ERE ARE 22 SEPARATE AND DISTINCT REASONS FOR PICKING GIANTS TO WIN THE PENNANT

CHICAGO WHITE SOX AND GIANTS IN 1917 WORLD'S SERIES, ACCORDING TO WELL-KNOWN "GRANDOLDOPE"

Dur Own Private Crystal Gazer Has Little Faith in the Power of Red Stockings and Dodgers to Repeat Triumphs of Last Season

NLY ten days remain for delving into what our very best sporting writers ight to call the "grandoldope." The words are not run together that way, te it harder or to save space—nothing like it. The idea is simply to confuse der so that, in the event of the stuff being all wrong, the trusting one will de that the whole thing was a masterly satire and the writer a wonderful prist. In short, when a scribe starts out to pose as the seventh son of a nth son he considers it wisdom to introduce enough comedy to suggest to the der that he (the author) does not take himself seriously and would prefer that one else should, either. It's a splendid system, which will be worked to death iring the days we all must endure before the opening of the baseball season, and, ntally, it is being worked in all of its ramifications in this column at this time. We propose right here and now to boldly perpetrate a double portion of the lope," and we defy any one to stop us. No attempt will be made to dodge anything—both leagues will be BRIEFLY considered, which is the chief virtue of

Somehow we feel that the American League pennant will fly from a western flagpole. This has not been revealed to us in a state of trance or anything of the kind, but it looks like a fairly good slice of the "grandoldope." It is customary, to make the champions of the year before the favorites, but this year it just isn't eing done. The Red Sox, mechanically, look just about as good as they did last year, but many things will count against them. They will encounter tougher oppoon all along the line. Secondly, they are not likely to display the same amount of fire and pep that they did last season, for, having won the honors twice in a row, they will be inclined to overconfidence. "Twas ever thus. They'll underrate the power of their foemen and it will cost them many games. Thirdly, they will be without Bill Carrigan—a genius and a leader. His worth will not be fully appreclated until the season is well under way.

JACK BARRY is a live wire. He is smart and he has been tutored by two of the greatest managers of all times, Connie Mack and Carrigan; but it's a ten to one shot that he will fail to fill the latter's shoes.

Chicago White Sox Have That Pennant Look

THE Chicago White Stockings look like the one best bet in Ban Johnson's league. This conclusion is not reached as the result of a long period of crystal gazing, but is offered because the Sox appear to possess every requisite of a champlonship club. They looked like pennant winners in 1914 and 1915, but they were handicapped by a manager inexperienced in big league ways. Since then he has learned his lesson. Rowland should get maximum results this season, which is saying a pageful when the caliber of his baseball talent is considered. Maximum results from such players as Joe Jackson, Eddie Collins, "Happy" Felsch, Ray Schalk and the others should be sufficient to win any old pennant. It is a wonderful clubbing aggregation, a star fielding cast and a splendid battery corps. Rowland should get them on the crest early and keep them there.

The Yankees made a great fight in 1916 and they should show up even better in 1917. Accidents swept almost the entire team away to the hospital last summer, nd unless the jinx is out to repeat they will be there or thereabouts from bell to There should be a place in the first division for the St. Louis Browns unless become so absorbed in the Rickey controversy that they forget all else. Fielder Jones has a good ball club, which unfortunately got away to a poor start last season, hit up a terrific pace in midseason, only to collapse and drop back exhausted. The Brownies have learned that they can play good baseball, and if Jones can get them working steadily instead of spasmodically they may put over something of a sensational nature.

THE Red Sox, White Sox, St. Louis Browns and Yankees. They look like the class of the league, with the White Sox ruling favorities over

There Are Two "If" Clubs in the American League

WILL Guy Morton's arm come back to form? Will Joe Wood's wing be kink-less? Will Tris Speaker club anywhere near his 1916 mark? If you can answer these questions you can dope the Cleveland Indians. The success or failure of the club depends on what these three men do. And the Tigers—the eternal question of the American League. Offensively the strongest team in the country. Defensively-but why knock? It is sufficient to say that if Hughle Jennings can produce two or three pitchers of the Covaleskie standard, the White Sox, Red Sox and all the rest wil have a battle on their hands from the beginning to the end of the on. The Senators have Walter Johnson and a ball park. One pitcher cannot win ninety-five ball games, and that lets Grif and his entry out.

