FEDERAL LEAGUE BASEBALL STAR FACES HARD BATTLE IN ENTERING MAJOR LEAGUES

BENNY KAUFF WILL ENTER ORGANIZED BASEBALL UNDER A VERY HEAVY HANDICAP

Opponents in League in Which He Plays Will "Lay" for Him Because of His Unusually Great Playing Reputation

BENNY KAUFF, leading hitter, base-runner, extra base-hitter and rungetter of the Federal League, will face a tremendous handicap when he enters the ranks of organized ball. All youngsters with great reputations find that press notices which herald their entry into the major leagues are handicaps. Kauff will find it doubly hard because it will be the aim of every pitcher and player in his league to show him up.

Pitchers will start a campaign against him just as they do against all other hitting stars. One pitcher will try Kauff on one delivery for a day and then the twirler who goes to the mound the next day will try another. They will continue along these lines until they find Kauff's weakness, if he has one. The tip will be passed around the circuit and he will not last as long as the average .250 hitter, as more attention will be paid to him.

The same conditions will obtain when he runs the bases. Infielders will not handle him gently, as they have been tipped off to the fact that he has a slide very much like that of Cobb. He is "falling away" and leaves only the point of his toe for the basemen to touch unless they "ride" him into the bag. Catchers will be continually wasting pitches to stop him before he gains confidence and runs wild, just as Cobb does,

Federal League Players Say Kauff Has No Weakness

Men who jumped organized ball for the Feds and who are in a position to know, declare that Kauff has not a single weakness and that it will be a waste of time to try to find one. They contend that he is a Cobb in every respect excepting that he does not think as quickly. There is nothing surprising in this, however, as there is not another player in the game who thinks and acts as quickly as the "Georgia Peach" does when he is on the bases.

A New York scribe recently wrote a josh story about Kauff, in which he made it appear that Kauff had an exaggerated opinion of himself and that Benny was boasting what he was going to do to the major league pitchers. It was an injustice, as Kauff is modest and remarkably quiet, considering the amount of dash he displays in everything he undertakes,

All Good Players Think Well of Their Own Ability

All good players think well of their own ability. Confidence is the greatest asset of players of the Cobb and Kauff type. Without it they would be ordinary ball players. He naturally expects to make good and will also insist that his contract is lived up to. Kauff is one of the few players who is still in a position to dictate and is entitled to say something about where he will play. The article has placed Kauff in a bad light and will make his path even

harder, if possible. It will probably cause the bleacherites to "ride" him hard, whereas under ordinary conditions this new star would be welcomed with open

Owner Lannin, of Red Sox, Won't Grant Salary Increases

When the Federal League started its raid on organized ball two years ago Owner Lannin, of the Red Sox, one of the new magnates in the game at the time, became very much excited and signed his players at their own figures to prevent the Feds from getting them. After two years of indifference on the part of several stars, despite the winning of a world's championship, Lannin admits that he is disgusted with the principles of some ball players, and now he is going to permit the unsigned players who are demanding an increase to ing Club, of Toronto, begins his duties as do some worrying before he signs them for next season.

It will be recalled that Lannin suspended "Dutch" Leonard last summer for Already rowing authorities and candidates failing to keep in condition and gave out an interview branding the majority | for the crews are looking forward to the of ball players as "a lot of pampered heroes." In connection with a rumor that arrival of Wright with an enthusiasm several of the world's champions were holdouts and would not accept a cut in salary, Lannin says: "I did all the worrying while the war was on, but they can do the worrying now. Some of the players apparently forget that the war is over, but they will realize it before the 1916 season begins,

"I am not out for any of the Federal League talent and think I can do well enough with my 1915 team, but unless some of the boys show reason in their demands, I will pick up some of the surplus talent and go along without them. I have already given many voluntary raises to some of the youngsters on my club, but do not intend to pay the exorbitant salaries which were necessary during the war. Players on all clubs were getting more than they were worth.'

Jack Fox, of Jasper, Is Real Basketball Veteran

Speaking of basketball veterans and the introduction of young blood into the Eastern League basbetball teams reminds one that Jack Fox, of Jasper, has often been referred to as one of the new youngsters of the league. Fox is new to the league, but it has been years and years since Jack was a youngster in the basketball game.

