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A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Foreign.

"Convincing evidence" is the verdict of the papers of London on the brief summary of Commander Peary's voyage to the north pole, published this morning. "There is no possibility of doubt with regard to this narrative," comments the Westminster Gazette, which adds: "Peary has actually reached the pole and he seems to have taken the usual precautions of having all his work verified as he advanced."

Professor Helan of the technical University of Dresden is understood to have received a telegram from Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic club, to the effect that Commander Peary is bringing home thorough proofs to refute Dr. Cook's narrative. Peary also has with him another witness who will testify that Cook did not make the long journey described and that his scientific equipment did not contain an artificial horizon with which to take bearings.

W. W. Russell, American minister, received from the Venezuela foreign office a check for \$59,375, which is to be paid to the New York and Venezuela company.

A cable message, asking American support for the Swedish strikers, was received in New York by C. E. Tholin and John Sandergren, two of their delegates who arrived on August 24.

General.

Harriman, the great railroad builder and financier, died at his home at Arden on the 9th after a long illness.

"So far as I am concerned, let the war go on." This was the laughing reply of Secretary of the Interior Ballinger when pressed for an expression of opinion as to how long he thought the controversy in Washington regarding the conservation policy of the interior department would continue.

General James Shackelford, a hero of the Mexican war and prominent in the south, died at his summer cottage in Port Huron, Mich.

Dr. D. K. Pearsons announced a gift of \$100,000 to the Berea, Ky., college providing the trustees of that institution raise \$100,000 more.

The long pending controversy between the Southern Pacific Railroad company and the government of the United States relative to the right of the road to select indemnity lands within the limits of the old Atlantic and Pacific railroad grant will be determined by the supreme court of the United States if a suit filed by the railroad company in that court recently reaches a final issue there.

Cook, the explorer, says: "Let skeptics who disbelieve go to the north pole. They will find a small brass tube which I buried under the flag. That tube contains a short statement about my trip. I couldn't leave my visiting card because I didn't happen to have one with me."

The interstate commerce commission is to take an early appeal from the ruling in the Missouri rate case.

There is political unrest in the northwest over the new tariff law.

Governmental expenditures are still running higher than receipts.

Mrs. Merriam Colbert Harris, wife of Bishop Harris of the Methodist Episcopal church, died at her home in Tokio.

The statement is credited to a Santa Fe official that his road will build no more lines in Oklahoma until the state laws are revised so as to make it possible.

The state department is watching political events in Mexico with some concern.

King Frederik of Denmark is a believer in Dr. Cook's claim that he discovered the north pole.

President Taft is expected to talk on the subsidy in his journey through the west.

The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Telegraph states that a letter was received there from a Danish lady at Jacobshaven, Greenland, in which the writer says it was known there on August 14 that Peary had reached the pole.

The year book of the Young Men's Christian association of North America, just issued, shows that the organization now includes 1,914 associations, with 456,927 membership—a gain of 105,000 in twelve months.

Thomas S. Phelps, Jr., commandant of the Mare Island navy yard, received his commission as a rear admiral. The captain's flag, formerly used by the commandant, was hauled down and that of admiral was raised on the receiving ship Independence.

At Monroe, la., nineteen persons narrowly escaped death in the burning of a boarding house. Many guests were forced to jump from the upper windows and two were seriously injured.

Dr. Cook received the news of Peary's discovery of the pole, and said he was glad to hear it.

E. Lefevre, the French aviator, has been killed by a fall from his aeroplane, in which he was practicing over the aviation field in France.

Captain Bartlett of the Roosevelt in a message says the Peary party got no trace of Cook.

United States War veterans, in encampment at Tacoma, Wash., tabled a resolution authorizing camps to enroll G. A. R. and Confederate Veterans as honorary members.

Double the amount of corn was exported from the United States in August over that month a year ago, while less than one-half the amount of wheat and a little more than one-half the amount of wheat flour was exported last month over August a year ago.

"Good progress is being made on the Panama canal and four sections of it have been finished," said Colonel Goethals, chief engineer in charge of the construction of the canal, up on his arrival in Washington.

Lieutenant Benjamin D. Foulois of the signal corps, has been detailed to represent the war department at the international aeronautical conference to be held at Nancy, France, September 18-24. He will sail for Europe on September 8.

