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**SPORT NEWS**

**INDIANS DEFEAT YANK SLUGGERS**

First Setback in 7 Games for New Yorkers—Pirates Retain First

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

W.	L.	Pct.	
Pittsburg	57	37	606
Chicago	56	38	596
St. Louis	55	40	575
New York	52	47	525
Cincinnati	48	52	448
Brooklyn	42	52	422
Philadelphia	37	54	497
Boston	35	54	393

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

W.	L.	Pct.	
New York	71	27	255
Washington	57	29	593
Detroit	52	42	553
Philadelphia	50	47	515
Chicago	50	50	500
Cleveland	41	52	418
St. Louis	35	57	400
Boston	28	61	392

**By the Associated Press**  
After six victories in a row the Yankees have been halted. The big hero of the Bronx, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, failed to knock any baseball out of the station yesterday and the Cleveland Indians hung the men of the Yanks in the series opener, 6-4. The Washington Senators and Detroit staged an exciting thriller to open their series. The Nats finally winning after two were out, 2-1.

**Portland Takes Another One On The Nose, 12 to 5**

**PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE**

W.	L.	Pct.	
Oakland	74	52	587
Seattle	70	53	569
San Francisco	69	55	557
Sacramento	64	55	594
Portland	57	65	467
Hollywood	54	68	465
Mission	57	70	449
Los Angeles	50	74	402

**By the Associated Press**  
San Francisco topped on Bill Hughes for ten runs before three innings were over and added two more off Yerkens in the same inning. After that the Portland south-paw pitched runless ball. Mails also got away to a wobbly start but blanked the Beavers after the third, the final count being 12-5. Batteries: Hughes, Yerkens and Yelle, Shandling, Mails and Kego. Jack Fenton, the first first-sixer, drilled a double to center in the last of the ninth scoring two runners, to give the Aorns a 2-1 win over the Beils. Batteries: Keker and Whitney; Hoshier and Root. The hapless Angels dropped their fourth straight game to Seattle, this time by a score of 7-3. Batteries: Knight and Borward; Perry, Gardiner and Hannah. Hollywood and Sacramento split a double header, the first game going to the Stars 2-2 and the second to the Satoms 5-4. Batteries: Hulvey and Murphy; Kallio, Raraba, Vini and Koehler. Second game: Tenhout, W. Murphy and Agnew, Cook, Keefe and Kovered.

**Walter Backus Commits Suicide At Seaside, Ore.**

**PORTLAND, Ore., July 29 (AP)**—Walter F. Backus, one of Oregon's best known sportsmen and fishermen, was found with his throat cut nearby from ear to ear today at Seaside. He died before medical attention could be given. The report of his suicide said he had been worried by financial and domestic troubles, and had been suffering from sleeplessness. He went to Seaside a week ago to rest.

**NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County. In the Matter of the Estate of Chris Luthi, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account as administratrix of the estate of Chris Luthi, deceased, and the County Court of Union County, Oregon, has fixed Monday, the 19th day of August, 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at its Court Room at the Court House in La Grande, Oregon as the time and place for hearing any and all objections to the said final account and settlement of said estate. Date of first publication July 9, 1927. EMMA D. LUND, Administratrix. Green & Hess, Attorneys for Administratrix. July 9-14-23-30—Aug. 6.

