Griff Will Visit Baltimore for Players—Giants Withdraw Protest—Capital City League to Stick

GRIFF WILL VISIT DUNN'S HOME TOWN

Plans Two Trips Calculated to Bring Him Players.

McBRIDE WILL LEAD TEAM

Washington Club Sadly in Need of More Hitting Power.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Manager Griffith is determined to dig up some players he thinks may prove of assistance to his tailenders. In order to look at some of them in action, the Old Fox plans to visit Baltimore Wednesday and again next Sunday.

When he is in Baltimore for the Toronto game on Sunday he will have a chance to talk with Larry Lajoie, now managing Toronto and playing second base. Griff hasn't yet given up hope of landing the former American League slugger.

Yesterday the Old Fox motored over to Back River and watched the Tigers smother the Orioles before a throng of some 6,000, the little park being packed to overflowing. He saw Jack Bentley, a former Washington player, slam two doubles into the crowd. Bentley is slaughtering all kinds of pitching in the International League.

McBride in Charge.

George McBride will be placed in charge of the team while the Old Fox is gunning for bush league talent, and it is probable that George will have plenty of chance to show his skill on the trip beginning next Saturday. Manager Griffith intends to leave his team frequently to take peeks at players tipped off to him by well-meaning friends.

With the passing of Mike Kahoe, the Griffmen have been without the services of a regular, honest-to-goodness scout. At odd times Nick Altrock and Jack Ryan have gazed at bushers, but their scouting was but a part of their work.

Altrock has not been so used this year, and Ryan is no longer connected with the club. Therefore, if the Old Fox wants any scouting done, he will have to do it himself. He is ready to do it, too.

Team Needs Hitters.

The Griffmen need several things to make them contenders. In the first place, they need more batting. In the second, this batting should come from infielders. In the third place, they need more pitchers.

The team is occupying last place largely because of a woeful weakness with the willow. Joe Judge is the lone infielder hitting for at least .250. He gained nineteen points within a week until .272 is his station. He is improving all the time.

Foster, Morgan, Crane, Leonard and McBride are all below .250 and not one shows signs of climbing much higher than he is now. Both Rice and Milan, of the regular outfield, are above this deadline of .250.

Staff Is Small.

The pitching staff is rather small for the strenuous season ahead. Du Mont and Johnson are pitching excellent ball, but Shaw, Harper and Gallia are in-and-outers this year, while Doc Ayers has yet to prove his worth. Craft, who has disappeared in the wilds of Virginia, is too green to hold his own.

A series of doubleheaders would ruin the Griffmen's hurling corps and these doubleheaders are due to begin with a rush next week. Two are to be played with the Red Sox and one each with the Mackmen and the Yankees before the team starts westward.

Won Just One Game.

The Griffs won just one game last week, though showing the best of form all the time. They defeated the Indians and battled them to two ties, one in sixteen frames and the other in eleven. Their two defeats came at the hands of the Tigers.

The Yankees won four and lost no games last week, doing the best work of the league. The collapse of the Red Sox was most notable, the champions taking but one victory out of five.

The White Sox had trouble with the Yankees, but walloped the champions. Chicago's four errors were the lowest total for the week. Their sixty-two hits topped the totals.

MAY SUFFER CUT

Baseball Men Think Eddie Collins Is Overpaid.

When the White Sox paid $50,000 to Connie Mack for the release of Eddie Collins in December, 1914, the famous second baseman signed a three years' contract at a salary of $15,000. This contract expires in October, and baseball men are wondering whether Collins can obtain the same salary in future.

Collins still can play second base better than the average, but his hitting is not what it used to be.

He was thirty years old last month, and probably will remain in harness for several seasons, but Comiskey may reach the conclusion that his $50,000 star isn't as valuable as he was when he left the Athletics.

In that case Collins will have to play ball for less money.

ALLOWS ONE BLOW

Von Herbulis Gives General Baking Team Licking.

