FRED MERKLE CAPTURES A PENNANT FOR THE CUBS IT WILL NOT BE THE FIRST. TIME

LOW WIELDING GIANTS WALLOP LEX FROM MOUND AND WIN GAME AFTER THE PHILS HAD SAFE LEAD

Graw's Expensive Cast, Minus Herzog, Shows Class and Proves Claims That It Is the Strongest Club in the League

IHAPS there is some team, some place, that can put the New York Glants a for the count, but it is a safe and conservative bet that the team is not nal League. McGraw's expensive troupe performed here yesterday and I that it was everything the advance notices said about it and then some. from behind and with the score 8 to 4 against them, the New Yorkers not vertook the Phils, but also forged ahead by a single score and won the ball when all hope seemed lost. The Phils were licked and that's all there was They were buried under an avalanche of base hits and lost their best pitcher the wreck was completed and their downfall was due to the walloping in the hands of the foe.

Unless the Giants suffer from injuries or internal squabbling ruins the cy of the players Muggsy has a cinch in the penuant race. His flock of ers looks better than ever before and it is hard to imagine how the club will be headed. They can go to pieces in one inning and look like talls, but in the next frame come back and score enough runs to win a couple of games. That was the case yesterday in the eighth inning, when the wrecking fell on Alexander's offerings and made five clean hits in a row. Each ball a hit on the nose and there was no question of what they were intended for. man led off with a single, and Fletcher, just to go him one better, followed h a double. Then Kilduff, who was sitting in for Herzog, eased one into the er-field bleachers for a home run. It was thought that Alex would get his rings after this fusillade, but the next two batters poled out singles and our ver got the hook.

ALEXANDER was in good form yesterday, but the task was too much for him. In the earlier innings he had to pitch his best to each batter and could not slow down. His strength failed him in the eighth and that was the finish. Alex will be all right in a week or so.

Giants Have Most Dangerous Ball Club in Years

DITCHING to the first eight men in the New York line-up is no cinch. From George Burns down to the pitcher there is the most brilliant array of sluggers n on a ball field for many a day. There are four 300 hitters in the bunch and the other four are good for .280 or better. That gang will make any pitcher n for cover, as the batters are out to get hits and they must be pitched to. lex tried to waste some balls on them, and the result was three passes in the at three innings. The Giants simply wouldn't go after bad balls, which meant at they couldn't be fooled. Alexander got away to a bad start, but after allowing bree runs in the third and one in the fourth, he settled down and looked like be great pitcher of old. In the afth and sixth frames the enemy couldn't even co his benders, and as his pals had piled up a comfortable lead, we awarded the came to the Phils without a struggle. In the sixth inning Alex buried only ave balls to retire the side.

In addition to his brilliant pitching-up to the fatal eighth-Grover batted I two runs with a double and a single. He tried every way to win that game, but it was too much. In the eighth, when he saw that the going was bad, he lidn't wait to be yanked. He knew he was through for the day and strolled to he bench. It was strange to see the champion twirler take the count, but it is mforting to note that it is early in the season.

IF THE Giants can wallop the daylights out of Alexander and win the game after they were four runs behind, what will happen to the common or garden variety of hurlers? We shudder to think of the conse-

At That, the Phils Had a Chance to Win in the Ninth

THE Phillies played better baseball than at any other time this year and almost won out in the last inning. They came mighty close, and after careful figuring we place the distance at fourteen inches. Gavvy Cravath hit one in the ninth hat looked like a home run, but the ball missed clearing the low bleacher wall y two inches. This would have tied the score. A short time later Oscar Dugey, o hit for Luderus, sent one into the left-field bleachers on the fly, but it was ul by a foot. Had it been fair the game would have been won. There seemed have been some sort of a brainstorm near the Phillies' bench after Cravath asde his double. Several players gathered around Pat Moran and afterward whitted came to bat. Every one thought he would sacrifice, as none was out and seemed to be the proper play, but Gawge tried to kill the ball and struck out. hat left Cooper, who was running for Cravath, still on second. Dugey tried hard to bring him home, but after his foul homer all he could do was to send a counder to Fletcher, which advanced the runner to third base. Then it was up to Niehoff to bring in the tying count, but Bert whiffed the atmosphere and he game was over

night not. Had Whitted slammed a long drive the play would have been called the brainlest pulled this year. But he didn't, and now he must be called a boob. The Phils hit the ball better, and outside of Paskert, Stock and Luderus, everysody got a hit. Eleven safeties were made, but a few failed to come when ded. The old trouble of allowing runners to die on the sacks was noticeable, sight were stranded during the game.

