PHILLIES GET STAGGERING BLOW—"A PENNANT AND A PENANCE," BY CHAS. E. VAN LOAN

TWIN PHIL DEFEAT FURNISHES NOW A REAL TEST OF TEAM'S GRIT

Local Hopes for Pennant Glory Get an Awful Blow, but Boston Is Still Four Games Rearward-Apparent Victories Reversed Grieve Fans Here

Two defeats of the Phillies at the hands of the Dodgers yesterday changes what the aspect of the National League race. There is no immediate danger of the Phillies losing their lead, but the breakdown in Brooklyn is a staggering blow to the team, more so because of the moral effect than the loss of valuable

Had the Phillies lost those two games to some other team while Brooklyn was winning a double-header from a club that is not a pennant contender the result in ground lost would have been the same, but the defeats would not have

Brooklyn has been wobbling badly for the last two weeks, and the general ion was that the team was about to be put out of the race unless it received unusual "breaks" or showed a complete reversal of form.

Dodgers, Through Victories, Gain New Lease on Life

The Phillies had the chance to put Robinson's team out of the running, and with the first game within their grasp they blew up and gave the Dodgers a new se of life. That victory in the first game, after all hope had apparently fied, revived the fast-fading pennant hopes in Brooklyn, and instead of being a team hat was playing with its fate staring the men in the face, the Dodgers became ohine that is looking ahead instead of backward.

When a ball team is looking ahead, has fight and confidence, it is hard to beat, particularly when it has the great natural strength that the Brooklyn team Had Brooklyn been beaten in the first game, the odds favored an easy victory for Moran's men in the second; but after the Phillies threw the game away hardly a fan in the city expected to see Brooklyn beaten in the afternoon

Alexander's Loss, Inexcusable, Blow to Phillies

The fact that Alexander was beaten also served to instil ginger and fight into the Dodgers. They had come to look upon the Nebraskan as invincible and were willing to concede him one victory in the series, but with him out of the way they would concede nothing, and, to a man, they are now certain they will win

The great question is what effect the two defeats will have on the Philly team. There is no denying the fact that it was a hard blow and will injure its ice, but it places the team on a cross-road that it had to face soon or late. If the club has the nerve and fighting spirit which all fandom believes it has it all come back in great shape; but if it is inclined to lose its nerve after the terrific strain the team has labored under, then it is good-bye pennant hopes.

Boston Also Falls Down at Critical Time

It has been the general impression that the Braves were the most dangerous mtenders. Players on every team in the National League are of the opinion that the world's champions are the most dangerous rivals of the Phillies, and the local players believe the same thing. If these deductions are correct, then Moran's men are not in as precarious a position as is generally believed, because Boston also went down to a double defeat, and at the hands of the despised.

Braves, Most Feared, Still Four Games Behind

The Phillies still have a four-game lead on the Braves, and if Brooklyn is sing to drop out of the race in the West, as predicted, the Phillies are in reality

the same position as before the double defeat.

But what the fans worry about is the continual loss of games that should have been easy victories. Two victories for the Phillies would have almost clinched the pennant, with the Braves losing two games to New York. A six-game lead at this time would have placed the Phillies in such a position that the strain would have disappeared; and there is no denying that a team with a big lead and great confidence is almost unbeatable in a race where most of the others have cracked or are close to the cracking point.

The "Ifs" That Might Have Changed the Whole Day

There were many "ifs" that might have turned the tide in favor of the Phillies. The greatest "if," however, is if Alexander had not grown careless. It is perhaps perfectly proper to shift the blame to Alexander's support, in view of the fact that the infield did blow up, but Alexander is mainly responsible for the

and holding batsmen cheap asserted itself. The result was that the next two batsmen received bases on balls, a fact which proves that the master pitcher was not right. A few infield hits, which were carelessly and poorly fielded, put Brooklyn back in the game, and then they proceeded to lace Alexander. That the Nebraskan "blew" entirely is apparent from the fact that even "Rube" Marquard

Even Washington, Shattered, Beats the Athletics

The two defeats of the Athletics at the hands of the Senators was an expected event, and it is likely to be repeated at any time if the Mackmen do not play better ball than they did yesterday. Washington is far from a strong team, and It looks as if Manager Griffith has a hard task on his hands to rebuild before the start of the 1916 season.

