DASEBALL CLASHES WITH BUSINESS THE NATIONAL GAME ALWAYS FINISHES A POOR SECOND

LMONT COUNTRY CLUB BOYS ILL GET THRIFT STAMPS AS GIFTS AT REGULAR XMAS FEAST

ers Pay \$950 of the \$1400 Obtained by idge Rogers When He Auctioned Smoke Fund Fight Seats to the Fans

indred boys are going to have the time of their young lives in Old York road section next Thursday afternoon. Three of the big In that section are going to give them the annual caddle dinner. nothing brighter in the kid line than these smart youngsters who vy bags of golf clubs around the course. Three or four years ago agdon Valley, Old York Road and Philmont Country Clubs gave rs the Christmas dinner on different days. One year was enough boys turned up for the feed than ever carried bags on any single There are about a hundred boys at Old York Road, but someth g appeared for the dinner. And the same thing was true of the other As soon as one club would announce the day of the big feed are of that club would tip off the other boys.

t things have changed. So next Thursday the boys will have the usual, but the three dinners will be at 12 noon, and it is a physical billty for the boys to be at more than one ciub at the same time, as alubs are far apart. It will be some sight, for there will be all the y and everything that goes with it in abundance for the youngsters, he boy who does not pass his plate for a second helping will be looked th suspicion. In addition to the cats, the boys will get oranges andy and money. . . .

DHILMONT will feed about 200 boys, but this year, instead of the boys getting money, each boy will receive thrift stamps. Every youngster will get at least a dollar's worth, and the boys who have rned prizes for good behavior during the year will receive additional stamps.

Many Boys Will Receive Cash Prizes

OLD YORK ROAD the boys will get money, as the club has found from past experience that the boys do not squander the money and most of it goes to the father or mother or the boys spend it on presents their parents or their sisters. Each club will give the youngsters a le entertainment and at Philmont there will be a moving-picture Most of the youngsters will begin to fast the day before, so that the doors open for the three-ring-circus eating contest there will be mary hungry boys who are going to give a gastronomic exhibition that make a dyspeptic gasp. . . .

THE Philadelphia Cricket Club will give the Christmas feast as usual on January 2, with 200 youngsters as the guests. Ten of the boys will receive five-dollar gold pieces and ten others will be the recipients of \$2.50 gold pieces. Every boy must present a card of admission, as the club has found from past experience that all the boys of Chestnut Hill would be there unless this was done. Some of the clubs will not give the caddies a Christman dinner this year, so many of the boys who have walted engerly for the big day are due for a disappointment.

Golfers Show Fight Fans the Way

MOST of the 5000 persons who thronged the smoke-laden Olympia Club last Wednesday night are not aware of the fact that the great majority the buyers of the tickets auctioned by Judge Joseph P. Rogers are golfers, a the first place, Judge Rogers is a golfer. Years ago he won the amateur cling championship of this country, but today he prefers golf as a vation. He plays with Judge John M. Patterson, Jack Gorman, Frank onnell and others we might mention. It is a good thing that more of solfing friends were not at the club last Wednesday. But as it was, Honor singled out quite a number of them and then made them come as with \$50 for two lickets whose face value is \$4. One of the first a he spotted was Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown, and Mr. Brown gs to that well-known golfing legal firm of Simpson, Brown & Wil-Ira J. Williams is the best player in the firm and golfs at the Philain Cricket Club and the famous Pine Valley links, Mr. Simpson beto Overbrook.

The second was Morris Boney. He has been a member of the Philmont Ty Club since its inception and at one time he played some very fine The third golf victim was Bill Ryan, who when he is not selling re tickets is playing golf at Whitemarsh. Then came Milton Heroid, ont. His wife is one of the best women players in the city and Herold plays no mean game. Fifth in line was Frank O'Donnell, one of intimate friends, and the Whitemarsh Valley golfer came across with her fifty. Here were the first \$250 worth gone and golfers paid for it. Frank Poth, who is learning golf under the tutelage of Bert Crowt, coughed up \$100;

Judge Rogers was apparently conscience-stricken at this point, so he ted a few others who do not golf. But he could not keep away from the vers of the royal and ancient game and his eyes lighted on Sam Juhn. was formerly one of the best pitchers in the interacademic ranks and equently plays golf at the Philadelphia Country Club. Incidentally, he ne of the best first-nighters in the ranks of pugilistic followers. Then Jerry Louchheim. He is the president of the Keystone Construction pany-some job-and he likes to play golf at Philmont. Coroner Knight another golfer that the Judge observed in the audience, and then the rs who were hidden by the smoke barrage from numerous cigars and ettes breathed a sigh of relief, for only two more were left.



