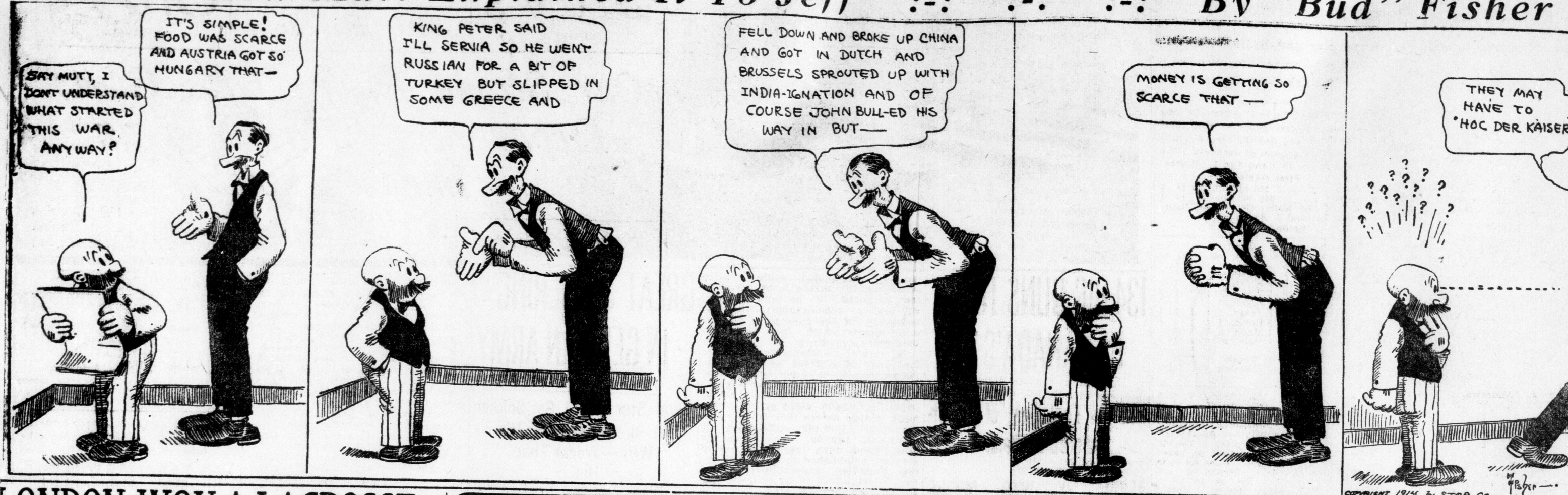


ABOUT ALL THE CRACKING THE BRAVES ARE DOING IS CRACKING SMILES WHENEVER NEW YORK LOSES

They Are Also Cracking the Giants Pennant Chances, If You'll Notice.

This Is How Mutt Explained It To Jeff

By "Bud" Fisher



LONDON WON A LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP 40 YEARS AGO; AFTER ANOTHER NOW

Local Team Will Meet Weston in Semi-Finals at Tecumseh Park on Saturday in What Should Be the Best Game Ever Seen in This City—Club Deserves Support of Local Fans.

(BY BERT PERRY.)

Arrangements have been completed by the London baseball club and the London lacrosse club for the use of Tecumseh park for Saturday's lacrosse game between London and Weston. Manager Mike Collins of the lacrosse club, stated last evening that playing in Tecumseh park will give the London team a better chance to win against the visiting aggregation, as the ground is much harder there than on the Queen's park oval, where the soil is very sandy, and the West London ball yard last week. The players held a practice in the West London ball yard last week and the difference in the two grounds was noted immediately. Besides, Tecumseh park is more level and more suitable in the matter of accommodation. With fine weather one of the largest crowds that ever witnessed a lacrosse game in this city should turn out. The London team is the best that Western Ontario has turned out in recent years, and it is deserving of all the support London fans can give it. This city has been a back number in lacrosse circles for some years, but the efforts of E. H. Johnston, Mike Collins and others have been instrumental in bringing about a revival. This is the second season the London Lacrosse club has been in operation, but despite the fact that a winning aggregation has been put in the field, it has been a losing season financially. The men behind the club are in it for the sport there is in the game. They are all old lacrosse players themselves and they are signing up their pockets to put the game on a firm footing. A winner was needed to do this, and they went and got a winner. Now it is up to the fans to show a little appreciation. The Weston team, which plays here Saturday is one of the strongest intermediate aggregations that has been turned out in or around Toronto, and Saturday's game should be well worth seeing. The local players have been practicing every night this week in preparation, and they are out to land the silverware. However, Ferguson and other papers have commented most favorably on the London team and these towns that have been playing the game for years are in a position to judge. The Weston is bringing a number of rooters down Saturday, and a big effort will be made to win this game. If the locals can run up a three or four goal lead on the Weston team here, they are confident of holding this when the return game is played the following Saturday. The game here will start sharp at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