Now of our own Athletics. It is difficult to place them with such a mob of optimistic scribes solourning in the South. Last year Connie's team was a rank strider and a fair subject for baseball humorists near and far. Mr. Mack spoke right up and told the populace that he was experimenting, a tip which was superfluous, for an examination of one or two box scores in which the Athletics figured was sufficient evidence that something unusual was taking place. About the only way to dope the Athletics this spring is through their astute manager, as wise a eball man as ever stepped on the field. That Connie will have a better team than he had last year is certain, but there is so much room for improvement that it is impossible to judge just how far the improvement will carry them up in the league standing. As far as the Athletics are concerned it is simply a matter of sitting tight and hoping.

DHILADELPHIA fans have great faith in Connie Mack and believe that I some day he will give them another pennant-winning machine. Few, however, believe that even the Wizard of Shibe Park can turn out a team this year which will finish above third place.

The Spotlight on the National League

WE ARE not picking the Giants to win because we like the way John McGraw cuts his hafr. As a matter of fact, there are twenty-two perfectly good reasons. why the New York club should annex the National League gonfalon. We will mention six or ten right offhand; they are Zimmerman, Herzog, Fletcher, Kauff, Robertson, Burns, Schupp, Tesreau, Perritt, Holke-but why continue? The Giants have the class and that's all there is to it. It has been said that temperament is due to make or break the Giants. It has been pointed out that Kauff, Zimmerman Herzog, Robertson and one or two others are sure to make trouble within the ranks. This may all come to pass, but it is recalled that McGraw has been subduing temperamental athletes for some few years, and his most recent success in ironing the kinks out of Kauff's fiery disposition will bear more than a passing scrutiny. Adding the dope all up established the fact that McGraw has one of the greatest aggregation of stars ever brought together under one tent, and if they fail to win. the pennant there is little virtue in baseball arithmetic.

At this writing, the two teams McGraw has most to fear are the Phillies and Braves. Moran's chances have been reviewed recently in this column and we see no reason for reversing the dope. The Phils are more powerful than they were last year, when they battled the Dodgers down the stretch only to succumb at the end because of an unfortunate injury to Bancroft. If they hope to wage any sort of a campaign against the Giants for first honors they will have to be stronger han they were last year, for the Giants are going to be a harder team to beat out his year than the Dodgers were last year.

RATING the Phillies as stronger this year than they were last, despite the fact that few changes will be made in the line-up, may be puzzling to some fans. It must be remembered that Moran's team is coming and not going, and the added year of experience will count.

Dodgers Have Little Chance to Repeat

THE Dodgers will be strengthened by the adition of Laverne Fabrique at short. which was their most vulnerable point last season. His presence may wake up Dodgers' infield in a surprising manner, and it may be added that it needs ding up. There is one shadow which hangs over Brooklyn—the shadow of the which slashed salaries. Will the wounds inflicted on the pocketbooks of the s take away a portion of their ambition? That is the question

Of the four remaining teams the Cube are the best bet. Fred Mitchell is dag upon his first year as pilot of the Bruins. He has had a long training on in which to pick his team, and he is reputed to be a good judge of players. he cannot be expected to take a 1916 failure and make a consistent winner of

The Reds must not be rated too cheaply this year. Christy Mathewson deideration. He has a pretty fair looking ball club. His influence as may lift the Reds from the rut, and they do not look like tail-enders by This leaves the Cardinals and Pirates to fight it out for seventh place. tope stands now, and the Pirates and Cardinals will probably do that very

This, the returns are all in and the Giants and White Sox are elected. Now all the other fourteen teams have to do in order to spoil our is to jump in and rip the "grandoldope" to shreds.

War Would Crimp Baseball

Way Would Crime processed in the special session of Congress set west. Upon the decision of Congress with regard to try chall take in international affairs depends the success of heavyall measure. Beseduil men will not admit this. They trying session will be opened according to sobedule and that there are brilliant, remedies of whether or not this country makes are brilliant, remedies of whether or not this country.