Recent successes have caused Washington fans to cease crying for new blood, as the alibi is given that the veterans are just striking their stride, but the team is painfully slow in several places.

Acquisition of Mayer Plugs One Gap in Senators' Line-up

Manager Griffith has one of his weak points, right field, plugged up in great shape. Sam Mayer, the youngster who jumped to the Federal League from assas City, of the American Association and who was restraind from playing, has taken Dan Moeller's position, and there is slim chance of the latter ever getting back into the line-up as a regular.

Mayer is one of those freak specimens who throws left-handed but bats only

from the right side of the plate. He has one of the most remarkable throwing ms ever seen in this city, and his heave from the right-field fence to third base, which caught Crane, was a marvelous effort. Many players have thrown the ball farther and to the mark at Shibe Park, but if there was ever a throw nbined greater distance, accuracy and speed the fans fail to recall it. The speed of the ball was terrific.

Mayer a Brother of Phillies' Pitcher

Offensively, Mayer looks like a natural long-distance hitter. His home-run drive into the bleachers was the longest of the year at Shibe Park, while Walsh ked against the bleacher wall and leaped into the air to pull another of his out of the bleachers with his gloved hand. On the bases Mayer appears to be fast and intelligent. He is a brother of Erskine Mayer, the Philly pitcher.

West Supreme in Golf and Tennis

With the elimination of Williams in the semifinal at Forest Hills, yesterday, the last hope of the East for another tennis champion went by the board. The singles title now rests between McLoughlin and Johnston, of San Fran-

cisco; the doubles, between McLoughlin and Bundy and Johnston and Griffin. The West cleaned up the national golf honors; it will clean up the national tennis honors just as handily. It alone remains for the Easterners to win the East vs. West tennis match on Friday and Saturday, else the West will be supreme in the fields of golf and tennis.

At any rate, the East has some consolation in the fact that one of the world's series teams is certain to come from a city east of the Alleghenies.

The Cardinals have been playing grand bull for two weeks. The Cubs were efficially put out of the race by the Cardinals yesterday when they lost both Fans throughout the country have counted the Cubs out of the race weeks, but it was not until the Cardinais took both games yesterday that Bresnahan admitted that the team was through for the year as far as pennant aspirations are concerned.

Twan not all gloomy for Philadelphia sportsmen and sportswomen yesterday, to the downfall of Norris Williams, at tennis, and the humbling of the course, and Jack Kelley won in the Schuylkill regatta.

It was the first double-header that the Phillies have lest this season. Ye

FOOTBALL COACHES SHOULD BE BARRED **DURING PLAY TIME**

Rule Abolishing Instructions by Trainers From Bench Is Necessary to Uphold Sideline Coaching Regulation

SUBS CARRY MESSAGES

So far as they went the football rule makers did a good joh in the amendmenta they made to the rules of the great grid-iron game. But there is one very impor-tant omission which is certain to sir up trouble until the committee meets the in-sue squarely instead of sidestepping it as heretofore. Although the rule makers would like the public to believe it a fact that sideline concludes. that sideline coaching has not been abol-ished, but it has not been and will not be abolished until the committee passes some rule which will make it impossible for coaches to coach their team from the bench by sending in messages by substi-

A demand that this evil be corrected was made in one form or another by a number of college officials, but the rule makers ignored it. How this evil thrives was well illustrated in the Princeton-Yalo was well illustrated in the Frinceton-Yale game at Princeton last fall. At the end of the third period Yale led Princeton 17-0. In the last quarter Princeton sent in Frank Glick, the present captain, as quarterback, and before Yale could get together the Tigers, under his leadership, scored two touchdowns. In another period Princeton would have had an even chance to win the same. o win the game.

