ELECTRIC-COUNT CLOCK WOULD GIVE FIGHTERS MUCH BETTER CHANCE TO BE KNOCKED OUT

THE ROOMY PAT AND TALL CONNIE ENJOYING UNUSUALLY FINE SPRING SESSION SIZING UP RAW RECRUITS

Morar Needs Ball Players to Fill Shoes of Holdouts Whitted, Niehoff and Stock-Connie Mack Anxiously Eying Recruits Also

To HAS been many seasons since the youngsters—the newcomers—occupied the limelight in the training camps of the two Philadelphia training camps to the extent that they are this spring. Of course, Connie tried out a lot of recruits a year ago, for he was in the process of building up a new team after dismantling his famous pennant-winning aggregation, but this year he is still at it, and, in addition, Pat Moran is struggling to find men to fill the positions left vacant by the holding out of Whitted, Niehoff and Stock. The rotund Patrick must find two infielders and an outfielder in order to complete his roster, provided, of course, the trio insigt on sticking to their respective homesteads. Incidentally It may be mentioned that Moran has reconciled himself to the situation and is soing ahead just as though Stock. Niehoff and Whitted were not in the land of the living. Every one who understands anything at all about baseball realizes that the leader of the Phillies is facing the most serious problem with which he has had to wrestle since taking charge of President Baker's aggregation, and if he succeeds in getting away with it he can be safely dubbed a "Miracle Manager." Pat is facing the same problem Dooin met in 1914, when the Federal League deflected Knabe, Doolan and Seaton, and Charlie found the task a bit too stupendous, with the result that he was deposed the following fall. Perhaps Moran will get away with it and put a ball team on the field that will be a credit to Philadelphia, but if the three men continue to hold out it is hardly likely that the Phils will prove much of a menace to the Giants this season.

There is another striking similarity between the situation facing Myran now and the one at the same time in 1914. Dooin needed two infielders to replace Doolan and Knabe, who had jumped to the Federals, just as Moran needs two workers to replace Stock and Niehoff. Dooin had in camp a youngster who looked like a world-beater in Murphy, whom all the critics picked to fill the shoes of Mike Doolan, just as Moran has in camp a youngster known as McGaffigan, who is touted to make the fans forget Niehoff.

MURPHY proved a disappointment. He was just as weak in the North as he was strong in the South. He totally failed to meet the requirements of a big leaguer, and after holding on to him for a month or two of real campaigning, Dooin shipped him to the minors, where he has been

Moran's Outfield Still a Problem

LTHOUGH Moran's most serious problem is in the infield (we are still assum-Aing that Stock, Niehoff and Whitted continue to hold out), Moran must do some big league thinking about the other works. The habitual optimists point to the fact that Pat has Paskert, Cravath and Cooper, a trio good enough for any old ball team. But ARE they good enough? For two years Cravath has been slowing down, and nobody knows it better than Cravath himself. The slugger tried to rig up a contract calling for his services as a pinch worker alone, at the same time calling President Baker's attention to the fact that covering right field regularly was something of a bardship for him. This hardly seems the action of a ball player who feels able to give the club the sort of service it has a right to expect. Cravath is the type of man who does not wish to take a cent that he does not earn. He felt that he was able to give the club the worth of its money as a pinch hitter, but it is obvious that he realized his inability to play regularly in a way creditable to himself, his club and his teammates. Therefore he tried to sell his services to the club as a pinch hitter-a role in which he is worth a heap of regular money.

Cooper may show the sort of stuff everybody expects him to show, but there is the possibility that he may prove a disappointment. He was a constent performer in the Federal League, but so were a number of others who are now performing in the sticks. Had Whitted reported, it was Moran's intention to play Cooper in right field and keep Cravath on the bench? It was a gamblethe sort of gamble every manager has to take once in a while. With Whited still sunning himself around Durham, N. C., however, Pat must take two gambles, He must use Cooper as first planned and, in addition, take a chance on the veteran

THE outfield was one department that Dooin did not have to worry about in the spring of 1913. The sorrel thrush had Cravath, who was then traveling at top speed; Dode Paskert, Sherwood Magee, Beals Becker and Josh Devore. Need more be said?

