

THE WASHINGTON HERALD

SPORTING SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1911.

Gessler and Walker Smash Out Home Runs---Naps Are Beaten

Groom Pitches Masterly Ball

Naps Are Humbled, 7 to 1—Old Cy Young Knocked Out of Box After Working Three Innings—Homers for Gessler and Walker.

McAlear's willing workers made it two in a row over the Cleveland Naps by winning yesterday's game, 7 to 1, and incidentally cleaning up for the week with three victories over two defeats.

Sir Robert Groom's strong right arm steered the way to yesterday's win. Bob only gave Stovall's Stogies four hits, and made the Clevelanders look like counter-fett money. There never was a time when Groom was in trouble. The quartet of bingles credited to the visitors were so scattered that only for a lucky home-run wallop by Jackson in the sixth the perpendicular twirler would have announced a shut-out.

When the Nationals broke into the double-figure column against Detroit here Wednesday a record for the year was established. Yesterday another new mark was hung up, one which will likely stand for some time to come—that of smashing out two home runs in one inning.

The Gessler in the third stanza put his weight behind a healthy swing and drove the horsehide over Butler's head in center field for a homer. Red Walker, the next man up, pulled off the same stunt, his club propelling the ball to deep left field six feet inside the foul line. Walker's sprinting powers were put to the test, and he fairly burned up the paths as he made the circuit.

Old Cy Young, who humbled the Nationals when the Naps were here before, started in to pitch. Cy got away with it all right for one inning, but wobbled in the second, and gave up the ghost in the third. Blanding, who relieved the veteran, stopped the slaughter, but the home folks choked two runs out of the big blond before the fracas ended.

Clarence Walker not only banded out a homer, but hit a ball, in the sixth, that bumped the center field fence. This time Graney was laying for "Spartacus," and quick relays held the youngster at bay.

Eiberfeld and Ball contributed the fielding gems. The former robbed Larry of a single in the fourth, and Ball committed larceny on Milan in the first inning, when he speared a vicious grounder to the left of third base, completing a dandy play by throwing out the Tennessee flyer by an eyelash.

After "Red" Walker had perished in the second, McBride singled to left, and when Graney's bum heaved got away from Lajoie Mac reached second. Conroy fled to Graney, but "Gabby" Street, with a powerful arm to right, sent McBride over the rubber.

The big third opened auspiciously, with Milan leading off, he poking a clean single over Ball's head for the first time. Street hit second, Schaefer took three swings, but Gessler connected for a home run. Butler misjudged the ball, running in instead of back, and before he could regain possession of the sphere Eiberfeld and Gessler had completed the circuit. Walker drove the fans into another frenzy by crashing to left and going the rounds before the ball could be fielded home.

Blanding on the Job. When the fourth opened Blanding was on the mound for the Naps, and for two innings there was nothing doing in the run line for the home folks. In the sixth, Red Walker tripped over Graney's head and scored on McBride's skycraper to Jackson.

Because Butler let Gessler's drive get away from him, Manager Stovall did a little panicking when he reached the bench, and as a result Butler was yanked and a shift in the batting order made. Jackson went to center and Easterly to right.

The Nationals grabbed their seventh tally in the seventh inning, when Milan singled to left, reached second on Schaefer's out, Ball's homer, and completed the trip on Eiberfeld's fly, which Olson fumbled and threw poorly to Stovall.

The Score. WASHINGTON, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Milan, cf., 4 2 2 0 0 0 0. Eiberfeld, 2b., 4 1 2 4 6 0 0. Gessler, rf., 4 1 2 0 0 0 0. Walker, lf., 3 1 1 3 2 0 0. McBride, 1b., 3 1 2 3 2 1 0. Conroy, 3b., 3 0 0 1 0 0 0. Street, p., 3 0 0 0 3 0 0. Totals, 22 14 4 24 10 3.

CLEVELAND, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Graney, lf., 3 0 0 3 0 1 1. Olson, cf., 4 0 0 0 2 1 0. Jackson, cf., 2 1 1 3 2 0 0. Lajoie, 2b., 4 0 0 2 0 0 0. Stovall, 1b., 3 0 1 8 2 0 0. Butler, cf., 3 0 0 0 0 1 1. Easterly, rf., 3 0 0 0 0 1 1. Ball, 3b., 4 0 0 0 2 4 0. Smith, c., 3 0 1 3 1 0 0. Young, p., 3 0 0 1 1 1 0. Blanding, p., 2 0 1 1 1 0 0. Totals, 22 1 4 24 10 3.

