told him that none was available.

The Boston club executive thereupon went on the street and purchased sixteen tickets for \$800.

Baseball enthusiasts who had made journeys of thousands of miles in order to be present at the opening of the series were not influenced by the remarks of the National Commission, and continued their hunt for a speculator who would exchange a coupon for any sum within reason, or even quite a little beyond it. Two thirty-third degree "fans" from Alaska offered \$50 for a set of three tickets, but continued the search when the sharp featured vendor demanded \$100, and refused to dicker. A trio of Texas enthusiasts paid \$75 for three seats for the opening game and appeared to be satisfied with the bargain.

The National Commission appeared to be more interested in the cases of the players who were supposed to write special articles on the world's series than in the activities of the speculators. Umpires Klem, Rigler, Connolly and Egan were called before the National Commission today and given final instructions, as well as were the official scorers. At the request of the baseball writers the commission agreed to have a third scorer sit with the two official scorers appointed by the commission. The baseball writers selected Joseph S. Jackson, of Detroit, president of the Baseball Writers' National Association, as their representative. In case of difference of opinion arises over some point in the scoring rules, a majority vote of the three will decide the question.

The umpires were instructed to follow the American league rules in Philadelphia and National league rules in New York.

In the quarters of the rival clubs neither McGraw nor Mack was ready to state a positive line-up, nor his choice of pitchers for tomorrow's game. The Giants' battery for the initial contest, according to the best information obtainable, will be Mathewson or Marquard and Meyers. The Athletics are expected to re-tailate with Bender and either Thomas or Schang behind the bat. Connie Mack's Indian twirler is said to be in splendid shape and the Athletics' best card for the battle on hostile soil, as the Polo Grounds will be tomorrow.

## MARATHON AND BICYCLE RACE ON WEDNESDAY

The pick of the Maritime Provinces will compete in the twenty mile bicycle race and the ten mile road race under the auspices of the St. John Lodge of Moose tomorrow afternoon. Among the competitors in this race will be Winchester of Charlottetown, who is the present holder of the cup; Cochran, of Bloomfield, who has been a keen contestant in previous races for the big trophy; Gallet, of St. John, who made a good showing in this race three years ago, and the following new men: Walsh, Milton, Spearman, Martin and Bedfordford, all of St. John. This will certainly be a great field, and is the largest that has ever entered for the trophy.

For the ten mile road race the entries include no less than five from the City of Halifax, as follows: Rogers, one of the fastest men in the provinces; Thornton, who finished second in the ten mile race at St. John last year; Holmes, who was third in the Herald and Mail race in Halifax last year; Mackin, who also made a good showing in that race, and Yates, who defeated Thomas last summer. The other entries are: Chambers, who won the Labor Day road race at Moncton and the ten mile race here last year, and Peterson who made a good showing in the ten mile race two years ago.

A great deal of interest has been aroused in these races and as it is the first entry of the Moose into the field to encourage and conduct clean amateur athletic sport, the members are determined to make the affair a success.

The three Halifax men, Thornton, Yates and Mackin, arrived in the city last night and are guests at the home of the Moose, Haysen street. His Worship Mayor Frink will present the prizes at a smoker at the Moose home Wednesday night.

## COBB AGAIN HEADS LIST OF BATSMEN

Chicago, Oct. 6.—Complete unofficial batting averages compiled today show Ty Cobb as the real season's leader in the American League and Jake Daubert as virtually the top man in the National. Records for the season for the first four men in each league are:

| American League   | G   | AB  | H   | P.C. |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Hendricks, Bos.   | 22  | 40  | 16  | 400  |
| Cobb, Detroit     | 115 | 434 | 169 | 388  |
| Jackson, Cleve.   | 149 | 535 | 197 | 368  |
| Speaker, Boston   | 141 | 523 | 190 | 364  |
| National League   | G   | AB  | H   | P.C. |
| Yingling, Brook.  | 37  | 60  | 24  | 400  |
| Daubert, Brook.   | 139 | 505 | 182 | 359  |
| Hyatt, Pittsburgh | 53  | 71  | 25  | 352  |
| Cravath, Phila.   | 151 | 539 | 154 | 323  |

