BILL DONOVAN'S LANSDOWNE SPEECH WON'T BE A MARKER TO SOME HE'LL MAKE TO THE PHILS

E. MEUSEL NEEDS LOST HOME RUN TO PROVE HE'S FIFTY PER CENT OF THE BEST CIRCUIT CLOUTER

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

THERE is a mystery—one of those deep, dark mys-teries—in the National League. A perfectly good home run, which also answers to the name of circuit clout, four base sock and tourist thump, has become lost strayed or stolen. Perhaps it is wandering aimlessly among the percentage tables in the official batting averages. but this cannot be proved. Ernie Lanigan, Al Munro Elias, Irvin Howe and other noted figger slenths are on the trail and report progress. Figger sleuths always report progress.

missing bomer is discovered it will be returned to E. Meusel, of the Phils. E. Meusel needs it to prove he is 50 per cent of the best home-run hitter in the National League. The other 50 is Cy Williams.

When the season ended on October 3 Al Munco Elias published his butting averages and handed Mensel fifteen home runs. Williams had the same number, thus giving our set the two champion sluggers of the circuit. There was much joy and Williams and Mensel congratulates

Today the official averages were inflicted on the paints tating public, and Irish is credited with only fourteen homers. This caused the mystery. The sleuths are positive the missing wallop was lost between October 3 and December 6. That's the worst place to lose four bases, However and be that as it may, our Phils won the home-run championship of the league last year. A total of sixty-four was registered by the merry men, and Cy Williams was the leader with fifteen. Meusel is next with fourteen unless the other is discovered. Davy Robert-

son, of the Cubs, and Austin McHenry, of St. Lase, are

next with ten each, and Casey Stengel connected with

nine during the season. It's great to win a championship of something. Sixty four homers in a season is a great accomplishment, especially when about thirty men were involved. This is ten more than Babe Ruth made while doing solo work. It might be claimed that the short right field fence and small ball park enabled the Phils to beat Ruth's record, but all of the smashes were not made at Broad and Huntingdon streets. Seven other ball parks were used.

THEY, again, there is a chance that the round will be broken. It must not be forgatten that E. Meusel might have another homer if it is located between October 3 and December 7.

Some Nifty Slugging

THERE was a lot of heavy slugging in the major lengues ▲ last season. There also was some nice bingle biffing in the fast set. Healthy averages were made by the clouters, due probably to the elimination of all forms of trick pitching deliveries, with the exception of the spitter, and the better grade of baseballs.

Rogers Hornsby topped the list with ,370, with Fred. Nicholson, of Pittsburgh, second, and Ross Young, of the Giants, third. Cy Williams was the best hitter on our team, finishing the season with a mark of .325. This is the best work the clongated farmer ever has done in the big league. Irish Mcusel, despite the missing home ran. hit 309, and Casey Stengel, after a burn start, slid

Outside of that trio the Phils were not very active with the willow. Paulette and Fletcher were above .280 and next comes Wrightstone with .262. Le Borveau ended with .257 and a broken leg. John Miller .254 and

COBB'S 1920 "SLUMP"

TO .335 MARK ENVIED

Several Ball Players Would Like to "Skid" to Ty's

Lowly Figures Just Once-Willard Should Correlate Massive Body and Intelligence

By GRANTLAND RICE

dropping to 335. There are still sev- top speed, but not on a line drawn from eral ballplayers, here and there, who New England through northern Illinois, would like to slump to those lowly fig-

JESS WILLARD announces that he will be in good fighting share for his next affair with Jack Dempse. There are two portions of Willard's old protate up a considerable amount of his gram that need adjustment before he is ready. The first will be to obtain the

It has been claimed that the Phils had a terrible entch.

ing staff, and the figgers prove it. They were nothing to rag of on the defense and worse on the attack. Mack Wheat hit .226, Tragressor .210 and Witherow .182. The stick work of Ralph Miller was surprising. The kid third baseman looked pretty good at the plate, drove in many runs, but had an average of only .219 for the

WALTER BETTS was the worst hitter on the W team. He was able to make but two singles all year and compile an average of .080. George Smith

370 Homers in American League

YOOD hitting does not always win a pennant. The St. Good latting does not always the batting with an average of .289, which is mighty good, yet finished sixth in the won and lost column. Brooklyn was second with 277, and the others were closely bunched. Pittsburgh was

The work of the St. Looie club was a mystery last It looked very good on paper, but couldn't step out and win games. Individually it compared favorably with any other club in the league. There were several 300 kitters in the line-up, but they could not help very much. The wallops did not come when most needed. There were only twenty batters who hit ,300 or better in the National League. This gives the American a big edge, for forty-two were in the select class on that circuit. Twenty-six of these were above 320, against eight in the National. To carry the comparison further, the American League made 370 home runs, which was 109 more than was made in the National.

THE American also led in two-base hits, with a total of 2019 against 160). The Nationals, howerer, made more three-baggers, the score being 644 to 61 i. Those are the figgers, and figgers don't lie.

