

NEW YORK NEWS

GAINS BY BOTH CLUBS DESPITE HANDICAPS.

The Beginning and the End of a Week of Bad Weather Helped the Giants and Highlanders in Percentage—Week's Review.

BY WM. F. H. KOELSCH.

New York, May 10.—Editor "Sporting Life."—In third place, just a step behind the Pittsburgh Pirates, McGraw's men started on a long trip during which they will make a swing around the Western circuit; make a stop in Brooklyn and visit Boston before they return to the Polo grounds on June 4. As the Chicago Cubs have taken what must be regarded as a fair lead in the race, the prospects of the Giants overhauling the champions during the next three weeks cannot be regarded as very bright. Manager McGraw is confident that his men will make a strong showing on the trip. There has been some talk of how easy the Chicago Cubs have had it thus far, with St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati as opponents, while the Giants have had to face Philadelphia, Boston and Brooklyn. So far as St. Louis is concerned the Cubs have had a distinct advantage, but the anxious fan must not forget that the schedule gives the Giants as many chances to fatten up on the good things as any other team. Pittsburgh is certainly as formidable as any of the Giants' Eastern opponents and Cincinnati according to Redland reports is not as easy as the percentage column would indicate. At any rate it is an even thing in the long run, and unless the Giants pitching department braces up it will be a hard job for the Polo ground men to catch the Chicago Cubs in their mad run for another flag.

RAIN CAUSES HAVOC.

After the even break in Boston in the first series between the Giants and Beaneaters the first visit to the latter aggregation to the Polo ground, became an event fraught with unusual interest. It was to be a four-game series between the new and old Giants, and an abundance of ginger was bottled up for the occasion. Three days' succession rain disappointed the hungry fans and resulted in a serious financial loss to both clubs. Those three days are lost beyond recall from a box-office viewpoint. A bunch of double-headers will result, but they can never compensate for the dreary three days of irksome idleness. Despite lowering clouds and a steady shower at game time a very good crowd turned out on Saturday when the rivals finally managed to get in one game. Joe Kelley's men started off with a rush despite Matty's presence on the slab, but McGraw's men came back in the same inning somewhat more strenuously than the Hubbies. Devlin's two-bagger off Young with the bases full was the blow that turned the tide. It also put a large crimp in "Pop-up John" Gansel's prediction that the Giants could not succeed against southpaw opposition. The Giants did all their scoring in the first two innings, which proved to be quite enough.

EX-GIANTS SALUTED.

There was of course much interest in the doings of the former members of the McGraw legion now wearing the flaming red caps of the Kelley Culture Club. Frank Bowerman received the most cordial welcome from the fans, and the big Michigander played his usual strong game. He made a single on his first turn at the bat and was robbed of a triple when Shannon made an exceptionally clever capture of his hard smash near the end of the game. Dahlen and Brown were also given the glad hand. Hannifan batted for the pitcher in the final inning and Ferguson pitched after Young had been retired to the bench. Thus with McGraw on first base all the former Giants had a hand in the affair. Ferguson showed up finely in the seven innings in which he worked. In fact his work during the time he officiated was on a par with Matty's. But the latter, with a fair lead, was not overextending himself. McGraw's men's scoring ceased with the retirement of Young. They never crossed the plate during Ferguson's tenure as pitcher. They made only two scattered hits during the seven innings. Ferguson was much pleased with himself, but there is still ample time for him to feel the force of the Giants' big sticks.

MCGRAW HOOTED.

The fans evidently were waiting for a chance to gey their former first baseman and they started early in the game. All the other former Giants were well received. The big fellow drove in the Boston club's last run, but he also contributed an error and struck out once to the apparent delight of the rooters. Doubtless McGraw's run in with McGraw in Boston created the feeling against the former Polo ground favorite, who has been dubbed "Peevish Dan."

Christy Mathewson starts on the Western trip with a clean record of victories and the club that hands him his first defeat will have reason to put a feather in its cap as "The Big Train" was never in greater form than he is just now. Of course he must lose some day, but he stands today as the greatest twirler in baseball and as a drawing card he is ace high.

YANKEES ON TOP.