## KILBANE ARRESTED FOR ASSAULTING 11-YEAR-OLD BOY

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 6.—Johnny Kilbane, feather weight champion, was arrested today on a warrant charging him with assaulting 11-year-old Charley Chambers. The warrant, which was sworn out by the boys' mother, Mrs. Clara Chambers, charges Kilbane attacked the boy because of a dispute over a bicycle given to the older brother for services in keeping a record of press clippings concerning the champion.

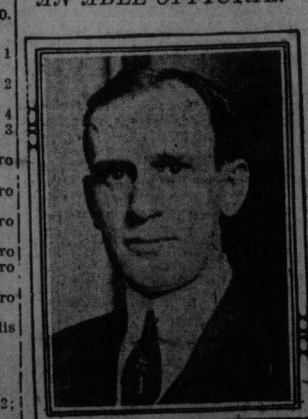
Kilbane was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Calvert and gave bond for his appearance for trial. He was tonight held in the city jail on \$1000 bail to appear in court tomorrow night.

Kilbane denied the charge, saying that he had taken from young Chambers a bicycle given to the older brother, but had not hurt the boy.

## CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURG IN POST SERIES

Cleveland, Oct. 6.—Cy Falkenberg held the Pittsburgh National leaguers to two hits in the opening game of their post-season series today, and Cleveland took the first game, 3 to 0. Only about 5,000 fans turned out to see the game. However, they saw a contest worthy of a world's series. Dolan, Chapman, Wagner and Johnston all contributed fine fielding.

## AN ABLE OFFICIAL



O. Grant Esterbrook is the new president of the Board of Aldermen in New York city, succeeding Adolph Kilne, who became Mayor by the death of Mayor Gaynor. Mr. Esterbrook is an able official and promises to give a good account of himself in his new position.

## RESULTS IN THE BOWLING LAST NIGHT

On Victoria alleys last night Ferguson and Roxborough took four points from Kiley and Sloum. Following is the score:

|            |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Kiley      | 97  | 84  | 85  | 89  | 102 | 457 | 91 | 2-3 |
| Sloum      | 80  | 76  | 83  | 84  | 87  | 410 | 82 |     |
|            | 177 | 160 | 163 | 173 | 189 | 867 |    |     |
| 3 points   |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |
| Ferguson   | 108 | 97  | 94  | 85  | 90  | 474 | 94 | 4-5 |
| Roxborough | 84  | 84  | 90  | 81  | 78  | 426 | 85 | 1-5 |
|            | 192 | 181 | 193 | 166 | 168 | 900 |    |     |
| 4 points   |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |

Mr. Kiley with 114 points won the daily competition on the Victoria bowling alleys yesterday. Mr. Kiley receives an umbrella.

## A GOOD CARD AT MOOSEPATH THIS AFTERNOON

This afternoon will witness some good horse racing over Moosepath, three classes are scheduled for the afternoon, namely, a class B pace and a Green class with a special race for a premium donated by the club between W. J. Alexander's Victor B and Lins B, owned by Earl Charters.

Much speculation is going the rounds just which horse has the speed to do the trick, and no doubt it will prove a good horse race, as both horses are in good shape and working very fast.

The track has been made ready for fast time and a good afternoon's sport is assured.

The class B pace will also prove a hotly contested race with Luck, Arthur B. McCallum, Cassie W. and probably one or two others to start, while the green class will have for probable starters, Nan Patterson, Granite, Kate F. Maynard and Ed. C.

A special train will leave Union station at 2 p. m. for the race track, returning immediately after the races are concluded.