GRANTLAND RICE PICKS MATTY AS THE GREATEST PITCHING FIND IN THE HISTORY OF BASEBALL

Charley Radbourne, of Providence, the Second Selection, While the Two Reigning Stars Are Alexander and Johnson

By GRANTLAND RICE

No. 2—The Pitcher FROM the reign of A. G. Spalding reign of Grover Cleveland Alexander and Walter Johnson, the mighty parade of brilliant pitchera almost would extend around the world. By BILL BELL Marking he the complete array, Giant star, who was a maintain who had the staff and who knew how to use it. Second CL.

around the world.
A. G. Spalding, John Ward, Larry Corocran, Charley Badbourne, John Ularkson, Toad Ramsay, Tir Jeffe, Bill Hoffer, Amos Rude, Cy Young, Kube Tobi the ancient and the present school, the vote for second choice went to Charles on named Miller was to meet the better by Radbourne, the Providence and the present school, the vote for second choice went to Charles the indidleweights, but felt better by Radbourne, the Providence and the speed and the second that has person the active been approached.
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For all the pitching mixtures and in-

A GOLFER IS A NATURALLY TRAINED SOLDIER

Cut Players' Limit A CLEAN-CUT VICTORY Action of major league magnates in adhering to the usual 154-game schedule, refusing to cut the player limit and re-maining with the old training schedule is a distinct victory for ex-Governor John K. Tener and the National League. EX-Governor Tener went over the too

Ex-Governor Tener went over the top today in releasing for publication his an-nual report to the National League. With no artillery preparation whatever he an-nounced the things he had stood for in the measure. These things he had stood for in

IN BALL FIGHT

nounced the things he had stood for in his message. Those things were exactly what the big-league magnates agreed to do at their joint conference. They included a warning that base-ball is suffering only a temporary back-set, that the public interest in baseball is inherent; a prediction that the Amer-lean public will not do its mourning in sackcloth and ashes; counsel to move with caution in preparing for the next seasor, and to go easy in crying about fluancial stringencies.

National Leaguers Victors

National Leaguers went into the Chi-care meeting backed by the optimistic words of their president and won Amer-ican Leaguers over to their side. Where is W. MANWELL Is W. MANWELL Coming on the heals of the Baker transaction, Connic's commercial coup d'etgt got by without much suffering on the part coup d'etgt got by without much suffering on the part of the ball fans. This is indeed fortunate, for Connic's fans are not strong

system of distributing the world's series prises, so that more than one club in each league will have a cut. "In the business in which you are en-gaged you are not called upon by your

Government to provide any of the es-sentials." Tener said. "You have no transportation properties to be taken over nor manufacturing plants to be commandered. • • Nevertheless, I hold baseball, in common with other WIN OVER O'DOWD

such an important factor in the daily Billy Says He Will Take Champion's Measure at to the recreative life of the nation.

SCRAPS OF SCRAPPERS Should Cater to Public

"It is my firm conviction" he said. "that the interest is inherent, that it will be made manifest at the proper time and that you should make pro-

are preparing for a renewal of the activ-ity that was suppressed in 1917. Certainly these things are far from discour

aging omens. Advising his club owners to retain title to all ball players, he said : "I consider it would be a grievous mistake to limit by new legislation player personnel before every and all emergency and contingency has been satisfied and provided for, or at the very

least carefully weighed and considered "Our patrons are not interested in your financial gains and losses, but they tional game. For, after all, baseball'to them is but a sport."

