Giants May Win Race, But Struggle Will Be Bitter

Braves and Cards Are Giving New York Team Hard Run For the League Leadership; Giants Must Look to Pitchers to Carry Them Through; Can Matty and Demaree Do It?

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Have you noticed that the element which used to insist that "the National league race is fixed so that the Giants will win," has become strangely silent during the last two weeks?

The Giants may win this year, and give that crowd a chance to yell, "I told you so," but if the Giants do win they'll do it only after one of the bitterest fights in the history of the National league. It's a toss up just now as to which of the first division four—Giants, Braves, Cards and Cubs—will clinch the bunting.

The Braves have come along since mid-July like a streak of lightning. They literally have zipped through the league and torn to shreds nearly everything that stood in their way. They have played better baseball over a month's stretch than has been seen in the major leagues for many years.

The Cards still are hugging close onto the heels of the leaders and the Cubs still have a bare show. With this trio to battle against, with this trio to watch and worry about, the Giants have a mighty task before them in their efforts to do what no team in modern baseball has done so far—winning the pennant for four years in a row.

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The Giants must look to their pitchers from now on to carry them through. The club, as a whole, isn't hitting—except in streaks. Some days it makes enough hits and runs to win a half dozen ordinary games, but for a spell of a week or so it has a mighty job averaging two runs and four hits to a game.

Chief Meyers, the erstwhile slugger, has been benched because of weak clubbing. Larry Doyle pounds out three or four hits some days—and goes hitless for the next three or four. The Giants aren't hitting in pinches just now, and are losing games for the lack of a timely punch.

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Nor are they fielding or running bases up to their old standard. The team is in a slump—and a bad one.

It's up to Mattr, Tesreau, Marquard and Demaree to keep the champions around the top. Demaree hasn't delivered this year. Marquard is pitching in-and-out ball—a great game one day and a poor one the next. Tesreau has been pitching fine ball. Matty has pitched better baseball than at any time in his long career. This pair has carried the brunt of the Giants fight. But how long can they keep it up?

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If they can last out for another month it may be sufficient time for Marquard and Demaree to "come through." But, at the rate they have been traveling, that month may use them up. They may pitch themselves out—and then McGraw will have to depend on pitchers in whom he has no confidence—and in whom the players have but little real confidence this year.

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If you were to ask manager George Stallings, of the Braves, what it was that lifted his club from the bottom almost to the top in less than a month, he probably would tell you it was good pitching, good fielding and good batting. And he might tell you it was a charm that was given to him on July 19. Stallings is superstitious and he thinks that a lucky coin has a lot to do with the uplift of the Braves.

Knowing of Stallings's superstitious beliefs, Capt. Rise, a retired army officer, gave a Spanish coin to the Boston manager.

It was an ancient piece that was found in a little hag around the neck of a rebel soldier in Hayti who had been killed in one of the skirmishes down there. The rebel was a member of voodoo organization and was regarded as one of its little spell casters.

Rice gave the coin to Stallings and on the very day he did the Braves won the game that lifted them out of the cellar for the first time since the season opened. Stallings is sure that the lucky piece has a lot to do with what the Braves have been able to do since then.

Jackson Still Leads Cobb In American

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Two Brooklyn Players Tied In National

BY DON W. LUSK.

JOE JACKSON of the lowly Cleveland Naps, is still leading Ty Cobb, mighty slugger of the Detroit Tigers, as the champion batsman of the American league. Averages compiled up to August 17, of all players participating in 15 or more games, give Jackson a percentage of .358 in 87 games, as against Cobb's percentage of .359 in 41 games. Next up is Eddie Collins of the Athletics, who is pressing Cobb closely with a percentage of .349 in 101 games. Baker, also of the Athletics and the "home run" swatter of the Ban Johnson organization, stands fourth in the average list with a percentage of .338.

Brooklyn Players Lead National.