Although General Clark Griffith's hold on first place is not very firm, the Yankees

begin a long home stand in first place. The coming of Lajoie's Cleveland men will inaugurate the first visit of the Western delegations to American League Park. Twenty-one contests are scheduled for the Yankees on their own grounds before they again pack their grips for an out-of-town engagement. Surely if home environments are of any material assistance the Yankees have a chance to gain a lead in the fierce struggle for supremacy in the American League campaign. Manager Griffith's indefinite suspension has been raised and the Old Fox is again on the side lines urging his men on in their efforts to bring that pennant to the hill-top where Edward Everett Bell has a tall pole prepared for its reception. The lead was gained in Boston, although the loss of the first game at the Hub dropped the Yanks down from first place to third for one day. Doc Newton lost in his contest against one Cicotte who was effective when hits meant runs. In fact he gave the hard hitting Yankees a coat of whitewash. The next day the tables were turned.

MANNING WON FAME

by holding McGuire's Minute Men runless while the Yankees ran up a total of three off Winter. Considering the cold weather the latter by name alone should have had things his own way. But Mr. Manning, of the Tri-State League, was not to be denied, and he added materially to the strong impression he had previously made. Boston reports stated the Griffith Williamsport recruit in that game showed every indication of proving one of the best twirlers in the business. In the last game in Washington, Manning relieved Doyle whom Cantillon's men hit very freely, and the new man allowed the Senators but two hits and no runs in the seven innings to the finish. By thus checking the opposition it gave Griffith's men a chance to bat out a victory. Manning's work was easily the feature of the week among the Yankees. At that, Walter Blair, who was his catcher in Williamsport, said that Manning was not at his best in the Boston game and Blair predicted that when warm weather comes Manning will show the fans a great deal more.

HARRY NILES

starred in Boston, getting three hits, one run, four putouts and four assists in one game, his pulling down of Unglaub's smashing liner resulting in a timely double play. There has been some uneasiness in St. Louis as to Niles' ability to please the Yankee management. Why the Mound City fans should worry so much on that point has been somewhat of a mystery to us. Local folks are quite content with Niles' work, and he seems to be quite at home here, judging from his remarks: "I will work my head off for a manager like Clark Griffith. The latter has shown me a few things which I don't think I would have learned in St. Louis. They would like to see me fall down out there, but I am going to do my best to upset the talent."

CHESBRO WINS AGAIN.

The Saturday game in Boston resulted in a 2 to 1 victory for "Happy Jack" over the famous veteran Cy Young. It again demonstrated that Chesbro is in form this year beyond any doubt. He fanned six of Jim McGuire's men and was effective at critical stages. It was one of those games that made the Yankee fans feel good to see their favorites win, because last season owing to weakness in pitching the Yankees so often lost just such contests. It would seem from the returns that the worm has turned. Hemphill, of the St. Louis delegation, distinguished himself by making a circus catch in that game which robbed Unglaub of a base hit. The absence of Hal Chase owing to a lame back brought Moriarity to first base and his work as sub for the sensational Californian was noteworthy. The good showing made by Ball, who is subbing for Elberfeld, has also been worthy of mention. The value of such good utility service cannot be overestimated and the Yankees certainly look like they are able to make them all hustle for the honors this year.

AROUND THE BASES.

Bowerman expressed the prevailing sentiment that exists among the former Giants now with Boston when he said: "I hold no resentment against McGraw, the Giants, or the New York fans. I think my transfer to Boston was a good thing; in fact, I believe the deal helped both teams." Joe McDonald, well known in Harlem, has joined the Olean, N. Y., Club, for which he will play first base.

The Yankees enjoyed their call on President Roosevelt during their sojourn in Washington. They are all strong for "the big stick" and vote "Teddy" the best ever. Charley Steinmann, of the Murray Hill Club, has returned from California and is again playing with that well known semi-professional team.

Bill Dahlen says the Bostons have not yet hit their natural gait and he predicts a first division berth for Kelley's men.

Dave Barry, a local lad, of last season's A. J. G. Club, and who hit .260 last season—his first among the minors—is holding off owing to some salary difference. Barry is playing with the All Nationals, from which club he graduated.

"McGraw & Mathewson" will be the sign that will hang over some door on the Great White Way next winter.

The Yankees declare that Umpire Connelly's work is absolutely without one redeeming feature. Let them forget the umpire and they will be happier.

Mike Donlin came near taking a fall out of Foxen, the Phillies' new twirler, who twice hit Capt. Mike with pitched balls in one game.

