# EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1916.

# EAR OF UNPARALLELED SUCCESS APPEARS TO CONFRONT MORAN'S CHAMPION PHILLIES

# IDEAL CONDITIONS PREVAIL FOR ULTRA-BRIGHT PHILLY CAMPAIGN THIS SEASON

# Fans Will Not Have to "Pull" the Wait-Until-Next-Year "Stuff" of the Last Three Decades

TRTUALLY every baseball, writer in the country has predicted the most profitable baseball season for 1916 that the game has ever had. In general e remarks have been applied to the 16 clubs of organized baseball as a whole and not with particular reference to any one. But we are able to state without m approaching the bounds of extravagance that the Phillies are on the eve a utoptan season.

There are a number of contributing causes to the prospective success of the 1915 champions. Philadelphia has always been a National league city. Even n the haloyon days of Connie Mack's pennant-winning machines, the Athletics vers never as popular as the Phillies. This condition has been much more narked since Pat Moran broke the seemingly solid ice and won a flag for local entatives of the parent league.

Then, too, the conditions referred to above which are going to help baseball in general will also aid the Phillies specifically. This, in short, is that the efface-ment of the Federal League has brought about a more settled feeling among baseball followers. They are not afraid now that their team will be riddled by an attack of the "outlaws." They are glad the war is over and they can devote their whole attention to actual play and not to wrangling beween two organizations whose activities were far removed from the ball fields.

"Wait Until Next Year" a Forgotten Slogan

In former seasons when the Phillies got off to good leads in the National Lengue, then "blew," the knockers were wont to begin their annual sarcastic -"Just Wait Till Next Year." But this cutting slogan is a thing of the Even last season when the Phillies were leading the race many persons hought they would "crack under the strain" and for that reason the attendance was not what it might have been.

This year the fans as well as the players have confidence in the ability of the team to win. They realize that Moran and his champions are not mere hes that will fade at a moment's notice. With this feeling of security both the faithful and fair-weather fans will flock to the ball field to encourage the Phillies to another victory.

Add to all this the excellent showing made by the Phils in their training camp this spring and we find that ideal conditions for a great year prevail.

## St. Pete Weather Man Hangs Up New Record

We haven't anything against our old friend George S. Bliss. On the contrary, this meteorological master has dealt us recently a brand of almost unbeatable weather. In fact he always gives us some kind, which it must be adnitted is better than none. But-in 48-point caps-the weather man at St. Petersburg, Fla., leads the league by several jumps.

This disciple of Al Lang has just hung up a new world's record for consecu tive weather hits. The Phillies landed in the Sunshine City on March 7 and gan practice the following day. Not one day since then have the champions in Idle. One or two days were a triffe chilly, but not cold enough for the tponement of practice.

Today is the last workout of the Phillies at St. Pete and as our correspondent a wire early this morning that the weather was again good, the Phillies will have the most consistent spring practice in their long career.

On Monday the Phils begin their journey north, stopping off at Richmond Washington before arriving home to open the National League campaign the Giants in the local yard, Broad and Huntingdon streets.

#### Phillies and Athletics on Sane Salaries

What we have said of the two Chicago teams in the matter of top-heaviness try and eight lesser luminaries basked in its rays. aries does not apply to the Athletics nor to the Phillies, yet the latter ought Rixey performed in the morning, while McQuillan, Baumgartner and Adams supable to repeat their flag-winning trick of 1915.

he Athletics are probably the lowest-paid bunch of major league ballplayers country, and properly so, because indications are that they will finish with mallest percentage. Connie Mack doesn't believe in high salaries, and he is going to have them, unless he develops a winning team within the next few and is forced to boost his semimonthly checks,

The Phillies seem to be sound, financially and otherwise. Moran has put cam on edge for the playing season with brilliant prospects for a pennant, while the men are not underpaid, it cannot be said that President W. F. r has made any contracts with his players that will embarrass the club, no ter how poorly the club does this year.

