

## Sporting Comment

Dr. George J. Fisher of the U.S. war work council of the Y.M.C.A., who recently interviewed Christy Mathewson at Cincinnati, in regard to going to France, says Matty did not decline to go.

"In fairness, to Matty," said Dr. Fisher, "it should be stated emphatically that he never authorized the announcement from Cincinnati that he thought he could be of more service to the government by staying here than by going to France. He told me that he was open minded on the matter, waiting only to be convinced that he could be as valuable overseas as others know that he can be. I am calling to-day to France for confirmation of the despatches on which the original Y.M.C.A. appeal to Matty was made, and if necessary the influence of Gen. Pershing himself will be obtained. Matty will leave the Cincinnati team if the Y.M.C.A. can prove to him that his duty lies overseas and that the men there need him to help them to win. He has been subjected to much unjust criticism because of his failure to respond to the call immediately. Many of his defenders have been equally unjust to him. It has been asserted that the association made the appeal to Matty without authority. This can be easily disproved."

Gradually the spring hitters have been giving way for the old stars of the bat. Tris Speaker, Joe Jackson, Gandil, Sisler, Tamm, Rousch, Knapp and others are forging ahead. Sisler had two perfect days at the plate last week, making four hits in each game. Knapp is now listed among the three high hitters of the National League.

The work of Joe Wood, former star Red Sox hurler, in an outfield position with the Cleveland Indians and the case of "Stuffy" McInnis on third base for the Red Sox, have broken one of the time-honored rules of baseball. It has shown that some players at least can be shifted and make good. Wood is no longer a good batsman, but his throwing arm is in trim so that he can make a perfect return from deep field.

Three major league players are making a comeback which is now believed to be real. When the season first started, the more skeptical fans thought it could not last. Larry Doyle of New York, the veteran second baseman, seems to be back in his old form, playing the keystone sack. He has been doing effective work with the bat which has won him the first place on the batting average list of the National League. Earl Hamilton, pitcher formerly of the St. Louis Browns, who was released last fall to the Columbus association, has shown up as one of the best hurlers of the season. He has pitched four games for the Pirates this season and won them all. At bat Hamilton is in his old stride and is by far the best hitting pitcher.

Lee Magee, formerly of the Federal and the New York Yankees, has been making a comeback with the Cincinnati Reds. Although never known as a hitter, he has out-hit all of his teammates this year, even Ed Rousch, who led the National League last year. He is also covering second in an effective manner.

## Bowling

Steel Co. of Canada captured three straight games from Kerr and Goodwin on the Assembly Bowling Alleys last evening in easy fashion. Steves was the star of the night, rolling well for a total of 662 for the three games. The score:

Kerr and Goodwin	158	108	160	426
Shelington	125	127	82	334
Cooper	77	135	111	223
Bradshaw	103	95	96	294
Mooney	174	122	147	443
Smith	209	160	193	562
Lewis	207	619	697	2013

## GREAT LAKES STEAMSHIP SERVICE

Canadian Pacific Steamship "Manitoba" now leaves Owen Sound 10:30 p.m. each Thursday for Sault Ste. Marie, Port Arthur and Port William. Steamships Keewatin and Assiniboia will sail from Port McNicoll Wednesdays and Saturdays, commencing June 1st.

## PERKINS' BAT BEAT YANKEES

Philadelphia, May 8.—Perkins beat New York here to-day, driving in all Philadelphia's runs. The score was 5 to 2. Pratt's single, Pip's triple and Miller's sacrifice fly gave the Yankees a 2 to 0 lead in the seventh. In the eighth, with two on bases, Perkins drive a homer into the bleachers. Perry outpitched Galtwell all the way, but good fielding in the plinches helped the New York twirler. Score: R. H. E. New York . . . 020000000—2 7 3 Philadelphia . . . 00020003X—5 10 2 Sacrificed: Postelwell and Hannah; Perry and Perkins.

