EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1916. 12 4 CARRIGAN'S TEAM BEGINS FINAL DRIVE FOR FLAG WITH A NO-HIT, NO-RUN. GAME MOVIE OF A MAN TRYING TO GET A MAN ON THE PHONE BRILLIANT PITCHING WILL GIVE BOSTON RED SOX ANOTHER NINE - SIX- FOUR VICTORY IN AMERICAN LEAGUE I'VE JUST GOT A NOTION TO CALL UP HELLO - HELLO -. 1 PERCIVAL

'Absence of Barry a Severe Blow, But It Can Be Offset by High Grade Hurling on Part of **Dutch Leonard and George Foster**

IF THE Red Sox win the pennant this season, it will be due to extraordinary pitch-ing. Whether they will get it is a question that is worrying Boston fans into sleeplessness. But indications are that they will get a high-grade article of hurling. Manager Bill Carrigan handles his pitchers well. He did last season and he is this season. Last year just at the time when the Red Sox needed good pitching Dutch Leonard, George Foster, Baby Ruth and Ray Collins came through in fine style and the Red Sox breezed home with the well-known bacon.

Leonard's work has not been of the highest order this campaign until yesterday, when he pitched a remarkable no-hit no-run game against the St. Louis Browns. This not only put the Red Sox back to a good lead, but incidentally put a crimp in the aspirations of the Browns, who believed that they were going steadily to the top, regardless of the opposition they might face in the East, and #iso Detroit

If Leonard and Foster can hurl as well during the remaining weeks of the season as they did in 1915 and other twirlers go along at an average clip, the Fenwaymen would win even without the services of Jack Earry. But Barry's absence is sure to make a vast difference in the play of the Red Sox, no matter how good the pitching is.

In a nutshell, the American League race narrows down to this-is any one club going to make a great sprint at the finish? If not, the Red Sox should win. However, with Detroit and St. Louis playing winning ball, it is still anybody's race, and when the finish comes the fans throughout the country will have to admit that it was one of the greatest races in the history of the national game.

Phillies Will Be Made or Broken in Brooklyn Series

TOMORROW afternoon the Phillies meet Brooklyn in a series which is to be L the making or breaking of the Moranmen for 1916. There are four games scheduled with the Dodgers here in three days, followed by a series with the same club in Flatbush. If the Phillies are able to get away with a big percentage of the games, they will be in a fair way to repeat their victory of 1915, but if on the other hand the Dodgers win the majority, the Phillies will have to fall back on their time-honored phrase, "Wait till next year."

Unfortunately, Moran's pitchers, with the exception of Alexander and Rixey, have been a distinct disappointment this season. It was supposed that Demarce, Chalmers, Bender and McQuillan would be able to hold up their end of the hurling, but this has not proved the case. Alex and Eppa are and have been the only reliable hurlers on the Phillies' staff, and there is little likelihood that any of the others will come through except in a spasmodic way.

The absence of Bert Nichoff from the game has hurt the Phillies too, not only in actual games lost, but in the confidence felt by the members of the team. Dugey is a smart player, but his hitting is far below that of Niehoff and his fielding is not as good as the man for whom he has been substituting.

On the whole, the Phillies' final western trip was not a success, and the only way they can atone for their failure to gain on Brooklyn and Boston is to give the Dodgers a series of trimmings which they will not soon forget.

