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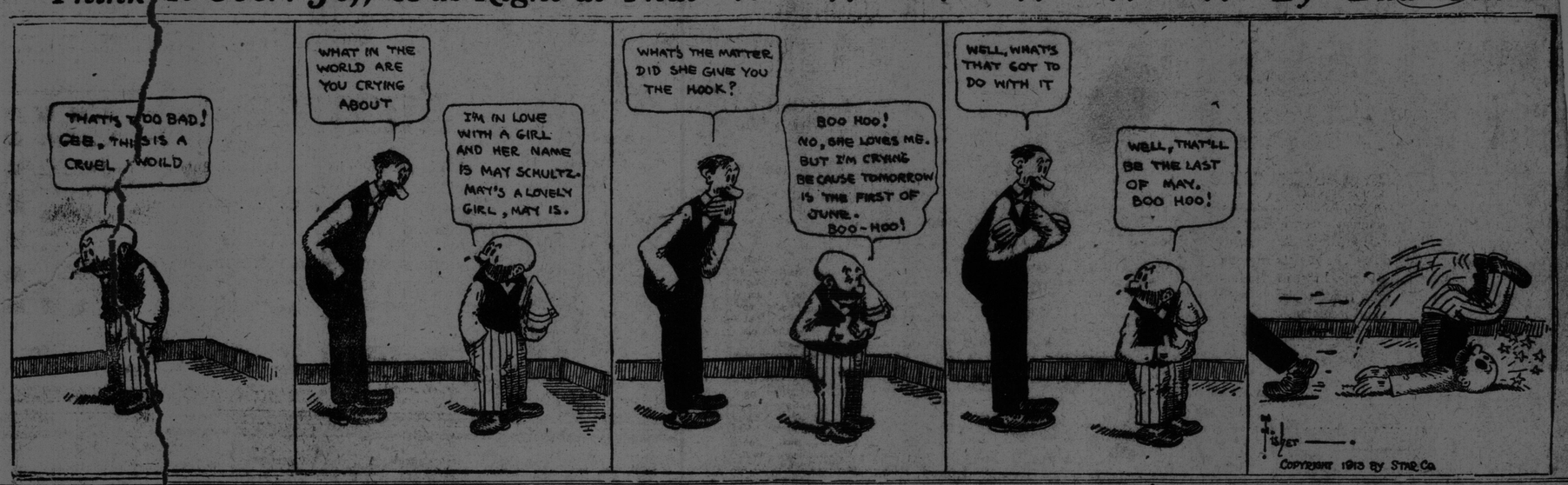

WESTERNERS HAVE ENTERED NO-HIT-NO-RUN CLASS

RUSSELL NORTHRUP AND BOB STEELE.

Pitching a no-hit-no-run game is the ambition of every pitcher in baseball. Few have achieved the honor and that two youngsters on one team should break into the exclusive class within four days is but one of the remarkable things that make baseball.

Bob Steele and Russell Northrup of the Moose Jaw Robinhoods, Western Canada League, are the youngsters who have thus achieved fame.

The "Twilight League" is not a Class A organization, but a pretty good article of ball is played by the teams. At Medicine Hat, on May 16, Northrup held the Hatters to a hitless, runless game for nine innings, and at Calgary on May 20, Steele duplicated the performance.

Northrup hails from Des Moines, Ia., and this is his first year in organized baseball. He was tried out and released by Des Moines this spring. Vancouver of the Northwestern League took him and let him go to Moose Jaw, where he rounded into form and is one of the league sensations.

Steele is a Canadian, his home being in Victoria, B. C. That team tried out Steele, but had a good left-hander and decided that Steele, who is but nineteen, wouldn't do, so he was sent to the Moose Jaw team and has not lost a game since the season started.

McGraw's Review Of the Big Leagues

By JOHN J. McGRAW, Manager of the Champion Giants

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The American League contest has developed into a beautiful battle. In the early days of spring it looked as if it would be a walkaway for the Athletics, but, out of the stable of dark horses, Cleveland has advanced and is giving the Philadelphia team a great old nip and tuck fight. The Naps were not reckoned in the pennant running by any of the experts before the season; they lost many of their exhibition games. The showing made by this club is, in my opinion, largely due to the fine managerial ability of Birmingham.

Even Closer

Before the end of July the race threatens to become even tighter than it is right now. Five powerful teams have a chance to take the honors. Three of these have only outside opportunities, the chance of the Washington club, rated to be a strong contender before the season, becoming more outside every day. It would not surprise me to see either Chicago or Boston come through eventually, they being the other two of the three teams with the outside chances.