CAPTAIN FRED LUDERUS is in the throes of a batting slump. He hasn't had a hit since last Saturday and he is beginning to worry about it. It was an unusual sight to see Dugey hit for the noted slugger in the ninth inning.

Connie's Mauling Macks Hit Stride and Ruin Yankees

THE Athletics may not have a pennant-winning team and they may not be serious opposition for the other club, but their work this year shows that all of the sluggers are not drawing pay from Mr. McGraw. The willow wielders on the have come through on several occasions and grabbed games that seemed lost, nd at other times scared the opponents considerably with the slugfests. Yesterday in New York they spotted the Yanks a couple of runs, allowed them to lead intil the later innings and then came through with the wallop that netted enough ores to make the final count 4 to 2. Connie's team will cause considerable able for the other teams, for no one can tell when they will come in and bust op the game. Witt, Strunk, Bodie, McInnis, Bates and Schang, to say nothing of Frank Thrasher and Bill Johnson, will annoy any pitcher and chase him like the nts chased Alex if they ever get started. The team will be quite popular around e circuit, as the fans love a team with the wallop the same as the fight bugs rn out to see a guy who rocks them to sleep. And more than that, the Athletics III be up in the race in a very short time. They are facing the best pitchers the league and their batting has not suffered.

Another thing which seems to have helped the club is Connie's apparent ctance to grab off nice, fresh, young green college players for his club. In the lays of old when the great machine was running smoothly, this system worked well; but now that the club is in the rebuilding stage it is best to get experienced players. It was a surprise to all when he took Bodie, and the other new men, rover, Bates, Thrasher, Noyes and the others, probably never saw a college Yet they are playing the game and that is the principal requirement, Now Connie wants Cy Falkenberg, a real veteran, who has only a couple of years usefulness left in his system and is willing to pay big money for his release.

MACK wants a ball club this year and doesn't care how much it costs.

The Tiogan has been accused of getting by without the expenditure of much coin, but this new move points to the contrary. Connie makes many secret moves and it is hard to get a line on him. The Falkenberg ory never would have gotten out if some one in Indianapolis hadn't talked for publication.

White Sox Are Boosted as Sure Pennant Winners

EVER before in the history of baseball have the pennant races in the two sajor leagues seemed to be made to order for one club in each league. We on the Giants in action, and now reports are coming in from the West the Chicago White Sox and slipping them the grand old rag before May The Sox are playing great ball, their pitchers are in shape and they seem sorbed some inside stuff during the winter months. Baseball critics en loud in their praise, but a member of the Detroit team who played the Windy City aggregation, speaks the following words:

ck Gandill has made the Chicago infield," he said. "Fournier was a joke st year, but now when one of the other infleiders whirls and throws the ball st, he knows that Chick will get it if it is anywhere near the bag. And cre? Say, there is the best pitching staff in either big league—Scott, Benz, to and Faber, righthanders, and Russell, Williams and Danforth, southpaws ed pitchers who have the goods. They have the best catcher in the Ray Schalk, and other players of fame including Eddie Collins, Joe nd Happy Felsch. The other clubs will have to go some to beat that

t of sport at some of the colleges has led some critics to collegiate athletic has been set back two or three years, oo pessimistic view to take of it. Sport will be set back of the embargo on competition,

will hurt rowing more than any other sport,

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



QUAKER CITY LINKSMEN WANT GOLF SCHEDULE TO GO FORWARD, PLAYED FOR BENEFIT OF MANY WAR FUNDS

Could Purchase War Tomorrow's Tournaments Bonds With Cup Money-Remedy for Blistered Hands

By SANDY McNIBLICK

THREE of the Big Four golf districts of A the country have more or less cast the die on their schedu'es and what to do with

Philadelphia has not come to anything exactly definite, the matter of canceling the schedule being in the hands of the military authorities. The executive committee of the New York golf district has abandoned three of its four championships and has asked the clubs not to hold invitation tournaments. Boston and Chicago continue patting every thing on a war-fund bar emas and medals to the winners instead of the useful or otherwise sliver plate of the

Phl'adelphians discussing the problem today in the golfing rialto were decidedly in favor of the Boston-Chicago scheme rather than that of the metropolitan district.

