

WILSON AND CABINET ATTEND BALL GAME

President Throws Out Sphere to Walter Johnson, Then Senators Win.

THE SCORE.

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New York 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 —1

WASHINGTON.

	AB	R	H	BB	SO	PO	A	E
Moeller, rf.	3	0	2	1	0	2	0	0
Foster, 3b.	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Milan, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Gandil, 1b.	4	0	0	0	0	10	1	1
Morgan, 2b.	3	0	1	0	0	4	4	0
Ainsmith, c.	1	1	0	1	0	5	1	0
Shanks, lf.	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
McBride, ss.	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	0
Johnson, p.	3	0	0	0	2	0	4	0
Total.	25	2	6	2	2	27	16	1

NEW YORK.

	AB	R	H	BB	SO	PO	A	E
Daniels, rf.	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wolter, cf.	3	0	0	1	1	7	0	0
Hartzell, 3b.	4	0	2	0	1	3	1	0
Cree, lf.	4	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
Chase, 2b.	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sterrett, 1b.	4	0	1	0	0	7	0	0
Sweeney, c.	4	0	1	0	0	3	1	0
Young, ss.	3	0	1	0	0	2	2	0
McConnell, p.	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	1
*Lelivelt	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.	33	1	8	1	3	24	10	1

*Batted for Young in ninth.

Sacrifice hits—McConnell, McBride. (2.)
Shanks. Stolen bases—Daniels, Moeller.
(2.) Foster. Double play—Young and
Hartzell. Left on bases—New York, 8;
Washington, 5. First base on balls—By
McConnell, 2; by Johnson, 1. First base
on errors—New York, 1; Washington, 1.
Hit by pitcher—Daniels, by Johnson;
Ainsmith, by McConnell. Struck out—
By McConnell, 2; by Johnson, 3. Time
of game—Two hours and five minutes.
Umpires—Messrs. Connelly and Mc-
Greevy.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—
Stupid base running on the part of
Catcher Sweeney cost the New York
Americans a chance to win the opening
game of the season against Washing-
ton here this afternoon, while McCon-
nell's own wildness and careless throw
gave the Griffith men an opportunity to
send over enough runs to win. Final
count, 2 to 1.

Led by President of the United States
Wilson, a crowd of 20,000 fans, the seat-
ing capacity of the park, witnessed the
inauguration combat in spite of the
dark clouds and chilling winds.

Bundled in a heavy fur-lined overcoat
the President sat with his daughter,
Miss Eleanor, and Secretary Tumulty,
in a box to the right of home plate.
He was obviously an interested spec-
tator, applauding and cheering fre-
quently as the game proceeded. Mr.
Wilson has always been a baseball
"fan," being a frequent visitor at the
college games at Princeton, and him-
self a player in his youth. Charles Ster-
rett, who played first base for New
York, was one of his pupils at Prince-
ton several years ago.

The President was cheered enthusias-
tically by the crowd. He acknowledged
the greeting, turned down the brim of
his brown fedora hat, and sat down to
watch the sport.

Mr. Wilson threw out the first ball to
Pitcher Walter Johnson, who quickly
returned the sphere to Manager Grit-
fith with a request that President Wil-
son inscribe his autograph on the horse-
hide. The request was granted, John-
son then receiving the ball, which he
placed in his trophy case alongside a
sphere bearing the signature of "Will-
iam H. Taft."

Vice President Marshall, members of
the Cabinet, Senators, Representatives,
and a great number of official folk were
there.

The contest itself was remarkably
well played for an early-season battle,
and soon resolved itself into a pitchers'
battle between Walter Johnson and
George McConnell. In the matter of
hits McConnell had the better of the
contest, as the home team could only
reach the lanky flinger for half a dozen
swats, while Johnson was touched up
safely eight times.

Manager Chance of the Yankees made
a switch in his batting order at the
last minute, ordering McConnell to the
box instead of Caldwell, his earlier
choice. The Peerless Leader, fearing that
his wrenched leg would not carry him
through, decided to occupy the bench,
and Sterrett played a creditable game at
first base.

"Pep" Young, the understudy of
Claude Derrick at shortstop, carried off
the fielding honors with Harry Wolter.
Several of Young's stops bordered on
the sensational, while Wolter pulled
down eight hard-hit fly balls in deep
centre field.

The Yankees caught the Nationals
napping in the first inning and sent
over a tally. Daniels was hit in the
back with one of Johnson's speedy
shoots and immediately stole second.
On the hit-and-run signal Wolter hit a
tantalizing grounder at Gandil, who let
the ball filter through his legs. Mc-
Bride dashed over from short field after
the ball, while Daniels kept tearing
along the base paths. Rounding third
base he made a mad dash for the plate
as McBride set himself for the throw.
Daniels's speed and a beautiful slide
beat the ball home by an eyelash.

The Yankees were victims of hard
luck in the seventh inning, when the
score should have been tied. Sweeney
lined the ball to centre, and it sped
past Milan to the centre field stands.
When Milan recovered the sphere Swee-
ney was nearly at second base, when
Midkiff, coaching near the foul line,
yelled to the catcher, "Come back and
touch first base." Sweeney obeyed
the summons, and on the next ball
pitched to Young was forced at the mid-
way station. McConnell forced Young
at the same base, and Daniels came
through with a clean single. Wolter
made the third out with a feeble tap to
Johnson.

Manager Chance raved when Sweeney
lined to the bench and the Peerless
Leader did not mince words in reprim-
anding Sweeney for his carelessness
in falling to touch first base. Sweeney
deserved a double on the blow and
could have jogged home when Daniels
crashed to center.

About the only other chance the
Yankees had to score was in the third
inning, when, with two gone and Wolter
on third, Cree unloaded a clean single
to left and Shanks's perfect throw
home nipped Wolter at the plate.
McConnell depended upon his spitball
almost entirely, and although frequen-
tly he was in a tight place, escaped un-
scathed except in the seventh inning,
when he got himself into a hole.
Ainsmith led off in the seventh by
stopping one of the pitcher's shoots
with his back. Shanks bunted along
the first base line and McConnell, in-
stead of taking his time, made a hasty
throw to Sterrett, pulling the collegian
off the bag. Shanks was safe. Mc-
Bride's sacrifice advanced Ainsmith and
Shanks, and when Moeller hit the first
ball pitched to right field for a single
two runs counted.
Sterrett in the Yankees ninth opened
the inning with a pretty single, but was
forced at second base on Sweeney's
grounder to Foster. Lelivelt, hitting
for Young, gave Shanks a high fly and
McConnell ended the game with an in-
field tap to Morgan.
Manager Chance to-night was not a
bit discouraged at the showing of his
team. The Peerless Leader claims that
hard luck alone robbed him of a victory.
Caldwell is slated to pitch to-morrow
and will be opposed by Groom.