ACK'S LINE-UP IS VIRTUALLY AS FAMILIAR AS A PHONE DIRECTORY IN A STRANGE TOWN

AULING MACKS, IN FIGHTING TRIM, PEN AT HOME WITH YANKEE TEAM; ROKE EVEN AGAINST STRONG TEAMS

The Athletics Play Three Games Here Before Making Western Trip, and Fans Have Opportunity to See Club Out of Last Place

FTER the most successful invasion of the East since the days of the champlonship club and the \$100,000 infield, Connie Mack and his Athletics came ok home today ready to give battle to the New York Yankees in a three-game a, today's games having been called off on account of rain. The players, the exception of Jim Parnham, are in good shape and ready to continue their k on the first division stronghold. The club made a wonderful record, playing games and losing but four. They broke even against the strongest clubs the league and emerged from the joke class they so long occupied. Instead of ng firmly entrenched in last place, as was the case last year and the year e, they are tied with Detroit for sixth and the chances are that they will

Connie Mack promised the fans of Philadelphia a good baseball team and he fuifilled his promise. He took a bunch of players, threw them together and er painstaking toil molded them into a first-class team. He forgot all about college phenoms and placed Ping Bodie, a veteran, out in left field; Bates, who was turned loose by Cleveland, at third, and Grover, who played with Butte, Mont, last year on second. Then, to make sure that there would be no doubt rearding his intentions, he reached out to Indianapolis and dug down deep to pay the archase price for old Cy Faikenberg. Cy joined the club today and will be good for only a couple of years, but Mack cares nothing for that. He wants a good club in this city NOW and is sparing no expense to get it.

Against Washington the A's broke even, winning two and losing two. In New York they won both games that were played, and dropped a pair in Boston after hard battles. The players showed that they were fighters, and never gave up until the last man was out in the ninth. They even went so far as to stage private fights of their own just to get in shape.

THE Mackmen are here today and will remain until Tuesday night, when they start on their western trip. It is up to the fans of Philadelphia to give the team a rousing welcome to show their appreciation. The team has been a joke for two years, and now is the time to celebrate their return to the fighting line where they have a chance to finish near

St. Louis Cards Insist on Winning Games Despite Hard Luck Howls

ACCORDING to the signals of distress flying over the cards camp in St. Louis.

the club should be fighting among themselves for last place in the league. They should be down there all alone, for never before have such gloomy tales of woe been sent out from any town. Despite this, however, St. Louis is just four points below New York for the leadership of the league, which means that they can overcome the hard-builed jinx, the hoodoo and everything else. The Cards have won eleven and lost seven games thus far and, judging from the way they are going, there should be no let-up.

Before the season started Manager Huggins was frank in admitting that he had the worst baseball team in the world. He could see nothing but last place and admitted, under pressure, that they would be lucky if they finished in the league. At that time the affairs of the club were in bad shape and a deal was on to purchase the franchise from Mrs. Britton. This deal went through and the fans subscribed some \$350,000. Then the club started out to win ball games and estounded the other seven clubs in the senior organization. In a short time they were keeping pace with the Giants, and all of the western teams emerged from the series on the short end. The wise men of the East snickered when they saw the box scores, and, remembering the early season chatter, said, "Wait until they hit the East. They never will be able to stand the pace then."

THEY are headed in this direction now, and walloped Pittsburgh a -couple of times just to show that they are right. The team of weaklings and castoffs is showing lots of class and is well primed for the invasion beyond the Alleghenies.

Dark, Dismal Tales Still Are Being Spread by the Scribes

T'S a miracle how St. Louis ever wins a game. Judging from reports, there is the nicest little gang of pessimists hanging around and their continual croaking should take the spirit out of the players. Hornsby, the slugging shortstop, developed a pain in the heel the other day and they had him out of the game for The other players do not look good and the pitching staff is terrible. Outside of that, everything is all right. Take a look at this yarn from St. Looey: Serious complications threaten the pennant push of the Cardinals' baseball

club. Hornsby's heel seems to be an injury that will keep him out of the game for some time, and Lee Meadows seems to have fallen into the habit of pitching from three to seven, but never eight or nine good innings. There is a lack of team play around second base. Long is not hitting. The lack of team play around second base is something that will not be easily cured. Hornsby is a great hitter, possibly a good first or third baseman, but he is not a big league shortstop. is aggressive, alive in good hands, but cannot be called a second baseman. He has lots to learn and can't be depended upon for a year or two. The defense is bad all the way through and there must be more of a stir around second base.