Probably it will settle down into a battle between Cleveland and the Athletics. However, these two clubs stack up very evenly, with the Philadelphia boys having the edge on experience and general team play. Cleveland looks better in the pitcher's box. Both clubs are determined fighters, the fighting spirit having been put in the Naps by Birmingham. He picked up practically the same club, with which he is making his race now, last season when it was going very badly and finished in grand style.

Birmingham has his team fighting and snarling and aggressive. They tell me out through the middle west that you would never recognize the men for the same, mild mannered athletes who appeared with the club last year. The players will not speak to an opponent civilly on the field. They are always in there scrapping over every inch of the way. It is this aggressive spirit which wins many a ball game.

If the Naps should take the pennant, it would be a baseball sensation, because Birmingham is fighting his way through the race with several new men who have developed into good players, but still athletes going through their first year in the big league. This is always a dangerous proposition, especially if the race tightens up, as it threatens to do. I have heard great praise for Chapman, a young shortstop, and he has very materially strengthened the third base side of the infield. With Lajoie back at second, Birmingham will have a good inner defence, because young Johnson is making a record for himself at first.

The heavy artillery of the Cleveland team wins many ball games. The two big guns are Lajoie and Jackson, and they are great clean-up men. But to show that the Naps are not dependent on one man, the team has continued to plunge along victoriously without Lajoie. Now that he is back in the game, they should play even better ball.

Much on Eastern Trip

As far as the Cleveland club is concerned, much depends on the result of this eastern trip. If Birmingham can keep his club up within two or three games of the Athletics until he gets back home, he will have a much better chance to win eventually. If he is drubbed by Philadelphia, Washington and Boston, he is going to have a tough time getting back in the race. The Naps will not encounter so much opposition in the west, after their return, as the Athletics will meet when playing against Washington and Boston in the east. There is one weak team in the American league in the eastern division, and there are two in the west, Detroit and St. Louis.

The thing comes down to this. By making a good showing in the east now, Birmingham will put his team in the race right. It is a test. Along towards the close, the race is bound to come down to a tight finish unless one of the two leading clubs cracks badly, and, if either one bends under the strain, it will be the less experienced Cleveland team. In a drive to the wire, The Athletics should have the advantage in experience and fighting, but, as I have said, Birmingham has injected a great deal of fighting spirit into his men, and it might hold them up clear through to the end.

Mack's team is better balanced than the Naps outside of the pitcher's box, and, if it loses to Cleveland, it will be on account of the superior class of the Nap's twirlers. Birmingham is managing the best pitching staff in the American League right now in my opinion. The only one that can approach it is the bunch of twirlers on the Boston Red Sox, and they only approach it on paper. McAleer's box men have shown any kind of form this season.

Mack seems to be as badly off for pitchers as he was last year. If Coombs were in the shape that he showed in 1910 and 1911, the race would be over now, but Coombs has been in bad condition all season and is just now recovering from a severe illnes. It is foolish to count on him to do much for a month yet, and he may be off all summer. This leaves the heavy burden of the pitching on the veterans, Plank and Bender. Both are stars, but they cannot do all the work, especially "Eddie" Plank, who has already turned thirty-eight years.

The Athletics have some promising young pitching material, but so far they have proved too unsteady to be dependable. If the race tightens up, they will be dangerous starters. Notice how many times you see either Bender or Plank finishing a game now. The Athletics have several double headers to play, and these will test the Mack pitching staff severely. To sum up, Mack's big weakness is his pitchers. Birmingham's is the inexperience of his club. The Athletics have lots of robust strength and fight. It should be a pretty race.

Streaking behind the two leading clubs are Washington, Chicago and Boston. "Jimmy" McAleer still believes his team has a good chance to repeat, according to what he told me in Boston when I saw him there a couple of weeks ago. But he is bitterly disappointed because the club did not get the jump on the field this year, which every one expected it would.

"I brought the team back from the south in fine shape," said McAleer, "but when they struck this raw climate in Boston here, the pitchers went all to pieces. "Joe" Wood has worked hardly one good game so far this year. But wait until we get some warm weather and watch my pitchers come around and show up the other clubs. Remember the White Sox were far down in the standing in July when they won the championship of the world back in 1906."

Hope in His Pitchers

McAleer's pitchers are his biggest hope of repeating. It was a wonderful staff last year and is a wonderful collection now on paper. Bedient looked like a world beater to me in the big series last fall, and I expected to see him do big things this year. He had everything a pitcher should have, including a wonderful nerve that did not let go under the most trying circumstances, and he is only a youngster, too. Perhaps he is one of those rare athletes who are at their best only under the most exacting conditions.

