The Alerts Play Their First Game of the Season.

Defeated the Pastimes, But Had No Walk-Oyer.

The Bothwell Phenomenon Exploded-Toronto Dims the Stars-Lots of Sporting News.

BASEBALL.

THE OPENING GAME. The opening baseball game of the season was played at Tecumseh Park on Saturday afternoon, between "Doc" Sippi's Canadian pennant-seekers and the Pastimes, one of the three clubs which will play for the championship

of the City League this year. Though the weather was not all that bould have been desired for the opening day at the park, five hundred persons crossed Kensington bridge and paid their fee to see the Pastimes give the Alerts a hard brush McFarland; Thornton and Kittredge. for first place. The crowd-and especially the admirers of the Alerts-did not exhibit the same amount of enthusiasm as is generally displayed at a championship contest. It looked for a time as though Sippi's men were going to come out second best, for in the first four innings the Pastimes had a great snap with Depew, the Bothwell "phenom," who will be given chance to prove himself worthy of wearing an Alert uniform this season. If his work on Saturday can be taken as a criterion, Depew is in too fast company, and is better suited to play In a minor organization. His curves were easy for the Pastimes, made six runs in the fourth inning, and made things look so unfavorable that Depew was replaced by Wood, the Guelph man, who is considered the star pitcher of the league. While the Pastimes were feeling Depew pretty freely, the Alerts could do-or Gibbs' arm gave out, and caused him to retire in the same inning as Depew.

With the change in pitchers, the game became a little one-sided, for the Pastimes could do nothing with Wood, while the Alerts "got on" to Murray Wilson, and piled the runs up rapidly.

The work of the Alerts was very favorably commented upon, and Londoners may expect them to carry off the pennant. Depew was the only new man under contract who proved a disappointment. He may be able to hold his own against amateurs, but it was plainly to be seen that he was incapable of doing effective work with professionals. He does not possess much speed. He will likely be given

Wood is just the man the Alerts wanted. He goes through a series of movements before throwing a ball, which greatly amuses the spectators, and proves very puzzling to both men terrific speed and good curves.

Snyder, formerly of the Maple Leafs, of Guelph, will also prove a source of strength to the team at short. He covers a lot of ground, is quick to act, and throws well to first base. He had seven put outs, three assists, and no

Then, there was Plummer, the new third baseman and pitcher-a rather rough-looking, but a jolly fellow, who knows how to play ball. He had one error at third, but it was quite excusable. His stick work and baserunning were good.

The old members of the team showed up well. Sam Thorpe is in first-class that I am trying to get Rusie. I don't condition, and promises to be the star catcher of the league. He has got his heard, and I have not sent for him. I eye on the ball already, and in base- have not compromised with him and running he is as fleet as he was last I don't intend to." year. Burton is recovering from a ong illness, and will doubtless be in better condition in a couple of weeks. Hynd, Sippi, Hiscott and Sheere are in It to stay, and will be seen to good advantage throughout the season. The score:

ALEI	RTS.				
A.B		BH.	P.O.	A.	1
Hiscoct, 1.f, 5	2	1	1	0	
Sippi, 2b 6	0	0	4	3	
Hynd, c.f 5	0	2	1	0	
Hynd, c.f	0	0	7	3	
Borton, 1b 4	2	0	7	1	
Sheere, r.f 4	1	2	0	0	
Plummer, 3b 3	3	1	0	1	
Thorpe, c 3	2	2	4	7	
Wood, p 4		0	2	0	
Depew, p 1	0	0	0.	1	
Totals	10	8	26	16	
PASTI	MES				
A.	B. R.	B.H	. P.O.	Α.	1
Lee, s.s 4	1	2	0	4	
Pinel. c 4	1	1		0	
Carney, 2b 4	1	0	4	3	
Leach, r.f 3	1	1	0	0	
Wanless, 1b 4	0		9		
Breen, 3b 3	2		0	0	
Begg, 1.f 4	1	1		0	
Carroll, c.f 4	1			0	
Gibbs, p 2	0		0	1	
Wason, p 2	0	0	0	1	
Totals31	8	8	26	9	
AlertsPastimes	0	010	3 3 2	1 0	-
Earned runs—Alerts 4 Bases on balls—Hisc Plummer 2, Thorpe 2, Breen.	Pas ott.	times	s 2. on 2.	Sh	eı

Three-base hits—Higher 1, Plummer 1, Two-base hits—Higher 1, Sheere, Hiscott out on dropped fly. Begg out on dropped fly. Umpire—W. A. Reid. Scorer—C. G. Moothead.

NOTES. "Doc" Sippi did not make a hit, although he had six chances.

