

is little knowledge as to what happened that day in New York; about all anyone remembers is that Merkle failed to touch the keystone bag and that Johnny Evers' quick-thinking saved the game.

Merkle has been accused of running out of line before the winning run was scored; of turning to the left after passing first, which, in the opinion of many, made it necessary for him to continue to second on his own hit and of several other impossible baseball crimes. Here is what happened:

It was the last of the ninth, with the score 1-1 and the Giants at bat. Seymour was thrown out by Evers. Devlin singled, but was forced at second when McCormick hit to Evers. Then Merkle singled so far into right field that McCormick reached third base.

Bridwell hit the first ball pitched by Pfeister to center field and ran to first, while McCormick crossed the plate with the run that should have won the game, but didn't because of Merkle.

Merkle was subbing at first for Fred Tenny, being still a recruit player. On Bridwell's hit he started for second, but when half way left the base line and sprinted for the clubhouse back of right field, to beat the crowd swarming upon the field in the belief that the game was over.

It was Bob Emslie's place to watch the play, as he was umpiring on bases, but he was on his way to the clubhouse with the Giants, just as O'Day had been in Pittsburgh.

To this day Merkle, in upholding himself, says Emslie told him to go ahead—that the game had been won.

When Merkle started for the clubhouse, Evers yelled to Hofman, in center, for the ball. Instantly Capt. Mike Donlin realized the situation and started after Merkle. Joe McGinnity, cutting across the field, caught the ball as it was thrown to Evers and was jumped upon by three or four Cubs. McGinnity tossed the

## THE LITTLE OLD BOX SCORE

The box score of the great game of September 23 follows:

### Chicago.

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Hayden, rf.....	4	0	0	1	0	1
Evers, 2b.....	4	0	1	4	7	0
Schulte, lf.....	4	0	0	1	0	0
Chance, 1b.....	3	0	1	11	1	0
Steinfeldt, 3b....	2	0	0	1	1	1
Hofman, cf.....	3	0	1	0	1	0
Tinker, ss.....	3	1	1	8	7	2
Kling, c.....	3	0	1	0	1	0
Pfeister, p.....	3	0	0	1	0	0

Totals .....29 1 5 27 18 4

### New York.

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Herzog, 2b.....	3	1	1	1	1	0
Bresnahan, c.....	3	0	0	11	0	0
Donlin, rf.....	4	0	1	2	0	0
Seymour, cf.....	4	0	1	1	0	0
Devlin, 3b.....	4	0	2	0	2	0
McCormick, lf....	3	0	0	1	0	0
Merkle, 1b.....	3	0	1	0	1	0
Bridwell, ss.....	4	0	0	2	3	0
Mathewson, p....	3	0	0	1	0	0

Totals .....31 1 6 27 9 0

Innings. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Chicago .....0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—1

N. Y.....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1

Home run—Tinker. Sacrifice hits—Chance, Steinfeldt, Bresnahan. Struck out—By Mathewson, 9. Bases on balls—Off Pfeister, 2. Double plays—Tinker-Chance (2), Evers-Chance, Mathewson-Bridwell-Merkle. Hit by pitcher—McCormick. Time—1:30. Umpires—O'Day and Emslie.

ball into the crowd of spectators and Floyd Kroh, dashing into the crowd, rescued the ball and while he indulged in a free-for-all with several New York fans Steinfeldt and Tinker took the ball to Evers, who touched second base.

Donlin collared Merkle and was hustling him to second, but the rescue was too late.

The game went to the league board