It is forty years since London won a lacrosse championship. In those days, way back in 1874, lacrosse was played a little differently from the present day manner of playing it, but it was just as strenuous and the rules have not changed much. In this year London has a particularly strong team. There were a number of good lacrosse teams in Canada in those days, and there were a few good teams in the States also. One of these was the Onondaga club, of Cleveland, which was largely made up of Canadian players. This team and the London Victorias, the name of the local team, played off for the championship, and a battle royal ensued. The Victorias won but the score has been forgotten. It was close at any rate. Among the players who played on this winning aggregation were H. Salter, James Barr, Thomas Hooper, John Conroy, Angus McKay, Alf. Holman, ex-Ald. James Vining, James MacArthur, M. H. H. and Dr. Springer. Many old residents of this city will remember this team and the men who played on it.

The local rugby situation has not improved any this past week. No effort has been made to the London club and nothing has been heard as to the intentions of the University. "Cap" Stevens is still in Port Arthur, but he is expected home in a few days and, no doubt, after he arrives, things will begin to hum. In the meantime, Sarnia and Petrolia are busy at practice, and in a week the teams in these towns will be ready to play the district games. It is not likely the schedule for this district will open until the middle of October. It has been late in opening in the past, and the delay in getting the local club together will probably prevent an earlier opening. Last year the final game in the district was played here with Petrolia on November 8.

With a clear lead of five games, the Boston Braves have apparently sewed up the National League pennant for this season. The Giants have been shut out in their last two games, and Boston keeps right on winning without any sign of the blow-up that John McGraw and a few other wise ones predicted. Yesterday, Christy Mathewson, the Old Master, the mainstay of the New York pitching staff for years, was knocked out of the box in one inning by the Chicago Cubs who scored five runs. There is tragedy in this. In his long diamond career, the number of times Mathewson has been knocked out of the box in the first inning could be counted on the fingers of one hand. It now looks as if "Big Six" has broken under the strain of trying to keep the Giants on top. When the Braves started to press the Giants, and McGraw's team started to slip a great deal of the pitching fell upon Mathewson and Tesreau. The only two members of the staff who were saving anything. Marquard and Demaree had been losing regularly nearly all season, and the Braves had not sufficiently developed to be of much use. When the Braves became real contenders, Mathewson and Tesreau went to McGraw and asked to be allowed to work every third day. This was granted, but it was not likely to be of much use to get into the world series last year. Now it seems as though the work has been too much for the man that has been the pitching marvel of the diamond for years. With him out of it, the Giants' chances are not very good considering. It will likely be a procession for the balance of the season with the Braves trotting home easy winners. The Giants will find it hard to keep in second place.

President Fitzgerald, of the Canadian league, is out with a denial to the rumor that the Toronto club will not be represented in the Canadian league next season. "Fitz" says the Beavers will be back and the only team to drop out will be Erie. Owner George O'Neill will merely take the Erie franchise and place it in some Canadian city, where Canadian league baseball is more likely to get a better reception than it got in the Pennsylvania city. Niagara Falls has been mentioned in this connection, but it is not likely anything definite will be done until the league holds its annual meeting in December. The Canadian league averages will be issued next week by President Fitzgerald. As stated exclusively in the Advertiser last week, Irwin Trout, of the Toronto club, heads the list.