Two Brooklyn players, Myers and Erwin, are tugging the National league in batting honors, each with a percentage of .349. Neither has participated in a great number of games, however. Myers got his percentage in 24 games, while Erwin got his by playing in 21 games, so neither can justly lay claim to being in the same class as the American league batting stars.

Jake Daubert, of Brooklyn, who in 1913 carried off the slugging honors in the National, is 11th in the list of National league batters at present, with a percentage of .293 for 85 games. But even at that he leads such heavy hitters as Wheat, the two Magees, the mighty Wagner, Lobert, Paskert, Konetchy and Cravath.

Nationals Top Americans.

In the number of .300 and over hitters the National league has it on the American. The veteran league has 14 batters hitting .300 or better, while the American has but 11. Likewise the National league has more players hitting .290 or better; 32 is the number to be exact, as against 16 in the American. And yet they argue that the better baseball is being played by the American league. Maybe, so, but the batting statistics do not bear out the assertion.

Boston Clubs Fielding Best.

The two Boston clubs, the Braves and the Red Sox, lead their respective leagues in fielding and it is a coincidence that but a single point in the percentage separates them in this respect. The Braves have a fielding percentage of .949 and the Red Sox .948.

As for batting averages by clubs, Brooklyn leads the National league and Philadelphia the American league. The Dodgers's average is .267, while the Athletics go them one better, with a percentage of .264.

The Leading Sluggers.

As for sluggers, meaning players who hammer out the longest hits, S. Magee, of Philadelphia, leads the Nationals, with 27 two base hits, six three base hits and 11 home runs, for a total of 182 bases and a percentage of .568. In the American league Crawford, of Detroit, leads the list, with 17 two base hits, 13 three base hits, and seven home runs, for a total of 291 bases and a percentage of .514.

Those players besides the ones mentioned who are classed as sluggers in the two major leagues, follow: National, Connolly, Boston; Cravath, Philadelphia; Burns, New York; Saier, Chicago; Wheat, Brooklyn; Leach, Chicago; Wilson, St. Louis; Zimmerman, Chicago; Luderus, Philadelphia. American, Jackson, Cleveland; Walker, St. Louis; Baker, Philadelphia; E. Collins, Philadelphia; Speaker, Boston; Milan Washington; Pratt, St. Louis; J. Collins, Chicago; Hooper, Boston.

Fastest Men on Bases.

Burns, of New York, with 40, leads the National league in base stealing, while Maisel, with 41, also of New York, leads the American league. The other leading base stealers in the two leagues, follow: National, Herzog, Cincinnati; Beecher, New York; Dolan, St. Louis; L. Magee, St. Louis; Lobert, Philadelphia; Cutshaw, Brooklyn; Goode, Chicago; Moran, Cincinnati and Huggins, St. Louis. American, E. Collins, Athletics; Milan, Washington; Speaker, Boston; Peckinpaugh, New York; G. Williams, St. Louis; Bush, Detroit; Shotten, St. Louis, and Foster, Washington.

Comparison of Pitchers.

In the National league, those pitchers who have a percentage of .700 or better include Mathewson and Wiltse of New York; James, of Boston; Eamon, of Brooklyn; Doak, of St. Louis, and Vaughn, of Chicago. In the American league the hurlers doing .700 or better are Shawkey, Bressler, Davies, Plank and Bender, of the Athletics; Wolfgang, of Chicago; Cooper, Leonard, Wood and Shore of Boston, and Fish of New York.

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"It is a great success, and we are going to make it greater every year. Cantaloupe day is going to be kept up at Clint if I have to raise all the cantaloupes for the guests."—H. J. Gray, manager El Paso Valley Fruit Growers' association.

CANTALOUPE DAY was a great event at Clint. Automobiles loaded with people began arriving there as early as 9 oclock in the morning and the first railroad trainload of guests arrived there shortly after 10. From that time forward, hardly a minute passed during the day that more people did not arrive as guests of the people of Clint. They arrived in trains, in automobiles, in wagons and buggies and afoot. They arrived even as late as dusk and all were hospitably cared for.

