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The NUT CRACKER by Joe Williams

REDS KEEP UP STEADY CLIMB

The advance of the Cincinnati Reds from the national league cellar found the team in fifth place today. Hendrick's team was stopped by the Boston Braves yesterday after having won six in a row, but the Reds came back to take the windup of the doubleheader, 5-2. Kent Greenfield, traded to Boston by John McGraw, got a 7-3 decision in the first game.

The Giants marched into Chicago and set the Cubs back, 6-4. This was sufficient to topple the McCarthy Bruins from their first place tie, as Pittsburgh was beating Dazy Vance and the Brooklyn Robins, 2-1.

The Pirates now lead the Cubs by one full game.

The St. Louis Cardinals opened a home stand against Philadelphia and had to work 12 innings to win, 9-8.

The New York Yankees score against the St. Louis Browns did not run into two figures but the Bugmen collected their quota of homers, nevertheless, and won 4 to 1.

The White Sox rallied in the tenth inning to defeat Washington 7-4.

Earl Whitehall had the better of Sammy Gray and Detroit defeated Philadelphia 3-1. Cleveland and the Boston Red Sox were rained out.

JOHNNIE COUCH DEFEATS SEALS

A former pitching mainstay of the Seal staff, Johnny Couch, came back to defeat his old teammates in a hectic hurling duel. Behind his effective work on the mound, Portland, aided materially by the savage slugging of Cissel, drubbed the Seals in the second game of the series, 4-2. Batteries: Couch and Yelle; May and Rego.

In a game that went scoreless until the last of the eighth, Oakland nosed out the Missions 2-0. Batteries: Weinert and Whitney; Gould and Boel.

Seattle kept pace with the Oaks by hammering out an easy 7-1 win over the Angels. Batteries: Edwards and Schmidt; McClelland and Sandberg.

Their pitchers allowing but one run in two games, the Hollywood Stars took a double fall out of Sacramento, 8-0 and 4-1. Batteries: McCabe and Murphy; Keeffe and Severid. Second game: Jacobs, Mulcahy and Agnew; Vincl, Kallio, E. Shea and Koehler.

Big Worry of Manager. Keeping a pitching staff on edge is a big league manager's most difficult task.

The animated baseball now in use in the majors and so popular with the batters has been the cause of much of the pitching troubles.

One need only to peruse the pitching records of 1926 to realize what a manager, who lacked a good finishing pitcher, was up against.

Twenty years ago it was the exception to remove a pitcher from the game, unless it was deemed wise to send in a pinch hitter. Now, it is a rarity to have the starting pitcher go the route.

While the pitching in the National was a trifle better balanced than in the American last season, there was but little to choose between the first 15 leading twirlers in either organization.

George Uhle, in a sense, was the miracle pitcher of 1926. He worked 32 complete games out of the 39 in which he took part.

Uhle's great pitching of last year helped largely in making Cleveland a pennant contender. His reversal of form this year has been a body blow to the Indians.

Pitchers Jerked Quickly.

As I glance over the pitching averages of 1926, I find only 13 pitchers in the National League took part in 15 or more complete games. Five of the 13 were in 20 or more games.

In the American League, an even dozen twirlers took part in 15 or more complete games and four of them, including Uhle with his 32 full games, were in 20 or more complete contests.

The animated baseball and the short fences have made a four-run lead just a fair working margin and for that reason, managers at the slightest signs of faltering on the part of the starting pitcher, rush some one to his rescue.

Only recently in a game at St. Louis between the Browns and the Athletics, I looked over the offerings of ten pitchers in a nine-inning game, the Athletics using six and St. Louis four.

In trying to keep a pitching staff on edge, nothing helps more than a steady relief pitcher, who

Harris is Blessed. In this respect Manager Stanley Harris of Washington has an edge on a majority of the other big league pilots.

Not only has Harris one of the best right-handed relief twirlers in the game, but he has a southpaw who is just about as effective in the pinches.

Fred Marberry is the right-hander I have in mind, while Garland Braxton is the leftsider. These two great rescue workers enable Manager Harris to call for relief pitching without in any way disturbing the regular staff of starting pitchers.

During the second tour of the west by the Washington club, Braxton was dropped into eight out of nine consecutive games and each time held the opposition in check.

