

OUR BASEBALL COLUMN

SIZE IN THE BIG LEAGUES.

BY J. RAYMOND PRICE.

A former physical director of Yale University hit the nail on the head when he said: "The baseball player comes in all sizes and all kinds of human packages. I don't attempt to classify him, beyond certifying to his soundness of wind and limb. Think of the crack players you have known here at Yale. Compare 'Dutch' Carter, six feet three or four, and as wide as a fence post, with Billie Murphy, the meteoric shortstop, who afterward played with a big league nine. Murphy was what the boys called, 'as big as a pint of peanuts,' and beside Carter he looked like a little lad in a primary school. No, the baseball man is between five and six feet tall and between a hundred and forty and two hundred pounds, big, slim and stocky, fat and thin, all kinds and conditions. Barring him, we are able to tell, with promptness to the man and to the athletics of the university, whether a student will be most successful as a football player, a track man, a crew man, or a gymnast."

And this man was correct. While a small man may be at a disadvantage in other sports, football or rowing, for instance, his size may be his best asset in the national game.

Look at the men playing in the big leagues to-day.

Starting at third base, go over them. The smallest is, probably the Pirates' new man, "Jap" Barbeau. Bobby Byrne, of the St. Louis Nationals; Bill Purtell, the child athlete, of the Chicago White Sox; and Miller Huggins of the Cincinnati Reds, are all guarding the difficult corner in spite of their size, which does not handicap them in the least. In great contrast to these men are Bill Bradley, of the Cleveland Naps, who, until a few years ago was considered the peer of them all; Devin, of the Giants; and Steinfield, of the World's Champions, all six footers. Among the small men at the shortstop position are Javy Coffey, of the Doves; Tobiaso Kid Elberfeld, of the New York Highlanders; Omer Bush, of the Detroit Tigers; and Tommy McMillan, of the Brooklyn Superbas. Honus Wagner, who is a fine model for a back factory; Lee Tannehill, of the Chicago Americans; McBride of the Washington Senators; and Long Jack Knight, the Philadelphia schoolboy with the Highlanders, are all of greater stature than the ordinary man, and may be placed in the category of giants.

The second-sackers are large uniform in size, although Johnny Evers of the Chicago Cubs; Andy McConnell, of the Boston Red Sox; and Shorty French of the same team, are midgets, while Larry Lajie, manager of Cleveland; Ren Killifer, of Detroit; and Jimmie Williams, of the St. Louis Browns, are big and hefty.

All the initial-sackers are tall. Claude Rossman, of Detroit; Ed Tim Jordan, of Brooklyn; and Jake Stahl, of the Boston Americans, are very big men. Rossman, especially, being a giant in build. Hal Chase, who is undoubtedly the greatest first-baseman the game has ever known, is not quite as large as those mentioned, but is nevertheless a wonder. Jiggs Donohue, of the Washington American team; and Frederick Tenney, of the Giants, are also small when compared with the others.

The outfielders are of all sizes. Wahoo Sam Crawford, Mike Donlin, who is under the control of the Giants; Oldring, of the Philadelphia Athletics; Owen Wilson, of the Pirates; and Doc White, the pitcher-outfielder of the White Sox, are each as big as a house. "Wurra Wurra," O'Hara, of the

Giants; Keeler, of the Highlanders; Tommy Leach, of the Pirates, and Tully Fred Hartzell, of the Athletics, are among the wee ones. It is in the batting position that size seems to have some bearing.

There are any number of giant twirlers. Falkenberg of Cleveland, is spoken of as the human telegraph pole, and Addie Joss, of the same team, is referred to as the human hair-pin, but it is doubtful that either one of them has anything on George McConnell, formerly of the Highlanders, or Bobby Groom, the Senators' Pacific Coast recruit.

Collegian Nourse, the new pitcher of the Red Sox from Brown University, is also "some big."

Taken as a whole, Detroit, probably has the biggest staff of fingers in either league. Wild Bill Donovan, Ralph Works, Kickapoo Summers, Kullian Willets and Mullin, are all six footers.

"Lefty" Salee, of the Cardinals; "Big Six" Mathewson, of the Giants; and Jeff Overall, of the Chesty Chicago Cubs, are men whose large frames help them pitch game after game without injuring themselves.

Warhop, the Irish-Indian, of the Highlanders; his team-mate Pete Wilson; Heine Berger, of the Naps; Elaine Durbin, of the Reds, and Dygert, of the Athletics, are small.

In the back-stopping department, Long Larry McLean is the giant, with Chief Myers, of the New York Giants, and Sweeney of the Highlanders close seconds. Ira Thomas, of the Athletics, and Sullivan, of the White Sox, also are strapping big men.

Gibson, one of the Pirates' Big Four; Archer, of the Chicago Cubs; Smith, the Boston Doves' new leader; Jack Kleinow, of the Highlanders, and "Always-Something" dooin, of the Philadelphia Nationals, are not quite so large, though when compared with the average individual, they would surely have to be placed in the class of big fellows.

Canadian Club

Honor Bryce.

ST. JOHN, Aug. 18.—The Canadian Club has every cause for congratulation on the fact that they have given St. John people an opportunity to see and hear the Right Honorable James Bryce, British Ambassador to the United States. The author of the American Commonwealth was the guest of honor at a luncheon last evening and was received with the most enthusiasm. His address dealt with Canada's Chances and Possibilities, and while it was very guarded and diplomatic, as might be expected from a gentleman of Mr. Bryce's position, it was nevertheless thoughtful and earnest exposition of the gospel of hope and confidence in our great Canadian heritage.

