# PHILS TIGHTEN GRIP ON FIRST PLACE-VAN LOAN'S "THE TEN THOUSAND-DOLLAR ARM RACERS AT POINT BREEZE TONIGHT IN BASEBALL TODAY KILLEFER AND SNYDER PREMIER Rea IF AMERICAN LEAGUE. CATCHERS OF NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis Youngster Shows Great Class, But Phillies' Backstop Has Edge-Demarce Turns in Third Straight Victory. Bobby Byrne Best of Third Sackers.

Fans who like special features will find the present series with the Cardinals interesting in that they have an opportunity to compare the work of the two best catchers in the National League-Killefer, of the Phillies, and Frank Snyder, of the Cardinals,

Killefer is catching the best ball of his career, and his brilliant all-around work has been largely responsible for the excellent work of the Philly pitchers. Until the present season Killefer was known as a brilliant mechanical catcher, but scribes were led to believe that he did not use the best of judgment in handling the twirlers. This season, however, he has proved conclusively that he is a Kiing for cunning and foresight.

Snyder is younger and has not so much experience as the Philly receiver, but he has wonderful natural ability. He has improved more in the last year than any other catcher who has broken into the major leagues in years, barring Ray Schalk, of the White Sox, and never forgets anything that he is told. Huggins is authority for the statement that Snyder knows more about the weaknesses of National Lengue batsmen than he-Huggins-does himself, and the Cardinal manager is just as shrewd as any man in the league in this

Killefer and Snyder both possess wonderful throwing arms, and stolen respect bases are few and far between when they are working, provided the pitchers do their part and prevent runners from getting a flying start. In handling foul files both are high class, with the odds in favor of Killefer. In this respect Killefer has not an equal, and has not muffed a foul three years on the local lot. In that time two fouls have got away from the Philly star, but they were chances that were considered too hard for him to be charged with an error. . . .

# Demarce Turns in Third Straight Victory

Al Demarce won his third victory in eight days when he outpltched Meadows, Perdue and Sallee, and permitted Moran's men to increase their lead, as the Cubs lost one game of a double-header with the Giants. Demaree was hit rather hard, but he pitched excellent ball in the pinches, and his headwork was a help. Regardless of what else one may say of Demarce's pitching when he is going poorly, there is never a time when he does not show that he depends more on brains than brawn, and this headwork helps him out

of many tight places. Three home runs in one afternoon would be the subject for much comment in most cities, but in Philly it is such a commonplace occurrence that it was scarcely mentioned today. Cravath and Bancroft, of the Phillies, and Enyder, of the Cardinals, were the circuit smashers, and all of the drives went over the right field wall. It was Bancroft's third drive over that fence this season and his fourth homer. For a little fellow he hits the ball mighty hard when the pitcher grows careless enough to put a fast one in his "groove."

# One Ball Is Shortest Stay of Pitcher on Mound

"Hub" Perdue pitched just four balls after relieving Meadows, and these four balls gave Whitted a pass. With Luderus, a left-handed batsman, the next hitter, Perdue was taken out and Sallee substituted. Perdue's pass was one of the main causes of the Cardinals' defeat, but Meadows is credited with the loss in the pitching records.

Perdue's short stay on the mound recalls a game played at Shibe Park several years ago, when a pinch pitcher threw but one ball, which was not hit by the batsman and was perfectly handled by the catcher, yet he was charged with a defeat because a double steal was pulled by the Athletics on this pitch and a runner scored from third with the winning run. As two men were out at the time, the pitcher had to retire the side without scoring a run or be charged with the defeat.

# Bobby Byrne Playing Great Game at Third

Last winter when Manager Moran announced that Bobby Byrne would play third base for the Phillies, many fans thought that the former Pirate was slowing down too much to handle the job. But Charley Dooin was one of those who contended that Byrne would play better ball than Lobert ever had. Just why Dooin should feel so convinced of this and yet use Lobert on third throughout the 1914 season is not known, but Dooin's judgment was undoubtedly correct.

Byrne is playing the best fielding game at third base that has been shown by a local player in years. Nothing seems to be too hard for him, and his work on bunts is just as fast and clean cut as it is on line hits. The little fellow has not been hitting so well as in other years, but he is due to start any day, and when he does he must be ranked just a trifle above any thirdsacker in the league, . . .

# Two World's Running Records in Danger Tomorrow

Norman S. Taber, the Oxonian athlete, will attempt to shatter the present amateur world's mile record held by John Paul Jones, formerly of Cornell, at 4:14 2-5, at Harvard Stadium tomorrow afternoon. W. H. Meanix, the Boston A. A. quarter-mile hurdler, also is to try for an official world's record in his favorite event.

