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## SPORTING COMMENT

### One Great Stadium For Two New York Teams?

### PLAN IS BEING CONSIDERED

### And Stands That Will Seat 50,000 People May Be Erected at the Polo Grounds.

Out of the flood of conjecture concerning the rebuilding of the Polo Grounds rises a persistent rumor (that the baseball interests of both major leagues in Manhattan will be centered in a plant that will be the last word in sporting enterprise ever in New York, where colossal projects attract but passing notice in the march of progress, writes Sid Mercer in the New York Globe.

If negotiations now pending, can be altered to fit the requirements of the various interests involved, New York may soon be tickled with the announcement of a great stadium that will rise Phoenix-like from the ashes of the Polo Grounds to stand for many years as a monument to the growth of baseball as a civic institution.

The day is not far off when 50,000 persons can sit and watch a baseball game in this city. A few years ago an investment of a million dollars in a baseball plant would have been considered business insanity, but with a population of nearly five million to draw from in the city and suburbs, such an outlay is justified.

Ban Johnson, president of the American League, is in town, and has been attending to this business while in New York. The probability of the Giants and Yankees occupying one home is no longer considered an airy myth. The proposition is one that appeals to New Yorkers. It gives baseball the proportions that fit it, in a city like this. The transportation facilities are unexcelled, and no matter what new set of subway plans is adopted the Polo Grounds cannot be neglected. People in this big town like the idea of going to one place to see their games, and the quicker they can get to that place and away from it the better they like it.

Ground has not been broken for the proposed new American League Park, for the reason that it will have to be filled before it is broken. Thousands of tons of dirt have been dumped there, but the land will be valuable for other purposes and can be sold at a profit. Building a costly plant in a location so far to one side of the centre of population is a risk, and if the Yankees could get a location on Manhattan Island now the Kingsbridge plant could be abandoned at once.

It is understood that President Johnson and Frank Farrell have been carefully investigating the possibilities of consolidating with the National League in a lease of a plant to be built by a holding company and in which their rights would be equal. There can be no cry of syndicate ball if such an arrangement is perfected, as there will be no necessity of either club having any business dealings with the other. Both, of course, would be heavily interested in the ownership of the property, and the non-conflicting schedules would protect each club and give them an even break.

There has been some talk of the Yankees taking possession of Manhattan field, which the National League has against them in war times, but it would seem a waste of land and money to build two expensive parks adjoining each other when one would do just as well. The Lynch estate, which owns the ground, is an important factor in the development of the stadium idea. James J. Coogan, representing this estate, is willing to invest heavily in such an enterprise, and has offered to extend the present Polo Grounds into Manhattan field territory if more room is required.

Just how John T. Brush feels toward such cooperations is a matter of speculation. Brush has long desired to build for himself. The New York club can easily raise the funds, but Brush is appreciative of the fact that the people that patronize baseball should be considered. He realizes that anything that will popularize baseball will help the Giants to prosper. What one team does will not affect the other in the slightest, so if Brush and Farrell can pull together they will work for each other's good. The National League club, under present conditions, can gain League and keep valuable ground to itself. There are no conflicting games to divide the patronage and the popularity of one team will really help the other.

Brush and Johnson are not good friends. Some of the old wounds of the American League's war of expansion still rankle but Frank Farrell has shown himself so thorough a sportsman by his welcome to the Giants at the hilltop that Brush has warmed to him, although he and Farrell up to a year ago were practically strangers to each other. Therefore the two local magnates can be expected to work together and harmonize their interests for the good of everybody concerned.

There is so much detail to be considered in such an enterprise—especially when a pressing situation is suddenly created—that the local clubs can be pardoned for delay. It is a big project and cannot be planned in a day. The Giants probably will remain at the hilltop the remainder of this season, unless a temporary stand is built at the Polo Ground. Workmen are swarming over the ruins and fast removing the fire debris. In

another week the work of reconstruction could begin. The field is as good as ever. The Giants take their morning practice regularly on the diamond while the wreckers are at work.

Harry Grant, the racing driver who has won the Vanderbilt race twice in succession driving the same Alco stock car was in New York last week looking after the car which will be used at all the important road races this season. It will make its first appearance at Indianapolis in the 500 mile race, on May 30, says the New York Tribune.