Regis H. Post, governor of Porto Rico, announced that he had sent his resignation to President Taft. It is reported in Porto Rico that the president has not selected Governor Post's successor.

The award of the contracts for the two men American dreadnaughts of 26,000 tons each, the battleships Wyoming and Arkansas which are expected to be announced soon.

Lord Northcliffe, owner of the London Times, in an interview at Winnipeg, Man., predicted war between Germany and Great Britain. He said in the Krupp gun works alone, one hundred thousand men are working night and day and on Sunday's preparing for war.

The National Geographical society received a telegram from Peary and sent him congratulations.

Washington.

The president has approved the sentence of dismissal imposed by a general court-martial appointed by him at Denver, Colo., in the case of First Lieutenant Clarence S. Nettles, U. S. A. (retired). According to the war department's announcement, Lieutenant Nettles was convicted of neglect to pay many private debts, making false statements, etc.

"Aptitude" as a characteristic of fitness for a naval career was made the subject of observation during the recent practice cruise of the naval cadets. As a consequence, Captain Bowyer, the head of the Annapolis academy, acting on the reports of his subordinates, has found it necessary to report five midshipmen for separation from the service on account of inaptitude.

Rear Admiral W. S. Cowles, chief of the bureau of equipment of the navy expressed his delight over the Peary announcement. "It was my understanding," said Admiral Cowles, "that when he left here it was his hope to reach the pole about this time. Peary is a most deserving officer. He has pursued his purpose under all sorts of adverse conditions."

To enable postmasters of the third and fourth classes to attend the convention of the National League of Postmasters of the United States, to be held at Syracuse, N. Y., October 6, 7, and 8, Postmaster General Hitchcock has granted them leaves of absence for as many days as may be necessary, provided the amount does not exceed fifteen.

The bureau of the census announced that approximately three thousand temporary clerks would be appointed in connection with the work of taking the thirteenth decennial census. The first examination will be held throughout the United States on October 3, next. Blank application forms and a circular of instructions, the bureau announces, may be obtained after September 10 by addressing the civil service commission, Washington, D. C.

Former President Roosevelt has requested that the United States government send a supply of black bass to British East Africa, to be deposited in Lake Naivasha. Mr. Roosevelt's request was made in a personal letter to Commissioner George M. Bowers of the bureau of fisheries and it will be complied with if possible.

Have won out at last; the pole is ours! was the laconic message that reached the National Geographical society from Commander Robert E. Peary as a report to the society which contributed to the Peary expedition. The message was dated at Indian Harbor, via Cape Ray.

Personal.

Governor Shallenberger delivered an address at the closing session of the Nebraska pioneers' meeting.

George H. Robinson won the big auto speed event at Sewell, Mass., by making 54.2 miles an hour for six hours.

That rheumatism and nothing else is the malady from which Associate Justice William H. Moody of the United States supreme court is suffering was the statement made a few days ago.

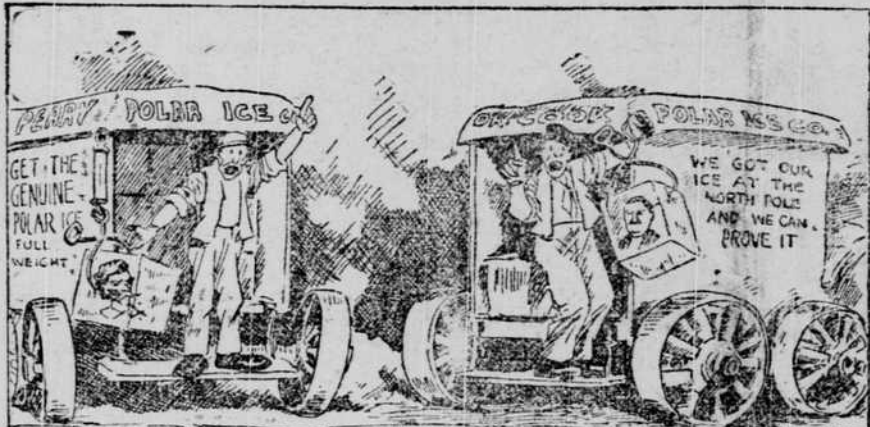
Walter E. Andrews, aged 60 years, of the Williams Typewriter company, died at his home in Shelton, Conn.