Taber, at the Boston try-outs for the Panama-Pacific Exposition chamwithout competition in the wonderful time of trotted to th



# CRACK RIDERS TO COMPETE

# AT POINT BREEZE TONIGHT 50-Mile Motor-Paced Race to Be Fea-

ture at "Drome."

With the crack of the starter's platol tonight at Point Breeze Park Motor-drome, the followers of the motorpace game will witness a race that will prac-tically decide the long distance world's championship, the following entries be-ing recorded: Carman, of America, the present world's champion; Didler, champresent world's champion. Didner, employed of France, Madonna, champion of Italy, and Linart, champion of Belgium. The race will be 50 miles. The fans are acquainted with the per-formances of all the riders, with the ex-ception of Linart, and for endurance and

fant riding he ish almost without a peer, in one of the trial heats at the drome yes-terday covering a mile in 55 i-5 seconds, and it is expected that he will be a strong contender for first honors. There will also be two, three and five-

ile motorcycle races, open to the "pro riders

# THE TEN THOUSAND-DOLLAR ARM

Bruno to the Rescue-The Strategy of Pitching When a Game Means a Pennant-The Old Fool Goes in at the Beginning of the Seventh.

### By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN

The World's Most Famous Writer of Baseball Fiction. The World's Most Famous Bruno Smelzer, first of the \$10,000 beauty pitchers, and a real one at that, his ro-tired to the minors and is pitching 607 per cent, ball for the Bius Jays. He has one interest in life-his arm, and he takes good care of that. Charlle Grubb, manager of the Bius Jays, wants to get rid of Bruno because Bruno is eccentric, will only pitch when he feets right and is a general nuisance. But the owner refumes to fire Bruno, who has an extraordinary assortment of pitcher's tricks. Charlle Grubb is bolding his place agains a phenomenon because he is manager of the team. With the Biue Jays in first piace and a slight lead over the Canaries, the two teams meet. Grubb makes a bad mietake on the field, is roasted and has a mervous breakdows.

Bullen was at his wit's end. He had no experience in managing a club, and Piggy Powell, who had been acting an team captain, was really no more than the mouthplece through which Grubb had issued orders fro mthe bench. In despair the owner went to the clubhouse. It was Il o'clock in the morning, yet there was

the aged Bruno pottering around in his capacious locker. "You're the man I've been looking for,"

said Bullen. you to be there ready to hop in." "How so?" demanded Bruno, pausing with his hands full of stockings. "I want you to handle the team today."

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spent for the aged Bruno, but they did not like to see him gambling his vener-able southpaw against a pennant. Base-ball fans like to see apeed and wide-breaking curves, and Bruno had neitner. The Canaries welcomed the announce-ment with derivive hoots and jeers.

"Well, here's grandpa!" they shouled. "Old man, what you going to do with that ten-thousand-dollar curlo?"

ten-thousand-doilar curio" Bruno set his spikes in the box and began to pitch. It was the first time for many years that he had gone into the box knowing that his arm was not "right." He was grinning cheerfully when he slipped over the first strike, but the smile soon faded from his face. The ten-thousand-dollar arm, so long coddled and nursed and petted like a spolled child, was sending in its sharp protest. Bruna set his jaw with a time lock and thanked whatever gods he knew that the "old con-trol was still there."

trol was still there." The nervous fans chirked up marvel-ously when the first hitter splashed out, via third baze, and the second one fouled to Sullivan. The third batter-and this was the demon Jimmy McLennon, whose hitting was taking him to the big league next season-lined a single into centre and presumed upon his luck to the extent of attempting to steal second base. The Honorable Stephen Sullivan came up on his toes with a perfect throw and the cheby outfielder perished in a cloud of dust and a whirl of arms and legs-Sullivan to McRae. "Nice pegging, kid," said Smelzer, as

"Nice pegging, kid," said Smelzer, as the battery trundled to the bench.

"Yes, Mac had it waiting for him when he slid," said Steve. "How's the old gtri? Hurt you much?" Between themselves they usually re-ferred to the ten-thousand-dollar arm as "the old stat!" "the old girl." "She's awful fretful around the shoul-

"She's awrult fretful around the shoul-der. You know, she ain't been feeling right since that 12-inning game." "Well," said Steve, "they've quit hittins in bunches. That's the main thing." "Yes," said Bruno. "I guess that's arm. As he went through his exercises he shook his head and groaned alightly. Then he brought out a new jar of "dope," and the massaging began, and as Bruno stroked the relic of his former greatness he laid his plan of campaign. Nash must go in to start the game. His speed had beaten the Canaries in the opening game of the series: it might right.

(CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

LOCAL MAN ON VANITIE CREW

Ralph Strassburger on Yacht Now on Trial for Big Race.