Cantaloupes, cooled for two days in refrigerator cars, were heaped in great troughs beneath a big arbor and everybody had all they could eat. Nearly everybody brought home some of the melons as well. For days Clint and the people of Clint had been preparing for the celebration and everything was in readiness. The Fifteenth cavalry band from Fort Bliss furnished the music all day.

George R. LeBaron was on hand early and during the day all of his assistants of the El Paso chamber of commerce visited the celebration at some time. Most of them were there most of the day. Wm. M. Platt, chairman of the program committee, was present throughout the day to see that the program of sports was carried out.

Chamber of Commerce Affair.

President Robert Krakauer, of the chamber of commerce, was present in the afternoon and was enthusiastic over the large crowd that attended the festivities. "The affair was really a chamber of commerce celebration for, while the people of Clint acted as hosts and the cantaloupe growers of the valley furnished the melons, the celebration was arranged under the auspices of the chamber of commerce of El Paso and most of the money for defraying the expenses was supplied by the chamber of commerce.

"Agriculture is our biggest asset, or will be when it is developed," said president Krakauer, "and the chamber of commerce is always glad to give its support to such movements as this. I am sorry that we did not have more of our merchants and business men here, but it has been a success anyhow. Several hundred were present and besides having a good time, they have in many cases had their eyes opened as to the development of the valley and the products it produces."

Plenty of Everything.

H. J. Gray, as head of the Clint committee, was a busy man throughout the day, but was assisted by many other residents of the place, all of whom did all they could to make the guests from El Paso and the valley have a good time. A tank wagon of ice water was furnished free besides the cantaloupes; also plenty of salt. The visitors only had to furnish spoons. The Clint people did the rest. Those who assisted Mr. Gray included C. E. Kellogg, C. L. McKinney, D. L. Peters, K. G. Schairer and others.

Throughout the day there were various sports on the program that kept the people entertained, the most interesting being the drills and exercises of the United States troops in the afternoon. These were in charge of Capt. LeRoy Eltinge, comander of troop A, Fifteenth cavalry. Troops D and C, on their way to border patrol duty, stopped over and participated in part of the military festivities.

Troops Give Fine Show.

The fancy drilling by Capt. Eltinge's troop was the feature of the day. Some very fine work was done by both men and horses, all of the movements directed by a whistle. The various figures formed by the troopers, the Roman racing, the hurdling, the saber drill, the charges; all these and other maneuvers delighted the spectators and proved an entertainment that was worth making the trip to see. Baseball by teams from El Paso was another feature that occupied part of the afternoon. Races, a tug of war and a baby carriage parade were other features.

The tug of war was programed as being between the farmers and the agriculturists. Mayor Kelly, of El Paso; county judge elect Adrian Pool, and others made up the team of "farmers," while George R. LeBaron, W. M. Platt, T. G. Searle and several others admitted that they were the only agriculturists and pulled against them. The Kelly-Pool combination won, however.

Impromptu Auction Held.

Prizes were offered for the best packed crates of cantaloupes on exhibition and first prize was won by H. J. Gray. His melons were later sold at auction by county clerk Park W. Pitman. The first crate was knocked down to Robert Krakauer; the second to mayor Kelly, who likewise bought the third. The fourth went to R. Thomason, the fifth to Ted Platt, the sixth to F. L. Pitman and the last one to the auctioneer himself, who paid the price set by mayor Kelly and Robert Krakauer in their bidding. Mayor Kelly shipped his two crates to Col. R. M. Johnston and Baldwin Rice, of Houston. "I know they grow cantaloupes down at Houston," said the mayor, "but I want them to eat some real cantaloupes."

The Prizes.

The various prizes were awarded as follows:

Baby carriage parade—Mrs. J. W. Russell, Grand View; second, Mrs. C. D. Humble, Clint.

