PLACE THE BASEBALL WAR LEVY WHERE IT REALLY BELONGS-STICK IT ON THE UMPIRES

ALEXANDER VANQUISHES CARDINALS AND PUTS CRIMP INTO THE WESTERN INVASION; ALLOWS BUT FOUR HITS

Premier Pitcher Also Stages Sensational Fielding Play Which Prevents Score-Phils Loaf on Base Lines and Fail to Run Out Hits

THE Phils accomplished something when they defeated St. Louis yesterday. notwithstanding the closeness of the score. They walleped a team which has startled the National League and set such a hot pace in the West that the Giants were in danger of losing their roosting place at the top of the official standing. The Cards journeyed eastward full of fight and ready to make a clean sweep in their games with the clubs of this section. They were in condition to do it, but yesterday they bit off more than they could chew. Instead of mingling with a mediocre team, they met one just as strong as they and one that had as much pep and aggressiveness. It was a glorious victory for the Moranmen; and it came after a couple of bad breaks. In the first inning, with the bases loaded and only one out, Bancroft was called out when Umpire Bill Klem ruled that he stepped into the path of the ball when F. Smith hurled it home to get him at the plate. From where we were sitting it looked as if Banny was the victim of circumstances and unjustly accused. But Klem was closer to the play; and his word is law, anyway. Again, in the fourth, when Whitted was presented with a double by J. Smith, he was allowed to perish on the eack while three of his slugging teammates bit the dust.

But it was a glorious victory for the Phils; it was even more glorious for Grover C. Alexander. The big twirler was in wonderful shape and pitched his best game this year. Only four hits were made off him, two of them being rather fluky and coming in one inning. He tightened up, however, every time danger threatened, and the way he burned them in was beautiful to behold. In the fourth inning he proved to all of the freezing fanatics that his \$12,500 salary is not too much for his services. After Bescher retired on a foul, Betzel hit one to Nichoff which was too hard for Bert to handle. J. Smith rolled another near second, but Bancroft got the ball too late to make a play at first. Then Banny foozled on Miller's easy roller and the footpaths were clogged

Then Alex asserted himself. Rogers Hornsby, the best hitter on the club, strolled up to the plate and was handed three balls on the outside which he failed to hit. Cruise, another slugger, followed, and he too struck out. It wasn't an easy to fan this pair, but Grover the Great used all the stuff he had, and who can hit the Nebraskan when he is right?

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T THAT, Alexander would have had a hard time of it if Blil Klem A hadn't been behind the plate. Bill is one of the best umpires in the league on balls and strikes, and he called them right. Alex worked the corners on nearly every batter, and klem didn't miss one. That his work was satisfactory was proved by the absence of strenuous "kicks" from the opposing batters.

. . . Phils Are Slow in Running Out Hits

THERE was considerable loafing on the bases yesterday, and it seemed as if most of it was done between the home plate and first base. In the third inning Bancroft hit one to Betzel at second and was so slow in getting down that Betzel has time to fumble the ball, klok it around and retire the runner. In the eighth Banny lifted a high fly behind second and loafed to first as the ball fell safe. Had he put on a little speed he easily could have reached second, as that base was unguarded. Niehoff, too, fell asleep, and in the fourth could have reached first safely after the second baseman tried his best to convert an easy grounder into an error. The only man on the team who really ran out his hits was Gavvy Cravath. Every time he pasted the bail he tore down the baseline as if his life depended upon it. He did not place so much dependence on the perfect fielding of the foe

Cravath also fielded well, accepting three difficult chances without a miss. The others did well on the defense. Bancroft's error being the only one to mar a perfect day. But the prize stunt of the afternoon was pulled by Alexander in the second and prevented a score. Jack Miller led off with a double and Hornsby followed with a hard smash to the right of the pitcher. Miller was off when the ball hit the bat and it looked as if he would reach third with miles to spare. Alex. however, rushed over and grabbed the ball with one hand, making such a sensational stop that Miller stood still, too amazed to move. The pitcher ran over and tagged him and quickly shot the ball to first, where Hornsby almost was caught napping.