SYRACUSE ENTERS TWO-MILE RELAY

Looks, Like Best Team Against Yale in the Penn Games

GREAT RACE EXPECTED

Coach Tom Keane, of Syracuse Univer-sity, stated today that Syracuse would run a team in the two-mile championship at the Penn relays next month and in the distance medley relay. Syracuse will have very good two-mile team, as in Peterson and Newkirk Coach Keans has two fast half-milers. Peterson has beaten 1 minute 55 seconds for the half, while Newkirk can do 1 minute 57 seconds. The latter im-proved considerably this winter, and Coach Keane would not be surprised to see him also do 1 minute 55 seconds. Watson is another runner who can do better than 2

This race now promises to be a great contest. Yale, Cornell, Pennsylvania and Michigan and Chicago may also be in this event. It is quite probable that the winner will make a new record for the distance. for the relay carnival. No post entries will be received this year. Three hundred and ten teams are now on the list, a higher fig-ure than ever known before in the history of college and scholastic sport.

M'MAHON TO SHOOT FOR TITLE AT MAPLEWOOD, N. H.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., March 31.-With 95 targets broken out of his quota of 100, Daniel F. McMahon, of New York, won the "Maplewood 100," the feature event of the Laurel House Gun Club's first annual spring trapshooting tourney.

McMahon's victory entitles him to the

privilege of shooting in the championship at Maplewood, N. H., next summer. The regular program provided for 150 targets. S. M. Crothers, with 146 breaks, was high gun for the day. "Chief" Bender broke 91 in the feature event and 132 on the

FOWNES AND HAGEN GOLF WINNERS AFTER PLAY-OFF

PINEHURST, N. C., March \$1.-William C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh, and Walter Hagen, of Rochester, captured first honors in the annual amateur-professional match after a selected nine-hole play-off of a tie at 138 with W. M. Paul, the champion of the Carolinas, and Tom Kerrigan, the Siwanoy

"pro."
Mike Brady, Oakley, and Norman H.
Maxwell, Aronimink, made 140.

Gardines Jim Be nes, Whitemarsh, and Gardiner White, Flushing, scored 142.

RED SOX TRADE GREGG TO THE BUFFALO CLUB

BOSTON, March 31.—A trade has been arranged between the Boston Americans and the Buffalo club of the International League by which Albert Bader, a pitcher, will join the Boston team and Vean Gregg, a pitcher, and one other player will be turned over to Buffalo.

WINN AND PARMALEE GET TIGERS' CAPTAINCY JOBS

PRINCETON, N. J., March 31 .- John J Winn, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., has been elected captain of the Tiger wrestling team for next year. Winn wrestled in the 175-pound and the unlimited class during the last year.

Gilbert W. Parmalee, of Newark, N. J., has been elected to lead the Princeton basketball team next winter.

ROUSCH'S TERMS ACCEPTED AND HE SIGNS WITH REDS

LOUISVILLE, March 31. — Edward Rousch, air outfielder, who has been a hold-out because of a salary dispute, has reached an agreement with Manager Mathewson, of the Cincinnati National League Club. It is understood Rousch's demands were complied

SCORES OF THE BALL TEAMS SCORES OF THE BALL LEARNS
Athletics. S. Indianapolis. 1 (ten innings).
Philiy Regulars, 6: Philiy Tanigans, 5.
Cleveland, 8: New Orleans, 2.
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Beston (Nat.), 8; New York (Am.), 1.
Detroit, 6; New York (Nat.), 1.
Beston (Am.), 10: Broomyn, 6.
New York (Nat.) Colta, 21: Paris, 0.
COLLEGE GAMBS
Penn Varsity, 1; Penn Seruba, 1,
University of Georgia, 3; West Virginia-W

YOUR UNCLE WILBERT, ROTUND PAT AND BREECHES GEORGE ARE THREE

But Nearly All American League Players and Fans Consider Giants as Sure Bets in National League Pennant Chase

A Macedonian Yelp to Spring

Come on, Old Kid, in green and rose,

now lies open, where, in the immortal words' of Aristotle—"It's a great life, if you don't

On the National League Race

The National League race may rest in doubt, but none of this doubt is entertained by American League clubs. Without ex-ception they all figure the Giants as their 1917 world series opponents, and few give any of the others even a look-in.

