# EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1915.

# PHILLIES' SHOWING BRINGS DENIAL FROM M'GRAW-GOOD FIGHT STAGED AT OLYMPIA

# **M'GRAW ADMITS THE PHILLIES** ARE CONTENDERS FOR PENNANT

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Giants' Leader Denies Alleged Interview in Which He Termed Spurt "Flash-in-the-Pan"-The "If" Plays Yesterday Which Would Have Turned Tide of Battle.

John McGraw, manager of the New York Giantz, denies that he ever said the Phillies were a "false alarm" or "spring champions." The leader of the many-time champion Glants says that he could not have been quoted as saying that the Phillies were a joke ball club because he honestly believed Moran's team would be in the fight to the finish. Good pitching will make the Phillies a most serious contender, says McGraw, as he thinks the team in by far better off with the hustling youngsters than the dissatisfied stars.

It might be well to mention also that McGraw thinks his team will finish one or two, despite its miserable start and crippled condition. The 21 player limit has been a great blow, but McGraw believes that such luck as he has had to date would have kept the team back anyway. . . .

## Teamwork Better Than Flashes of Stars

"I want it understood that I never said the Phillies were a joke team for league leaders," was McGraw's sharp answer when asked why he had predicted a second division berth for the Phillies in a recent alleged inter-"My opinion is that Moran has a mighty fine ball club. If things continue to break for him, somebody is due for a surprise. Pat is a pretty wise fellow and will profit by the mistakes made in the past when the team was leading at the half way mark.

"Some people say he has not a good club because he has passed up some stars, but that is wrong. This fellow Whitted is every bit as good as Magee and perhaps a little better. Magee is a wonderful ball player, but he mixes sensational work with some very bad playing, and this hurts a team that must settle itself into the steady gait that wins pennants." . . .

### Whys and Wherefores of Phillies' Success

"Moran has the best pitcher in the land in Alexander," continued McGraw, "and with Mayer and one or two others, he has a staff strong enough to win any pennant if the club holds up, and there is no reason why it should not hold up. And, remember, we also will be in the race. We don't look good now, but we will. My team is composed of veterans and they are slow in rounding into form. This, together with the bad luck in the form of accidents, has sent us to the bottom, but when warm weather comes we will start to climb.

"I look to see the Braves, Giants. Phillies and Cubs stay up at the top or thereabouts. I don't think that the Braves are a bit better if as good as last season. The mad spurt last season kept the men keyed up to a high pitch and they really went better than they knew how. And then again they will not carry the other teams off their feet as they did in 1914, nor is it likely they will ever get such consistent pitching as that done by Rudolph, James and Tyler for the last haf of the season. . . .

# Records of Double-plays in Baseball

When the Yankees made four double plays against the Athletics on Saturday it was said that this was the American League record for the season and equaled the best record made in Johnson's league since its inception. That is wrong. This mark has been beaten five times in the American League

Just a week ago the St. Louis Browns made five double plays in five successive innings. Prior to Tuesday, April 27, the Browns had twice made five double plays in a nine-inning game. They turned the trick first on July 27 1912, and again on July 2, 1913. Other American League teams to make five double killings in a game were Boston, on May 8, 1904, and Cleveland, on June 1, 1913, but five double plays in five consecutive innings was never accomplished before the Browns did it against Detroit last Tuesday.

In the National League Brooklyn has been the only club to accomplish the feat in nine innings, though it has often been equaled and beaten in extra-inning games. Brooklyn got away with the trick on August 28, 1913. The record performance of this kind was by the Kansas City Club, of the American Association, which made six double plays in six consecutive innings on May 4, 1914. The greater number recorded in one game was eight, made by the Boston American League Club in an 18-inning game in 1903. Five of these plays were made by the famous Parent-to-Ferris-to-Lachance combination

# **Real Test Now for the Phillies**

The fans now may see what the Phillies are made of. They are facing the crisis in the next two days. Any ball club looks great in victory and with things going their way, but it takes a real club to come back after losing a heartbreaking struggle like the Phillies dropped to the Giants yesterday. The Athletics were anything but a beaten team in the world's series until Eddie Plank was downed in that nerve-racking 1-to-0 game. But after that defeat they cracked,

Will the Phillies crack. Apparently yesterday's game was merely one defeat, but its moral effect will be great. The team will either fight back like a game ball club, or lose heart when facing just such a contingency that arose in the ninth inning yesterday. One does not realize what a defeat of that sort means to a club until he has seen the men and watches how they take it.