Sharp, the new catcher, did what running was required for him, usual number of small boys took in the game from the telegraph and telephone poles and trees along

Burton was unable to run the bases.

Dundas street. Mike Carney, the left-paw twirler, covered second base for the Pas-

Begg made a brilliant catch in left field, which caused the rooters to howl. Begg is one of the best all-round players the Pastimes have got. Wanless, at first, took in everything

that came his way. Mr. Charles G. Moorhead has again been appointed official scorer. The appointment will be received with satisfaction, as Mr. Moorhead has ably filled the position in the past. Pinel, the Pastimes' catcher, is a

wide-awake player, and one of the

mainstays of the team.

MeILROY MAY COME. Manager Sippi received a letter on Saturday from Secretary Cal. Davis, of the Canadian League, stating that racing tire. he would not give Guelph a contract. One of t for McIlroy. This means that Mc- the bicycle has been put is its intro- man wars.

Ilroy cannot play with Guelph until the league executive decide whether he belongs to London or Guelph. As he was signed before the league re-organized this year, Manager Sippi has forwarded him a league contract NATIONAL LEAGUE-SATURDAY. At Boston-R. H. E. Baltimore 9 11 5 Ten innings. Batteries—Hoffer and Stockdale, Clark; Stivitts and Ryan. Umpire—Hurst.

At Brooklyn—

Washington ... 4 9 0

Brooklyn ... 3 6 2

Batteries—Mercer and McAuley; KenBatteries—Mercer and McAuley; Mercer and Mer Umpire-Hurst. At Cleveland-

Young and Zimmer. Umpire-Sheridan. At Louisville-

Umpire-Weidman. NATIONAL LEAGUE-SUNDAY. At Louisville-Louisville 3 9 5 Cincinnati er and Vaughn. Umpire-Emslie. At Chicago-R. H. E. and Douglass. Umpire-Weidman. EASTERN LEAGUE - SATURDAY, change, tickets, a watch or other tri-At Syracuse-

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Urquhart. Umpire-Gaffney. EASTERN LEAGUE-SUNDAY. At Rochester-R. H. E. Rochester 7 10 teries-Lovett and Boyd; Gannon and Smith. Umpire-Gaffney.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.

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WILL NOT HAVE RUSIE. New York, May 2.-Amos Rusie, the baseball player, is not to rejoin the New York Club. That, at all events, is the statement given out today by President Andrew Freedman. The allegation that Rusie is on his way east. having compromised his differences with the managers of the club, and intending to take his old place in the team of 1896 was called to Mr. Freedman's attention, and he said: "There is absolutely no truth in the story know where Rusie is, I have not

TORONTO'S VICTORY.

Syracuse, May 4.-The Stars could not hit Dineen Saturday, and the youngster won the game all on his own hook. His timely hit in the fourth inning, with three men on bases, won the game, and he was in the play every minute from start to finish. He E. lives in Syracuse and received an ovation. Toronto put up a strong game all round, but the Stars excelled in base-running. It was one of the most exciting games ever seen here. Attendance, 4,000.

FLYS. The directors of the St. Louis Baseball Club have decided to release Manager McCloskey. Capt. O'Brien will have charge of the team until a new manager is elected. Harper, of the Brooklyn Club, uses little or no speed. He depends mostly

on a wide curve pitched in the oldfashioned underhand way. Anson has made another lucky find in Outfielder Flynn. He is covering himself with all kinds of glory both in the field and at the bat. Coachers cannot rattle Wood, the Alerts' new pitcher. He is deaf. Carney goes to Guelph Wednesday. The Alerts have already released

Manager Sippi may retain Sammy Lee, the Pastime shortstop. On the field he is a Shorty Fuller. O. P. Caylor, says: "If the Philadelphias' pitchers do not weaken the team would win the pennant without

The Cincinnati papers were all rejoiced when Emslie left that city to go to St. Louis. Only the most proounced home umpiring will go in that city. Emslie does not give them two-thirds.

THE WHEEL

SPOKES. Anyone who will stand on a leading boulevard or in one of the parks in Chicago on Sunday or a holiday will vonder at the spread of the wheelriding mania. Bloomers are not only worn by thousands, by the women, but many of them approach very closely to the form of tights; and the wearers of these garments in most cases ride men's wheels with low han-

The membership of the League o American Wheelmen is growing at the rate of 100 new members a day. The new bicycle track to be built at Buffalo will be four laps to the nile, made of cement, and will cost about \$9,000.

