Famous Pitcher Admits Own Mistake in World Series With Boston.

JUDGMENT RIGHT

Criticism of Athletic's Manager for Pailure to Substitute Hitter in Place of Plank Not Shared by Giants' Veteran Star.

BY CHRISTY MATHEWSON, Star Pitcher of the Glants, LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Immediate after the one game of the last world's series which the Giants won, and ever since then, there has been a lot of talk over "Connie" Mack's maneuvers in the ninth inning, when he left Lapp and Plank in to hit at a time that an outfield fly would have meant the game. I read with great interest a story recently written by Connie" Mack, in which he explained "Connie" Mack, in which he explained his reasons for letting Lapp and Plank go to hat. Believe me, "Connie" Mack was up against it when that situation came up. I did not realize then so much as I do now. I was doing a lot of figuring myself at that time. I was also more or less up against it.

In my opinion, "Connie" Mack was dead right in the way he handled the situation, according to his system of playing the game. Of course, several second guessors said he had made a

second guessers said he had made a mistake, since neither Lapp nor Plank produced an outfield fly or a safe hit, and the Athletics lost the game; therefore, Mack had figured it wrong obviously.

Portland Basketball Players Defeat Springwater Men at Estacada

Pitcher Confesses Error.

Although experts have criticised the Giant fielders for the loss of that Boston game and the series, I have always blamed myself for a mistake I ways blamed myself f up without a ball and I had him in a hole. Then he showed his gameness by letting a couple of bad ones go that I had tried to get him to swing at. Next, he got his hit, which drove in the run that tied the game. I should have worked on him more carefully. Perhaps because it happened more recently, that Philadelphia situation books fourther to me now although I. recently, that Philadelphia situation looks tougher to me now, although I won on it. I was particularly anxious to take that gamble, since I realize I am getting oid, and I did not know whether I would ever be able to achieve another victory in the big event. If the Glants should fail to win the pennant next year, for instance, I might never have another opportunity in the big series. Therefore, I was thinking and thinking hard when those three men got on the bases with none out in

men got on the bases with none out in the ninth. The New York infield was up in the air. It looked like the break in the game. Three or four of them walked in to me with words of en-

"Our only chance is to make the plays to the plate and be careful of your throws," was my reply to them. "Get back on the job!"

Curves Sought in Vain. The Athletics had not been hanging out many flies during the game, because they had been expecting me to throw curves; in fact, had been tipped off to the fact that my sole dependence was a curve ball. It is not generally known outside of the members of the two clubs that I threw very few curve the company that I the that the company it is that the company it is that the company the company it is that the company it is that the company it is the company that I threw the company it is that the company it is the company that I threw the company three company the company three company t

from the fast one to a curve, and they fully expected it in that critical in ning; but I decided to stick to my original prescription, which had resultance will play guards. W. P. Lee is coaching the team and he would like to arrow outfield files.

There was another angle to it. Of course, there was no use in a play anywhere except to the plate, as the Athletics needed only one run to win. If igured that Murray had the beest was the most accurate thrower. I'll admit it was a relief to me to see Lapp coming up to hit, because i did not fear him as much as I would have feared Schang or some others. Lapp had not been batting me hard. Mack said, in his magazine story, that he left Lapp in because of his mental attitude, which is a big factor in cases of that sort.

Syntas Find Right Sand.

Swats Find Right Spot.

Swais Find Right Spot.

Two get your man down to second, and I'll win the ball game for you," "Connie" quotes the Athletics catcher as exclaiming, when he says that the plate as a sexclaiming, when he says the plate and the plate and the plate and the story of the Athletic's man, ager.

When I pitched to Lapp, I kept the ball on the outside of the plate and low, so that, if he hit, it would go toward right field. I did not figure he could drive a low ball for a long fity unless he hooked it, and, with a short fity, we still had a chance to cut the run off at the plate after the catch. Lapp hit toward right field, but the ball only went as far as first base, when George Wiltse cut it down by a fine play and stopped Strum instake, a hitter for Lapp, because he had just as spool a catcher to put in. He host-tated about sending Plank to the bat; he once appeared to call him back after he had started, and then morioned Plank on. I kept them close to Plank, who is a left-handed batter, so that he would hit to right field. One day he overheard the grounding a left-handed batter, so that he would hit to right field. One day he overheard the grounding a left-handed batter, so that he would hit to right field. I hap is a right-handed batter, so that he would hit to right field. I have a fair said of the season was over he was loating rounding was a tribut-handed batter, so that he would hit to right field. I have a fair said of him, He is the kind of litter who will put long fly. But Plank hit as i hoped he would, a short bounder to will end of the more farmed him the right field that he did a long fly the court in the said of the plank of the farmed him of the said of the plank of the farmed him of the said of the plank of the farmed him of the said of the plank of the farmed him of the said of the plank of the farmed him of the said of the plank of the plank of the farmed him of the said of the plank of the farmed him of the said of the plank of the farmed him of the said of the plank of the farmed him of the subject. a long fly. But Plank hit as I hoped he would, a short bounder to Wiltse. Again we were saved, and the most dangerous phase of the situation passed. Murphy shoved one to me in the box for the last out. "Most men tire themselves out looking for an eazy job," says Nick. "However, I would rather put the energy
into some work and get paid for it.
Accordingly I have taken a job bucking lumber in a hardwood mill."

