

### INFELDERS NOT GETTING CHANCES

#### Improved Pitching and Bail Sailing in Air Instead Skipping on Ground Is Reason for Low Record.

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New York, June 11.—Strings of accepted infield chances are not being run up in the major leagues this year as profusely as they have been in past seasons. The record for the season to date is fourteen accepted chances in one game, and a new comer—Wright of Pittsburgh—holds that.

The season started off as if the infielders were going to run riot. Grantham took his eight chances four days in a row and pretty respectable strings were run up by other infielders. But they aren't doing it anymore.

The reason is that the batters are not hitting so many on the ground. More hits are going into the air. The outfielders cut the side down early, and the batters do not have so many chances.

That brings up the point of improved pitching. It is shown most clearly in the American League, where there is a long list of pitchers who are doing better than average work. In the National, three or four pitchers are inclined to run out in front and then comes a block of hurlers who are making both ends meet, followed by others who will not have any perceptible margin of games won when the season ends.

The record for infield chances accepted in one game was set at 15 in 1923. Peckinpaugh made that record. Gerber and Ponceca both got 14 in a game and so did Ivy Olson. There were quite a number of thirteens.

But this year only Gerber and Tierney have climbed as high as 13, while Wrikt stands alone with his 14.

Young Lee, the Boston American shortstop has never quite got going because of an injury to his hand. Last year in the Western league he was the marvel of the minor league ground coverers. When he hits his stride for Boston, it is expected that he will put up a mark or two for some of the other stops to shoot at—provided, of course, the Boston pitchers get batted enough to give him chances. Just now the "no account" pitching staff of the Red Sox, as it was dubbed by some critics in the spring, seems to be about as good as any in the league.

Bill McKeechnie, manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, is the most optimistic second division manager in the National League. Despite the inability of the Pirates to get going, Bill insists that his team will be in the thick of the pennant fight before the race is over.

#### Major League Baseball

##### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's Scores.

Boston	6	St. Louis	2
Brooklyn	4	Chicago	2
Philadelphia	2	Cincinnati	4
New York	6	Pittsburgh	10

##### Standing of Teams.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	30	18	.625
Chicago	28	20	.583
Brooklyn	25	19	.568
Cincinnati	25	22	.532
Boston	21	22	.488
Pittsburgh	21	24	.467
St. Louis	20	28	.417
Philadelphia	15	28	.349

##### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tuesday's Scores.

Detroit	3	Philadelphia	4
Cleveland	4	Washington	3
St. Louis	0	New York	5
Chicago	3	Boston	2

##### Standing of Teams.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	25	18	.583
New York	25	18	.583
Detroit	27	22	.553
St. Louis	23	23	.500
Washington	21	24	.467
Chicago	20	23	.465
Cleveland	19	24	.442
Philadelphia	18	26	.409

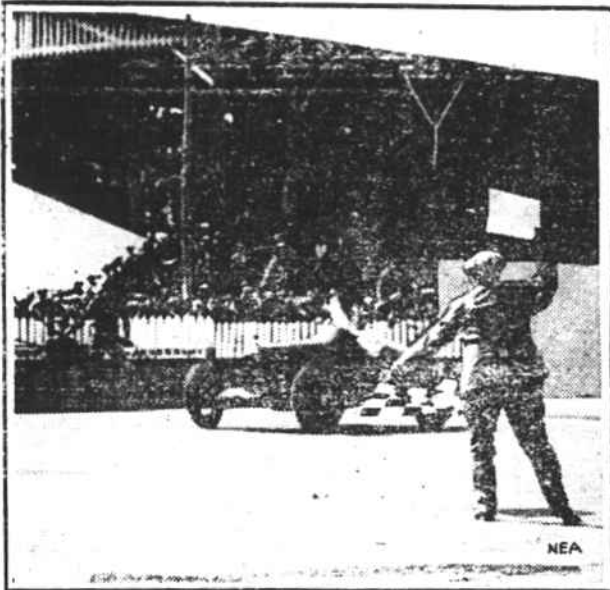
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Among the large numbers who took advantage of the check offer being made by Spencer-Walker Company, Incorporated, Tuesday were a number of women. The firm mailed out \$4,500 in checks each good for 23 and the response has been such that they have been as busy as potato shippers to handle the crowds.

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One thrifty wife bought an entire summer supply of underwear, socks, collars, shirts, and a bathing suit for her husband, presenting her \$3 check in part payment.

### King of the Speedway



Joe Boyer, Detroit's millionaire sportsman, wins the annual Indianapolis Speedway race classic. The picture shows him crossing the line—winner.

### GAME AND TOUGH SIZES UP MADDEN

#### He Has No Knockout Punch but He's a Hog for Punishment—Wills a Bear Instead of Panther.

By FAIR PLAY

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New York, June 11.—In going the full route with Harry Wills at the Queensboro A. C. on Monday night Bartley Madden brought Tex Rickard's worst fears to realization.

Everybody was inclined to smile at Tex's caution in waiting until after this battle before hooking himself to Wills and Firpo for a half a mil-

lion dollar battle. Now it is clear what a far-seeing guy Tex is.

Wills' immediate future depends upon whether or not Rickard thinks that the fans will dig down in their jeans for a whole lot of money to see him mingle with Firpo. At this writing Tex has not digested the situation.

The writer's dope, however, is that the battle will be held and that Firpo will get more money for his services than Wills.

Harry's showing should not be regarded as poor simply because he failed to knock out Madden. Others

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have failed to do this, notably Tommy Gibbons. The Irishman has a poor telegraph system from various parts of his body to his brain. Hows don't register on his mind the way they do on a more highly sensitized fighter. Thus while Madden will feel a blow locally he does not get that sick feeling up in his brain and down his spine that induces a desire for sleep even with no bed present.