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# What Might Have Happened "If"

It was a game of "ifs." One could mention many "ifs" that would have



Interscholastic League Standing

year. punch at bat-and now with Cook, Pipp, Cree, Nunamaker, Sweeney and Hartzell

only one affair that can drive the Yanks back into the second division-and this will be injuries or accidents linked to a slump that may bring back the old days

High and Catholic High and Southern High and Central High were scheduled. These contests will be decided on a future date.

"What," asks an exchange, "is the most useful ingredient in sport-speed, power, courage or brain?"

# MOORE INJURES HAND BEATING HEFFERNAN IN SENSATIONAL GO

Southwark Welter Wins Over West Phila. Rival After Six Sizzling Sessions - Tendler Again Defeats Mack.

Although Willie Moore, of Southwark Although Willie Moore, of Southwark, today is suffering from an injured left hand, he is being recognized by a majority of the fight fans who witnessed his encounter with Joe Heffernan, of West Philadelphia, at the Olympia A. A. last night, as the hardest hitting weiler weight in Pennsylvania. After six ses-sions of the most sensational scrapping seen here for some moons, the downtown entry returned a victor over his rival from across the Schuylkill by a wide enough margin to make the decision is his favor almost unanimous. Moore and Heffernan are reputed to be

Moore and Heffernan are reputed to have two hardest-hitting "42" pound bet. Moore and Heffernan are reputed to he the two hardest-hitting "42" pound bet tlers in the city and the assemblage st the Broad street arena was not dimap pointed in the least in witnessing a bat-tle between a pair of fighters who depend on their hitting ability to win. Each scored a knockdown. Heffernan hitting the floor for the count of seven in the opening round, while the Moore mauler went to the mat in the third session at

opening round, while the Moore mules went to the mat in the third session at the sound of the bell. After the first round, in which period Moore raised a Tump the size of an eg over Heffernan's right eys with the first punch of the match and then dropped him for the count of seven with a vicious left hand wallop on the jaw, Willie used his southpaw mitt to little advantage. However, his straight right hand punch enabled him to pile up sufficient points is win, while he had Heffernan swinging like a gate. Billy McGonigle, Moore's manager, said after the encounter that Willie hurt his hand possessing the like a gate. Billy McGonigle. Moores manager, said after the encounter that Willie hurt his hand possessing the knockout wallop in the initial session. Moore came very nearly going the "teg" route in the third round, when Hefferman connected with a wild right-hand punch, flush on the jaw. The effects of the blow made Moore reel to the ropes, with Hef-fernan falling over bim, and just as Wills landed on the bottom rope the bell rame fernan tailing on the bottom rope the bell rang. From then on until the finish of the match neither boy landed a punch hard enough to send the other to the mail Starting with the very first round, Heffernan, after being dropped, did not seem to know where he was, and if Moore had been able to use his southpaw punch more often in the latter part of the battle, Het-fernan would have heard Referee O'Brian practice arithmetic over him again and he

might have been counted out. Moore weighed 139% pounds and Heffernan tipped the beam at 144. In the semifinal Lew Tendler, 118% pounds, again defeated Willie Mack, 1201%, after a slashing six-round bout. Mack was on the offensive from the distance the greater part of the encounter, but at close quarters he put up a corking fight.

Jimmy Murphy, of West Philadelphia, 134½ pounds, forced Tommy O'Keefe the veteran, 136½ pounds, to hold on in the clinches several times, but the latters work from the distance entitled him to an even break. In the other numbers Johnny Meeley, 1274, knocked out Frankle Mc Coy, 128, after two and a half rounds of sizzling battling, and Jimmy Parker, 12934, won from Jack Kantrow, 125, in a bout that went the limit.

# BINGLE AND BUNGLE IN DIAMOND DOPE

Eddie Burns had trouble handling Chalmers' spitter in the early innings George had a great curve ball also. Dave Bancroft's double play was a wonder. Manager McGraw remarked be fore the game that Davy looked more like Mike Doolan every day. Chalmers tried the quick return ball when he had two strikes and no balls on Robertson, but the Glant outfielder

The remarkable showing of the West Philly national pastimers is the biggest surprise in scholastic athletic competition here this season. When the interscho-

the inclement weather. Among the league

games on tap were matches betweer

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Scholastic League, West Philadelphia