Race, 250 yards for ponies—Gordon Boyd, first; J. R. Bates, second.

Race for horses (thoroughbreds barred)—Haskell Cathey, first; Rudolph Lipps, second.

Mule race—John Bates, first; Horace Celum, second.

Cantaloupe race—Sergt. Smith, troop A, Fifteenth cavalry, first; trumpeter Hanwick, troop A, second; Sergt. Moffitt, troop D, third.

Roman race—Sergt. Smith, troop A, first; private Lipps, troop D, second; trumpeter Hanwick, troop A, third.

Jumping on horses—Private Foy, troop A, first; private Chulzinsky, second; private Benham, third.

Running at rings, on horseback—1st Sergt. Manley, troop A, first; private Wolfe, troop A, second; Corp. Egan, troop A, third.

The Committees.

The entire celebration was held under the auspices of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, with the people and cantaloupe growers of Clint cooperating. George R. LeBaron was chairman of the chamber of commerce committee and H. J. Gray was chairman of the committee from Clint. The members of the chamber of commerce committee who prepared the program and devoted their efforts to making it a success were: A. W. Reeves, John M. Wyatt, R. B. Orndorff, W. S. Crombie, G. A. Martin, W. M. Platt, R. A. Whitlock and J. L. Marr. Sam G. Gatlin was in charge of the horse racing.

CITY LEAGUERS TAKE TWO GAMES EASILY AT CLINT

Defeat Ft. Bliss Team, 4-0, and Clint Team, 7-1; Batting of Shuck Feature.

Ted Brann's picked team from the City league walked off with the prize-money in the baseball games at Clint Tuesday, principally because the pitchers figuratively stood their opponents on their heads in both games.

In the morning game with the Fort Bliss team "Hook" Weiss let the soldiers down with three hits and no runs. Neco Talbot, who is an outfielder, played third base for Brann's team and his great playing at the difficult corner was to a large extent responsible for the shutout credited to Weiss. He accepted 19 chances without the semblance of an error. In the second inning Brann singled, stole second and scored on Schuck's double. In the third Parker doubled to left and scored on Hall's single to right.

That was all the scoring until the seventh when the City leaguers scored two more. Brann, Schuck and Chacon singled, an error, Parker's sacrifice and Hall's single scored two more. Weiss was a little wild, but he settled down in the pinches, and the only time the Soldiers threatened the plate, a fast double play cut them off.

Score by innings.

		R.	H.	E.
City Leaguers	011 000 2	4	10	2
Fort Bliss	000 000 0	0	3	1

Umpire, McGlaughlin.

Easier in the Afternoon.

The City leaguers found it even easier in the afternoon game. In the very first inning they fell on Parker's curves and batted him to all corners of the lot. A couple of errors sandwiched in with the hits gave them a total of five runs. After that the game was rather listless, as the Clint crowd could do nothing with old Jess Doherty, and the line run they secured was presented to them. Bunsen drove out a home run in the fifth, and Schuck's third hit, a steal and Doherty's single gave them their seventh and last run in the seventh. A feature of the games was Schuck's batting. He got six hits and a sacrifice in eight times at bat.

Score by innings.

		R.	H.	E.
City Leaguers	300 010 1	7	14	1
Clint	000 001 0	1	2	4

Umpire, J. G. Brann.

RETIRES FROM SUPERINTENDENCY OF ARIZONA PIONEERS' HOME

Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 19.—In order that he may devote his time to campaigning for the legislature, John J. Sweeney, temporarily in charge of the state Pioneers' home, at Prescott, has asked governor Hunt to relieve him. The governor immediately complied by wiring Charles R. Osburn, secretary of the board of control, who was in the northern counties, to take charge. Sweeney has superintended the home since the death of Percy V. Coldwell. It is understood that governor Hunt will shortly appoint Powhatan S. Wren, of Constellation, Yavapai county, as permanent superintendent.