In past seasons the result of the major league and minor league drafts have been announced before the middle of October, but this year it is not likely the Canadian league clubs will know what players have been taken out of the league until well into the winter. The drafting is all being done secretly this season, and the clubs are getting the signature of the players on a 1915 contract before making any announcement. This is done, of course, to prevent the big league. The system may work out all right, but it looks like a trouble-maker. It is putting organized baseball to a great deal more expense in drafting players this year than it ever did in the past.

It is not improbable that a shake-up in the local Canadian league baseball club will take place before next season rolls around. One of the directors has announced that he is through with baseball for all time to come, and he doesn't care if another game is played in this city. He is apparently eager to get out of it, and it is likely his share in the club will be taken over by the other men interested. The London directors have been unjustly "nagged" by the fans this season, because of losing the pennant. They claim that "Doc" is a free hand in everything, and he was at liberty to strengthen the team in any way he thought advisable. However, Reisinger believed he could pull through with the players he had, and had his catching department not fallen down miserably toward the last, he likely would have landed the pennant. London's slump was largely due to the poor catching. No complaint could be made of the pitching, of Hammond, Heck, Steiger and Beebe the last two months of the season. Another pitcher would not have helped any with the poor catching the team was getting. An effort was made to strengthen the catching department, but a good man could not be secured in the short time remaining before the season ended. Another thing that hurt London's chances

Hot Fight On In Federal League, Too



Ray Collins Set Record By Beating The Tigers Twice Never Before in History of Club Was Team Beaten Twice in One Day by Same Pitcher.

Just How Good Are The Braves

How good are the Braves? Why, about good enough for anybody. This team is "there," and it must now be conceded to be a strong outfit, despite the weakness of the league. Here's a little dope worth considering, before you rush headlong into wagging the deeds to your family home on the Athletics: Boston has won 53 games and lost 15 since July 15. For two and one-half months it has played at a .776 rate. The club has gained 193 points in standing in that period. It has made the three contending teams seem weak, since it started to climb. Flying Cards, at three critical periods, faced Boston, and three times were lotted into submission. The Braves have outgamed their rivals in over 20 contests—when one run decided the issue. Now, fellow cranks, is that a record to be overlooked or not? The team has shown off the Athletics' hard hitting? Can the Braves' fine pitching offset the Athletics' hard hitting? This question is answered by history, in a way. To be rid of two title series sent the best pitching in either league to head off the Mackmen—and failed.

"Emery Ball" Users Will Be Suspended For Thirty Days

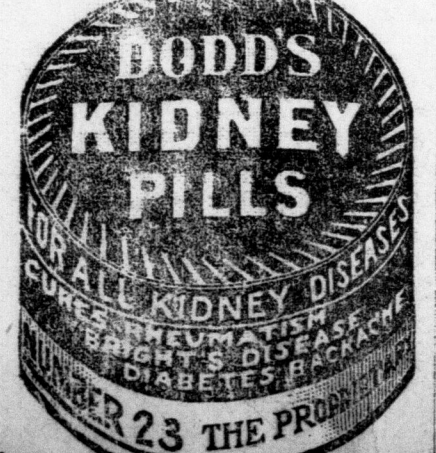
CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Use of the "emery ball" or the "sandpaper ball" in the American League is prohibited in a ruling today by President B. B. Johnson. Managers of clubs were notified that the first offenders would be suspended for thirty days and fined \$100. In addition, the game in which the ball is used will be cast out of the records, providing it is won by the team violating the rule.

Certain pitchers in the league, it was charged, rubbed a small piece of emery paper on the ball, thus disfiguring the cover. The trick made the pitching more effective, it was said, as it gave the user a firmer grip.

HERE'S THE LATEST BOY MANAGER.



Advertiser Illustrations
Hall the new boy manager, Roger Peckinpaugh, recently appointed manager of the New York Highlanders, to succeed Frank Chance, who resigned after a set-to with Owner Farrell. Roger can rightfully be called the youngest manager in the game, as he is just twenty-four years old. He graduated from the Cleveland sand lots, but has seen several years of big league baseball, first with Cleveland and then with New York.