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sociation of the National Bowling Assoclation were rolled last night on the Terminal alleys, Filbert street below 13th. The president of the national organization, Elmer E. Dungan, former Chief Executive William Kirk, of Wilmington; local President H. E. Heidman and many prominent followers of the pastime, as well as many ladies, witnessed the opening exercises. After a short address by President Heidman, the opening balls were rolled by Harry Tily, of the Straw-

The opening matches of the first annual

tenpin tournament of the local City As-

bridge & Clothier League; Joe Travis, William Kirk, George M. Moss, secretary of the local organization; H. C. Fehr, E. E. Dungan, Joe Avil and Howard Wright

The championship is a tristate affair. entries having been received from Wil-

O Tempora! O Mores! O you Yanks! Whoever thought you'd start on such o To leave the rut and climb the dizzy banks Up where the Giants and Mackmen used to bet Whoever thought, old rippers, you were there With sprigs of olive tangled in your hair!

Some eminent philosopher has figured it out that in this mundane existence most things even up-that those who wear the laurel and those who wear the chaplet of thorns shall some day swap possessions There is proof extant that he was right.

From 1850 to 1910 Yale's football machine almost yearly drove Harvard off the plains. But since 1910 Harvard has so predominated that Yale has hardly had a chnce.

Yanks in first place.

entries having been received from Wil-mington, Del. and Camden, N. J., in ad-dition to representative five-man teams from a majority of the leagues of this city. Jenkintown, too, entered a five-man teams entered, 56 three-men combinations, 107 two-man teams and 195 individuals. They are divided into three classes, ac-cording to their bowling strength. The five-man teams will occupy the eight al-lease each evening excern Friday and the Soffed-at Philles and the jeered-at Vanks in first in the states and the second the vanks in first phase.

Gone-All Gone-

Giants had three pennant years back of them, with a fourth in sight; the Mack-

men had three world series years back

of them with a fourth only a canter on

On the same day the Yanks had 10 years of disaster back of them-and little

hope ahead. And the Phillies were break-

Lines to the Yanks

Why a Fluke? uplift as a "fluke start." Why the fluke two first-class catchers. In Caldwell, Fisher, McHale, Brown and Keating-with Cole, Pieh and Wahrop in reserve-they have all the pitching they need. They have had the pitching and fielding for a

their aggressive strength is doubled.

As the situation now stands there is

of discouragement. If they can meet their first slump and keep on lighting, with the indigo tradition of old forgotten, the Yank habitat for 1915 should be among the first four to a rockribbed certainty.

# Short Lengths

Some expert has referred to the Yank Games. Test Philadelphia H. S... ortheast High School.... entral High School.... atholic High School.... outhern High School..... They have in Nunamaker and Sweeney Interacademic League Standing Games. rienda' Central ormantown Academy nn Charter olscopal What they have lacked is the Scholastic baseball, tennis and cricket matches scheduled in this vicinity this afternoon have been called off because of

turned defeat into victory. All the Fates seemed to combine against the Phillies in that eventful ninth inning. Chalmers pitched a beautiful game until then, and even after Lobert had doubled and scored on George Burns' sacrifice fly there did not seem to be a chance for the Giants.

Two men were out when Robertson stepped to the plate. He had made a double and two singles out of three trips to the plate, and the crowd was on the anxious bench. When Chalmers shot two strikes across, the crowd breathed easier. The next pitch was a ball, but the following one appeared to be right across the centre of the plate. Eddie Burns, catching for the Phillies, started to run for the clubhouse, but Umpire Quigley called the pitch a ball,

#### . . . Catcher Burns Could Have Won Game

Robertson had another chance and started fouling off pitch after pitch. Five fouls were hit and then he just grazed one. The ball went straight into Burns' mitt, but he dropped it. If he had held it the game would have been over. But he didn't. Robertson then hit a grounder at Luderus, which bounded badly and got away from the first sacker for a hit. If he had held it Robertson would have been an easy out.

Then Brainard swung at a spitter and rolled an easy grounder down the third-base line, which he beat out. Byrne was playing deep, or he might have thrown him out. Meyers, one of the Giants' best hitters, was next up. Chalmers had him two strikes and no balls when, for some reason or other, he shot a fast ball straight across, instead of trying to work the big Indian.

Totals... SPORTING Loud'lager Bretherton Meyers sent the ball into centre and Robertson darted for the plate. Whitted threw accurately, but late, and Robertson scored the tiging run. To make matters worse, Eddie Burns allowed the throw to get away from him and was slow recovering it, and Brainard also scored by cutting third base about three feet. If Burns had even stopped the ball or played it safe, as he should have, the score would have been a tie and the Phillies would still have had a chance.