NO MONEY FOR EXPLORATION OF RUINS IN ARIZONA

Appropriation Is Only Deferred, However, Says W. E. Barnes.

A distinct feeling of disappointment will be experienced by the learned societies of this and other countries and also by many Arizonans who anticipated important discoveries as a result of the complete exploration of the remains of the prehistoric races in the Casa Grande region, at the announcement from Washington that an appropriation for the work at this season is extremely unlikely.

W. E. Barnes, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Railway company, who has made important archaeological discoveries in this and other countries, conceived a plan for the complete exploration of the Casa Grande region, and enlisted the cooperation of Arizona's entire delegation at Washington. Governor Hunt, Dr. A. H. Wilde, president of the University of Arizona, and many others interested in the history of prehistoric race, which has given Arizona great prominence, as a region of unfailing interest, aided the cause. Mr. Barnes, who is in El Paso today, is in receipt of the following letter from senator Mark Smith:

Washington, D. C., Aug. 6, 1914.

W. E. Barnes, Tucson, Ariz.:

My Dear Friend—In spite of all I could do, the pressure being so strong on the treasury department on account of the extraordinary expenses of the government, I was unable to even get a recommendation of any money that could be used this year in exploring the Casa Grande ruins. There was an item included in the Smithsonian institution appropriation, $4000, for exploration work, including the cliff dwellers in the arid regions. I have done my best, but have not been able to accomplish the desired result. Inasmuch as the Casa Grande ruins are under the interior department, I shall see the secretary of the interior and ascertain whether or not there is any fund from which he could set aside enough to help us in the preservation of these ruins.

Congress regrets very much the size of the appropriations they have already made, on account of the war in Europe. The imports, of course, will fall off from 50 percent to 75 percent, and this will denude our treasury enormously. I have no doubt that this congress, before it adjourns, will have to institute extraordinary means to collect sufficient taxes to run the government. Yours in great haste,

M. A. Smith.

Mr. Barnes says "the consummation o fthe project is merely deferred," and that he is confident of his ability to secure the necessary funds for such important work

WAR WITH MEXICO NARROWLY AVOIDED, U. S. OFFICERS SAY

President Wilson Resisted Pressure; Now Seeks to Influence Villa.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 19.—The United States came very close to being involved in war in Mexico within the past two weeks, it was shown by revelations made public by high officials of the administration Tuesday.

When Carranza abruptly rejected the overtures of the peace envoys sent by provisional president Carbajal and at the same time ignored the diplomatic efforts of the American government to bring about a peaceful entry of the "Constitutionalists" in Mexico City drastic measures were urged upon president Wilson. Many members of the cabinet—it is said a majority—argued in favor of sending American troops from Veracruz to the Mexican capital to prevent the anarchy that was then expected to follow from the failure of the Carbajal government and the "Constitutionalists" to reach an agreement.

President Resisted Pressure.

President Wilson, however, firmly resisted all pressure, arguing that the sending of American troops to Mexico City even on a mission of order would probably mean war with the approaching "Constitutionalists." A few days later actual overtures came from the Carbajal government in an indirect way to the effect that if American troops would come to preserve order they would not be opposed, but assisted. These assurances, according to official messages here, were given by minister Lujan of Carbajal's cabinet, with the authority, it is said, of Mr. Carbajal. Other promises were made—the United States was to be given a coaling station at Magdalena bay, the Chamizal claims were to be adjusted, and many other things of particular interest to the American government were to be arranged.

Gives Attention to Villa.

The president rejected all approaches of this character, believing the "Constitutionalists" themselves would maintain order when they reached Mexico City. He gave his attention, instead, to the possible split between Villa and Carranza and renewed his efforts to harmonize the leaders, so that a provisional government recognized by all factions might be set up.

To carry out this purpose the president sent a personal friend, Paul Fuller, a New York lawyer, to see both Villa and Carranza. Mr. Fuller saw the president and Mr. Bryan secretly in Washington and has gone to Villa's headquarters, where he is cooperating with George C. Carothers, American consular agent, in urging Villa to join with Carranza in maintaining peace in Mexico.