Otto von Herbulis, the crack twirler of the Alexandria County A. A. team, let down General Baking Company yesterday with a single hit. Worden Dyer hit the first pitched ball of the game for a single, thus spoiling a no-hit contest. But after that the Bakers could no nothing with von Herbulis, who fanned seven, and won handily, 7 to 1.

In a six-inning exhibition game the Grotto team batted the County lads to a 4-to4 tie.

MACK GETS MURPHY.

HANOVER, N. H., June 16.—Captain Murphy, Dartmouth's crack shortstop, has signed for a trial with Connie Mack's Athletics, and is expected to report before another week passes.

Major Leagues Are Almost Even

Cold Figures Prove That Rival Organizations Are Practically on Equality When It Comes to Ability.

It is always good for an argument for a fan to name one of the major leagues as stronger than the other. Every fan knows that his own league is far faster than its rival, and he can prove it by his own opinions. He usually selects a list of stars and shouts in triumph, "There, can you equal them in that bush league of yours?" However, as a matter of hard fact, there is little choice between the American and National Leagues. Cold figures prove this contention.

Counting the games played up to last Wednesday, these figures are interesting as a comparison between the leagues:

League.	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	S.B.	P.
National....	360	12,102	1,369	2,904	323	.240
American..	388	12,587	1,342	2,995	336	.238

Very Little Choice.

These figures prove that there is little choice between the leagues, for both have played about the same number of contests with but a difference of two points in their batting averages.

The American League appears to have a slight edge over its rival in base sealing and hitting, but the National Leaguers get more runs out of their hits.

Yesterday's game at Akron between the Griffmen and the Giants is said to have shown little difference between the teams, though one is a tailender and the other a leader in their respective circuits. However, the margin held by the leader in either league over its tailender is well nigh nothing. It's but the edge that makes the game interesting.

Judge Is Clouting.

Joe Judge, the Griffmen's young first-sacker, hit safely in nine straight games up to Saturday. James and Boland brought his onward march to a sudden halt.

Sam Rice and Hank Shanks had collected safeties in seven consecutive games until they lamped Stanley Coveleskie. Then they stopped.

Larry Gardner, the Red Sox third-sacker, collected nine hits in twenty times up in seven games up to Wednesday last for a batting average of .450.

Indians In Lead.

Ray Chapman and Bobby Roth, each with seventeen stolen bases to his credit, are thieving leaders in the American League. Buck Weaver, of Chicago, follows with fourteen, while Ty Cobb comes fourth, with twelve.

Buck Weaver has scored thirty-six runs, three more than the next man, "Pep" Young, the Tigers' second baseman. George Burns, of the Giants, has scored thirty-five runs so far this season, with Heinie Groh, of the Reds, second with a total of thirty-two.

LOSE ANOTHER GAME BY A SINGLE TALLY

McGraw's Giants Triumph Over Griffmen, 1 to 0.

The Griffmen came back to town this morning with one more one-run defeat charged against them, the Giants having won that exhibition game at Akron, Ohio, 1 to 0, because Benny Kauff poled the pill over the garden wall in the fourth frame. The only cause for joy is that the defeat doesn't count in the official standings.

Bert Gallia and Jim Middleton, the Giants' rookie pitcher, battled evenly all day long before some 6,000 fans, the largest crowd Akron ever turned out to see a ball game. Middleton triumphed, but only by a wee margin.

The Griffs might have evened the count, at least, but for the decision of Umpire Goehler in the fifth. Kauff's homer was in and the American Leaguers were trailing when Crane reached first base with two out. A ground rule gave a hit into the crowd two bases.

Gallia hammered the ball over the ropes and into the crowd in center field. Kauff piled into the mob and caught the ball. Then Umpire Goehler ruled Gallia out. Shanks and Gibson had obtained doubles on such bingles, but Gallia lost out. Instead of having Judge up with men on third and second, the Griffs took the field, their one good opportunity gone.