Pitching Staff Looking Quite Well

MORAN has little need to worry about his pitching staff so long as it includes Alexander, Rixey, Mayer, Lavender and Oeschger. At a matter of fact, it is not altogether necessary to name the last three, as no staff could be weak which includes the two former pitchers. Nevertheless, Pat is anxious to add one or two more first-class young twirlers to his staff. According to the reports drifting in from the Southland, Fortune and Fittery are showing enough to warrant their being given a thorough tryout. The latter, in particular, is showing some good stuff and this, considered with his wonderful minor league record, recommends him for serious consideration.

If anything, Moran's pitching staff should be stronger this season that it was last. Al Demaree is the only hurler taken away, and in his place comes Lavender, who should win as many games as the well-known cartoonist did last season. Alexander is said to be in unusually fine shape for so early in the season and should have another one of his wonderful years. Rixey's work should surpass anything he has ever done in the past, and Joe Oeschger is about ready to be a big help to the Moran family. Erskine Mayer, who was almost valueless last season, is going back this year with a determination to duplicate his performance of 1915, when he was Alexander's lieutenant in that well-known act, "Pitching the Phils Into a Pennant."

MAYER is in better physical condition right now than he has been at . any time since breaking into the majors. He has put on flesh and acquired a ruggedness which every major league pitcher needs.

Electric Clocks for Prize Fights

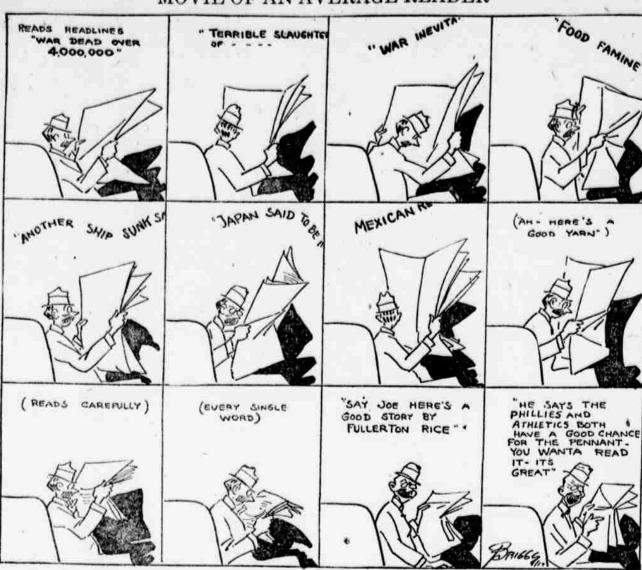
THERE is always room for a good reform in the world of sport, and therefore it would not be a bad move for some of our progressive American fight clubs to adopt electric clocks such as are used with great success in Australia. An automatic timing apparatus would silence forever the cries of "long count," "short count" and the charges that some timers shorten rounds or lengthen them for the benefit of their favorites. In the big ring in Sydney there's a clock that never cheats, that gives every fighter a square deal. It is worked by electricity, hangs over the ring, has two faces so that all can see and it never makes an error. When the round starts the clock starts. At the end of three minutes-to the very second-the alarm sounds. The round is over. When there is a knockdown the referee at once pushes a button. The clock begins to toll off the seconds. It stops at ten-it cannot stop sooner. If the man is on his feet when the going stops he is saved; if not, he is a knockout victim. The clock was invented in Sydney, manufactured at a cost of \$1250, and is the only one of its kind in the world. But there should be others, in New York especially, where the charge is so often made that referees and timers give "raw" deals to certain

Just a short while back one pug slammed a rival to the mat in New York nd he was counted out. He at once let out a howl of "short count," his seconds iding their voices to his, claiming that not more than eight seconds had elapsed. A Sew weeks later Pug No. 1 knocked Pug No. 2 to the canvas. The referee was low in beginning his count and slower in doing the counting. At nine, Pug No. ose to his feet after being on the floor for at least sixteen seconds, according to some watches.

Popularity of Boxing in Philadelphia Is Evident

OR three consecutive weeks "Standing Room Only" signs have appeared in the box office at the Olympia, and once again the great interest for boxing seld by fans in this city is proved. Last night, as on March 5 and the following ay night, the Broad street arena was jammed to its utmost capacity, both in seating and standing room. Not a solitary seat was available and the frenzied vers of the ring sport were willing to pay premiums for the precious pasteeds of admission. Boxing fans know what they want, and Philadelphians are of exception. Because Johnny Dundee was knocked out in one round by Willie , the New York Italian did not lose any of his prestige by any means. was paired off with Terry McGovern and the fans virtually smashed their way Olympia's doors. And not only was Dundee greeted by a tremendous he also was presented with a large loving cup to prove his popularity n Johnny Tillman and Benny Leonard were hooked up for Local fans have wanted to see Leonard box for some time, but no stood out in the local field. It will be remembered that Tillman od no easy battle when Benny was knocking out his opponents with and Tillman again was chosen as the Gotham K. O. artist's adversary. ngry for this fight, and they all but fought to get in on the Kilhane, the featherweight champion, is considered to be the

