



### GREAT ALEX TAKES PLACE WITH MATTY

#### Nebraska Boy and Big Six Only Hurlers to Win Thirty Games in Three Consecutive Seasons.

They call him "Alexander the Great." And so he is. Perhaps before his big league days are done they'll call him Alexander "the Great-est," for the diamond performances of the wonderful pitcher of the Phillies stamp him right now as one of the most remarkable boxmen base ball has produced. And he is still something of a youngster.

Grover Cleveland Alexander has just completed his seventh year as a major league pitcher. Yet, in this short space of time he has hung up some records that no pitcher ever may be able to eclipse or equal. Certainly one of the most remarkable feats in base ball history was that exhibited by Alexander in 1916, when he won 36 games via the whitewash route.

The true worth of a pitcher is determined by the number of earned runs he yields—or, rather, the lack of earned runs, declare base ball leaders. Taking their statement at its face value, it seems that Grover Cleveland Alexander by pitching 16 shutout victories a year ago placed himself on the highest pinnacle in the base ball world. And he accomplished this with a team behind him that was in no wise an all-star cast. It was a good team—but not a truly great one. Given the offensive and defensive support of a great ball club, it is likely that Alexander might have pushed his record to shutout victories beyond the 20 mark.

But it isn't this one record alone that makes Alexander a pitching marvel. Just this year he tied the mark made by Christy Mathewson. In the history of base ball no man other than Mathewson ever had been able to turn in 30 or more victories for three successive years.

**Matty Only One to Equal It.**  
Cy Young, Ed Walsh, Bill Dineen and all the other wonders of the bygone era displayed some sterling work year after year. But not one of the group was able to go through three straight years and gain 30 or more victories. Mathewson performed the trick by winning 30 games in 1903, 33 games in 1904 and 31 games in 1905. It was looked upon as an achievement that might never be shattered or equaled. But here is Alexander alongside of Mathewson, and with a splendid chance to pass him and carve just another ineffaceable record in base ball's Hall of Fame.

In 1915 Alexander, with a pennant-winning team behind him, won 31 games and lost ten for a pitching average of .756. He followed with 33 victories in 45 decisive combats in 1916. When the 1917 season opened the question was asked:

Can Alexander win another 30 games this year and tie Mathewson's record?  
In his last games of the year Alexander answered it in the affirmative. With 29 victories and 13 defeats to his credit, he went against the Giants in Philadelphia, faced the regular team and beat them. This victory lifted his winning mark to 30 and enabled him to tie Mathewson.

Team	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17
Cincinnati	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. Louis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pittsburgh	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Boston	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Brooklyn	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New York	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chicago	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	7	7	7	7	7	7	7

### Many Famous Athletes Killed in Present War

The latest casualty list from England contains the names of a number of athletes who have made their mark in the sporting world. The well-known international soccer player, Major M. M. Morgan-Owen, who played for Wales, Oxford university and the Corinthians, is officially reported wounded.

Lieutenant W. E. Sands, killed, won his colors for rowing and swimming at St. Paul's school.

Lieutenant J. G. White, missing, was a member of the Edinburgh academics cricket team in 1914 and 1915, and the sports master spoke of him as "the finest wicket keeper schoolboy cricket had produced for many years."

Lieutenant A. P. Baker, killed, was educated at George Watson's college and Edinburgh university and was well known as a cross-country runner, obtaining international honors. He was also a gold medalist in the exhibition marathon of 1908 and a prize winner at all distances on the track. He frequently played for the first fifteen of the famous Watsonian Rugby club.

Corporal A. E. Jones, the well-known Essex, Romford Town, Ilford and Luton soccer player, has died from wounds.

Lieutenant A. J. L. O'Beirne, dead from wounds, was a member of the cricket eleven at Radley college and later was whip to the Exeter college, Oxford, Beagles.