**STAGES LEAVE FROM LA GRANDE DEPOT**

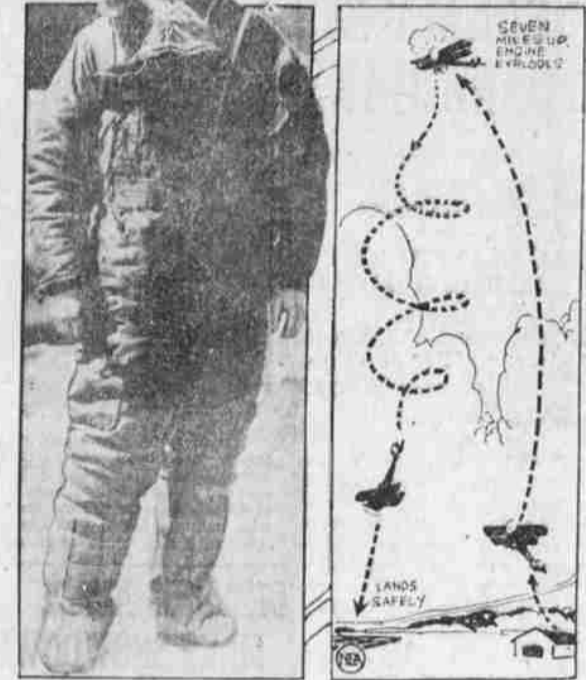
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**NAVY AIRMAN WINS DEATH GAMBLE BIG ALEX STILL TURNS 'EM BACK**



The end of another thrilling aviation exploit is pictured here. The tiny Wright Apache biplane shown above, resting in a cabbage patch near Washington, was landed safely there by Lieut. C. C. Champion, U. S. navy flyer, after having and an exploding motor had imperiled his life at an altitude of seven miles. At the left is Champion, still exposed to the stuffy carb he wore as a protection against extreme cold. The sketch depicts just what happened. Champion had a parachute, but refrained from jumping because he wanted to save the instruments which recorded the height he had reached. Fire swept about the wrecked motor at times during Champion's descent, but he blew it out by side-slipping.

**Hero of World Series Last Year Always Wins More Than He Loses**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)**—Grover Cleveland Alexander, dean of National League hurlers and the fellow who did more than a little to bring the Cardinals their first championship and world title last year, is the proud owner of at least one record seldom attained by a major circuit pitcher.

Big Alex, now in his seventeenth big league season, has never finished a season without winning more games than he has lost. The feat is all the more noteworthy, considering the fact that the veteran pitcher has been on but two pennant winners and for the most part performed with clubs far removed from the top.

Alexander made his major league debut with the Phillies in 1911. His start was auspicious, winning 25 games and losing 13. He stayed with the Phillies until 1918 when he was traded to the Cubs along with his battery-mate, Bill Killebrew, for \$25,000 and players, Dillhoff and Preradogust.

In the middle of the 1926 campaign, the Cubs, figuring they could get along without Alex, asked waivers on him. The Cards immediately grabbed him. Alexander, given a lease on life, turned out to be the ace in the Hornsby deal.

Alex has won 26 or more games in eight seasons. Three times he posted or reached the 30-victory mark. Oddly enough, he turned them in in consecutive seasons, getting 31 in 1915, 32 in 1916 and 30 in 1917.

The record he came to spoiling his record of chalking up more wins than losses during a season was in 1918 when to look part in but three games, winning two and losing one. In 1917 he hung on a mark of 122 earned runs per nine, one of the best ever compiled in the old circuit. Three other times he allowed less than two earned runs in the fracas.

Remarkable control has long been one of Alexander's biggest assets. He's been arbitrary in his ability to shoot the ball over the plate just where he wants it.

In 1922 Grover issued but 20 passes in 33 games, pitching 264 innings. Twelve in the last three seasons he has dished out less than 20 walks in the campaign, though not being in as many frays as in 1922 when he established his premier performance.

Alexander has been in two world series, winning and losing one game while hurling for the Phillies against the Boston Red Sox in 1915 and gaining two victories in the Cardinals' unexpected triumph over the Yankees last fall. He also saved the final game in the 1926 classic, striking out Laverne with the bases full after taking the mound in a relief role.

**Tickled Pink**



**HERE'S BOBBY HARRIS**, manager of the Washington Senators, and one of those many smiles he is passing out these days now that his young pitchers are beginning to show some form and his club seems to be advancing up the ladder. Harris has his Senators fighting to head off the Yankees.