MOVIE OF AN AVERAGE READER



A citizen with an inquisitive turn of mind

desires to know how the records of Matty

years-Alex having completed only this

Matty, his first six seasons, won 159 games and lost \$2. Alexander to date has

in his first two sensons, however, Matty

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nother guess. In thinking of Iron Men, one first turns to

worked in half as many as Cy Young-and

nothing like as many games as Mathewson

They were Iron Men for several years, but

Only five slabmen so far have worked in

more than 500 games. They are Cy Young. Christy Mathewson, Vic Wills, Jack Powell

and Red Ehret. Walter Johnson, with more

sure to beat this mark, and he will un-

total count is in. Johnson should be good for at least 275 more contests—enough to

move him up around the 700-game crest.

Alexander must work 217 more games to beat the 500 mark—and as this means only

five more years, he, too, should take his

PENNSYLVANIA BOXING

place with the long-distance mandarins of

HARRISBURG, March 20 .- The bill pro-

viding for a Boxing Commission, defeated in the Senate last week, has been reconsid-

BILL IS RECONSIDERED

to his credit already, is

After McGraw took charge Matty did

won 160 games and lest 75,

no one but a hero could win.

OLD CY YOUNG, THE PAOLI PHENOM, HAD PITCHING EDGE ON BIG MATTY, NEXT IN LINE, OF SOME 256 GAMES

By ORANTLAND RICE

THEY have awarded no fluttering pen- | Young's mark-but you know where the A nants to Ohio soil in the forty-live-year span of major league play, but there is one betting would be if any one cared to start an argument. mark that Ohio holds for all eternity. Their First Six Years Complete returns to the answer developed

season when Christy Mathewson started south as a manager, not a pitcher.
This may be taken to indicate that Matty has about completed his task. And at the end of his long journey—a wonderful borr-ney of sixteen years—he still stands 256; games back of Cy Young, the Pauli phenom, Cy was a Buckeye product, and his mark of 819 games and 508 victories will stand until this narrow world has gone up in pale blue smoke. For if Christy Mathewson, with all his care and cunning and endurance, could only come within 256 games of Young's mark, you can figure for yourself what chance any one else carries:

Far Beyond All Competition

inneh better work. His record for the first six seasons under John J. was 179 victories and seventy-nine defeats. Matty's pitching mark for sixteen years is .661. Alexander's for six years is .681. The Philly premier The wonder of Cy's mighty mark is the vast span it extends beyond all competition. has held his own to date, with a shade In affairs where the best are in battle wer a long whirl of years the result is

But this wasn't even a race. A margin of 56 games means at least six years' work, Joe McGinity and Ed Walsh. Yet neither at an average pace of furly-eight games a year, which is beyond the average. As great as Mawy was, Cy's list of victories was almost as long an Matty's total starts. Matty has worked in 562 games to date. Young won 508 games. Matty finished 136 victories back of Cy, despite a record that was the wonder of the nation for sixteen

Johnson's Chance

mparing his record with Walter John-

Johnson has been working like a horse In that space he has run Yet to equal Young's mark he most still work in more than 400 ball games—or put in another ten years at the pace he is holding now. And Johnson would be an ideal choice for a long distance mark. He began his major lengue work when he was only twenty years old. He is big and strong, with the easiest pitching motion in the game. Everything in the world was in his favor. Yet, although classed as a veteran today, he still finds 401 games between his present mark and Old Cy's record,

Johnson is now just thirty years old. It in the Senate last week, has been reconsidis not beyond all reason that he may beat ered and placed on the postponed calendar.

Evening Ledger Decisions

COLUMBUS, O .- Joe Rivers stopped Johnny O'Leary, eleventh. ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Joe Borrell won from Roddie McDanald. MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Jack Dillon stopped Jack Moran, sixth.