**Even Lost Tickets Are Restored by Comiskey**  
A couple of incidents recounted by a Chicago base ball writer show how perfect were the arrangements made under President Comiskey's plan for identifying legitimate ticket holders to the world's series games, with the idea of circumventing the scalpers. Generally speaking the system worked out admirably. Here is one of the incidents:

### HEARNE LANDS BIG AUTUMN CLASSIC

#### Chevrolet and His Mechanician Narrowly Escape Death When Machine Skidded Into Rail.

Uniontown, Pa., Oct. 29.—In a race in which Gaston Chevrolet of Plainfield, N. J., driver, and Salvatore Barbarino, mechanic, were severely injured and narrowly escaped death, when their machine on the 112th lap skidded and crashed into the guard rail surrounding the track. Eddie Hearne won the annual autumn classic of 168 miles on the Uniontown speedway today. His time was 1:49:28.5. Tome Milton was a close second, making the distance in 1:49:27.45.

Earl Devore and Ira Vail, driving in relay, finished third in the race for the prize of \$3,000, their time was 1:54:37.05.

Chevrolet was driving at a speed of nearly 100 miles an hour, when his machine crashed into the guard rail. He suffered injuries to his left side, left hip and back. The mechanic's injuries were slight.

### Mother Will Die, Others Are Badly Injured by Fire

Grand Island, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Richard Westphal was fatally burned, her mother, Mrs. Fred Rickett, was seriously burned, and Wauneta, 2-year-old daughter of Mrs. Westphal, was painfully injured when a can of gasoline, mistaken for kerosene, exploded in the kitchen of the Westphal home.

Physicians declare there is no hope for Mrs. Westphal, that the grandmother has a fighting chance and that the little girl will recover.

The mother, realizing that he little daughter was in the kitchen, rushed outside with flaming garments and cried out to her own mother to save the baby. Mrs. Rickett dashed into the burning kitchen in response to the mothers' appeal for her child and brought Wauneta out, but her own clothing had caught fire and she was badly burned.

Two young boys were in the yard playing and escaped injury. Mr. Westphal is a Union Pacific railroad man, running between this city and North Platte.

### South Siders Demand Extension Of Car Line for Christmas Present

#### Members of the Giles Improvement Club, residing in a district south and west of Thirty-sixth and Harrison streets, are determined that their Christmas present this year shall be a street car extension from Thirty-sixth and Q streets to Harrison street.

The Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company has agreed to lay a double track line to Y street, a distance of seven blocks south of Q street, but the improvers insist that the line should be extended to Harrison street.

### State Food Pledge Campaign Taken Up Eagerly in Schools

The same patriotic and intensive work that characterized the Liberty loan drive is being evidenced in the food pledge card campaign. From over the state come optimistic reports of the preliminary work, started last week through the school children of the state, and being supplemented this week by the county central committees.

The local office in The Bee building was a busy place yesterday. With more than 30,000 cards, including Omaha's, already in, the mammoth task begins to loom up.

One hundred per cent districts are much in evidence. Already State Director S. R. McKelvie has reports from districts which have signed up every family. The committee has decided upon an honor roll, in which every school which signs its district 100 per cent, will be included. This list will be published in the Sunday papers.

Reports from out state indicate the seriousness and success with which the campaign is being undertaken.

Mrs. Claudia Dole of Alliance wires that 550 families signed pledge cards

### CANDY FACTORIES MAY CLOSE FOR TIME

#### Fremont Jobbers Receive Orders to Discontinue Sale of Sugar to Manufacturers; Cupid Foils Father.

Fremont, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Local jobbers received notice from the head of the Food Conservation department to discontinue selling sugar to manufacturers of candy and syrups, and as a result Fremont's candy and pop factories which employ large numbers of people will probably close down. The jobbers are limiting the amount of sugar to each of the retailers to one sack.

**Miss Wolz Wedded.**  
Mr. and Mrs. George F. Wolz received the announcement of the marriage at Chicago of their daughter, Miss Laura Adah, to Ray V. Stock. Mr. Stock has been notified to report for training camp at Rockford, Ill., and Mrs. Stock left following the ceremony for a tour of the southern states with a lyceum company. Mrs. Stock has been studying voice in Chicago for two years.