JOURDET EXPECTS VICTORY TONIGHT Penni Coach Looks for an Easy Game Against Muhlenberg Five AFTER HIGH SCORE

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STAR BATTERY AND OUTFIELDER **Result Is That Only Two Major League Clubs** in Philadelphia Are Weakened and Race

CONNIE RAISES ANTE AND GOES

BAKER ONE BETTER; SELLS HIS

Will Be Close to See Which Is Worst

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

 $F^{\rm IFTY-FIFTY}_{\rm word}$ is the unwritten law among all good sports. It is the watchword in the athletic world, and developments in the last three days have proved it is the sweetest little law that over was unwritten. For example, gaze upon the following:

On last Tuesday eve Baker, of the Phils, proceeded to out-Connie Connie, of the As, by attaching the rattling tinware to our Alex and our Killefer and shooing them to Chicago. That must have been a



severe blow to Connic, for up to that time he had held the wrecking championship of our city. But Connie is not the guy to crawl inte a hole when some one puts it over on him. He sought retirement, fell into deep thought and figured out a way to regain the championship. Baker had swapped only a pitcher and a catcher for a bale of coin and the problem suddenly became less in-trickit. He would raise the ante! So Connie, of the As, out-Bakered Baker, of the Phils, by giving the gate to Joe Bush, Wally Schang and Amos Strunk. The trio went to the Bawston Red Sox and the deal was well upholstered

of the ball fans. This is indeed fortunate, for Connic's fans are not strong enough to stand any violent shocks. After Alexander and Killefer were sold the people of Philadelphia were ready to act rational if the traction question was settled or if Mayor Smith announced that the City Hall was put in hock

Everything goes in these turbulent days.

Again Sherman Was Right Of course, the war is responsible for the transactions and the principal battles were fought in Philadelphia. After looking over the casualty list we find that only two teams have suffered and the big league representatives such an important factor in the duly life of a majority of our cilizens that it has become an American institution in-dispensable to the well-regulated routine of the average individual and essential fifty fifty stuff. General Sherman was right, but he must have been thinkare in shape to make a good showing against a gang of cripples. It will be

ing of baseball. Connie knows how to dispose of his star players without making any fuss about it. He has had wide experience, having canned Eddie Collins Chief Bender, Eddie Plank, Jack Barry, Jack Coombs, Jimmy Walsh and a couple of hundred others without turning a hair. He knows just how to go

there and that you should make pro-vision to cater to it with very little less detail, enre and attention than in for-mer years." As straws indicating the current it might be stated here that amateur sports in time to allow the tired working people to get an eyeful on their homeward journey. Connie is very considerate and we thank him.

How Deal Affects the A's

But what does the deal mean to the As? The answer is simple, 1 cannot affect the standing of the club in the pennant race. That would be impossible. Last year the As finished eighth, and they can't beat that unlea couple of added starters are slipped in. There is no doubt, however that the team will be weakened, especially in the outfield, for Strunk is about the niftiest fielder we have seen in many a day. This may sound strange, leit he is every bit as good as Tris Speaker and not so very far away from Colli-Amos has all kinds of speed, snares fly balls in left and right fields in addition to his own territory in center and is a very good man with the stick. Las year he batted .251, which was below his usual average, but he can do better than that. He is a natural .300 hitter, and if the truth were known Conniwas handed a big price for him.

National Tonight

had fine speed and the rest of N⁻ hads hourse was a great pitcher, the best of the old achied beyond any doubt." At Present

BUT the man who got it was none other than Jack Murphy, a son of the late Michael Murphy, one of the richest and finest of our Philadelphia citizens, who counted his friends literally by the hundreds. Jack Murphy is also a personal friend of Judge Rogers. and, like his friend O'Donnell, he plays at Whitemarsh. He made up his mind he was going to get those tickets if they cost him a thousand dollars, and he considered he was a lucky man when they were finally knocked down to him for \$450. So these golfers paid just \$950 of the \$1400 for the privilege of helping the smoke fund,

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The Hook a Great Shot in Fighting and Golf

CRE is not much similarity between golf and pugilism. One of the most important things in golf is the stance. Unless you get a good you cannot make any kind of a golf shot. One of the ideas in the t game is to prevent the other fellow from getting the stance. No good will let the other fellow get set if he can help it. You are not ted to receive advice in Solf, yet at a fight not only are the seconds r it out, but every frenzied fan in the crowd is yelling advice. The and the jab seem to be similar, with the difference that the jab seems are damage and there are more of them. After all, the drive in a is the big shot. But virtually the only shot in fighting that compares one in golf is the hook. Both are excellent if they can be controlled. are plenty of wind shots in the fight game and more blows fail to than land in most bouts.

