EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, MAY 3, 1915:

GIANTS NEAR-WRECK FROM PLAYER LIMIT RULE-POLO TOURNEY AT BALA THIS WEEK

CELEBRATED FIGHTING MOORES, FATHER AND MANAGER

WRECKAGE OF IDOLIZED GIANTS LOAD ON M'GRAW'S SHOULDERS

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Twenty-One Player Limit Forces Retention of "All-in" Veterans and Bars Young Blood-Phillies Are Playing the Real Inside Baseball-Alexander's Record.

When the National League passed the rule that limits each club to 21 players after May 1, Manager McGraw, of the Giants, who was one of those opposed in its adoption, declared that it would wreck more than one club in the National League. The rule has wrecked one club, and that club is the Glants.

After he had obtained Lobert from the Phillies and Perritt from St. Louis. McGraw was confident that his team again would be pennant winners but he was reckoning without injuries and veterans who are fast approaching the end of their career. In the matter of injuries, McGraw is now getting a taste of what Charley Dooin encountered three of the five years he piloted the Quakers,

With 21 players the limit, Manager McGraw now has but 16 men available for duty, and one more, Tesreau, is likely to be added to the list of crippled. Tesreau had a bad thumb. It was said to be dislocated, but Secretary Foster yesterday stated that it is merely a bad bruise, but which, however, will keep him out of the box for quite a time.

. . . McGraw Feels Sting of Criticism

The veterans McGraw is now using do not seem to be the same men who played on the three-time championship team, and it appears that a machine, almost as famous as the Athletics, has gone to smash. Even Sam Crane, the veteran baseball writer of New York, who is known throughout the country as a most rabid Giant rooter, admits that the team is gone. Crane says they will be mighty lucky to finish better than sixth.

For the first time since he jumped the American League to accept the managerial reins at New York, Manager McGraw is feeling the sting of criticism, and yet it is not all McGraw's fault. He was manager of the champlon team of the National League and was therefore forced to sign up 16 of his players to iron-clad, two-year contracts to keep them from going to the Federal League. Little did he reckon that half of the 16 would reach a point where it is now a question of whether they are "all in" or not. The more one thinks of McGraw's plight the more one wonders whether or not Connie Mack was wrong in allowing so many of his veteran stars to depart from the ranks. Mack, at least, has much young blood that is promising, while McGraw cannot even hold any youngsters because he is loaded up with veterans with two-year contracts.

Gotham fans are knocking because Manager McGraw permitted Piez, the local boy, to go to Rochester along with Walter Hoelke, a young first baseman, who burned things up at Marlin this spring, Arthur Kores, a running mate of Davey Bancroft at Portland last season, was also turned back under an optional agreement, though he was touted as a better ball player than the remarkable Philly shortstop. Those who are criticising do not realize that McGraw did not want to let any of these youngsters go, but his act of "saving them from the Feds" had made this necessary when the 21-player rule went into effect. . . .

Phillies Give Alexander Their Best Support

Alexander the Great registered his fifth consecutive victory at the expense of the Giants on Saturday. The big Nebraskan was forced to extend himself but once in turning the trick, and that was because he grew careless in the eighth inning. He grooved balls for both Brainerd and Meyers, who doubled, and then when he tried to get something on the ball for Grant he failed, and Grant singled. He recovered in time to prevent further scoring, though the Giants had men on second and third with one run in before a man had been retired.

Although the whole Philly team has been going in splendid form, they seem really to outdo themselves when Alexander is on the pitching hill, if this spirit continues Alexander is likely to go a long way before he is beaten, unless he is unfortunate enough to run against an opponent who holds the Phillies scoreless. The way he is going now, Alexander needs no more than two runs to win his games. Opposing teams have scored two or more runs against him twice, but in each instance Alexander gained an early lead and did not extend himself. . . .