**Cupid Fools Parent.**  
A few minutes after County Judge Winterson had performed the ceremony that made Herbert Mason of Pender and Miss Myrtle Nisogor of Omaha, husband and wife he received word from the sheriff at Pender to refuse to grant them a wedding permit if they made application. A short time later the father of the bridegroom called from Blair where he had gone in search of his son to learn if the pair had appealed at the license bureau at Fremont. Mason gave his age as 21.

**Cupid Wins Again.**  
Oscar Hornyak obtained a permit to wed Miss Bessie Walker of Oconto. He gave his age as 21. Authorities became suspicious and in looking up the records found that Hornyak had not registered. He was taken into custody and the matter was patched up when his father gave his consent.

**John Dau Injured.**  
John Dau of Scribner was probably fatally injured when the automobile he was driving went into the district near Hooper. Carl Marquardt and Lester Ehlers of Scribner, two other occupants of the car, escaped with slight hurts. Mr. Dau suffered the fracture of several ribs and internal injuries. The car struck a tree and wably damaged.

Persistent Advertising Is the Road to Success.

### Mayor's Grandson "Licks Plate" to Help Whip Kaiser

#### "We want the city commissioners to help us reach 15,000 people of this county with food conservation pledge cards this week," stated Harry O. Palmer, secretary of the federal food administration of Douglas county.

These officials readily consented to co-operate. To start with, the city clerk will distribute 1,000 cards among city employees and then volunteers will be enlisted for work among their neighbors.

"We have 25,000 signers now recorded in this county and we need 15,000 more to feel that we have covered the county thoroughly," explained Mr. Palmer.

The federal food conservation plan already has been started at the home of Mayor J. C. Dahlgren, where less meat and wheat are being consumed.

Jack Collett, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Dahlgren, is "licking his plate" every day. He learned the child's pledge at the Park school and is scrupulously observing his promise.

**Bossie is Impressed by Parade of 18,000 Nurses**  
"The most inspiring sight I witnessed in New York City was a parade of 18,000 nurses. I watched the parade for several hours," said Miss Inspector C. F. Bossie upon his return from the metropolis of the Empire state.

Mr. Bossie reported that he went out to buy some sugar for his mother-in-law and learned that the stores in Gotham are limiting purchases of sugar to one pound and then only to regular customers.

"You can't go from store to store and buy up a lot. I went to more than 12 stores and finally bought a pound through a friend," he added.

### U. S. TAKES OPTIONS ON NEUTRALS' SUGAR

To Sell at 50 Cents More Than Government-Fixed Price; Not for Domestic Use.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Oct. 29.—Options have been taken by the food administration upon the sugar belonging to neutral countries held in this country awaiting export.

### Biddle Succeeds Bliss as Assistant Chief of Army Staff

Washington, Oct. 29.—Secretary Baker announced tonight the appointment of Major General John Biddle as assistant chief of staff, a post vacant since General Bliss succeeded Major General Scott as chief of staff. The appointment will greatly lighten the burden of General Bliss, who has been at his desk almost night and day since his promotion.

### Mexico May Break Relations With the German Government

Mexico City, Oct. 29.—Great excitement has been created through the publication in El Universal of a statement by General Pablo Gonzales, former commander of the Carranza forces in Mexico City and a well known constitutionalist, favoring Mexico following the example of other Latin-American countries and severing diplomatic relations with Germany.

### Polish Council Inaugurated.

Amsterdam, Oct. 29.—The inauguration of the Polish State council took place at Warsaw in the royal castle Saturday according to a dispatch received here. After taking the oath the members of the council issued a manifesto to the people.

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25—33x4	Straight side, non-skid casings	21.75
25—34x4	Q. D., plain casings	21.50
25—34x4	Q. D., non-skid casings	22.00
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