"Golf is the thing," exclaimed one nestor of the rank, "and the golfers would wil-lingly turn the money usually paid for sliver mugs for winners over to the Government, particularly the losers. Golf will be played anyhow, and I don't see how any one would benefit if we cut out tournaments, par-ticularly war-fund tournaments."

"How about each club holding tourna-ments to buy some of the war bonds?" was the happy thought of another stroller. a died-in-the-kickers golfer. "That would help everybody at once and would send the tournaments booming."

The New York district seems to have around in a circle somewhat when it proposes in its tourney-thwarting mandate that a Memorial Day tourney be played,

the proceeds of which going to ambulancebuying for use in France.

"It certainly brings German frightfulness right to our own heaten," frowned one of our best goffers, "this being asked to give up our golf events."

Very healthy and animated respect has developed over-night for the Old York Road team of women, entered for the first time this year in the competition for the Phila-delphia team championship. It stacks up against Merion on Tuesday, and the others teams in the championship league are all

a segs to scan the box-score.

Merion is the champion, has its strongest line-up in mid-season form and meets the new-comers over its own course.

The showing that the Jenkintown the Cricket Club seems unbelievable when the dope sheets are brought into play. York Roadettes went to the tees without their captain, Mrs. J. S. Ely, which meant that the three veterans of last year's second-flight quintet had to move up a peg. This looked like a gloomy weakening of the lead. Added to this was the fact that the Jenkintonians led forth four new players who had never played in a team match be fore, it was said.

It looked like cre-ool slaughter and the It looked like cre-ool slaughter and the feminine fans present hid their faces from the terrible sight. The Cricket Club, instead of spreading the whitewash all over the course, just did come through by a 4-3 margin, the same coming under the head

Mrs. George A. Elsnaser, Jr., Mrs. Scott Fowler, Mrs. H. Perpall and Mrs. H. De Groat were the brand-new players, and all did well. The reason the latter didn't win seemed to be because she couldn't sinic her thirty, forty and fifty-foot putts. She tried out a long one at the ninth, which hit the back of the cup, perchance, and stayed out. "Ever see anything like [17" she wished to know. "That's the way they've been doing at every hole."

Not meaning any disrespect to prohibitionists, their efforts seem a little untimely for the reason that this is the season of sore and blistered hands from gripping of the golf clubs, and it recalls a remedy in an old book on golf. The player suffering from sore hands should simply give them a good bath of whisky a couple of times a day, rubbing the likker well in. It makes the hands hard.

The likker should be used plentifully, according to the book.

Pros Have Busy Time of It

These are busy times for the pros at local clubs. Most of them state that the demand for golf lessons is greater than ever, particularly among feminine players, and that it is difficult to find time for all

the lessons that club members want to This applied during the winter, too, at

This applied during the winter, too, at the indoor schools. Gimbels had three professional constantly busy, and the records show that Dave Cuthbert, for one, gave about 500 lessons, all of which shows that interest in the royal and ancient game is ever waxing. Demand for lessons in Baltimore has increased so rapidly that the price is now quoted at \$2 the hour, and still the bookings pils up.

Alex Duncan, who was one of the instructors at Gimbels and whose place at the Cricket Club has been taken by Ed Loos, writes from Rockford, Ill., where he now is, that he has the best berth of his life. like so many other local pros. Alex feit that he was being treated unjustly hore when sales privileges of soir supplies were taken away from him. He now has club-cleaning results with the sale of belia

and Today's Tee Talk

First rounds of match play of the annual spring tourney for the Lakewood trophy, at Lakewood. N A.