Earned runs—Washington, 4; Cleveland, 1. First base by error—Cleveland, 1. Washington, Left bases—Washington, 4; Cleveland, 5. First base on balls—Off Young, 1; off Groom, 2. Innings pitched—By Young, 3; by Blanding, 3. Struck out—By Young, 2; by Groom, 2. Home runs—Walker, Gessler. Sacrifice hit—McBride. Stolen bases—Graney, Jackson. Hit by pitcher—By Stovall, 1. Wild pitch—Young. Umpire—Mr. Evans. Time of game—1 hour and 35 minutes.

San Johnson Coming Here.

A dispatch from Boston last night states that Ban Johnson, president of the American League, is on his way to Washington to look over the new park in the Capital. Mr. Johnson will be a spectator at the Naps-Nationals game to-morrow.

FRAGMENTS OF THE FRAY AS SEEN FROM THE PRESS BOX

Oh, my! Two in a row! Who said our heroes couldn't swat the pill? Two homers in one afternoon! Back up, you knockers!

And maybe that hit of Gessler's didn't travel some. Ask Mr. Butler, of the Naps.

The pill went so far it took Mr. Butler out of the game.

And, not speaking too strong, Bob Groom just about twirled as good a game as a slab artist is capable of. Bob had control, speed, and good benders. That's all.

No use talking, our athletes are going some at the present time. To-morrow Becker or Johnson will be on the mound.

And Walter Johnson or "Buck" Becker (most likely Walter) to-morrow. Then back with long Tom, and the series ours.

The mighty Larry started the first game since his illness. During practice Lajoie put up a great game and looked to be as good as ever.

When Larry stepped to the plate in the first, quite a little applause greeted the king of swatters.

Neal Ball, who was shifted to third when Larry went to second, pulled off a great play in the first on Milan's hard grounder. The pill crashed over the bag, but Neal grabbed and threw the Reach with the same motion.

Umpire Parker was again on the sick list. That had ankle is too much for the plucky arbitrator.

Sid Smith had a passed ball in the third that resulted fatally for the Naps, as Milan went to second on it and crossed the pan when Eiberfeld singled.

There are few first basemen who are hurt as much as George Stovall. In yesterday's game he was hit by the pitcher, pulled by a runner, and was hit twice in the chin by thrown balls that took peculiar bounces. The condition of the new infield makes the judging of ground balls almost an impossibility.

Old "Cy" Young only lasted three innings, but in that short stay on the rubber the Nationals gathered five hits, which, with a pass and a passed ball, put "Cy" out of commission. Blanding went into the box and twirled fair ball, allowing the Nationals only six hits the remainder of the game.

"Gabby's" arm was sure in working order. In the first he had Jackson standing, but Eiberfeld dropped the perfect throw.

In the second "Gabby" caught Ball with room to spare. Some arm, believe me.

It was the first game that Larry started since May 22, when he was hurt.

Billy Evans limped around and had a great deal of difficulty getting the play. But this young indicator handler is one of the best in the country, and his work this series has been of the highest order.

And "Gabby" came across with that timely single in the second, scoring McBride with the first run of the game. Well, we can hit at that.

But Bob Groom fanned as usual, and that lonely run was all we could coax in the second round. But, on the level, that helped some.

Cy Young gave a good exhibition of a steam roller in the third, and only a close decision saved him from being doubled at first.

McBride lost a great chance for a double in the third, when he fumbled Graney's grounder, but he caught Cy at second.

Graney tried to hide Olson's bouncer from McBride in the third, but our captain was on the job and nailed Ollie at first.

"Dor" Ainsmith put a lot of pep into the game from the coaching lines. Eddie and John Henry are always in the game.

Kid Eiberfeld was the sweet boy in the third. As Milan started for third, the Kid slammed a single to left and Clyde was over our new home plate with run No. 1.

Then our noble Doc Gessler, the swatter of circuit trills, uncorked a smash to center, which Mr. Butler misjudged, our Doc circling the bases sending Eiberfeld ahead of him.

Nothing daunted, Red Walker, late of the Carolinas, scattered the next ball served to left for a trot around the bases.

Well, those five looked pretty good with Bob in rare form.

Manager Stovall announced that he would pitch Falkenberg or Voan Gregg Monday. This should give the third

Continued on Page 3, Column 4.

CANADIANS WIN THE BIG REGATTA HELD AT SARATOGA

Toronto Oarsmen Capture Half of the Events.

BALTIMORE IS IN LIMELIGHT

Arundels Over Line First in Four-oared Event—Racers from Across Border Vanquish the Best Uncle Sam Can Produce—Philadelphia Carries Off Two of the Prizes.

Saratoga, July 29.—Canada completed its triumphal rowing on this, the 140th anniversary of the N. A. O. regatta, the sturdy oarsmen from Toronto won three of the six races on the card. Sweeps and sculls seemed alike as instruments of humiliating Uncle Sam's representatives, for added to Butler's triumph in the quarter-mile single scull race were two victories in eights. The first was achieved in the intermediate event by the 140 pound crew and was just an appetizer for the senior event that wound up the programme. In that the racers from across the border defeated the flower of American amateur oarsmen, the East being represented by the New York Athletic Club and the West by Detroit.