In 1898, when Joe Fogarty, Bill Keenan and several other local players joined New England League teams, they found Fox playing with Holyoke, and Has Reputation he was looked upon as a veteran then. At that time Fogarty and Keenan were bnly youngsters. Fox is still a lively individual and plays a rattling good game. None of the fans suspect by his appearance and actions that he was a star 20 years ago. Charley O'Donnell is another veteran who improves with age.

Michigan to Play Undefeated Washington Eleven Next Fall

The famous University of Washington football eleven, which has not lost a game in eight seasons under Gilmore Doble, will meet the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor next fall, according to an announcement made by Fielding Yost. The game will be of great interest to followers of the gridiron game throughout the country, but it is unfortunate that Washington will not have the services of Dobie as coach when it is facing its supreme test. Dobie has resigned his position and will not return to Washington under any condition.

Minor Leagues Fail to Profit by Peace

Peace in the baseball world was due largely to the effect the war had upon the minor leagues, but the sudden development of the peace plans probably will prove a boomerang to the smaller leagues. The minors are loaded up with players who cost them from \$1500 to \$2000. With the surplus Federal League talent available the minor league clubs will not be able to get more than \$750 for any of their extra men, regardless of the class of the league to which they

Baltimore and Buffalo Fed Magnates Protest

The protest of the Baltimore and Buffalo Federal League owners was a Httle late coming, but it was certain to be made as soon as it became apparent that there would be no third major league. In every war the weaker magnates of the league which is dissolved have been the losers, and this war will be no exception unless Owners Robertson, of Buffalo, and Raisin, of Baltimore, have something up their sleeves. They will at least cause a delay in the final arrangements and perhaps a great deal of inconvenience.

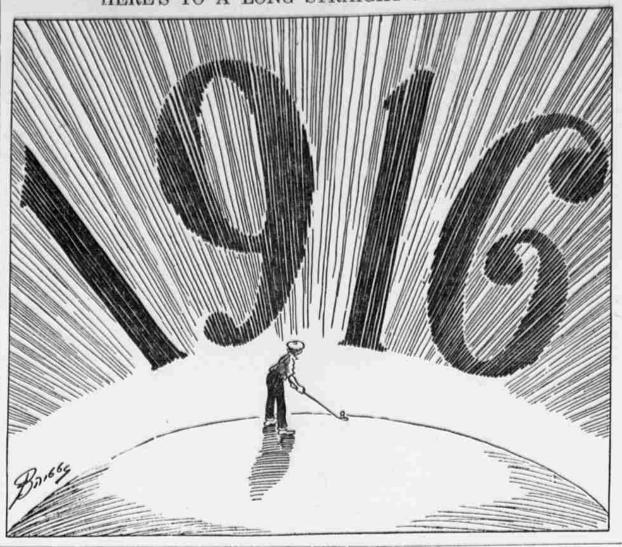
Ted Sullivan Believes South American Trip Would Pay

Ted Sullivan has thoroughly investigated conditions in South America and believes two star ball teams could reap a rich harvest in Argentine and Brazil next winter. He is now trying to interest some of the delegates to the Pan-American Scientific Congress at Washington in the venture. Americans in Rio Football Player and Wrestler Janeiro and Buenos Aires declare that enough money could be made in these cities alone to clear expenses and net a tidy balance for the players.

The death of the original "Tip" O'Neil leaves Tom McCarthy the surviving member of the famous Welch, O'Neil and McCarthy outfield, which was a Cobb. Crawford and Veach combination in the early days of Comiskey's famous

Although he had accepted terms and agreed to sign a three-year contract to manage the Phillies, Pat Moran did not actually sign until yesterday,

The first greeting of the New Year was from Manager Pat Moran, of the Phillies, who wishes the Evening Lenger readers a Happy and Prosperous HERE'S TO A LONG STRAIGHT DRIVE



JOSEPH WRIGHT

Formerly of the Argonaut Rowing Club, Toronto, who has been selected to coach the Uni-

proper machine training, because there are only eight rowing machines fit to use. The campaign started by Coach

Nickalls last year to purchase eight new

Several Philadelphia Teams on At-

lantic City Quintet's Schedule

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 1.—The Morris Guards open their basketball sea-son tonight with Millville High School, at

the Armory here. The soldier boys, coached by Dr. Charles L. Bossert, for-mer star of the Eastern League, will

have virtually a veteran quintet which has been molded into a smoothly run-ning machine. Byron Jenkins and Harold Monnell are again in the forward posi-

tions. Gardner plays centre and Captain John Johnson and "Dick" Walton, two other veterans, are returned to the guard

