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FREDDIE FULTON WOULD BE UNDISPUTED CHAMPION IF OTHERS WOULD ADMIT HIS TITLE

JOHNNY EVERS, TIME'S GRANDEST HUMAN SHOCK ABSORBER, SIGHS FOR JUST ONE MORE COMEBACK

Auto Smashups, Business Reverses, Broken Legs, Neuritis and Umpires Fail to Put Him Out. A's Winning Streak Is Thriller

WE ARE betting that Jawn Evers still has a few more years of good baseball left in his system. This extreme optimism is not based on inside dope or anything like that, but on past performances of the scrappy Trojan, who has been chased by the umpire more often than any two players in the league. Johnny has the nerve. He will not admit defeat. Every time he appears to be down and out he fights harder than ever and climbs to the top. That is why we are shedding this ray of sunlight the day after Pat Moran signed his name to a contract.

We call Evers the "Human Crab." He deserves the title, for he won it fairly and squarely in his fourteen years under the Big Top. It's the cold truth that we think of Johnny most as a crabbed, scrappy ball player-a grand player, but an awful grouch. But this should not be held against him. All of us would be grouchy and crabbed if we faced the hard luck that has failen to Johnny in the past. Without doubt he is the most unfortunate player in the game. No player ever has undergone the mental and physical sufferings of the Trojan and perhaps so one will-and remain in the game. The tough luck started in 1909 when Johnny invested his money in a shoe store. He had some left, so he purchased an automobile. While he was learning to drive he saw Jimmy Sheckard standing "on the street corner and asked him to take a ride.

"Not me," said Jimmy; "I want to live a while."

"I'll take a chance," said George McDonald, a Chicago baseball writer, and he climbed in.

There was an accident-and McDonald was killed. Evers was heartbroken and it was thought for weeks that he would crack under the strain. Many say that Johnny has not been the same since. The next year his shoe business failed, and again his friends predicted he would suffer a nervous breakdown. However, he came back strong in the spring of 1910 and was playing his best game when he broke his leg sliding home. That put him out for the season. In 1912, more thin and drawn, quiet off the field but more crabbed on it, he came back again. He was the same little fighter of old and played good baseball. In December, 1914, he was seriously ill with pneumonia, but battled the disease and won out.

THEN came this attack of neuritis from which he is said to be suffering at present. He'll come back from that, too-the gamest, scrapplest little fellow who ever played out a string of tough luck to the bitter endand never quit.

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Our A's Are Trying to Emulate the Giants

LAST year when the New York Giants went on a rampage and won twenty-six games in a row the baseball world stood aghast. It was a wonderful record worthy of special mention. However, we have something just as startling today. It is a winning streak, and just as important and sensational as the one put over by the Joints. Hold your breath and get this: The Athletics have won four games in a row, and they did it on alien fields! Could anything be more startling than that? Think of it! Winning more games in four days than they did in a month last year! No wonder there is joy at Twenty-first and Lehigh these days.

But that is not all. Connis a climbers came up for air Wednesday and allowed the lowly Browns of St. Looie to occupy the damp cellar for a time. This looked good, for usually at this time of the year our A's have a stranglehold on last place and refuse to even be moved.

Early in the season Manager Mack said that if he could beat out one club in the American League he had a chance to win the pennant. He seems to have his wish about beating one club, but the winning of the pennant is something else again. He has a great ball club composed of youthful sluggers, and there is no telling what may happen in the distant future. Boston won the gonfalon in 1914 after a furious drive from the bottom, so why shouldn't history repeat? Despite the injury to Witt, the team is playing swell baseball. Joe Dugan, the youthful collegian, is sitting in at short and fields his position like a veteran. He is not batting very well, but that cannot be expected his first year. Grover is slamming the ball and Jamieson is hitting around .300 since joining the club. The others are worrying the pitchers, and if they keep up the good work a few more victories will hang on their belts.

