

# Snappy Sporting Notes

## GIANTS LOSE DOUBLE BILL TO BRAVES; DAZZY VANCE IS BACK IN FORM AND STRIKES OUT TEN

The Giants of John J. McGraw faltered in their grand gallop for a fifth pennant Tuesday and were whipped twice in the same place by the Braves. The locale of the piece was the Boston ballyard which is pretty well peopled by players whom the Giants have sent away from time to time.

The Braves won the first game, 5 to 2. Virgil Barnes, who started pitching for the Giants was relieved after five innings but the game was lost by that time. Kyle Graham pitched for Boston.

In the second game, Johnny Cooney, pitching for the Braves, out lasted three Giant pitchers and outsmarted a bevy of pinch hitters to win 5 to 4.

Heinie Groh, the Giants third baseman whose injured leg is

sounding again, did not break in was Fred Lindstrom, the 29 year old veteran of a world series was able to handle half a dozen hot chances without an error.

As the Brooklyn Dodgers won two games from the Phillies in Philadelphia the gap between the Dodgers in second place and the Giants was bridged by two full games. The Phils slid from third spot to fourth and the Pirates, who beat the Cubs in Pittsburgh 7 to 2, mounted to third position.

Dazzy Vance who was not very effective against the western clubs during the late excursion of those teams through the east turned out another of his special productions, striking out ten of the Phils in the first game which the Dodgers captured, 10 to 4. Burleigh Grimes

pitched the second for Brooklyn, allowing six hits and winning 3 to 1.

The Cardinals got out of the basement. They won from the Reds in Cincinnati, 9 to 1 and landed in seventh, while the Cubs went to the bottom.

Babe Ruth was allowed out unaccompanied by his nurse and sat on the Yanks' bench in the New York stadium, while they lost the first game of a two-piece party with the Red Sox, 3 to 2. The Red Sox got all their runs in one big seventh inning.

Ruth belted a few fly balls in practice but he had faded away to a few tons and still looked wan.

Urban Shocker, obtained from the Browns to win a lot of ball games for the Yanks made a belated start toward this object, defeating the Red Sox 6 to 1 in the night-cap spectacle, Shocker gave only 4 hits.

Up around the top of the American league the Athletics lost one to the Washington Senators and the pitcher who beat the Philadelphia was the aged Stanley Coveleski whom the Cleveland Indians discarded last fall. The score was 11 to 2 but the Athletics still have a safe lead.

The White Sox were slaughtered by the Tigers in Chicago, 8 to 1. In St. Louis the Browns beat the Indians in the first of two ball games, 8 to 4, and in the second 5 to 4.

## TRACK ATHLETES LEAVE FOR MEET

PALO ALTO, May 26.—Fourteen Stanford university track and field athletes left tonight for the Pacific coast conference meet at Seattle Saturday. Coach R. L. Templeton accompanied the squad.

Six of the men later will go east for the intercollegiate competition at Chicago June 13.

## NURMI LOSES FAREWELL RACE TO PENN STATE COLLEGE ENTRANT

By WESTBROOK PEGLER  
YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK, May 26.—Paavo Nurmi tackled a big league sprinter in his farewell race on American ground tonight and came pounding to the finish behind a pair of native heels in a scratch race for the first time in all his experience.

Paavo ran at least 15 yards behind Alan Helfrich of Penn State college in a special half-mile race, which was the main event of a program arranged by the Finnish-American Athletic club, which brought Nurmi over from Finland in the second cabin, and which is now arranging to send him home, first class. He sails Thursday, pretty thoroughly worn out by his career indoors on the boards and outdoors on the cinders and loam of many cities, which has continued since that night last January sixth, when he fractured three venerable world records as the first performance in a series of 32 record smashing feats.

Helfrich's time was 1:56 4-5 seconds, far behind the world's record for the half mile, which Ted Meredith established on May 13, 1916. Meredith did it in 1:52 1-5, and a thousand good short-haul runners have tried and failed to click a fifth of a second from that mark. Nurmi's time for the half mile was 1:58 3-5. He was thoroughly beaten by a man who was not even running his fastest, for Helfrich can do a half mile in better time.

The chill of the evening; the flat, long turn of the path as it sweeps back of the home plate in the ball yard, and the condition of the wide black cinder circle, all doubtless had some influence on the time of the race, which lagged behind the records all the way. But conditions were the same for Helfrich as for Nurmi and Paavo just seems to have made a mistake in tackling a short distance star after beating all of the world's best distance men at ranges from three-quarters of a mile up to five miles.

At the first quarter, with Nurmi's pale blue chemise bounding along

at that evenlope of his, in front of Helfrich's white one, the time was 58 seconds. At the 800 meters mark, where they were clocked again, just short of half a mile, Helfrich was leading in 1:56 1-10. These times were considered slow, but not especially so under the weather and track conditions, for it was so cool that even Jackson Sacholz took 10 1-10 seconds for 100 yards and beat out the great Jimmy Hussey, at that.