A new asphalt track, measuring 250 meters, is being built inside of the track in the Velodrome present d'Hiver, Paris. Silk for tires has been produced by a French tiremaker. The silk is used instead of cotton fabric in the special

One of the newest uses to which

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duction as an aid to the life-savers in patroling the beach.

It is said that all machines used in the French army are to be equipped with electric lights capable of being turned on or off at will. The indoor track at the London Aquarium is ten laps to the mile.

This is the track on which the women racers are doing their work.
A company producing only form of one part of a bicycle (the jointless rim) covers two acres of ground with its work at Birmingham,

New York ... 11 17 1
Philadelphia ... 10 15 1
Batteries—Doheny and Farrell; CarBatteries—Doheny and Farrell; CarH. K. Glover, of Omaha, Neb., has sey and Taylor, Grady. Umpire-Hen- invented a gasoline motor which he claims will create a sensation in the wheeling world. The design is a gas-

The latest whim of women cyclists is to have their wheels painted to match their dress. In the London says the Pall Mall Gazette. It is a significant fact that mothers who advertise for governesses require a knowledge upon the instructress' part R. H. E. of cycling in order that she may accompany her young charges when they go a-wheeling. It seems likely ment may open up for women in the form of cycling chaperonage. canteen, but it is intended for small

fles that the rider likes to have at

Chicago has started a new occupation in connection with the bicycle fever. A bicycle cleaning and adjusting company has been started. gan; Horner and Vigneaux. Umpire- | bearings, put graphite on the chains and repair simple punctures. These mechanics exhibit cards identifying them as regularly employed cleaners and repairers, and when they are through they puncture tickets held by the wheel owners. That is called grooming the wheel. ATHLETICS.

GLOVE CONTEST IN TORONTO TO COME OFF. Buffalo, N. Y., May 4.—Frank Zimpfer, the young Buffalo feather-weight, who last fought Maxey Haugh in this city, has been matched to meet Tommy Dixon, of Rochester, Johnny Lavack. Cleveland, in New York last week,

for a fifteen-round contest before the

Toronto Rowing Club on May 23.

AN ATHLETIC FAMILY. Athletic prowess seems to be hereditary in some families. E. D. Garnier, who won the hurdle race for Oxford at the recent games with Cambridge, is won the hurdles in 1871 and 1872. His uncle was on the Oxford cricket eleven, and his grandfather, who died as Dean of Winchester at the age of 97. rowed No. 6 for Oxford in the first ooat race in 1829. This is a really remarkable record of athletic superiority for one family to possess, and it seems to prove that the theory of degeneration so widely accepted is not without exceptions.

John L. Sullivan states positively that he will quit the stage and ring for good on the last of next month He says he is too fat, weighing 285 pounds, to either fight or to act, and hopes to become a hotelkeeper soon. Several good offers have been made to him.

STRIKES.

Delaware, Ohio, May 4.-A thousand students of the Ohio Wesleyan University went on strike Friday night because of certain rulings or the faculty disappointing to the Col-

lege Glee Club.
Milwaukee, Wis., May 4.—Mattressmakers in all the leading bedding factories in the city have gone out on a strike for higher wages. The mattress-workers belong to the American Federation of Labor.

THE NEW CHEESE MAKE.

Advices from the Ingersoll section state that cows are getting fair pickings of green feed, and that considerable milk has been transferred from butter to cheese production during the past few days. The advices also state that although the fodder make of cheese has been comparatively light. it was more than it should have been, and that, in spite of all warnings against manufacturing this objection able class of goods, there will be quite a surplus to go forward to the English market, as the home trade cannot begin to absorb it all. That the fodder make of cheese is lighter than that of last year there can be no doubt, as the lateness of the season has prevented it, as well as the determination of nany factories not to turn it out.

Regarding the make of cheese in Canada, there can be no doubt that the amount produced last year was in excess of the requirements of the English trade, and hence the unprofitable nature of the business during the past season, and the rude awakening to the fact, that the limit of production on a profitable basis even in cheese has been reached. It is fortunate, therethat the April make of cheese in the Dominion has been considerably curtailed this year, for had the same quantity of fodder goods found its way to the English market as was the case last year, the results would have been simply disastrous for the succeedgrass make. It now looks as if the old make of cheese would be pretty well cleared off by the time the full grass new make is ready for marketing.-Montreal Bulletin.

It is noted in Southern California that since the extensive planting of eucalyptus trees in that region there have been no droughts such as formerly caused great suffering and loss. The rainfall is increasing every year.