THIS one play took a lot of life out of the Cardinals, for they realized that Alexander was a wonderful fielder as well as a pitcher. They acted differently after that and, save in the fourth inning, never had a chance to score.

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. . . Athletics Lose First Game to the Crippled Browns

JUST because Frank Thrasher was slow in fielding Ernie Johnson's single in the eighth inning St. Louis scored a run and defeated the Athletics in the first game of the series yesterday. It was a tough game to lose, especially now that the club is resting in last place, and Connie has no desire to stay there. Jing Johnson pitched a good game and deserved to win had he received the proper support. The Mackmen, however, made a favorable impression and lived up to the slugging reputation which made them famous in the East. Of the six hits made off Davenport, four were for extra bases. Fing Bodie came through with a home-run wallop in the fourth, Strunk had two doubles and Bates a two-bagger. For the first time this year Stuffy McInnis went hitless, breaking his batting streak of seventeen straight games. The Browns did not put their strongest team in the field. George Sisler, the leading batsman of the league, has a sprained thumb, and Del Pratt, the regular second-sacker, is suffering from a broken bone in his right wrist. To make matters worse, it was announced before the game that Carl Wellman, the tall left-hander, would be forced to undergo an operation for the removal of a kidney. This will keep him out of the same for the remainder of the season. . . .



By GRANTLAND RICE A Song of the Trench

Today we work or fight or dream, But who thinks of Tomorrow? Today we see the sunlight stream, But who will see Tomorrow? Time was we saw years speed away, Or months drift by in idle play. But now life only means Today, For who will know Tomorrow?

It may be Fate will yield the blies Of knowing a Tomorrow; But only dreamers think of this Or look to a Tomorrow; Today is quite enough to sight The flame that flares above the fight Where life is like the candle light That never knows Tomorrow.

T MAY be that one Walter Johnson is must do the work. And the West can only I drifting back. So far as the record travels in the way of results he has bumped against the toughest spring start of his career. The count so far shows two vic-tories against four defeats. Pittsburgh isn't missing Wagner any more than Germany would miss the Kaiser Anyway, the odds are that Jess Willard ould be enticed to a hig benefit given for But this might he considered, also. In two of his defeats Johnson allowed but two hits. In still another game he was shut out. Jess Willard. Figure from this just what chance the Idaho

There are faster men in baseball than Ty Cobb, but they don't get where they are howitzer had of beating back unkempt Fate. Records are arranged not only from what you may do, but from what may happen in going to quite as soon. The Yanks could win a pennant if they could keep from being broken up, just as the way of support. It wouldn't have taken cut glass, dropped to a stone floor, wouldn't break if it was iron.

Golf competitions may be abolished for the season, but it will take something more

World's Record Idea

and a good close game may be expected. McKenty, who is having a try-out with the Phillies, and who has averaged about six-teen strike-outs in the last four games, will be in the box, with Waples on the receiv-ing end. Fleming and Hansen will be the battery for Towanda.

FRAWLEY BOXING LAW IN **NEW YORK KILLED NOV. 15**

ALBANY, May 11.—Boxing in New York under the protection and direction of the Frawley law permitting ten-round no de-cision contests will come to an end Novem-ber 15 next. Boxing, it is expected, will continue in a desultory fashion under the old system of putting on bouts before "mem-bers" of "clubs." but the days of the big, well-netronized bouts are numbered. well-patronized bouts are numbered

NORTH STAR III IS OUT OF BIG KENTUCKY DERBY

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 11.-North Star III, one of A. K. Macomber's entries for the famous turf classic, the Kentucky Derby,





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NONNIE'S men are not disheartened and will go at the enemy harder C than ever today. Noyes is slated to do mound duty and will oppose Earl Hamilton.