What happened was this, and President Hibben himself confirmed it: Before the entry of Glick, the Princeton coaches had been trying to run the game from the sidelines by sending in messages to the quarterback by relays of substitutes. Glick declined absolutely to listen to suggestions about plays or players from the

Doctor Hibben, in an alumni banquet speech, later commented on the fact that the Princeton coaches had falled to con-trol Glick, but he did not run the incident down' and disclose the fact that this method of sending in instructions was a violation of the rule against sideline

coaching.
What Princeton coaches did in the Yale game was duplicated on practically every gridiron in the country. It is taken as nn example because it was so notorlous and so frankly admitted. When the rules committee met last winter it was pointed out that something should be done to make this sort of side-line coach-ing impossible. But all the committee did was to include a note to thte effect that the committee deprecated the use of substitutes to carry messages.

As a matter of fact, the evil could have

been stamped out by either of two

The coaches could have been kept out of the playing field and restricted to seats in the stands.

2. A rule could have been passed forbidding a team to make substitutions except at the request of the captain or field general, or in case of injuries by the team physician or trainer.

Naturally, the coaches did not relish the idea that they should be kept off the playing field. But that is done in virtually all other college sports. In track athletics trainers and coaches are not allowed on the field. The athletes have to win or lose on their own merits. In base-ball Harvard, Yale and Princeton have an agreement by which the coaches are not allowed on the playing bench during the game. The captains run the game themselves. If it can be done in these sports, it can be done in football.

The objection raised to the suggestion that all substitutions be made at the request of the captain or the team phy-sician was of the most specious kind. The coaches contended that their presence was necessary to prevent injuries. They reasoned that a captain would not whether an injured player was too would be know when the condition of an exhausted player was such that he should not be allowed to continue. In other words, they insisted that injuries would follow if this were left to the captain.

As a matter of fact, the question of injuries is very much exaggerated. Every captain would have the service or advice of a trainer or physician whose opin-

ion is asked even by the coaches.

Anyone who has been attending football games here or elsewhere knows that half the time substitutes are sent into the game at least one of the objects sought is to carry a message from the coach to the captain. While it cannot be proven to such an extent that the referee can punish the offending team by the penalty against side-line coaching

they know it is done.

It has been suggested that one of the reasons why the rules committee has been so slow to take action is that fully half the members of this committee are paid conches themselves. It is one of the curious anomalies of college sport that football is about the only sport in which the professional coaches are permitted to control the game and pass all the rules. Some day the college authorities themselves will take charge and there will be some radical changes.

REECHER WINS EASILY

New York Boxer Defeats Willie Houck at the Douglas A. C.

Willie Beecher, the veteran New York lightweight, experienced little difficulty in defeating Willie Houck in the final bout at the Douglas Athletic Club last night. In the semiwind-up Frankie Brown, also of New York, and Harry Smith boxed six fast rounds to a draw. In the other bouts Jimmie Doyle's seconds threw a towel in the ring in the third round of his content with Young Jack Toland; Charlie Rear stopped Tommy Proctor in the first round, while the referes stopped the bout between Johnny Campi and Jack Kan-trew in the second session, as the latter was receiving considerable punishment.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Baseball-Two Games Today SHIBE PARK

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A PENNANT AND A PENANCE

The Minister-Shortstop Makes Good With the Terrors, but This Rough Aggregation Does Not Take Kindly to Its Preacher Teammate

By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN

Pete MacNabb, manager of the Terrora, was never so shocked in all his life as when David McKinstry Todd insisted that a Sunday clause: be inserted in his contract. Todd was snapped up by the uld scout, Joe Sherman, who saw him play for the last time in the uniform of his almamater. The how was studying for the ministry in a Mcthodist college, when a dirty honker embeashed his mother's meagre savings. Rather than see his sisters taken from high school, Todd decided to taken from high school, Todd decided to tel the ministry wait and earn some money. That's how Sherman was able to get the college shortstop to fill the shoes of the veteran Charite Hadsell, who wenched his anxie stiding to second, just as the pennan race was beginning to tighten.