We have talked with anywhere from twenty to twenty-five American League players, and without exception they figure Giants as sure a thing as sure things

can ever go in baseball.

This belief, however, is not entertained by at least three men. You are entitled to one guess as to who the trio is, or are. You were right-Wilbert Robinson, George Stallings and Pat Moran. These three veterans have seen too many sure bets overturned before in this rickety pastime to lose heart

The Upset Margin

The one queer feature of this National League race is that so many believe the Giants have a good chance to be beaten just for the reason that they now look in-

They will go well back and pick out the supposedly cinch episodes of the past where painful upsets resulted, and knowing the devious ways of the dope they still accord Brooklyn. Philadelphia and Boston a good outside chance.

But the American League isn't figuring in

this direction. Those who believe they have a chance to win are already aiming at the

WHO AREN'T KOWTOWING TO GIANTS

By GRANTLAND RICE

Come on, Old Kid, in pink and blue,

Come on, Old Kid, in pink and blue,
Bring back your breath of rose and wine,
Bring back the brassie, far and true,
Bring back the triple down the line;
We've drifted through the winter snow,
We've floundered on with burnt-out flame,
Come on, kick in and let 'er go,
Come on and give us back the Game.

Bring back the fragrance to the loam; We've wearied long of winter snows

Where now the Open calls us home;
Bring back the mashie to the cup,
Bring back Big Alex on the job;
Bring back the smash that ties her up

From Speaker, Jackson, Doyle or Cobb. One of the early golf writers had a sys-

hit with the duffers of today.

Back in the gray dawn of the game in America this golf writer was switched from inother assignment to cover a tournament He had never seen a golf course nor had

he ever seen a golf ball struck. It seems that his boss was one of the entries. The aforesaid boss returned 100, while the low man had a 77. In his story the next day the golf scribe had his boss leading the field with a perfect 100, "the result of brilliant golf, twenty-three strokes beyond the worst score, 77."

If the high scores were counted as in base ball or football the duffer would at last come into his own. The system seems perfectly proper, inasmuch as there are ten golfers who play over 95 to one who plays under 80.

On Looking Up

Sir—In a recent round of golf the only good holes I played were where I looked up, topped the ball and let it run to the cup.
Whaddye mean "keep your eye on the
ball"? Why should 1?

H. K. J.

Their Game In their game across the water

Fate has only this to spin— When the Score comes in at twilight Those who live are those who win.

They are looking not to glory In the wild dash of the fray; If they live and breathe at twilight They are victors for the day.

will come upon the burnished dove and Ty Cobb's batting eye.

NEWS ABOUT THE BOWLERS

Rodgers, of the White Elephants, began with a 244 score and followed with scores of 159 and 202. George knocked down 204 in his first game and Knox concluded with 203. Grossman concluded with 244.

The White Elephants totaled 909 in its open-ing game against Majestic. The individual scores follow: Grossman, 185; Rodgers, 244 King, 186; George, 204, and Knox, 180. Lambert rolled 225 in his first game against Maneto. The Tigers expert also got scores of 178 and 199. Hill set 213 in the second game, and Kiagholz finished with 212.

of Maneto, made good with scores and 218. Lake secured 225 in

In the Lanston League tournament Milling rushed further shead, downing Turning in three games. Pfeiffer setting 203 in his first game. Tool Room beat Office two games, Mold won two from Matrix and Accounting three from Inspectors.

The Bell Telephone teams occupied Casino Alleys. Western Electric regained its form, beating Publicity three games, making its winning record thirty out of thirty-three games, plant Account won two from Construction and Maintenance made a sweep of its matches with Plant engineers.

In Philadelphia-Made Hardware games North Brothers used nine players in its series with Dieston, winning two games. Plumb downed Miller Lock two games.