"It is now up to Huggins to teach Betzel how to play the position. Hug lows more about secondbasing than any man alive. He assumed a position deep, and well back of the bag. He always kept the ball on his left hand and always seemed to have a short easy throw to first. He and Konetchy made the greatest defensive pair that ever played on that side of the diamond, but it was all through Huggins's work. Now Huggins will have to teach Betzel. The kid has ideal build for the job, and if the manager fails he will lose reputation. In the outfield. Long is not even hitting the ball. He strikes out most of the time, and it is possible that Hug is keeping him for his fielding."

YOU can't beat this mournful wall, but the club is traveling at a fast pace despite the innumerable handicaps. But if that gang of cripples can make good now, what will they do when they get well? St. Louis will be here next Wednesday to put on a series with our Phils. Then we will have a chance to judge for ourselves.

Cochran and Schaefer Best Youthful Billiardists

WELKER COCHRAN, the boy wonder cuist now being groomed to meet Willie Hoppe, continues to play the sensational brand of billiards that brought him to the front when he scored a triumph over the veteran Sutton in Chicago some oths ago. A few nights ago Cochran had a high run of 273 at the 18.2 balkline se in his exhibition match with Cutler in Boston. Cochran has developed fast, it now is certain that he has learned much from the two veteran cuists, Sutand the late Cassignol. Cassignol had a peculiar style and in exhibition play ilmost was unbeatable, though in the match game his nerve was not what it uld be and the standard of his billiards suffered.

But young Cochran has combined the two styles, and now that he has mastered a stroke he seems like the best young billiard prospect since Hoppe was disovered. Cochran has one rival, however, in Young Jake Schaefer, son of the late ard, and Benjamin, manager of Hoppe, is willing to back Schaefer in a match inst Cochran. Schaefer has learned much from Hoppe during the last season, while touring with the champion, and it probably will be for these two to fight is out a few years hence for the honor of a chance at Hoppe's crowns. But just now Cochran is playing the more brilliant brand of billiards.

TARRY CHAPELLE has been canned by the Braves. The highly advertised outfielder failed to make good with Stallings's team, and judging from the George has playing there, he must have been extremely sad. Chapelle broke the big show some years ago when Charley Comiskey paid the Milwaukee \$18,000 in real money for his services. He had a reputation for slugging ball, but he showed nothing with the White Sox. He was given another the next year, but during the winter he literally "ate himself out of the ." He gained almost 50 pounds, and when the time came to report for spring you couldn't tell him from Ping Bodie. Chapelle was sent to Columbus. regained his batting eye and was grabbed by Boston.

ARRY HARPER is with us again and has disproved the tales that his sore arm would keep him on the side lines forever more. In his first appearance, beat the Yankees and looked to be in good shape. Harry's arm has been nce Claude Williams hit him with a pitched ball last year. A nerve on the was affected, but it was cured in the training camp. With Harper in the and Johnson and Gallia going good, Clark Griffith should regain some of the

PASKERT, who plays cepter and part of right field for Pat Moran, busted the hit column yesterday when he sent a single out to center in the fourth There was considerable cheering, as a run was scored, but there should even more cheering than that. Dode has been in the throes of a batting and up to that time hadn't made a hit on the home grounds this year. hit the ball hard, but some one was waiting for it. When he stepped be plate yesterday he had been at bat thirty times without a hit.

ORAN kept Alexander in the pen warming up yesterday, but the big was not needed. Mayer hurled a beautiful game and held the Braves times. He had the bases filled twice, but tightened up and no scores

se of Greek vs. Greek in the fourth, when Gavvy Cravath stacked set Sherwood Magoe's throwing arm. Gavvy went to third on laft, and stopped when Magoe got the ball. Sherwood had no

KELLY-TRYING TO STICK A TIGHTWAD



TRENCH WORK TO LAY OUT 36-HOLE GOLF LINKS AT ATLANTIC CITY WILL BE HELD OVER TILL OCTOBER

After Bean Crop to Be Planted on New Ground Is Reaped Donald Ross Will Plot Great Course-Shots of Tournament

COUNTRY CLUB OF ATLANTIC CITY.

NORTHFIELD, N. J. May 3.

Work on the elaborately planned now golf course of the Country Club here.

It is seldom the good shots of golf that It is seldom the good shots of golf that

will not be started until September or pos- make all the difference in the world

"Cussed" Shots

Corkran took his stance for the simple

divot-destroyer so soon as he should have holed what looked to be the winning putt.