Grant falls into a class himself a racing driver. What other men in his business, for instance, would acknowledge that what they really liked to do best of all was to go fishing. The only thing that is worrying Harry Grant now is that he will have so many races to drive this summer that he will not be able to spend enough time at his bungalow in Maine.

"I bought my place at Liberty, Me.," says Grant, "after having spent two summers on it. It contains 25 acres, and the house is a very comfortable bungalow with four chambers, a big living room and a fireplace that is mighty pleasant on cold mornings. You'll see me setting out for that spot just as soon as Indianapolis is over. We usually go down the road from Boston—my wife, my children and myself. It's the finest place on earth for the children. They can't get into any trouble except the water, and they both swim like ducks.

"We keep the hours of the chickens down there and there is never a night that we are not in bed by 8 o'clock. I'm always up with the sun, and usually get a string of fish for breakfast.

"There are land locked salmon, square tailed trout, good bass and the fattest white perch you ever saw. My, but they are good—fresh out of the cold lake water. I bought this place this year, and it is a mighty comfortable feeling to know that I have that place in the lovely Maine lakes to go to when I want a thorough rest. I have also just bought a place in Cambridge, Mass., and my wife is hurrying through the finishing of it so that she may be with me at Indianapolis. She sees all my races, but she never worries. Perhaps it is because she knows I never take unnecessary chances.

"When we broke our chain in the Lowell race it was reported at the grandstand that we had overturned, that my mechanic was killed and that I was badly hurt. They tried to keep it from Mrs. Grant, but in some way the news reached her. She absolutely refused to believe it, saying that she knew it must be a mistake. Almost identically the same thing happened at Savannah.

"I was particularly careful to report back to the grandstand exactly what had happened, but in some way the report got around that we had smashed into a tree, broken up the machine and were both badly injured. She sat through this race with this information, but again she was not disturbed by it. She is a great assistance to me in the preliminary work of a race, and gets out every morning during the practice with a stop-watch to time my work, and has frequently ridden ninety miles an hour with me.

"Yes, I have had fairly good success as a racing driver—I mean financially, as well as the winning of races. A lot of the boys, you know, particularly the younger fellows, who have won much more than I have, find it pretty difficult to hang on to it. It's a case of easy come and easy go. I wouldn't advise a young fellow to get into the racing game much before he is 22 years old. It stands to reason that a man has comparatively little wisdom below that age, and it is judgment and head that are needed on the race track quite as much as anything else."

Grant has as yet done no road work and will not undertake much training until about two weeks before the Indianapolis race, when he will go to Indianapolis and do most of his training on the track itself.

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### Finishing Right.

Pittsburg Post.  
"You forgot something," called his wife from the window after the morning quarrel. He came back. "What did I forget?" "You forgot to slam the door." He slammed it.

### Hard Luck.

Puck.  
Passenger—The engineer stopped the train just in time—let's take up a subscription for him! Another passenger—Vot! Udat me carrying ten thousand dollars' accident insurance!

## YOUTH LANDS IN CELL

### Charged With Forgery by Financier's Wife With Whom He Eloped.

San Francisco, May 4.—Robert C. Geffs, 22 years of age, step-son of an Arizona millionaire mining man, spent yesterday in the city prison charged with forgery, embezzlement and assault upon the wife of a Chicago financier with whom he eloped from Phoenix, Ariz., and spent three weeks of poetic bliss that equalled the romance of Elinor Glyn's Russian princess.

The love between Geffs and his affinity, Mrs. L. W. Wilhelm, whose husband is a prominent member of the Chicago Board of Trade, was as intense as it was fleeting. They fell in love at first sight, came to San Francisco to await a suit for divorce that would pave the way for their marriage.

But the demon jealousy came between them. They quarreled and parted two days ago, and late Tuesday night, when Geffs returned for a visit, a quarrel arose that started a cry of murder and sent seven policemen flying to the apartments with drawn pistols.

Graduate of the University of Kansas, member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, son of Roland Geffs, once president of the Buffalo Stock Exchange, but deceased for eight years, the young man, with brilliant prospects, began life in Phoenix as manager of the local telephone company.