No one can make a golf shot unless there is silence, but who ever saw at bout? If the principals are not exchanging pleasing nothings with h other the crowd is. The gallery keeps quiet during a golf shot, but gallery and the crowd on the floor are never silent in a boxing match.

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HE fight followers are a study worth while. The men who pay the big money are content to sit quietly in their seats and watch bouts. But the rest of the crowd, the chaps in the smoke-filled ies and those who clog the aisles and lean over you and crowd against your next neighbor, are a leather-lunged bunch of ing humanity, who never seem to be quiet for a moment are ever busy imploring one or the other fighter to knock the off the other pug, and if the time comes when one of the is about to have his sunshine turned off all their thumbs are and down. They are there for their money's worth, and if there at a knockout they sadly bewall the fact and recall other days there used to be two or three of these sleep-compelling blows

IRT from Washington, Pa., brings the information that Sol Metzthe popular W. and J. coach, has taken over a new contract. Sol May E. Oakley, of Ashton, R. I., were married in St. Joseph's shton, last Tuesday, and cards to this effect are being received y friends today. . . .

DAY adds soveral new enlistments from ball players. Ban Johnthat Eddi. Collins will wear a different uniform next season, er, the Yankee veteran twirler, joined the army yesterday. and Al Baird and Frank Carmody were three others to join es and Baird were on the Giants' payroll, while Carmody was

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up another All-American. Bob Peck, twice picked as inted in the artillery. Peck was coach at Culver last session and in 1916 was captain of the University.

SPEEDBOYS OPEN WITH GIRARD FIVE West Philadelphia Has Strong Team-Central High Plays P. I. D.

PEDAGOGY IS DEFEATED than likely that Toner, Kneise and Pol-beck will get a chance to show their ability for the "Speed Boys." Jackson and Callahan

Central High will try and make their

By PAUL PREP by FACD FREE Followers of scholastic sport in this ity have no kick coming in regard to he attractions offered them by the many chools in this city and vicinity. Alcity have no kick coming in regard to the attractions offered them by the many schools in this city and vicinity. Al-Lawrenceville several weeks ago, the Crimson and Gold team has improved steadily. Doctor O'Brien has discovered though the football season, the most thrilling in years, has been over only a little more than two weeks, the bashet-

little more than two weeks, the bashet-several players of varsity callier in the all season is now on in full swing. The two most important games today week in the school gymnasium, and they ball season is now on in full swing. have been promoted to the first squad are the West Philadelphia High School-

Girard College game, at Girard College Poor Shots

Girard College game, at Girard College in the afternoon, and the Brown Prep-Penn Fresh contest at Weightman Hall as a preliminary to the Penn Varsity-Muhlenberg College game. Other games are the School of Pedagogy-West Chester Normal; Central High-P. I. D. game at Mount Airy, and the Philadelphia Col-lege of Pharmacy-Williamson Trades at Williamson. when it came to caging the ball for

to n feet.

Opening Games

The Penn Fresh-Brown Prep game is the initial of the season for both squads. The Brown Prep squad has been prac-ticing for several weeks, under the su-pervision of "Duke" Fowler, the former Central High School star. The team at the North Broad street institution is rated to be the best that has ever rep-meaning the cases and the

rated to be the best that has ever rep-resented the school in the cage, and the students and the members of the five fully expect to hand the Fenn yearlings a setback in their 1918 debut. Fowler selected the varsity team at yesterdays practice and will take the floor as fol-lows: Merz and Lacy, forwards; Moore, center, and Fowler and Bucher, guards. West Dub debug will use the sense Another result of the war was brought home to the board of directors of the Athletic Association of the Uni-versity of Pennsylvania at its first meetthe start of the start of the start met-ing this year yeasterday, when Major Maylin Pickering, graduate manager of athletics, announced that the net pro-ceeds of the last football season were \$50,000 less than the 1916 gridiron cam-paign. This year's profit amounted to \$50,000 West Philadelphia will open its season west Philadelphia will open its season this afternoon with prospects for a suc-cessful season the best ever. The school across the stream has never won the championship of the Interscholastic Basketball League, but the students be-lieve the turn in their career has come. paign. \$25,000.

