# EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1915: VAN LOAN'S "FOOLISH AS A FOX"-PHILLIES PREPARE FOR CLASH WITH BOSTON BRAVE

KELLY-ARGUING ABOUT THE CHECK

### FORTUNE SMILES ON PHILLIES:

REST BEFORE CRUCIAL SERIES

Lay Off Just in Nick of Time, as Pitchers Are Weakening and Whole Team Is in Batting Slump-Athletics Hit Hard, But Hits Fail to Count.

Fortune smiles on the Phillies. Just when it seemed that the team had gone stale the freak schedule, which gives the Phillies a good rest before the allimportant series with the Braves, comes to their rescue. Nothing is needed more by Moran's club at this time than a complete rest for a few days. The team has been wabbling badly since an unusually hot day in St. Louis, and when it is not in St. Louis ball players hate the name of St. Louis. The Philly players believe that the heat in the mound city was responsible for the slump. Byrne was forced to leave one game, while Killefer could not catch another, and sevscal other players were in no shape to play, but had to.

The few days of rest will be invaluable to the pitching staff, which has shown unmistakable signs of weakening, while it may also cause several of the sluggers to regain their batting form. The strain has been telling on the Phillies earlier than it should, and rest is the best thing for a stale athlete.

#### Phillies Must Stop Rush of Brooklyn Dodgers

While the Phillies are still in their slump, the Dodgers and Pirates apparently have regained the form that made both dangerous contenders a few weeks ago, and Brooklyn is now less than a game behind Moran's men. While pace-making in such a nerve-racking race is not a pleasing task, it behooves the Phillies to keep the Dodgers out of the lead, because the impression is general that it will be a hard team to stop if it ever reaches the top. Since the middle of May Brooklyn has won a larger percentage of its games than any team in the league, and may have another winning streak once it gets the lead.

#### Athletics Whale the Ball, But Hits Fail to Count

The Athletics yesterday made 15 hits off Jim Scott, but could tally only four Funs, and another game was lost. The Mackmen have been hitting hard during the entire home stand, but the inability to hit with men on bases and the fallure of several players to take two bases on a single make it necessary for the Athletics to register three hits to a run. No better example of this could be found than in vesterday's game, when the Mackmen made at least one safety in every inning but the ninth, and Scott gave free transportation to three men. and yet the Mackmen could score in only two innings. It may have been due Scott's pinch-pitching, but from the stand he looked easy after the first

#### White Sox Return to Early Season Batting Form

On the other hand, the White Sox made their hits count, and probably could have tallied more had they not eased up and taken needless chances on the bases. It was the first time that the White Sox have batted in their early season form since the Eastern trip started, and Manager Rowland said after the game that he was now convinced that the Sox would get back into the lead on the coming home stand. The White ox park is the hardest in the league for visiting players, and Rowland believes that a long winning streak, which will put the team in the lead, is likely to start any day.

#### Bressler, as Usual, Makes a Sorry Showing

Rube Bressler had another chance on the mound, and, as usual, his performance was just a trifle worse than the previous one. The big southpaw, who looked like a world beater in 1914, apparently has lost confidence in himself, and instead of improving has less snap to his curve ball than he had a year ago. Bressler's curve was batted hard by the left-handers, and when such is the case the fans can rest assured that a southpaw has nothing on the ball.

#### Amos Strunk "Shows Up" Eddie Murphy

There was more brilliant fielding in yesterday's game than in any previous contest at Shibe Park this season, but it was partly lost on the fans, who were so disgusted with the poor pitching. Amos Strunk made several brilliant plays in right and made Eddie Murphy look like a selling plater right in Murphy's

While Strunk was pulling down long drives and cutting ordinary doubles and triples to singles, Murphy was having a bad day misjudging fly balls and playing grounders poorly. Manager Mack's wisdom in making this change was appreciated by the spectators, who kidded Murphy and cheered Strunk.

#### Local Fans Don't Like Umpire Baiting

"Philadelphia has always been known as the squarest city in the land toward visiting players, and its baseball writers always have condemned local players for being abusive toward umpires. They know that the fans and papers will not stand for this sort of stuff in this city."

This is the opinion expressed by a local fan who has followed the game for years. He is, no doubt, correct.