Raiph Brode today follows: January 1 — Millville High School, at home; 8, Philadelphia Central Y. d. C. A., at home; 15, Quintex, of Camden, at home: 22, Roman Catholic High School,

at home; 29, St. Joseph's College, at home. February 5, Atlantic City High School, at High School; 12, open; 19, Atlantic City High Schol, at Armory; 26, Tem-

March 3, Atlantic City High School, at High School; 8, St. Joseph College, at Philadelphia: 11, Villanova Preparatory School, at home: 18, La Salle College, at

Randolph Schedule Open

The Randolph Boys' Club has open dates in January and February and would like to hear from first and second

would like to hear from first and second class teams having halls and paying a good guarantee, in or out of the city. Manager Strauss would like to hear from the following teams: Greystock Reserves, Jasper Reserves, Wildwood, Ocean City, Military Club, Adantic City Morris Guards, Young's Million Dollar Pier, of Atlantic City, and Brownson, of Wilmington, Address Harry Strauss, Starr Garden Paris (th and Lombard streets,

Garden Park, 6th and Lombard streets.

Bow Creek Shoot

le College, at home

OPEN SEASON TONIGHT

He begins work next week.

MORRIS GUARDS FIVE

JOE WRIGHT, CANADIAN STAR, WILL COACH PENN OARSMEN

Captain and Tutor of Argonaut Club to Give Amateur Services to Quaker Crews

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL OWING will take a new hold on life Tat the University of Pennsylvania when Joe Wright, for more than 20 years captain and coach of the Argonaut Rowamateur coach of the Quaker carsmen. that even Vivian Nickalls did not arouse when he came here two years ago.

It will be Wright's first appearance as a University coach, but he brings to his task an equipment which few of America's crew coaches possess. Until the last few years Wright stroked as well as coached all of Argonaut's famous eights. Thus he knows rowing practically as well as theoretically. Not only can he teach rowing, but he can jump into a shell and illustrate the stroke if necessary. When a man can command the advantage of being a successful sweep oarsman himself as well as coach he will inspire confidence at every turn. inspire confidence at every turn. Another respect in which Wright has

something on many of his rival coaches is that he is a sweep oarsman, not a sculler. It is a curious fact that many of America's crew coaches won their fame more by their ability as scullers than as sweep oarsmen.

Wright is extremely well known among American oarsmen, because his Argonaut crew has competed on nearly all our rowcrew has competed on hearly all our row-ing courses. In addition, Wright has taken his crews to England, where on more than one occasion they made a strong bid for Henley honors. They also made a splendid showing in the Olympic Regatta on the Thames at the Henley in 1908 and at Stockholm in 1912.

There is much surprise in rowing circles that Wright should con, at to coach Pennsylvania as an amatur. The fact of the matter is that until today Wright was the postmaster of Toronto, a position he held for a good many years. Possessing unusual physical vigor, he was able to unusual physical vigor, he was able to hold his own as stroke in the best of the Argonaut crews until after his 40th year, And even last year, when in his 50th year, he stroked the winning four-oared crew in the club regatta, in which 20 club crews

All told, Wright has won 130 races with sweeps and scu's, including the American and Canadian enampionships in singles, pairs, fours and eights. In 1885 he was a member of the crew which won the American junior four-oared championship, His racing career was continuous until 1906, when he stroked the famous Argonaut eight, which was beaten by only six feet by Leander in the final for the Grand Challenge Cup of the English Henley. In 1899 Wright stroked the first Canadian

rew to carry off an American eight-oared championship, and in 1903 he stroked the eight which won the first American Henley championship on the Schuyikiil. Two days later this same crew established the present record for the Schuyikill course in the People's Day results.

Wright was also a great sculler and was the first Canadian to win a sculling race in England, when he carried off the Bedford Cup. He was also the first Canadian to win a heat in the Diamond Day regatta.

In addition to his fame as an oarsman Wright was a great football player, and for 18 years did not miss a game. Not only that, but at one time he held the Canadian heavyweight wrestling cham-

ideal type of sportsman. He mixes we with his men, and has the ability to com cate his own courage and enthusi-

municate his own courage and enthusiasm. He is a high type of man, physically, mentally and morally, and as such should inspire the greatest confidence among Pennsylvania men.