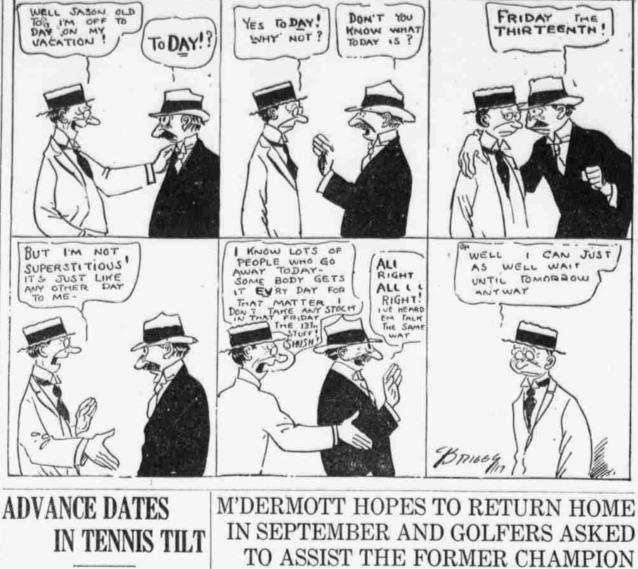
But the secret of it all is in the pitchers. At last Connie's hurling corps is in good shape and the team is winning. Myers, Bush, Noyes, Seibold, Schauer and Jing Johnson are speeding them across, and the other players can't help playing good ball.

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Ferocious Fredward Fulton Is About to Claim Crown

FREDWARD FULTON, the Furious, is in again. After a brief sojourn in the wilds of Rochester, Minn., he returned to the United States with his old manager under his wing and a deep-laid plot to cop the championship from Jess Willard. This is nothing new, for Fredward has pulled the same stuff before. A year or so ago, when Mikel Collins steered his frail craft through the shoals of the pugilistic sea, the championship was captured a couple of times a day. Mike lost his voice, so he was canned and a guy named Force inherited the job. Force couldn't talk loud enough, so he got the gate and Collins resumed where he left off. His first

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



National Championships Will Begin August 20 for Military Reasons

TO AID PLAYERS IN SERVICE

What might be called "military nece sity" has brought about a change in the schedule of the National Lawn Tennis As-The date of the National Singles Patriotic Tournament has been adcanced from August 39 to August 20. It will be played at the West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills, and will continue for ne week. The National Junior and Boys' hampionships which were scheduled to held the same week will begin August 23.

This change will bring the National Sin-gles Patriotic Tournament within the two weeks intervening between the end of the first training camps August 12 and the beginning of the second camps, August 27. This makes it possible that several of the first ten who are now in training for commissions will be able to play at Forest Hills. The men in camp include R, Norris Williams, C. J. Griffin, Watson M. Washburn, Willis E, Davis and Dean Mathey, and there is a good chance that they can enter this tournament. William H. Johnston, the one-time champion, is com-ing East the latter part of July and doubtess will be able to play.

ROBERTSON IS RE-ENGAGED AS CHIEF PENN TRAINER

Asylum-Rapidly Regaining Health F EVERYTHING goes well, John J. Mc- | the medals were awarded, the elder Smith Dermott, the Philadelphia youngster who vas the first American-born professional to was the first American-born professional towin the open golf championship of this country, will leave the State Insane Asylum at Norristown, where he has been for the

last three years, and return to his home in West Philadelphia. The golfers of Philadelphia have been asked to help attain this end, and some time this week they will receive a letter from Harrison Townsend, for ten years secretary and treasurer of the Golf Asso-ciation' of Philadelphia, asking for funds for that purpose. McDermott's condition has improved so materially that the physi-cians have told Mr. Townsend that he will cians have told Mr. Townsend that he will be well enough to move some time in Sep-tember. The thought is to have an at-tendant with him at Jack's home so that at all times he will have expert attention and care. But in order to do this money will be necessary, and Mr. Townsend hopes that the golfers of Philadelphia will take this burden off McDermott's shoulders.

While Jack made big money, it has been gone for several years, and the cost of his maintenance at Norristown has been de-frayed largely by the golfers of Philadel-Mr. Harrison will be pleased to acphia.

cept any contributions, and these may be sent to him at 1000 Chestnut street. Greatest of Golfing Machines

There is no doubt that McDermott is the Leaves for Plattsburg to Take Charge of Athletic Activities this country at the Philadelphia Cricket Chub, in 1910, he was a finished golfer. Shortly before that tournament, he sent out a lot of challenges to every professional

Haughton and Fate champion would be an American, and that he would be the particular American. No one took much stock in his remark, but it came true the following year.