Connie Mack Patriarch of Major League Pilots

CONNIE MACK is the patriarch of the pilots in the big leagues. Jack Barry, his pupil, is the junior member of the managerial organization. The average age of the big league pilots is forty-two, and as Connie boasts of fifty-four years upon earth he is found to be the oldest. Barry is only thirty. Eight of the dictators are between forty and fifty and six are in their thirtles and the remaining two are above the half-century mark. Massachusetts and Pernsylvania have a monopoly upon the managerial talent, the Bay State contributing haif a dozen and the Keystone State four. Six different States sent forth the remaining half dozen.

Moran, Mitchell, Donovan, Callahan, Connie Mack and Robinson are the products of the Bay State, while Pennsylvania is responsible for Jennings, Mathewson, Jones and Fohl. Stallings is a native of Georgia. Muggsy McGraw came from New York, Rowland halls from Wisconsin, Jack Barry from Connecticut, Huggins from Ohio and Griffith from Missouri. Griffith is the only big league leader who comes from the other side of the Mississippi.

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WHAT punishment could be considered severe enough to equal Pitcher Davenport's feat of stopping our "Stuffy's" record of consecutive hits per game? We might venture a half-hearted wish that he never earns a no-hit game, but we can't even do that, because Dave pliched a no-hit game against the Chicago Federals in 1915. Let's hope he never gets one in a regular league. . . .

Swarthmore Is Proper Opponent for Straw Hat Day

AFTER shifting several dates and shuffling up a few colleges, Penn finally has selected an opponent for the belated straw hat day baseball game. At first t was Harvard, then Brown and now it is Swarthmore College. The Red and Blue made the best selection possible, as the Quaker college virtually is a Philadelphis institution and more than local interest will result. In addition to that, Swarthmore has a good baseball team this year and will give Penn a hard battle. Johnny Ogden has pitched a no-hit game and the other players are above the ordimary. It will be a very good ball game and should pave the way for more events of this kind in the future.

Swarthmore stands in the front rank of the minor colleges in this section and ways worries the larger opponents. Last year the football team defeated Penn. Lafayette and others, and the baseball team always has been a stumbling block. In basketball the quintet seldom fails to make good, and, taking it all in all, more gnition should be given to the school in the suburbs. In fact, a contest ith Swarthmore should be one of the big events at the University of Pennsylania and the baseball game on Straw Hat Day is a move in the right direction. . . .

PENN need not travel far for suitable opponents on the athletic field. In the western part of the State the University of Pittsburgh holds forth and the teams there cannot be sneered at. The football team won hip last fall, and if the game is played this year they should A few more contests with teams in this State will help con-

any sudden wrench in the break of the game to have started Johnson away with four victories against two defeats. But this is an age where results are 95 per cent of the total.

John L. and Jess W.

Can any one imagine John Lawrence Sul-livan when he was at the top being invited to such a benefit as that given to French sailors the other night-and then refusing come? Yet there are those who wonder why old

Yet there are those who wonder why old John L. was a popular idol and why it is that Jess Willard is a drab outline against a dull gray sky. Willard was to be the feature of this entertainment. He failed to appear. If he had a reason, he failed to give it out. Apparently he didn't give a rap what any one thought—or whether the Deschaption and the second sec French sailors were disappointed or not Which is an excellent tip-off on the fight

game today as handed out by its leading exponent. The In-Bad Association

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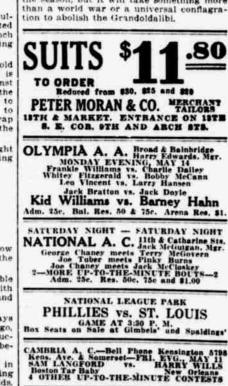
Wrestlers Second division managers after July. The guy who missed the Kaiser.

The Western Test

The highly efficient Red Sox are now facing their first extreme test along the third lap of three pennants in a row. The three eastern clubs were not able to annoy them to any great extent, with Babe Ruth interposing his left arm and is batting eye.

But there are evidences of rougher days along western highways. Facing Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and St. Louis in succession while the latter are entrenched be-hind home ramparts is another matter. The Red Sox have always done well in the West. Most of their pennant winning tactics were employed upon western fields. Last September they reached the front by cutting the souls out of Chicago and De-

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