Zimmerman's Transfer Did Not Hurt Game

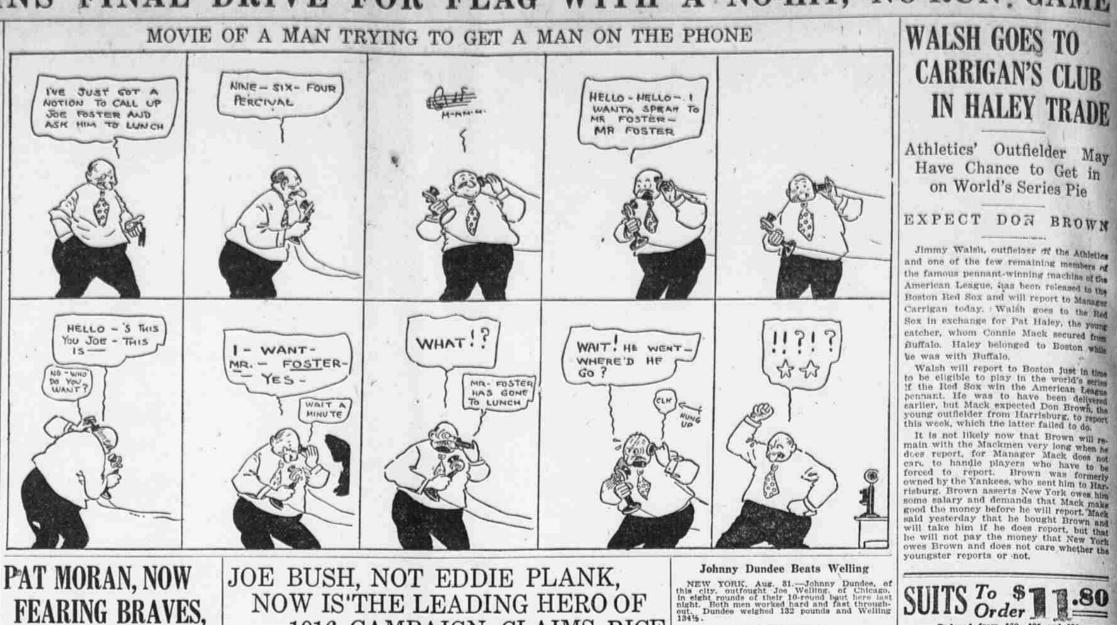
TF HEINE ZIMMERMAN had been traded or sold to the Dodgers, Boston or the Phillies, there would probably have been a mighty wall from the other two clubs. It would have been contended, at least by a large majority of the baseball writers in the cities that did not get Zim, that the Cubs were assisting the club that did get him in winning the pennant,

As it is, the Giants have the hard-hitting infielder and as they have no chance to win the flag in the National League this season, the game has been done no harm. However, it remains to be seen whether the New York club has been done any harm by the addition of this self-willed player. No one since the days of Frank Chance has been able to hold the whiphand over Heine. He has done almost as he pleased on the ball field and exactly as he pleased off it under Johnny Evers, Roger Bresnahan and Joe Tinker.

If John McGraw is able to get along well with Zimmerman the Giants will be greatly benefited in 1917, but if the reverse is true it would have been better for the New York club never to have made the deal in which they lost Larry Doyle.

The majority of New York followers believe that McGraw will be able to handle Zim and that he is going to be a valuable addition to the team. McGraw has often had trouble in handling players, but he has always got away with it no matter how unruly the men were. It seems reasonable to think that a manager who could handle such men as Arthur Devlin, Art Schaefer, Roger Bresnahan Mike Donlin and other men famous for their attempts to break training rules will The able to make Zimmerman walk in the paths that he should go.

Odds on Philadelphia Golfers Pick Up



FEARING BRAVES, **TO CHANGE PLANS**

Leader of Champs Believes Brooklyn Will Not Hold Up Much Longer

DODGERS HERE TOMORROW

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 31.-Manager foran, of the Phillies, is inclined to believe that the Braves are likely to be the team that will be battling the champions for the National League pennant within a few veeks, and he is thinking seriously of changing his plan of working his pitchers against Brooklyn in the series starting in Philadelphia tomorrow. Moran and his board of strategy talked over the situa-tion last night, and the players agreed with Moran that Brooklyn will not hold up much longer, while an improvement in bat-ting makes the Braves' chances better.

According to a plan mapped out by Moran on Sunday, Alexander and Rixey were to have pitched tomorrow's double-header against the Dodgers, and the same pair rould face Robinson's team again on Monday (Labor Day), with either Al Demaree or Erskine Mayer hurling on Saturday. Demarce pitched yesterday, but insists that he also needs more work and wants to go back to the mound Saturday, and his re-quest probably will be granted. Here is the way the board of strategy

figures out the plan of battle for the im-portant series with the Broklyns and Bos-Alexander and Rixey are to be sent at the Dodgers in the twin bill tomorrow. If both games are won, Mayer or Oeschger will be sent against the Dodgers on Saturday. In case the Saturday game is lost, Alexander will pitch the morning game on Monday, with Demaree hurling the afteroon game in case Alexander wins in the norning.