VILLA IS BACK IN CITY OF CHIHUAHUA

Chihuahua City, Chih., Mex., Aug. 19.—Gen. Francisco Villa has arrived here from Camargo, Chih., where he has been visiting friends. In Camargo he received George C. Carothers, special agent for the state department, who presented to him a message from the American government. What the message contained is not known, but it is believed to have been an appeal against a break between the northern leader and Carranza.

Preparations for troop movements were in progress here today. It is said the movement will be in a southern direction.

WOULD ASK REMOVAL OF U. S. TROOPS

Laredo, Aug. 19.—Resolutions asking that Carranza's first official act after he reaches Mexico City be a request to the United States to withdraw its troops from Veracruz, "where they are an affront to the Mexican nation," were adopted Monday night at a mass meeting in Saltillo, according to travelers reaching the border.

After the mass meeting a crowd paraded the streets shouting "vivas" for Carranza and the "Constitutionalists" and some cried "death to Americans," according to the information brought here.

PROSPERITY RETURNING TO MONTEREY, CLAIMED

Washington, D. C., Aug. 19.—Transfer of the departments of the Carranza government to Mexico City from temporary headquarters in Monterey, was reported today to the state department by consul Hanna. Mail and railroad service, the consul says, have greatly improved by the restoration of peace.

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CARRANZA NAMES OFFICERS FOR HIS NEW CABINET

Fabela Heads New Ministry; Eduardo Hay Is Minister of War.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 19.—After months of deliberation and frequent changes in the tentative list, Venustiano Carranza today announced his final cabinet selections.

The cabinet of the new administration will be as follows:

Minister of foreign affairs, Isidro Fabela; minister of interior, Elisio Arredondo; minister of public instruction, Dr. Miguel Silva; minister of communications, Ygnacio Bonillas; minister of finance, Felicitos Villareal; minister of war, Eduardo Hay.

The appointment of minister of justice has been deferred awaiting the reorganization of the courts.

4000 Federals Mustered Out.

The mustering out of the federal troops is proceeding rapidly. Four thousand were released today, each enlisted man receiving $10 and his fare home, while the officers received $20 and their fare.

While absolute order prevails everywhere, the rigors of military government have been in no way slackened. Two thieves, disguised in the uniforms of "Constitutionalists," were executed at a police station today and their bodies exposed to the view of the curious crowds. As in former cases warning placards were pinned on the breasts of the dead men.

The courts were closed today while telegraph lines continued to be operate for military purposes only.

American Women to Greet Carranza.

A committee of American women will journey Thursday to the headquarters of Carranza at Atascatpotzalco to welcome the chief of the "Constitutionalists" on the part of the women of the colony.

An order demanding the surrender of arms by all the inhabitants was later modified so as not to include foreigners.

A conference was held yesterday between Carranza and a representative of Emilo Zapata. The results were not made public.

Government Notes Repudiated.

A decree is to be issued Thursday by the governor of the federal district repudiating government notes of the issue of July 25, last. This issue was made during the regime of provisional president Francisco Carbajal on the authorization of the $60,000,000 six percent ten year gold bonds made by the Huerta administration. About $10,000,000 of this paper is now in circulation.

The repudiation is based on the decree issued by Venustiano Carranza on April 26, refusing great rgecognize the acts of the Huerta government.

GEN. TELLEZ SAYS HE EXPECTS EXECUTION

On Board U. S. S. California, Mazatlan, Mex., Aug. 18.—By wireless to San Diego, Cal., Aug. 19.—The Federals completed today their evacuation of Manzanillo and sailed for Salina Cruz, leaving behind 400 deserters.

Gen. Joequin Tellez, it was reported here today, has heard of a plan to disband the federal army. He said he considered it a trick and that he believed high officers would be executed.

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