## RECORD FOR TWO YEAR OLD TROTTERS BROKEN YESTERDAY

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 6.—The world's record for two-year-old trotters was broken today when Peter Volo won the futurity for two-year-old trotters, making the second mile in 2:04 1/2. The previous record was 2:06 1/4. The fractional time was 31 1/4; 1:02 1/2; 1:33; and 2:04 1/2.

This C. G. Billings champion trotter, lowered the world's mark for a quarter mile by going the distance in 27 seconds. Peter Volo won in straight heats. Second money went to Lady Wanetta. The Walnut Hill cup was won by Fan Patch, well driven by Snow after the daughter of Joe Patchen had lost the first two heats to Bright Axworthy. The latter was unable to keep up the pace set. President Tipton presented S. J. Hensel, her owner, with a silver cup.

Bon Zolock won the 2:10 trot after losing the first two heats to Maria Bellini. The time in the fifth heat equals the world's record for a fifth heat.

The 2:15 class pace was won in straight heats by Great Scott, the 2:15 class pace was won in straight heats by Great Scott, the 2:15 class pace was won in straight heats by Great Scott.

The Futurity for Two-Year-Old Trotters; Value \$5,000 (Special not to Exceed Four Heats).

Peter Volo, b.m. by Peter The Great (Murphy) . . . 1 1 1 1 1  
Lady Wanetta, b.m. (Cox) . . . 2 2 2 2 2  
Princess Nell, rof. (Miller) . . . 3 3 3 3 3  
Alma Forbes, blk.f. (Nolan) . . . 4 4 4 4 4  
Dr. Thorne, b.g. (Andrews) . . . 5 5 5 5 5  
Lucille Spier, blk.f. (Dickerson) . . . 6 6 6 6 6  
Time—2:09 1/4; 2:04 1/2.

2:15 Class Pacing, 2in 3; Purse \$1,000  
Great Scott, b.g. by San Mato (Snow) . . . 1 1 1 1 1  
Wyetta, blk.m. (Buster) . . . 2 2 2 2 2  
Woodellie Ing, blk.f. (Cox) . . . 3 3 3 3 3  
Does Rees, ch. m. (Edelmyer) . . . 4 4 4 4 4  
Riley Boy, b.g. (Long) . . . 5 5 5 5 5  
Time—2:04 1/2; 2:04 1/2.

SNOW IN WEST.  
Winnipeg, Oct. 6.—The first snow of the season is falling this morning in many parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, with the temperature around the freezing point last night and early this morning. No snow is yet reported from Alberta and Winnipeg.

## NEW RECORD YESTERDAY IN MAJOR LEAGUE

New York, Oct. 6.—In an exhibition game here this afternoon the champion Giants and the Philadelphia Nationals set a new record for speed for a full game between major league teams, the game being 15 seconds. With McGraw hustling in new players in rapid succession the contest resembled rapid fire target practice on a battletship. The Giants won by four to one.

Preceding the game there were several field events. In a hundred yard dash Robert beat Thorpe in 15 seconds. The fango hitting contest went to Thorpe with a rap for 4 1/2 feet and Robert won the run around the bases in fifteen seconds. Score: Philadelphia . . . 000001000—1 3 0  
New York . . . 10092001—4 8 3  
Batteries: Chalmers and Kilbride; Schupp, Wiltsie, Hoarce and Hartley, Wilson.

## CUTE LITTLE MISS MAKES BIG JOURNEY



Miss Gretchen Rytchen, just four years old, has travelled alone all the way from Europe and is now on her way to the home of her parents in San Francisco. The cute little miss, with a large tag on her breast, made a big hit with the immigration officials at New York.

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## MURDER FIRE ENGINE

Commissioner McLellan has decided to authorize the expenditure of over \$25,000, which \$5,000 may be charged against the purchase of a motor fire engine, which he estimated would cost about \$20,000, and was also authorized to purchase a motor ambulance at an outside cost of \$5,000.