Nurmi had been beaten in a couple of handicap runs indoors, during the winter, and one big night in Madison Square Garden he pulled up clutching at his jersey, seized with cramps, in a 5000-meter race with Willie Ritola, his countryman. Ritola ran on to finish and win the run, but Nurmi really was sick.

## COAST LEAGUE

Score— R. H. E.  
Sacramento 5 12 3  
Oakland 2 8 2  
Batteries—Canfield, Martin and M. Shea; Delaney and Read.

Score— R. H. E.  
Salt Lake 3 6 3  
Vernon 6 10 4  
Batteries—McCabe, O'Neill and Peters; Pyner, Oldham and Hannah.

San Francisco at Seattle, no game, teams traveling.

Los Angeles at Portland, no game, teams traveling.

THE KLANAMERICAN

First Game—  
Boston  
New York  
Batteries—Ehlers  
Pennock and  
Second Game—  
Boston  
New York  
Batteries—Wingfield  
Hoying; Shocker and

Score—  
Detroit  
Chicago  
Batteries—Leonard  
Lyons, Connally, Ma  
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Score—  
Philadelphia  
Washington  
Batteries—Groves  
Perkins; Coveleski

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## SPORTS DONE BROWN

BY NORMAN E. BROWN

"Dodgers buy Ford," said headline announced latest deal which sent the Phillies' shortstop to Brook-



lyn. Horace refused to run for the Phils but Uncle Robbie believes he can get him started.

There's one young man in the National league who seems to have the number of Mr. Dazzy Vance, strikeout king and star of the Brooklyn pitching staff. That gentleman is George Grantham, ex-Cub and now first baseman of the Pirates. Grantham has collected three home runs off Vance in the few months he has been in the National league.

Last fall when the Dodgers were fighting with the well known tooth and nail to steal the pennant away from the Giants, including Cozy Dolan and Jimmy O'Connell, the Brooklyn team faced the Cubs. Grantham was one of the youngest bears of the Cub family then. Vance pitched for the Dodgers and would have won his game and kept his club in the running but for two hits by Grantham. Both were home runs.

The other day Grantham repeated his feat by socking one out of the lot in Brooklyn at the expense of Dazzy.

Which reminds us of the faculty Elmer Smith, when an Indian, had for ringing up home runs on Bob Shawkey's offerings. We saw Smith injected into a series with the Yankees on two occasions when Shawkey had been sent in to halt the Indians. And both times Smith contributed home runs.

Shawkey breathed the biggest sigh of relief in the American league when Elmer finally departed.

The success of the four-times champion Giants in the National league race so far is all the more remarkable in view of the series of minor injuries which have forced McGraw to alter his lineup at frequent intervals.

Frank Frisch has been fighting a hoodoo ever since the closing days of the spring training season. He has injured his ankles, throwing arm, and lastly his fingers. These mishaps and a cold have forced McGraw to shift his lineup.

McGraw figured that Heinie Groh would play third again this season and Freddy Lindstrom would be on hand for emergency duty to close up such gaps in the infield as the accidents to Frisch have caused. But Heinie came a cropper at the start of the season and the Giant boss had to send Lindstrom to third. When Frisch was forced out of the game, McGraw had to send George Kelly, veteran first baseman, to second, and Bill Terry to first.

Kelly's playing at second more than exceeded the expectations of Giant players and fans. Long George proceeded to cover ground in a marvelous manner with those long legs of his. When Terry pulled a charley horse that handicapped him in moving about first base Kelly proceeded to let out another kink and help Terry cover his territory.

If the Giants can amble along under these conditions and despite pitching that sometimes lacks much of being of pennant-winning calibre what chance have the other clubs of checking McGraw's pennant outfit

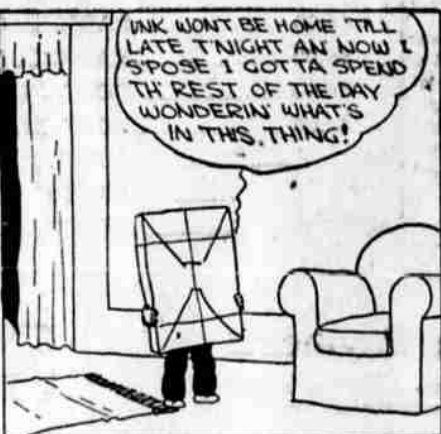
when they return to full strength? Four or five managers in the National league would like to know.

The Newark baseball team in the International league was left homeless when their field was sold to the



school board, until the Providence, R. I., grounds were offered them. Another act of Providence, so to speak.

## BILLY'S UNCLE



## BRINGING UP BILL



## IN OUR OFFICE