Three victories scored yesterday by the Argonauts makes a total of six of the twelve championship events for the Canadians, they winning every event in which they started. Of the three medals left after the visitors took theirs, Philadelphia won two, the senior doubles and the triple four, while the other went to Baltimore when the New York Athletic Club four succumbed to the Arundels. Boston and other cities were in the same boat with New York to-day, but in the two days the firsts were divided as follows:

Argonauts, Toronto, 6; Union, B. C., Boston, 2; Vesper, B. C., Philadelphia, 2; Detroit, R. C., 1; Arundel, B. C., Baltimore, 1.

Three clubs withdrew from the senior doubles, which opened the day's sport. Fused and Sheppard, the Harlem combination that has scored many victories, were the favorites, but the Philadelphians pinned their faith to the Vespera, and this pair won.

When the Nons stopped rowing the Wahnetah's went into second place, finishing three lengths behind the Vespera. The Harlems and Rockrimmons, both steering badly, were third and fourth, which ended in favor of the New York crew.

The New Yorkers and Arundels were expected to fight their battle of yesterday over again when the crews were called to the line for the international four. Three others entered the lists, the Mount City and Western Rowing clubs, of St. Louis, and the Detroit Boat Club.

The Baltimoreans had complained of a sick man when beaten yesterday. There were no invalids in the boat to-day. From the crack of the pistol the Arundels had the foot of their rivals, though it was only slowly they forged ahead. The great rivals were far apart in portions, but at the half the Arundels were clearly in front, with the Western Rowing Club hanging on gamely half a length behind. Stroke by stroke the Arundels gained, slowly but surely opening a gap until at the mile there was a clear length of open water between the stern of their boat and the nose of the New Yorkers.

Gallantly responding to the call for an spirited New York four cut down Arundel's lead. The general verdict was a length and a quarter in favor of Arundel over New York, with the Western Rowing Club third.

Matia, of Philadelphia, was favorite for the intermediate eight-oared shells

HERE'S THE NAPS' GREAT SLUGGER.



JOE JACKSON.

WOOD ALLOWS NO HITS; ATHLETICS DOWN TIGERS

Boston Twirler Holds Browns 33,000 Fans See Detroit Humbled Again by Mackmen.

Boston, July 29.—Joe Wood pitched a flawless, hitless game this afternoon for the Red Sox in the first game of the double-header with the St. Louis Browns, and by his good work held the visitors down to goose-guzzers. First base on balls—Off Wood, 2; off Lake, 2. Struck out—By Wood, 12; by Lake, 4. Sacrifice hit—Shepherd. Double play—Yates to Enrie; Austin to Laporte to Black. Hit by pitched ball—Hogan. Umpire—Mr. O'Loughlin. Time of game—1 hour and 45 minutes.

Philadelphia, July 29.—Before a crowd of 32,000 fans, the Athletics made it three in two days from Detroit by tramping all over the Tigers in to-day's game, score 11 to 2. This victory put the world's champions within half a game of the leaders. Plank's cross-fire was in fine working order, and no less than five of the visitors were retired via the strike-out route. Lafitte, Lively, and Covington were hammered unmercifully. Score:

Philadelphia, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Plank, p., 4 2 0 0 0 0 0. Lively, lf., 4 1 0 0 0 0 0. Covington, cf., 4 1 0 0 0 0 0. Lafitte, 2b., 4 1 0 0 0 0 0. Barry, 3b., 4 1 0 0 0 0 0. Moriarty, rf., 4 1 0 0 0 0 0. Stoney, 1b., 4 1 0 0 0 0 0. Galloway, c., 4 1 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 11 2 33 10 3.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

St. Louis, AB, R, H, P, O, A, E. Enrie, p., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Laporte, lf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Sheppard, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Fused, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Walker, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Carpan, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Gardner, rf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yager, cf., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Yates, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Wallace, 3b., 4 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals, 22 0 0 0 0 0 0.

Nationals to Be Well Fortified

Squad of at Least Twenty-five Youngsters to Be Taken South Next Spring—Four Scouts Now Doing Duty—Other Gossip.

The writer pointed out in these columns last week that the impression gained by local fans that the Washington club management was doing little to better conditions was all wrong, and the acquisition of four new youngsters last week would seem to bear this out.

Instead of one scout on the road, the Washington club has four, and these are capable judges of baseball talent. Charley Farrell and Mike Kahoe are two of them, and the names of the other pair are withheld for several reasons.