Com. Schofield was given an extended leave of absence owing to illness. Allocation of berths on the west side was made for the usual terms as rentals, the companies, to heat the sheds.

Com. McLellan announced that would begin a public investigation to the police department next week the court house.

After the reading of the minutes the Mayor said he had been in error in stating in his report to the meeting that H. L. McGowan had been in the council when the Craig lease was drawn up.

The commissioner of finance reported the following payments for September:

|                         |       |        |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|
| Treasury Department     | ..... | \$ 480 |
| Public Safety           | ..... | 468    |
| Harbors, ferries, lands | ..... | 2,468  |
| Water and sewers        | ..... | 3,278  |
| Public Works            | ..... | 3,214  |

The commissioner also reported payments for September amounting \$304,599.62.

Allotment of Berths.

Allotment of berths at West St. John was made as follows:

Nos. 1, 2 and 3 to C. P. R.  
No. 4 to the Donaldson Line.  
No. 5 to the Manchester Line.  
No. 6 to the Allan Line.

Com. Schofield recommended that this allotment of warehouses be in any way to be interpreted as a vested right in the berths adjoining warehouses, but that the Commissioner of Harbors, Ferries and Lands in his discretion shall at times have authority to place steamers at any of these berths the general interest of the trade the port.

Com. Schofield said there would plenty of steamers coming here to winter, and that the harbor master would be willing to give and take with the fact of facilitating traffic. He thought, however, it was desirable to have the interests of other line companies in the harbor master's cognition of the supreme authority, the Commissioner of Harbors.

The Mayor—the by-law places authority in the hands of the harbor master.

Com. Schofield contended that commissioners was supreme, and the harbor master had recognized authority last winter.

The Mayor—I don't think he felt that way.

Com. McLellan said the question was whether the commissioner was to assume responsibility for changing the berths or not. He said that the harbor master, who, according to the old by-law, had sole authority over the movement of the ships in harbor.

The Mayor said the passing of resolution permitting the lines to hold on to the berths they were paying for would cause trouble. He line would heat the sheds they had piled and would not want to pay for the interests of other line companies. Com. Agar thought there would no harm in passing the resolution.

The Mayor—Well, let it go through. But I find that it causes friction will come back and ask that it be passed.

The resolution was then adopted. Repairs to Streets.

Com. Schofield was authorized to call for tenders for 13,000 feet of spruce deals No. 7 to replace siding on Union street (west), between 4 and No. 5 berths, and to repair platform approaching the West toll house.

Com. Schofield was also authorized to call for tenders for 100 piling 55 feet in length, and 100 piling 65 feet in length. These were piled for the ferry slips. The estimated expenditure would be about \$4,000 repairs on the slips.

It was C. C. to call for tenders for painting the ferry steamer low.

The Mayor submitted a report the letter of Mr. Worden pointing against the application of a \$100 for violating a traffic by-law, and commended that no action be taken without the concurrence of the mayor.

Com. McLellan sympathized with Mr. Worden, but found he had warned three times the day he reported. Besides the fine for all four offenders was \$10.

The Mayor's report was adopted. F. G. Spencer wrote asking permission to have one of the employees of the Opera House shown in as a constable.

Com. McLellan thought it was a good thing if all the theatres employed special policemen. Patrols who spent evenings on duty were not up to the mark for next day.

The Mayor was authorized to with the application.

Motor Fire Engine.  
Com. McLellan asked for authority to negotiate the purchase of a combination pumping and hose engine with hose wagon attached; motor, ladder truck and other equipment. The estimated cost was \$10,000. He said he had never seen two pieces of apparatus. It was coming harder to get the right horse for the department and prices were always going up. He claimed the motor equipment was away with the necessity of building new fire station.

Com. Schofield—How would motors operate in winter?  
Com. McLellan said that in cities the motor fire apparatus was all right through the winter. It was not. They would give good service.