Pennsylvania's crew candidates will report the first of next week, and until Coach Wright is on hand to take charge of them personally Captain Chickering will do the coaching. There will be some difficulty in giving all the men the

DE NERI-CAMDEN PLAY FOR FOURTH PLACE POSITION

Heavy Scoring Teams in Eastern League Clash at Musical Fund

DEPEND ON OPEN PLAYS

The two heaviest scoring teams and the two which play a wide-open game meet tonight in the Eastern League holiday battle in this city, when De Neri and Camden line up at Musical Fund Hall. Both clubs are wonderful scorers, depending upon plenty of passing and wideopen plays to get their goals. Both are fighting for the top of the sec-

ond division and the victor will have undisputed sway of that perch. In all three games played to date between the two clubs, heavy scoring, fast floor work and pretty passing were features.

Camden won two out of the three contests, and in the last clash played last Wednesday it set up an Eastern League scoring record for total points, field goals and assists made. It gave a wonderful exhibition, and for De Neri to beat it tonight the Southwark club will have to show a decided reversal of form. In the three games between the form. In the three games between the teams Camden scored 146 points and 58 field goals, while De Neri tallied 119 points and 43 double deckers.

Arrangements have been made to get the first half score and final result of the clash between Greystock and Trenton in the evening game at Trenton. These will be announced during the game at Musical

In the preliminary game there should be a battle royal. The undefeated De Nerl Reserves line up against the Delco five, champions of the Delaware County League, and which has won its last 11 machines was not a success.

Just what sort of stroke Wright teaches the rowing authorities do not

know or care. It is understood, though, that Wright, being an Englishman, teaches a modified English stroke, much as Vivian Nickalls did last year. **NEW BASEBALL** LEAGUE IS PLANNED

Organization to Fill in Where Tristate Left Off Is a Possibility

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 1.—If the plans of "Al" Lawson, promoter of the Atlan-tic League in 1907, do not go astray, loyal baseball fans who have been disconsolate since the demise of the Tristate League will be gladdened by the organization of a new eight-team circuit this spring.

The baseball appetites of these minor league fans are whetted by Lawson's an-nouncement that a new league is to be reality. He names 14 towns from which the circuit can be chosen. They Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Pottaville, Paterson, Elizabeth, Perth Amboy, Trenton, Chester, Wilmington, York, Lancaster and Harrisburg, Elight of the towns mentioned are former Tri-state League towns. If Wilmington is included in the final makeup of the circuit, Delaware. Pennsylvania and New Jer-sey will again be represented by an aggre-gation of national pastimers.

But in the boiling down of the pros-pects to eight towns Lawson does not include Wilmington. In his first choice of eight clubs he names Allentown, Beth-lehem, Easton, Reading, Perth Amboy and Pottaville. He points out that Sunday bail can be played in four of these towns, namely, Paterson, Elizabeth, Perth Am-boy and Pottsville. In the declining days of the Tri-State Sunday ball was played in Pottaville to seed monetary address. of the Tri-State Sunday ball was played in Pottaville to good monetary advantage. Lawson says he doesn't know whether the new league which is in the making will be under the protection of organized ball and, what's more, he says he doesn't care. He advances the opinion that the declaration of peace in the haseball war is going to put a number of high-class players on the market and they will not hold out for fancy salaries.

Welsh and Griffith to Meet

AKRON O. Jan. I.—Johnay Griffith, premier lightweight of Onio, and Freddie Wolsh, world's champion, will meet here in a 20-round bout on January 25. The champion is given a guarantee of \$400, with a privilege of 40 per cont. of the gross. The Bow Creek Gun Club will hold its midweek shoot today. The prize in the main event at 5 birds is a 200-pound hos.

PAST YEAR SAW GREAT SHAKE-UP THROUGHOUT THE BASEBALL WORLD

Phillies Won First Pennant, Mack Wrecked His Great Machine and Frank Baker Retired. All in 1915 Season

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

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A year ago, when the Athletics had a wonderful machine and the Phillies were striving to construct one, the fans were more or less on the anxious bench for fear the independent league would stenl aome of the valuable members of either team, but shortly after 1915 had been ushered in it became apparent that the Feds had ceased to play an important part in the national game as far as Philadelphia was concerned. Therefore the

part in the national game as far as Fairndelphia was concerned. Therefore the
peace parley is secondary in importance.
The winning of the first National
League pennant by the Phillies, after
33 years' competition, was one of three
important features and which was celebrated in a fitting manner, despite the
subsequent defeat in the world's series
at the hands of the Bed Sex. at the hands of the Red Sox.