It is known, his chances of doing business with a minor league club are injured to some extent. Charley Farrell has been working under cover for three weeks, and his name appeared in the public prints only last week, when dispatches from Danville, Va., announced that Ray Morgan, the shortstop, had been purchased by the Nationals upon recommendation of Farrell; then it was that the fan flock in the Capital knew Mike Kahoe was not working single-handed.

The drafting season starts August 20, and before that time the Washington club will likely have added half a dozen new players, swelling the list to fifteen or possibly eighteen, and with drafts out for twenty or twenty-five, and the chances of getting about half of this number, swelling the whole list of youngsters who will be taken South, next spring to twenty-five or thirty, of this bunch a few men of big league caliber can be obtained.

The Washington baseball management can only do one thing at a time. The rebuilding of the stands at Florida avenue had to come first, and the concrete coliseum bears mute testimony to the efforts of President Neys. In a year or so this park will be second to none in the country. All that is out of place now is a lot of unsightly fences and a poor playing field, the last condition due to the necessary shifting of the diamond. Time will soon change these conditions.

It is not that the ball players are settled, every effort is bent on getting players, young players who will be able to take up the work when some of the veterans have been forced to retire from the bench. In order to take a place on the Washington club these youngsters will have to beat out some of the older men, and will of necessity have to show considerable class.

In view of what the Washington management is doing there should be no more unjust criticism. Not only will Manager McAlear be well fortified with men, but he will make arrangements with at least three minor league clubs to farm out every man who shows promise of future greatness, so that the Nationals will be in a position to meet the other American league teams on an even footing. Other clubs are doing this and have right along. Washington will not be forced to take a back seat.

While the recall list published the other day fails to show a single player in the minors on whom the Nationals have a string, yet there are at least half a dozen who could be recalled to-day, if they were needed. This fact has also been pointed out by the writer.

A feature of the work of the locals during the past week at the hotel grounds has been the playing of the veterans Schaefer, Eiberfeld, and Conroy in the infield. Of McBride Little can be said; his work is consistently good. Schaefer's first base play has been a revelation and a big weight has been lifted from McAlear's shoulders, for he has solved the first base problem this year, at any rate.

Bill Cunningham is putting in a few extra ticks during morning practice here, and the Schenectady boy may be put back into the game almost any time now. Things have been breaking badly for Bill this season, but he looks like a mighty good ball player, nevertheless.

One fan expressed himself the other day as follows: "They can say all they want about Cunningham, but I think he will some day deliver the goods. He looks good to me even when he strikes out."

The good work of the Nationals at home this week is due in a small degree to the encouragement given by the home fans. When the club was in a rut everybody had a hammer out. These days the hammers are left at home.

Dixie Walker's injury last Thursday comes at an inopportune time, for the Alabama boy was just hitting his stride and pitching the brand ball that made him look like the million-dollar kid when Joe Cantillon got him from Zanesville two years ago.

Charley Nichols, the veteran pitcher, who is now running a semi-professional nine in Kansas City, Mo., says: "I don't see why a pitcher who is playing ball every day cannot acquire perfect control. I never had any trouble in putting the ball where I wanted to. The corners were no ornaments when I was pitching, any more than they are now, and I used to be able to clip the edges easily enough. That plate looks mighty big to me. It always has. If speed matched my control, right now, I might be up there pitching victrols twice a week."

Small events in baseball often take ranking with the most vital happenings. Last fall a pitcher by the name of Grover Alexander was offered to the Yanks for \$500. He had done nothing sensational with Syracuse, and the offer was turned down. No other club, with all the vast army of scouts out, saw anything wonderful in the Syracuse slacker, so that he was finally permitted to lag on the mar-

ket, the Phillies finally purchasing him for \$750, the price of an average Class D player of fair promise.

The first inkling as to Alexander's worth came in the spring series with the Athletics, when a phenom held Mack's champions to three hits and beat them handily.

His advent has made the Phillies a stout championship contender. In games worked to date young Alexander has won seventeen and lost five. In addition to this he has stepped in repeatedly and saved the day for other slabsmen. He has kept his team in the hunt.

Any manager or club owner in the business would cheerfully expend \$20,000 for talent that would make the team a pennant contender. The Phillies got off with a \$20 payment, and this investment has to date brought over \$5,000 into the treasury that otherwise would have been missing. Before the year is over that \$750 will bring in an additional \$20,000 to the Philadelphia club, possibly more, which is pretty fair per cent when you stop to think it over.

According to the Nestor of ball players, Cy Young, the grandest man who ever walked this green football was "Chief" Zimmer, at one time first catcher for the Cleveland club, and for many years a figure of national prominence in baseball.

Cy, ever with the Naps, was discussing his debut as a big league pitcher. It was a matter of time, Young's inability to find a Cleveland club that was willing to contain his proportions, and Young remembered that he had gone into the box that day with a Canton lettering across his breast for that