

Alexander of the Phillies Blanks the Giants; Red Sox Defeat Senators

McGraw Is Not Worried By Protest

Complaint of Phillies' About Depression Back of Pitcher's Box Is Admission Twirlers Also Violated Rule—Brooklyn Is Up and Coming.

NEW YORK, May 2.—And now the "squawk" of the trimmed snicker, which the poet used to sing about, is heard in the land. Charles Doolin, by his next friend, Bill Locke, of the Phillies, has protested the games played here, claiming that the diamond did not comply with that section of rule 3 which avers that the slope from the pitcher's plate to every base line and the home plate should be gradual.

test, maybe, they'll give us that game that was taken away from us because Klem wasn't looking when McGraw made the hit," said McGraw grimly, when discussing the claims of the Phillies management. "There is nothing to the kick about the hole."

Make no mistake about the ball club which William Dahlen has annexed over in Brooklyn. It gives the east another strong representative in the National league, making three in all, counting the Giants and the Phillies with Boston as the only real weak sister to repel the western invasion.

Dahlen not only has a good infield, but his suburban detachment compares favorably with any in the league. Young Stenger is apparently no bloomer, but has come to stay, and if he lives up to his present form he will soon be classed as one of the great outfielders of the country.

Phillies' pitching staff is a formidable one, too. Headed by the only Napoleon Tucker, with "Lefty" Allen as chief side, the hurling corps collected by the Brooklyn chief should carry the team along to first division honors—long the dream of the Flat-bush Postleifer.

Since Theodore Goulat was dispatched to Joe Kelley at Toronto, McGraw has only three or four recruits left. Frank Smith, the right handed twirler from Traverse City, Mich., is still with the Giants, and so is Ferdinand Schupp, the young side-wheeler.

Joey Evers is also present, and the disposition of this trio is still a matter of doubt. It is certain that Jim Thorpe will be carried throughout the year, and practically certain that McGraw will cling to Claude Cooper, the sensational young outfielder.

However, the majority of pitchers get behind the plate so that their feet may secure a purchase on the rubber, which is clearly illegal, although most umpires let them get away with it.

Twirlers like Lew Ritchie and, on their own confession, the Philly hurlers, are notorious violators of that law of delivery.

"Well, if the series goes to pro-

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Was it, or Wasn't it?



By "Hop"

Wagner May Be Forced to Quit



Hans Wagner, the hard hitting shortstop of the Pittsburgh Pirates, who is rumored, has seen his best days in the national pastime. The great and only Honus was injured shortly before the opening of the present season and has been unable to participate in a 1912 championship game to date.

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THE LOST MESSAGE Little Stories Told About Baseball By W. A. Phelon

BILLY SMITH, now a minor league manager of great renown, was not always a diplomat and a man of shrewd calculation. Nowadays, Billy Smith stands ace high with press and public, he is a good fellow with the scribes, and the major leaguers consider him a wise and able leader.

Down in Mobile, oh, many, many years ago, Billy Smith got into a vigorous quarrel with a sporting editor. Acrimonious remarks were exchanged through the wire netting and next morning found Smith doubly furious.

During the afternoon Billy kept away from the press box. He had figured that he wouldn't start anything at the ball yard, but would go that very night and tear up the office where his enemy held forth. The resolution grew more firmly fixed as night wore on, and when Smith finally started for the office, he was ready to fight a legion of devils.

As the battle surged up the hall, a squad of hardy printers hove in sight, each man carefully jugging the form in which reposed a page of the presidential message. These black and ink-stained typos loved their sporting editor, who had been liberal with ball park passes, and they would not see him abused by any wild-eyed, raging, two-fisted insurrecto.

But the president's message was spoiled beyond all redemption. The hour was late; it was impossible to assemble the pied type in time for reconstruction of the forms, and that paper came out in the morning with a bare skeleton of the mighty missive, while the managing editor raved like a baffled bloodhound and down at the hospital the surgeons were still picking eloquent sentences out of the scalp of Billy Smith.

SHORT, SNAPPY SPORTLETS

ATTENDANCE at the Kilbane Dundee scrap at Verizon was close to 14,000. Kilbane received a guarantee of \$8000 for the boat and about \$5000. The total receipts were about \$22,000. Kilbane weighed in at 9:15 p. m. at exactly 120 pounds and Dundee tipped the scales at 121-1/2.

Pitcher Bob Smith, of the Chicago White Sox, has been released to the Minneapolis American Association club. He was purchased from the Boise, Idaho, club by the Sox last season.

The New York admirers of manager Johnny Evers are arranging for a celebration at the Polo Grounds when the Cubs play the Giants there on May 10. This date marks the opening of a series between the Giants and Cubs.

Looking over the box scores one learns that Christy Mathewson is not quite ready to be sent to a home for the aged. "A special notice" posted in the Chicago postoffice, reads: "All requests for absence owing to funerals, weddings, lame back, house cleanings, sore throat, headache, indigestion, etc., must be handed in not later than 10 a. m. on the day of the game."

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