While at school, Johnnie, a boy of 7, was asked: "What is the principal product of the Island of Cuba?" don't know, miss." "What! Don't you know where sugar comes from?" "Yes, miss; we borrows it from the

woman next door." Dr. William Howard Russell is now 75 years of age. He joined the staff of the Times in 1843, and was its war correspondent in the Crimea, the Indian mutiny, the American civil war, the Prusso-Austrian and the Franco-German wars.

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The Rhodes' Relief Column Defeat the Rebels.

Withdrawal of the Enemy from Around Buluwayo.

Dervish Cavalry Dispersed by British Egyptian Forces.

An Abyssinian Defeat—Intense Heat in

the Soudan-Armenian Relief Funds Getting Low.

'A FIASCO. London, May 4.-The labor demonstration that it was proposed to hold in Hyde Park yesterday resulted in

DERVISHES CONCENTRATING.

APPEAL TO BRUSSELS. London, May 4.-It is stated here that preparations are being made to appeal, through Brussels, against the acquittal of Capt. Lothaire, the Bel-States.

THE SICK CZAREWITCH. Nice, May 4.—The Czarewitch passes restless and feverish nights. His than a pocket, for every woman knows how awkward it is to get at mother, the ex-Empress of Russia, a pocket on a wheel. The bag hangs from a belt at her side, and there is no trouble with reaching its conphysicians in attendance upon the tents, even with the wheel at full sufferer have ordered a change of air. but his condition prevents him from being moved at present.

THE SULTAN TERRORIZED. London, May 4.-A dispatch from Constantinople says that the assassination of the Shah has thrown the Sultan into a state of extreme terror. Telegrams regarding the crime are not allowed to enter Turkey, and the local newspapers have been forbidden to mention the affair.

FRENCH ELECTIONS. Paris, May 4.-The Socialists were successful in the municipal elections held at Marseilles, Laciotat, Narbonne, Cette, Calais, Roubaix, Carmaux, and were defeated in Caen, Laval, Lemans and Albi. The Conservative and Moderate newspapers claim that the elections show the country to be opposed to a Radical-Socialist programme.

MATABELES REPULSED. Cape Town that a body of Matabeles, numbering fully 1,000, attacked a relief column under Cecil Rhodes, en route from Salisbury for Buluwayo, that one of the city suburbs, Halol on April 30, near Makalaka, and that is healthily occupied, and a beautiful the natives were repulsed with a loss garden has been laid out. of 30 killed. The relief column susained no loss, and is expected at Gwelo on the 5th inst.

ABYSSINIANS DEFEATED. Rome, May 4.-Gen. Baldissera, the commander of the Italian troops in Abyssinia, and the entire Italian corps are now at Barachet. On Saturday an engagement was fought with the Abyssinian outposts, and the latter were defeated. King Menelek has released Major Salsa, the Italian officer who visited him in connection with the peace negotiations. AT BULUWAYO.

London, May 4.-Earl Gray, adminstrator of the British South Africa Company, has telegraphed from Buluwayo to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain that the rebellious Matabeles, threatening that town, who were have retired. He adds that the lines of communication from Buluwayo to Fort Salisbury, Mateking and the south have been secured. census of opinion is that the Matabeles are preparing for a permanent movement to the north. SORRY.

London, May 4.-Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of the Cape Colony, in a speech upon the occasion of the opening of the Cape Parliament, expressed himself as greatly deploring Dr. Jameson's raid into the Transvaal. The Cape Minister, he said, had the entire confidence of the Imperial Government. While recognizing the advantage of maintaining unimpaired the authority of the crown. the Cape Government would seek a cordial entente with the adjoining states and colonies.

KEEPING IT DARK. Constantinople, May 4.-The newspapers here were authorized to announce the death of the Shah of Persia, but without stating the cause. One newspaper announces that the Shah out for a walk, felt unwell, and died suddenly. Some apprehension is felt here in official circles owing to the fact that the assassin formerly lived in this city, from which place he communicated with Sheik Jem Aleddin, who is credited with having planned to murder both the Shah and the Grand Vizier of Persia.

ARMENIAN RELIEF FUND DIMINISHING. London, May 4.-A letter from Smyrna. Western Turkey, says that

the Armenian relief funds are di-minishing, while the number of the destitute is increasing. Continuing, the writer says: "From every center (with the exception of Van) where relief work is being carried on comes the same story of increasing number of the destitute, who look to this source of relief as the last and only means of sustaining life. It is, inleed, feared by many that the worst has not yet come, and that famine and pestilence will be inevitable during the approaching summer months." As to the threatened renewal of the massacres, says the writer, the recent trouble at Kilio was of a sufficiently serious nature to excite the greatest apprehensions. The reports of the number of Armenians killed vary from 100 to 200, while the number of wounded is said to be

"some hundreds." IN THE SOUDAN.