Lidji Jeassu, the crown prince of Abyssinia, has invited Theodore Roosevelt to a great elephant hunt, promising to beat up a white elephant for him to kill.

Antia Stewart, the rich American girl whose mother is alleged to have advanced \$1,000,000 so that she might become the bride of Prince Miguel of Braganza, has been created a princess in her own right by the emperor of Austria.

Mrs. Agnes Myers, now serving a life sentence in the Missouri penitentiary for the brutal murder of her husband, Clarence Myers, who was found dead in bed in his home in Kansas City in May, 1904, is seeking a pardon. Commander Peary is a Pennsylvanian.

HERE'S A PRETTY PREDICAMENT



THREE CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE

GASOLINE EXPLOSION CAUSES ACCIDENT IN MINNESOTA.

Daughter and Two Sons of Robert A. Walsh Perish as Home Burns.

St. Paul, Minn.—Fire destroyed the summer cottage of Robert A. Walsh at White Bear lake Friday morning and three children of a family of 13: Constance, aged nine months; Robert, aged four years, and John, aged five years, were burned to death.

William, another son, aged nine years, was terribly burned about the head, arms and chest in his heroic efforts to save his little brothers and sisters, six of whom were sleeping in the second story of the cottage.

Sarah, another daughter, was badly burned about the arms in her efforts to help the imprisoned babies on the second story. Mr. Walsh, the father, was also badly burned. He received his injuries from the explosion of a gasoline stove in the kitchen while he attempted to fill the reservoir, supposing that none of the burners was lighted. One, however, had been left burning, and when he poured the gasoline into the tank the gas caught fire.

The fire immediately spread throughout the frame structure, and it was a roaring furnace in a few moments.

Six of the children, including those dead, were sleeping on the second floor and were imprisoned by the flames. The rest of the family of 13 children and parents were downstairs.

William, who is now in St. Joseph's hospital, might have escaped without injury, had he not remained to assist his less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Lieut. Gen. Corbin Dead.

Washington.—The funeral of Lieut. Gen. Henry C. Corbin, who died Wednesday in New York city following a surgical operation took place Friday. The body will not be buried until Mrs. Usher Parsons, his daughter, arrives from Europe next week. It will be escorted to Arlington by soldiers from the general's home, Highwood, at Chevy Chase.

Gen. Corbin had been suffering for two years from the malady which ultimately resulted in his death. Accompanied by Mrs. Corbin and the general's daughter, Mrs. Usher Parsons of Ardsley, N. Y., he went to Carlsbad for treatment on June 12 last. The waters there appeared to have improved his condition after two weeks' stay, and he returned to England, where his former trouble recurred and he went to Paris to consult with physicians.

Seize Flour in Wisconsin.

La Crosse, Wis.—Acting under instructions of United States District Attorney Gordon, the United States marshal for the western district of Wisconsin and his deputies seized a car load of flour at Mazomanie, Wis., and another at Madison, Wis. Instruction has been issued to make other seizures throughout the district. All of the flour to be taken is the output of the Columbus roller mills of Columbus, Neb., and is alleged to have been bleached with nitrogen-peroxide in violation of the pure food laws.

Accident on American Warship.

Honolulu.—The Tennessee, flagship of the Pacific fleet, broke all records for the journey between San Francisco and Honolulu, making the voyage in four days, 17 hours. The bursting of a steam pipe on the Colorado scalded two men to death.

Lord Kitchener Field Marshal.

London.—Lord Kitchener, who recently succeeded the duke of Connaught, as inspector general of the Mediterranean forces, has been made a field marshal of the British army.

DETROIT DOCTOR IS HELD

Admits Maybelle Millman Called at His Office but Denies Performing an Operation.

Detroit, Mich.—On the request of prosecuting attorney Van Zile of Wayne county the inquest at Ford City into the death of Miss Maybelle Millman of Ann Arbor has been postponed until September 21.

The continuance of the coroner's inquiry followed the sending of Dr. George A. Fritch, a Metropolitan police in bonds, to the city jail. Efforts thus far on the part of the doctor and his friends, Dr. A. L. L. bondsman have been unsuccessful. He is still in jail.

"I remember that Miss Henning came to my office accompanied by another young woman about two weeks ago," said Dr. Fritch. "I suppose that Miss Henning's companion was Miss Millman. She sought an appointment for a physical examination. I told her that I could attend her at once, but she replied that she would return later. I never saw her again."

