

EDDIE FOSTER A STAR

His Work Has Been Beneficial to Washington.

Former Rochester Player Not Thought Good Enough for New York Giants Has Proven Tower of Strength for Griffith.

There are innumerable instances where good ball players have been let out by one major league club only to become stars for another after a little experience in a minor league. Eddie Foster is one of these. The question is often asked how Foster came to get away from New York. That club sent him to Rochester with the agreement that it would have the pick of the team in the fall. It is said that John Ganzel, the manager of that club, gave it as his opinion that Foster would not be of any help to his team, and he then consented to the sale of Foster to Washington, a deal which he undoubtedly has had reason to regret. Maurice Rath furnishes another instance of where a good ball player was allowed to slip through the hands of two major league clubs and is now making good for the White Sox with a vengeance. Philadelphia and Cleveland both had Rath, but he made good for neither because he was not played at the position where he belonged. They tried him at third and he failed, while he appears to be a wonderfully clever player at second.

What a wonderful difference the addition of one man can make in a ball team is proved in the case of Foster. While of course there have been many other changes in the make-up of the Nationals since last season, none of these appears to have been as beneficial to the team as the acquisition of Foster. He has filled a place where the team has always been weak and by his clever work at the bat has filled even a greater gap.

To Foster belongs the credit for most of the victories the Nationals have earned this spring. When he has not taken a part in the offensive end of the game he has prevented disaster by his remarkable fielding around third base. With a player less capable than he covering that position, it can be easily figured that three or four of the games which have been won would have been defeats.

On what he has shown this spring Foster is a remarkably clever ball player in every respect. One wonders that a man of his ability should have spent so long a time in the minor



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leagues. Few third basemen have shown themselves in the same class with the little fellow, nor does it seem reasonable to suppose that his showing has been a flash in the pan, for he is keeping up his good work at a consistent rate.

Art of Stealing Bases.

"Stealing bases is not for the fact of stealing bases alone," said Fred Clarke in discussing the running end of baseball. "It is a double-headed ax that works for or against you two ways. The fast man who steals bases not only advances himself toward the plate, but he unsteadies an opposing pitcher more or less and often helps the man who follows him to a base on balls. Stealing bases may bring bases on balls, bad throws and other fortunate points to your side, but the attempt may waste a run for you and cost the game."

Demaree Wins Again.

Another thirteen-inning game was played in the Southern league, this one in Mobile, and it was won by the Gulls from Chattahoochee, with Demaree pitching. In thirteen innings he allowed five hits. Chapelle pitched a good game for the Lookouts.

If Cincinnati Wins Pennant.

"What would happen in this town if the Reds should happen to win the pennant?" asked one Cincinnati bug. "They'd have to put a rubber roof on Longview," answered his friend between frantic cheers.

CHIEF MYERS IS MOST NATURAL BATSMAN



Catcher Myers of New York Giants.

Manager McGraw of the Giants, says of Chief Myers: "Myers is the most natural hitter I ever saw, even a more natural hitter than Wagner or Lajoie. In spite of the fact that the chief cannot beat out slow hit balls, I look for him to bat around .400 this year. Myers seems to hit the ball almost at will and drives out safeties

with the same ease a pitcher drives out fungo hits in batting practice. The National league twirlers have all grown afraid of the chief, and whenever he comes up in a pinch he is walked. The chief dislikes such tactics, as he dearly loves to get a swipe at the ball and will hit it out if given a chance.

STORIES OF THE DIAMOND

Joe Kelly has been made captain of the St. Joseph team.

Kansas City has released Chick Brandon to New Orleans.

Joe McCarthy, Indianapolis' utility man, has been passed down to Wilkesbarre.

Catcher Higgins, former Chattanooga player, has been sent by Brooklyn to Toronto.

Arthur Devlin, the Boston Brave, plays first base as if he takes to the position naturally.

Catcher Al Shaw has again notified Manager Isbell that he does not intend to play ball this year.

Catcher Fitzpatrick, sent by St. Paul to Mansfield in the Ohio State league, balks on going.

Look for Fred Clarke to get back in the game with the Pirates if that losing streak isn't checked.

Connie Mack is sorely tried for pitchers. What of the many youngsters we heard so much about?

Jay Kirke of Boston surely is playing a great game. He is a speedy little player and can also swat that pill.

The Mid-Coast league, which has been "organizing" for six months, finally dropped its plans for this season.

In a game that lasted nearly three hours recently Kansas City and Milwaukee hurlers issued twenty passes.

Manager Frank Isbell twice in succession injected himself as a pinch hitter and in each case delivered a hit.