That warm weather alibi is an old and good one as far as pitchers go. Many pitchers cannot swing into their stride until it warms up. Many can't anyway. If the Red Sox can get the pitching staff working smoothly, they would have a big advantage over most of the teams in the American League because Cleveland is the only other club that has a twirling department to compete with McAleer's. Boston is going very much better right now than it has at any time this season.

The illness of Foster, the third baseman, has slowed up the Senators and smashed the infield play which did so much for Griffith's team last season because it gave it speed. Griffith has only one pitcher who is going well for him. It is needless to mention his name, Walter Johnson. The rest of the Washington staff are in and outers. It would not surprise me to see the White Sox beat the Senators out. It is the best looking Chicago club that has been in the race since 1906. The pitching staff is working well so far and wearing without much help from "Ed" Walsh, who has been the back-bone of the outfit in previous seasons.

The New York Americans are still badly off, with little chances of improving themselves. It surprised me to see the team go to pieces as it has. Chance admits there is nothing to do except to tear it wide open and go about reconstructing for next year.

"I can afford to take any chance with players now," he said recently. "I have nothing to lose by it."

Hal Chase

The trade of Chase has caused a good deal of comment and is likely to arouse more before it is forgotten. Personally, I believe it was a good deal because Chase has not been going well in New York lately. The crowds were after him, and that always hurts a ball player. He will move to Chicago with no cares on his mind and with a club that has a fighting chance for the world's series money. The latter is a big inspiration. He will play great ball to vindicate himself. He had just been in New York too long. The same thing happens to many players. The addition of Chase should help the White Sox's infield and speed it up, as he is one of the swiftest thinkers and actors in fast company. He was too fast for the Yankee infield at times, and showed up some of the others He should hustle up Callahan's infield and keep all the players on their toes.

Borton and Zeider, who came to New York in return for Chase, are young players and ambitious. Callahan spoke very highly to us of Zeider recently and regretted he did not have room to play him regularly in his club. He is very well thought of in Chicago by baseball men. But the fans have been bothering him some, and the change should be a benefit to his work. Borton has done very well in his games this year and the few he played last season.

These two men at least give Chance a nucleus for his new team. Chance realizes now that he must go out and find players and construct a ball club. I believe he can do it and that he will give New York a team within a few seasons, that will make the fans forget the bad showing of today. Chance is in no way to blame for the position of his club. And true to his fighting spirit, he is not out making any alibis for himself and saying that he inherited a bad collection of performers, as well he might. I like to play against Chance.

National League

I have neglected the National League this week. The changes which have marked the fight in our organization are the dropping of Philadelphia and Brooklyn, and the improvement of the Giants and Pirates. My club has been going much better since we ran into that series with Philadelphia at the Polo Grounds, just before we left home at any previous time this season. pitchers are working well, and th of the club is on its toes and m plays as they should be made an as they should not be made. The ting has been steadier and more co ent. I suppose many fans are wond what my purpose was in purch Grant. All I can say is wait and That is club business.

I believe we will overtake the Phi within a month, but Pittsburg will us a battle to the wire. You mark words. Philadelphia, in my opinion, shot its bolt. Perhaps I am wrong, the pitchers showed signs of weak when at the Polo Grounds. Seaton Alexander displayed indications of ing been over-worked. The Pirates coming at present and are going fast, and faster.

Cincinnati has shown a great impr ment on the week, and the Reds fight the Phillies hard in their next ies. With poor pitching, the Qua will experience no cinch in Chicago. that Evers needs to keep his club u the fight is some tight twirling. rest of the team is a good one. It is better twirling that I hope to take series from the Cubs now. Tesreau Marquard are both in excellent form.

Brooklyn has dropped because pitching staff weakened, and the sa attack will pull down the Phillies.

SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

BASEBALL

Cubs, 3, Beavers 2

The Cubs defeated the Beavers in an exciting baseball match last evening on the Barrack Green. The game went seven innings, and ended in a score of 3 to 2. Garnett and Orr were the battery for the winners and Killen and Donovan for the losers.

National League

At Chicago—New York, 11; Chicago, 8. Batteries: Matthewson, Wiltse, Myers and Hartley; Overall, Richie, Liefield, Lavender and Archer.

At Pittsburg—Brooklyn, 10; Pittsburg 7. Batteries: Ragan, Curtis, Yingling and O. Mills, Erwin, Fischer; Robinson, Adams and Simon.

At St. Louis—St. Louis, 12; Boston; 6. Batteries:: Sallee and McLean; Perduc, James, Strand Noyes and Rariden.

At Cincinnati—Philadelphia 10; Cincinnati, 1. Batteries: Brennan and Killifer; Ames, Harter, Nelson and Clarke.