## SOTHORON IN FORM

At Detroit—Sothoron held Detroit to three hits this afternoon while his team-mates hit James and Finneran freely. St. Louis winning 5 to 1. Two of the home team's hits were of the scratch calibre, but one of them followed a three-base drive by Dressen in the sixth inning and netted Detroit's only run.

St. Louis . . . 102120200—8 12 1 Detroit . . . 000001000—1 3 1 Batteries—Sothoron and Nunnemaker; James, Finneran, Cunningham and Yelle, Spencer. At Chicago—Frank Shellenbach, former American Association pitcher, made his major league debut to-day, when he replaced Clouton on the mound and was credited with a 9 to 5 victory over Cleveland in the final game of the series here. Clouton injured his ankle in sliding to first in the second inning. The locals won the game by hitting hits. Score: R. H. E. Cleveland . . . 003101000—5 7 3 Chicago . . . 02203002X—9 13 1 Batteries—Shellenbach, Danforth, C. Williams and Schalk.

At Washington—Washington overthrewed Boston to-day 4 to 0, by knocking both Bush and Mays out of the box and gathering 13 runs in the fifth and sixth innings. Boston's fifth straight defeat. Score: R. H. E. Boston . . . 010210000—4 9 2 Washington . . . 06005501X—14 17 1 Batteries—Bush, Mays, Wyckoff and Ames; Mayer, Shaw, Harper and Almsmith, Casey.

## CAN NOBODY STOP GIANTS?

Phillies Bowed for Eighth Straight Before the McGrawites

NEAR ROW AT PLATE Braves Come From Behind—Cubs and Reds Earned Their Victories

New York, May 8.—New York again defeated Philadelphia here to-day, 3 to 2. It was Philadelphia's eighth straight defeat and New York's eighth straight victory. At the plate in the ninth inning on a play which would have tied the score, but cut the game, several of the Philadelphia players rushed at Moran, the umpire. Burns pushed the umpire, McGraw and other players separated the pair. A spectator then threw a cane at the umpire. The score: R. H. E. Philadelphia . . . 000000011—2 9 3 New York . . . 00300000X—3 6 3 Batteries—Presdergast, Thompson, who struck back with his fist, and C. Burns; Perritt and Rariden. At Boston—Boston came from behind three times to-day and beat Brooklyn in the ninth, 4 to 3. Wickland's home run, Koonch's single, passes to Rawlings and Wilson and Nehf's scratch single gave Boston the necessary two runs to beat the veteran Combs. The score: R. H. E. Brooklyn . . . 010100001—2 8 4 Boston . . . 000101002—4 9 3 Batteries—Combs and M. Wheat; Nehf and Wilson. At Pittsburgh—Hitting two Pittsburgh pitchers hard, Chicago won to-day's game 3 to 1, after losing the first two games of the series. Chicago scored five runs off Cooper in the first three innings, and Steele was sent in as relief pitcher. The latter also was unable to stop the visitors, three runs being made on four singles and a home run. Tyler pitched good ball for Chicago. The score: R. H. E. Chicago . . . 203010200—3 11 1 Pittsburgh . . . 000000001—1 5 3 Batteries—Tyler and Killifer.

