WILLARD MAY ARRANGE MATCH SOON, BUT SO FAR HE HAS NOT CHALLENGED ANY GERMANS

PHILS HAVE SWELL CHANCE TO GO INTO THIRD PLACE TODAY; ST. LOOIE IS ON THEIR HEELS

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Cards Now Are But One-Half Game Behind; Paskert Pulls Boniest Bone of Season When He Fails to Touch First-Cravath Gets Reward

UNLESS the St. Louis Cards run into hard luck or the Phils perk up and win a couple of battles today, the prides of our city are likely to be roosting in third place in the National League race before the golden sun sinks in the west. A giance through the won and lost department shows that the St. Looie crowd is only a shade below the Men of Moran and likely to step up a notch at any moment. Also, by using the once over a second time, it will be noted that the Cincinnati club is within halling distance of the top-and going strong. All of which presages some rough and rugged times for the Phils unless they resume their winning stride and cop a few battles.

They should have grabbed both ends of the double-header yesterday, but lost out because of one bonehead play which savors strongly of the Concrete League. It was a repetition of the Merkle episode back in the dark ages, but differed in that Fred has a good excuse for not touching second. Paskert can offer no allbl for not touching first base in the first inning of the second game after he slammed the ball against the left field wall. It was a clean hit, and a man of Dode's speed should have made third easily before the ball was returned to the diamond. But Paskert hit the ball, stood and watched it, meandered to first with all of the speed and determination of a guy going to have a tooth pulled, and then broke into a canter when the ball fell safe. From where we were sitting it looked as if he were disappointed because the ball did not drop into the bleachers for a home run, and while he was sympathizing with himself he forgot all about first base.

That one boner lost the game for the Phils. Demarce was ready to take a trip in the clouds, as that wallop at the start was enough to make him nervous. He did not recover until the third inning, and the chances are that he would have been chased to the bench had Paskert watched himself. The next four men hit the ball hard, but their drives were gathered in by Cy Williams. . . .

THE first thing Demaree did after the game was to shake hands with Dilhoefer, the kid catcher. It was Dilly who discovered that Dode had not touched the bag and drew the attention of the umpires to it. After that the put-out was easy. Fred Merkle saw the latest tragedy of the diamond from his post at first base. He then welcomed Paskert as a brother member of the Concrete Circuit.

Gavvy Cravath Is Slipping Just Like Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker

THE one bright, shining light of yesterday's matinee was the work of Gavvy - Cravath. The veteran won the first game with his trusty bat, and tried hard to start something in the second when he scored the first legitimate hit off Demarce. But his playmates fell down on the job and all of his good work went for naught. Once upon a time the mere mention of Cravath's name as a fielder brought on gusts of riotous laughter from the innocent bystanders. Have you watched the old boy carefully this year? He has it on the other right fielders we have seen at Broad and Huntingdon streets and his defensive game is of the highest standard. Yesterday he made two beautiful running catches which killed a pair of hits and his work on ground balls is exceptionally good. He uses his head at all times, and often holds the runner on the base when he makes a bluff at catching a ball which is sailing in the direction of the sign boards or is about to fall short. No other fielder can get away with that stuff. It takes an artist to pull it.

Garvy did not want to play in the big leagues this year. He had his heart set on managing a club on the coast, and when that deal fell through he signed a contract to play as a pinch hitter. He and President Baker came to terms without trouble, for Gavvy is an easy man to do business with. He knows what he is worth and that's all there is to it. He went South and practiced with the other players, but it was more of a pleasure trip than anything else. He did not worry about his job, helped the youngsters in every way possible and had a good time. When the season opened he still felt that he was only filling in for a time, until he suddenly awoke to find that he was one of the stars of the league and his work was doing a lot to keep the team in the race.

. . . $G_{\rm if}$ he were the man who invented baseball. He went on his quiet. unassuming way, playing every day and getting his base hits, the same as any rookle in the squad. But work like that could not go unrewarded.

President Baker Rewards Cravath With \$1000 Raise

TAST week President Baker sent for him. Cravath went up to the office and was u surprised when Baker tossed over a legal-looking document. "What's this?" asked Gavvy.

"Nothing, only a new contract which I want you to sign," replied the presi-"You have been doing such good work that I have decided to raise your salary \$1000 for the year. You remember, we had an understanding that you would receive a bonus if you played in a certain number of games, and instead of waiting until the end of the season I thought it would be best to give it to you now. You certainly deserve it."