Visiting players have behaved disgracefully on local fields, and scribes traveling with the teams in writing stories back have condoned their actions placed the blame on the umpires and everybody else imaginable. This has never been a habit of local scribes, who generally place the blame where it

Bancroft, the Philly shortstop, was amazed when almost every paper in the city criticised him for kicking himself out of a game a few weeks ago. Like most other players who come here from other cities, Bancroft could not understand why the scribes did not roast the umpire and "whitewash" him as is done in other cities. He will live and learn,

### Twilight League Game Should Be Declared Forfeited

The Evening Langua has been asked to settle a dispute regarding forfelture of a ball game. The case is stated in this manner: "In a Twilight League game recently one team was short two men and

was forced to play two not eligible in order to protect their franchise. The rules of the league say that any team playing men not eligible shall forfeit any and all games in which this rule is violated. The other team immediately entered a protest. The umpire was forced to call the game at the end of the fourth inning, owing to darkness, with the team playing the ineligible men shead by the score 8 to 3. The manager violating the rules was willing to forfelt the game had the legal number of innings been played, which would have been five full in this instance, but contending that as only four innings were played, his team should not lose the game by forfeit, but that it should he declared no game and ordered to be played over. The game is forfeited, as the contest played was merely an exhibition, the

result of which had no bearing on the case. A ball game is forfeited as soon as time for play arrives and one of the teams fails to have nine eligible men on the field. The rainstorm which interrupted the exhibition contest can have to bearing on the case, nor has the fact that only four innings were played.

### Coast Officials Have Bungled Meet

The Panama Exposition games were advertised as the greatest in the history of track athletics in this country and certainly drew enough of the stars to have made the affair a success, but the miserable manner in which the western branch of the Amateur Athletic Union has handled the meet has made it a joke. The timers do not seem to know their business, nor do the starters. Ted Meredith was deprived of a chance at the world's quarter-mile record yesterday when the officials bungled his start and then made him run without a rest. Athletes claim that running twice within a short space of time slows a man up at least two seconds.

The greatest joke of the meet was the discovery that the track was 74 pards short after the Chicago A. C. team had broken the world's record for the son-meter relay in the international relay champtonship event. How officials rould make such a mistake is a mystery. A mistake of a yard or two would have been bad enough, but fur officials to be 74 yards from the mark is the last word in incompetency,

### Washington Senators Show Signs of New Life

"At no time since Griffith has been in charge here has he had a more formidable-looking team than the present one. That infield looks a little better every day, and his outfield is playing up to a higher standard now than It ever has before. Barring accidents, this foam is going to be hard to stop. It is hitting at the right time, its pitchers are showing superior form and it is displaying a lot of hustle and confidence in its playing.

"Seven of the sine sumes played at home have been victories, and Griffith is hopeful of continuing this pace during the remainder of the campaign."-Ed Grillo, in the Washington Star,

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### KNIGHT SLEEVE MOTOR WAS CAUSE OF INVENTION BOOM

Incentive Given to New Automobile Engine Ideas by Genius "Without Honor in His Own Country." New Automobile Map of Jersey Issued

a British maker it provoked a tremendous boom in invention and experiment with gasoline engines having sleeve, piston or rotary valves. It is safe to predict that the adoption of the Knight motor for a car which will be produced in large quantities is sure to have a similar effect, says Automobile. The stimulus to inventive thought created by the Knight motor's first appearance as a European product spread all over the mechanical world, and was not confined to Europe, by any means; so there are many half-developed ideas lying dormant in America which have never been exploited or even

A boom in any sort of invention is usually productive of a few excellent things, even though the mass of boom inventions are utterly worthless; so it seems likely that a reawakened interest in motor valve systems may lead some of the languishing ideas to be resuscitated. With the valve situation so shaken up as it has been by the success of multi-valve cacing motors the whole subject is ripe for renewed experiment. We know much more about materials and about lubrication than we did in 1906, and it is pos-sible that some good motors which were impracticable then would be satisfactory

A very comprehensive map of motor routes between Philadelphia and the north and central Jersey coast has just been completed and issued by the mobile Club of Philadelphia. It gives the latest information on all important routes and details of the shore boulc-vard. This is the third of a series of maps giving detailed routes leading in all directions from Philadelphia. Those previously issued were south contral Pennsylvania and southeastern Pennsyl-vania. Others which will be issued soon will be northeastern Pennsylvania and

northern New Jersey. In connection with the new central New Jersey map, W. O. Griffith, chairman of the Touring Committee of the Automobile Club, advises that the best route to the north Jersey coast is by way of Cam-den, Mt. Holly, New Egypt and Lakewood. All the routes to Trenton are in poor shape, the best being by way of the Northeast Boulevard, Rhawn street, Bristol pike, to Bristol and to Trenton by way of the Beaver Dam road, North Jersey coast points are reached from Trenton by way of Hightstown and Freehold. The best Cape May route is by way of Gloucester, Millville and Point Eliza-beth & The White Horse pike to Atlantic City is temporarily in bad shape, but will shortly be scraped and improved. At present the better way is by way of Gloucester, Glassboro and May's Land-

The shore boulevard is in first-class shape from Atlantic Highlands to Cape May, with the exception of the bridge between Tuckerton and Port Republic. This is in unsafe condition, and plans are under way for a new bridge. It can be avoided by a detour from Tuckerton to Wading River and Egg Harbor City.