115 Circuits, No Pennant

THE home-run record made by Babe Ruth was one which I is likely to stand for some time. Bambino believes he will bust it this year, and you can't blame him for that. However, it must be remembered that the big boy was 100 per cent efficient in 1920. He had reached the op of his form and had all of the pitchers guessing. Some of the critics believe he never will have another year like that, but you never can tell.

The Babe's fifty-four home runs was a larger total than was made by any club in either league with the ex-ception of the Phillies. He swelled the total of the Yanks 115, which is more than any two clubs in either league. The home runs of the St. Loole Browns and the Phils

added together make a total of 114. Yet with all of this great long-distance hitting the Yanks were unable to win the pennant. Cleveland, with thirty-five, copped, and the White Sox had thirty-six. Our A's, strange as it may seem, had forty-six for the

Brooklyn batters walloped but twenty-eight homers in 1920, and they were enough to finish first. The Phils had sixty four and finished last.

SOME day there might be an argument about the value of home run hitters on a ball club. No danht it will be interesting. No doubt. Copyright, 1821. by Public Ledger Co.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



IN CRUCIAL SERIES

Camden Confidently Expects to Lower Colors of Reading in Armory Battle Tonight

Two of the best basketball combina-Hadden avenue and Mickle street, Cam- game. den, when the Camden and Reading eams of the Eastern League come together in one of the crucial games of understand its duties. the week that will decide whether Camden. Trenton or Reading carries away essentially the defensive part of a team. the first-half honors or if the initial Their main duty is to keep the bali series is to end in a double or triple away from their own goal. This duty

a deadlock was enough to draw the information of Dr. Charles Helm, of the Skeeters, that the champions will fight ooth and nail to win the game. The so that all three can work together. has every faith in his club and fensive or defensive of defensive as the fensive or defensive of the organic are A. F. Lawson, of Boston, to Head had this to say about the matter: "You can quote me as saying that I confidently expect Camden to defeat Boston, Jan. 5.—The Continental Baseball League, Inc., which its promoters say will put baseball teams into several major league cities, held its first meeting and elected Andrew F. Lawson, of this city as president. Franchises of this city as president. Franchises

"I do not believe that the Eastern League will tolerate players performing in more than one circuit with the advent of the second half. I see where they are playing elsewhere, but only out of position either the half who one man on our club is so doing, and that is Campbell. He has been in Nan-ticoke's line-up a couple of times. The news that he is going to play in New England is all bunk; but we will re-

EASTERN QUINTETS OFFENSE IN SOCCER HINGES ON FORWARDS

When Attack Overcomes Rival Fullbacks, Goalkeeper Still Must Be Mastered—Center Should Direct Kicks to Wings—Halfbacks Intercept Passes

By DOUGLAS STEWART

Two of the best basketball combina-tions in the country mingle this evening in the Third Regiment Armory.

Two points to be borne in soccer forwards, who make toward the oppo-site goal with it. It is the duty of the left half to have intercepted the pass, but failing to do so, to get after the for-

In playing the game it is well that the various divisions of the team should

The goalkeeper and the fullbacks are particularly fails to the fullbacks, and fullback, having recovered the ball, to that end they should have a clear ably to one of his right-wing forwards The mention of the series terminating to that end they should have a clear understanding between themselves and with the goalkeeper as to their tactics to that all three can work together.

ably to one of his right wing to ward who is uncovered, as both of them probably are, since the attack was on his left wing, and it is good play to im-

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out of position either the half who missed him and the ball or the fullback mates in the other positions have no opmissed him and the ball or the fullback on that side. Then he will swing the portunity to assist, and it is altogether ball into the middle of the field and thus give the center or inside forwards an opportunity to receive the ball and opportunity to receive the ball opportunity to receive the ball and opportunity to

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It is not improbable that the half in making the pass to the forward may misjudge the distance and let it go short of the forward to whom he passed, in which case the opposing half probably will intercept the pass and successfulls. will intercept the pass and successfully The halves and the backs will be discussed bass the ball to one of his right-wing by Mr. Stewart in tomorrow's article.

ward who did receive it and endeavor to take the ball from him either by should interfere with the forward

mediately change the locale of the ball. In case, however, the fullback should

Goal Keeper Gets In

with a team at Toronto.

Mr. Lawson announced that it had been agreed to have no salary limit, and that. "in the event of the Red Sox not accepting the offer to sell, a park would be built in Boston."

The franchise for the team was awarded to Fred Lundy as agent for certain interests.

The lording a franchise grant and almost cried. The whole sum of the situation was that our boys held their opponents too cheap and paid the price."

Stirring finish, it was some time before the players fully realized what had happened. Down in the dressing room the players fully realized what had happened. Down in the dressing room the purpose of preventing this and it doesn't always follow that when for wards have beaten the fullback that the goal keeper can run out and pick it up and probably punt or throw they have beaten the goalkeeper.

