

ATHLETICS AND SENATORS BOTH SLIP; GIANTS WIN, PIRATES LOSE

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—(United News)—The New York Giants, chastened by Pittsburgh, have found somebody they can lick, and Tuesday proceeded to polish off the Cincinnati Reds, would-be contenders for second place in the National league, and one-time pennant contender.

Art Nehf, who used to pitch for coal miners' teams out around Terre Haute, Ind., before coming to the big team, won a close decision, 7 to 6, over pitchers Pete Donohue and Brady of the Reds at the Polo Grounds.

Meanwhile the Pirates went from the sublime to the ridiculous. Having soundly whaled the Giants, who comprise extremely tough baseball opposition, in a series just closed, the Pittsburgh team went to Boston and permitted the last-place Braves to tan them for a 2 to 1 count.

The Phillies and the Cubs, in their stirring fight for sixth place, staged a circus exhibition such as only the Phillies and Cubs can provide. Chicago won, 19 to 10, obtaining 22 hits to the quakers' 15. Five home runs or the equivalent of a good week's work for Babe Ruth, in the dear, dead days of 1921, were among the blows. Brooklyn crept within one point of the fourth place Cardinals by beating them five to four.

The Athletics and Washington, in the American league, continued the merry slide together. While St. Louis was disposing of the Senators in the Browns' ball yard, 8 to 2, Philadelphia fell victim to the Cleveland Indians, 4 to 3.

Babe Ruth failed to continue his string of three home runs in three days, but the Yanks won anyway over the White Sox in Chicago, 7 to 4, thereby stopping the New York losing streak of four games.

Detroit turned back the hapless Boston Red Sox, 14 to 4. The Tigers made nine runs in the first inning, and then added five later on for good measure.

Title May Be Taken From Fidel LaBarba

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—(United News)—Fidel LaBarba, 19-year old Pacific coast fighter, who separated Frankie Genaro from the flyweight championship at Los Angeles Saturday night, may not be regarded as champion after all—at least not in New York. The New York boxing commission has declared it will not be able to recognize him.

Furthermore the commission says with the earnestness of one who means it, that LaBarba couldn't even fight in an elimination tournament if one were held to decide a new champion. He's too young. The state law forbids minors to engage in more than six-round bouts.

COAST LEAGUE

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Seattle	10	11	1
Salt Lake	3	7	3
Batteries—	Fussell, Stryker, Dumovich and Baldwin; Ponder, Hulvey and Peters.		

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Oakland	6	12	0
Vernon	5	6	0
Batteries—	Foster, Kuz and McDonald, Baker; Pillette, Johnson and Whitney.		

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Portland	3	7	1
Sacramento	2	10	0
Batteries—	Hollingsworth, Stokes and Hannah; Canfield and Shea. 10 innings.		

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	5	11	1
San Francisco	6	16	1
Batteries—	Glazner, Payne, Wright and Sandberg; Pfeffer, Griffin and Agnew, Yelle. 10 innings.		

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	6	11	2
New York	7	12	1
Batteries—	Donohue, Brady and Hargrave; Nehf and Hartley.		

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	1	6	0
Boston	2	7	1
Batteries—	Yde and Goch; Barnes and O'Neil.		

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	19	22	6
Philadelphia	10	15	3
Batteries—	Keen, Kaufmann and Hartnett; Couch, Pearce, O'Neil, Mitchell and Henline, Wilson.		

For the World's Golf Title!



Willie McFarlane, U. S. open golf champion, and Jim Barnes, holder of British open title, have been booked to appear in a 72-hole match Sept. 12-13 for the unofficial world's championship. Just previous to this announcement Leo Diegel, Canadian open champ, suggested a series among himself, Barnes and Willie for the title. Now why not have Diegel meet the winner?

SPORTS DONE BROWN

The Chicago Cub owners have hit upon a novel way of checking the home run evil—in the Cub park, at least. The big league moieties would not take any action to bring the ball back to normalcy. The stouts couldn't find pitchers who could hold the opposition to less than a couple of dozen runs a game.

So owner Wrigley and some of the boys took a crowbar and made the park larger.

The short left field of the Cub park was heaven for heavy sluggers. Hits which would have been singles, or doubles at the most, under the old style of game and old style of ball, became home runs when dumped coyly into the bleachers. Day after day such pitchers as Grover Alexander and Wilbur Cooper, wise old timers who depend upon making

the boys hit 'em into the air and drop them into a fielder's hands, saw ball games slip out of their hands because of that dumpy left field.

What the bosses have done to lengthen the left field is to remove the bleachers entirely—a section containing some 1,500 seats.