London, May 4.-A special from Wady Halfa, under date of May 1, says: "Sir Herbert Kitchener is making a tour of inspection around the

morning 70 Dervishes were sighted at Khor, four miles east of Akasheh. Major Burn-Murdock, with three squadrons of cavalry, supported by the Eleventh Soudanese Regiment, the Eleventh Soudanese Regiment, was dispatched to reconnoiter them. The cavalry came up with 300 Dervish horsemen, who were supported by more than a thousand riflemen and spearmen. They vigorously attacked the horsemen, totally dispersing them. Major Murdock's men dis mounted and opened a heavy fire on the enemy, who retired before the regiment could come up. The cavalry lost one killed and eight wounded and Capt. Fition was very slightly wounded. The heat was intense, and one man in the Eleventh Regiment died of heat apoplexy. The Dervishes' losses were considerable, but they

have not yet been fully reported. THE TRANSVAAL PRISONERS. A dispatch from Pretoria states that the Transvaal Government has asked each of the minor members of the Reform Committee, who were sentenced to fine, imprisonment and banishment, to state his reasons for requesting a reduction of his sentence. The four leaders, who were sentenced to death, were not asked their reasons why their sentences should be commuted.

An improvement has been made in the arrangements at the jail, where the members of the Reform Commit-Cairo, May 2.-A body of 1,000 Der- tee are imprisoned and they are now vish riflemen and a large body of more comfortable, and have little mounted Dervishes have been seen reason to complain of close quarters. A dispatch from Cape Town says near Akasheh. They appear to be concentrating for an attack upon that place.

A dispaten from Cape that J. S. Curtis, a member of the committee, is very ill near Cape Town, and that he will probably reparations of the committee. turn to Pretoria and be tried separately when he recovers. The London Times publishes a

patch from Pretoria saying that the executive is seriously considering how to avoid the inconvenience to the A new thing is the bicycle belt for women. It has attached to it a small trader Stokes in the Congo Free prisonment of the mining engineers and others belonging to the Reform Committee. The dispatch adds that the prisoners are in good health.

Repeopling a Beserted City,

Edinburgh Scotsman. A curious attempt is being made for the first time to occupy again some of the old stone cities of Northern and Central India, built by Mohammedan or Hindu dynasties, and long ago abandoned to malaria, the panther and the snake. Of these Akbar's Windsor, Fathepoor Sikri, near Agra, is the finest. Around his son's capital of New Delhi, there are two or three old capitals, such as Rudyard Kipling weirdly describes in his 'Naulakha.'

The present experiment is being made with Champaner, long the capital of the Hindu sovereigns of Guzerat, on the border between Raj-pootana and Baroda. Since the Emperor Hoomegeon took it in 1535, and it fell again to the Marathas, the great city has been desolate. Maharaja Sindia gave it to the British Government at the beginning of this century, with its magnificent mosque. tomb, palace, temple, and gardens, all walled in.

Champaner stands at the foot o Pawgadh, a lordly hill, which rises London, May 4.—News has reached to 2,600 feet, and is the center of a land as fertile as the adjoining Mal wa. The cultivation, promoted by the peace and prosperity of our rule, has been gradually banishing malaria, s

Now an official, Dr. Pollen, has, before leaving India, induced the M hammedans to undertake the gradual reoccupation of the city, and has recommended the Government to settle a colony of police army veterans within its walls, with free grants of land outside. The tomb of Sikander Shah, built in 1526 by a brother's love, as the Tai Mahal at Agra was erected by a husband's, is still beautiful. The people are chiefly aboriginal Bheels.

Catch-as-Catch-Can Government Shanghai is one of the most beautiful and well-kept cities of the east, and well deserves the title of "Little Paris." In some ways it is the most peculiar city on earth. The natives have a government of their own, and the foreigners are allowed to govern themselves. There are large colonies of English, Americans, French and Germans. The two first maintain a police system of their own, have : city court to punish disturbers of the peace, and a military organization in which every member is a gentleman of good social position. If we did not take such a measure of precaution there might be danger from mob attack at any time, and the Government would be impotent to check it. The French colony, in like manner, has a municipal government of its own, with which the Shanghai authorities have nothing to do. In the course of time Shanghai may become a free city, a condition now approximated by Hong Kong.-Washington Post.

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The Clinton assessor, Mr. Henry Stevens, has completed his work. The population of the town is practically the same as last year—2,451. The total assessment of the town is \$593,590, being about \$4,500 less than last year; the decrease occurs in the personal property assessment, the amount returned last year being \$30,-000, while this year it is only about