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The Royal and Ancient Club of St. indrews, which received a visit from a mmittee of the United States Golf Association last year to discuss changes boys under 110 pounds; 100-yard dash, scratch, for boys 110 pounds and over; gation of five men to this country next June, according to authentic informa-In case he is unable to do either he tion in golf circles yesterday. The Britthat his pass is spoiled or that the left ish committee, it was said, will visit that his pass is spoiled or that the left fullback will have an opportunity to do what the half failed to do. The fullback, having recovered the ball, should kick it down the full back.

Whether or not there will be further revisions of the international golf rules is still a matter of speculation. It is considered certain, however, that in many quarters of the American golfing not recover the ball. it is his duty to prevent the forward passing the ball to impress on the visiting committee the mate in position to shoot. He must peculiar conditions in this country and mate in position to shoot. He must tackle the opponent fearlessly and try to take the ball from him either by charging him off the ball or by blocking charging him long enough to en-

Duty of Forwards
On the kick-off it is the duty of the forwards to get the ball past the opforwards to get the ball past the opshould certainly be able to do it.

It will be recalled that the subject of rule changes was one of the issues at stake in the late revolt of the Western Golf Association, which refused to accept some of the changes made last year at St. Andrews and wanted sev-

Local messengers who will compete in the second annual games of the West. ern Union Athletic Association in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory 168th street near Broadway, N. Y., next Saturday night expect to make a good showing in all the events in which ther are entered.

Philadelphia Team Hopes to Be

Speediest in W. U. Meet

in New York

Prominent officials of the Western Union have signified their intention of attending, and the messenger boys have been making rapid strides since entering the field of athletics. The local lads have been working hard under the di-rection of Coach Harry Saltzman.

B. H. Rivise, manager, will leave on Saturday morning with his team and the coach and is confident of making a good showing. The Philadelphia boys will be opposed by teams from Baltimore, Buffalo, Newark, Brooklyn and New York.

Interest in Relay

While the sprints are attracting no end of attention, the big event on the evening's card is the intercity relay. The local athletes feel they have a fine chance of bringing home the bacon in this event, and have selected a team of the suppress who are regarded as contributions. five runners who are regarded as certain point gainers, according to prominent track and field men who have been assisting the manager and coach in the practice trials.
Out of a field of sixteen candidates

Out of a field of sixteen candidates for the relay, the number narrowed down to five, four regulars and one substitute. They are Clarence Miller, main office; William Knox, Broad and Chestnut streets; Sam Horowitz, main office; Morris Zatlin, Water and Chestnut streets, and John De Cesare, water and Chestnut streets.

The boys all have hed ethicit

Golf Committee From St. Andrews Will Study Problems of

American Courses

Water and Chestnut streets.

The boys all have had athletic experience. Morris Zatlin was a runner of note at Central High a few years ago, and Knox, who saw service in the army, starred with the A. E. F. Knox is looked upon as the star of the team and will run anchor. team and will run anchor.

The program of events for the meet is yard dash, scratch, for boys under pounds; 220-yard dash, scratch, 220-yard dash, scratch, for boys 110 pounds and over; obstacle race, running high jump, half-mile intercity relay

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WALTER HAGEN and Jon Barnes started 1920 hattling each other as

two leading Mandarins of the Mashie on this side of the water. Now the two golf stars are overing in the dire-tion of Jock Hutchison, who led both

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tion of dock Hutchison, who led both in the open championship, and then won the professional golfers championship. The new golf emeror made no reference overhooked but the same exclusional golfers championship the new golf emeror made no reference overhooked but the same exclusional for the new golf emeror made no reference overhooked but the same that save the same time save with the same that save the same time save with the same that which the wondand Cub, the base in the mant that "Philadelphia—well, Philadelphia will be in Plorida soon tuning up their battle before the U. S. G. A. for the rein.

NEW LEAGUE ELECTS

Continental Circuit

Massachusetts, New York, New Jer- Roy Steele Broken Up sey, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and possibly the province of Ontario, with a team at Toronto.

Roy Steele Broken Up

"After Camden was nosed out in that stirring finish, it was some time before posts and under the cross bar. The

TYRUS RAYMOND COBE, as we back-springs but they will find Joek with understand the situation, blew him self to an amazing shump last senson, wilding a wicked mashle niblick. The drawning to 235. There are still seven the standard of the same formula of the same form

HEYWOOD BROUN, 3D, is to be entered in Harvard in 1937 by his father in order to stop the bull-like rushes of Damon Runyon. Ir, who will be carrying the bull for Princeton that fall. This part of the program has been definitely arranged. But we are offering even money that neither young Broun nor young Runyon that year will be able to check the off-tackle plays of Jim Thorpe, in case they go in for professional football after the collegiate season is closed. Montreal Seeks Skating Meet Montreal Score See Montreal Athletic New York, Jan. 5.—The Montreal Athletic Secretation of Montreal Canada, is the Secretation of Montreal Canada Skat-