

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS
NEWS OF INTEREST FROM FAR AND NEAR

Athletics and Phillies.

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New York, June 25.—The fans of Philadelphia are in an unenviable position. They have two baseball clubs to support and neither of the owners of the teams is willing to spend money to bring stars of the game to them.

The case of the Athletics is most disappointing. When Connie Mack used the axe on his old-time coaching crew, it was generally believed that he would use the money obtained in buying promising youngsters, and, adding to this, his ability to scratch the sticks for young stars, would build soon a team practically the equal of the old club.

Connie hasn't done this. Nor has he even come fairly close. A couple of years ago Mack's team was sadly stricken when the army and navy took over most of his men. Some of the experts then told of what a great team was in the making of Mack and sympathized with him. Most of those men have come back to Mack and those he has not released, for the most part, are wearing the togs of other clubs and are showing nothing of great importance.

Win Noyes, pitcher, still is in the army, or was when last heard from. The addition of this fine right-hand-thrower would be a great help to Mack and might assist him to recover some of his lost prestige. He has the nucleus of a good hurling corps, but the rest of his club surely looks like a second division—probably last place organization.

The Phillies were humiliated by the release of Pat Moran after that smart leader had landed them once in a world's series and made other brave tries with them. He was quickly picked up by the Reds and meantime Jack Coombs, former Athletic pitcher and lately with the Dodgers, was engaged to lead the Phils. He has done nothing of consequence. His team has been shot to pieces and the men he did retain are only mediocre. He has not strengthened the club a particle.

In the release of Moran there probably was an aroma of the sale of Grover Cleveland Alexander, who was turned over to the Chicago Cubs without Moran's ever having been consulted. Moran probably kicked against this and was released for his pains.

Whatever the result of the tinkering with the club, it certainly is in an awful rut and the Athletics are in a worse one. It will take heroic measures on the part of owners of both clubs to land them again in the favor of the fans.

STANDING OF CLUBS

NATIONAL LEAGUE table with columns: Won, Lost, Pct. Teams: New York, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Boston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE table with columns: Won, Lost, Pct. Teams: New York, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Boston, Washington, Philadelphia.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION table with columns: Won, Lost, Pct. Teams: St. Paul, Louisville, Columbus, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Toledo.

COAST LEAGUE table with columns: Won, Lost, Pct. Teams: Los Angeles, Vernon, San Francisco, Oakland, Salt Lake, Sacramento, Portland, Seattle.

Yesterday's Results.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. First game—New York 4, Brooklyn 2. Second game—New York 2, Brooklyn 9. First game—Boston 10, Philadelphia 6. Second game—Boston 5, Philadelphia 9. First game—Chicago 6, Cincinnati 2. Second game—Chicago 0, Cincinnati 2. Pittsburgh 2, St. Louis 9.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Philadelphia 0, New York 9. Cleveland 2, Chicago 0. St. Louis 4, Detroit 8. Washington 2, Boston 5.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. Toledo 1, Indianapolis 5. Columbus 2, Louisville 3. 16 innings. No others scheduled.

COAST LEAGUE. San Francisco 9, Salt Lake 2. Portland 1, Vernon 5. Seattle 9, Oakland 5. Los Angeles 8, Sacramento 4.

Morsels From A Sage's Scrap Book

There is the "Devil's Pulpit" at Bedford, Hillsborough county, N. H., a channel, which has been cut in the solid rock, is 76 or 80 feet deep, and from 20 to 30 wide. At the head of the channel there is a large pool of water. In other parts, the bottom is filled with rubbish through which, in one place, a pole may be passed down 20 or 30 feet.



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SPORTOGRAPHY

By "GRAVY" May 1 Not

Suggest to certain batters who talk about "hitting their stride," that if they will hit the ball, they needn't worry about the stride?

No Exchange of Prisoners.

It seems that the Hague convention made no provision for the exchange of baseball captives; hence we find the armies of the Giants and Reds pitting warriors against their old comrades in rather extended fashion. In the ranks of the Giants are five ball tossers who formerly played for the Redland club, while on the roster of Pat Moran's outfit are four men who once pitched under the direction of John McGraw. The former Giants now with the Reds are Slim Salter, Eddie Roush, Heine Groh and Bill Davidson, while in the Giant camp the men who once wore Cincinnati uniforms are Hal Chase, Mike Gonzales, Jean Dubuc, Fred Tony, and the better. Oddly enough, all of the men concerned are making good in their present berths.

The recent tribute at Polo Grounds to Ty Cobb by the Georgia Society of New York would indicate that though republics may be ungrateful, states are not.

Gus "Ruhlin."

Gus Ruhlin stood 6 feet 2 1/2 inches in height and weighed, in condition, about 200 pounds. He defeated, among others, Steve O'Donnell, Hank Kenny, Wolf Bondoff, Tom Sharkey, Ed Dunkherd, Joe Goddard, Joe Choyinski, Peter Maher, and Jim Felford. He fought a 20-round contest with Jim Jeffries, being adjudged the loser on points at the end of that period.