### . . . Chalmers Showing Better Every Day

#### The crowd was stunned. There did not seem to be a chance to beat Chalmers, as he was going at his best. It only goes to show what a few little breaks and "Ifs" mean in a ball game. Chalmers may or may not have been careless on Meyers, but it looked that way from the stand. The big pitcher may have figured to cross the Indian by giving him that straight, fast ball, but it was a poor chance to take on such a hard and timely hitter.

Chaimers' pitching, though beaten, was enough to encourage one who tried to be optimistic. He is looking better every day, and if he gets over the heartbreaking defeats and forgets it, he is going to prove the very man Moran needs to keep the Phillies in the fight to the finish. Four hits were all the Giants got until the ninth, and three of these were made by Robertson, a fair hitter, but one who seemed to have great confidence in facing George.

From a Philly standpoint the game was featured by a terrific home-run smash by Beals Becker, which cleared the right-field fence near the flag pole. When the ball cleared the fence it had fully thirty feet to spare. It reminded one very much of the drives Luderus used to make back in 1911.

## . . . Cravath's Batting Slump Cripples Phillies

Other features in the play of Moran's men were the several dazzling stops and throws by Bancroft, who is, in the opinion of Manager McGraw, of the Glants, a second Mike Doolan, and two fine stops by Bobby Byrne. The greatest drawback to the Phillies yesterday, as has been the case since the team arrived home, was the continued batting slump of Cravath, who struck out twice, went out on a foul to Meyers and rolled an casy grounder to Flotcher. It is the worst slump Cravath has had in years, but he is due to break loose at any time and make up for lost time. That's some consolation.

### . . . Absence of Killefer Keenly Felt

The injury to Killefer is, fortunately, not likely to keep him out of the came any length of time. Killefer is to the Phillies what Schalk is to the White slow, Gowdy to the Braves, Archer to the Cubs and Schang to the Athletics. Trith him the club is stronger by 20 per cent., not only for his rare ability, but in the confidence he instils into the pitchers and other players.

Eurns is a good catches and a mighty handy young man to have on the club. In fact, they are mighty lucky to have such a high-class second-string runn about, but he is not a Killefer just yet, and it is a matter of great doubt machiner the Glants would have been able to win that game with Killefer estching. He might or might not have permitted Whitted's throw to get away, out the general belief to that he would have seen to it that Chaimers apopped roothis talls for Robertson, Brainard and Meyera.

nve-man teams will occupy the eight al-leys each evening except Friday, and the final squad will bowl their final games next Wednesday a week, May 12 Im-mediately after they are through the other three classes will begin their matches, in each of the latter five games being rolled. Six of the Strawbridge & Clothier Learne teams owned the fourney. They

Six of the Strawbridge & Clothier League teams opened the tourney. They proved well matched. The best three-game total was by Clothing, who totaled 2313, which, with their handicap of 32 plns a game, made their grand total 2409. Retail Credit was second with 2334 and had a 3-pln-a-game allowance, bring-ing their score to 2343. Sporting Goods were third with 2343; Rugs fourth, with 2376; Lewelry 67th with 2160 and Acc

ing and fading. And then, one year later, May 1, 1915, the Yanks and Phillies were leading, with

Giants and Mackmen in the cellar, look-ing as spotted as the Yanks and Phillies 160 128 130 201 had ever looked at their worst.

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There are a few details in connection with the revised Yanks that might be considered in the light of future events. From the first of July to October 1 last

season the Yanks traveled at a .540 clip, 
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or thereabouts, enough to have put them in third place with a fair start. This, too, without the help of Ray Caldwell

too, without the help of Ray Caldwell the greater part of the way. Since then they have added two first-class aids in Pipp and High, and have re-gained Caldwell. And they have in Bill Donovan a leader who understands the art of obtaining all the fight and hustle their systems carry.

None of them. The most useful ingredi-ent is a philosophy that can take the break of the game as it comes-and can accept failure without depression and suc without concelt.

If the Mackmen were slipping fast last summer when they had Collins, Baker, Bender and Plank, their present attitude is not to be wondered at. As C. Lamb almost remarked-"Gone, all gone, are the old familiar landmarks." In this sporting whirl the upset came with blinding speed. On May 1, 1914, the

There are two more notches in the gun handle of old Doc Time. Only a year or two ago Mathewson and Bender were world series stars, in possession of the spotlight. Now May is slipping on toward June, and neither has yet put through a The injury to Shipley's hand, which caused him to warm a seat on the bench, weakened Germantown Friends' nine.

victory.