In social circles he met Mrs. Wilhelm, who was on a visit to a sister. He proposed that Mrs. Wilhelm go with him to San Francisco and get a divorce. She consented.

Geffs was arraigned before Police Judge Shortall yesterday. Mrs. Wilhelm asserted on the stand that he had forged her name to a check she had received from her husband for \$100 and that he had pawned the stone from one of her diamond rings for \$60 and substituted a piece of glass for the stone.

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## YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

### National League.

At Philadelphia:	R. H. E.
Philladelphia 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 3 3 5 2	Batteries—Beebe and Doolin; Pfeiffer and Graham.
At Brooklyn:	R. H. E.
Brooklyn 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 2	Batteries—Rucker and Beran; Raymond and Wilson.
At Pittsburgh:	R. H. E.
Pittsburgh 1 0 0 2 0 0 2 2 2 8 10 2	Batteries—Eagle, Leifeld and Gibson; Gever, Harmon and Bresnahan.
At Chicago:	R. H. E.
Chicago 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 3 6 3 2	Batteries—Brown and Archer; Suggs and McLean.

### American League.

At New York:	R. H. E.
New York 2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 4 4 2	Batteries—Quinn, Fisher and Sweetser; Coombs and Livingston.
At Boston:	R. H. E.
Boston 0 2 0 0 1 0 2 2 12 17 4	Batteries—Pope and Numaker; Gray, Groom and Ansham.
At Cleveland:	R. H. E.
Cleveland 1 0 4 0 0 0 0 3 8 10 2	Batteries—Grogg and Land; Walsh, Scott, Young and Sullivan.
At St. Louis:	R. H. E.
St. Louis 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 2 4 0	Batteries—Gregory, Williams and Stephens; Laflite and Stange.

### Eastern League.

Jersey City, 3; Buffalo, 3; darkness.
Newark, 2; Toronto, 22.
Baltimore, 11; Montreal, 2.

### American Association.

Milwaukee, 6; Indianapolis, 1.
Kansas City, 7; Toledo, 3.
St. Paul, 3; Louisville, 1.
Minneapolis, 9; Columbus, 8.

### State League.

Binghamton, 6; Scranton, 4.
Albany, 3; Troy, 1.
Wilkesbarre, 18; Elmira, 4.
Syracuse-Utica — postponed. Cold weather.

## STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

### National League.

Club	Games	Won	Lost	P.C.
Philadelphia	17	13	4	.765
New York	15	10	5	.667
Pittsburg	14	9	5	.643
Chicago	18	10	8	.625
Cincinnati	12	4	7	.364
Boston	18	6	12	.333
St. Louis	14	4	10	.286
Brooklyn	16	4	12	.250

### American League.

Club	Games	Won	Lost	P.C.
Detroit	18	14	4	.889
New York	14	8	6	.571
Boston	15	8	7	.533
Philadelphia	15	7	8	.467
Chicago	15	7	8	.467
Washington	15	7	8	.467
Cleveland	15	7	8	.467
St. Louis	17	4	13	.235

### Eastern League.

Club	Games	Won	Lost	P.C.
Providence	10	8	2	.800
Rochester	11	7	4	.700
Toronto	11	7	4	.636
Baltimore	11	6	5	.545
Montreal	10	4	6	.400
Buffalo	11	4	7	.364
Newark	11	3	8	.273
Jersey City	10	2	7	.222

### State League.

Club	Games	Won	Lost	P.C.
Wilkesbarre	1	1	0	1.000
Binghamton	1	1	0	1.000
Albany	1	1	0	1.000
Troy	1	0	1	.000
Scranton	1	0	1	.000
Elmira	1	0	1	.000
Utica	0	0	0	.000
Syracuse	0	0	0	.000

### Uncured Ham.

Into a general store of a town in Arkansas there recently came a dorky complaining that a ham which he had purchased there was not good. "The ham is all right, Zeph," insisted the storekeeper. "No, it ain't, boss," insisted the negro. "Dat ham's shore bad." "How can that be," continued the storekeeper, "when it was cured only a week?" The dorky scratched his head reflectively, and snuffy suggested: "Den, mebbe it's had a relapse."

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