National League Standing.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Philadelphia	28	12	.700
New York	24	18	.571
Brooklyn	23	18	.560
Chicago	24	23	.510
Pittsburg	22	24	.478
St Louis	21	26	.446
Boston	17	25	.404
Cincinnati	17	30	.361

American League

At New York—New York, 4; Chicago, 1. Batteries—Ford and Sweency; Cicotte White, Lange and Schalk.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 5; St. Louis, 0. Batteries: Bender and Schang; Hamilton and Agnew, McAllister.

At Washington—Detroit, 6; Washington, 4. Batteries: Willett, Dubuc and McKee; Hughes, Gallia and Henry.

At Boston—Boston, 4; Cleveland, 1. Batteries: Bedient and Carrigan; Falkenburg, Mitchell and Carisch.

American League Standing.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Philadelphia	36	10	.782
Cleveland	34	14	.708
Washington	25	22	.531
Chicago	26	24	.520
Boston	21	24	.466
Detroit	20	31	.392
St. Louis	20	34	.370
New York	11	34	.244

International League

At Newark—Newark, 2; Baltimore, 1. Batteries: Aitchison and Higgins; Danforth and Egan.

At Jersey City—Jersey City, 2; Providence, 0. Batteries: McHale and Blair; Sline and Kocher.

At Toronto—Montreal, 5; Toronto, 0. Batteries: McGraynor and Madden; Hearne, Goulait and Graham.

At Rochester—Buffalo, 9; Rochester, 4. Batteries:. Beebe and Gowdy; Quinn and Williams.

THE RING

Bouts Tonight

Charles Ledoux vs Phil McGovern, Frankie Mack vs Terry Brooks, Joe Eagan vs K. O. Sweeney and Patsy Green vs Frank McManus, Atlas A. A.

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Johnny Kilbane vs Jimmy Fox, Oakland.

Tommy Maloney vs Bull Anderson, D. Ridge vs J Martin and Cy Smith vs B. Cassidy, New York.

TENNIS

The United States team won the preliminary tie for the Davis cup in the World's championships at New York yesterday by defeating the Australian team, M. E. McLoughlin, of California, won from Stanley Doust, of Australia, and R. Norris Williams, second, won from H. M. Rice.

LIQUOR IN TABLOID FORM

New Way Found to Evade Prohibition Law

Bangor, June 10—A Maine sheriff might find a barrel of beer, or even a jug of whiskey, but he can not find a beer lozenge or a cocktail tablet; and over that glad fact the thirsty of this state are rejoicing now.

The tabloid booze drummer has come to Maine and is doing a rushing business in condensed drinks of all kinds, from plain whiskey to cocktails and from beer to gin fizzes. The drummer carries a considerable stock of the tablets with him for immediate demands, and arranges for further and unlimited supplies by mail.

The tablets come in little paper boxes or glass bottles of a dozen each, and the price varies. A small vial of one kind of tablets, costing thirteen cents, dissolved in a gallon of water, with other ingredients costing fifty cents, makes a gallon of what passes for whiskey—total cost sixty-three cents.

A good many tabloid drinks are now coming in by mail and the prohibition is up against another piece of tough luck. A great advantage of the tabloid is that a man can conceal a morning eye-opener in a corner of his vest pocket or even in his shoe.

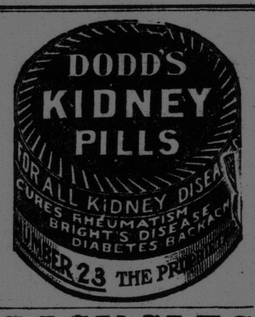
WATCH BANGOR; MAINE TEAM IS STRENGTHENING

Bangor Commercial, Editorial:—One in ten is not a large average, but now that the Bangor ball team has made a start in the right direction better things may be expected. There has been no discouragement in the city as the enthusiasts well understood the conditions and that a winning ball team cannot be obtained in a few days, but a team that is getting an even break will arouse considerably more enthusiosm than one that does not.

At the moment it looks as if the other teams in the N B. and Maine League would be wise to watch Bangor. Manager Magoon, it is believed,, is not by any means at the end of his resources and he is a fighter from the start, already he has improved his team materially and it would not be too much to look for other important news from the Maine town in a few days.

Players Welcomed

Glace Bay Gazette:—Three members of the Glace Bay baseball team who will assist in landing the pennant in the "Biggest Town" this season, arrived here on Sunday morning from New Brunswick. They are Jimmie Walsh of New Bedford, a southpaw pitcher "Hubby" Mulligan, third baseman and outfielder, and "Bucky" Lynch first baseman. All three have good reputations and should be able with the assistance of the local talent, to give any team in the league the game of our lives.



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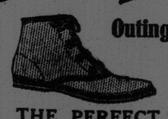

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