

# Sporting News

## Speaker Gains on Ty. Cobb

Chicago, Sept. 19.—"Ty" Cobb faces an almost hopeless task in trying to beat out Tris Speaker for the batting leadership, according to figures issued recently by the American League. The up-to-date records of both batters follow:—

	A.B.	Hits.	Ave.
Speaker	486	189	.389
Cobb	485	175	.361

The official figures above show that Speaker leads Cobb by 14 hits in practically the same number of times at bat. For Cobb to win out he would have to make 15 more hits than Speaker in the same number of times at bat during the rest of the season. The Tigers have 16 more games to play; the Indians about the same number.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Speaker drew away slightly from Cobb last week in the race for premier batting honors in the American League, his average after Wednesday's games being 12 points better than his rival's—a gain of three points. Cobb added six stolen bases to his record; now amounting to 54; Jackson, Chicago, in total bases with 258; Cobb, Detroit, in runs scored with 93, and Detroit in club batting with .260, are the other leaders.

The leading batters who have played in half or more of their team's games:—Speaker, Cleveland, .378; Cobb, Detroit, .366; Jackson, Chicago, .350; Strunk, Philadelphia, .311; Gardner, Boston, .306; Sisler, St. Louis, .300; Roth, Cleveland, .296; Felsch, Chicago, .294; Nunamaker, New York, .292; E. Collins, Chicago, .291.

Hal Chase is Jake Daubert's closest rival for the batting honors of the National League, now standing only three points behind. Carey, Pittsburg, who leads in stolen bases, with 48; Wheat, Brooklyn, in total bases with 214; Burns, New York, in runs scored, with 80, and Brooklyn in team hitting, with .259, are the

The leading batters are:—Daubert, Brooklyn, .323; Chase, Cincinnati, .320; Wagner, Pittsburg, .318; Wheat, Brooklyn, .318; Hornsby, St. Louis, .317; Hinchman, Pittsburg, .308; Stock, Philadelphia, .305; Robertson, New York, .303; Zimmerman, Chicago, .293; Long, St. Louis, .292.

### GREATEST BATTING PITCHER.

Albert Orth, who now wears the mantle of authority and other habiliments of an umpire in the National League, has celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of his connection with the major leagues. Delving into Orth's past reveals much to his credit, for he was a pitcher who could bat. It will tax the credulity of the reader to the utmost limits to believe it, but, as a matter of fact and sober truth, Al Orth, pitcher, mind ye, once batted .400! And that was in the National League! And he batted .390 four years!

Orth had a batting average for his entire major league pitching career, beginning in 1895 and ending in 1908, of about .275, and if any other twirler has hung up anything like this record for so long a period a study of the records doesn't reveal it.

### LONGEST BALL GAME.

The longest ball game in major league history was played in Boston ten years ago, the Red Sox and Athletics being the contesting clubs. A double-header was scheduled, and the first game started at two o'clock. Coombs was in the box for the Mackmen, while a youngster named Harris twirled for Boston. The Athletics got a man across in the third inning, and Boston evened up in the sixth. After that there was no more scoring until the twenty-fourth, when the Athletics got three runs and won the game 4 to 1.

A man may class his wife as a bird of paradise during the honeymoon—and as a parrot later in the game.

## SEED GRAIN DISTRIBUTION

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### Ready to Embrace.

"Hist!" whispered Paddy. He was crouching beneath the sign of the three balls, watchful, alert, and he had no ears for the pleasantries of his old friend, Mike.

"Phwat's the matter, Patriek?" whispered Mike, anxiously.

Paddy laid a finger on his lips. "Have you gone crazy?" pursued Mike, unheeding. "Tell me, Patriek, phwat is it?"

"It's loike this," whispered Paddy. "It's just 12 months too-day Oi pawned me suit, an' Oi'm told in 12-month it'll run out. Niver a word, Mike! Oi'm sthandin' here waitin' to be ready for it as it comes running through the doorway!"—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Arthur H. Franke, of Manitowoc, Wis., heard about the people who could not get seats in the New York subways. He has patented a cane that unfolds into a stool.

## WENT DOWN WITH SPAN

Yet This Youth Escaped Without Serious Injury.

Quebec, Sept. 16.—How he was carried to the river with the falling span, and yet escaped without serious injury, is the tale told by Alfred French, 18, of New Liverpool, Quebec. "I was at work on the centre span," he said, "and first felt the flooring of the structure kind of slant to the south. Then I heard a slight grinding of metal and the first thing I knew, men were shouting that we were going down. Their shouts were soon drowned, however, by the awful noise of the crumbling of steel. The span was shaken like a leaf, jerking up and down, and then I had the sensation of going down in a fast descending elevator. The suction, as far as I can remember, took me down under the surface and I expected every minute to feel my body crushed."

"We heard a ripping noise, as if some strong file had gone through some girder on the centre span," says Wilfrid Baron, of Levis. "Some one cried out: 'Run for your lives, we're falling.' Then the span seemed to crumble under our eyes, below, and we felt a shock on the cantilever span. But this, I felt, was holding good, so I cried out to the men that were with me to stay on the cantilever, that we were safe."

"Cyrille Bernier, of Levis, was with me and he got very nervous. He repeatedly told me, in a shaking voice: 'Fred, let's jump.' Twice he made for the side of the span to jump down, but I managed to hold him back by his coat and overalls. Then the screams of the men of the centre span told us that at least it was doomed and Bernier, with a shout, jumped off and was lost in a turmoil of foam and debris."

## Attractions at The Empire Theatre

Admirers of Ethel Barrymore, the popular dramatic actress, who has a distinct and immense following among stage and screen devotees, will welcome her appearance here in a masterly five-part photo-drama at the Empire Theatre on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 22nd and 23rd, when the noted star will be seen in "The Final Judgment." Miss Barrymore is supported by a cast of exceptionally high quality, and the picture was directed by the master hand of Edwin Carewe.

"The Final Judgment" was written by George Scarborough, author of "The Lure" and other successful stage productions. By a reversal of the usual procedure, presentation of the screen version precedes that of the stage production, which inaugurates a new order of things in stage and screen arrangements. Never before has a play by a recognized dramatist been seen in motion pictures before it was given to the speaking stage.

Flora Parker De Haven, established in Red Feathers has attained the heights of stardom in "The Seeker," a Red Feather production, which will appear at the Empire Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 25th and 26th. Flora Parker De Haven, better known, perhaps, as Mrs. Carter De Haven, was for many years a star with her husband in musical comedy and vaudeville. When the De Havens left the stage for the screen Mrs. De Haven still played with her husband. But now she has so demonstrated her ability that she is being starred alone, without her usual partner. It might be interesting to know that Mr. De Haven is now starring himself in a serial, "The Adventures of Timothy Dobs."

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How little to complain there'd be,  
If I knew you and you knew me.

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