#### Mack Has Shifted His Batting Order

Manager Mack has changed the Athletics' batting order and in the future t will be the leadoff man. He has an excellent eye, does not swing at bad is fast on his feet and also can drive the ball a long distance if he gets opposing twirler in a hole.

my Walsh, a clever bunter, will hit second, with Strunk, Oldring, McInnis or Schang, Pick, Malone and the pitcher following, Although the ics are supposed to be a poor, broken-down ball team, it requires only glance at the above batting order to discover that there still is a great deal atting power in the team, and if the pitchers come through as well as Mack aks they will after midseason the fans will see a much better brand ball than they were favored with at Shibe Park last summer. There will at be plenty of pepper.

# Southern Baseball Scores of Spring Training Games

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Detroit 5 15 6 Beaumont 1 5 0 Coveleskin, Dauss and Stanage; Jost, Wright and Bobo PHILS' REGS AND YANS TO PLAY FULL CONTEST

Moran Gave Players Two

Monotonous Workouts Yesterday

DEVORE HAS SORE FEET

By a Staff Correspondent ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., April 1.

Director Moran will put his road com pany through two more rehearsals at Coffee Pot Park this afternoon, as he did yesterday. The slated performance between the regulars and reserves was can-celed on account of a spanking breeze, which eddled in and around the amphitheatre.

The Irish impresario will recompense the public for the unfulfilled date by pre-senting a nine-reel feature this after-

noon. From the wings, yesterday's perform-ance was rather monotonous, as it lacked variety, the principals being restricted to a colorless repetition of one number, but from the manager's viewpoint the day was profitably employed. While the slapstick was wielded to the detriment of the higher form of baseball

Rhoades, Fortune, Mayer, Demaree and

pleted the ensemble.

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Moran?

awing

than 15 inches. Baker's Speed

An "If" or Two

We are not picking the Phillies to re-

Sir-To help settle an argument.

Sir: In 1911 Frank Baker stole 38 bases; in 1912 he stole 40; in 1913 he stole 33; but in 1914 he stole but 19. Doesn't this show pretty well that he was slowing up before he left the Mackmen?

their hitting power alone?

as a result of wearing tight shoes.

entertainment, the suble art of pitching was not totally obscured by the limelight, as one of the foremost actors in the coun-

Fast Passing Marks 18-14 Victory

The St. Joseph Literary and Dramatic As-sociation defeated the strong St. Ludwig five, 18-14. on the former's floor. This closed a successful season for the St. Joe quintet. Only one game was lost out of the 10 played. The rapid passing of the St. Joe was the feature of the game. John Kernpf led the scoring for the visitors, with four goals from the ported the peerless Alexander at the mat-Minor specialties, such as base running, fungo hitting and bunting games, com-

Josh Devore, the principal comedian, spent the day in dabbling his feet in the Joseph's. forward ... bayou, being unable to don his dancing pumps as a result of lacking some all-too-solid skin on the tips of his toes, ignas

# **MACKS TO PLAY** SOUTHERN FINAL AGAINST BOSTON

Connie Will Send Crowell in to Break Athletics' Losing Streak

CHARLESTON GAMES NEXT

## By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 1.-The Athletics will lplay their last game in Jacksonville today and after yesterday's exciting batle it is likely that a large crowd will turn out to see the final game between the Mackmen and Braves. The team is scheduled to depart for Charles-ton, S. C., tomorrow, where a three-game series will be played with the Charleston South Atlantic League team. Then the one-day barnstorming schedule north will start.

"MI" Crowell is slated to twirl six or nine innings for the Mackmen on get-away day, and Manager Mack is confident that the long string of defeats at the hands of Stallings' team will be broken. For this reason he intends to allow Crow-ell to remain on the mound as long as he can hold the Braves in check. Joe Bush terday, but the day was too cold, and Mack did not want to take any unnecessary chances.