Here's the official stuff:

Wash.	AB	H	O	A	E	N. Y.	AB	H	O	A	E
Judge, 1b..	3	0	9	3	1	Burns, lf..	4	1	0	0	0
Foster, 2b..	4	1	3	4	0	Herzog, 2b	4	1	6	4	1
Milan, cf..	4	0	1	0	0	Kauff, cf..	3	1	2	0	0
Rice, rf....	4	0	2	0	0	Zim'an, 3b	4	0	2	3	0
Shanks, lf.	4	1	0	0	0	Fletcher,ss	3	2	0	4	0
Leon'd, 3b	3	0	0	1	0	Rob'son, rf	3	0	0	4	0
Henry, c...	1	1	4	2	0	Holke, 1b..	3	0	12	0	0
Crane, ss..	3	1	4	3	0	Raridan, c	2	0	3	1	0
Gallia, p...	3	0	1	2	0	Gibson, c..	1	1	0	1	0
						Kruger, c..	0	0	0	0	0
Totals ...	29	4	24	15	1	Middlet'n,p	2	0	0	2	0
						*Lobert....	0	0	0	0	0
						Totals ...	29	7	27	19	1

*Ran for Gibson in eighth inning.

Washington	000	000	000	0
New York	000	100	00x	1

Run—Kauff. Two-base hits—Shanks, Gibson. Home run—Kauff. Double play—Holke (unassisted). Struck out—By Middleton, 3; by Gallia, 3. First base on balls—Off Middleton, 2. Passed ball—Raridan, 1. Left on bases—New York, 2; Washington, 4. Umpires—Goehler and Holland.

DIAMOND GOSSIP.

Now for another scrap with the Tigers.

George McBride acted as manager of the Griffs at Akron.

Wednesday the Philadelphia Athletics are due to open a series here.

Friday night the Griffmen will leave for Boston, where two doubleheaders must be played.

The Toronto club is the best drilled team in the International League. Might hook it up with the American's best.

St. Louis writers are already taking nice fat falls out of the Brownies because the pennant is going away into the distance.

Baker, McKee, and Oldham, all former Tigers, are doing the best work of the bunch working for Harry Wolverton in San Francisco.

Ping Bodie is a greater hero than ever at Shibe Park since stepping into "Stuffy" McInnis' shoes and making good in a game against the Tigers.

The Southern association has allowed Mobile to waive the player-limit rule until it can get a suitable team together and the railroads are working overtime.

The Texas league, going bad because of war and weather, has begun to pick up since inaugurating doubleheaders every Sunday. Now the circuit hopes to finish its schedule.

Jack Fournier is playing first base for the Los Angeles club, to which he was released a few weeks ago. So far he hasn't hit his stride with the bat, but when he does, he should make records for the Pacific Coast league.

Jack Lelivelt, who played here under the McAleer regime, is holding down a right field berth with Kansas City in the American Association. He is not killing the ball so much this year, and so has slid down in the batting order to sixth place.

FRAZEE INTRODUCES INSURANCE TO GAME

Gambles With Lloyd's Concerning Boston Weather.

Harry Frazee, the most recent of major league magnates, is reported to have introduced an innovation in baseball in order to secure his baseball investment for the playing season. Frazee is a theatrical producer and is reputed to be owner of a half interest in the world's champions Red Sox. He negotiated for the purchase of the club from J. J. Lannin, and was elected president and has been actively directing the executive management of the club from the time he obtained control.

It is said that Frazee has obtained insurance guarantees from Lloyd's which will assure the club of at least $10,000 a day for fifteen playing dates in Boston. These days include twelve Saturdays and three holidays. The cost of this insurance of $150,000 is said to have been a premium of $15,000, and insures the club against loss of receipts due to rain on the fifteen days specified.

Should it happen to rain on only two of these days the insurance would more than cover the premium. On the other hand, if it should be fair on all these days, something extremely doubtful, Frazee will lose the amount of his premium, $15,000. Altogether it looks like a wise investment and business-like precaution.

FALKY TRIUMPHS

Old Favorite Humbles Cleveland Indians, 9 to 5.