**BOB KNOWS**  
**CHICAGO**—Bob Lewis, traveling secretary for the Cubs, goes about the country a lot and that probably accounts for it. It was indeed a day at the park. One "male" applicant was denied admission by a gate keeper. Bob discovered that she was entitled to enter. Her boyish bob and sailor's jacket had made the gatekeeper think otherwise.

The human form is by no means a finished instrument, says Dr. Frederick Tilney. We don't quite know whether Dr. Tilney is kidding us or if we should thank God for that.

The world, says Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, is without a great man. Come, Dr. Butler, come you shrinking flower!

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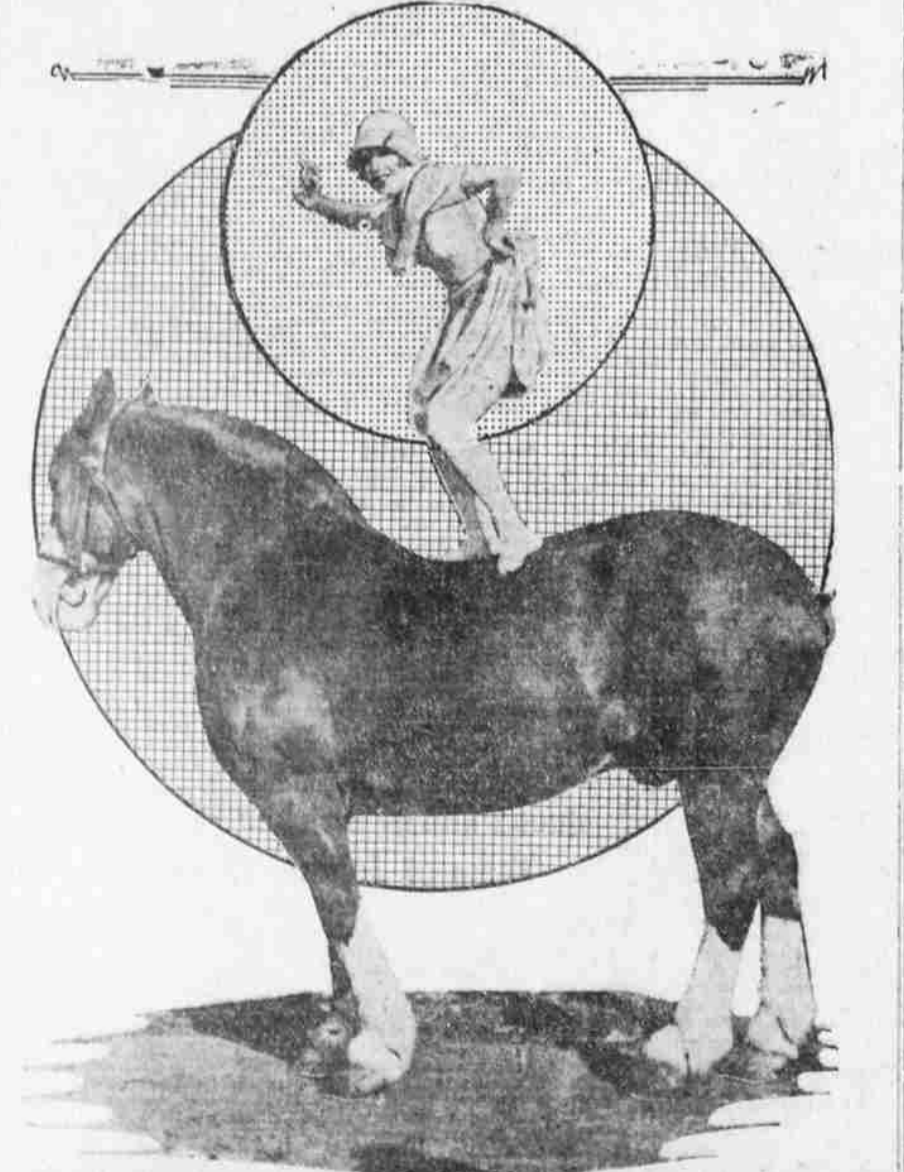
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