# EY GIVE JOFFRE KEYS TO CITY, WHY NOT GIVE CLAUDE COOPER AN ALARM CLOCK?

# ACE FOR NATIONAL PENNANT NS TODAY — WESTERN TEAMS VADE THE EAST FOR FIRST TIME

is Clashes With Phils and Should Make Interesting for Moran's Men—Athletics part for Mound City-Open Tomorrow

for the National League pennant begins today, when the invaders Test clash with the representatives of the East in the first important year. Tomorrow the American League will find out where it stands from this side of the continent mix with those near the Great carly five weeks intersectional contests have been played and it has break. Two western and two eastern clubs are in first division in with the former making the better showing in the National. New se senior organization, with St. Louis second, Chicago third and the In the American, Boston and New York are first and second, with Cleveland trailing. The National League race seems more exciting, the games will be played here where we can see them.

the season started it was predicted that the East, as of yore, would pennant-winning teams. The Giants were picked to win the Tener he Red Sox and the Yankees favorites for the other. The Chicago so were counted in the running and they are close to the top at the But it has been impossible to get a line on the teams on the of the circuit, as they have been playing among themselves, and they ry, very strong or very, very weak. They seem to be rather good, howable of making the easteners step some when they mingle. Today will see what kind of a team they have in St. Looey, Chicago meets innati goes to New York and Boston will entertain Pittsburgh. The Giants seem to have the best of it and should easily win from their but Brooklyn and the Phils have their work cut out for them.

western clubs are in the better shape, as they have not encountered terrible weather and more games have been played. This has d the pitchers considerably and their curves and slants should worry nders of the East. St. Looey has played nineteen games, the Cubs hree, Cincinnati twenty-four and Pittsburgh twenty-two, while lead this section with only sixteen

dinals Will Make Phils Hustle in Four-Game Series

HUGGINS and his reconstructed Cardinals will be with us today, and sch that they will make things interesting for the home-town boys. are not in the best of shape and will experience some difficulty in putting ess. St. Louis, on the other hand, has been going at top speed, and so far as to push the Glants out of first place for a day. This is cona feat and the team will bear watching. It seems strange, however, in the Missouri city do not appear to be taking the team seriously n't realize that they have a good club in their city and continue to howl playing and hard luck. Defects are being found in the infield, outfield, d catchers, and Old Man Gloom reigns supreme. The club was sold this to the citizens of St. Louis, and perhaps the new flock of bosses are taking too seriously. The Cards look much better than their advance notices. dition to that they have the edge on managers. Miller Huggins had ast year, while Branch Rickey, former pilot of the Browns, occupies the ent. Two heads always are better than one, and Rickey's advice will

s for the Phils, they are facing quite a handicap. After regaining their stride ng five in a row, they encountered frigid weather and rain, which threw off their stride and seriously affected the pitching staff. Yesterday sy got off to a bad start and lost to the Clants, and the day before Jim who always had the Indian sign on McGraw's crowd, lost out by a small It was the weather and nothing else that is to blame, and unless the sun shine and we get some real warm days the home crowd will be up

WOULD not be at all surprising to see St. Louis take the first de of games. The visitors are going good and have not yet experithe rigors of the North. As soon as they get acclimated, however, Ill be even-Steven and the Phils will have more of a chance

### Mittaburgh, With Weakest Team in Years, Meets Braves

he generally accepted notion that the Pirates are about the weakest thing had the temerity to venture upon a major league campaign, and their ding bears out this belief. In the Chinese language, where one reads bottom up, they lead the league; but that isn't much consolation. For n or other, Jimmy Callahan has not been able to get his club together chers bust all existing altitude records every time they step on the A few weeks ago Callahan announced that he was pleased with his corps, and now the other clubs are more than pleased with it. It awfully nice in helping them win games, and it is hoped that it keeps his means, according to the dope, that the Braves will have an easy time move up a few notches in the race. But baseball is uncertain and you

