M'QUILLAN NOW BELIEVES FOUR BALLS FOR ONE BASE BETTER THAN ONE BALL FOR FOUR BASES

BRAVES DECIDE TO LINGER LONGER ON FAMILIAR GROUNDS

Cravath, Meusel and Luderus Keep Phils Out of Shadows of Cellar-Coombsmen's Slump Due to Poor Physical Condition of Players

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THE time has not yet come for the Braves to vacate the cellar in the National League. After flirting with the sunlight on two different and distinct occasions, the bunch from Bawston decided to linger a few days longer because they are accustomed to the surroundings. On Tuesday they had the Phils down and out after the first game, but couldn't make it unanimous in the second. Yesterday it was more of the same, and when the crowd filed out of the ball yard every one was satisfied that no hard luck could visit the home folks until this afternoon, when the final game of the set is put on,

Garvy Cravath, Irish Meusel and Fred Luderus caused the downfall of the visitors in the twilight attraction. Gavvy drove the ball into the center field bleachers for a home run in the sixth and in the eighth banged a bingle which prolonged the contest and allowed Luderus to soak that home-run drive over Riggert's head. Ludy certainly laid on the ball, and now Hughie Mc-Quillan is sorry he didn't hand him a base on balls. Four balls for one base is much better than one ball for four bases at that stage of the game.

Irish Meusel also was there with his trusty war club and hammered out hits indiscriminately. Irish doesn't know and doesn't care where he hits the ball. Left, center or right field, it's ail the same to him. But he takes a good cut at the ball, and when he connects there is something doing. Meusel can leave his throwing arm in the dressing room and never miss it, but he is a sare fielder and one of the most natural bitters in the league. Too bad his wing is weak. Too much baseball on the coast last winter is the cause of it.

In the opening act the locals had every appearance of the next opponents of the Darby Professionals. They-meaning the Phils-looked like disgruntled sand-lotters and the Braves scalped them good and plenty. Loyal fans wept bitter tears and almost thooded the grand stand when the first game was being kicked away. Bradley Hogg had nothing but a white uniform and a sunburned neck, and to add to his discomfort his pals made four errors behind him.

THE boys started hitting in the second tilt, and when that happens the other club is out of luck. The pill-picklers, led by Cravath, put the skids under Hughic McQuillan and shoved Bauston back into

Cy Williams Out for Two Weeks

TACK COOMBS is elated over the outcome of the second game, but the injury to Cy Williams has taken some of the joy out of his life. Cy was hit on the hand by a pitched ball yesterday and forced to leave the game. At first it was believed he sustained only a bad bruise, but after a close examination and an X-ray yesterday Doctor Boger announced that one of the bones had been broken and he might be able to play again in two weeks.

Perhaps Williams will round into shape by that time, but the chances are he will be on the sidelines for more than a month. It was his left hand which was injured, and as he throws with that mauler he will be of little value to the club until he has fully recovered. Cy isn't the best thrower in the world when he is in good health, so what can he do with that bum mitt? He'd be lucky if the other guys didn't steal his uniform. Therefore elongated

Cy should be eliminated for the time being. There's a reason for everything, and that goes for the losing streak of the Phils. Physically, the team is shot to pieces. All of the breaks have been against them, including ankles, hands and fingers. Bancroft will not be available until August, no one knows about Williams, Jack Adams has a badly aprained finger, Meusel's arm is lame, Sicking is playing indifferent ball since his sprained ankie mended. Packard has a charley horse, Hogg and Rixey are not in condition, Pearce is playing with a spiked knee and the catching staff is all shot. It's a miracle that the club still is in the league, let alone seventh

George Whitted is playing his head off every day despite the fact that some one stepped on his pet bunion. He is doing more than he is given credit for, as he plays in the infield one day and goes to the outfield the next. George isn't hitting, but it isn't because he isn't trying. The batting slump will depart as soon as he gets a regular position to play.

RIGHT now Coombs is in a bad way. With Williams and Bancroft out, the only utility man is Leo Callahan. If an infielder gets hurt Whitted must take his place, and if two players take the count Coombs might have to go in and play himself. It's a hard life for the mem bers of the Phils these days.

