|  | JOHNSON SLATED TO TWIRL FIRST HOME GAME TO-DAY GRIFF SATISFIED WITH NATIONALS' SHOWING THUS FAR <br>  |  |
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GRIFFITH, IN STATEMENT TO HERALD,
SAYS CLUB WILL FIGHT TO LASI DITCH
"I am making no first division claims for the Nationals;' I would not offer to bet that my club will fanish any higher up than
it did last year, but I will ay that the boys are giving me the best they have in them and that at present we are in good enough shape to give any team in the American League a stiff battle. No ball game is over until the last man has been retired in the ninth, and we will be beaten then and only then. structions to rest up, as I expected to work him during the inening game here with the Athletics, but Walter was' forced to pitch a hard game against New York, and unless he feels equal to the
tank I shall not ask him to go in the box, but will use Dixie Walker.
me that can tell the readers of The Washington Herald for me that the Nationals are out to fight for every game to the last
ditch. Each man will do his best. All we ask is that the fans give us a square deal. I will be at the head of the club here for give us a square deal. season, I can only try again next year. Rome was not buit in a
day and the same goes for a major league ball club."-Clark Griffith, manager of the Nationals made the foregoing statement to the Sporting Editor of The Herald when interviewed at his
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