not generally known out this way, but the Cubs have designs on the It's a fact, and the Windy City fans are beginning to believe it them-Despite that bunch of hard luck when Wortman and Vic Saler were lost ek, the club has been going good and Fred Mitchell is expected to guide

at a week ago the story came out. The Cubs were after a certain pitcher nents were made for his purchase. President Weeghman wanted him ut before the deal was closed he learned that the Giants also had put in This seemed to rile the boss of the Cubs and he made a stirring speech in he said he would go the limit to prevent McGraw from strengthening his He even went so far, according to the story, as to admit that he would the pitcher altogether than have him sign with New York. And that that happened. While the squabbling was at its height, another club In and took the hurler away.

TERHAPS Weeghman has something up his sleeve to spring later on, at he will have to spring it soon if he is to be taken seriously. The thus far do not measure up to the eastern clubs and this series

### Athletics Will Show True Strength in Western Tour

NIE shipped his gang of maulers to St. Louis last night, where it will the western invasion tomorrow. The team will be away until May 28, that time we will know just how good the 1917 edition really is. Against ton, New York and Boston they won six and lost eleven games, several were tossed away. They have startled the league with their slugging and gained the name of being a most dangerous club. They will have a to prove it against the Browns, White Sox, Cleveland and Detroit.

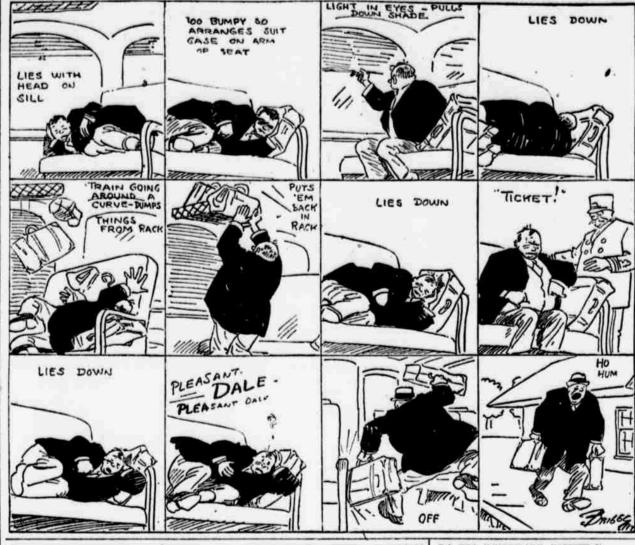
Browns are up in front and the fans in St. Louis are raving about their chances. Fielder Jones has his pitchers working beautifully and there is why they should slow up. Against the White Sox, considered a heavybb, with Collins, Jackson, Schalk and others in the batting order, Ernie a one-hit game and Bob Groom held them hitless. In addition to ere Old Man Plank, Davenport and Sothoron, a youngster who is just They form a very capable corps and the men from the East will something. In fact, it would not be at all surprising if base hits or than straw hats in this city.

ale's sluggers have proved that their batting eyes are in no way, They have hit the ball against the best twirlers in the East, and this them confidence away from home. Yesterday, for example, they made gainst six for the Yankees and the day before they got six. With ng, the first eight men in the batting order are dangerous and likely, the game at any time.

a crime to lose that game to the Yanks yesterday. Several opto score were tossed away and the breaks all went against In the sixth, with a man on third and one on first and none out. ed to steal second and was nipped. The other two men failed and Bodie was stranded on third with the tying score. Ping, busted the ball in fine style, getting a double and a triple. ldn't win the ball game all by himself.

to one critic, who evidently has studied the matter closely, the feats put over this season are due entirely to the cold weather. s have been working for more than two months, and it is eir efficiency better through the frigid season than the ogical explanation, as figures show that in the twentyed in the American League, thirteen have been pitched and October. In 1908, when there were four hitless res came after the weather got cold, from September 16

#### MOVIE OF A MAN TRYING TO SLEEP IN A DAY COACH



the very best obtainable advice. Lean heav-ily on your instructor at the start and save the exercise of any independence of style

or a later date when you have learned

[Editor's Note: Mr. Evans's next article will be entitled, Practicing with Different

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION—I have been using thick handlering on my clubs. But I am told that this andles give better results. What is your opin

ANSWER—Thick handle grips are hardly ad visable because they place the weight at the wrong end of the club.