Now he is busy loading cars.

Mack's Judgment Right.

Now, if Mack had yanked Plank out, he would have taken a long chance. The big southpaw had held us for nine innings, and there was no more chance of him breaking than there was of me. The percentage favored Plank going strong through another inning. A relief pitcher might not have been right at first, probably would not and he would have taken a long chance. The big southpaw had held us for nine innings, and there was no more chance of him breaking than there was of me. The percentage favored Plank going strong through another inning. A relief pitcher might not have been right at first, probably would not, and if we had hit some newcomer and won the game, there would have been the howl from the second guessers:

"Why didn't he leave Plank in? He was going all right."

Yes, I believe "Connie" Mack was dead right. McGraw, because his system is different, would probably have tem is different, would probably have

put some man in to hit for the catche put some man in to hit for the catcher under the same circumstances. Plank, of course, came back and beat me in the last game, and through a Cincinnati bass-hit. I was sorer over losing that battle than I would have been had the Giants been defeated in the 10-inning contest which I won. I saw in a paper recently that the scorers are in favor of cutting out the so-called Cincinnati base-hit. I hated to think after the last game, and perhaps my final appearance in a

hated to think after the last game, and perhaps my final appearance in a world's series, that it was a Cincinnati base-hit that beat me, and one that was fathered by Baker, too. And what made it worse is that it was credited against me. They can't take the Cincinnati base-hit too far out of the scoring rules to suit me.

And, by the way, I switched on the Athletics in that game and used practically nothing but curve balls, while they were looking for fast ones.

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SOCCER TEAMS PLAY FARCE

Mount Scott Beats Beavers 6 to 0. League May Break Up.

But one game was played in the Oregon Soccer League yesterday, and that became a farce because of the cold wind and sleet that blew over the field. The Mount Scott eleven de

the field. The Mount Scott eleven defeated the Beavers 6 to 0, but the losers played with but eight men after the beginning of the second half. This match was played on the East Twelfth street and East Davis street grounds. The Corinthian-Barrett Club game was called off, as neither team could muster 11 players.

Because a full team could not be gathered the Thistle manager has decided to withdraw from the league, and unless more spirit is shown one other team may drop out. Stewart and R. Robson, for Mount Scott, and Lasses and Lind, for the Beavers, were stars in yesterday's game.

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Springwater Men at Estacada.

During the time I have spent in base-ball there have been many tough games come my way, and several critical situations, but I believe the two toughest I ever faced were the one that confronted me in the last inning of the final game of the series with the Boston Red Sox in 1912 and the one in that ninth inning against the Athletics.

Pitcher Confesses Error.

Although experts have criticised the Giant fielders for the loss of that Boston game and the series, I have always blamed myself for a mistake I the spotlight.

Manager Dwyer accomp Portland team to Estacada.

Floyd Bilyeu and H. A. Perkins Return With Gamebags Bulging.

with gamebags bulging from an excess of mallard and widgeon ducks, another opportunity in the Therefore, I was thinking g hard when those three the bases with none out in The New York infield was r. It looked like the break to me with words of encountries of the the limit," remarked Mr. Bilyen. "Hunting is excellent. We saw some geese and swan, but I don't think many goose hunters were successful."

many goose hunters were successful. The party returned late Sunday aft-rnoon aboard "The Stranger."

n hanging Y. M. C. A. Recruits Strong Team. balls in that game. All through it they were looking for me to switch from the fast one to a curve, and they fully expected it in that critical inning; but I decided to stick to my original prescription, which had resulted in so few outfield files.

There was another angle to it. Of course there was no use in a play

CODE ARE PLANNED

Proposed British Alterations for Deep Court Game Are Advantage to English.

SAILING TROPHIES COVETED

Americans May Be Asked to Defend Sonder and Canoe Cups in 1914. California Coach Says Rooters Help Athletes Win.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 .- The English NEW YORK, Dec. II.—The English Lawn Tennis Association is coming to the fore with suggestions for changes in the Davis cup and general tennis playing rules. The English associa-tion proposes to submit at the Interna-tional Lawn Tennis Federation meet-ing in March a new service regulation which differs widely from the present rule.