Wins Open Title Twice

Harrison Townsend Expects to Have Marvelous

Player Removed From Norristown Insane

The championship was held at Buffalo and McDermott, Mike Brady and George Simpson tied for first honors, and in the play-off McDermott proved to be the winnor. Not content with this, he won the title outright the following year with Tom McNamara, another home bred, second. And one of the strange things about the boast of McDermott is that not a single foreign-born professional has won the open title since 1910, when Smith cantured it title since 1910, when Smith captured it.

Then came the tragedy. Ray and Vardon made a tour of the country in 1913. opening here with a match with the Mc-Nichols brothers, and not once on their tour were they beaten. But there was a big open tournament at Shawnee a few weeks before the open championship, and, playing some of the most brilliant golf of his brilliant career, McDermott won the event That evening the prizes were awarded. In the meantime, through the coaching of George A. Crump, the rough diamond had been polished and he had got over his hatred of the foreign-born professional. So when McDermott made a little speech in which he good-naturedly said that the British players might as well go home, for the next open championship would be won by an American, no one thought anything about It Unfortunately it crept into the newspapers

400 HITTERS ALMOST EXTINCT. PRESENT SEASON BEING FIFTH SINCE COBB LAST HIT THE MARK

Eighteen Summers Have Fled Since National Player Attained Wonder Point-But Five Have Scored in Twenty Years in Both Leagues

> By GRANTLAND RICE The Princess Pats

("Out of the original regiment only twenty remain.") No need to call the roll today; No need to read the scroll today; No need to seek for friends you knew among the first command; Small use—you know the rest of it, The worst of it—the best of it—

Where Fate has written each address-"Somewhere in No Man's Land."

the winning score

Somewhere in No Man's Land today You'll find the first command today, From Neuve Chapelle to Vimy Ridge, wherever they were sent; Their share? A triple store of it, They did their bit, and more of it, So here's to twenty who returned where 1400 went.

TY COBB, we are told, is making a drive those who understand the psychology of war know that well-drilled discipline and force of habit are the factors which devise this height twice in his career, and he may get there again-but the odds are

It must be a harassing, throbbing, pal-pitating, nerve-racking proposition for the American soldier facing first-line trenches as to whether he is to be called Sammy or Teddy. We don't see how they can sleep, pondering upon the terrific gravity of the issue at stake. heavily against his arrival. Rounding up a 400 mark is the last word in batting art. The last ball players who struck off 400 in the National League were struck off 400 in the National League were Ed Delehanty and Jess Burkett, and that was back in 1899. Eighteen seasons have passed since without a National League star coming within fifteen points of the mark. Hans Wagner reached .380 in 1909 As Revised by the National League Repudiation is veration; An uproar is as bad; An inside fu s Won't bother us,

and Burkett totaled .282 in 1901, but the 400 bos have become extinct. In the seventeen years of American

In the seventeen years of American League history three men have scrambled to the 400 crest. Nap Lajole batted 422 in 1901, Cobb batted 420 and Jacknon 408 in 1911, Cobb then followed with 410 in 1912, 1912 was the last 400 year any eminent Son of Swat has ever known. In And many a red-eyed entry the morning after would like to repudiate the night before. the last twenty years only five men have ever reached .400. They are Burkett, Keeler, Delehanty, Lajoie, Cobb and Jack-

SPEAKER AGAIN

It is only once in a while that Fate piles

livision. The Boston machine will have

Haughton his chance to even up on the sea-

Song of the Links

Many are called, but only a few Ever do better than 92. Many are called, but with many a curse

"Whisky to be abolished." Some dash-

ing song writer should now rise upon his hind legs and dash off a melancholy ditty beginning "Good-by, dear old nineteenth hole, my golfing days are done."

Most of them finish at 90 or worse

ion's count.

ment, with three months still left.

p her honors in separate fields.