SALT WATER COURSE FOR THE NATIONAL REGATTA

Annual Rowing Championships Are Scheduled at Lynn, Mass., July 27 and 28

LYNN, Mass., March 20 .- A tidewater course along the shore of the Nahant Pe-ninsula will be marked out for the national amateur rowing championships, July 27 and In most of the previous national compe-titions the course has been in fresh water. The Harvard varsity crews are now using this course for their early training. Street railway tracks run close to the shore, affording a full view.

the rust arrived long before they had been GIANTS GET THEIR BAKER: HOWARD, NOT J. FRANKLIN

MARLIN, Tex., March 20 .- Howard Baker, the third baseman who refused to report to the Giants last spring and later the crowd still was with him when he got signed with the Bridgeport Club, has reported at the training camp here. Baker recently was awarded to the New York Club by the National Commission. He was secured originally from Little Rock in the fall of 191a.

released. It is thought that waivers will be asked on him this week.

of Ring Bouts Last Night

OLYMPIA—Johnny Kilbane defeated Eddle Shannon, Bohby Reynolds won from Patsy Broderick, Al Fox beat Al Wagner, Billy Hines outfought Battling Murray, Billy Manning shaded Jimmy Briggs. NEW YORK—Ted Lewis knocked out Wille Moore in one minute and thirteen sec-onds, first; Jimmy Murray defeated Al Kale, Jamalea Kid knocked out Tommy Leary, sixth; Teddy Jacobs won from Jack Tracey, Frankie Williams outpointed Joe Morgan, BALTMORE—George Chaney knocked out BALTIMORE—George Chancy knocked out Larry Hauser, fourth.

per cent of the final fracas against Eddle Shannon, of Frisco, really had to be seventy-five per cent, more or less, to make the contest worth while. Kilbane won; he fought harder than he ever did in any of his Philadelphia engagements, yet Shan-non's almost continual holding marred the

JOHNNY KILBANE HAD TO DO MORE

THAN ONE BOXER'S WORK AGAINST

FRISCO SHANNON-AND JAWN WON

But Shannon was in there to stay the limit and he deserves a lot of credit for succeeding. This goes even one better for young Mr. Shannon when it is taken into consideration that Kilbane scored a vicious knockdown in the third round and thereafter was unable to locate a vulnerable spot. The punch that sent Shannon almost spinning on his head was a straight righthander to the jaw. Eddle was backing up at the time and the wallop did not connect with its full force

Eddle Brings Self To

As Shannon flopped to the floor he almost completed a somernault, his forehead and feet touching the mat. A second or two after Referee O'Brien started to count the Californian pulled himself together, dizzily, on his left knee. Then Shannon showed what it was to keep his head. Instead of leaping to his feet, Eddie remained on his left knee, shaking his head in jerks from side to side in an effort to gather his scat-tered senses. Not only that, but Shannon also punched himself with both gloves lightly on the chin, about six blows to the second, to clear his head. And Eddie made

second, to clear his head. And Eddie made no effort to gain his halance until after he heard O'Brien shout "Nine" in his ear.

Kilbane stood by as Shannon took the full count allowed him. As Eddie stood up, backing against the ropes, the champion tore into his man. But Shannon is a great ring general, and it wasn't to be taken for granted, either; he proved it, Instead of shooting out punches, Shannon covered up well, and when Kilbane got in close Shannon fell into a clinch. In his fierce effort to floor Eddie again J. Patrick half wrestled Shannon to the floor. Then the bell rang.

Kilbane the Aggressor

When the opening gong counded it was evident that Shannon was in the squared circle to be there when "Spicket" Purcell dropped his hammer on the bell at the conclusion of eighteen minutes of action. As ome one with leather lungs in the "twobit" section shouted, "Ga'on Kilbane, you're getting the money; show somethin'"; It WAS up to the champion to show some-

With the exception of only a few left leads toward the finish of the fray Shannon was satisfied to play the part of defender. He waited for Kilbane to come to him. Kilbane did, and when at close quarters Johnny found himself locked safely. The titled Irishman tried his best to loosen his arms. but the other Irisher held on like grim death, and the crowd guyed Kilbane for

Opening Unexpected

The knockdown scored by Kilbane-this right-hander being the only clean hard wallop of the bout-really came as a sur prise, as Shannon was keeping himself well out of Kilbane's reach. Johnny watched for a right-hand opening, then shifted as if he were about to hook his left, and finally tore in with a straight right-hand punch from the shoulder, as Shannon began to back up. The blow popped off Eddle's chin as the latter threw both arms around the champion, but the punch, although robbed of a great deal of its power, found its mark, and Shannon went kerdunk to the mat.