Rare as raidom buttons on an African's pants is the golfer taking liberties with the little golf ball.

It's not being done.

The great and swatting mob of linksmen have a wholesome respect for the pill.

But now and then some doughty golfer comes along who not only seems actually to hold the ball in contempt, but can make it do tricks; eat out of his hand, so to speak.

One such, a visiting pro, was doing a few tricks the other day that looked as simule as rotting a clearette with one hand, till some one else took a flux at the trick.

The stranger hild a hall on a hard, dirt in the first he swished at the ball with the driver, topping it so cleanly and shardy that the ball with the driver, topping it so cleanly and shardy that in the ball with the driver, topping it so cleanly and bending a ball to then walloved the hall while it was off the ground a matter of inch of them wallowed the hall while it was off the ground with his puttler. The stroke seen to top the hall so heavily into the great that it lumps straight up.

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If he could play his mashle on a green—

terest at a record pace and the rapid-fire raising of \$125,000 the other night for the new clubhouse and grounds is something new altogether. It would seem from the preliminary plans that the idea is to turn at least \$100,000 of the hoped-for fund into the revised golf course, which will take in thir-teen holes instead of the present nine. The new property acquired presents very

rolling frontage and some very annoying hills might well be built. Fire in the old locker house started the ball rolling. The shower-bath headquarters are now a sad wreckage.

Many a cherished set of knickers was

licked up in those flames, with many a links-blackened club, and many a hacked ball was fried, only to explode and pop out of the flaming building like a frightened skyrocket on a stilly night.

FORMER YALE STAR IS APPOINTED LIEUTENANT

John Reed Kilpatrick, Famous Old Eli End, Will Serve in Officers' Reserve Corps

NEW YORK, April 26.-John Reed Kil atrick, famous as one of Yale's greatest ootball players, has received a lieutenant's ommission in the Officers' Reserve Corps

and is eager for active service.

Kilpatrick was an end on three Yale carsity elevens and was the man brought victory to Fred Daly's team over Princeton in 1910 by scoring a touchdown on a spectacular forward pass after Prince-ton had kicked a goal from field that apparently had won the game

Battle Royal at Broadway A. C.

A battle royal is the feature number on the Broadway Club's program tonight, with Al Wagner and Joe Augatis matched for the Al Wagner and Joe Augusts material for the windup. Bobby McCann meets Harry Leon-a: In the semi. Other bouts are Muckel Riley vs. Joe Dorsey, Young Lawrence vs. Bob Beebe and Packey McBride vs. Young

AMATEUR BASEBALL NOTES Arlington A. A. baseball team has combined with Westmere and would like to hear from sectiprofessional teams effering a reasonable guarantee for this attraction.

The Dynamite Jrs., a "flashy" 15-year-old team of South Philadelphia, is desirous of arranging games with teams of this class in or out of Philadelphia. Raymond Kuret, 6707 Ditman street.

Diamond A. C. a first-class 18-19-year-elean, is arranging games with first-class, fully uniformed teams offering a reasonable guarantee, James Cahvell, 1513 Miffin street,

Cramp A. A. baseball team is desirous of ar-ranging games with strictly semiprofessional teams for May 5 and May 12. R. W. Simons, 2526 East Indiana avenue.

Ritz Club, a first-class traveling team, would like to arrange games with first-class 17-18-year-old teams. John Donnelly. Moyamensing avenue and Mountain street.

Norris F. C. baseball team has May 5 and 12 and many later dates open for home teams of its caliber and all clubs played last season. Frank Schaller. 504 West Norris atrect.

Rosemont B. C. desires games with 16-16-year teams in Philadelphia or New Jersey, having half expenses for ten men. J. Travis, 3987 Terrace street. Ontario Juniors desire games with 14-16-year old teams offering fair expenses for ten men George Sommerer, 1407 North Fawn street,

Dover B. C., of Camden, desires games with first-class home teams paying a fair guarantee James Marcy, 527 Line street, Camden.

Montgomery A. A. has April 20 open for a first-class team paying full expenses. J. Daily, 719 Belgrad; street.