Among the crew of the Resolute in her races with the Vanitie is a Philadelphian, Ralph Beaver Strassburger, whose country home is at Gwynedd Valley.

His speed had beaten the Canaries in the opening game of the series; it might carry him through again. Dud Belcher must be ready to step into the box at a moment's notice. In case they should hit Dud-well, he would cross that bridge when he came to it. Pittman, having worked the day before, would be out of it. No, it must be Nash, with Belcher in reserve-and after that? Brune shook his head and kneaded his arm thought-fully. try home is at Gwynedd Valley. Mr. Strassburger has made a special study of the course over which the races were held and has frequently been at the helm on smaller yachts which have car-ried off prizes in similar races. His knowledge of the course, its currents and the breezes that were likely to be met was so favorably thought of by Captain Dem they he was especially invited to sail When the Blue Jays arrived at the clubhouse they found it empty. Bruno was out behind the bleachers, pitching to the groundkeeper's 15-year-old son. He put groundkeeper's 15-year-old son. He put in an appearance, explained the situation and issued his orders. "Nash, you'll start. And, Belcher, I want you warming up right through the game, in case anything should happen. If Beau has what he had on Wednesday, there won't be anything to it; but I want was the there medic to hum to " Barr that he was especially invited to sail on the Resolute. Mr. Strassburger is a son-in-law of Frederick G. Bourne, of Rosedale, L. I.

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# IN PITCHING ALEXANDER By GRANTLAND RICE

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Brooklyn's back on the map again.

Chant, ye Bups, of the Cubs and Giants, Chant, ye Bugs, of the Cuos and Gants, "Ellp the Phillies a ringing cheer; Howl your praise of the Pirates' science, On with the Cardinal chanticleer; Then, torm loose from her ancient thrall-

he was exhausted. This is no mprice Let me refer you to Freud. Brill, or you want it sugar-coated, to Mai rea man. dom, Here, where the ghost flag flops again, One wild roar to the gods of balldom— BROOKLYN'S BACK ON THE MAP AGAIN! job is exhausted, paths of association as broken down and his muscles and research act mechanically without the hinder

Moran's Judgment

# Pat Moran has judgment enough not to work Alexander to death. The Nebraska Simoon is as freah now as he was back in April, and, as a result, he is far more effective than if he had been sent out of turn to try and says loging ventures effective than if he had been sent out of turn to try and save losing ventures. With Alexander in such remarkable con-dition and displaying such unusual wis-ardry, the prophecy that Philadelphia would soon blow is out of joint. One great star like Alexander can keen a club

great star like Alexander can keep a club off the chutes, for at least every fourth day he can check a losing streak and toss day he can check a losing streak and toss his clan back into the right path. This was one of the great values of Mathew-son back in his prime. The Big Glant not only produced victories, but confi-

the jongest trained of them all, index his game now begins to asg in any is nament when weariness sets in, in John J. McDermott recently at P Hills, played brilliant golf the first as but poor golf the next when he begins to tire. So Alexander is worth a lot more to the Phillies than the 18 victories he has packed away. He is worth almost as RUNS SCORED BY much more in producing a keener morale, in which respect the Phillies are better off than they have ever been in a 40-year history. They may not have as many stars as other Philly entries have carried Club Athletics in the past, but they have a better team spirit, which is something more to the Chicago . Detroit .... New York ... St. Louis ... Washington main point.

## Nothing at All

The Braves spent the major part of The Braves spent the major part of twelve summers in the vicinity of the ground floor. Then they moved last sum-med to the top floor. Apparently they didn't like it-too noisy, or something-for they have moved back down again. Nothing like being at home, around the familiar and tender haunts of one's child-hood.

What show have the Giants of winning this season's pennant? Last season they lost for several reasons-a heavy batting lost for several reasons a heavy batting slump by Doyle and Merkle, weakness at third base and rank pitching after July Fourth. This season several of these conditions have changed. Doyle took the

conditions have changed. Doyle took the leadership of the National League on Monday. Merkle, playing brilliantly at frat, moved up to .330. Lobert has helped plug up the gap at third. Fletcher, bat-ting .330, is playing well at abort. The infield, then, is certainly of pennant call-bre. The outfield, with Burns, Snodgrass and Robertson, is above the averageand Robertson, is above the average-a better outfield than the Giants had in their pennant years. Dooin should join Meyers in making a good catching staff. All of which brings the case of the Giants up to one department-pitching. If Me-Graw can get the pitching that is due from Marquard, Tesreau, Matty and

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SPEEDY "VANDER BERRY\_. Vincent Madonna, champion motor-paced rider of Italy, has a great chance for the international title. Vanderberry, a Philadel-phian, is one of the best motor-cyclists of the day.