The elimination of this section adds fifty feet to the length of the left field.

It would be well for the Giants, Cards, Dodgers and Phillies to consider such measures to lengthen one section or the other of their outfields. There are only three parks in the National league where a home run is a home run. These parks are at Cincinnati, Boston and Pittsburgh.

The Philly park isn't as much of

a haven for batters, however, as it was before the center field bleachers were cut out. Fly balls that seemed little more than Texas league blows, dropped into that section while outfielders leaned nonchalantly against the wall and looked on.

The American league has its short fences, too. Perhaps this is the logical way to cut down the epidemic long existent of heavy hitting. Of course it will mean busier days for outfielders. They will have to return to the habit of getting under every ball instead of gauging its flight calmly and then watching it drop into a bookkeeper's hands.

But there has been a surprising increase in the average weight of outfielders of late years as it is. And this is the age of reducing.

The ranks of the college men in the major leagues are going to be increased this fall by Harry McCurdy, the man who led the University of Illinois baseball team to the Big Ten title three years ago.

McCurdy went up to the majors direct from college at the close of

the school year of 1922, the St. Louis Cardinals giving him a tryout. He caught for the Illinois team 3 years and seemed to have the makings of a big league backstop. He was green, of course, and the Cards sent him to Syracuse in the International league. The jolly bosses of that club decided to make a general utility man out of him, and used him at first and in the outfield, as well as behind the platter. The next year the Cards called him back, fearful that he might be weaned away from catching entirely.

McCurdy broke into almost half the games the Cards played in 1923, and thought he was sitting pretty—until Riekey sent him to Houston with a couple of other players for Ernie Vick, another backstop, who first drew attention in the sport world by his work on the gridiron while at the University of Michigan.

The deal must have made McCurdy a bit peeved, and he proceeded to take his peeve out on the pitchers. At last reports he was hovering around .390. Which isn't bad in

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Score—	R.	H.	E.
New York	7	12	1
Chicago	10	11	1
Batteries—	Jones and ...		
Thurston, Kerr, Edwards, ...			

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	2	11	2
Cleveland	10	15	3
Batteries—	Walberg, ...		
Perkins, Cochran, ...			

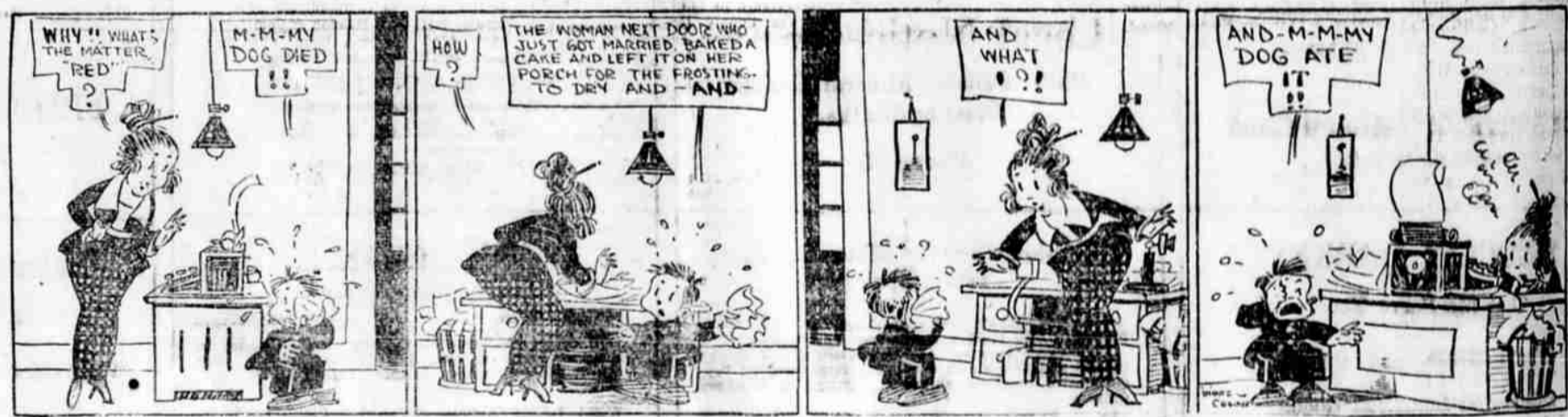
Score—	R.	H.	E.
Boston	14	4	0
Detroit	5	6	0
Batteries—	Zahner, ...		
Bismhoff, Stokes, ...			

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Washington	6	12	0
St. Louis	3	7	3
Batteries—	Zachary, ...		
Gaston and Hargrave.			

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