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David's religion had sunshine in itsunshine and health. He believed in doing the thing nearest at hand with all his strength and letting tomorrow's job ook out for itself. The fact that he was on the eve of leaving college to search for employment, and thus shunting a Methodist parsonage several years into the future, did not worry him in the least. It was a part of his religion to believe that everything which happened to him was for the best; and, being as this was to be his last game with the dear old bunch-why not make it a good

That afternoon Dave Todd had nine chances-about four more than he had sny right to-and he handled them all in a masterly manner. He speared line drives with either hand, started double plays on speed alone, and banged out three of the hits which helped to bury the opposi-tion under an avalanche of Methodist

It was a fine day for young Todd, and after it was over he went to his ches, boarding house and packed his little leather trunk. Then he sat down on it to make his plans. Somehow, he must earn enough money to keep the girls in school and support the family. But how? What could he do?

Then a little man with watery eyes tapped on the door, and Davey, who also believed in the direct interposition of Providence, welcomed the lure of profes-sionalism as an answer to prayer. Joe Sherman talked money—so much of it that Davey's head whirled. Is it any wonder he forgot to say anything about the Sunday clause?

And that was how MacNabb came to land his preacher shortstop, for, after Davey had been given his trial, Pete knew that Sherman had found a jewel.

On weighing the whole matter judicious ly. Pete MacNabb explained to himself that as there were no Sunday games at home, and only a few on thi road David's religious "bug" would make no difference. But it made all the difference in the world, as we shall see

Pete MacNabb's trained performers were not the gentlest lot of ruffians on the big circuit by any manner of means, and when the news leaked out that the new shortstop had been interrupted on his way to a pulpit, it created something of a sensation

Running over the infield roster, we have "Sandy" Wallace, the elongated first baseman. Sandy was an agnostic, but he would not have admitted it, because he did not know what an agnostic might be. Sandy didn't "believe" in any-thing, particularly a future state. Sandy could hold more mixed liquors than any three men with the club, and, in liquor or out, could whip any four of them. That was the first man with whom David



"Nipper" Canby was the second base-man, and he was proud of the fact that his language on the coaching lines often burned out an opposing pitcher's insula-

tions, so to speak. Nipper was profane, loud, abusive and pugnacious. Naturally, being the second baseman, he was thrown

The other man in the infield was "Feathers" Finucane, the third baseman. Feathers was a bit younger than Canby, whom he took for his model in all things. Consequently, when David set-

and then disgusted.

his hands to his knees, he was entirely surrounded by profanity and blasphemous

Bob Kidd, Heinie Plaw and Mark

Howe formed the catching department in importance as named. Bob doing the heavy work, Heinie relieving him regularly, and Mark Howe getting his infrequent chances in between. And they were all tough customers, too poker players, crap shooters and the like.

The Terror pitchers were nearly all veterans—Miller, Pattee, Kerrigan, Howard, Jantzen, Lewis and Parks. There wasn't a man in the lot who would have made good company for an embryo Methodist minister, and there wasn't a pitcher in the string who was particularly pleased at the word that a gospel fish had come ashore in the net.

"I expect that he'll be wanting to hold McKinstry Todd had to establish personal relations.

"I expect that he'll be wanting to hold prayer meeting before every game," said George Hopper gloomily. "A reglar kill-joy. Worse than havin an undertaker along with you."

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"Well." said Feathers truculently. "I can tell'm one thing. He better not start no preachin' in this clubhouse if he knows when his health is well!"

Feathers worried himself unnecessarily. Davey Todd had no idea of preaching his religion to his clubmates; what he intended to do was to live his religion, which silent argument is better than five-part discourses. It would take a considerable amount of nerve to do it, but the recruit had nerve. He had shown that much on the diamond.

Todd was a born infielder. Proficiency Into the closest possible contact with the new man, and when he found that Todd would not lift up his voice and tell an umpire what he should be told about his ancestors, or "cuss out" an opposing player, Nipper Canby was first amazed

that much on the diamond.