THREE-YEAR BAR FOR KLING

Cub's Hold-Out Catcher in Bad for Playing Against Logan Squares in Chicago.

Cincinnati.—John Kling, the hold-out catcher of the Chicago National League club, will not be eligible to play with any National Agreement club for the next three years as a result of playing with his Kansas City team of semi-professionals against the Logan Square team of Chicago, which is said to contain several players who are ineligible.

When his attention was called to a report from Chicago that Kling had played against the Logan Squares, August Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball commission, said:

"If it is true that Kling has played against ineligible players, and the reports from Chicago indicate that he has done so, things look mighty bad for the big catcher. He has laid himself liable to suspension from organized baseball for a term of three years, and I can't see how it will be possible for him to evade the sentence."

No Mail If Dog Bites.

Washington.—Mail carriers are not required to deliver mail at residences where vicious dogs are permitted to run at large. As a protection to mail carriers, the following regulation has been adopted by the post office department:

"Carriers are not required to deliver mail at residences where vicious dogs are permitted to run at large. Persons keeping such dogs must call at the post office for their mail."

Taft Reviews Veterans.

Beverly, Mass.—Saturday was a great day for Beverly, for President Taft, for the first time during his vacation, consented to appear at a public function, and reviewed the annual parade of the Grand Army post of Essex county. Only the earnest pleadings of several of the veterans persuaded Mr. Taft to break his rule.

Elect Kavanaugh and Jones.

St. Louis.—W. K. Kavanaugh, president of the Lake-to-Gulf Waterways association, was elected chairman and M. L. Jones of Kansas City was elected vice-president of the Missouri Waterway commission at a meeting of the commission.

Food Hearing September 30.

Washington.—A hearing will be held at the department of agriculture on September 30 by the board of food and drug inspection, respecting the weight or volume of prepared packages of foods and drugs.

HARRIMAN IS DEAD

RAILROAD WORLD'S GREATEST FINANCIER SUCCEUMS TO LINGERING ILLNESS.

NO STATEMENT OF CAUSE

Nation Shocked by News and Friends and Rivals Pay Tribute to "Railroad King"—His Fortune May Amount to \$100,000,000.

Arden, N. Y.—In the death of Edward H. Harriman, who succumbed to a long illness Thursday, the world has lost the greatest financier the railroad interests ever have known. In death he met the only defeat of his 61 years of life.

Recent estimates of Mr. Harriman's personal wealth have varied all the way from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

Secluded in his magnificent home on Tower Hill, surrounded by members of his family, physicians and nurses, he succumbed to an intestinal disorder after a fight against disease which will rank for sheer grit with his remarkable struggles in the financial world.

Dr. Lyle, who has been Mr. Harriman's physician throughout this last illness, has issued no statement con-



Edward H. Harriman.

cerning his illness or the cause of death, but the general understanding is that there was no operation.

Four persons are authority for this belief, among them being Mrs. Mary Simons, his sister.

While the policy of reticence that prevailed during Mr. Harriman's illness was maintained by most of his relatives and associates after his death, Orlando Harriman, who is in New York, discussed the funeral arrangements briefly. The services probably will take place Sunday afternoon. Mr. Harriman will be buried in the family plot in the little graveyard behind St. John's Episcopal church at Arden. He will rest beside his eldest son, Edward H. Harriman, Jr., who died 22 years ago.

There is mystery in the time of Mr. Harriman's death.

The exact time is known only in his limited circle of relatives and associates. The time was given to the world at 3:35 p. m., but Mrs. Simons, sister of the dead man, says the end had come at 1:30, more than two hours previous. This probably was done to lessen the influence of the financier's death on the New York stock market.

The announcement of Mr. Harriman's death caused an immense sensation throughout New York city, particularly in Wall street, and in financial circles.

Everywhere the news was received with evidence of deep feeling and with the common recognition that the career of one of the world's greatest financial powers had come to a close.

Judge Lovett, the close personal and business associate of Mr. Harriman, who probably will be his successor as president of the Union Pacific, received the first word of the financier's death at the Union Pacific offices.

From all parts of the country there came a flood of tributes upon Mr. Harriman's career and lifework—from railroad presidents, from bankers and from men prominent in all walks of business and financial life.