CLEVELAND, June 18.—It seemed good to see Fred Falkenberg on the mound again, but several thousand Sixth City fans hated to see him turning back the Indians, as he did yesterday, 9 to 5.

One big inning settled the result. Guy Morton blew up in the fourth. Fred Coumbe followed him to the slab, and managed to retire the enemy, but only after seven Mackmen had crossed the platter. Thereafter Falkenberg worried not at all.

LEAGUE STANDINGS.

AMERICAN.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Today. Win.	Lose.
Chicago	25	17	.623	.629	.500
Boston	20	19	.512	.520	.500
New York	21	21	.571	.560	.560
Cleveland	20	20	.500	.519	.491
Detroit	23	25	.479	.490	.462
St. Louis	21	30	.412	.423	.404
Philadelphia	18	30	.375	.388	.367
Washington	18	31	.367	.387	.360

Where They Play.

TODAY	TOMORROW
Detroit at Wash.	Detroit at Wash.
Chicago at Boston. (Two games).	
St. L. at New York.	
Cleve. at Phila.	

NATIONAL.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Today. Win.	Lose.
New York	30	16	.652	.659	.625
Philadelphia	25	18	.517	.525	.504
St. Louis	23	23	.548	.554	.538
Chicago	26	25	.545	.554	.536
Cincinnati	26	31	.456	.466	.445
Boston	19	24	.442	.455	.432
Brooklyn	18	26	.409	.422	.400
Pittsburgh	16	33	.327	.340	.320

Where They Play.

TODAY	TOMORROW
Pittsburg at St. L.	Pitts at St. Louis.
Chicago at Cincin'ti.	Chicago at Cin.
	Brook. at Phila.
	N. Y. at Boston.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

American League.

				R.	H.	E.
At New York—						
St. Louis	000	002	000—	2	5	1
New York	000	000	100—	1	5	3

Batteries—Southern and Severoid; Caldwell and Walters.

At Cleveland—						
Philadelphia	000	720	000—	9	14	0
Cleveland	000	200	210—	5	4	2

Batteries—Falkenberg and Schang; Morton, Coumbe, Lendth, Klepfer and O'Neill.

National League.

At Cincinnati—						
Cincinnati	004	000	000	001—	5	12	2
Philadelphia	001	000	102	000—	4	14	3

Batteries—Alexander and Killifer; Regan and Wingo.

At St. Louis—						
St. Louis	420	010	00x—	7	12	2
Brooklyn	000	010	000—	1	4	2

Batteries—Ames and Snyder; Marquard, Dell and Meyers.

At Chicago—						
Boston	010	003	010—	5	10	3
Chicago	001	100	001—	3	11	2

Batteries—Barnes, Allen and Gowdy; Hendrix, Aldridge, Seaton and Wilson and Elliott.

NEW YORK RALLIES TO SUNDAY CLASH

Some 21,000 Fans See the Brownies Defeat Yankees.

ARMY OFFICERS SEE GAME

Engineers' Profit Is $10,000 as Result of the Day.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Sunday baseball has come, and it has conquered. More than 21,000 fans saw the Brownies defeat the Yankees at the Polo Grounds yesterday, 2 to 1, after a patriotic and sacred concert had been rendered. Some $10,000, the entire proceeds after expenses had been taken out, will be turned over to the New York engineer regiment. It was the first championship game ever staged on Manhattan isle on Sunday, and was reeled off without a hitch.

Even the weather man got into the spirit of the thing yesterday, and dished out a fine day. The game was preceded by a patriotic band concert, rendered by Frank's Orchestra, with Harry Ellis looking after the vocal effects. The New York Engineers, who came up to the 157th street dock by boat from Fort Totten, gave a dress parade before taking their seats in the bleachers.

The boxes contained many bright luminaries of both branches of the service, among whom were Maj. Gen. Franklin Bell, the new commander of the East, who entertained a party in a lower tier box. Other military and naval notables were Rear Admiral N. R. Usher, Gen. Harry F. Hodges, Major A. S. Dwight, Major McKinstry, and Captains Robbins and Kirkland. Major McKinstry, who commands the New York engineer regiment, was welcomed at the home plate by Col. Jake Ruppert, president of the Yankees.