Inexperience in the pitching box cost the Athletics a victory over the Braves after one of the most sensational spring games it ever has been our good fortune to witness. The inexperience which is bound to handicap the young Mack pitchwhen "Chief" Meyers pitched poorly to Evers and Konecthy after having them in the hole in the fourth inning,

## FINAL AT CHATTANOOGA

Thomas' Athletic Youngsters Finish First Series Today

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 1 .--- The first series of games to be played by Ira Thomas' squad of White Elephants on the way north, will be brought to a close this afternoon with the third contest with the Chattanooga team. Part of the receipts will go to the local Y. M. C. A.

Harry Weaver, of Philadelphia, prob ably will be Thomas' first choice for twirling duty this afternoon. Knoxville will be the next stop of the Yanigans, games being booked there for next Monday and Tuesday with the University of

ST. JOE L. AND D. WINS

Over St. Ludwig Five

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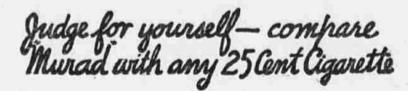
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RICE DECLARES PHILLIES ARE

Manager Mack has told each man just what is expected of him in regard dition this season and also has impressed upon them that he would not te tardiness to morning practice.

Welsh Will Retire With Lightweight Crown Intact

that Fred Welsh is convinced that his days as lightweight champion world are numbered following the vicious lacing he suffered at the stinghooks and jolts of one Benny Leonard in New York last night, it is that the Briton will retire from the game before some one tickles him chin and gives him the displeasure of hearing the chirping of little

d has threatened to give up the game several times and start a health There never was a champion who loved his title any more than Freddy, ited many years before he got a crack at the crown-in fact, when he pionship from Willie Ritchie, he was an "old man"-and Welsh has eral times that he would retire rather than lose the coveted honor.

h the Briton on the sidelines watching his many indignant contenders ble for the championship, two boxers-both knockout artists-stand out as cessors to the throne. They are Leonard and Charley White, with per because of his recent series of K. O.'s, the favorite. Another boxer at get recognition is Johnny Dundee, the clever Gotham gloveman.

## Jourdet Deserves the Honor He Will Get

a late start, he won but 8 games for Moran's squad. He is said to be right and ready this spring. ough no arrangements have yet been made with Lon Jourdet to coach 1917 basketball team in Pennsylvania, it is certain that he will be reappointed peat-but neither are we scoffing at their chances. course of time.

rdet has proved this season to be the master of college cage coaches, excepting Dr. Al Sharpe, of Cornell. Lon's success has been due to ledge of the game, his natural ability to lead and his personality. on the Penn team this year had supreme confidence in Jourdet's t and this could not have happened if he had not shown that this was deserved.

ning the season with light and unpromising material, Jourdet developed hat won the Intercollegiate League title for the Red and Blue for me since 1908. The splendid manner in which the team came back and of Frinceton in the one game playoff for the championship is only another t of Jourdet's ability and incidentally insures Penn another successful year the basketball floor.

The contention often made that the University of Pennsylvania has repeatedly aked a great lot of athletic material in and around Philadelphia in preference m distant points, was at last disproved by the game with Princeton slay night. The combination of players that won the championship Le Intercollegiate League was not a band of athletes from any other spot in ntry but Philadelphia. Without exception the five that humbled the Tigers in 16 were former prep school athletes of this city. Captain McNichol was tudent of La Salle College; Martin studied at South Philadelphia High; y, I.a Balle; Jefford, Northeast, and Williamson, Phillips Brooks.

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Jie Tinker humas the poor showing of the Cubs on the abundance of straw-ry showtrake at the Tampa Bay Hotel. It is strange that they should have of on this article of food and then turned out to be ple for the Phillies.

As long as Pat Moran is manager of the Phillies, even such men as Luderus, with, Oeschger, Niehoff and Paskert will annually adopt Cappy Ricks' sloganand (Uber Alles."