Mr. Evans will be pleased to answer questions from our readers on Golf, Stamped addressed envelope must be en-

closed to insure reply.

# HOW TO PLAY GOLF

By CHARLES "CHICK" EVANS-

to stand alone.

TN GOLF, as in every other game demand- | the saving of time, I advise beginning with ing skill, beginning right is of the utmost importance. It fitly illustrates the old saying, that a good beginning is half the battle. Nothing of consequence can be done in in a haphazard man-

It hardly seems

vill endure the foun-

hat govern the con-truction of good buildings. Yet in

pite of this time-worn and time -proven assertion,

olfers begin with a



CHICK EVANS. pect to develop in a few years into fine

Wrong Start Fatal

The poor swings, the indifferent stances, all the faults in fact of a wholly unrhythmical game, frequently are due to a wrong start. All subsequent practice can only conrm the errors of the wrong start.

Practice does make perfect, but the repe-tition of error merely sends one further along the wrong road. There is no virtue in practice unless it is the right kind. The wrong kind only confirms bad habits. It is here that good professional instruction be-ginning with the first swing attempted nakes itself felt.

do not say that a good game cannot be built up without professional instruc-tion—I do not want to discourage a man who for any reason cannot get good professional instruction—but the chances are against the self-taught man, for he sets forth upon a long, difficult road, and unless he have the courage and strength to re-trace many a step, to pause and tear down and constantly build anew, he will never accomplish the thing he has set out to do.

### Faulty Work Wastes Labor

It is because I have wasted many precious hours undering faulty work that I try to emphasize the importance of starting right. I learned my first golf at a transition period when the rubber-cored ball was just period when the rubber-corea ball was just beginning to be substituted for the old gutta. New methods of play were then being instituted. Courses had been built for the old ball and the new distances made changes inevitable. I did a vast could be placed on the side of general train ing in patience and endurance Experiments that fail are discouraging things and for that reason, as well as for

#### FATE OF BOXING IN N. Y. NOW IS IN THE BALANCE

ALBANY, N. Y., May 9 .- Reluctantly yielding to the importunities of Governor Whitman, to whose wishes he has yielded on the local option bill, Senator Brown, leader in the Senate, paved the way last night for the repeal of the Frawley boxing

At a conference of the Republican ators, twenty-one members, including Brown, voted to put through the repeal bill. Only seven Senators stood out against the

Speaker Sweet, it is understood, has eighty votes, four more than necessary, pledged to shoot the bill through the lower

While the twenty-one Senators who voted in the conference are not enough to pass the measure, Senator Brown is said to count on obtaining united party sup-



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# JACK M'INNIS KEEPS **UP DAILY SLUGGING**

Mack's First Baseman Has Made One Bingle in Every Game Played to Date

"Stuffy" McInnis's record for hitting safely in consecutive games is still un-broken. The Athletics first baseman made his regular daily hit yesterday, making seventeen games in a row that he had made at least one single. Wheat holds the record, hitting safely in twenty-nine con-secutive games last year.

The order of the batting leaders in the National League is slightly changed as a result of yesterday's campaigning.

In the American League Speaker is still in front, but with a reduced batting aver-age. Sisler improved his standing, and age. Sisler improved his standing, now is only twelve points behind the Cleve-

wrong end of the club.

QUESTION—I do not seem able to evercome
my fault of trying to hit the bail too hard.
Can you suggest anything that will help me?

ANSWER—Since you have diagnosed your difficulty the remedy is in your own hands. When
you are driving, just stop and remember that
in swinging too hard the chances are BP out of
100 that you will slice, puil or top the bail.
It is just a question of confidence and calmass
with you. Remember that what little you might
gain in distance when you swing too hard you
will more than likely lose because of lack of
precision.