The only fly in the ointment was that military duties prevented Captain Huston, the prime mover of the affair, from seeing his plans for a monster baseball benefit for his beloved engineers reach fruition.

GIANTS WITHDRAW INITIAL PROTEST

McGraw Will Take Fine and Suspension for Punch.

KEEPS UP FIGHT ON TENER

Peppery Leader Unable to Appear at Today's Session.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Acting upon a suggestion from John J. McGraw, the New York club, through President Hempstead, has formally withdrawn its protest against the fine and suspension of the Giants' manager for his part in the "Battle of Cincinnati," but the peppery leader of the New York club means to stand by his guns in his verbal attack of last Friday against President Tener.

When the directors of the league went into star-chamber session here today, McGraw was absent. He is the principal attraction at Wellsville, N. Y., today. He began his career there and could not disappoint the public. Secretary John B. Foster so informed the league of conditions and so McGraw was not in sight.

McGraw's attack on President Tener threatens to disrupt the ancient organization. He charges that Tener is "influenced by the Philadelphia club" and has used up a number of strong adjectives in describing his opinion of the boss of the league.

Rumors are running around that President Tener will resign, even if he wins out against McGraw, but this could not be verified today.

CARDINALS TAKE BOTH.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 18.—The Cardinals got busy yesterday and copped both ends of a double-header. The home boys slaughtered a team representing D Company, Fifth Maryland Infantry, 12 to 1, and then nosed out the Virginia Grays, 6 to 5. Patterson twirled against the infantrymen, while Jones and Sweeney delivered the goods against the Grays.

BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON SPORTING MATTERS

There is no question that this city is far behind others in conducting tracks meets. Some palliation must be offered these busy times for the failure to obtain officials for track games. To attempt to handle five or six hundred grade school athletes with but five or six men is folly. It is high time track officials here get some young men and train them in the handling of athletes and crowds at track meets. The recent grade school meet at Central was greatly marred by the youngsters who could not be held in check and ran all over the enclosure crowding about the finish and at the jumps in hordes.

League tennis matches were gotten off in fine style last week and a continuance of play is expected through the summer. Now that the half-holidays are assured for Government employes matches will be held every Saturday, weather permitting. It might be wise to encourage a junior league among the Suburban League players and stage the matches Saturday mornings.

Unless Fred McLeod has gone back, and recent performances at Columbia fail to show the slightest retrograde in the play of the popular professional, he will offer the big guns some fine opposition at Whitemarsh Valley the last of the week. McLeod can always be counted upon to show to advantage in competition. He is one of the best golfers in the country and is acclaimed as such.

In every running event in competition among the New York public school youngsters in the same classes that ran here Saturday, the records were the same. New York schoolboys did the fifty in 6 3-5, the sixty in 7 3-5, the seventy in 8 3-5, and the 100 in 11 3-5, which is an indication that our lads are just as fast as the Gotham sprinters. Our jumpers went the New York lads a shade better.

The last time, if we recall correctly, that Clark Griffith hit the trail on a hunt for the elusive diamond star, he brought back Chick Gandil. Immediately the Griffmen started on a winning streak that is still live history hereabouts. Now it is said that he plans to travel around once more. Let's hope he brings back another Gandil. We sure do need a hitter.

It is more than likely that the Griffmen will be in the cellar Friday when they depart for a swing around the circuit, but the fans will hardly worry about that. They occupied the same position when they last left town and yet managed to come within a step or two of fifth place before landing in Chicago. Four defeats there ruined them. Their courage oozed so much that the champions cleaned up their four games here. Generally the team perks up when it hits the road, and it's likely to do that again.

Don't know whether or not John K. Tener means to retire from baseball next fall, but it certainly is an inappropriate time to make such an announcement on the eve of a bitter fight against John J. McGraw and the New York club. Tener should carry his fight to the end before talking about resigning. It smells as if Tener were preparing for defeat at the hands of his board of directors.