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ously this spring, but still fewer took runs. Yet a year ago the rumor was pushed around that Ty was slowing up. them seriously a year aro. When they If this be slowing up we'd like to lose a won 13 of their first 14 games or some-thing of that sort, merry laughter went up leg.

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LARRY.

By GRANTLAND RICE

ERY few are taking the Phillies seri- he counted 69. But in 1915 he scored 144

around the circuit as the cry arose-"Watch them blow." But there was very Who says there is nothing in propin little merry laughter at the Phillies' e pense around October first. Very little. Even T. R.'s secretary has dequity? veloped a punch. Where the Phillies may finish this com

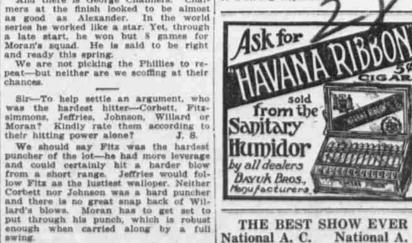
The Joe Stecher-Frank Gotch jubilee ing campaign is not known to us, person-ally or impersonally. But any one who refuses to consider a ball club that carries Alexander, Cravath, Luderus, Bancroft, Whitted and Burns or Killifer, may soon hasn't been launched yet, but there is a distant rumble which indicates that it is on the way. It will arrive shortly, unless the fact that Stecher recently tossed Doc Roller twice in 10 minutes persuades be calling for a new hand in the prophetic Gotch to stick to the farm.

### The Original Record

Some day we will write an original yarn; We will start a new lead that will hold Extremely few on the outside are pick-ing the Phils to repeat, but suppose in addition to Alexander, Chalmers, Mayer, Rixey and McQuillan, Mr. Charles Albert Bender, the stoical Chippewa, should hap-pen to round to nicely for about 16 or 18 outstoine. Charles Albert is only 32 his you in thrall;

For we'll open a baseball story like this-"Play Ball"

Jess Willard is now a horseman in the victories? Charles Albert is only 33, his circus, but two years from date, if his weight continues piling up, he will not be arm is in good condition, and his ambition is rearoused. No one in the game knows better how to pitch. able to ride anything but the state better how to pitch. And there is George Chalmers. Chal-mers at the finish looked to be almost as good as Alexander. In the world series he worked like a star. Yet, through or a strong elephant.



THE BEST SHOW EVER National A. C. National A. C. TONIGHT-TONIGHT Johnny Loughrey vs. Knockout Samson Johnny Tilman vs. Back Fleming Knockout Baker vs. K. C. Sullivan Tompy Buck vs. Eddle Wallace Eddle Morsan vs. Billy de Fue But the ideal puncher was Fitzaim-mons, who could tear away part of a rival's roof with a jab that traveled less

> OLYMPIA A, A. Broad & Bainbeth MONDAY NIGHT - 3:30 SHARP Saller Smiler vs. Young Cohen Leo Firm vs. Young Cohen Jee O'Dannell vs. Gaussie Lewis Pette Herman vs. Eddle O'Baele Lew Tendler vs. Benny Kaufman

Not necessarily. When we saw Baker work out at Macon, Ga., his legs looked to be as elastic as ever. He looked to be Adm. 25c. Bol. Res. 50c. Arens Res. 15c. 81 Spring Garden A. C. Thes. Eve.

to be as clastic as ever. He looked to be just about as fast. In 1911 Ty Cohb stole 33 bases. In 1914 he stole but 35. Slow-ing up? Not exactly. For in 1915 he stole 58, 15 above his best previous year. Big Joe Butler, 195 lbs. Punitive Jack O'Brien, 154 lbs.

In 1913 Cobb scored 70 runs. In 1014 Four other houts. 25c, and 50c. Boxers head unmes, Mgr. Mearos. 11th & Sp. Garden.



EVENING LEDGER MOVIES-THIS IS NOT HIS ANNIVERSARY, NEVERTHELESS WE HONOR THE NAME OF P. T. BARNUM TODAY