J. F. H. baseball team defeated the strong Girard Reserves by a score of T to 6. The alisround playing of C. J. Heller and Kensy's one-hand stab of a terrific liner, which enabled him to make a double play, were features. The management would like to hear from seventeen to cighteen year of feams. A. Targan, 530 N. Randolph street.

SWARTHMORE PREP SCORES A VICTORY

Downs Penn Charter in Baseball Game at Queen Lane—Haverford Wins

ST. JOE BEATS LA SALLE

Swarthmore Preparatory School took ad vantage of every chance to score in the Penn Charter School game yesterday after-noon at Queen Lane, and the score— Swarthmore 20. Penn Charter, 9—shows just what Coach Anthony's boys can do when they are going right.

Penn Charter was unable to stop the many batting rallies. The fact that Coach Merritt's twirling staff was on the blink also had something to do with the twentyrun score. Bill Fleming couldn't fool the heavy-hitting Swarthmorites, neither could Lester Sitley when he pitched the seventh and eighth innings, and Art Fleming was also up in the air.

It was a baseball game, nevertheless, though Coach Merritt would hardly call it that. A cold day, combined with the general unsteadiness of the Quakers, helped to send Penn Charter down the toboggan Today the Penn Charter and Friends' Central nines meet in an Interacademic League

Not content with winning only in track, the Haverford School nine defeated the Central High School players in the game played at the Main Line field yesterday afternoon, 6 to 5. Dick Latt did some cleves work in the box for Coach Charles Eckles's team. Colyn Humphreys was on the receiving end.

The Central High nine which is the youngest in the Interscholastic League, showed signs of staleness. The Crimson and Gold won from Germantown High Monday when Krug was pitching, On Tuesand later Bill Cravis in the box. day McNerney was given a chance and, everything considered, he pitched a very good game, but not quite good enough to outwit the Main Liners.

La Salle College lost the opening game of the series with St. Joseph's College Bryne was the big factor in St. Joe's vic-tory, as it was his timely double that gave the Stiles street team the 7-to-3 victory.

KONEY NOT PLATE-SHY. DESPITE NINE "BEANINGS"

Braves' First Baseman Has Taken Hard Raps, but Still Welcomes

Speed Boys One of the Braves' players showed a decided tendency to back away from the plate in a recent game with the Phillies in which Alexander was pouring them over like shells from a three-inch cannon. All of which brought out the fact that it's seldom you ever see Big Ed Konetchy pull away. If anybody ever had cause to side-

step, fall down or run to the bench it is Bid Ed. The great first baseman has been beaned nine times. Of course, he has had his share of wallops elsewhere on his anatomy, but nine "beanings" is quite a record. Koney naturally makes a great farget. But while Alexander was burning them over Edward was standing up to them and knocking them for triples, doubles, singles, as the cas

Miller Huggins was a great man for getting hit and so was Jake Stahl, but they getting hit and so was Jake Stahl, but they managed to get their wallops in the back, arm or leg; Koney's favorite place is right on the old knob. Is he afraid? Well, we should say not. He wishes Walter Johnson was pitching in his league, that's what he does. They talk about boxers taking head beatings and then going daffy, but no one believes that Koney is getting that

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CLEVELAND PLAYER IS ALWAYS OUT IN THE RACE FOR BATTING HONORS, T. SPEAKER AGAIN LEADS

First There Was Old Larry, Then Jackson and Now Tristram Looms Once More as . Bludgeon Boss

By GRANTLAND RICE

Song of the Stalwart

What Fate may offer—foul or fair— Against the shadowed sky— I'll play my role—I'll do my share— I'll keep my head held high— I'll take the Game's break as it comes From now beyond the mussied drums.

I'll let the soft years fade from view, As sundrift through the wood, To give my share of what is due To serve the common good; For where in full each gives his part— The load is lighter from the start.

Batting Eve.

First there was Nap Lajole, and shortly after his arrival the Cleveland club one season boasted no fewer than eight .300 hitters in Lajole. Flick, Clarke, Bemis, Rossman, Bay, Bradley and Turner.

Then as Larry began to wane Joe Jackson arrived. Jackson's first two years were .408 and .395.