FALKENBERG AND ALEC HAVE BIG DAYS AT BAT

Cy Helps Mackmen to Win, and Alec's Hits Are Useless.

Cy Falkenberg and Grover Alexander, pitchers, walloped the horsehide to a fare-you-well yesterday in the big show.

Falky, twirling for the Mackmen, hammered out a triple and double in four times up. His team trimmed the Indians.

Alexander, pitching for the Phillies, was beaten in a twelve-inning game, although he contributed three singles in five times up.

Larry Doyle, of the Cubs, hammered out three hits in as many times at bat, one a double. The biffers:

	A.B.	H.	T.B.	Pct.
Doyle, Cubs	3	3	4	1.000
Smith, Braves	2	2	2	1.000
Wolter, Cubs	1	1	1	1.000
Nunamaker, Y's	1	1	1	1.000
Mowrey, Dodgers	1	1	1	1.000
Harris, Indians	3	2	2	.667
Cruise, Cards	3	2	2	.667
Alexander, Phillies	5	3	3	.600
Magee, Braves	5	3	3	.600
Wingo, Reds	6	3	3	.500
Falkenberg, M'k'n	4	2	5	.500

BAN'S RAGE AGAINST GAMBLERS IS WARM

Promises to Stamp Out Betting in Parks at All Cost.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Disorder at the baseball game in Boston Saturday between the Boston and Chicago American League teams, which gamblers were said to have incited when they saw the home team losing, drew a statement from President B. B. Johnson, of the American League, in which he said that betting would be stamped out at all cost.

"I am awaiting a report from my umpires," Mr. Johnson said.

"If they bear out reports, the American League will stamp out gambling on baseball at all cost.

TIGERS TRIM ORIOLES.

Hughey Jennings took his Tigers over to Baltimore yesterday for a little work-out against Jack Dunn's Orioles. They got it, winning by a score of 9 to 4. Elliott and Newton were sent against the big leaguers, and the latter collected fifteen safeties. Cunningham took things easy, allowing nine blows.

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Slide Into First Base Is Futile

Hitting Dirt When Going Into Initial Sack Is Poor Baseball Because Runner Loses A Stride.

Why does a baseball player slide to first base when trying to beat a close play? Because he thinks he can hit the bag quicker that way than by going across standing up, says I. E. Sanborn, in the Chicago Tribune.

That fallacy was exploded years ago by actual test, but the younger generation of players either has forgotten it or never knew it, and the practice of sliding into first base is growing with each new relay of recruits to the majors. Even some of the older players, who ought to know better, are catching the disease.

'Way back before the present century began there was considerable agitation in favor of letting baserunners overrun second as well as first without incurring liability to be put out for it. The object was to increase the baserunning by improving a man's chances of stealing second. It was argued, and actually demonstrated by stop watch tests, that a runner had to slow up a fraction of a second to make a slide, either head first or feet first. The reason was never clearly given, but some asserted it was because the runner had to break his stride to make the slide and others that he lost some of his bodily momentum.

More Speed Running Erect.

"Annichow" the tests showed the fastest possible way to get from one base to another was to stand up, run at top speed all the way, and overrun the bag. But it was decided against permitting runners to do that in going to second base, because of the different conditions. At first base it is not necessary to touch the runner, but only to beat him to that cushion with the ball, while at the other three bases it is necessary to tag the runner, as every one knows.

Under these conditions it really is an advantage for a runner to slide instead of going in standing up. Frequently when the ball beats a runner to second, third, or home he can avoid being touched by sliding away from the guardian of the base and making it necessary to tag his spikes or his shins, whereas if he went in standing up he would present a much larger target for the baseman to touch.

Consequently the movement to permit overrunning second base was side-tracked as a favor to foxy baserunners with the ability to slip around opponents, although at the cost of a fraction of a second in their speed.

Lose By Sliding To First.

