PART V—"THE LUCK OF WHEELER DELL"

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THE "LUCK" OF THE GAME

It is an old and very trite saying that "It's an ill wind that blows no one good." Wheeler Dell, the right-hand man of the Brooklyn Club, hardly ever hears it.

He had quite a bit of it in the big game on Sunday. Butte, Mont., injured his hand, it is quite likely that in the not so distant future he will again be the uniform of a major league. A long journey for our Brooklynites in their line are the outcome of an old adage.

In 1906, Dell, a big, buoyant youngster, not overly gracious, was playing for Fred Van Ness, a base ball writer in New York City. On the day of an important game Van Ness split his hand with his own bat, and he was so badly that it was impossible for him to go into the ball. That left the team with one pitcher.

Gloves deteriorated over the years, as Van Ness, had banded hand hanging limply by his side, ran a speculative eye over their web for the biggest fellow, so Fred drew him aside.

"Suppose we try your luck in my place," he suggested. "You've got pretty good speed and your control is all right."

Wheeler's eyes opened with rapturous laugh. "Me, why, I'm no pitcher!"

"Sure have to do it. Come on; take a turn," was the response.

"I'll do it," said Dell, "but it sure is taking an awful chance on your part."

Van Ness referred to his position and the big first baseman went in to pitch. If he ever let his arm go, it were his expense they were sadly disappointed. That is to remember, Van Ness, on the bench, congratulated himself on having picked such an efficient substitute. Later, he may not have been in such a congratulatory mood, but he was on the regular pitching list.

It was nearly six years after the memorable game in Butte that Dell received his most enjoyable experience, the privilege of starting in a major league game.

The Cardinals were in St. Louis and the Brooklyn Club was being mustered. Dell, who had been out all spring training, was the only one of the regular pitchers who was unable to take his place in the line. Therefore, Manager John McGraw decided to give Dell a chance to show what he was worth.

At the capital

Deings of the Washington at Their Training Camp. Where New Recruits Give

Considerable Promises.

By Paul W. East

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4. Clark Griffith, manger of the Washington Senators, arrived last Sunday, Dyer and Bailey, of the Detroit Tigers, will arrive there soon. The other new arrivals were: Kitty Perry, of the New York Giants, and Fourcorn, of the Chicago White Sox.

At the Capital

Washington Washington

In baseball, there is never a dull moment. The Duke of York was there last week to try and get the House to pass a bill to make baseball into a national pastime. The bill was never heard from again. The House was not in session during the week, and the bill was not again brought up for a vote.

The Senate passed the bill, but it was sent back to the House for further consideration. The House failed to act on the bill, and it was finally declared dead.

The bill was introduced by Representative J. E. N. G. B. T. who had been a member of Congress for many years. He had introduced the bill several times before, but it had never been passed.

The bill was designed to make baseball a national pastime, and to establish a national baseball league. It was opposed by many members of Congress, who thought it would be too expensive to maintain a national baseball league.

The bill was also opposed by some of the professional baseball clubs, who feared it would take away from their business.

The bill was finally declared dead, and baseball remains a local sport.

GATCHER ED GARRITY

Washington, D. C., March 4. The Washington Senators were in action last night against the Baltimore Orioles. The game was played in front of a large crowd at Griffith Park, and was decided in favor of the Senators.

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