Mighty Mathewson Resorts to "Spitters"

For the first time in his life the famous Mathewson has been forced to resort to shoots not governed entirely by the power of his arm. On Saturday, in the sixth inning, with Byrne on second and Becker at bat, the wonderful Matty started using the spitball, a delivery he once said should be barred from the game, and he continued using it to the end of the inning. Notwithstanding this. Moran's men scored two runs. The last strike on Cravath in this inning was a spitter, which broke so wide that Meyers could not recover in time to head off Becker, who was stealing. Cravath helped in this play by balking Meyers, when the Indian did get in position to throw. Mathewson really pitched a great game of ball, and perhaps it would seem foolish to predict that his end as a star is in sight, because this prediction has become a yearly affair, but he certainly must fear for his prowess when he resorts to the spitball at this late period in his career. Mathewson is in his 16th season, and it does not seem reasonable to believe that he can go much farther. Certainly he did not have as much on Saturday as on former -pccasions in this city. The fact that he struck out Cravath three times proves nothing. He put everything he had on the ball when the mighty slugger was hitting, and it must also be remembered that Cravath is in a bad slump. When a man who has been a marvel like Mathewson finds that his natural "stuff" is not enough to get away with his opponents, even when supported by the greatest brain in baseball, it seems from a distance that he is nearly through. Since the middle of July last season Mathewson has been a steady loser, and is continuing on his losing way this season. For the last four seasons he has started off like a racehorse and gradually slowed down toward the end of the season, and Manager McGraw was forced to nurse him along in order to have him in good shape for the world's series. . . .



The above picture shows five fighting brothers of the Von Franzke family, who box under the nom de plume of Moore, their father and handler. Reading from left to right, they are, bottom row-Wilhelm, alias Willie; Albert, alias Al, and Paul, alias Pal. Middle row-Emil, alias Frankie; August von Franzke, and August, Jr., alias Reddy. At the top is Billy McGonigle, who looks after the destinies of the Fighting Moores.



From the way he started out Ty Cobb is on his way to make it nine years in a row. Starting in 1966, Hang Wagner led his longue four years in succession at bat, and thereby established a record up , o that date

Beginning his rush the year after-1907 Cobb has led the batting order eight ars without a break, doubling Wagner's But for a while at least their way pooks Cobb has led the batting order eight ears without a break, doubling Wagner's record, and for a ninth year he is something over .450. Beat him? Not with an army corps once he gets in motion. phrase born of a new success.

The Scramble Complete From 1900 to 1914 three ball clubs con-trolled the deatiny of the National League -New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago. They not only carried away all thirteen pennants for that epoch, but were nearly that Griff at last might hurdle the old hoodoo. Or that Moran, Rowland, Carrways one, two, three. always one, two, three. But, as affairs new look, a sable cloud has come across the day of their glory. The under dogs have developed a bite. Hoston broke the spell last July, and There is a larger opening to Fame the any outsider has ever drawn, for there isn't a ball club in the gam, strone of enough to be an even fairly bulbous cinch. there's a striking possibility now ahead that not over one of the old-time triple

rulers will finish in the first division.

RUNS SCORED BY MAJORS LAST WEEK

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FEDERAL LEAGUE. to be over rough journeying while an-other pair come up to be rated as Mirasas Men or Peerless Leaders or some new B. M. Tu. W. Th. F. * 4 7 * 1 0 * 8 6 * 11 * 1 2 14 * 1 12 7 6 13 * 2 7 0 7 1 * hicago City. Kansas City... Newark Pittsburgh ...

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FAMILY OF FIGHTING MOORES IS INCREASED TO QUINTET

Al von Franzke Joins Frankie, Reddy, Pal and Willie in Pugilistia Profession-Brother Battlers Will Show on Same Card Here Shortly.

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says that Champion Johnny Killan absolutely refuses to tackle Pal.

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he has proven himself one of Philade phia's best welterweights and a loger

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Albert, is preparing himself to go to the front and uphold the name of the fight

swimmer of Philadelphia, plans to break

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proposes to swim back and forth between

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Pugilistic history was established here ecently when two world's champions-Kid Williams and Johnny Klibane-en-traged in combat. Another rare treat. Kid Williams and Johnny Kilbane-engaged in combat. Another rare treat. which will make world-wide fistic history, is in store for Philadelphia fans when 50 per cent, of a boxing program will be composed of glovemen sepresenting the same family.

