

# GIANTS ALWAYS WILL BE IN RUNNING FOR PENNANT WITH MUGGSY M'GRAW AS ADVISER

## WITH MCGRAW'S MASTER HAND AT HELM, NEW YORK GIANTS CAN NEVER BE OUTCLASSED

### Little Napoleon Still Baseball's Greatest Tactician—Has Gavy Cravath Lost the Confident Style That Terrified All Pitchers

THE word is being passed around among the wise persons that the Giants do not belong. Although few simeon pure experts have ventured to stand right up in meetin' and inform the trusting public that the men of McGraw do not look like pennant contenders, a murmur of inside stuff has been peddled to that effect. This whisper may grow to a roar, or it may die on the breeze of early summer. The Giants may develop or they may remain dormant—but come what may, the team from Broadway can never be called downright bad so long as John J. McGraw remains at the helm.

For John J. will still be the Little Napoleon of baseball when he retires. McGraw is the sort of a man who cannot tolerate failure, and when he concludes that his star is coming to an eclipse he will forsake the baseball firmament and spend his remaining years "somewhere" in the shadow of obscurity. But that day has not yet come. McGraw is still the master hand. No one who has made a study of the two games played between the Giants and Phillies can question this.

The Giants do not look particularly strong. As a matter of fact they looked rather bad in the opening game. Yesterday their defense was vastly improved—but their attack did not strike the true McGraw swing until the ninth inning. Loyal Philadelphia fans will not find much pleasure in recalling the events of that fatal ninth, but for the student of baseball it is significant.

### McGraw's Master Hand Evident

Newspaper headlines tell us that Stock's error on Fletcher's hit brought victory to the Giants yesterday. The hit and the error were contributing factors, but add it all up and you will find that McGraw's generalship won the game for the New Yorkers. The players are simply pawns in J. J.'s offensive campaign.

Yesterday Mayer and Tesreau locked horns in a thrilling pitching duel for eight innings. For eight frames the visitors tried to break through the young sidearm hurler's defense without result. They tried waiting him out, only to find that his control was masterly—they tried slugging the ball, and only succeeded in lifting pop flies or skipping grounders into the mitts of his supporting cast. For eight innings the Giant attack not only appeared weak, but it seemed listless.

Suddenly, in the ninth, they were the old aggressive Giants. Their best hitters were up. This was the psychological moment. Doyle fell on the first ball to come over for a single. The reliable Fletcher picked out the second pitch and laid it down for a sacrifice. The Phillies were caught off their balance, and in his hurry Stock fumbled the ball. For a brief second the Phillies bumped the ceiling, and as Stock threw to Luderus too late to get Fletcher, McGraw saw that third was left unoccupied and brought Doyle on that pad. There was no chance to get the Giant captain, but Luderus took a chance and threw the ball for the bag. As there was no one there to get it, the pellet rolled to the grandstand and Doyle kept on to the plate. Fletcher made second on the play, and instead of allowing Kauf to hit, McGraw signaled him to lay down a sacrifice, which put Fletcher on third.

The Phillies were upset and McGraw knew it. Had Mayer been given a chance to work on Merkle, the champions might have settled down; but this was no part of John J.'s plan. Merkle went to the plate with orders to hit and hit quick. He did so, with the result that a single was sent hurtling through Niehoff's legs, a hit that would ordinarily have been fielded. Fletcher scored, and the damage was done.

It is this sort of baseball that has made McGraw famous. A quick lightning-like drive, get the other fellows on the run, and when they are running, make the supreme effort and put the bacon on ice. The Giants' half of the ninth inning yesterday was typical McGraw baseball; and no team that plays it will ever be outclassed.

### Cravath Not Yet in Step

During the time that the Phils were in the South the heart of the local fan was gladdened from day to day by glowing reports of the condition of Cravath's batting eye. Pleasant as it may be to contemplate Gavy at his best, it must be admitted that the noted slugger has done little thus far to reassure the cynical ones.