It might be a good thing for the other clubs if McGraw would give Bugs Raymond "just one more chance."

Seven home runs and three doubles recently were made in a U. S. league game. Sounds like poor pitching or a live ball.

At the rate postponements are piling up there won't be anything but double-headers during the latter part of the season.

With Red Dooin behind the bat, the Phillies seemed to recover their lost backbone, playing and hitting like real athletes.

Danny Claire, secured by Des Moines from Wichita, looks better in a Booster uniform than he did in that of the Hughes team.

Pittsburg fans are well pleased with their present line-up, but still keep on hinting that Fred Clarke should get back in the game.

Veau Gregg, the Cleveland American pitcher, hurt his left shoulder at New York while wrestling with George Kahler, a teammate.

The Cleveland Naps are surely short on baseball, but they have some long names. Hohnhorst, Birmingham, Blanding and then some.

Louis Bachant, secured by St. Joseph from Des Moines, is doing all the Drummer's backstopping while Gossett and Castle are laid up.

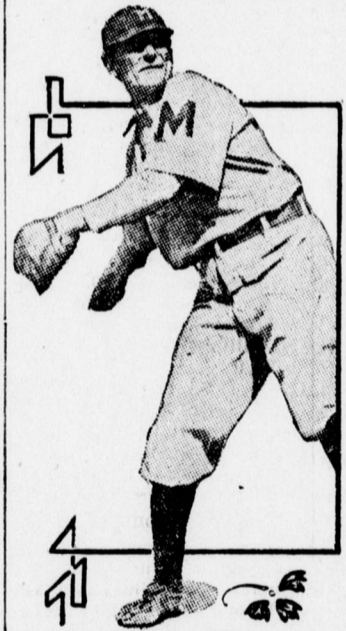
The freak game of the season to date was played by Jersey City and Toronto on May 9, when ten pitchers were used, six by Jersey City and four by Toronto. The Skeeters won by a score of 13 to 12, probably because they used more pitchers.

M'GLYNN IS SOLD TO MOBILE

Famous Milwaukee Iron Man Is Released to Southern Association Team by Manager Duffy.

Stoney McGlynn, the famous iron man that was, whose steel arm almost pitched Milwaukee to a championship four years ago, is no longer a Duffydill. The veteran has been released outright to the Mobile club of the Southern association by Manager Duffy.

McGlynn was the sensation of the league when McCloskey brought him here from St. Louis four years ago, and but for an accident the old boy sustained during the last trip the club



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made, when he sprained his ankle in Louisville, would undoubtedly have pitched the Mackmen to a pennant. The enormous amount of work he did that year knocked him off his stride, and he has been on the decline ever since. McGlynn still possesses a lot of his old cunning, however, and he ought to shine in the southern country, where the weather may put the iron back in his arm.

Tigers Keep Their Promise.

What the Detroit players said after the strike was declared off: "We're not going to lose anything; our fines are going to be paid; Cobb is going to be back with us soon; we're going to protect us against insults from the stands—and we're going to show the fans a real ball-playing club. We hope Washington works Walter Johnson tomorrow, the best pitcher they've got. Watch us." Well, didn't they show it? They beat Walter Johnson, 2 to 0.

McGraw's Salary.

John McGraw's salary as manager of the New York Nationals for the next five years will total reasonably close to \$100,000. That sounds pretty big, but the \$18,000 that McGraw receives for his salary in 1917 will no doubt seem pitifully small in comparison with what some of the moguls will get. The salaries of managers are going to advance in the next few years.

CONTEST WON BY TAFT FORCES

Republican National Committee Makes Important Decisions.

ROOSEVELT GIVES HIS VIEWS

The California Case—Committee Decides to Put Delegation on the Temporary Roll—Fraud Cry Regretted by Both Factions.

Chicago.—Some sensational chapters are being written in the history of the Republican National Convention of 1912, the Indiana and Kentucky contests marking the strenuous stage of the pre-convention struggle between the Taft and Roosevelt forces.

The 26 delegates from California, except two from the 4th district, were assured to Roosevelt and the 12 contested delegates from Indiana, including the four delegates at large, were awarded to President Taft as a result.

The Republican National Committee took up the contests brought from Indiana and with the full consent and acquiescence of every Roosevelt member on the committee seated four delegates at large pledged to President Taft. Eight Taft district delegates were then seated by unanimous vote of the committee members present, except in one instance, the Thirteenth District. The Taft delegates won there, too, by a vote of 36 to 14.