It is understood that if the new reg-ulation is adopted it will be necessary for the server to replace the foot raised from the ground in service be-hind the base line before stepping into the court, instead of swinging into the court with the raised foot once the service is completed, as is permissible service is completed, as is permissible under the existing code. This change would have the effect of slowing up a player who follows his service to the net. Since a large proportion of English players advocate the deep court game, it would be less detrimental to the English game than to that of almost any other country where tennis has reached high-class status.

Several changes in the rules governing the Davis cup play are also put

ing the Davis cup play are also put forward as desirable, although England lost the international tennis trophy last July when the United States team defeated the cup defenders three matches out of five. The English Lawn Tennis Association would allow the playing out of five. The English Lawn Tennis Association would allow the playing of Davis cup matches on turf or natural or artificial gritty material, which description appears more likely to fit a gravel than a dirt court. Anto fit a gravel than a dirt court. Another proposed change would bar a player from competing for any country but the one which he represented in his first Davis cup play. The powers of the referee are also increased by the suggested changes and other rather technical alterations are proposed which lead to wonder among tennismen here that these alterations in the code governing an international trophy donated by an American were not composed at a time previous to the loss of the cup by England.

Portland team to Estacada.

HUNTING IS NOW EXCELLENT

Flord Bilber and H

Canadian golfers are looking for-ward with interest to an unusual match to be played at the annual championships of the Royal Canadian championships of the Royal Canadian Golf Association at Ottawa next Summer. George S. Lyons, winner of several amateur championships, recently challenged any father and son to meet him and his 15-year-old boy in four some play. A. Z. Palmer and his son already have accepted and as all four already have accepted and as all four merfect standings all having was some some play. A. Z. Palmer and his son already have accepted and as all four will be in the qualifying round of the Royal Canadian Golf Association title tournament, it was decided to hold the match during the championship week.

The following masters have been invited to compete in an international tournament to be held at St. Petersburg next year in celebration of the burge next year in celebration of the second class.

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P. P. Farrins, 100; A. W. Morris, 94;

SPORT-NEWS POT POURRI

His meed was the curse of the thankless.
They sitpped him a thrust in the night,
And gave him the grand old Dinky-Dink
For daring to stick to the right.
Amen.

The plan of numbering players in various branches of sport grows in favor. Hockey teams are failing in

While word comes from the Balkana

keep him going. In the intercollegiate races on the Coast, he says, California men invariably slow down while passing the rival rooters and that on reaching the other side of the grandstand they speed up because of the proximity of the rooters from their own school. The principle involved is said to be one known to psychologists as "crowd contagion" and is a recognized factor in determining the strength of the contestants.

\$5000 TO BE OFFERED TINKER

Brooklyn Will Ask ex-Manager to Sign Three-Year Contract.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Word was received here by the Brooklyn club from President Ebbets last night that he had changed his mind about meeting Tinker in Indianapolis, Manager Robinson will proceed to that city, however, to confer with the ex-manager, while Ebbets will return to Brooklyn. Robinson accompanied Ebbets on his trip from this city to Cincipnati. It was stated on authority tonight that \$5000 a year was to be offered Tinker. Manager Robinson will show him a three-year contract at that salary and ask him to sign it. Tinker has been quoted as saying he will not play with Brooklyn unless he receives \$10,000 for one year or \$1500 a year for three years.

A Brooklyn club official pointed out tonight that Tinker received \$5000 a year with a championship team, Chicago, and was now to get the same salary from a second division club, but the with the \$10,000 bonus his salary

ary from a second division club, but that with the \$10,000 bonus his salary at the end of three years would ap-proximate \$8,332.

SHOOTERS BRAVE GALE

MARKSMEN MAKE HIGH SCORES DESPITE WIND AND SLEET.

Fred Dryden, High Gun. With 96 Per Cent. and Thornton and Reid Tie For Second.

Despite the bad weather, more than 55 shooters attended the turkey and merchandise shoot of the Portland Gun Club, at Kenton yesterday. Some re-markable scores were registered in the face of a handicap of sleet and cold

Fred Dryden was high man for the afternoon, registering 96 per cent, while Thornton and L. H. Reid, his nearest rivals, scored 90 per cent. Several ties were recorded and most of the shooters made acceptable scores. Shooters from Vancouver, Wash, and Gresham took part. This afternoon several members of the Portland Club will journey to Gresham to take part in the much-advertised "turkey shoot" there. Troutdale also will hold a mer-

there. Troutdate also will hold a mer-chandise shoot tomorrow. Shooters were divided into three classes and 15 birds were in each event. More than 15 entered each class and competition was strong in each.

which lead to wonder among tennis men here that these alterations in the code governing an international trophy donated by an American were not composed at a time previous to the loss of the cup by England.