## BASEBALL

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE. Won. Lost. P.C. Binghamton . . . 1 0 1000 Newark . . . 1 0 1000 Jersey City . . . 1 0 1000 Baltimore . . . 1 0 1000 Toronto . . . 0 1 000 Syracuse . . . 0 1 000 Rochester . . . 0 1 000 Buffalo . . . 0 1 000 Wednesday's Scores. Binghamton 3, Toronto 2 (17 in.). Newark 3, Syracuse 2. Jersey City 9, Rochester 2. Baltimore 7, Buffalo 3. Games To-day. Toronto at Binghamton. Syracuse at Newark. Rochester at Jersey City. Buffalo at Baltimore.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Won. Lost. P.C. New York . . . 16 1 .941 Chicago . . . 11 5 .688 Pittsburgh . . . 9 7 .562 Philadelphia . . . 8 9 .471 Cincinnati . . . 9 11 .444 St. Louis . . . 6 13 .323 Brooklyn . . . 5 12 .294 Boston . . . 5 12 .294 Wednesday's Scores. New York 3, Philadelphia 2. Boston 4, Brooklyn 3. Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 1. Cincinnati 9, St. Louis 6. Brooklyn at Boston. Philadelphia at New York. Cincinnati at St. Louis. Chicago at Pittsburgh.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Won. Lost. P.C. Boston . . . 12 8 .600 Cleveland . . . 10 8 .556 Chicago . . . 8 7 .533 New York . . . 10 9 .526 St. Louis . . . 8 9 .526 Washington . . . 8 10 .444 Detroit . . . 6 8 .429 Philadelphia . . . 7 10 .412 Wednesday's Scores. Chicago 9, Cleveland 4. Washington 14, Boston 4. Philadelphia 5, New York 2. St. Louis 3, Detroit 1.

To-day's Games. New York at Philadelphia. Boston at Washington.

ALL HOME TEAMS WON THE OPENERS Newark, Rochester and Baltimore Scored Easy Wins

Newark, N.J., May 8.—Newark opened the New International League season here to-day with a victory over Syracuse, 9 to 1. Elliott, who started for Syracuse, was pounded for two earned runs in the opening inning, and his wildness and poor fielding put him in a hole in the second. After he had given three runs and with two on bases he was relieved by Destro. Cather greeted Destro with a single that drove in the two base occupants, but thereafter the relief pitcher was effective. Woodward, for Newark, was virtually invincible until he eased up in the sixth inning. The fielding was fast on both sides, there being five double plays. The score: R. H. E. Syracuse . . . 001000000—1 5 2 Newark . . . 25200000X—9 11 2 Batteries—Elliott, Destro and Cooper; Woodward and Brugy. At Jersey City—Jersey City made an auspicious re-entry into the International League this afternoon with a decisive victory over Arthur Irwin's Rochester by a score of 9 to 2 in the initial game of the season at West Side Park. Score: R. H. E. Rochester . . . 000010010—2 7 2 Jersey City . . . 1502120X—9 13 3 Batteries—Hagen, Grant and Platter; Clinton and McGraw. At Baltimore—Although out-hit, Baltimore won the opening game of the New International League season here to-day from Buffalo by the score of 7 to 3. Herbert was brilliantly supported by his team-mates. Chief Meyers led the teams in hitting, getting a double and three singles out of five trips to the plate. The score: R. H. E. Buffalo . . . 010010001—3 12 1 Baltimore . . . 01202002X—7 9 1 Batteries—Divinny and Meyers; Herbert and Egan.

## LEAF'S DIED HARD AT BINGHAMPTON

Errors Help Toss Away the Game in Seventeenth Inning

SCORE WAS THEN 3 TO 2 Justin Went the Full Route and Twirled Winning Ball

Binghamton, N.Y., May 9.—In one of the longest games ever played in local baseball history the new Binghamton International team defeated Toronto yesterday by a score of 3 to 2, after battling for 17 innings in weather that hovered around the freezing point. With two out in the 17th inning, Barnes reached second on Warhop's wild heave to first, and then scored the winning run when Oakes slammed a single to left field. In spite of the biting north-west wind that swept the field, the game was full of ginger, and both teams played in mid-season form.

Manager Hartman trotted out Gingsra to do the slab work for Binghamton, while Justin was elected to do the slab work for Toronto. Gingsra was slow in getting started, and Toronto promptly landed on him in the first inning for a trio of hits making two runs. Led, the first man up singled between first and second, and Thrasher laid down a pretty sacrifice bunt. Then Omslow connected for a three-bagger by driving the ball over Bill Kay's head in right field for three sacks, scoring Lied, Wagner sent a fly to Riley in centre, scoring Omslow. Warhop sent a hit through the infield, and Herche finally fouled out to Hadcock. From this time until Irving went in to bat for him Gingsra pitched airtight ball.