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YALE CAPTURES SWIMMING TITLE

Columbia Is Defeated for College Laurels, Despite Vollmer's Great Work

WINS THREE FIRST PLACES

PRINCETON, N. J., March 31 .- Yale in PRINCETON, N. J., March 31.—Yale is the collegiate swimming champion of the season. Despite the marvelous work of Captain Vollmer, of Columbia, the Eli aquatic squad easily defeated the New York team for the championship of the Intercollegiate League by the score of 35 to 18. The two teams were deadlocked in a tie for first place at the end of the regular season, and their managements decided to old the title contest in the Princeton pool Vollmer won the fifty, hundred and two-twenty-yard swims for his team over Ell's stars, and nearly pulled the Columbia four to victory in the relay, but he was abso-fittely unsupported and his efforts were of no avail.

NIEHOFF ON WAY SOUTH TO JOIN THE PHILLIES

DENVER, Col., March 31 .- Bert Niehoff, second haseman of the Phillies, who has been holding out for more salary than was offered in his contract this year, left here to join the team in the South. Niehoff probably will meet Manager Moran and the team at Jacksonville, Fla., where they play on Monday.

Monday.

Nichoff very likely will have to sign for \$3500, which the club offered him this year, as President Baker recently declared he would not increase the original offer.

BAILEY FAVORS NEW FOUL RULE

Manager of Champions Shares View With McAvoy, Delaware College Coach

SCHEME MAY BE TRIED

Joseph L. Bailey, manager of the champion Greystock five, is heartly in favor of at least giving a trial to a new method of tossing foul goals. The throwing of foul points has always been a source of contention, and while all sorts of proposals have been advanced it has always been the general consensus of opinion that the most equitable adjustment of the matter is the rule in force in this section

In the Pennsylvania State and Interstate Leagues the man fouled tosses the throw, When Jasper played down East the old rule used there years ago was still in force, that is for every three penalties committed the opposing side is awarded a point, This climinates the throwing of fouls.

This Scheme Looks Good

At the banquet of basketball officers, William J. McAvoy, for eight years coach of Delaware College, suggested the elimination of the one-man method by substituting a scheme whereby the player committing the offense tosses the leather at the op-ponent's basket. If he makes the shot no point counts for either side, but if he misses then the team on which the foul was committed receives a point. Mr. Mc-Avoy is of the opinion that this method would have a tendency to make play clearer

and faster. Manager Bailey shares this view also, and believes the plan would prove a success. Bailey says there are a number of games that are scheduled to be decided ere the season closes, and he will endeavor to secure the plan a trial. Here is a chance for some enterprising manager to try out the scheme and learn how it works. The public would appreciate it, and it might attract a crowd,

Not So Many After All While there is questioning the fact that the crowds that witnessed the contests be-tween the Greys and Jewels were the largest that ever attended a series in this vicinity, the number of persons inside the Camden

Armory was considerably less than some over-anxious writers believe. The owners of neither club have issued any statement as to the receipts, but it has been learned the revenue derived from the first game was \$1015, the second \$1050 and the third still more. It is figured about \$2200 was the total proceeds. Assuming an average admission of thirty-five cents—and it may have been a trifle in excess this would allow about 3000 to a game. Some accounts placed the attendance at 4000 and others even figured it at 5000. Of course the soldiers connected with the regiment were admitted, but they did not supply anywhere near the difference between the real figures and the imaginary ones.

Easterners Lost Money

The Eastern Basketball League will hold the Eastern Basetoni League with house to spring meeting at the Bingham House on next Tuesday evening, when all business of the year will be completed and reserve lists of players filed. Any changes in the playing rules would also receive considera-

tion at that time.

The season was a disastrous one for the cage mogula in the Fastern. Reading, Trencage moguls in the Fastern. Reading, Trenton, Camden, Greystock and De Neri lost money, while Jasper quit a trifle to the good. It may sound strange to say the Greys, champions of the league, were a losing proposition, but it is a fact, and Manager Bailey attributes it to the split season, which he is against. The pilot of the Churchmen is in favor of one straight schedule of forty games and will sedeavor. schedule of forty games, and will endeavor to have it restored. The general sentiment

was it proved a success.

The heaviest loser in the organization was De Neri. The downtowners experienced the most disastrous season in their history.





