

Walter Johnson Lands 13-Inning Game, 1 to 0

Pitching Duel with Scott Perry of Athletics Featured By Many Thrilling Moments with Washington Edging Out Victory In Finish that Thrills.

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young phenom, Scott Perry, battled through those thirteen frames with but little to choose between them. Walter won 'tis true, but it was one of the toughest battles in which he had ever been placed.

A flag went fluttering to the peak of its staff; thousands of officials, commercial and working men stood at attention to the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner." Gen. March flipped out the first ball to Umpire Dineen—and the Nationals started on their way to trim Connie Mack's Athletics in the red-hot opener.

Notables Present.

With a thunder of cheers from grandstand and mezzanine, Walter Johnson, "smokeball" artist extraordinaire, took the mound. Business men of the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, 500 strong, stood and cheered as wildly as the office boys.

All of the District commissioners, Louis Brownlow, W. Gwynn Gardner and Col. W. C. Kutz, occupied a box.

Others in boxes were Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the President; Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Brig. Gen. Frank McIntyre, executive assistant to the chief of staff of the army; Rudolph Kaufmann, B. S. Minor, N. R. Rapley, Rudolph Jose, Samuel Gompers, Isaac Gans, Percy Foster and Mrs. Clark C. Griffith.

Before the game, headed by Nick Altrock, a crew of Nationals, all owners of Victory bonds, went around two diamond around the official sales car of the Victory Loan organization, driven by Sgt. West, of the Tank Corps.

On the tour around the field Altrock, perched upon the very top of the car, endeavored to qualify for Douglas Fairbanks class of liberty bond salesmen. He had the truck stop in the right-field section and made a short patriotic talk to the viewers of the game on the nearby roofs.

Rumpus in Bleachers.

A near fracas was caused shortly before the start of the game in the left-field pavilion. C. W. Stevens, started to put on his hat during the final strains of the national anthem, pulling out a cigarette with the other hand.

A soldier, giving his name as C. E. Edwards, took objection to the act of covering the head before the end of a piece and started out for Stevens. George Montaine beat Edwards to him, and a little free-for-all got underway.

Groundkeeper O'Dea put an end to the excitement by calling both participants and conducting them from the stands. Stevens explained that the act was that of thoughtlessness. He upheld his patriotism as equal to that of anyone present.

The old "tucky" thirteenth inning stand-up is still with the local fans. When the inning came around

Some "First" In Opening.

Here are a few of the "firsts" of the opening of the 1919 major league season here yesterday:
First strike—Johnson on Kopp.
First ball—Johnson on Kopp.
First strike out—Johnson on Burns.
First base on balls—Johnson to Kopp.
First hit—Burns off Johnson.
First run—Menosky.
First out—Millan off Shannon's bat.
First assist—Johnson off Roth's bat.
First stolen base—Kopp.
First sacrifice—Millan.
First error—Shanks.
First double play—Johnson to Judge.

every man present got to his feet and the clap-clap, clap-clap-clap of hands started the Nationals' side of the inning.

And last evening when the cold dinners were getting colder after the conclusion of the thirteenth inning, several thousand Washington fans were concocting excuses for the excess tardiness.

DODGERS TAKE ONE MORE FROM BRAVES

Boston, April 23.—The Dodgers annexed another victory from the Braves today when a ninth inning rally resulted in five tallies, giving the visitors a 6-to-1 victory. Millingham was hammered in this session and Reagan took up his duties. The score by innings:

B'klyn . . . 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 5—6 6 4
Boston . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1 5 4

R. H. E.

Batteries—Grimes and Miller; Phil-

mand, Ragan and Wilson, Kie-

mand.