At the same time Ed Clarey, a tourne

winner of dimensions in Philadelphia las

season, was getting set at the seventeenth to shatter the dope. Ife had a 5-4 for a tie, but had figured to grass a bird or two and attack the gold medallion for himself. His

long, wandering drive undid all his proud planning. A sportive finger of the wind poked it into a pit far to the right, and be-

fore he got within putting length Carey was battling his ball out of long grass, old ap-ple trees and everything in general but the

fairway. He miss. a wee putt at the home pin to complete th, wreckage. The Wood-bury golfer had a 4 for a 38 to the ninth

and garnered a 7. The fifth hole got just as

much abuse today as it did yesterday in the qualifying rounds. Few players in any six-teen rang the bell at the bottom of the cup

a 5. Yesterday Frank Higgins, the hero of

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the hour for a long time with his 86, which was the first to break 90, had the ione honor

stibly October. As was announced earlier in the week, the ground on which the course will be set. will be faid open by the flow very shortly. and vegetables will be introduced in seed-

let sprinklings had been engaged to begin laying out the home pin with a short putt for an \$2 to beat links on June 1, but war has cut into the the low score of 1, 8 P. Randolph, Jr. the schemes of the Northfield committee and lovely at \$3. had been engaged to begin laying out the

Atlantic City will eventually maintain wo eighteen-hole courses, making, with Merion, two such layouts in the Philadelplea district. Plans figure the new course as one of the finest of its kind, and there Which Corkran did not, and the gallery set tled back on his beels again. will be strenuous efforts made to land a United States amateur championship in time for the two courses, Old Glory, on a great must, cracked in the breeze today beside the clubhouse in anticipation.

It is planned to hold the fall tourney here as usual though patriotism rules strongly. Nearly all the members are hot for the farming idea, and most have signed up

The new ground is nearly 150 acres and much of this will be set aside for the crop-

Rural Plans Rule

Beans and potatoes will be the victims f the amateur planter's zeal Members of the amateur planter's zeal Members are asked either to put in \$10 and two hours of labor the week, or \$25 for the season, guaranteeing to pay for labor if they can't

do their bit themselves.

Maurice Risley, who wins medals here, went off linst in the qualifying round yesterday and kept every one in a tremor for terday and kept every one in a fremor for wondering if he would cop again. But he couldn't do anything more desperate than fall into a triple tie at 83, due to putting fallacy. Old friend Charles Leonard Fletcher, a prominent actor who holds the world's record for golf holes played in a year, only played fifty-one holes the day before the tournament here and didn't get going very well for that reason in the qualifying round. He made a game effort

of Ring Bouts Last Night

Duran. Young Erne outfought Kid Alberts.
ALLENTOWN—Homer Smith knocked out Sallor Jock Carrelt, third; Joe Stefanik stopped Johnny Williams, first; Joe McCarron knocked out Young Tendler, third.
ATLANTIC CITY (amateur) — Johnny Viggl defeated Johnny Smith, M Monroe stopped Frank Camasea, second; Herbert Jones beat Mickey Gordon, Freeds Welsh won from Tommy Gross, Charles Bender defeated Frankie Artess, Voung Robideau quit to Ambrose Johnny, second; Churles Martin stopped Frankle Ritchie, second.

six-foot list of entries till Charles F. Mill threw on the crimps with a nippy 4. Even twelves and thirteens at the hole were not

It is the "cursed" shots.

Take, for instance, the work of B. Warren Corkran, of Baltimore brilliance, in vesterday's seashore qualifying round. When the drive on the metal was the heaviest and most anything leoked luminous so long as it was better than \$3. Corkran came to the empopular yesterday. A vigorous match, with excitement ram pant, was the 90-off between J. H. Lippin-cott and J. S. Coale. On the short fourth Lippincott strugged his shoulders carelesslike after greening his ball, and then sank a nice two. Meantime Coale was plunging his iron assertment into the turning till the last putt, while the gallery got set on its toca to rush forward and congratulate the Dixie

The greens here are a real comfort. Holes are catching the putts from every angle.

Evening Ledger Decisions

BROADWAY C. - Young dor Borrell dreaw with Darby Caspar, Mucke's Riles de-feated see Dillon, Johnny Russa guilt to Johnny Moore, third: Frankle Creadien heat dee Eusan, Mike Russell 13d Mike READING—Jimmy Murphy defeated Stan-ley Willis, Zip Hauge stopped Steve Col-emby, fifth: Yoong Sharkey won from Frankle Conway, Happy Davis bent Barney Dugna, Young Lime outfought Kid Alberts.

of an 8 was holed out. He bided his time and finally got back at Lappincott on the tenth, when he holed a nice putt himself for a 2. The enemy took 6.