It is not that Cravath has failed to propel the Spalding over the ramparts; nor yet that he has thus far failed to mangle the occupants of the left-field bleachers. It is that Gavy is not showing his form at bat. The careless confidence of complete efficiency is not evident. The great pill punisher has always looked the part; to an opposing pitcher he has ever been the personification of batting power. When Cravath stood at the plate ominously swinging his bat low with one hand, spectators and players alike felt that something was going to happen—and something mighty unpleasant for the aliens.

It is his style that Cravath seems to have lost. He does not seem confident at the plate—he does not seem sure of himself. The swish of his bat is not as sharp as it was, and he does not seem to time the ball as well as he did a year ago. Probably within a month Cravath will get back in his stride. He is not a youngster, and it takes him an unusually long time to get in shape. Cactus has always been a late starter, and this year seems to be no exception.

### Witt's Confidence Is His Greatest Asset

"Dutchy" Witt, the young shortfielder whom Connie Mack will probably put in the line-up in the near future, has not had enough experience to cause him to lose any of the confidence that he developed as a minor leaguer.

It often happens that when a good minor player is tried out in the majors, he feels himself inferior to his opponents, and, therefore, lays himself liable to having the "Indian sign" put on him by the pitchers. But Witt does not suffer from this malady. Although a left-handed hitter, Witt says that he had just as soon face a southpaw pitcher, even one with a cross-fire, as a right-hander. "I was always taught to hit 'em no matter who was throwin' 'em." That is the motto Witt has adopted for himself, and thus far he has proved that he really doesn't care what the hurler sends up to him or who the hurler is.

### Several Clubs Helped by Sale of Speaker

As we view the situation, the sale of Speaker benefits the White Sox, Tigers, Yankees and Browns more than it does any one else. True, the Red Sox are benefited \$50,000 in cash and two players, but their chances for pennant honors are much slimmer without Speaker.

The difference between a pennant-winner and a runner-up is from \$75,000 to \$150,000. Of course, the Sox may win without Speaker, but it's doubtful. His great batting and fielding usually won—unaided—at least 10 games per season. Remove 10 victories from the 1915 total of the Red Sox, apply them to the losing side—and the team would have finished third in the 1915 race.

The Red Sox won the 1915 American League championship by a margin of two and one-half games. Without Speaker they never would have won. Minus the services of Speaker this year, the outlook for the Red Sox is in nowise bright. The weakening of the Red Sox by the loss of Speaker enhances the chances of the four other teams that were conceded a chance for the honors. It brings the Sox nearer to—or perhaps below—the level of the Yanks, Browns, White Sox and Tigers.

In the "bookie" wagering before the Speaker sale, the Red Sox were 8 to 5 favorites. Speaker's absence has shifted the figures to 4 to 1—and there isn't much Red Sox money being offered.

### Speaker, in 1908, Was Left Behind as Rental

The sale of Tris Speaker to Cleveland "for more money than was ever paid for a player, not excepting Eddie Collins," recalls the story of Speaker being left at Little Rock in 1908 as rental for the ball park there. The Boston club trained at Little Rock that season, agreeing to turn back a player to Mike Finn's club in payment for the use of the grounds. When the Red Sox left Little Rock Speaker was left behind.

That season Tris developed into a remarkable player and several clubs, including the Giants, made offers for him. Manager Finn might have sold him without violating any agreements, but he felt that Boston was entitled to first claim, so he sent the player back to the Red Sox for the sum of \$500. Eight years later Tris, once a ground-rent player, is sold for the "record figure of baseball sales."

### Ouimet Does Not Fear Professional "Call"

Francis Ouimet, the famous young Boston golfer, is highly praised in some quarters because he has opened a sporting goods store in the Bean City. The praise came apparently because the writers saw in Ouimet a fearless young man who was not afraid to endanger his amateur standing.

Indeed, there is no reason why Ouimet should fear anything of this nature, as the United States Golf Association recently defined an amateur, stating that only players getting compensation for their actual playing services would be declared professionals. Even golf-course architects may ply their trade without fear of their status being questioned.

The golf association did the right thing in defining an amateur as it did, but there is no reason why Ouimet should be a hero for doing something not taboed by golfers, although it is by a number of other branches of sport.