4:15 1-5. He is reasonably certain of coming through tomorrow with a new mark, as liberal handlcaps will be given against him.

Meanix, at the Boston trials, ran 54.4 for the 440, breaking the world's record of 56 4-5 seconds, but his mark was disallowed because of improper placement of hurdles. This time he will have a handlcap field to oppose and the timbers will be properly fixed.

Sanction of the A. A. U. has been received for the record trials tomorrow . . .

## A. A. U. Should Demand Track Change at Exposition

It was announced in the EVENING LEDGER a few days ago that the athletes from other than the Pacific coast sections would have wretched conditions to face when they appeared at the Panama-Pacific Exposition national championships next month.

The 440-yard straightaway is a myth, and Meredith need not hope to lower the present world's record of 47 4-5 seconds held by Maxey Long. To make matters worse, high winds prevail during August, and in other distances than the quarter discouraging conditions will be met.

There is time to avoid the difficulty if the Amateur Athletic Union officials will have the titles decided on Berkeley Field, the University of California athletic grounds, just across the bay. Berkeley Field is well protected and good performances there would be possible-. . .

### Native-born Americans Attracted by Cricket

In the opinion of some Americans, cricket is a game consisting of tea, spotless fiannels and polite but unintelligent phrases. Of the actual sport little is known, they say.

However, during the last few years a change has been wrought, and at this time cricket is drawing more and more of its recruits from among the native-born American athletes. There is something thrilling in hitting a fast ball to the boundary, and there is satisfaction in stubbornly defending a wicket against every variety of bowling. Then the matter of fielding barehanded the hard red ball requires the work of an adept. All these things and more make the sport most fascinating. It is a far cry to say that cricket will become as popular as baseball in this country, but there is a most promising autiook for the English national game here.

Joe Oeschger, sent to Providence by the Phillies under an optional agreement, pitched a no-hit game for the Grays yesterday, when he shut out Toronto, 1 to 6. But one man reached first base on the big Californian, and he received a pass in the ninth inning. Oeschger's work showed much improvement, as he had been hit hard in almost every game he has pitched

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provement, as he had been hit hard in almost every game be has pitched for Providence until yesterday.
The release of Russell Ford by the Buffalo Federal League club is a goal function of the lack of sentiment in baseball, whether it is in organized season and was strat drawing card, but when the "emery halt".
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said Bullen.

The Canaries sent in their pet and pride, "Whitey" Collier, and the Blue Jays fell upon him like a flock of chicken hawks hawks. In the third. out a volley of safe hits and piled up four runs. Whitey went to the bench, and Oscar Peterson replaced him in the box. The hitting stopped abruptly.

In the fifth inning the hitting started on the other side of the diamond. The Canaries were gauging Nash's speed and meeting it solidly. With the bases filled, one man in and one out, Bruno flagged the Beau, and sent Belcher to the rescue. Luck helped Belcher to get the next two men at the cost of no more than an ad-ditional run. Score: Blue Jays, 4; Canarics. 2

In the sixth, the Canaries continued to In the sixth, the Canarles continued to hit, and drove in the third run on three singles. Brilliant fielding cut them off just short of a tied score. Steve Sulli-van, who was catching, came back to the bench dripping wet. "It's the speed, Bruno," he said, "These fellows are hitting speed today. Now, if we only had a man to go in there with a dink ball.—."

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Smelzer moved over and questioned Belcher, "I pitched my head off to every man in that inning," complained Dud; "and if you think there waan't anything on the ball, ask Steve. They hit it just the same. Why, that Wingo Jones hit on that break ball of mine so hard that it nearly picked Piggy off his feet. Good thing he held it, eh? Oh, these fellows are only lucky-that's all. They're just shutting their eyes and taking a clout at it!"

shutting their eyes and taking a clout at it?" "Three innings to go," thought Bruno--"three innings." "Steve!" he called. Sullivan moved over and sat down by the acting manager. "I'm going out to warm up for a min-ute," said the old man. "Delay this in-ning all you can." Bruno and the change catcher slipped out of the side gate as the last of the sixth began. "Is that old fool soing in?" demanded Nash, still smarting from the peppering which he had received. "You shut up!" snaried Sullivan. "These fellows have been murdering speed today. Bruno will make suckars of 'em. Ses if he dosgn't." "Grubb is down and outsaid Bullen. "Grubb is down and out-nervous collapse." Bruno whistled. "Hard luck!" he said. "Poor old Charlis! And-I'm to be the goat. Is that it?" "You are not!" snapped the owner. "Who else have I got? Who can I put in there to pull us out of this hole? The boys know you, and they respect your judgment. I'll give you all the suthority you need. Go in there today and run the team, and if you win this game. I'll give you--"

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