Braves Anxious to Trade Blackburn

PRESIDENT BAKER said yesterday that he still was on a hunt for new talent, and Larry Sutton, scout of the club, was combing the bushes for promising material. Nobody will be passed up and the price will cut no figure. Mr. Baker realizes that the fans want winning baseball, and unless the home club plays better the attendance will suffer.

There was a rumor yesterday that Lena Blackburn, utility infielder of the Braves, would be sold to the Phils in a day or so. It looked like a sure deal until the rumor was officially spiked. There is nothing doing, although Boston is anxious to sell him.

Blackburn has had a varied career. He started in 1910 with the Chicago White Sox and looked like one of the coming stars. He was weak at the plate. however, and his bum hitting kept him out of the regular line-up. He remained with the Sox three seasons, went to Milwaukee in 1913, but came back again in 1914 and 1915. The next two years were spent in Toronto and last year Lena played with Cincinnati. His hitting improved and this season he was sent to Boston in a trade.

Lena has lots of pep and showed up well this spring down South. He is a classy fielder, and with regular service should be a fair hitter. Stallings has Johnny Rawlings as utility infielder and Blackburn is rather superfluous. He probably would make a good man for some club.

BLACKBURN lives in Palmyra, N. J., and once was a great basketball player. In 1913, when he was playing with Camden, he injured his ankle and that slowed him up for the coming baseball season. Blackburn's injury caused the big league magnates to put a clause in the contracts forbidding the men from indulging in any other sports during the off season.

Rigler a Great Educator

CHARLEY RIGLER, the rotund umpire, is with us again. Charles was teamed with Charley Moran this season, but was sent here in a hurry when Barry McCormick broke into the league as Quigley's successor. Rigler, aithough young in years, is one of the veterans of the league. He has been ing strikes and balls since 1906 and is regarded as a very good arbiter. An umpire who can hold his job fourteen years MUST be good.

Rigler has shown the ropes to more new men than any other umpire in the league. Every time an appointment is made the new man is wished on large Charley, and when he gets through with him he can get by any place. Rigier has educated Mal Eason, Al Orth, Finneran, Byron, Pete Harrison,

Bransfield, Charley Moran and now Barry McCormick.

McCormick is the old Chicago third baseman who jumped to the St. Louis

Americans in 1904. He was a good player, has been in the game a long time as a scout and manager and was an umpire in the Federal League.

BARRY looks good in his new job and should remain in the league. He is on top of every play and is working hard all of the time.

Giants Ready for Midseason Bust

18 beginning to look as if the New York Giants are ready for the usual senson bust. Brooklyn has been giving them lots of trouble and when stern clubs come out here there will be more of the same. Chicago is good and Cincinnati looks like a serious contender for the pennant, burgh and St. Louis also are playing good ball and every team will be d for the Giants.

unny thing about that club. When they are out in front they are world-s, but when the going gets rough and they are closely pressed the big inn occurs. The New York club will win the pennant if it is out in front for Day, but there will be a crack if the final lap is close.

HE players are not quitters or anything like that. They seem to take their work too seriously, try to do more than they are able, and about the james and that nervousness puts them on the losing to That is the ensurer for the poor shucing in the world's series.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



WILLARD IS FIT. SAYS GRANT RICE

Dempsey Will Deserve Crown if He Happens to Slug Jess to Sleep

CHAMP NOT HUMAN SHELL

By GRANTLAND RICE

Toledo, O., June 26 .- When Corbett dropped Sullivan, when Johnson stopped Jeffries, when Willard flopped Johnson, the resounding chorus which followed carried the same old echo. viz., to wit: "Well, why not? He only beat a human shell." They can never send that echo ringing down the dim and musty sporting corridors if Jack Dempsey ever leans a right hook on Willard's jawbone and sends that worthy into the land where poppies bloom and canaries sing, until they

wake up and say, "tough luck."

If Willard is a human shell, ther David had a lame arm when he beaned Goliath and Samson had rheumatic fever when he became tangled up with the marble columns.