By GRANTLAND RICE A FEW days ago we figured that Edward and has been a vital factor in three pen-

leading hero of the 1916 campaign. We are beginning to indulge in a faint gray hunch that we were wrong. Plank is one of the game's wonders, a marvel beyond all debate. But we doubt very much if even Plank has quite reached the herolo heights attained by Joe Bush, who has come as close to a Miracle Season as any pitcher we have ever known.

An Entire Pitching Staff

You have heard of pitchers before who have won 30 or 40 games. But how often have you heard of one pitcher turning in ver half the victories rung up by an entire club through an entire season?

Not very often. We recall no case at this writing, but Bush has this opportunity ahead. So far he has won 14 games, or more than the rest of the staff put together. And in winning these games Bush was called upon to use an abnormal amount of stuff, as the Mackian record might indicate. The fact that he was able to turn in a no-

hit game is merely a crowning incident to a wonderful year-all the more wonderful when you figure what the Mackmen have done with other good pitchers in the box. The work that Bush has done this season, if it had been used for a first division club, would have made him the leading winner in the American League-on a par with Alexander in the National. As it is, only eight other pitchers have won more games, and these all have been with clubs well up in the race.

nant years. He stood the gaff as no other player ever has stood it. Which is something beyond being even one of the greatest players of the game.

One Day's Slip

1916 CAMPAIGN, CLAIMS RICE

Gettysburg Veteran Is Marvel Beyond Debate,

But Mack Star's No-Hit Game Is Merely Crown-

ing Incident to Wonderful Year

There was a time not so very many years ago that a golf or tennis champion could slop here and there, bump into an off day, and still keep on his way. But that day has passed. One day's slip

now means banishment for a year. One day off form almost is sure to result in a beat-ing, for there are too many good ones to permit a breathing spell along the route. There was a time when a championship was quite a lot of fun. But the fun has

now been boiled out by one steamy competi-tion after another and no chance to pause. "A golf championship," said Jerry Travers

at Detroit last year, "is now the hardest week's work I know of. It used to be a canter mixed up with a few dashes. Now it is a six-day sprint for the entry that wins." And the same thing goes for For-est Hills this week. With Church, Mc-Loughlin, Johnston, Kumagae, Behr and Murray all in one section, where is there any rest for the weary except in defeat? So far only 896 noncombatants have de-

sired to know what golfer is going to win at Merion. We'll answer that query th

was with Humano, Walsh will report to Boston just in time to be eligible to play in the world's series if the Red Sox win the American League in the Red Sox win the American League in the Red Sox win the American League if the Red Sox win the American League pennant. He was to have been delivered earlier, but Mack expected Don Brown, the young outfielder from Harrisburg, to report this week, which the latter failed to do.

this week, which the latter failed to do. It is not likely now that Brown will re-main with the Mackmen very long when he does report, for Manager Mack does not care to handle players who have to be forced to report. Brown was formerly owned by the Yankees, who sent him to Har. owned by the Yankees, who sent him to Har-risburg. Brown asserts New York owes him some salary and demands that Mack make good the money before he will report. Mack said yesterday that he bought Brown and will take him if he does report, but that he will not pay the money that New York owes Brown and does not care whether the youngster reports or not. oungster reports or not.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Johnny Dundee, o this city, outfought Joe Welling, of Chicago, in eight rounds of their lo-round baut here lass night. Both men worked hard and fast through-out. Dundee weighed 132 pounds and Welling 134%.

Philadelphia Transportation Victors READING, Pa., Aug. 31.-Philadelphia Trans-portation nosed out Reading Car Shops yester-day by 4 to 3.





HILADELPHIANS are slowly but surely creeping up in the favor of the gath-I ering which is now getting fairly numerous at the Merion golf links, where the national championship will be played beginning Monday.

Two weeks ago not a local player was conceded a chance to get anywhere in the tournament, but there are now bets laid almost every day that some one or other of the local favorites will find a place as far along as the semifinals, or that one will at least upset a good man before he is beaten.

The increase in favor is due mostly to an increased respect for the Merion course. It had been widely touted in various sections as a course of nice sloping lawn, beautiful greens, many deep but not dangerous traps, and other golfy scenery that was in no way harmful to the expert. Now after a few days' play over the course, the experts are not exactly at home as yet, and they are beginning to get decidedly worried.