Efforts to avoid the usual routs to Wilmington through Chester, on account of the activity of the police on the Ches-ter pike, have been unsuccessful. The ter pike, have been unsuccessful. The alternate route by way of Media is five miles longer and is in poor shape. E. E. Hogle, in the pathfinding car of the Automobile Club of Philadelphia, went over both of the routes on Friday and declares emphatically in favor of Chester. This route is through Darby, Marcus Hook and Chester to Wilmington. The best road to Parby at present is our ter. This route is through Darby, Marcus Hook and Chester to Wilmington. The best road to Darby at present is out Walnut street, let on 60th street and right on Woodland avenue, but the Darby and Landdowne Pike, now under repair, will be in shape within a week. From Darby to Marcus Hook the road is good and from Marcus Hook to Chester the new brick road is excellent. From the Delaware State line, at Claymont, to the Wilmington City limit, the road is hard but rather rough and a detour of the holes under construction, which will be finished by the middle of this week. The route by way of Media, which is finished by the middle of this week. The route by way of Media, which is first source by way of Media, which is first source by way of Media, which is places, and three detours are necessary. The road from Philadelphia to Media is

When the Knight sleeve valve motor was first taken up and standardized by a British maker it provoked a tremendous boom in invention and experiment with gasoline engines having sleeve, piston or rotary valves. It is safe to predict correct the product of the pr Concord to Wilmington are 7½ miles of fair macadam. Mr. Hogie found no evi-dence of police activity on the Chester route, but advises caution as to speed regulation and horn signs.

> What man would try to ride a bicycle veighing 100 pounds? Surely, only a crazy man, and yet many a gasoline motor is being asked to do comething equally absurd. The motor does it because it is strong enough, but it does it only at the cost of more fuel, oil and tires than would be used to carry a lighter load. Carrying on the bicycle analogy, the vehicle here weighs less than one-fifth as much as the load it car-ries. The automobile, on the other hand, weighs more nearly five times as much as the load.

Of course, the cases are different, as the automobile load does not supply its own power, but the fact remains that only one-fifth of the power of an automobile en-gine is available for the transport of the passengers, the other four-fifths goes to the transport of the car itself. Surely four-fifths is a very large fraction?

The automobile has been given relia-The automobile has been given reliability and a wonderful flexibility of power that is best called roadability. Throughout its development the word efficiency has been used loosely with reference to all sorts of things, but we have now reached the stage where the have now reached the stage where the only real efficiency may be studied. Real efficiency in the broadest sense means work done by comparison with cost of doing it, and the first step along the road of progress is to cut out some of that four-fifths of dead metal. It is no impossibility; merely it means the use of more suitable materials and a better proportioning of stresses throughout the structure as a whole. help to carry itself instead of ha some other part to hear its weight.

The horn trap in Pennsylvania was dven a hard blow by a decision of Judge ohnson in the Dauphin County Court at Harrisburg last week when a verdict of guilty was set aside and a verdict of not guilty ordered by the Court.

Secretary J. Clyde Myton, of the Motor Club of Harrisburg, offered himself in the case against a constable and justice of the peace at Middletown, Pa., where a horn trap was maintained during the summer for several years. Each Sunday hundreds of motorists would be caught hundreds of motorists would be caught and notified to pay a fine or costs and the constables and justice made a big "killing." The case was not fought in the court, Mr. Myton pleading gullty, but then the case was argued on the grounds that the constable had no jurisdiction to erect the signs and make arrests without the sanction and action of the township authorities.

The victory for the Motor Club shows that "horn traps" cannot be maintained unless signs are regularly authorized by borough or township official boards. Action will likely be taken against the contrables and the bustles of the pages to respect to the pages to the page to t atables and the justice of the peace to re-cover all money paid to them in the past and it is possible that other more serious charges will be preferred.