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pointers! Shot after shot left the Darby boys' bands aimed for the basket, only to miss the intended mark by several

PENN FOOTBALL NETS \$25,000

Profits of Last Season Are \$50,000

Less Than Those of 1916

Campaign

Basketball League, but the students be-lieve the turn in their career has come. Veteran Team The team to oppose the Girard boys is composed of experienced players, "Dutch" Adams, a veteran and one of the best schoolboy pivot men in the scorer last schoolboy pivot men in the star of the second team, will take care of the forward positions, while Captain Clark and French are expect = ______ take

(MONDAY-FIRST HASE)
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Torward Muhlenberg Forward Preitag Jorward Lermox suard Rickner duard Nileckner Cartwright Noldo tannard Davis Peck Martin Referee

Willie Jackson and Frankle Callahan should furnish some joy and amusement for the clubmen at the Olympia next Monday night, when they stage their six-act tragedy. There is intense rivalry NATIONAL GOLF LEADERS hastily. six-act tragedy. There is intense rivalry between the pair, as they hall from the same village near Broadway and each is anxious to qualify for a bout with Leonard. Benny has expressed to desire to meet Callalian for some time to come and Jackson is seeking a match. It will be a battle between a slugger and a boxer, and this always results in a sen-sational fues. WILL MEET HERE JAN. 25 Bush Had Trouble

United States Golf Association Will Hold Annual Session at Bellevue-Stratford

The United States Golf Association attonni tures. Callahan's eighteen-second knockout scored over Harry Tracey made him a favorite here and Jackson's one-round knockout over Johnny Dundee linme-diately shoved him in the front rank. has again changed the date of its annual meeting. It has now been definitely set-tled that it will be held in this city at the Bellevue-Stratford January 25. was postponed a week in order not to conflict with the Western Golf Association meeting to be held in Chicago January 18.

Mack Gets 178,500 Iron Men for Various Players

Stuffy McInnis is all that now remains of Comie Mark's wonderful Dasebuil ma-chine of 1014. With the exception of the famous pitching trio-Hender, Coomba and Flank-the stars of the former vorid's champions were discoved of at fancy prices. The total realized on the sale of eleven players was \$178,500. Ed-die Collins alone brought \$50,000, and the present owners of the Yankees had to hand over a certified check for \$37,500 before they could sign "Home Run" Baker. Here is a list of players sold by Athletics and the prices of each:

Athletics and the prices of each: Wallie Schang, catcher: Ames Struck, outfielder: Joe Sual, pitcher: to Boston Red Sox for. 800,000 Eddle Collins, second basema. to Chlcago Americans for. Typk Hawker third basema. to Struck Barry, shortstop, to Boston Red Sox for. Eddle Murphy, outfielder, to Chi-enge Americans for. Stabe Oldring, outfielder, to Yan-kees for. Simmy Walsh, outfielder, to Yan-kees Aced Sox for. Stabe Shawker, pitcher, to Yan-to Show Star. Stabe Shawker, pitcher, to Yankees J. Wyckoff, plicher, is Boston Red Box for Statust, plicher, is Boston Red Sox for Statust, plicher, is Boston Red Sox for Statust, plicher, is Boston ton Red Sox for Mender and Eddle Plank, blichers, were uncanditionally re-leased. Catcher Laop was given to the White Sox as a gift. "Manay returned by Athletics. 2,500

and continuing until the latter part of March, Keystone will schedule only the strongest teams in the city. The best teams in the American, Industrial, West Philadelphia or independent ranks are challenged. The Keystone line-up will be the same as captured the pennant in the Brotherhood League two seasons ago. Keystone is trying hard at pres-I remember one day last summer when Connie said: 'My catching depart-ment is terrible. I don't like it and don't be surprised if I diapose of every man you see on the field today.'' Schang was included in that remark, so it can be seen that Mack did not act battly.''