The locals on the other hand have all played the course many times, most of them are going at top form, and they look very good when stacked up alongside the desperate strangers to the course. More that one outsider has expressed the wish that he had come here earlier for his practice, and those that do not plan to arrive till today or tomorrow will have some fine hustling to do before they will be all ready for the starter's orders on Labor Day.

The bets against the locals are still very long for the most part, but there is now real money being laid that a local will win, something that no one would have predicted a month ago.

McLoughlin's Service Has Lost Its Sting

AURICE E. McLOUGHLIN, the famous California Comet, who two years M ago was hailed as the world's greatest lawn tennis player, will not win the thirty-sixth annual tennis championship of these United States, in progress on the fine turf courts at the West Side Tennis Club, Long Island, unless his playing of the next three or four days shows marked improvement. The "Comet." with his partner, youthful Ward Dawson, of Los Angeles, failed in an effort to wrest the national doubles crown from the 1915 winners, over himself and Thomas C. Bundy, to wit, William M. Johnston and Clarence J. Griffin.

"Mac's" service has lost its sting, else how could Johnston and Griffin have broken through it an even half dozen times in four sets? His ground strokes are also bad. In fact, in everything save overhead strokes McLoughlin's game is miles below his form of two years ago.

Last year it was evident that McLoughlin was slipping, but this year it is the opinion of some five or six thousand players and fans that he has slipped.

He looked good against a weak opponent in singles on Monday and Wednesday, but then he had nothing else to do but tune up his strokes against a man who knew he was heaten 10 days ago, when the draw was announced and he found his name bracketed with that of McLoughlin.

McLoughlin cannot expect to have his service taken six times in four sets, earn less than two points a game and still come out ahead of a field which today includes such players as R. Norris Williams, 2d, Clarence James Griffin, Willis E. Davis, William M. Johnston, George M. Church, R. Lindley Murray and Karl H. Behr, as well as a host of others.

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The defeat of Ichiya Kumagae, the Japanese champion, who recently won from W. M. Johnston at Newport, by George M. Church, has boosted the stock of the ex-Princeton man many per cent. There are experts who now believe that Church is to emerge the national champion. He has improved more than any other player in America during the last year, and indeed it would not be surprising to see him win the tournament at Fores; Hills, although he has a hard task shead of him.

The Athletics yesterday played poorly, and mainly because they did not have any confidence in Sheehan, who started in the box. Whenever a team has no confidence in the hurler it is a safe bet that they are going to play a very poor game. That is what the Athietics did, anyway.

Have Chance For Four

In this way the Phils will be assured three victories, have a splendid chance to make it four out of five, as Demaree is al-most unbeatable when the center-field bleachers are crowded, as the batsmen canground. That is why Demarce always is on the mound in the second game of a doubleheader and on Saturday, whenever it is pos-sible for Moran to manipulate his staff accordingly. This plan, depending entirely upon the

This plan, depending entirely upon the breaks, would enable Moran to use Rixey in the opening game of the series with the Braves, and to send Alexander in for the second game, coming back with Rixey on Thursday. Of course if the Phillies should be upset by the Dodgers and lose two of the first three games, it would spoil Moran's plan, as it would be necessary to come back with Alexander and Rixey on Monday.

If Alexander and Rizey are sent against the Dodgers twice, it will leave the pitching staff in poor shape for the start of the series with the Braves. Moran is confident, however, that the Phils will get the jump on Brooklyn, and he will be able to save one of his stars for the first game against the

Facing the Test

Moran and his men realize that they are facing the supreme test. If they can beat Brooklyn and Boston, they probably again will win the pennant, whereas, if they fail down in either series nothing but a sensational finish can put the champions back in the race.

Yesterday's defeat in Chicago caused the This to lose their first series in the West in two years, seven of the thirteen games being lost. It was an unprofitable trip, as the Phils should have won a large percent-age of the games and gained on the lead-

Al Demaree pitched grand ball, barring one inning, but Jimmy Lavender, was un-beatable, with the Cubs pulling sensational fielding plays. The champions got only three hits, and without a lot of luck a ball team cannot win games on this paitry

number. One little play turned the whole game. It happened when Cooper bumped the left-field bleachers just as Zelder's Jvive had lodged squarely in his hands. Cooper made a great try and probably would have held the ball if he had not bumped the wall. The hall bounded out of his hands and Zelder got a double. Fiack sacrificed and Mann followed with a single, scoring Zelder. Mann was out trying to stretch his hit into a double, but Saler and Williams dou-bled, the former scoring. Barring this in-ning neither team had much of a chance to acore. to acore.