It may be the vital spark isn't there. No one can slip you any certain auswer as to that part of it until after the carnival ends. But so far as outward appearances go the Kansas party looks to be a pretty good man, as men He isn't carrying as much fat as he carried into the mix-up with Frank Moran. He has a healthy look from hoof to dome. He may not carry any surplus of the well-known and justly

a big fat man, wheezing at every turn. Willard never was any fleet and fancy performer. Very few able-bodied citizens around 250 are. He isn't any thing like as fast and as quick as Dempsey is. But if Dempsey wins he ford, and Ward, of Boston - finished should get the credit due a smaller man second for knocking out a whale who was pretty close to being at his best.

is another matter. A bloke can look to be fairly exuding the old pink from a thousand pores until another bloke, twelve or fifteen years younger, throws a lot of fists into his abdomen or his features.

But that has little to do with the way Willard looks outwardly, which is the only part of his anatomy open to the naked orb. All the limited many hits and runs. Fifty-two hits were made in the game. vision can see is the outward make-up. and that part of it looks as good to-day as it ever did. Which means that Willard is still a big, powerful speci-men who can absorb a bale of pupishment and can impart the same.

No Fat Old Man Jess is far from being a John Lawrence Sullivan of 1891 or a James J. Jefferies of 1910. As far from it as Hindenburg is from being police prefect of Paris, or Bill Hohenzollern is from being the winning pitcher on the Yanks. Which is quite a way. And a

little bit more. You can paste that part of it in under your wilting straw hat. Willard is no old fat man to be beaten with a punch. He can still go quite a way, and if Dempsey wins he'll deserve the crown more than any man that ever reached the top-not even barring Bob

Junior Title for Harmon New York, June 26.—Peter Harmon, of the Scottish American Club, won the Junior championship title of the Metropolitian Golf Association over the Siwanoy Country Club links yesterday, winning both his semificial and final round matches by wide marsins.

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Maxwell Has Ringside Seat at the Big Fight

The big fight in Tolcdo, O., between Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey, will soon be staged. The Eve NING PUBLIC LEDGER has not employed a host of special writers to cover this great fistic event. It doesn't need to.

ROBERT W. MAXWELL,

Sports Editor of the EVENING PUB-LIC LEDGER, is one of the country's foremost experts on boxing. will not only have a ringside seat at the big mill, but will have an iuside seat at the camps of Willard and Dempsey from now until the gong sounds July 4.

Mr. Maxwell has already paid one visit to the fighters' camps, and has told our readers how the two big men began their training. He will tell them now in just what condition each man is for the fray. His fittimate knowledge of the fighting game, breezy, personal style of presenting the news of the camps to readers of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, insures them of the best and most authentic "dope" on the situation.

Mr. Maxwell's first article will appear Saturday morning and each day thereafter until the fight is

The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER also will publish Grantland Rice's ideas of the fight and fighters.

Parsons and Lenz, of New York,

Gain Minneapolis Trophy Chicago, June 26. - Parsons and Lenz, the New York team, were today announced as the winners of the Minlauded pink, but he is far from being neapolis trophy, one of the chief prizes of the tournament of the American Whist League, which has been in progress here this week and will close tomorrow.

Another eastern team-Peck, of Hart-

Another Defeat for Cornell Another Matter

Whether or not the vital spark team defeated Cornell here yesterday afteris another matter. A bloke care less than the corne of 7 to 5.

Academy Shoot Saturday

The regular monthly shoot of the Philia-delphis Shooting Academy will be held on Saturday over the traps at Maple Grove. The W. A. Lindsay trophy is offered for the handlean event.

Only Fifty-two Hits In This Game

FOUR CREW RACES

Aquatic Events One of Many Features at Public Inspection of League Island

FIVE CONTESTS ON TRACK

Four crew races will be among the many features of the Navy Relief Day at the navy yard on Saturday. The oarsmen have been practicing on the water and good competition is assured.

for cutters, a half-mile race with turn buoy and a half-mile straightaway and quarter-mile hunt race with shovels. There are five track races on the program, including the 100 and 220 yard sprints, the quarter mile, a halfmile relay and a reveille race.