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always less delay, with few exceptions,

Winter League Stuff

Baseball has been too badly frozen since opening day to give the genial dope any logical outlet. Conditions have been en-tirely too adverse to judge clubs or indi-

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# SWIFT-WORKING, SMART-THINKING ATHLETE GETS THE CALL IN ALL DEPARTMENTS OF SPORT GAME

Frigid and Soggy Weather Conditions Fail to Furnish Outlet for the Genial Dope of the Early Ball Season

By GRANTLAND RICE

from being the general rule.

On the average the star is a fast worker, with few false actions, with no undue waste, with nervous tension not permitted to grow through any extended delay. And this goes for more games than one.

In baseball the fastest working pitching we have ever seen was that of Christy Mathewson. When Matty worked, as a rule, you could figure the span of the game from an hour and thirty minutes to an hour and forty

He wasn't out there posing or chewing on the ball or making extended flourishes. His idea was to pitch. Having fine control.

he wasted few throwa. What he did count-ed. The result was a short game. Walter Johnson and Alexander are both along the same lines. Neither is a viow, deliberate worker. Both hustle their games along and rarely ever go beyond an hour and forty minutes to achieve their ultimate destinles for the day.

Games are delayed and held up by slow pitching more than by any other factor. And when the stars are pitching there is

Very few of the great golfers belong to the deliberative, lagging type. Travers, Ouimet and Evans step up, hit the ball and move along. Bob Gardner travels along at a fast clip, taking very little time for his shots, John G. Anderson, Phil Carter and Oswald Kirkby are three of the fastest

Careful play is all very well enough, but too much deliberation kills impetus.

The slow golfer is very rarely a good player. Alexander Smith, twice open cham-plon, plays like a streak. Virtually every leading pro, spins through a round at good speed. Delay and deliberation are too often merely a strain upon nervous energy,

With Joe Jackson under .240, Eddie Col-lins around .230, Frank Baker way off and

lins around .230, Frank Baker way off and other stars far out of gear, several weeks may follow before the depressed athletes get going at normal speed.

Detroit, with a team batting average of .202, is a joke. A club that numbers Cobb. Veach. Crawford and Hellman belongs around .260. The Tigers led the American Lengue upon attack last year, being far stronger than the Red Sox in this respect, but the same club up to date through the

but the same club up to date through the cold and chilly spasms has looked like an orphan asylum with the pip.

Figures compiled in the presence of cold

ONCE in a while the slow, deliberate type | winds, abundant rains and other annoying details mean very little. Yet all these barricades haven't bothered Tris Speaker to any notable extent. And so far they haven' annoyed Eddie Roush in any noticeable

Baseball, being a warm-weather game will only produce true form among the morose athletes when warm weather arrives.

"The suggestion has been made that golf courses be plowed up." Golf courses have been plowed up for the last five years—the only difference being that a mashie and a niblick have been used by the energetic duffer in place of a plow.

Add "If" Stuff

And how about the Tigerst-Perhaps they would give up If in their box were Johnson And Ruth and Shore and Schupp.

Just one more little sccret-The golf champ would be And putt like Jerry T.

"No man," says Colonel William A. Sunday, "could ever be called a greater pitcher than Mathewson. But if any one pitcher could be called as great the name wer John Clarkson, the nonparell of his decade."
One assignment that we would never care
to take would be the job of proving that any certain pitcher was a greater workman than Mathewson—a more valuable pitcher or a greater one.

"You have never answered my query," writes a man, "as to which of the two is the greater infielder—Jack Barry or Arthur Fletcher. How about it?" Comparing a second baseman in the American League with a shortstop in the National League is no plum-colored job. Fletcher is much the best man on attack, with Barry just a triffe steadler on infield play. Both are aggressive, valuable types, but their daily assign-



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