Sensational fielding by Paskert and Williams featured the game.

Concerning Fred Merkle

Robideau must overcome.

Two New York glovemen, who will demon-strate their respective wares in Philiy shorily, are acheduled for matches in Gotham tonight. They are Irish Patsy Cline and Larry Hansen. The former meets Young Rector, while Larry will endeavor to lambast George Volk, a saller.

Rumor has it that when Willis Meehan, the Fat Boy from Frisco, returns here he will be looked after by a Philadolphian. It is said Meehan has been negotiating with Sam Jacobs to do the heavyweight's booking. Willis boxes Bill Sloans, after having won 11 bouts since his return to the coast, at Fortland, Gre., Labor Day.

Jimmy McCabe was only a slip of a kid when he started boxing. He gradually has improved in strength and ability, so much that his han-diers believe he is propared to go after big game. If Mac can best Al Nelson Monday night at the Olympis it will be a big boost for him, but he has a hard job on his hands.

Although Whitey Fitzgerald, of West has been coming along at a steady gait 1 tam competition, he will have to hav bette ever to keep up with Joe Tuber at the ington Sporting Club tomorrow night. Is a great little battler and a real for ring.

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Wherever Fred Merkle finishes, there is always this one fact to fall back on that stamps him as a marvel-Just eight years ago he came through with a play that cost his club the cham-

At that moment and long thereafter he was the most bitterly assailed ballplayer Mahan. in the span of the game. He was counted out beyond all repair-a total loss, with his career over.

second some one informs us definitely what two clubs will be in the next world series and at precisely what moment the European war will end.

Boston has drawn only one world series

vacation since 1911. as if she would be forced to face another carnival this fall, despite any great abhor-rence she might feel about the matter.

If the Braves finish first in the National League, Percy Haughton won't have any-thing to do through October beyond fifteen or sixteen hours a day. He wont have anything to look after but a champion ball club and a football team that has lost Ned

The Red Sox," says an exchange, "The Red Sox," says an exchange, "The Red Sox," says an exchange, "haven't anything but a great pitching abut since that date Merkle has played a over 1000 games with the same club

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Returns of the Johnny Dundee-Joe Welling match in New York were unanimous in deciar-ing the former a winner on points, but as to Dundee's much-advertised new knock-out punch, there was nary a word. In fact, Dundee was lucky he didn't find himself on the foor several times, as Welling stagsered him with terrific right-hand punches to the jaw. It was a battle between Dundee's left and Welling's right, with the Glotham Hahtweight scoring more heavily. One New York critic says there was 60 rounds of action crowded into the sched-uled 10. vills, Ind., where he will tackle Eattling Schults, Labor Day, but two days later.

Harry Cross, an attache of the National A. C., who is at the border with a Philadelphia waiment, postals that "the boys" will return the after part of October. "Just dying to see a bout," writes Harry T.

Several New York boxers who never showed in Philly will appear on the program of the official opening of the National Club Septembers when Eddle McAndrews and Benny Leonard meet in the star scrap. Dick Curicy has a few good boys, he says, who never boxed outside of New York. As a welterweight, Eammy Robideau, new Benedict boxer, should have a lot of the 142-pounders sitting on the floor rubbing their jaws. Last season Robby greatly weakened himself getting down to 135 pounds, thereby doing his punching powers an infusite. Against Willie Moore the other night and weighing 147 pounds, Sam was etrong and fought like a panther, but, as usual, he was wild and this is one deficiency Robideau imust overcome.

The Kilbane - Chaney Bout on Labor Day

ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports LEDGER, will view the Kilbane-LEDGER, will view the Kilbane-Chaney fight for the world's featherweight championship at Cedar Point, Ohio, on Labor Day. The largest purse ever offered for the featherweight championship has been placed, and it will be a big bout all the way through. Maxwell will give an interesting and expert acan interesting and expert ac-count of this big battle in the final edition of the EVENING LEDGER on Labor Day.

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