# RUNS SCORED BY MAJORS THIS WEEK

AMERICAN LEAGUE

AJORS THIS WEEK	proved a great asset for Friends on the offensive. Captain Morgan is the hardest hitter on the team. In a recent contest he garnered 4 double, triple and single out of five times at the bat.
	HERZOG AND RIGLER FINED \$5 FOR FIGHT ON DIAMOND
TIONAL LEAGUE Sun. Mon. Total.	President Tener Yet to be Heard From on Row. ST. LOUIS, May 4.—Charles Herzog, manager of the Cincinnati club in the National League, and Rigler, the umpire, were each fined \$5 and costs in the police court here for fighting at the St. Louis-
	Cincinnati game on Saturday, The fines were remitted on payment of costs. Neither Herzog nor Rigler ap- peared in court.

lastic campaign started the Speedboya on Robertson, but the Glant outfielder were not considered in the running by the dopesters. However, the Orange and Blue nine's victories, especially its recent whaled the ball back through the box for a single.

Half of the Giants' hits were made with two strikes and not a called ball. Don't know whose fault it was, but that is nighty poor headwork.

High, have placed the team in a position to romp off with the championship unless the Speedboys hit a slump. mighty poor headwork. Homer Glass, the Indian pitcher triad out by McGraw at Marlin, is a wonder for all-round ability. McGraw sent him to Oklahoma City, of the Western As-sociation, for further seasoning, and be alternates between pitching and catching. He is doing both in a high-class manner. Every time Bohartmon cose after a fit Coach Alker has developed a corking pitching staff from a squad of raw mate-rial and, coupled by the hard hitting of the players, the school across the Schuyl-kill is being represented by a crackajack combination.

Every time Robertson goes after a fir ball the fans expect to see him get hit on the head. As a fielder he reminds one very much of "Doc" Miller and the veteran Billy Keister, who once played with the Phillies. The wonderful arm of "Red" Murray

appears to have lost much of its strength Murray has had no superior as a thrower for the last nine years, but the veteran is evidently slipping.

Much has been written about Bancroft's triple, which was in reality an easy fy that was played badly and misjudged that by Murray. It looks like a regular hit in

by sources, it looks like a regular hit at the box secore, however. Every time President Tener attends a game there is much fault-finding with the umpires. McGraw and Moran ob-jected to several decisions yesterday and Tesreau was sent to the clubhouse.

Packey Hommey Defeats Whitten Packey Hommey Defeats Whitten BALTIMORE. May 4.-Packey Hommey & New York, went all the way in a ten-route battle here last night with Kid Whitten. W fils city. The local lad took a severe puumé-ing, and it is unlikely that any ordinar inghier could have withstood the puushmeet that he did without going down for the dual Hommey played for Whitten's hody almost throughout the encounter, and several times a appeared as though Whitten would be sent w the canvas by the bombardment.

**Big Ed Walsh Seriously Ill** 

Dig La waish Seriously III LUS ANCELES, Cai., May 4.-Developing s severe case of grip from a cold contracted two days ago, 2d Waish, Chicago America League pitcher, suffered from a high fere valeriday and was in such a condition that he learning for Chicago has been indefinity osciponed. Waish's 'come back' as a premit ditcher also has been put into the indefinity future. His physician predicted it would w isveral weeks. If not months, hefore he would usin be in condition.

Killed by Pitched Ball

INDIANAPOLIS. Ind., May 4.-Lewis War-son, 26, was struck on the head by the his ball pitched in the opening of a Sunday sched league here. He died today as a result of the accident.

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The teams of the Strawbridge & Clothier establishment played in the opening series of matches at the Terminal alleys, Filbert street, last night, Reading from left to right, the players are: First row, seated—Paxson, Sheets, Beswick, Pelly, Pierson, Sides, Londenslager, Harry Tily, Jr., and Herley. Second row, seated—Clark, Smith. Clymer, Arrison, H. Tily, Whitesides, Johnson, Bretherton, Stokes. Standing, the players are— Lewis, Sides, Mathis, Best, Roland, McGinley, Randall, Flower, Knipe, Wilson, Cairus and Roberts.

#### Chicago Kanaas City Newarh Pittsburgh St. Louis Tonight's schedule-Tioga, Mather & Co, Nos. and 2. Quarter, Southwestern, Mulford, Lilly ampany and Franklin. 1 President Tener, of the National 3 League, is still to be heard from. 1 iò

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