When Jackson passed on to Chicago Tris Speaker soon arrived from Boston. The Texan could always hit, but his general average had been about forty points below Cobb's. But once established in Cleveland parness, his first official act was to dethrone Cobb and end his nine-year reign. And now for the new campaign Speaker is once

nore out in front of the pack. Cobb's main opponents have always been lleveland entries — Lajoie, Jackson and Speaker. And if any citizen outhits Cobb this season, the fusillade is almost sure to come from a Cleveland rampart.

"The Giants of Yesterday"

"Where are the snows of yesterday?" queried the poet. We have no distinct idea, but the Giants of Yesterday are almost as badly scattered. Merkle, Doyle and Demarce with the Cubs—Stock with the Phillies-Mathewson with the Reds-Ru-dolph and Gowdy with the Braves-Marquard and Meyers with the Dodgers— Bescher and Ames with the Cardinals— about the only ball club the Giants haven't replenished with talent is Pittsburgh. Of the 1913 Giants-McGraw's last pennant tribe-only four remain-Fletcher, Herzog. Burns and Tesreau.

Fandom's Response

We, too, thought of Cobb and Speaker,

In a bygone other day, Thinking not of fame and glory, Only longed to see them play; When the sun shone on the bleachers,
And the rooters filled the stand,
These old war cries filled our bosoms—

"Tris is up" or "Ty has fanned."

Sterner things now dim the glories Of the trail of bat and ball; Incle Sam calls for his legions-Fandom clearly hears the call; Strong for sport and strong in battle, Every man will take his stand, Loving still Ty, Tris, etc.,

Loving more our native land. JOHN M. McGOUGH.

"What is the best training for war?" asks D. H. L.—"football, baseball, golf, tennis, boxing or track?" The best training for war is probably war. Next to this football or boxing furnishes the hardier physical vir-

THERE must be something in Cleveland's | Weish, provided the details can be arranged THERE must be something in Cleveland's and the country will stand for a champion-ship fight at this stage. If conditions grow more serious a championship fight might be frowned upon, but this is hardly likely to take place as long as other professional sport is carried on. If the two meet over a fifteen or twenty round distance Leonard should win. Welsh could stand up well enough over the ten-round canter, but the champion could hardly hold out for twenty cantos against the younger challenger, Weish bagged the lightweight title three years ago, and he was no infant even then.

Picks the White Sox

of the peak.

In the midst of his stirring New York campaign, where he has been turning thou-sands away, Billy Sunday took off time enough a few nights ago to pick the White Sox as the new American League champions. "The Red Sox are a great team," he said, "and so are the Yanks and Tigers. But the White Sox and Giants are the next world series people if there is anything to speak of in the dope."

He has about served his time at the top

WELKER COCHRAN WINS BILLIARD SERIES

Chicago Player Takes Four Games Out of Five From Albert Cutler

Welker Cochran made his record four victories out of five games at 18.2 balk line billiards by defeating Albert Cutler twice yesterday in the concluding games of their exhibition series at Allinger's Academy. In the afternoon contest he won, 200

to 12, in four innings, having a high run of 137 in the third inning, the best run of the series. He averaged 50 to Cutler's 3. The evening game was the closest of the five, and Cutler looked like a winner until the final inning, when Cochran, after gradually overcoming a big advantage which Cutler accumulated in the early innings,

won out, 250 to 243. AFTERNOON GAME AFTERNOON GAME
Cochran—2. 3, 137, 58—total, 200. High run,
137, Average, 50,
Cutler—2, 5, 5, 0—total, 12, High run, 5,
Average, 3. EVENING GAME

Cochran—0, 15, 7, 29, 1, 21, 2, 23, 165, 24, 21—total, 250, High run, 105, Average, 22 3-11, Cutler—8, 18, 2, 14, 60, 38, 7, 39, 54, 3—total, 243, High run, 60, Average, 24 3-10,

No-Hit Game in North Carolina League or boxing furnishes the hardier physical virtues.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., April 28.—Joseph Thornburn, pitching for Durham, in the North Carolina League, yesterday, held Winston-Salem without a hit or a run and won 4 to 8.

Three batters struck out and six, early in the game, were given bases on balls, but only one reached third base.

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