Keeler has faded away, Del is dead, La-lole has dropped to the minors, Jackson is now around 280 and Cobb is still toiling up he slope, struggling once more to reach e crowning eminence. Except for a bad start he would be over 60 today. As it is, he has batted around

Tris Ousts Sisler From Run-440 for the last six weeks. To finish at 400 he must now bat 415 or thereabouts the rest of the season. This is no impossible undertaking, but it is a monumental assignner-Up Position-Cobb Makes Gain

CRUISE PASSES ROUSH

But an inquest drives us mad

In football, Percy Haughton went to the top and held the pinnacle for the greater part of six years. He was the main winner over an extended period. But his career as a magnate in baseball has been cluttered in the American League batting race, George Sister finds himself back in the third station with Speaker again in second a magnate in baseball case been cluttered up with disappointment. His club for two seasons made a flurry around the top. But each time it was driven back. Now it is hopelersiy stoppel at mild-season, with only an outside chance of finishing in the first division. The Bactor methods will be a season place. Tris came to bat four times and was credited with three hits, while the best Sisler could collect against the Mackmen was one out of four. Now Speaker has a was one out of four. Now Speaker has a mark of .343 against .340 for the star of the be rebuilt in many spots now before it ever wins again. And there will be no intercol-legiate football this fail that might yield Browns' cast.

Ty Cobb also boosted his mark and is back to .380, two triples and a single out of four official trips to the plate accounting for the advance. McInnis made one hit out of one trip and moved to .319.

Cruise leads Roush by three points with 350. There was no change in the positions of Fischer, Wheat and Hornsby

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player-Club Waivers have been asked on old John Barley Corn. He still had a lot of speed and pep, but practically no control. Individual courage is one thing. But But Ho

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IN SECOND PLACE

After holding second place for two days

act was to visit Tom Andrews in Milwaukee and upset the following:

"WE challenge Jess Willard for a bout of ten, twenty, thirty or nine hundred rounds for the world's championship. If the big truck horse turns US down WE will take the title any way. I shall post \$5000 to bind the match or let it go as a forfelt."

Of course, Mikel did NOT put up the filthy lucre. That wouldn't be according to Hoyle. He made his little talk and immediately congratulated Fulton on having such a good manager. Then he hied himself eastward, where Fredward was to mix with Sam Langford. Sam has seen his best days, so the precocious plasterer stopped him in seven rounds. Next came poor old Porky Flynn, who was good when Broad street was a prairie. Porky took the high dive in short order. Jack Moran was next on the list. He was flattened in three rounds in St. Louis and Fred was much pleased with himself. He evidently forgot that Jack once was his sparring partner and had been flattened many times before.

FERDIE'S quarter-inch forehead is wrinkled in deep thought these days. He wants to box Willard, but before that massacre Frank Moran, Carl Morris and Jim Coffey must be disposed of. Fredward has three good chances in those three fights. He should be a unanimous loser.

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Westerner Offered \$50,000 for Kilbane-Leonard Match

Now that the Kilbane-Leonard match is to be staged in Philadelphia, many offers are being made to match the pair all over the country. The Middle West has had its fling and the habit is traveling toward the Pacific. The latest is a regular honest-to-goodness bid of \$50,000 for a bout to be held in Las Vegas, N. M., and it was sprung in Denver a few days ago. The wealthy person is said to be James R. Hammill, a mining man, who has mines, stocks, a bank account, check book and everything. We don't know who Mr. Hammill is, but he seems to be a regular person if he has that much loose change in his jeans. He seems to have the right idea and dopes it out as follows:

Kilbane is an Irishman and always is aching for a scrap. For that reason he will jump at the opportunity to fight for a \$50,000 purse. That's enough for Johnny.

Leonard, he says, has a man named Leiner for a father, and might be willing to help the family bankroll before he goes to war in order to save the Government from paying a pension. That settles Leonard. The only thing left to be done is to stage the bout, but-

TTHE only thing wrong with the match and purse and everything else is that Hammill hasn't a chance. The champions are matched to appear in Shibe Park on the evening of July 25, and that one engagement will be enough for both parties concerned.

Tennis Players to Raise Ambulance Fund

FOLLOWING the signal success of golfers in supplying needed ambulances and Red Cross supplies, the United States National Lawn Tennis Association soon will start a campaign to raise three ambulance sections to be presented to the United States through the American Red Cross. Not only will the tennis enthuslasts be asked to supply the \$100,000 needed for such a gift, but it is hoped that it will be possible to man the ambulances with tennis players and send the entire outfit to France.

In a plea for national assistance in such a project, George W. Adee, president of the U. S. N. L. T. A., has caused a circular to be sent to every tennis club, and also has sounded several clubs and has received instant support. Mr. Adee asks "at every club donate the largest possible amount. He makes it clear that \$1000 burs one ambulance, marked with the club's name. He asserts that the Country Bub of Westchester, the Field Club of Greenwich and the West Side Tennis Club have each pledged one or more ambulances.