#### GOLF BY MOONLIGHT, NEW STUNT OF ATLANTA PLAYERS

## FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE AMBITION OF WALLACE. LAW STUDENT-BATTLER

Brooklyn Boxer Believes He Has Ability to Annex World's Laurels Held by Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland

NEW ORLEANS AFTER MIX

Six-Round Bouts Will Be Staged in Norristown This Fall-O'Brien Matchmaker

Edward Wallace, Esq., attorney-at-law, Brooklyn, N. Y., hopes to awaken upon another day not many moons to come with added laurels in his possession. The little Brooklynite, who is paying his lawstudying tuition through prowess of his padded fists, believes he will be in a popadded fists, believes he will be in a po-sition to add "Featherweight Champion of the World" to his cards. He thinks he has the mettle to conquer Johnny Kil-bane, dictator of all 22-pounders.

His manager, Scotty Monteith, who has groomed Jumping Johnny Dundee to within striking distance of the world's lightweight title, goes even one better.
"I am positive Eddie can beat Kilbane for the championship," says Scotty.

In a letter to the writer, Monteith, who has made more money in the ring for Dundee in the last year than any other fighter, states that he expects to hook Wallace with Champion Kilbane in a 20-round match at New Orleans. He plans a Western trip with his two proteges in October Four six-round bouts, instead of four

six, eight and 10-section scraps, will be the attraction at the Palace A. C., Norristown, this season. Frank "Pop" O'Brien has been signed as matchmaker. The first show will be held September 7.

The doors of the open-air Allegheny Club will be closed this week. The next stag will be arranged for August 20.

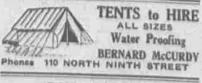
Battling Reddy, New York bantam, will reside in Philadelphia this fall. He has fought Champion Kid Williams two 10 round bouts.

Willie Herman says he gave Willie Moody one of the most scientific trouncings ever given a fighter here. Herman is anxious for a crack at Eddie McAndrews at any weight the latter demands. Back home from a vacation up the State, little Harry Smith is prepared to meet Louislana, Lew Tendler and Joey O'Donnell.

Les D'Arcy, Australian middleweight, who knocked out Eddle McGoorty, is but 20 years of age. He has been boxing since 1912. From all indications the anti-podean is the best middleweight developed since the days of Bob Pitzsimmons, Jack Demonsey and Standard Demons Jack Dempsey and Stanley Ketchel.

Harry H. Hensel, Lancaster sportsman, who was forced to retire from the box-ing game last year because of illness, again will promote bouts in that city, Hensel's new club, at Rocky Springs, Lancaster, will be known as the New National:

Two dates have been arranged for Dutch Brandt. He will meet Eddle O'Keefe at Rockaway Beach, N. Y., and Billy Bevans, at Wilkes-Barre.



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### FOOLISH AS A FOX

Mr. Merry Will Have His Little Joke-The Dud Arrive Home and Mr. Ziegler Arrives Later and Major Boots Joins the Team

By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN

(Copyright, 1912, by Street & Smith) After the game there was a rush for the clubhouse, and in the melee of bathing and dressing Abner Abercrombie was almost forgotten. Merry was on his way to the door when an immense red hand reached out and took him by the elbow.

Hurry, now!"

Abner Abercromble dashed out of the



broad grin."

"Ain't he immense?" said he. "Can you beat that for a nut? I'd give some-thing to see that hotel clerk's face when

"Did he" said John, his hand on the

"Oh, that's all right-orget it!" said "On, that's all right-orget it: said Johnny, abruptly, and passed on. "John is a grand guy," thought the gateman, as he watched the little man-ager swing in behind the wall of the bleachers, "but even he will kick when he sees that queer-lookin' bug."

house a strange, monotonous voice came to his ears—a voice which he knew he had heard before.

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in America. I don't know if any of

my way of thinking, riding bline gases and hanging onto the top of ing cars is reckless that's what right reckless! I lost my valls

came near being arrested besides
Johnny strede to the door of the
bing room, and looked in. The

throned upon a table, surrounder breathless audience, was none eth Abner Abercrombe Ziegler, of

I-o-way! His long, solemn, honest was red with the rigors of outdoes eling his eyes were watery and shot-from the same cause, we has assure the abstemious reader-and greenish hand-me-down suit was spattered from collar to trouser cut.