FIRST GAME OF WORLD SERIES STARTS OCT. 8, SAYS BAN B. JOHNSON

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Play in the world's championship baseball series probably will start on October 8, one day after the American and National League seasons are brought to a close, according to President B. B. Johnson, of the American League and member of the National Baseball Commission. President Johnson asserted today there was no truth in the report that October 10 had been decided on as the date for starting the series. "It is our aim to start and finish the series as early as possible," Johnson said. "I believe we can arrange to play the first game on October 8. There is no reason for delay."

In the event that the Boston Nationals and Philadelphia club of the American League are contenders for the world's title, two games will be played consecutively in each city instead of alternating each day as was the case between New York and Philadelphia. The place for the opening game was announced, and will be decided by the flip of a coin.

Huge Throng To See Match Race Between Racing Kings Thursday

Crowds of Horsemen Already Arriving at Grand Rapids For This Event—Snedeker Will Drive Directum.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 22.—With horsemen and followers coming in on every train and following by horse talk heard in the various hotel lobbies, all things point to the William-Directum 1 world's title clash here Thursday being highly successful from a gate standpoint at least.

Both horses took light workouts today. William easily stepped the circuit in 2:12 and hardly turned a hair so perfect is his condition. Directum 1, was timed in 2:14 in his morning workout.

Lord Dewey, 2:03 3-4, that will endeavor to lower his record in an exhibition mile was sent over the route in 2:12 1-2 and answered to have had an easy trip. One momentous question has been decided. Ray Snedeker, train-driver of Directum 1, will hold the ribbons on this special day Thursday. Snedeker denied today that the veteran Tom Murphy had been considered as the pilot of Directum for the big race.

Neither trainer would hazard a guess as to the final outcome of the race but both declared that the other would have been in the race of his life, regardless of which won or lost.

CHRISTY MATHEWSON LASTED ONE INNING

Cubs Beat Giants, Scoring 5 Runs in First Inning.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Chicago made it two of its eight straight game wins today by taking the last game of the season in New York, by a score of 5 to 0. The visitors hammered a season's series of five games, and snatched the game with a single in the ninth.

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Proverbs

"A fee in the hand is two in the book." The little fee to the bar figures out a small farm in few years. Shave yourself "safety" and Seely's Afta Shave—you will be + a hundred a year.

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Those Lucky Athletics

If, as now seems probable, the Boston Braves win the pennant in the National League, the club will mean about \$1,000 or \$1,500 per man to the Mackmen.

With New York as an opponent, the world's series bonus money, not have netted \$2,000 per man. The winners, absolutely no bonus could be manifested in the clash between the off-beat Athletics and the team that has outclassed them in the past.

On the other hand, Boston will over the Braves, and a new element of uncertainty strength, will have been introduced into the world's championship series, if the Braves win.

Boston appears to be out of its class, against Mack's men, but until it's proven it must be the benefit of any lingering doubt.

The team has shown that it outclasses the National League by running through the entire gamut of teams and shooting the front within two months. This means applying percentages for this period of about 70 to 80 percent, if the Athletics could be figured to do much better.

This line of dope will be used on the world's series, however fallacious, and there will be a lot of wagging, at odds, the Athletics will beat the Athletics.

Thus the Mackmen instead of \$2,000 a man, which they would drag down about \$3,500. Pretty lucky, Connie!

FAVORITES WON ALL EVENTS AT AYLME

Major Kelly Carried Off 2:50 Pace.

FRANK R. WON THE TR Defeated Woodpoints in F Heats—Baronwood Won 2:13 Pace.

[Special to The Advertiser.] AYLME, Sept. 22.—The fall meeting opened at Aylme today with fine weather, a fast track and a large attendance. Favorites won all events. The trot was a feature of the day, Frank R. winning after losing first and third heats to Woodpoints.

Major Kelly, a London entry, won 2:50 pace easily. The results are as follows: 2:13 Pace, Purse \$200. 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