Todd was a born infielder. Proficiency came to him in his grammar school days. In school and college he had played the game because he loved it. Now he was playing the same game under the powerful spur of necessity. The slashing pace which he set in his first games amazed his teammates. They were used to little-league phenomenons and college champions. They expected to nurse this one along for the sake of his hitting, but Canby found that, on a double play, when Todd was handling the ball, it behoved him to get up on his toes and move at top speed, or the toss would beat him to the bag.

"You notice how that kid has got 'em all speeding up," chuckled MacNabb, "He's got so much natural speed himself that they don't have to play down to him; he maken 'em play up!"

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After the Terrors quit worrying about
Todd as a ball player, they began to
worry about Todd as an individual. They
could find no vital fault with his fielding worry about Todd as an individual. They could find no vital fault with his fielding or his hitting, nothing the matter with his base-running that experience would not correct. The boy had very few of the crude spots of the amateur, and a word or a hint did him as much good as a sermon, for he learned quickly. Having found him in all ways worthy of his professional position with such a distinguished body of athletes, the Terrors proceeded to "go after the Methodist goat," as Canby expressed it.

When grown men take to boylsh mischief, they do the job thoroughly. No boarding-school youngsters ever waged a more petty campaign than was launched against the new shortstop.

Nipper Canby opened the ball with a long series of stories, each one of which introduced a minister in an uncomplimentary light. No attempt was made to give these tales a personal application.

give these tales a personal application, so David pretended not to hear, but sharp eyes noted that his ears grew red under

Canby's recitals. (CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

JOE BORRELL IN FINE SHAPE FOR LOUGHREY AT OLYMPIA TONIGHT

Three Crackajack Bouts Billed for Second Show at Broad Street Arena - Murphy vs. Reynolds

NEW NATIONAL OPENING

Joe Borrell is in the best shape of Loughrey at the Olympia. As the Kensingtonian is contemplating an Australian invasion a victory over the Manayunk mauler, who was successful in the Antipodes, will boost Borrell's prestice greatly.

Two other star bouts are on the program. In the semiwind-up, Jimmy Murphy, who proved himself the most sensational fighter here last season, will meet one of the cleverest lightweights in the country when he faces Bobby Reynolds. Frankle McCarty and Joe Tuber, two promising bantams, will meet in the thing

The program follows :

First bout-Toung Paimer, Tiegs, vg. Jes Phillips, Kensington, Sucond bout-Johnny Kelly, Conshohockes, vs. Frankie McKeever, Norristown, Third bout-Frankie McCarty, Gray's Perry, vs. Joe Tuber, 12th Ward, Semiwindup-Jimmy Murply, West Philads, phia, vs. Bobby Reynolds, Southwark, Windum-Frank Loughrey, Manayunk, vs. Je-Borrell, Kensington.

Hecause renovations on the National Club have not been completed. Jack McGuigan has decided to postpone his opening show until September 17. Tommy Howell will meet a New Yorker in the wind-up with Lew Tendler opposed to Battling Reddy in the fourth bout of an all-star show.

Billy Bevan, who will show in one of the all-bantam bouts at the Olympia next Monday night, will oppose Patsy Branni-gan at Wilkes-Barre, September 20.

A letter from "Johnny Nelson's Many Friends" states they would like to see the Kensingtonian meet lightweights in-stead of welterweights.

Sam Robideau will be among Jos Azevedo's opponents in the near future. The Portuguese lightweight, who hair from Seattle, Wash., will make New York his home this fall.

Because he believes his eyes are not strong enough as yet, Joe Shugrue called off his 10-round bout with Willie Ritchle in New York, October 4.

New York fight fans will have another "lemon" put over on them next Monday. night when "K. O. Jesse, of Philadelphia," meets Mike McTeague at the Olympia A. C. Jesse, New York papers say, has scored 10 consecutive knock-out here. Jesse probably will prove to be a Bowery hum.



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