so it can be seen that Mack did not act hastily.
Bush Had Trouble
Then he had trouble with Eush and Strunk before the season opened. Both wanted more money and for a time it was doubtful if either would play. Con his hands at that time and his patience was strained to the breaking point. Schang also was a hold-out for a time if usted and while this honly a guess, we believe Connie was idestepping another period of worry when he sold the trio
The second the season opened. Both was doubtful if either would play. Con this hands at that time and his patience was strained to the breaking point. Schang also was a hold-out for a time in your would be the fans were not a bit pleased at the lacing their favorites were landed.
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The both was made in the line-up Monday evening. The point is appened to be a Camden by Engle, who happened to be a Camden by Engle.

It also will be remembered that Bush missed the train for Trenton on Monday

It also will be remembered that Bueb and Mack had a run-in in Cleveland last August and Joe was suspended without pay. The pitcher was fined and sent home, Mack vowing that he never would play another game of ball for him. Bush, however, took his medicine like a main ager, but frankly stated that Connie probably knew what he was doing when he handed him a tkcket to Philadelphia When the team came home, everything was patched up and Bush went to work again.

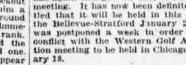
Another Business Deal It might be that Mack engineered a shrewd deal yesterday. He gets Thomas, a very good catcher, and this will strengthen his club quite a little. Gregg is far from being all in and if and the strengthen his club quite a little. Gregg a very good catcher, and this will strengthen his club quite a little. Gregg is far from being all in, and if Jimmy Walsh comes back he can put up a fairly good game in the outfield. But the principal gain is in the catching department and, of course, in the bank roll, with that additional 60,000 bucks. Vesterday's deal makes one look more more Hall, northeast corner Frankin street and Columbia avenue, next Sat-urday evening, December 22. The game will be called at 8:30 o'clock and dancing will continue from 9:30 to 12 o'clock. next Sat-The game and dancing

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad and Balubridge MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 17 Reddy Bell vs. Frankle McKee Rid Scatton vs. Jinuny Devine Frankle Clark vs. Andy Burns Al Nelson vs. Benny Valger

roll, with that additional 60,000 bucks. Testerday's deal makes one look mare liberally on the sale of Killefer and Alexander by Baker, but it's tough to realize that two ball clubs have released their best players to strengthen rival teams. But with conditions unsettled as they are and the likelihood of the younger players being called in the draft, the magnates who have been losing money have a right to retrench. They do it in other lines of business, so why not baseball? The national game now is a segular business, and don't let any one tell you differently—not even the stockholders. Willie Jackson vs. Frankie Callahan 25c. Res. 50c. 75c. Arena. \$1 \$1.50.Inc.war tax

National A. C. 11th & Catharine Jack Medinisan, Mgr. SATURDAY EVG., DEC. 15, 8:30 O'CLOCK Mike O'Dowd vs. Billy Kramer -OTHES HIGH-CLASS CONTESE

ay. Jos Lynch vs. Gussie Lewis. Young Joe Borrell vs. Paul Doyle. Frankie Conway vs. Joe Mendell. Joe Jeannette vs. Gus Christie. Johnny Tillman vs. Buck Fleming. Irish Patsy Cline vs. Joe Welsh. Wille Jackson vs. Bobby Reynolds. Lew Tendler vs. Jack Russo. Johnny Dundes vs. Young McGovern. Pete Herman vs. Benny Valger. Mike O'Dowd vs. Eddie Revolre (pend-ng). Benny Leonard vs. Freddy Kelly.



The boys are willing mixers and the bout has the earmarks of a good one. Al Nelson and Benny Valger will appear in the semiwind-up. Adam Ryan Gets a Job

The old professor, Adam Ryan, will be utilized at the smoke show next Mon-day night. His services have been ac-cepted and he will be one of the referees. At a meeting of the sports editors in the Hotel Waiton yesterday official action was taken and the following card arreed upon. agreed upor Battling Leonard vs. Battling Mur-