The great attendance, although not as big.as the week before, was up on its feet with the falling of Shannon. But Shannon was not in the rosin to stay. cheered lustily as he began shaking his head and punching himself on the chin, and

Good Story Spoiled

A perfectly good and interesting story went to smash after Shannon had gone along the first two rounds. Johnny Kilbane It was reported that Baker had been released to New Orleans, but Secretary Foster said that while the Crescent City club is after the player he has not as yet been ity. Before the bout he said that he was anxious to make the 10:51 Jain for Cleve-land, and as the windur did not get under

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

THEY do say that it takes two to make a fight; one willing boxer never will do. And it was proved correct at the Olympia Club last night, when featherweight champion Johnny Kilbane, instead of being fifty for the scheduled eighteen minutes. A shannon did. It was said before the base cont of the final fracas against Eddie shannon did. It was said before the both that Shannon weighed 131½ pounds, and he had agreed to weigh 131, Kilbane inside on Eddie taking off the extra four ounce which he did by a rubbing process. Kilbane 137 tipped the beam at 127, carrying seven pounds of superfluous weight around h

Bobby Reynolds ran afoul a might rugged proposition in Patsy Broderick New York, and clever Robert had to brin New York, and clever Robert had to the all his cleverness into action in the second round after Broderick shook Bobby with a left hook. Thereafter Research rings around the tough an hard-punching Broderick boy, and Bob's a periority, despite Patsy's terrific wallops the body, was evident at the finish.

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Reynolds, who has been developing right-hand punch, started this blow in the second round, but a left hook by Broderies beat Bobby to the punch. While Reynold was staggered, he pulled himself togeth in a few seconds, and then gave a brillian exhibition of boxing of the hit-and-staway style. Broderick missed terrific blow after vicious wallop; at the same time away style. Broderick missed terrific blow after vicious wallop; at the same tin Reynolds kept jabbing and hooking will

Reynolds kept jabbing and hooking with great regularity.

It was not until the final frame that Raynolds again decided to shoot over his "Mary Ann." and three or four times his right hand popped off Broderick's chin. Broderick, rugged and tough battler that he is smiled—that's all. Bobby mixed these right handers with several stiff, straight lefts and finished the bout in a great little rally.

About One Ear and Another

The clown, Knockout Al Wagner, stopped a right-hand wallop with his left ear in the second round of his match with Al For and that member began to puff and grad. and that memoer began to pun and gra-ually grow blue. The car continued gro-ing and coloring as the bout progresses, when one of the clown's self slams in the fifth round fell on Fox's feft ear; the some was even. Fox's car began to blow up like a balloon, and when the match ended Al Pox had one of the best imitations of a cauliflower ever exhibited in the Olympia's ring. Not speaking of ears, the bout was a pippin. It had the spectators on edge throughout and Fox was the winner when the mix concluded.

Billy Hines won a hard match from Bat-tling Murray and Eilly Manning, after kin-ing and hugging Jimmy Briggs at the finish of six rounds, was a winner.

Fred Sears, Speechmaker

.Before the finale Fred Sears, Philadelphia manager and trainer of boxers, was intro-duced, and in turn he introduced Benny McNeil, of England, to the fans. Sears put over a fine little speech, telling of Mo-Neil's wonderful record as a knockout Nell's wonderful record as a knockout artist; that since the first of the year that little Britisher had appeared in five bouts, and made good in every one. Sears explained that McNeil twice knocked out. Benny Chavez, the Mexican; fought Kid Williams fifteen rounds, scoring two knockedowns, won in thirteen rounds from our own Louisiana, and knocked out a Bobby Burns.

Then Official Announcer Doc Cutch formed those present that McNeil and Ric Williams again would box, this time at the Olympia in two weeks.

Charley White, "Old Eagle Eye," of New York, has been selected to officiate at the Weish-Leonard contest in Gotham on March 2

Old Jim Plynn, old because he has outlive some of the great ones at his trade, meets Bobevere in New York tonight. Things wouldn't seem natural if Jim Plynn was not fishting in some town every night.

Barney Hahn is always in shape. He is ready to step off with any of the bantams. Hahn really wanted to get the first crack at Senny McNell, and he also is presared to intriduc Young Mendo to Philadelphians. Mendo is a Buffalo bantam who recently invaded Philly.



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