It is a feather in the cap of a manager to have one capable relief man, but he who has two is doubly blessed. Reserve relief pitching is sure to make Washington dangerous the rest of this season and is certain to make the club a contender next year.

The Chicago White Sox prospered in the spring because the starting pitchers were going the route. Once Manager Schalk's pitchers wavered and he was compelled to call on his stars out of turn, the staff began to lose much of its edge. He lacked relief strength.

Paris Like Red Sox. Despite the fact that the Red Sox are in the cellar, the Boston fans like 'em because the team is hustling always.

Close Race Here.

Less than 150 points separated the leader and the cellarites in the race for the Pacific Coast league flag late in July.

Shifting Infield About.

Staffy McNair has been shifting his infielders about in an effort to find a right combination for the Phillies.

Pitchers Get Going.

Dan Howley is greatly pleased over the manner in which his pitchers have been going the full route lately.

Robe is Persistent.

Rube Marquard, after failing to play regularly in the majors and with Baltimore this season, is now pitching in the Southern League.

Laugh This One Off.

Milwaukee fans claim that Al Simmons' real name is Aloysius Szymanski.

Doubtless the nicest thing about Bucharest, from a middle-aged queen's viewpoint, is the last syllable.

Geneva, July 28. (AP)—W. C. Bridgeman, first lord of the admiralty and chief British delegate to the tripartite naval conference, called upon Hugh S. Gibson, chief of the American delegation today shortly after arriving from London where he had consulted with the British cabinet.

Mr. Bridgeman was accompanied by Admiral Pounds. Both Mr. Gibson and Mr. Bridgeman declined to make any comment on the visit, but did announce that a meeting of the chief delegates of Great Britain, Japan and the United States had been convened for 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

It is understood that Mr. Bridgeman revealed to the American plenipotentiary a rough outline of the British suggestions as to how the naval conference might be brought to a successful issue.

"We hope to get everything settled within a week or a fortnight. It will be a real pity for all of us if we cannot agree at this time," said the first lord on his arrival.

"We are merely going to resume negotiations where we left off. We have the same hope of success as when we left for London."

Lindy's manuscript shows he is a much better flyer than speller. Many a sports celeb will tell you it serves him right for breaking all rules and writing his own stuff.

Just came back from the ball park and these it seems are the dog days—the hot dog days, you might say.

There have been few yelps lately from the Landis front. And incidentally "front" is right.

But when a nation very solemnly makes a six-year-old kid a king we can forgive the Kenesaw Mountain regime.

Ho-Hum, another flight—if an ocean flew over an airplane now THAT would be news.

Eight Hits in Row.

Johnny Beck, catcher in the mid-Atlantic league, recently set a new consecutive hit record for that circuit by getting eight hits in a row.

Gains Must Hang For Brutal Murder

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In the time Sylvia's body was found and prior to the commission of the crime. It stated at the outset that the "grotesque and revolting details" would not be set out any further than necessary for an understanding of the case.

It revealed estranged relations between Gains and Sylvia's mother, resulting in their separation in 1909, when Gains came to Washington.

It also revealed how relations between Gains and his second wife became unpleasant after Sylvia came to Seattle in September, 1925, following her graduation from Smith college and touched upon the illicit relations which state evidence showed had developed between the murdered girl and the appellant.

Tax Slash Favored By G. O. P. Leaders

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ways and means committee and Secretary Mellon—and there may be none even then—it has been argued by those who came to the summer White House that the total reduction must be held to \$30,000,000 or \$350,000,000.

Pointing to the surplus around \$600,000,000 which has piled up in the treasury during the fiscal year ending June 30, some democratic leaders have indicated there would be a fight to make the total slash at least \$500,000,000. A large reduction was sought by democrats two years ago.

Anyway the pessimist doesn't enrage you by looking on the bright side when you are having a good time being a martyr.

Excursion Boat Sinks

CHICAGO, July 28. (AP)—An excursion boat with 200 persons aboard sank in Lake Michigan today about 200 feet from the pier. Several are thought to have been drowned.

North Bergen, N. J., July 28. (AP)—The Senatore company fireworks factory exploded here this afternoon. The building was completely razed.

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