There is no such advantage in the slide to first base, however, and the player who hits the dirt merely increases the chances of being beaten by the ball. It is quite probable that the players' habit of sliding to other bases on all close plays, so as to make it as hard as possible to tag them, is responsible for the growing practice of handicapping themselves at first base. Instinctively when a runner going to first sees the play will be close, he makes up his mind to slide the same as at any other base.

It has cost many a runner a life which he might have gained by sprinting across the base at top speed. Many decisions at first are by the wink of an eyelash, consequently the loss of a small part of a second is enough to turn the scale. Also the umpire sometimes is confused by the slide and makes the wrong decision because he expects the runner to flash past the bag instead of sliding.

Not Out By Sliding.

There has been an impression, and it prevails in some quarters yet, to the effect that a runner is out anyway if he slides to first base. This grew out of an incident in which Hank O'Day figured. He called a runner out in a close play at first base and the player yelled "What for?"

"For sliding," the umpire yelled back, and the player immediately disseminated the information. What O'Day meant was that the runner was out because he slid to the base and thereby lost a valuable instant which would have let him beat the ball if he had run all the way. O'Day dated back to the time when it was a known fact that a slide cost time, and he was right in telling the runner he was out for sliding. But the runner took it to mean there was a penalty for sliding to first, and that impression still crops up in the "inquisitive fan" queries that come to me.

If the players of today will cut out the slide to first they will beat many a close play which goes against them now.

BILLIARD LEAGUE TO INCLUDE THIS CITY

Washington Likes Sport and May Get Place in Circuit.

If all signs do not fail the launching of the American Billiard League will be an event of the near future. The idea, originating in Chicago, has found impetus in Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, New York, and other cities, and doubtless this summer the proposed organization will be limited to eight or ten roomkeepers. Washington is likely to have a place in the circuit, billiards being a popular sport among the Capital's clubmen.

It is the scheme of the organizers of the new league not only to have a three-cushion circuit like that of the Interstate League, but to promote balkline and pocket billiards as well. Many tournaments at the latter styles will be arranged and care exercised so that such attractions will in no way conflict with the regularly scheduled games in the proposed three-cushion circuit.

"Co-operation and harmony" is to be the slogan of the American Billiard League, which will do everything it can to help rather than impair the strength of the Interstate League, which was first in the field but is inadequate, according to the progressive ideas of the new league promoters, to properly aid the growing wants of the most fascinating of indoor pastimes.

TOO MUCH GALLERY

That's Why Jones and Adair Lost Their Match.

CHICAGO, June 18.—"Too much gallery" was expressed today as being principally responsible for the defeat of Bobby Jones, youthful southern champion, and his clubmate, Perry Adair, at the Flossmoor Country Club yesterday by Charles Evans, jr., amateur champion, and Robert A. Gardner, former amateur champion.

The Chicagoans won 4 to 2, before a gallery of 2,500. The Georgians took only two holes. Jones winning the first and thirteenth. The youngsters' play was visibly affected by the large crowd of spectators. More than $1,000 was collected for the Red Cross.

ALL HONOR McGRAW.

WELLSVILLE, N. Y., June 18.—This is a holiday here, because John J. McGraw and his Giants are in town. McGraw started his baseball career in Wellsville, and so 2,000 fans and fanettes met the major leaguers and paraded with them to the park for the exhibition game between the Giants and Wellsville.

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ENTRIES ARE LACKING FOR SWIMMING MEET

Only Four Received for Washington Canoe Club Event.

Despite war conditions, it was believed that swimming here this summer was due for a big year. It appears now that the aquatic sport will have its difficulties along with others.

Four entries have been received for the open meet scheduled by the Washington Canoe Club for next Saturday. They are in the hands of Reginald Rutherford.

The entries were to have closed today, but will be held open until tomorrow should more desire to enter. If enough entries are received to make a successful meet, excellent prizes will be awarded.

With the various canoeing and aquatic organizations on the Potomac and the many high school boys to draw from, it is reasonable to suppose that enough contestants can be obtained to make the affair a success. Rutherford requests those who care to enter to shoot in their entry blanks.