"Well, wouldn't that frost you" ulated Johnny Merry. "How-in-

neme-of the sacred National Camis you get here?"

you get here?"
Abner slipped painfully down free a table and offered his hand.
"Mr. Merry," he said solemnly, yory pleased to see you again. I was to tell you that there was some take about that ticket you left. I every clerk in that hotel, and some warn't, but they said they didn't

wasn't, but they said they didn't any transportation for me. One

went so far as to say that you wanking game of me. That was the I hit. When they sent for a coast I came away. I knew you wouldn't it if I was arrested, and—"

"Yes, yes," interrupted Merry; "but h

"Yes, yes," interrupted Merry; "but he in thunderation did you get here?"
"Well, Mr. Merry," said Abner don't rightly know myself. You was to catch the first train if I me the fast one. I did it, but they me get off. I explained to 'em all in the line just what you said, but it do you much good. I spream I go

the line just what you said, but it as do much good. I guess I got onto a different trains and off again betso got here, and I lost my value, and mighty near arrested in one place got lines I walked, but not much. Oscillar teat for two days, but I had other dream—that was in a freight in Ohio—I had another dream—that

in Ohio-I had another dream that I to meet you here and pitch baseball

you, and you would win. I saw very plain, Mr. Merry. You would if I was here."

Merry rubbed his chin with his por right hand—a hand that in its time tagged out many a daring base run He looked Abner Abercromble Zigger

"I will say this for you," said the man

ager: "You are certainly one rooster. You ought to be lucky if aln't! Where's his uniform, boys"

Thus was Major Boots attached to a fortunes of the club. Johnny Merry was a jovial soul of

Johnny Merry was a jovial seul of cared much for a joke, but in his heathers was no taint of meanness. It is no pleasure to Merry that any should suffer through his fun, and sea a little joke had resulted in the happlanting of this Iowa wild flower lie willingly accepted the responsibility at tailed.

(CONTINUED TOMORROW)

IN 20-MILE BIKE RAC

Champ and Ex-champ Will

Stage Big Contest at Point

Clarence Carman, present world's clas-

pion, and George Wiley, former champes,

match race at the Motordrome at For

Breeze Park tomorrow night, and the

who make the journey to the "dices"

may look forward to one of the grain

middle-distance races ever decidel by

The pacemakers will play an impos

part in the race, and Manager Rocen's secured the three best pacers in the cetry for this race, namely, Jimmie Hauthe American; Nazo, the Frenchman at Morean, the Englishman.

Prior to the big race there will a 30-mile motor-paced race with three known riders, with whom the fam this city are familiar, namely, Alös is stead, of England; M. Bedell, Long beard, and the second second

land, and Percy Lawrence, San France There wil also be four motorcycle even one of which will be a six-mile rate

"Speedy" Vanderberry, Henri St.

and "Billy" Armstrong.

hind the motors.

Breeze Drome.

CARMAN AND WILEY

I-o-way! His long, solemn, h

"Am I going along, Mr. Merry?" asked Ziegler. "Do I go on that fast train?" Even then Merry's ruling passion as-

serted itself. He would have h' joke. "Oh, by gee, major!" he exclaimed.
"I meant to tell you about that! Your transportation is over at the hotel; the clerk's got it. Go over there and tell him I sent you for it. If you don't catch the 6:45 train, take the next one. And another thing: Don't let that hotel clerk bluff you. Make him come through.

clubhouse, his valise bumping against his flying knees. Merry looked after him with a twinkle in his eye.

"One of the patemen met him with a

he asks for that rallroad ticket!"

"All the same," said "Shadow" Slade, the infielder, as he wrestled with a refractory collar button, "that guy said he would bring us luck—and he did. What's more, John, he called the turn on that eighth inning."

"You bet he did!" answered several of the players. "Called it before the first man went to bat."

"Well, what do you know about that?" ald Merry curiously. "At that he can't be much of a mind reader, or he wouldn't be breaking his neck to get that trans-portation."

The Dudes arrived at home and scat-The Dudes arrived at home and scat-tered to their respective domicifes. In the pleasure of the return to beaten paths and friendly faces, Abner Aber-cromble Ziegler was forgotten. The fast train had given them a day of grace, but on the third afternoon, when Johnny Merry arrived at the park, one of the gatemen met him with a broad grin. "Mr. Merry" said to ""."

gatemen met him with a broad grin.

"Mr. Merry," said he, "the queerest lookin' bug in the world was here a while age, looking for you. I would ha' kept him out, all right enough, but Pinky Hamilton and Culver came along and took him in with them. I'm just sayin' this so's you won't blame me for him being in the clubhouse."

As Johnny opened the door of the club-

"But I wouldn't do it again," the voice was saying, "not for all the baseball jobs



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