The Bings got their first score in the fourth. Oakes went out. Gingsra to Omslow. Zimmerman sent a six-run three-bagger to right. It was the Bings' first run. Tyler knocked one between Herche's legs, scoring Zimmerman, while Kay and Shields went on infield grounders.

Binghamton tied the score in the fifth half in the seventh, when the crowd of over 3000 became frantic with delight. Kay slammed a hit to left, and Howley let the ball get by. Kay then walked to third. Shields walked on fur pitched balls. Handley got a clean single to right scoring Kay. This ended the scoring for the remainder of the game until the local nuster over the winning tally in the 17th inning. Barnes, who pitched the last 10 innings, heaved a straight ball for Binghamton, and just as he pitched, winning the game during the entire session. Barnes got himself out of a bad hole in the 8th when the first three men got on bases without any scoring. Herche and Platter could not solve the slants of the left-hander, and went out on two pop flies and a scratch grounder.

The local shortstop, rose to fame yesterday by jumping into the limelight, after playing semi-professional ball, and playing a sensational game both short. A big parade and celebration preceded the game.

AN ECCENTRIC WILL. By Courier Leased Wire. Hamilton, Ont., May 8.—The will of T. H. Gould, well known Hamiltonian, who died in South Carolina, is a rather remarkable document. The estate is valued at \$145,438. Bequests included: To his wife, Estia Pallhee, sometimes known as Etta Gould, \$10,000. To Jennie Kirkpatrick, known as Mrs. Roy George, \$20,000, also \$2,100 life insurance providing she does not live or co-habit with husband as wife or friend. \$3,000 to the Durham Zoo ex-cutors to keep in mind pleasure of children. \$3,000 to the Salvation Army Rescue Home.

After making a number of small bequests Gould provided the balance of the estate should be divided between next of kin share and share alike. He also stipulated that any bequest to anyone who attempted to break will should be cancelled. Litigation is already under way.

CHARGE TRUCE BROKEN. By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, May 8.—Charges that the Industrial Union declared in the recent agreement between capital and labor has been broken by telegraph companies were heard to-day by the National War Labor Board. Telegraph operators abandoned many of their number had been discharged because of union affiliations. The companies' side of the controversy was presented by Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union.

## OVER HALF MILLION SAMMIES IN FRANCE

J. S. War Secretary Declares His Previous Forecast is Surpassed

Washington, May 8.—More than half a million soldiers have been sent to France, Secretary Baker to-day authorized the statement that the forecast in Congress, in January, that 500,000 troops would be despatched to France early in the present year now had been surpassed.

Secretary Baker dictated the following statement: "In January I told the Senate committee that there was strong likelihood that early in the present year 500,000 American troops would be despatched to France. I cannot either now or perhaps later discuss the number of American troops in France, but I am glad to be able to state that the forecast I made in January has been surpassed."

As a result of a personal investigation of machine gun production during the last few days the secretary announced that there is no present shortage of light or heavy types of these weapons, either in France or America, and no shortage is in prospect.

Become Stronger Daily. With the American Army in France, May 8.—Except for artillery firing and patrolling there is little new in Picardy. Every day the Americans become stronger. Apparently they are better entrenched than the Germans, who are being continually harassed, day and night. Despite the enemy's heavy expenditure in gas, we have obtained no advantage in this sector, the Americans discounting his every move.

The weather has been unsettled for several days, preventing much infantry activity. There have been some aerial encounters. One of the American patrols last night encountered an enemy working party. They shot the sentinel and rushed the enemy, but later retired owing to the superiority in numbers the Germans had over them.

SPRING FISHING. Plan a fishing trip to Algonquin Park this spring. The Algonquin Hotel at Joe Lake will open for the reception of guests on May 10th. Mowat Lodge on Canoe Lake is also open for the reception of anglers. Good fishing within easy distance of hotels. Free illustrated publication with map and further particulars may be had on application to C. E. Hornung, Grand Trunk Railway System, Union Station, Toronto.

George Walker, 75, a native of England, died at Stratford.

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