Gavyy attached his name to the paper and went back to his daily toil in the

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



ATHLETICS_IMPROVE IN BATTING. ADVANCING FROM FIFTH TO THIRD PLACE IN TEAM HITTING WITH .247

Strunk and Bodie Make Big Gains and Help in Mackmen's Winning Streak-Cobb Drops to .375-Roush in Front

THE Athletics broke their losifig streak this week by turning in four straight wing THE Athletics broke their victories to the hard and timely hitting of the team Bates was an important factor, while Bodie and Strunk also did their part. Bates boosted his mark from .262 to .276 and Strunk from .276 to .286. The team also boosted his navrage from .242 to .247, and went from fifth to third place. The pitchers showed increased effectiveness, and this combination proved a winning on against the White Sox and Browns.

Cobb lost ground during the week, falling from .383 to .375, but this loss of content and anger his lead, as he still tops the remainder of the field by many points. Sisler spurted, advancing from .326 to .339, while Speaker dropped from .341 to .335. McInnis managed to hold his own and is found now with .314.

In the National League, Roush has the edge on Cruise by ten points, leading the circuit with .350. This pair are far in advance of the rest of the contenders and it will necessitate much work on the part of batting aspirants to overtake then Cravath is the only Phil in the select, having an even .300.

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ball yard. He said nothing about the raise he received, and it was just through accident that it was discovered.

Another veteran on the club who is playing good ball is Bert Nichoff. Bert is not a showy performer, but he usually does his share of work and in his phiegmatic way covers a lot of ground. In the first game he took care of ten chances without a foozle and accepted three in the second. In addition to that, he went after everything and several times leaped in the air, just missing sharp singles sailing into right field. In the tenth inning he made an almost impossible catch of Dilhoefer's liner over second, and would have completed a sensational double play had he been in position to throw the ball to Stock. . . .

TOHNNY EVERS will be here Monday to take Nichoff's place, and the Trojan will have to work better than at any other time this year to fill his shoes. There is no doubt that Johnny will speed up the infield and inject some new life, but his fielding and batting must improve if he wants to slick around that keystone sack.

Civilization Is Safe—Manager Says Umpire Is Right

SOME rich business marked the twin battle in New York Thursday when Matty's Rollicking Reds rudely smashed the Giants' mad winning streak. prominent among same being the acceptance of an awfully distressful situation in umpiring by the Red leader without a murmur, and the likewise unusual incident of a player knocking a home run and a single in one inning in "one time at bat." Also equally remarkable, a manager was applauded by an opposing audience for good sportsmanship on the field.

The New York scribes were all aghast over the main episode, but there was apparent an evidence of the esteem in which the local manager is now held by home critics. To more than hint at the situation would be superfluous. The former managerial idol is perfectly nameless at present in the home print, which situation corresponds with the playful little custom known at West Point as the "allent treatment," indicating kindly solicitude and tender regard. But this is an aside. The notable features of the unique episode selected as the subject of these remarks are thus described by Bill McGeehan, of the Tribune:

"The incident occurred in the fourth inning. With the score tied, Hal Chase singled and went to second on Griffith's out. Neale was at bat and Polonius Perritt was winding up when some fan seated behind third base tossed a ball into the Infield. O'Day raised his hand, but Perritt hurled the ball and Neale hit it.

As Ball Sails Away, Heinie Zim Protests

seTTHE ball soared far out to center field and bounded against the fence, while Neale dashed on for a home run, scoring Chase ahead of him. Heinle Zimmerman dashed up to Umpire O'Day, offering the extra baseball in evidence.

"'Hey, Hank,' called Heinie, 'that there homer ain't legal. A guy up there throws this here ball in and crabs it.'

"'What was the reason?' asked Mathewson. The Reds crowded around O'Day, thirsting for his gore, while Heinie Zimmerman licked his chops. The dream of his life was about to be realized. He was to be present when an umpire was slain in cold blood.

"O'Day explained. 'Well, I guess you are right,' said Mathewson. He turned on his heel and without even looking around to growl went back to the Reda' fugout and sent Chase and Neale back into the game. Heinie Zimmerman howied like a timber wolf robbed of his prey. The multitude was mute with astonishment."

FOR the first time since the origin of the great American pastime the decision of an umpire in a tight place was allowed to go unquestioned. It was a great achievement for civilization.

Red Stole Third With the Bases Jammed

RED McKEE, former catcher for Detroit and now backstop for San Francisco, stole third with the bases full in a recent game with Salt Lake City. Baseball's most famous bone, even including Fred Merkle's well-known play, is making McKee a hero out West. "Red" was on second, when the idea came to him to practice running in case he had a chance to go "somewhere in France." He forgot to see if there were comrades on the sacks when this happy thought came to him, and got set for a flying start.