Two more international competitions appear likely to be added to the 1914 schedule of sport and in both appear in the role of cup defenders. Unofficial announcement from foreign sources states that challenges soon will be forwarded for both the sonder and canoe trophies, which were successfuly defended by Americans last season. The canoe cup challenge is expected from the Gananoque Motorboat and Canoe Club of Ontario, and Raiph Britton, who sailed the challenger in Gravesend Bay hast Summer, probably will handle the new sailing canoe. The sonder challenge will come from one of the German yacht clubs, but there appears to be some doubt as to whether the dates for the races will be set for 1914 or a year later.

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The annual meeting of the Portland Gun Club will be held in Bowie & Caldwell's on the evening of the second Tuesday in January. The election of officers and other official duties will be taken up at that time.

Following are the scores made by some of the shooters yesterday: Drysome of the shooters yesterday: Dry

Interclass Matches Being Played in Billiard Contest.

Multnomah's annual straight handi-

The summary to date follows:
P. P. Farrins, 100; A. W. Morris, 94;
F. W. Farrington, 50; W. P. Smith, 49;
A. W. Morris, 100; O. Neff, 92; A. R. Arnes, \$5; David Atkinson, 74; L. F. Buck, 50; Hugh McKensie, 32; P. B. Myers, 85; Dave Atkinson, 73; A. R. Arnes, 85; P. B. Myers, 35; T. H. Cleland, 50; H. T. Javanord, 46; W. T. Smith, 50; George Anderson, 30; Standings of Class 1.

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SOLOMAN OFF TO MEET JEVNE Portland Three-Cushion Billiard Ex-

pert Leaves for Los Angeles. Henry Soloman, Portland's three-cushion expert, has departed for Los Angeles, where during the holidays he is to meet Jevne, former world's cham-pion three-cushion player. Soloman has high standing among the world's billiard experts, having de-

Soloman has high standing among the world's billiard experts, having defeated Joe Carney a few weeks before the San Franciscan won his temporary world's title from De Oro.

Jevne has been our ceted with a Salt Lake billiard parlor ntil recently, but now is touring the west, giving exhibitions.

R. A. Crooks, manager of the Mc-Credie baseball headquarters parlors, is negotiating with Jevne for exhibi-tions in Pertland during January.

PROFESSORS ON CANOE TRIP

Agricultural College Instructors Begin Voyage to Portland.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COL-OREGON AGRICULTURAL COL-LEGE. Corvallis, Or., Dec. 21.—(Spe-cial.)—Two Oregon Agricultural Col-lege instructors left Corvallis yester-day morning on a trip by cance to Portland. D. G. Thayer, of the car-pentry department, and G. B. Posey, teaching fellow in botany, are the two. They fitted out a 16-foot cance with a complete camp outfit and expect to be independent of the hotels and res-taurants and the high cost of living. They will steer clear of the lock tolls by making portage at Oregon City. They plan to camp at night at Salem and expected to reach Portland Sunday or Monday. or Monday.

Christmas Football Game Planned. PASCO, Wash, Dec. 21 .- (Special.)-The Richland Giants will meet the Pasco All Stars here on Christmas day.

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Multnomah Not Weakened by Loss

of Star Quarterback. Multnemah Club football team held a practice session yesterday which failed to show any signs of weakness because of the absence of a quarterback. Clay-ton Patterson, Rupert and MacVeigh took hold of that post so ably that the squad had all the appearance of the

old machine. When Rodes left for the East there was gloom at Multnomah. However, Manager Stott instilled enough of the old-time "pep" that when the team came on the field yesterday it needed only a man to pass the ball instead of a field general. Those tried at the quarter post played the position like veterans.

veterans.

The St. James Club may expect a good peppery battle on Christmas Day. Keck, Convill and Francis will be in the backfield, and the line will be the same as in the last game.

GRUMAN RETURNS WITH HONOR

Portland Lightweight Knocks Out Clever Californian.

Ralph Gruman, Portland lightweight, who knocked out White, a clever four-rounder, in San Francisco Friday night, is due home Tuesday. He salis from San Francisco on the Beaver tofrom San Francisco on the Beaver to-day noon.

Gruman scored the knockout over White in the second round. He downed White twice in the first period and three times in the second.

White was picked as a winner. The San Francisco boy outweighed Gru-man five pounds.

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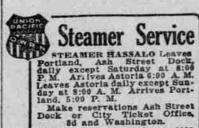
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