Speaking particularly of the undeveloped resources of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Mr. Bryce referred to the water power and mineral wealth of the province which would be developed just as soon as the more rapidly progressing portions of the Dominion had had their turn. There was general development and especially he noticed the growth of good feeling between Canada and the United States. This had developed greatly in the last three or four years, though the wise rule of President Roosevelt and Taft to the United States and Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government in Canada.

Mr. Bryce, last night Governor Tweedie and Premier Hazen held an informal conference last night in Mr. Hazen's residence with a delegation composed of three prominent lumbermen of the city respectively conditions on the St. John river. His Excellency did not commit himself in any way but seemed impressed with the manner in which the delegates assisted by Lord Governor Tweedie and Premier Hazen presented the Canadian case under the Ashcroft treaty.

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CANADIAN CITIES AHEAD OF UNITED STATES

View of Glasgow's Senior Magistrate

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Mr. Jas. Shaw Maxwell, Senior Magistrate of the City of Glasgow, who is making an extensive tour of the United States and Canada, arrived in New York yesterday. Although Mr. Maxwell's purpose in visiting America is for the transaction of private business, he is taking advantage of the opportunity to study American institutions. He declares he has been greatly impressed with those he has already visited in Chicago, Boston, Toronto, and Ottawa. Coming, as he does, from the birthplace of municipal ownership, Mr. Maxwell professes surprise that the citizens are not more interested in that problem.

"From what I have already observed," he says, "the Canadian cities are far ahead of those in the United States in many respects. They appear to be better regulated and are kept cleaner."

In referring to yesterday's fire in Glasgow, the visitor expressed the opinion that New York was in more danger from serious conflagrations than his home city. "We have no frame buildings in the city proper," he said, "and I believe that our fire regulations are more strictly observed."

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FRED McRAE.

A LITTLE HEROINE

Alice Staidt, Twelve Years of Age, Plunged into Chippewa Creek and Rescued Nine Year Old Girl Who Had Got Beyond her Depth.

NEWARA FALLS, Aug. 16.—After sinking twice and just as she was going down for the third time, Nina Greenwood, the nine year old daughter of police officer Greenwood, was rescued by Alice Staidt, her twelve year old companion. Both girls reside at Chippewa creek. A still wind was blowing and Nina was carried out beyond her depth. Her companion was sitting on the bank and did not notice the girl's danger until alarmed by her cries. With splendid presence of mind, Alice sprang into the water, and swimming rapidly, reached the drowning child just as she was about to sink. Bringing the inanimate form to the shore, she immediately rushed to procure help. A doctor was summoned, and after an hour's work, brought the child back to consciousness.

The Canadian team at Bilsey won \$4,400 in cash. This fact may serve to reconcile some anti-militarists to the dangerous practice of rifle shooting.

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Great Bismarck, shouted Hans, waving his hands in despair. We are doomed. Her left front tire is lost and your fadder was due mit his shotgun in five minutes.

But Gretchen was as resourceful as she was beautiful. Rushing into the sausage factory she grabbed a big red Bologna and the next minute she was twisting it around the tireless rim.

With a parting snort the machine vanished down the muddy road.

Goot, whispered Hans, as he drew her closer to his waxy bosom.

Yah, laughed Gretchen, as she watched for the lights of her father's pursuing machine. Saved by a sausage.

Arrested for

Murderous Assault.

Marino Croce, an Italian working on the International Railway about seventy miles from Campbellton, was arrested here Wednesday charged with murderously assaulting Frank Fabio, with a knife and axe. Chief Crawford made the arrest.

The prisoner was brought before Judge Matheson and remanded until Tuesday of next week.

FOR CAMPERS

Don'ts that May Save Many Thousand Dollars

1. Don't, when in the woods, throw down a lighted match, cigar stub or other flaming object; make sure that the flame has been thoroughly extinguished before throwing it away.

2. Don't build your camp fire larger than is necessary.

3. Don't, under any circumstances, leave your fire unguarded, even for a comparatively short time; see that it is dead out before you go away.

4. Don't build your fire in leaves, rotten wood or other inflammable material.

5. Don't build your fire against a large or hollow log, where it is hard to be sure when it has been entirely put out.

To these "don'ts" it may be added that in windy weather or in a dangerous place, it is well to confine the fire in a hole dug clean down to the mineral soil. A fire may smoulder in the humus, or "duff" for days, only waiting for a strong breeze to fan it into a flame that may burn over miles of timber.

Summer tourists and campers unfortunately have a bad reputation among owners of timber as being often a cause of fires. Such fires could be prevented, almost without exception, by a little extra care on the part of the campers, who have been the unintentional cause of much forest destruction, and who have just as real an interest in the preservation of the forests as the owners of the timber themselves. The rules given above are the result of long experience and observation on the part of many woodsmen and lumbermen as to the origin of fires from this cause, and are earnestly recommended to the attention of campers, sportsmen and others.

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NAVAL AGREEMENT REACHED

Australia Will Spend Money on Cruisers and Control Her Ships

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The scheme of naval defence agreed to by the Australian representatives and the Admiralty is described as being completely satisfactory to Australian national sentiment. The Australian fleet does not pass automatically under the control of the Admiralty during war, but will be placed at its disposal.

If, when necessity arises, it is recognized in war time that the navy must be under one central control, ample provision can be made for the interchange of officers, though for sometime the Imperial navy must supply officers and men. No Dreadnought will be given the money being spent on cruisers.

ALFONSO WANTS TO GO TO WAR

Only Restrained by His Premier's Strong Efforts

MADRID, Aug. 18.—King Alfonso is taking the keenest interest in the war in Morocco and all of Premier Maura's influence is required to prevent him from going to the front. His Majesty writes daily to others at Melilla whom he knows personally.

Neither King Alfonso nor any member of the royal family has participated in any entertainment since the war has been in progress, and the social life at Madrid is almost at a standstill.

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