The four rejected delegates, consisted of no less personages than Albert J. Beveridge, Edwin M. Lee, Frederick Landis and Charles H. Campbell.

The Taft campaign managers have additional reason to be jubilant for in the course of the discussion before the National Committee in the Indiana cases two of the Colonel's staunchest supporters, Senator William E. Borah of Idaho and former United States Special Deputy Attorney General, Frank B. Kellogg voiced on the floor in the most emphatic manner their conviction that the Taft delegates should be seated.

Senator Borah said: "I would cut off my right hand before I would vote to seat illegally any delegates whether for Theodore Roosevelt or Wm. H. Taft. If Mr. Roosevelt gets every delegate he is entitled to he will be nominated despite anything that has happened. These delegates were not entitled to their seats. They were elected in a regularly called primary by a majority of six thousand to fourteen hundred. Not over two hundred fraudulent votes were cast, not nearly enough to upset the result. I was voting for a primary—to seat a certificate—not any delegation."

Senator Borah moved that all of the 26 delegates from California, except the two in the contested district be placed upon the temporary roll. This motion was promptly seconded by half a dozen Roosevelt adherents and the committee voted unanimously to that end.

Comments by Colonel Roosevelt.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—"They may commit theft, but they cannot get away with the swag. We won't let them!"

This was Col. Roosevelt's comment on the happenings at Chicago. At another time he said:

"I have urged all my friends not to make the slightest fight for a Roosevelt delegate in any contest where there appears to be a fair doubt. I have told them not to vote for one Roosevelt delegate unless under circumstances that would make them vote for a Taft delegate if the same facts were presented."

Then again: "Some of these gentlemen who go out of political life on Saturday—or possibly next Monday or Tuesday—have no right to decide against the verdict of the people. We will not let them."

These and similar remarks by the Colonel indicate to his friends here that he does not take seriously the work of the present National Committee.

EIGHT MURDERED IN ONE HOUSE

Family of Six and Two Girl Visitors Found Slain.

Villisca, Iowa.—Joseph Moore, a prominent Villisca business man, his wife, three sons and daughter, and two other girls, Lena and Ina Stillings, friends of the Moores, were found murdered in the Moore home. Their heads had been crushed and an ax covered with blood and hair was found. The eight victims were murdered in their beds. There is no definite clue to the murderer, although search is being made, it is said, for one person suspected by the authorities. No robbery was committed, and it seems that only a desire for revenge could have prompted the murder, unless the work was done by a madman.

Owing to the terrible mutilation the identity of the girl visitors could not at first be established.

PENNA. TRAINMEN FIRM.

Brotherhoods Refuse to Accept Ultimatum on Electrification.

Philadelphia.—By a unanimous vote the general committee of the trainmen rejected the ultimatum of General Manager S. C. Long of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., which reiterated the road's refusal to discriminate in favor of the men in employment on the electrified lines. The decision of the general committee will be submitted to the Brotherhood of Trainmen, Conductors and Engineers.

MINE RATS SWARM OUT AFTER FOOD

Suspension of Work in the Anthracite Region Leaves Them Without Kind Friends

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—The suspension of mining in the anthracite region the past several weeks has brought about a plague of rats in most of the mining towns. Rats are to be seen everywhere. They have overrun the cellars and outbuildings in the towns of Warrior Run and Sugar Notch. When the mines are working the rats, which are of great size, make their home in the underground workings. The miners make pets of them and feed them from their palls.

The average miner is superstitious enough to believe that if the rats re-



They Devoured Everything in the Larders.

main in the workings there is no danger of an accident. Instinct seems to tell the rat when a fall of roof is threatened, and he takes his departure. When the collieries were shut down and the miners no longer brought their dinner palls into the workings, the rodents were left without food. Hunger compelled them to make their way to the surface. Reaching the top of the earth, they made their way into cellars and outhouses. Their coming was unexpected, and they devoured everything in the larders the first night. Then they invaded chicken coops, and did not hesitate to attack the biggest chickens in the flock. In a henery at Warrior Run the rats killed a 12-pound rooster.

BOYS PLAY INDIAN; ONE SHOT

"Big Chief" Meets With Defeat at the Hands of "Wild Westerners" in New York.

New York.—The mother of seven-year-old William Farno of 526 Morris avenue, Bronx, went to awake him for school the other day, and found him covered with blood. She ran to his father, who summoned Policeman Cramb. The policeman found the boy was suffering from a gunshot wound in the groin. At Lincoln hospital it was said he is in a serious condition.