Numerous events also will be staged afield, besides the tug-of-war, horseback boxing and a pushbal contest.

[Fisher for the currical are going of 125.] Tickets for the carnival are going rapidly, and it is expected that a great

INDIANA SIGNS MOURADIAN

Star Penn Outfielder to Play With Meiman's Club

Manager Meiman, of the Indiana lub, has obtained the services of Albert Mouradian, the former Central High star, but now of Penn. He will take his place in the outfield with George Bingham and Bernard Clark, while Leon Lichtenstein will be shifted to

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Willard Is 37, According

to License Record Book

Leavenworth, Kas., June 26 .-Jess Willard is thirty-seven years of age, according to the records at the marriage license bureau here. In order to decide a wager as to Willard's age, the clerk of the county court today exhibited the license record book, which showed that on March 13, 1908, a license was issued to Jesse M. Willard, aged twenty-six, and Hattie Evans. aged twenty-two, both residents of Pottawatomic county, Kansas.

GERMANTOWN LEADS

Wins Fourth Straight Game in P. R.

T. Baseball League . Germantown kept on winning, mak The Caldwell trophy has been offered ing it four straight yesferday in the to the winner of the mile cutter race. The four rowing events include a mile took the Woodland boys into camp, 8-7. Knox, of Germantown, struck out nine batsmen. The league standing follows:

Pottsville Wins Shoot

Another for Stetson throng of spectators will witness the sports and get a chance to see the yard for the first time since the war began.

Stetson defeated the Harrowgate team at Harrowgate ball park in a twilisht game that was interesting throughout. 6 to 3.

REACHING TOP FORM AT PROPER MOMENT NOTEWORTHY STUNT

Willard Is Gradually Working Himself Into Condition, Dempsey Has Reached the Crest and From Now on the Mental Strain Is Upon the Challenger

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The Race

What's the use of worrying Up and down the way!
What's the use of hurrying
Through an endless day!
Never mind the growing score,
Never mind the pace;

Than a pop-eyed race.

There is something more to life Than a winning game: Something more than endless strife For a splash of fame: Competition, envy, greed Where the welkin rings, I had rather take my heed

Where one doesn't have to bose To the lust for fame That may vanish anyhow By tomorrow's game; Out beyond the winning score Heedless of the pace; Out where life is something more Than a pop-eyed race.

Of the simpler things.

THE league of nations has a universal peace idea running through it, but L even that classic covenant makes no effort to prevent an umpire from being pop-bottled by an irate fan. The blighted ump must still operate outside the fold.

The Mental Strain

REGARDLESS of the general aspects, the mental strain of this coming battle is upon Dempsey-not Willard.

Dempsey was in shape to go the limit two or three weeks ago. A young, rugged athlete in fine condition, he needed little work to get on edge.

Once on edge he had nothing left except to think about the fight. Willard has been too busy trying to prune away a few rolls of fat and to get into shape to think about much else. He gradually has been working his way to condition.

It begins to look as if he will reach the correct stage just a day or so in advance And all this time Dempsey, at top form, has been merely waiting for the big day to arrive. Naturally, under these conditions he has been the one to carry the growing mental strain.

IT IS for this reason that more than one contender has lost his chance by reaching top form too soon. For after you reach the top there is only one other direction to take.

Quite So

When women enter baseball They'll shake a batter's nerves : l never knew a player Who could catch on their curves. -Exchange.

When women enter baseball The time to take your heed In when by chance you tackle those Who have both curves and speed.

Holding Condition

THIS matter of maintaining top condition for too long a spell recalls the I invasion of Jerry Travers launched against Great Britain in 1914. He went over six weeks in advance of the British amateur championship and reached top form two weeks before the classic was due. He was playing his best golf at this time, traveling around leading British courses in from 72 to 75.

He had nothing to do these last two weeks except to try to hold this form

and think about the championship.

The result was that when he faced Palmer, the Irish champion, in the first round. Jerry was beaten by an 88-something that had never happened to him in his entire golfing career.

REACHING top form isn't any notescorthy stunt. But reaching it at precisely the proper moment is quite another matter.

THE Boston Red Sox looked to be in late August form around the last of

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