South Atlantic officials are investigating the advisability of holding a championship meet. Nothing definite has been accomplished, but it is believed an event will be staged under the auspices of the Maryland Swimming Club, in Baltimore. Rutherford is chairman of the S. A. A. swimming committee.

"We will hold a meet if the number of entrants warrant it," said Rutherford today.

HUMBLE ALEXANDER.

CINCINNATI, June 18.—When the Reds came in for their half of the twelfth inning yesterday, the score was 4 to 4, and Alexander was showing signs of wear. So Rousch, Chase and Wingo proceeded to slam singles, Wingo's bringing Rousch over with the run that gave Matty's boys a victory, their third in five games.

AMATEUR LEAGUE REMAINS INTACT

Capital City Circuit Denies It Is "On the Rocks."

FRANKLIN CLUB TO STICK

Consolidation With Rosedale Organization Proposed by Latter.

Reports that the Capital City Amateur Baseball League is on the rocks are all wrong, according to Secretary Vic Gauzza. Trouble seemed in the offing for a time when one of the teams, the Franklin A. C., threatened to disband. The latter has decided to reorganize and stick.

That plenty of interest is manifested in the organization was shown Saturday night when all managers and officials attended in addition to several representatives of the Rosedale League.

President R. L. Smithson, of the Rosedale circuit, and William R. Love, manager of the Printers, attended the meeting with the object in view of consolidating the two leagues.

It was understood by them that two teams, the Franklins and Takomas, intended to drop their franchises in the Capital City and the Rosedale leaders intended to propose an amalgamation in that event.

Will Stay In League.

The Takomas are understood to be "strong" for the league and Manager Pete Little, of the Franklins, is reorganizing his team. He has released a number of players and is signing others.

The Rosedale League is persevering in its efforts to remain intact. Finding conveniently situated playing grounds has been the organization's chief trouble. The league is now located at Union League Park, at Fifteenth and H streets northeast.

Tried Many Fields.

Rosedale playground, Fifth street and Florida avenue, northeast, and Seventeenth and D streets southeast, are the fields previously used by the Rosedalers.

To consolidate the Rosedale and Capital City leagues would be an excellent plan, it is believed generally, but several difficulties stand in the way of such a move. The Columbias have been awarded the championship of the first series in the Rosedale and will play the winer of the second series for the league title.

Should the leagues be consolidated the Columbias would be forced out of their advantage.

LAFAYETTE'S "RINGER" WAS WILMER CROWELL

Coach Plays Outfield When Only Eight Men Show Up.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 18.—Lafayette College played a "ringer" against Penn Saturday in the closing game of the season, and lost by 3 to 2.

The "ringer" was no other than Wilmer Crowell, coach of the Lafayette nine, and none of the spectators knew of the deception.

Lafayette showed up with but eight players, and there would have been no game had not Crowell played for the Easternians. Crowell asked permission of Coach Roy Thomas of the Penn nine to play, and it was agreed to let the former Swarthmore star compete with the collegians.

Crowell's name appeared as Brown in the box score. He had a fine day. Crowell had no chances in the outfield, but batted 1.000, getting one hit, a base on balls, and was hit with the ball twice.

TWO FOR FORT HUNT

Soldiers Trim Ft. Washington and Solkan A. C.

Fort Hunt continued its winning streak yesterday by defeating the Fort Washington and Solkan A. C. nines, at Fort Hunt, in a doubleheader. Fort Washington was beaten easily, 12 to 3, and Solkan, with Quayle pitching in his usual brilliant style, was trimmed 7 to 2.

Boyle pitched the first game for Fort Hunt, and was scored on in only one inning.

LEONARD FACES NELSON.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Johnny Nelson, Philadelphia's best bet in the lightweight division, will take a ten-round crack at Benny Leonard's newly acquired championship title at the Harlem Sporting Club. Tonight's affair will mark the second time Leonard has defended his month-old title.

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