With the advent of Al Moore, of the famous fighting family of that moniker, in the field of fisticuff, and the two vetrans-Frankie and Reddy-training for "comeback," two local promoters are idding for the services of the entire fam-

ears-Reddy, 124 pounds; Wilhelm

Moores, Billy McGonigle, claims the wel-terweight championship of the world, is at the present time. He is a fisticuffian of the fighter variety, stands with his and Young Shugrue. Manager McGor right arm extended, and possesses a ter-rific punch, which spells sleep when it crashes against a vulnerable spot of an opponent

The fighter referred to has a long list f knockouts which gives mute evidence f his punching powers. His latest victim Young Jack O'Brien, who went down to defeat two weeks ago in the fifth round. The result of this encounter was one of the biggest surprises of the season

Other boxers who have assimilated Willie's quietus wallop, and frankly ad-mit his hitting ability, are Willie May, Willie Mayo, Pete Hughes, Happy O'Donald, Joe Phillips, Young Donovan, Jack Lee, Kid Doyle, Babe Davis, Buck Fleming, Joe Belmont, Tommy Rowan, Tommy Langdon and Otto Kohler. A score of other scrappers have been floored by Wilhelm's vicious punch and

sion. August 57, known as keddy to high the lowers because of his auburn thatch, became envious of his brother's puglistic ability. He also decided to take up the mitt profession. After a short time in the ring "Reds," like his older brother, also gave promise of championship

to develop into a fighter of Willie's type-a puncher of decided ability. And when Al is ready for his entry ins professional ranks Philadelphia's first fraternity will have the pleasure of al-nessing the first family of fighters appear in combat on one side of the card at its same show DURBOROW SEEKS RECORD Will Try on May 30 to Set Freeh water Mark on Delaware. Charles Durborow, the long-distance

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Among Reddy's opponents were Patsy



Pal started his ring career when be 15. At 18 he accommodated the following then leading boxors in the squared circle Jem Driscoll, Matt Wells, Charley Pal and Willie are the other boxers compose the Five Fighting Moores. (twice), Johnny Dundee (twice), Battin Naison, Abe Attell, Joe Mandot, Om The Moore maulers are of German par-entage, named Von Franzke. All of the Najion, Abe attimes), Matty Baldu Maran (three times), Matty Baldu (twice), Tommy Murphy (three time Jimmy Walsh, Freddy Weish, Teta ovs box under first name aliases, viz: Maloney, Tommy O'Toole, Frankie Ba dole, Joe Shugrue (twice), Phil Brock and

Emil, 26 years-Frankle, 122 pounds; Paul, 23 years-Pal, 130 pounds; August, Jr., 25 years-Willie, 141 pounds, and Albert, 16 ears-Al, 106 pounds. Willie, for whom the manager of the

the most sensational fighter of the family

Al started his boxing career months ago as an amateur. He months ago as an amateur. He entern one of the Gayety Theatre tournament, which has graduated a number of goad boxers. He fought his way through the 105-pound division, although weighing s Other boxers who have assimilated and won a diamond ring, symbolic of th 105-pound amateur championship of Phi adelphia. None of his opponents, th n all, lasted more than a round. Now little Albert is shaping himself to his professional debut. He gives pro

were lucky to stay the limit. Frankle, eldest of the battling brothers, was the first of the Moores to undertake the hit-and-get-away game as a profes-When in his prime he was conceded as a serious contender for cham-pionship laurels. Frankle fought the leading featherweights during the heyday of his career, meeting Frankie Nell, then bantamweight champion of the world; Percy Cove, K. O. Brown, Young Pierce, Teddy Maloney and a host of other stars in the limelight at that time. While Frankie was boxing successfully, August Jr., known as Reddy to fight fol-

Moran Is "Pulling" the "Inside Baseball Stuff"

Inside baseball is, to a large extent, a combination of common sense on the part of a player and imagination on the part of scribes and fans, because most of the best so-called inside stuff is "pulled" on the bench and not on the field. Manager Moran made two little moves on Saturday that may have been overlooked, but they proved conclusively that the Phillies' pilot is using his common sense and great experience at all times.

Cravath, who had been struck out twice by Matty, was waiting his turn to bat in the sixth inning and stood half way between the plate and the bench swinging three bats. Manager Moran walked over to him, and seeing that all of the clubs he was swinging were Cravath's lighter bats, ran to the bench and picked out a big heavy club, which he ordered the slugger to use. Cravath struck out again, but it did not spoil the effect of Moran's move, which was really cleverly reasoned.