As soon as Tom Hughes started to wind up he set out for third. Hughes saw him start digging for the bag, and it so upset him that he stopped his wind-up to watch how Red would make out. Perhaps Hughes's intentions were for the best, but the umpire called a halk on him and McKee was saved. Koerner, McKee's te on third, remained glued to the bag when Red started his memorable on and but for Hoghes's balk McKes might have been out of a job as a ball player.

Country Club team and tennis chairman, s working hard to get a winning combina-tion together. He is unable to get a team out for the first half Tristate League matches, but will try to play out the second half of the schedule. Kenneth Howis, George J. Lincoln, Jr., Howell Finn, Dr. Chapin Carpenter and Irish will make up the team. Dr. Dwight Meigs, of the Hill School, will be on hand.

An Ode to Dode

There ain't no chance to brothe Said Fred to Mac one day. I thought I knocked that guy right home And dodged second on my way. The Cube ain't got no right to swipe The game in that there way. But they got it ripe, they had a pipe And I know there's 'eli to pay.

And I account on Fred stood all alone In the bonchead hall of fame; The blokes would well. "Nobady home!" Every time they sprang his same. Till Pasks of fell in deep diagracs In Phille one fine day. Be finited to recognize first base And he knows there's ell to pay.

YESTERDAY'S HERO-Dode Paskert. He hit the ball a mile and lost the hit because he failed to touch first base.

And Fred Merkle remarked: "I am still on etter than you. Once I failed to touch second."

Bill Eillefor made a great eatch of Mann's foul in the Atth inning of the Arst pame. He ran back of Brst base to grab the ball.

Bert Niehoff played a swell game yesterday, a tried for everything and made many start-ng plays. Evers will have to go some to go

Dode Paskert thinks no more of a base hit than he does of his left eye. He will touch first base in the future.

Dodge Paskert robbed Merkls of a home run the fourth inning of the second game when , leaped into the air and knocked down the ill with his bare hand. Fred was stopped at cond.

Cy Williams made up for his bum stickwork of the past in the first same. He sot four safeties out of four trips is the plate. Up to yesterday he had made but one hit in the Fhils' grounds this yesr.

Didn't miss Bancroft so much, after all, Stock is a swell shortstop.

George Whitted slipped, fell down and arcse in time to catch Merk's's fly in the sixth inning of the second game.

Gavvy Cravath's eighth home run was a strange wallop. The bail hit the railing, bounded into the bleachers and then fell into the field. An appeal was made to Umpire Bigler, and Charlay allowed the home run.

Demarce fanned Rixey, Paskert and Byrns in the sixth.

He tried fo ling plays, that job.

back of his pitching than they were to play for any one else. He had the knack of inspiring his club with additional confidence. around him was at its best. The morale Mathewson, the manager, seems to have the same knack with the Reds. Without

ball back

BINGLES AND BUNGLES

any furors or upheaval or clamor he has at last given the Red machine the morals it has never known. The men have been giving their best, hammering away with all the artillery they have at hand

Mathewson has only completed a year

Jesse Jimmy used to go through a stage coad All Boston got was a lone hit.

best, the very best and otherwise lighteights. Hammer is unknown to Philadel

EVER HANMER is one of those tear-ing-in, ever-hammering boxers.

Benny Leonard says that Hammer hurt

him more than any other man he ever

"Which team has the best infield in ball," asks T. J. H., "the Giants or Yankees?"

Pipp is better than Holke; Herzog is bet- Kelly, ter than Maisel; Peck and Fletcher are about 50-50, and so are Zim and Baker. Pyers, Beston, Parsy, Philles, Nehf, Roston Twier, Boston The margin is extremely delicate. But in the meanwhile what is the matter with an infield composed of Hoblitzell, Barry, Scott and Gardner?

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An Appeal

The Best Infield

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HOPELESS. Joe Bush held all the Brownles at bay, but Risler, who knocked in the run that beat the Macks. Phillies "Leonard and Kilbane to meet this nonth." We had a vague, dim idea of having forther for the forther forthe Dave Davenport turned in his best game of the season for the Browns. read some press agent story that Leonard was to be in the service by now. Were we wrong about it, or has Bennie gone in? The request is merely offered for informa-Bates again slugged the horsehide hard. He had two hits out of three chances. tion.

In order to keep the American League race on edge, the White Sox lost to the Yankees.	Lives there a bloke with soul so dead Who never to his rival said
Brooklyn physicians were husy reviving Flat- hush fans last night. The Dodgers won a double header from Fittsburgh.	
Sherwood Magee made a surprise appearance as a Brave pinch hitter.	