## MAN'S WAY AND WOMAN'S WAY



## CLEVELAND'S "GREATS" WERE VALUELESS WITHOUT PILOT

### Speaker, However, Should Give Club Psychic Uplift, Says Grant Rice—Superb Playing Was Often Wasted, However

By GRANTLAND RICE

**Come On—Hurry**  
"They sold me like a slave."—Tris Speaker.

**Come on, ye slave merchants and ye money-changers;**  
**Come on, ye magnates of the block and such like;**  
**Come on and bind me with your chains and hempen rope**  
**And lead me out into a vile captivity,**  
**Where for playing a game I love too hours each afternoon**  
**For six months in the year or thereabouts**  
**You are to pay me \$15,000 or more and also**  
**May slip me a tidy bonus on the side;**  
**For I am weary of the freedom I now hold—**  
**It pains, it wracks, it sore distresses me;**  
**I yearn for serfdom and the keel thereof;**  
**Come on and lead me to the bally auction block—**  
**Come on and sell me like a baseball slave.**

A great ball player on a club, such as Cobb, Speaker or Collins, is a moral force as well as a physical one. Which is to say, such a star operates in the capacity of a psychological uplift. He lends encouragement, by his acts, to the rest of the cast. He starts rallies and helps to carry them along. If the Red Sox can still win a pennant without Speaker you can underwrite them as winners.

**Pennant Fate**  
The deal that sent Tris Speaker to Cleveland recalls the fact that while the Forest City has never won a flag, it has had more than its share of stars. The list includes such men as Lajoie, Bradley, Flick, Hay, Turner, Clarke, Joss, Bernhardt, Chapman, Jackson, Hickman, Gregg and others, all in the last ten years.

Cleveland has had some of the finest pitching, the hardest hitting and the most brilliant fielding we have ever seen, but there has always been some ingredient needed to mold a pennant cast.

This missing ingredient, we should say, has been constructive leadership. It is a bigger part of winning baseball than most of us ever know.

**A Busy Fall**  
The announcement that Percy Haughton will again be in charge of Harvard's football machine indicates a fairly brisk autumn for this enterprising citizen.

**The Span of Walter Johnson**  
Walter Johnson is now upon the edge of his 19th year in the Major Profs. And with his great extent with Harvard's pitching motion he has the Weiser Wizard should be good for 10 years more.

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**Quaker City A. A.** **28th & Dauphin, Prop.**  
TONIGHT  
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Admission, 25c. Reserved seats, 50c.

## ATHLETES OF LEDGER FORM ASSOCIATION

### Herbert Augustine Chosen President—Shaner Made Baseball Manager

At a meeting held yesterday in the Washington Building, 608 Chestnut street, by employees of the Ledger Company, an athletic organization, to be known as the Ledger A. A., was formed and officers elected, as follows: President, Herbert Augustine; vice president, Edward Flynn; secretary-treasurer, Walter Haffey; Harry Shaner was chosen to manage the baseball team. The organization will take up all sports, but at present will centre its efforts on the diamond pastime.

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## BARRI SECOND IN SINGLES

Philadelphia Bowler Two Pins Shy of First Place in A. C. B. Tourney  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—J. B. McClure, Washington, rolled 387 and took the lead last night in the duckpin singles competition of the Atlantic Coast Bowling tournament. In the duckpin doubles, H. D. Hatley and H. F. Krooms, Washington, rolled 641, displacing Jones and Donohue for fifth place in that class.

Leaders in the tenpin events are: Doubles, Von Losenberg and Seveiger, Baltimore, 1185; Dantz and Schwarzbl, Buffalo, 1137; Lambert and Kline, Philadelphia, 1135; Hartley and Barri, Philadelphia, 1118; Burdine and Eckstein, Washington, 1111.

Singles, Eckstein, Washington, 567; Barri, Philadelphia, 555; Solomon, Philadelphia, 552; Kritchton, Baltimore, 550; MacFarland, Richmond, and Lambert, Philadelphia, 553 each.

**Navy Lacrosse Team Defeats Penn**  
ANNSAPOLIS, Md., April 14.—The Navy lacrosse team, twice won from the University of Pennsylvania yesterday afternoon by 6 to 2.

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