When asked about it, Moran said: "Gabby had struck out twice on slow balls because he was swinging too fast with a light bat, and I believed that with a heavier stick he would not swing so fast. He struck out, but that was only because he swung at a bad ball to block Meyers, as Becker was stealing at the time. He did succeed in bothering Meyers enough to cause him to throw poorly, and Becker landed safely at second, where he could score on a single. Whitted came through with that hit."

Moran's other bit of shrewdness occurred in the Glants' half of the last inning. Fletcher was at bat with an unusually dark ball in play. He fouled the first pitch into the stand, and Moran ran over and called to a boy to toss the ball out. One or two fans sitting near the press box made some remarks about cheapness in bothering about one ball with such a good crowd present, but they did not realize, the reason for Moran's move.

Had the ball been kept in the stands and another foul been hit, a new ball would have been put in play. A new ball is much easier to see than an old one, especially with a crowd sitting in the centre field bleachers. The people in the stand give a solid black background, and it is difficult to see a dark ball until it is almost up to the plate.

The boy threw the ball back, and Moran's strategy bore fruit when Fistcher again fouled off and the dark ball that had been in the stand was put in play. It is no sure thing that Alexander would not have retired the side anyway, but the fact remains that he had the advantage of a black ball, and a percentage of this sort is a great aid. Little things like this have been turning points of many games, and it was pleasing to see Moran wide-awake ready to take advantage of such things.

general decay nearly always follow in the path of success. The greatest trainer for the future is the hard luck that develops a capacity for fortitude against fate. The air that one breathes at the top is generally too rich for the system in the way of further development

Or Is There an Exception? According to the late Mr. Newton prac tically everything that goes up has to come down.

On what scientific plateau, then, does he array Ty Cobb, who went up nine years ago and has never come down since?

If the Allies have as tough a time driving the Germans out of Belgium and France as Doc Time has of driving T. R. from the First Page, the use of further ammunition is foolish. T. R. has been driven back into the second and third pages once or twice, but he has always reformed and captured the first page trench regardless of the terrible cost.

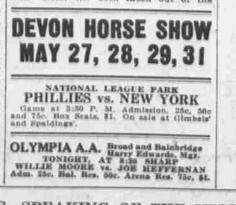
Up, Uncle Sam, and at 'Em

It would be in the nature of a robust rap at the golfing status of this broad nmonwealth of ours if England, after sending a million men to war, could find time between the boom of big guns to land an invading force on our shores and wrest away the golf championship in Yet that is precisely what England is

lable to do unless America gets ready for the assault and then sends her beat golfers to the front. If the 20 best golfers in America, ama-

teur and pro, should start now in their training for this international affair the U. S of A. would have only an even chance. And without this preliminary training and the entry of all her stars America's chance to repel another British assault is extremely shy and coy and

Are They Next? From 1966 to 1999 Frank Chance and Hughey Jennings were the main absorb-ers of public acclaim and baseball atten-tion After 1919 both faded out of the



Isn't this a triffe soon to October police? We may be in error, but, as we understand it, the Braves hadn't quite repeated on this date, and neither had the Tigers or Red Sox plucked the American League pennant. Why not walt a month or two before aending for the police to quell the impending riot?

Anybody's Chance

FOUR POLO TEAMS ENTERED FOR COUNTRY CLUB TROPHIES

Play at Bala Begins Wednesday, Schedule of Games.

Earl Hopping, representing the Philadelphit Country Club, announced last night that four teams had entered the special tournament which starts on Wednesday at Bala for cups presented by the Country Club. The first game will be between the Aiken Tigers, represented by E. F. Brook, Jr., Earl Hopping, Captain J. R. Lindsey, U. S. A.; A. P. Perkins, and the Point Judith team, with John R. Fell, P. S. P. Randolph, Sr., Gilbert or Victor Mather and T. S. P. Randolph. Jr., in the line-up. On Friday, Devon, composed of Charles A. Munn, Jr., Barclay McFadden, Paul Denckla Mills and A. J. Drexel Paul, will line up against the Philadelphia Country Club, with Thomas Stokes, Standley Stokes, E. Lowber Stokes and Charles Frick in the saddle.

On Saturday the Bryn Mawr first team will meet the winner of the Wednesday match, and there will also be a special contest to complete the afternoon's pro-gram. gram.

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