Friends, former business associates and even rivals of the great railroad man spoke as a unit of his tremendous power for work. As to the probable effect of his death on the financial world, there was a variety of opinion, but comment was generally rather guarded.

Harriman's most spectacular performance, and which made his name familiar to all the reading public, was in May, 1901, when he struggled with the Morgan and Hill interests for control of the Northern Pacific. His quarrel with President Roosevelt was another important epoch in his career.

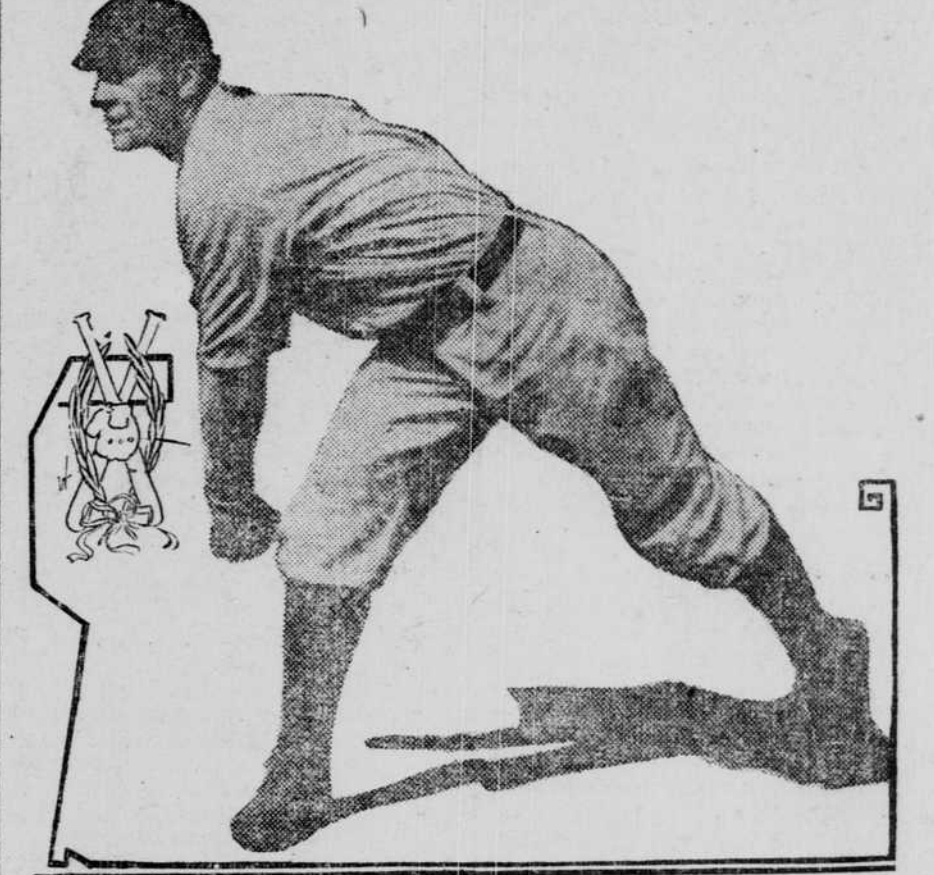
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NOT SHOWING FORM OF LAST SEASON



Harry ("Rube") Covaleski, the star southpaw of the Philadelphia Nationals, who robbed the New York Giants of the pennant last season, by pitching two shut out games against McGraw's aggregation, has not shown any of his Giant spirit so far this season. The big miner has lost nearly every game he has pitched for the Quakers. The only flash of form Covaleski has shown was against Cincinnati about two months ago, when he shut out the Reds, allowing only four hits. When the National league season opened last spring, Harry Covaleski was looked upon as one of the most promising southpaws in the business. His great work against New York was the talk around the National league circuit. Covaleski has not worked for the Phillies for over two months.

BACKSTOP KEEPS TAB ON WEAKNESSES OF HITTERS.

Clifton of Western Association Team Has Failings of His Opponents on File in Book.

A dope book, which contains the weaknesses at bat of every player in the Western association, rests snugly and safely in an inside pocket of the suit worn by Jesse Clifton, the regular catcher on the Guthrie (Okla.) Western association team. It is understood that Clifton has received offers from every team in the league, who are desirous of obtaining his inside information, but he has refused to reveal any of the book's contents, even to his closest friends.