There can be but one winner of a world's series and this winner is often

determined by the breaks of the game. The breaks unquestionably went to the Red Sox, and the Phillies were clearly The defeat, however, cannot dim the brilliance of the winning of the

Mack a Wrecker

Connie Mack's unprecedented action in completely wrecking a championship ball team was the second great event of the year, while the retirement of Frank Baker was the third. The latter is but one small cog in the great machine of baseball, but the time and circumstances surrounding the retirement of the famous surrounding the retirement of the famous

surrounding the retirement of the famous slugger gave the affair nation-wide publicity, and as the new year comes in Baker is still in the limelight.

Years ago Bill Lange, an outfielder of the Chicago club in the days when there was but one league, the National, quit the game when at the height of his career. Lange was considered the greatest allround player in the game at the time and the fans were shocked at the announcement that the giant had quit because of salary difference with Jim Hart, owner of the team, but before July rolled round Lange was forgotten. His name had scarcely been mentioned since until Baker announced that he was through with the game.

Baker Retires

Baker was apparently sincere when he unnounced his retirement, but either the lure of the game or its great financial in-ducements caused him to change his mind shortly after the championship season started, and he played with Upland. The peculiar stand Baker took in this matter is believed to have been the real cause of Mack's sudden decision to break up the greatest ball team ever constructed.

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The peeriess Eddie Collins was sold to the White Sox in the early part of the year, but this deal was arranged and made public before 1915 was under way. This is generally looked upon as Mack's first stroke in breaking up his wonderful team, but it is certain Mack had no such in-tention, even after he had released Eddie.

restrain mack had no such in-tention, even after he had released Eddie Plank, Jack Coombs and "Chief" Bender. Collins was allowed to depart because the White Sox offered so much money that Mack could not afford to turn down the proposition. He also felt that Lajole could fill the bill acceptably and that his young nitchers would young pitchers would replace the veter-ans, Plank and Bender, Coombs not hav-ing been actively engaged with the Mack-men in the winning of the 1913 and 1914 pennants. pennants. Mack was sure he could spare these

THERE were three outstanding features in the 1915 baseball season to local fans, aside from the formulation of peace between the forces of organized ball and the Federal League Not being represented with a team in the Federal League Philadelphians had only passing interest in the baseball war.

By CHANDLER In the description of the season of the men and still continue to win pennants and the next person of the machine would continue to win pennants and the next person of the famous machine sone, the rest of the aggregation lost confidence and west completely to pieces.

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Pitchers Failed

The young pitchers who performed like marvels in 1914 failed dismally when the team wobbled. They lacked confidence as was apparent by the number of bases on balls issued in the first two months of the campaign. Before the season was two months old Mack realized his old machine would never come back and be completed the wrecking by sending Jack Barry, the third member of the greater infield ever constructed, to the Boston infield ever constructed, to the

Red Sox.
Pennock and Shawkey, two of the young pitchers who were counted upon to take the places of Plank and Bender, were next to go. Mack found both isdifferent, caring only for the first and fifteenth of the month, after they came to believe that there was little chance to share in the world's series receipts. Mack wisely decided that there was ne room for them in the new machine he had to build.

Local fans cannot expect too much of the Athletics in 1916, but they are cen-tain to come back. Mack has the founds. tion for a great team, but it may be a year or two before it acquires the proper balance.

During the course of the season were many individual heroes, the formost of whom were Manager Pat Moraa. Grover Alexander and Bill Killefer. The the principle of the part in the works series owing to an injury, but it was largely through his brilliant catching that the Philly pitchers showed consistenty brilliant form throughout the season. Without Killefer's steadying hand it is likely the pitching staff would have cracked early in the race, making the pennant-winning an impossibility,

Moran a Hero

Moran, however, is the real hero. The veteran coach was appointed manager early in the year and took charge of a second division team which was in a badly disorganized condition. He molded it into a smooth-working machine, which

eventually won the pennant.