He was considered by many as second only to Jim Corbett as a scientific boxer, although he did not seem to be in Corbett's class when it came to skill. Ruhlin, in a second meeting, was beaten by Jeffries in seven rounds, but he never acknowledged that Jeff was his master.

Some time after that fight Ruhlin said in New York: "When I fought Jeffries on the last occasion I was indeed to get as low as 134 pounds and this left me very finely drawn. I felt that I was entirely too low, but allowed myself to be guided by the advice of Billy Madden. Early in the contest I proved the accuracy of my opinion and when going to my corner at the end of the second round I remarked to Madden that I was really getting weak and felt sure that unless I landed a 'kayo' early I would not last."

"This caused me to adopt measures I had not previously figured on and they did not meet with the success that I hoped. But that was a good lesson for me, for I determined never in future to get below 200 pounds."

Before Ruhlin took up boxing he carried off several prizes on the running path. He, however, preferred to follow his employment in a big printing concern to joining the professional ranks. A baseball team known as the Werners was organized in Akron about that time and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, games were played. Gus Ruhlin threw in his lot with that team and made quite a reputation. The club was one of the best in and around Ohio. In the autumn months, the Werners played college football and they do say that there was no better guard in the country than Ruhlin. He once told me that everybody else in that Akron line was bigger than himself. It certainly must have been some line.

When Ruhlin fought Sharkey in London, he gave a splendid exhibition of science. His hitting was straight, clean, and well timed, whilst his skill in avoidance was very great. His judgment of distance stood out in marked contrast to the wild work of Sharkey, who hit at random and only landed by sheer luck.

Ruhlin's footwork was also very good and he used a straight left hand with great effect to stop the mad rushes of the sturdy sailor. He out-generaled, outmaneuvered, outdistanced and outpunched Sharkey from beginning to end and to the initiated eye there was only one in after the first half minute and that one was not Tom Sharkey.

While he was training for his fight with the Akron Giant, Sharkey expressed himself forcibly as to what he was going to do to Ruhlin. "When I get that stiff in the ring," he said, "I'll never leave him until I've walked the face off of him." But Ruhlin all but walked the face off of Sharkey. In this fight, Sharkey did not impress one as being anything but a rough and tumble fighter. He led repeatedly with the right and often when he was two feet out of distance. Ruhlin's victory over Sharkey made him the undisputed champion of Ireland, for Gus had beaten Peter Maher the March before he trounced Sharkey.

When Ruhlin died he had plenty of this world's goods and deserved all that was good, for he was clean, honest, and gave you his best at all times.

CLIPS HIS HAIR TO GET HIS HAT OFF. (By United Press.) Juneau, Alaska, June 25.—The first bear story of the season has arrived. A man living on the trail near Donnelly recently went out to get a load of wood and came face to face with a big brown bear.

The bear struck at the man, the wind from the blow tearing off his shirt. His partner had to clip his hair to get his hat off, as it had stood up so straight the hairs had stuck through and clinched.

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MILLIONS OF ROSES

(By United Press.) London, June 25.—"Alexandra day," which was inaugurated in 1913, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival in England of Queen-Mother Alexandra, is being celebrated today, and from an early hour this morning pedestrians were waylaid by white-robed women and girls, selling the little pink roses associated with the festival. The pink rose was the only badge that insured immunity from the attacks of the flower-sellers, 10,000 of whom stormed London this morning. Over 14,000,000 imitation roses were made by crippled children and soldiers, the proceeds of the sales going to charities selected by the queen-mother.

The flower-sellers included most of the leaders of British aristocracy and society, duchesses, marchionesses, countesses, leading stage beauties and others raiding the city and fashionable West End districts. Huge collections were made round the stock exchange, the financial magnates frequently paying \$50 and \$25 for a rose. "No change" was the motto of the sellers, although there was no fixed charge for the flowers, and the penny of the street loafer was accepted as readily as the ten-pound note of the plutocrat.

During the afternoon Queen-Mother Alexandra, accompanied by Princess Victoria, drove through the West End and city. Four hundred towns in England and Scotland are participating and the total collection this year is expected to beat all records.

THE GAME O' LIVIN'

Life seems just a busy ramble. Where we have to fight and scramble just for space to stand and gamble. With the burdens which we bear. Where the rich with riches tussle. While the poor must always hustle; And use ever ounce of muscle. Just to win a meager share.

Life's a thing we've not demanded. And we wonder why we're landed; In this world of ups and downs. Our prevailing ups and downs. And quite frequently we wonder. Why the game is such a blunder; And why the poor are crowded under. While the rich smile at their frowns.

People's hopes have been demolished. As their rights have been abolished; And the truth has all been polished. With the cradest brand of fibs. So until we show some action. To the parasitic faction. It's a cinch there'll be subtraction From the rights we get in drabs.

All we need is game ambition. To send masters to perdition; And gain all the things we're wishin' As we live from day to day. But our pep seems hibernated. And our love ad-libbed. So I guess for us—we're slated. If the plutes must have their way. —D. N. R.

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