Central League Scorers

Here are the official scorers of the Central League for the coming season: Dayton, Harry Haberer, "Journal;" Evansville, W. C. Dyer, "Courier;" Fort Wayne, C. W. Spaulding, "Sentinel;" Grand Rapids, Tom Jones, "Herald;" South Bend, Raymond McNally, "News;" Terre Haute, C. T. Jewett, "Star;" Wheeling, R. M. Archer, "Register;" Zanesville, Roy Van De Verer, "Courier."

CLARKSON DONE

THE EX-COLLEGE PITCHER LEAVES CLEVELAND.

To Go Into the Shoe Business in Cleveland—Was to Have Been Transferred to the Toledo Club Within Short Time.

SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

Cleveland, O., May 1.—Walter Clarkson, brother of Clarkson the great, and himself a star in Harvard, quit the Cleveland American League team at Chicago on May 4 and returned to Cleveland from Chicago, announcing that he intended to enter into business and had quit base ball forever. Clarkson took the Cleveland management by surprise, resigning his salaried job with the Naps in a formal note to Manager Lajoie late last Monday night. He has not shown well this spring, and his friends here declare this poor showing has discouraged him. His admirers insist that Clarkson had no real chance here, holding that with plenty of work he would be the sensation of the American League, and that his enforced idleness nine-tenths of the time caused his poor showing. There had been rumors for several days of a sale of Clarkson to Toledo, of the American Association. Clarkson will join the Chisholm Boot Shop management here. "I had been considering a proposition to go into business for two weeks past," said Clarkson, on his arrival here. "I made up my mind in Chicago and simply resigned. I am through with base ball and do not intend even to pitch semi-professional ball. I will devote my entire time to business hereafter." Clarkson was obtained from New York in the middle of last season, Clark Griffith getting Earl Moore in exchange.



Walter Clarkson

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Washingtons Play Good Ball and Make an Unofficial Triple Steal—The Club Gets Another Billet Doux From the National Commission—News of the Players.

By Paul W. Eaton.

Washington, May 9.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The Washingtons are bowling along at a lively clip. They have just won two games from the Athletics, and yesterday they passed Boston and went into sixth place. They got a bad start by being outlucked in close games on foreign fields during the first week of the season, but since April 20 they have won half of their games. Their career has been a see-saw, and it was not until yesterday that they succeeded in winning two games in succession. Good pitching has been a feature. The team batting average is .241. Jack Warner leads the regulars, with .318. For Joe Cantillon to pick two twirlers like Burns and Johnson inside of three or four months, at a time when star pitchers are as scarce as pterodactyls, speaks well for his judgment.



Paul W. Eaton

WASHINGTON CLUB FINED.

Last night President Noyes sent the National Commission a check for \$50, to pay the fine inflicted on the Washington Club in connection with the sale of Anderson to Chicago and Heydon to Kansas City. The two players named jumped the Washington Club, but were fortunate enough to be reinstated without being fined. The club was fined \$25 in each case, for selling the players when they were not actually in its service. Rule 38, of the National Commission, provides for such fines. The Commission says in its finding that the players are reinstated without fines because certain facts in these cases, in their judgment, warranted the players in jumping the team; and it goes on to say that managers must treat players the same as individuals in any other profession. President Noyes says that the Washington Club was not given an opportunity to

PRESENT ITS CASE.

It was not asked for any statement, and had not even any idea that any complaint had been made by the players. President Noyes has asked for the evidence on which the decision was based. Manager Cantillon seemed annoyed by what he evidently took as a reflection by the Commission on his treatment of these players. He denies that there was any friction between him and them, and affirms that there was never so much as an exchange of unparliamentary language between them. He joins President Noyes in asserting that whatever investigation was made did not include the presentation of any evidence by Washington's Club or even a request for any. As has already been stated, the Washington team is going some. It is the only team that is ahead of the Athletics on the series, and is going at a .500 speed, which would probably land it

IN FIFTH PLACE

or better, if maintained. About 5000 saw yesterday's game on a cold day, and there would rarely be fewer than that at the park with the team winning. On Monday the summer of our good content was made inglorious winter by a son of a gun from New York. The game the Highlanders won

was loosely played by the locals and was lost by 11 to 5. In the first inning the visitors made three runs on a single. The Senators got back two, and added three more in the second round when pitcher Joe Doyle went aloft. Their lead looked pretty good for a while, but the Yankees hit the ball hard throughout the contest, while Griffith's new