"Many tennis players already are in the service," reads Mr. Adee's plea for "but every one cannot undertake active duty. These ambulance sections offer the chance to help those who can go to France."

Many star players have volunteered to play in a series of patriotic matches. among them are W. M. Johnston, former national champion, and Miss Mary Browne, in California, and Frederick B. Alexander, Harold Throckmorton, Karl H. Behr and Miss Molia Bjurstedt, in New York. R. Lindley Murray, Nathaniel , Niles and S. Howard Voshell may be able to take part in a few of the exist-

FTHESE contests will start about July 20, and will be held at clubs in ting alles throughout the country.

Lawson Robertson, who has been coach Lawson Robertson, who has been couch-ing the University of Pennsylvania track team for the last year, has been re-en-gaged for a term of two years. He will not only look after the track team in the he future, but will handle the football men as

encampment at Plattsburg, where he will remain for a month. He has received a commission to take charge of athletic activities at the camp.

FOURTEEN TWIN BILLS

Wholesale rain postponements have boosted the Phils' list of double-headers to fourteen. Seven will be played here and a like number abroad. The following is the Phils' complete double-header schedule;

At Home-Chicago, today and tomorrow; St. outs. July 23. Pittsburgh. August 16 and 17; iostop. August 30 and 31, Abroad-St. Louis, July 31; Chicago, August i New York. September 5, 6 and 7; Boston, september 8; Chicago, September 21.

around Philadelphia, but only one of them accepted, and he was so soundly beaten that he wished he had not accepted. Jack first learned to play golf over the old Aronimink course in West Philadelphia.

Robertson left last night for the military and while there he caddied for Mr. Townsend at the Merchantville Field Club. When the open championship of 1910 began he was unknown, and even at the end of the first

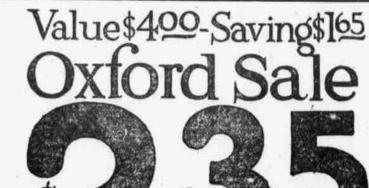
URTEEN TWIN BILLS ON PHILLIES' SCHEDULE Wholesale rain postponements have

brother, Macdonald. The play off was held the following Monday, but the elder Smith was too steady for the youngsters. Mc-Dermott finished second. For some strange, unexplainable reason

McDermott had at that time a violent an-tipathy to all foreign born or bred profes-sionals, and he did not hesitate to express himself in no uncertain tones. So, when

and from all sections of the country cen-sure was hurled at him. Then came another blow when it was reported that Mo-Dermott would not be permitted to play in the open. The two things broke up Mc-Dermott and while he played and did very well he was never the same man. Un-derneath his rough exterior there lay a very sensitives soul and these two incidents wounded him sorely. Then came unfortu-nate market speculation and other things and soon there followed the startling ansouncement that he was at Kirkbride's

McDermott was just twenty-one when he won the open championship of this country and he is now in his twenty-fourth year. No greater golfing machine ever ex-isted. From tee to green and even on the green he had no superior and few equals. Many thought he was a boaster, but as a matter of fact he never boasted. If he said he would beat a certain man he would do it. He was supremely confident. He He He had little schooling, yet he was one of the most gentlemanly of professionals playing after some of the Philadelphia golfers rot a hold of him. He tried twice for the British open, but he never won the title. Had it not been for his breakdown he would without much doubt rank today as the greatest professional player in the country. His style was beautiful to watch, and there was grace in every shot he made. Overyone who knows him sincerely that it will not be long before he is again ranked among the best playing pros in the country.





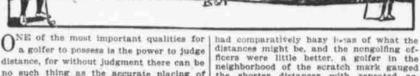
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<text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text> solid earth, stretching upward to the clouds, that strangely confuses the man accustomed to a softly bending sky thay touches either the ground or a low line of trees along the horizon. Of course, with practice the disadvantage of the deceptive landscape can be conquered, but even after several days on the links a slight feeling of un-certainty remains.



military knowledge."

Personally I cannot judge distance well in yards and feet—to me it represents so many drives, mashles, brassles or so on.

Questions and Answers

I have never been able to overcome a had alloc. It is weret off my wooden clubs, but is vory had even with my irone. I can allow for it with fair consistency, but I have comp to aate I. Can you unggest a remedy? E.S. T.