No it was not so much that Wills did not stow Bartley away but his manner of milling that disappointed those who had come to see a deadly panther in action.

Instead they saw a brown bear, a slow footed, shuffling, pawing bruin who seemed to have forgotten how to hit. And don't overlook the fact that Wills did a lot of holding and hugging that was very bear-like.

He had to in the tenth and eleventh rounds for Madden, weighing 28 pounds less than his opponent and five inches shorter in stature, went into the big brown man like a fox terrier into a St. Bernard and basted the negro with every wallop known to pugilism.

But while Bartley can withstand shocks he cannot administer them. Wills thus was at no time in danger from the assault. The first clean blow that Wills struck was a hard right in the twelfth that opened up Madden's face and covered him with blood. Before that it had been nothing but short harmless jolts and cuffs.

It was then, with Bartley bleeding like a stuck pig, that Harry tried to finish his man, but at the end of the assault when the bell rang ending the round, Madden faced the spectators with a red grin and walked as steadily to his corner as though

going to mass on Sunday.

That ended any danger the Irishman may have faced of going to the floor. In the fifteenth he deliberately laughed at the negro.

Game? The writer will say Madden is game. Beyond that little can be said. Madden is a good tough second rater and will never be anything else.

As for Wills he was slow, uncertain, and too warlike. Maybe he needed this battle. Perhaps he will be the better man for it. But it looks, brothers, as though Harry has come to old age.

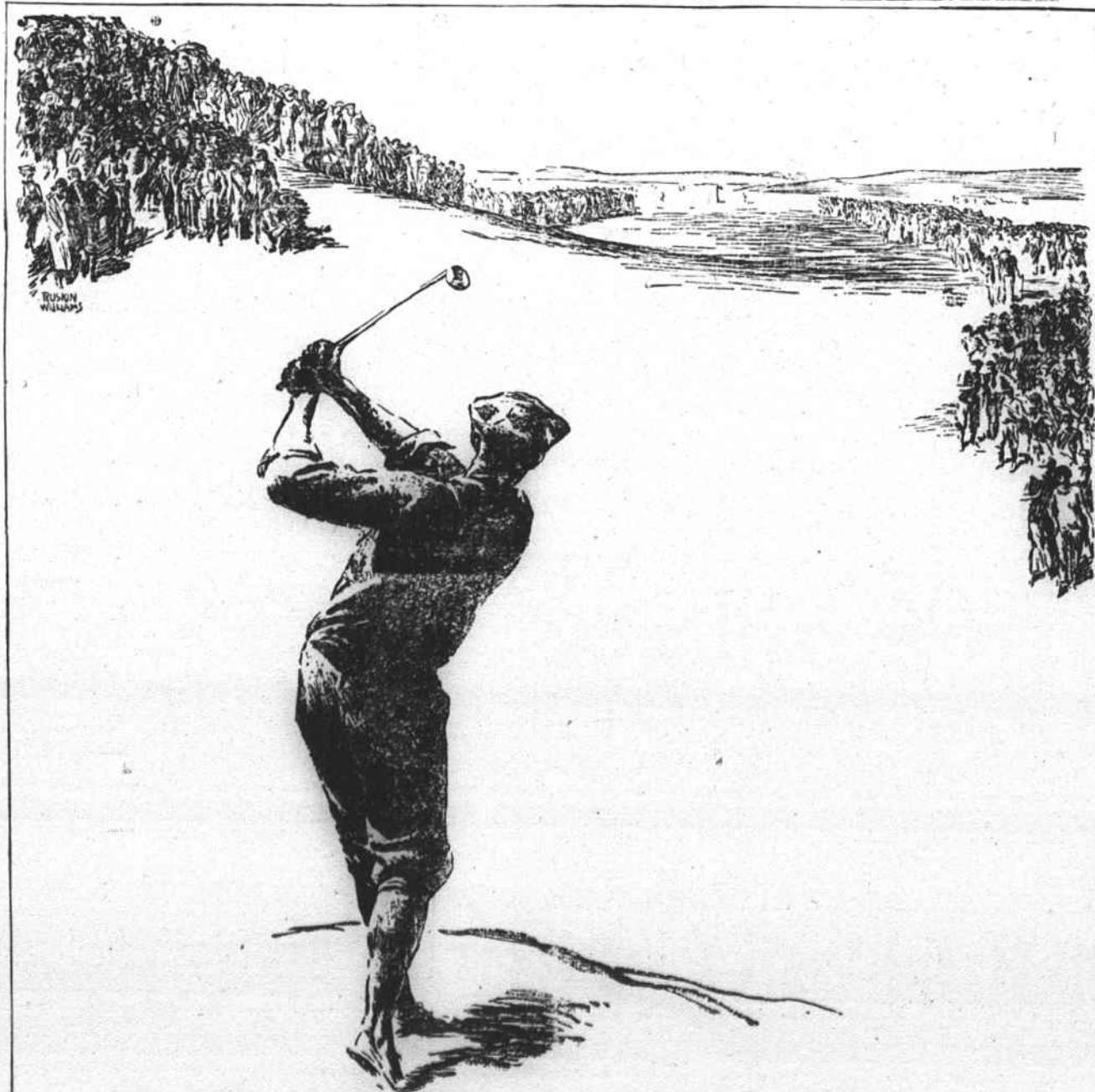
#### NEW ZEALAND WHEAT SHORT

Wellington, N. Z., June 11.—In the course of a review of the trade outlook, Prime Minister Massey forecasts a wheat scarcity in this country. "We are 3,000,000 bushels behind in wheat production," he said, and although I regret the necessity, we will have to go outside for wheat."



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