PITCHER, MANNING,

who relieved Doyle, held his opponents to two hits in the remaining seven innings, and one of them was a scratch. This youngster, who was with Williamsport last year, is sure the real Stilton and will no doubt be on the rubber for the Yanks as often as he is able to work. There is no doubt about his being a great find. The visitors tied it up in the fifth and cinched in the seventh, when Niles was safe on an error, Keeler sacrificed, three hits and an out sent in three runs, a base on balls put Ball on base, and Kleinow fanned. The rest of the game was devoid of interest, as the locals were just as easy meat for Manning as the other Eastern teams have been. After three days of rain, the Athletics played here on Friday. Ella Wheeler Wilcox ought to be hired to describe the first game, which was full of tempestuous heart-throbs. Tom Hughes, who is pitching about as good ball as any one in the American League, served 'em up hot, while Chief Bender had on the war-paint on the other side. The Washington bats

GOT BUSY

in the second inning, when Street and McBride singled after two were out. They couldn't cash, however, as Shipke committed a triple assault on the atmosphere and returned to the hut. In the third round, things were different. After Hughes was put out, Milan and Ganley singled, but the next batter fanned. Altizer came along with another hit, scoring Milan and Freeman walked, filling the bases. When two strikes had been called on Street, Captain Bob Ganley realized that something had got to be done, and he didn't do a thing but duplicate the famous triple steal pulled off by the Athletics the week before, for perhaps the first time in the history of the game.

THE TRIPLE STEAL.

The statement that a triple steal was made requires some qualification, however, because Umpire Connelly called a balk on Bender, which would have allowed the men on the bases to move up. As neither Ganley nor catcher Smith had time to realize that a balk had been called until the whole affair was over, and as Smith did not come anywhere near touching Ganley at the plate, it is fair to say that it was virtually a successful triple steal, though it will not be credited officially as such. All there was to the ball was a momentary hesitation by Bender in delivering the ball, so slight as to be almost imperceptible. The object of the balk rule is, to keep the pitcher from pretending to pitch when he really intends to throw to a base. No one will imagine that this was the case with Bender, whose motion which the umpire considered illegal was due to seeing Ganley almost home while he was about to pitch. In fact there

IS ROOM TO DOUBT

whether a balk should have been called. Ganley's slide to the plate was a great one, and he was safe by feet so far as any attempt to get the ball on him was concerned. Three more hits added a third run in the fifth, while the Athletics were blanked and held to two hits in the first eight rounds. They furnished one of their attention-compelling finishes. Collins singled punkily. Davis was out, hits by Murphy and Smith scored Collins. Oldring's single sent Murphy home. A wild pitch added to the universal horror that held the assembled mult, spell-bound. With runners on second and third, only a long fly was needed to tie. But Hughes tightened up, with surpassing nerve, and Coombs popped and Bender "flew" out to Freeman. Yesterday

A SECOND VICTORY

over Connie Mack's crew was served by Farmer Burns, who has won all his games and won them easily. He fields like a major and can bat some also. There has been some discussion about this player's salary. He gets \$450 a month, which is doing well for his first year, but he has no trouble earning it. The score was 6-2. The same teams play here to-morrow, and then come the Western clubs. With Jimmy Collins playing in his old Boston form and a decided acquisition in the person of Sid Smith, the Athletics should be among the first two or three all season, with about as good a chance as any for the pennant. The news that

JIMMY CALLAHAN

has applied to the National Commission for re-instatement is a matter of some concern to Washington, as it is reported on what should be good authority that it means that, if he can arrange certain affairs of his in Chicago to his liking, he will play ball in Washington. A local paper is conducting a "popularity" voting contest for ball players. Davy Altizer leads with some 7,000 votes, with Ganley a close second. Jim Delahanty is still out of the game with his spike wounds, and Clymer has been incapacitated by a cold, and the team has, therefore, been doing its recent good work under a handicap. Dell may play in a day or two.

LEJEUNE'S CAPTURE.

Carries Off a Danville Girl in the Matrimonial League.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Decatur, Ill., May 11.—Sheldon A. Lejeune, of Chicago, and Miss Madeline Shaw, of Danville, were married here on May 8. Lejeune is a member of the Dubuque, Three Eyes League, ball club. Lejeune formerly played with the Gunthers and for two years has been on the White Sox list, making the spring trips to Mexico and California. Last season he was with the champion Springfield team of the Central League and this year he was released to Dubuque. He won the long distance throwing contest at Cincinnati with a mark of 399 feet 10 inches.