OTHER SPORTS ON PAGE 9

FLYING SHOT AND BURSTING SHELL FAIL TO DAMPEN BASEBALL ARDOR OF TRENCH FIGHTERS IN EUROPE

Canadian Troops Find Diversion in Favorite American Sport, Played on Plowed Fields Close Behind the Firing Line

By GRANTLAND RICE

Sport back of the firing lines of France may soon be taken up by Amer-ican divisions. In view of this the following letter from a member of the Canadian expeditionary force may be doubly interesting:

"Dear Mr. Rice-I have long been reader of your column, because I am a fan. And being a returned soldier from the front with the Canadian expeditionary forces. Third Hattalion, First Brigade, I thought I would let you know something about bomb throwing and what effect it would have on the Huns if Walter Johnson, Alexander, Ruth, Cicotte, Morton, Dauss or any of those with great whips were in a bomb en-

"In the first place, it is not speed that cointed upon unless it is getting the bomb away once you pull the pin, and in the second place, it is not a baseball throw that nurls the bomb hito the trenches. It is more of a throw on the style of a cricket player with an overhand delivery that loops the bomb into the enemy trench. A straight throw, such as an outfielder's peg or a slap across the diamond, would invariably hit the top of the parapet and do no mortal damage, which is not what a bomb is intended to do.

About Baseball in France

"Let me tell you, Mr. Rice, about baseball France. We Canucks surely did have to have a game to try to get our minds off the heil that was going on, and it would have done Ban Johnson's heart good to see have done Ban Johnson's heart good to see two rival teams playing within a mile and a half of the firing line behind their billets, pro tem, en route further lack. The heavies' were playing all around the plowed field and the stone-based diamond, but the gang kept on playing as though they were on some back lot in Toronto, and it was actually stated that the left fielder on A Company made a mistake and chased what he thought was a long fly sale to discover that it was a four-pounder only to discover that it was a four-pounder from the Huns that lit and puffed up in the next field. This happened at Zillebeke.

"I am telling you these facts just to show you how the Canucks carry even hough they are intermingled in all the most ivid essences of hell. Sport is the only elaxation for a nerve-wrecked body, and, believe me, the wrecking crew is saturated throughout France. Therefore, do not let them cut out baseball because you are in this scrap, but carry on and, as the trench song soes. Put all your troubles in your old kit bag, and smile, smile, smile, "Another thing I would like to tell you is

that there are not anything like the numher of United States natives in the Canuck her of United States natives in the canaca army that they teil about What there are of them are as good as any of the best, and we only wish there were a couple of hundred thousand more of them. Most of the boys who came to Canada to enlist from the States were former Canadians or

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from Great Britain. We had one on our team who came from Brooklyn, and he de-cared the fun he was having had sitting in the bleachers watching the Dodgers play heaten to a frazzle. It is SOME game over there and I should like to get back to it. but that is impossible now, and we who have returned look to see many of your boys take our places, for God knows we have done our bit. Sincerely.

No. 7.128—A Co., 3d Bat., 1st Brigade, Canadian Expeditionary Force."

As a Training Force

Several of those who have been to the front tell us that the athletes have a far easier time of it than those who are un-trained in sport. They take to the military training and the marching much easier are not harassed and bothered by the soreness and stiffness which beset the non-athletes—and all together are far beyond their untrained mates. And any game that can be enjoyed—that can produce a thrill— within a mile or so of the firing line is considerable affair.

Now that we have conscription, those not yet pointing in the general direction of German lines should be encouraged to continue their sport and thereby to build up heir physical capacities to the last possible

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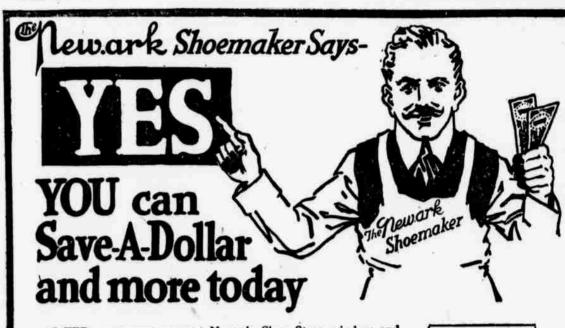
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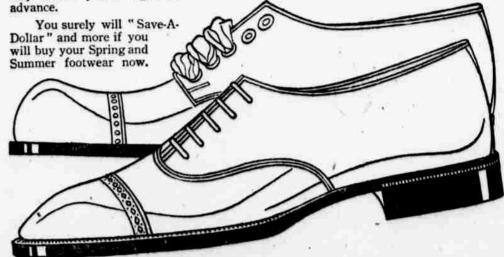
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