Grover Alexander, affectionately called Alexander the Great by the fans, was Moran's greatest aid in the winning of the pennant and the national pitching star. The famous pitcher hurled the most remarkable hall of his sensational career. remarkable ball of his sensational career He led the National League pitchers, broke the league record for shut-outs, pitched the greatest number of innings is 15 years and also pitched the largest num-ber of few-hit games. Add to this the wonderful steadiness of

this master pitcher in series which were of vital importance to the Phils and it will be easy to see that Alexander was

a most important asset to Moran. a most important asset to Moran.
The strengthening of the Cubs and other clubs by the addition of Federal League stars will place the Phillies at a great disadvantage for the 1916 campaign, but as long as we have Moran and Alexander local fans will back the Phillies against the Sald. the field.

Parkway defeated St. Elizabeth, in a Philadelphila Junior League gams at the Boys' Cubliat night by the score of 26 to 22, Line-up: Parkway.

McBride forward Ruperus F. Campbell centre Tanser, Watsh (Galloway) guard Coffer J. Campbell guard McCleakerguard.

FEW NEW GOLF CHAMPIONS DEVELOPED DURING SEASON

1915 Proves Slow Year on Links-Travers Annexes Open Title-Mrs. Vanderbeck Wins Eastern and National Honors

1 OOKING backward through the year August for the amateur tournament Travers was fancied by many to add to his laurels. Even so, Francis Ouimet and Charles W. Evans, Jr., had large followcomplished little toward developing new championship material. This more particularly applies to the three national tournaments -- the amateur, open and women's. All these were won by seasoned exponents of the game.

Jerome D. Travers, the Upper Montclair player, won the open title at Baltusrol, and if his success came as a surprise, it was only because of his being an amateur. There national open titles are as good as conceded beforehand to some professional, the only other in-stance of an amateur gaining the coveted honor being in 1913, when Francis Ouimet defeated Vardon and Ray in that famous play-off at Brookline. Before Travers teed up for the open

he had won the amateur title on four different occasions. In the opinion of many, he had seen his best days as a golfer, yet with characteristic pluck and determination Jerry led one of the strongest fields ever assembled in America. It takes concentration and study to triumph over the mental as well as the actual hazards encountered during 72 holes of championship medal play, where every stroke means so much. every stroke means so much

When the last putt had been holed and the winner carried off on the shoul-ders of his friends it was found that the amateur's margin was only a single stroke over Tom McNamara, the Boston homebred, whose standiness has earned him at one time or another nearly all the important open titles except the national.

McNamara, however, like Waiter Ha-gen, the previous winner, Francis Guimet in 1913, and John J. McDermott, twice prior in 1913, and John J. McDermott, twice prior to that, did his share toward keeping the homebred talent to the fore. The fact that for five consecutive open meetings the resident "pros" have been beaten off by the native-born players speaks volumes for the standard of excellence attained by the Americans.

When the amateurs gathered at the Country Club of Detroit the latter part of

ings, and the fact that all three were brushed aside by players who in turn were eliminated ere the final round was reached illustrated still further the uncertainties of this clusive game. Evans took his medicine in the first round at the hands of his old rival, D. E. Sawyr, while Travers and Ouimet fell the following day, Jerry losing to Max Marston and the Boston man to James Standish, Jr.

"Long Game" Won

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In the meantline, Robert A. Gardner, the erstwhile Yale player, had been going along in a manner that had gained him new followers with each succeeding round. When he defeated Sawyer everybody took notice, and when he downed Marston in an extra hole match in the semifinal bracket his hardest task had been completed. Gardner's exceptionally long game proved too much for John G. Anderson in the decisive test. It was back in 1800 that Gardner first won the amateur title, Before the Detroit tournament he had changed to the Vardon grip, and it may be that this had something to do with the general improvement in his game, which was better in all departments than at any previous time in his career. time in his career.

JACK MeGUIGAN National A. C.

THIS AFTERNOON, AT 2:30 SHARP JOHNNY DUNDEE vs. JOE AZYEDO FRANKIE CONIFREY vs. PAL MOORE SAM ROBIDEAU vs. PBANK MAGUIRE EDDIE WAGOND vs. JOE MALONE JOE HIRST vs. DANNY FIELDS FRANKIE MCMANUS vs. RAY RIVERS

YOUNG SANDOW IS, BOBBY McLEOD RID THOMAS VS. CHARLEY McCARTHY HALL STEWART IS, STANLEY HINGLE EDDIE CAMPI VS. WILLIE JACKSON LEW TENDLER VS. WILLIE BROWN JOE WEISH VS. BENNY LEONARD

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES-BLESSED IS THE MAN TODAY WHO "WHITE LIGHTED" NOT LAST EVENING-IF THERE IS ONE