Young Farno was shot the other evening, but concealed it from his parents, going to bed early. In a vacant lot near One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, small boys of the



"Stuck His Gun at Me and Fired."

neighborhood play "Indian and cowboy" every evening. It was during the game that the accident occurred. On the pleadings of his mother and father, the boy told Detective Tierney the story.

"We were playing cowboy and Indians," he said. "I was the Indian chief and had captured a lot of cowboys and they were going to rescue them. The cowboys came down the hill and we fought them off. Then they attacked us again, and," he hesitated, "Bisepchini America stuck his gun at me and fired. It was not his fault, and we were all frightened. I ran home and went to bed because I didn't want to tell on him."

VISITS NOTED CITY

Writer Tells of Scenes Where Jeanne d'Arc Died.

Tourists Accept Hospitality of Farmer's Wife, and Are Shown Relics Owned Before Her Execution.

Rouen, France.—Flora, Dear: It seems almost cruel to write of Rouen, when you were denied the pleasure of visiting here. You were ever a staunch admirer of Jeanne d'Arc, and we planned to cover the scenes of her triumphs and misfortunes, since our first history days.

The mediæval city has quite measured up to my expectations. Jack and I explored the glorious old Gothic cathedral from the crypt to the belfry tower. What a wonderful specimen of architecture it is! We made several fairly good sketches of the nave as well as the exterior.

The tomb of Richard Coeur de Lion is much defaced by vandals who collect souvenirs.

In the Place de la Pucelle stands a statue of the Maid of Orleans, over the exact spot where she was burned.

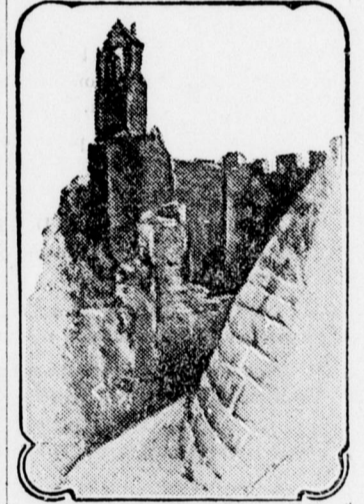
The people of Rouen hold her very name in sacred veneration and relate many traditions associated with her tragic life.

The surrounding country is extremely alluring, and each day we tramp for miles. The well-kept fields of grain or vegetables each has its border of field-flowers blooming in riotous profusion. Poppies, daisies, buttercups, and blueets grow, apparently, to garland some child's hat.

One afternoon, feeling rather tired and hungry, after walking six miles, we stopped at a farm cottage and procured milk and fresh bread. The good wife, a typical belle of Normandy, was most kind to us. She spread our feast in the vine-clad summer house of her lovely garden.

In the distance we could plainly distinguish the tower where Jeanne d'Arc was imprisoned for so many weary months. Jack pityingly narrated a few instances concerning her imprisonment which history fails to relate. In the midst of his conversation, our hostess disappeared. She returned, however, almost immediately, holding in her hand a small box of antique copper. Giving this to Jack, she requested him to examine its contents.

Upon opening the box he drew forth a rosary, much discolored from age, the beads being evidently of ivory. After murmuring a short prayer, she gave us the history of the rosary. One of her ancestors was the keeper of Jeanne d'Arc during the period of imprisonment at Rouen. He was devoted to this unfortunate maid, and



Old City Walls of Rouen.

did everything in his power to relieve her suffering. He supplied her with appetizing food and at the risk of his life delivered messages to her friends. During the long siege of her trial he faithfully served her in every manner, and when the Inquisition finally condemned her to death at the stake he was heart-broken. The bishop of Beauvais ordered her Bible and rosary to be destroyed, denying her the consolation of religion, so far as his power extended. Crushed and humiliated, she awaited her terrifying fate. The keeper, at her request, procured a rosary from a sympathetic priest, who was powerless to aid the maid. She was quite overcome by the keeper's devotion, and blessed him many times.

Finally, the day set for the awful event arrived and the innocent victim of superstition was led forth from her prison tower to pay the price of her service to Charles VII. of France. When the light had been applied to the fagots and the flames rose about the frail form of Jeanne d'Arc, the unrelenting bishop discovered the rosary suspended at her side. He ordered a priest to remove it, but as he drew near the saintly Jeanne the flames formed a forbidding barrier, which no one could brave.

The rosary is the cherished treasure of the little woman, who is the only surviving member of her family. She claims that the rosary possesses the power of consolation, however great the sorrow may be.

Dear Jean, you should know her! She is the personification of peace and repose.

We leave for Paris in a week. Do arrange to join us there!
Ever lovingly,
JEAN DOUGLAS.