The battle for last place still has the Browns Carey, Neale, Rurns, Jess Willard announces that he will fight The Yanks added another extra-inning victory. say "the Germans?" Barna. Balrd.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE-

AFTER breaking up a perfectly legiti-mate circus act. Ever Hammier, the one of Philly's leading bantams and doesn't understand why he hasn't had more than two bouts in a year. At least nine of the blond, bristling battering-ram from Chiboxers on the year. At least nine of the boxers on the program at Shihe Park next week could be paired off with O'Keefe, yet Eddle says Matchmaker Gunniss informed him none of the boxers would agree to meet Sir Edward. cago, is here from the wild and woolly to seek rest and quiet. Hammer fought himself out of a job and crimped a wonderful drawing "meeting-all-comers" stunt by knocking out so many opponents around the circuit that he left a trail-like damage

Evening Ledger Decisions

done by a forty-two centermeter. Ever Hammer was covering the field on the other side of the Massimply with some circus or other, and knocked out his half a dozen or Cambria A. C.--Tommy Carey drew with Johnny Nelson, Chick Myres defeated Joe Phil-Hus, Jack McDermott sciopted Pat Haney, sixthy Johnny Gorman knocked out Ands Mitchell, see-ond; Young Weish won from Young Quiliy.

more opponents afternoonly and nightly in one and two rounds. One Friday night it took Hammer three rounds to stop a George Chaney's next hout will be in Bos-ton, July 31, in a return bout with Young Frankle Britt. It is to be a twelve-rounder and Jack McGulgan, of this city, will referse.

it took Hammer three rounds to stop a tough guy in Oakkosh or some such town, and the people raved it was a "frame." Finally, it became so that set-up guys couldn't be paid to enter the ring with Ever, and the act went floole. Hammer was out of a job. Now he is in Philadelphia to enjoy the life of a gentleman of leisure for a while before preparing to take on the beat the very best and otherwise light-Knockout Mars has left for Cincinnati, where he probably will meet George Chaney early in August. He was in Philiy for more than a week, but was unable to get a job. After his Chaney contest Mars will return and place him-self under the management of Bobby Reynolds. Rixer.

Blacklack Blackburn feels sure his clever-ness and better knowledge of the ring gams will enable him to defeat Hon Hauber skaln when they hox at the Broadway Monday night. The winner probably will get a match with Joe Borrell, who is now in the U.S. navy. Other Monday night bouts are Willie Spiencer vs. Muckie Rilse, Prankle McFadden vs. Reddy Welsh, Andy Rivers vs. Johnny Hogan and Joe Kane vs. Benny Mainster. Harpy. Cadore

Lools Tendler is setting himself into shape. A little thing like weight is proving a hitch is a hout between the newshoy and Terry Mi-Govern. If definite arrangements can be made they will bex in the main mix of an all-star show August 1 at Shibe Park. hfiddle. Regar

Little Bear will be one of the four Philadel-phiane to hox in Baltimore this afternoon. He will meet Hobby Burns in a ten-rounder. The Bear is after a crack at Joe Tuber or Young McGovern. He The gung

EDDIE O'REEFE is out with a wall loud an will be in great shape for his on at shifts Park Weinselay His at the shore. Al Wagner will be L'enough to wake up promoters around these diggin's. O'Keefe is recognized as

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Friday, the thirteenth, had no terrors for Alex. He killed the "15", haddon when he woon the opener and now has fourteen scalps hanging on his best. phia fans, as he has boxed only twice in the East, being opposed to Johnny O'Leary and Shamus O'Brien, at Boston last year. ZERO IN OCCUPATIONS-The Shericek Holmes who tries to defer the guys who swhoe fool halls in the upper navilion. He never gets the right man, and his social standing is equal to that of a burglar who drives a taxicab. However, Ever Hammer has boxed some of the leading boxers in the country, in-cluding Johnny Dundee, Benny Leonard, Fred Welsh, Ad Wolgast, Joe Welling and others.

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Mann made a great catch of Whitted's foul in the seventh stanza of the last verse. He ran to the bleacher wall to gall it down.

In the sputlight-George Sister, Virtually singlehanded, the Michigander broke up the A's winning streak.

Plack went out to right field without his sun plasses in the seventh aut of the opener and made a two-base mult of Ludy's fly when he lost in the sun. Ludy evend things up, however, when he fail asiesp and was nipped off sepond.

Will James want through the Stat Son like