This is Clifton's first year in organized baseball. For several years he has caught on independent teams in western and central Oklahoma, but was signed last spring by Manager Howard Price of Guthrie, who looked upon him as a comer. He has more than made good. About 23 years old, a school teacher in the winter time, he has developed into one of the best men in the Western association, being a wonderful thrower to the bases, and probably the fastest man on bases himself in the association.

When Clifton joined the Guthrie team last year all the players in the association were new to him, with very few exceptions. He was, of course, anxious to know the weaknesses of the various batters, and for this reason he carried with him to the various cities in the league a small note book, in which he wrote down the names of all the players, and as soon as possible noted after each name the weakness of the man at bat.

This book he has carried with him the entire season and when a new player joins the team his name and his batting weakness are added to the list. During the first days of the season, when, between innings, the Guthrie manager observed Clifton on the far end of the bench studiously scanning the pages of a small book he knew that he was simply preparing for the men who would come to bat during the next inning. Of course, after a few games with each team Clifton held in his mind the weaknesses of the various batters, and during the last days of the season has had to refer to his note book but few times.

ONE TIME WHEN MANAGER M'GUIRE MADE A MISTAKE

Youngster Who Looked Them Over Right Fooled Veteran Backstop the First Day.

Jim McGuire, the new manager of the Cleveland Naps, has the reputation of starting that famous saying, "He looks over the ball better than anyone I have ever come across, but he can't hit 'em."

This was back in 1899 when Chicago was trying out a recruit against McGuire's team in the east. This youngster completely fooled Jimmy. He came to bat and the first ball pitched he watched it all the way, shook his head slightly when it drew near and didn't even move his bat. The umpire called it a ball. The next was the same way, and it was a ball. "Geel," said Jim, afterwards; "that kid had me guessing. I had always been leary of that kind of a batter, who waits until he gets one just where he wants it and then slings it over the fence." Well, the player got his base on balls then, and a couple more the same day. Jim was afraid to have his pitcher cut the plate.

On the following day, however, McGuire determined to give the youth the test. Brooklyn had made five runs in the second inning, and McGuire wasn't afraid of consequences. So he signaled for a straight ball, right over the heart of the plate. It came, and the recruit went through the same old motions, never made a try for it. "But he surely did look it over sweetly," said McGuire. He fanned four times that day and lasted a week.

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Giants to Winter at El Paso.

That the New York National league club will winter in El Paso, Tex., is the announcement made by Col. Winne of the Mexico Jockey club. In preparation for their coming, he stated that the Mexico club was constructing a diamond and erecting a handsome clubhouse on the club's grounds, near Juarez, for their use. He stated the Giants would come at the close of the season.

A FAVORITE IN MILWAUKEE

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Charley Moran, catcher for the Milwaukee American association team. He is popular with the fans of that city.

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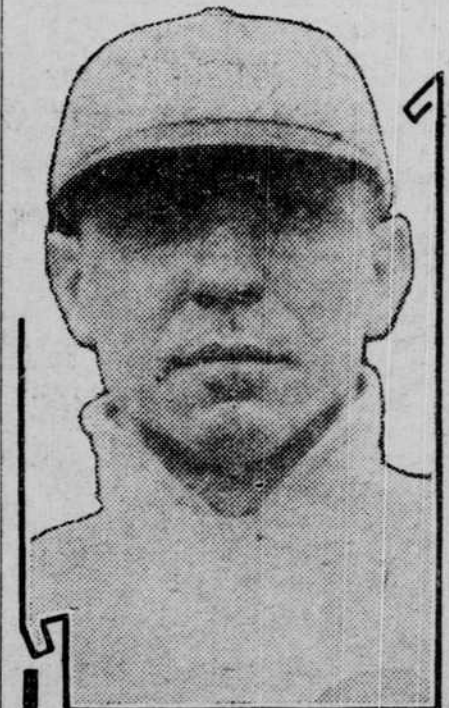
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ONE OF THE GAME'S VETERANS



George Davis has during the greater part of the present season played the utility role with the Chicago White Sox. When Isbell has been out of the game he has filled in at the initial sack and has shown that he is not yet a back number. Davis has been playing the national game for so many years that nobody just remembers when he first broke in.