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JOHNSON READY FOR A FIGHT
Coming Back from Australia—Fights in England First—
Will Visit Home in Galveston—Other Sports.

Melbourne, Feb. 12.—"I am willing to fight James J. Jeffries, Tommy Burns, or any other man alive, in England, Australia, Austria or any part of a civilized world where sufficient inducements are offered."
This was the farwinded message of Jack Johnson, the champion heavy-weight pugilist, on the eve of his departure for Sydney to catch a steamer en route to the United States.

McGINNITY ON MERKLE.
Iron Man Blames Manager Mack for Loss of Pennant by Giants Last Year.
Joe McGinnity is through with baseball until he can arrange to take over some minor league franchise. The Iron Man declared himself this week in New York. He came to town to interview Manager John J. McGraw, but slipped up on seeing his former boss. McGinnity will not play in the American association, nor will he play in the Eastern league.

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FROM TOWN BULLY TO WORLD CHAMPION.
Rise of Stanley Ketchell—Led the Gang in Youth.

From the leader of the toughest street gang of Great Rapids to the bright light in the pugilistic world is a far cry, yet it is the rise in life of Stanley Ketchell, conqueror of Billy Papke, and looked upon as the most likely white candidate to meet Champion Jack Johnson.
Something like ten years ago Stanley Ketchell was a street urchin in the "West Siders," and this crowd had the entire city terrorized.
The leader of this gang was Stanley Ketchell, and for a rare deviltry and nerve he was far superior to others.
After the gang was broken up by the police, Ketchell went to the wanderings that were to take him through Canada and the western states.
At 13 years he was cooking for a grain outfit in Iowa; two months later he was a fireman on a threshing machine engine in Winnipeg, Canada, and from there he roamed through the Great Northwest, living as best he could, but seeing the country and all the time acquiring a love for the open air.

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SPORTS OF ALL SORTS.
Dave Shean has signed with Philadelphia.

Jack O'Connor, the veteran catcher, has signed to manage the Little Rock team of the Southern league.
R. E. Walker, the South African sprinter, has agreed to meet Bobby Kerr, the Canadian, next June, in Toronto.
The southern-owned mare, Opal Wilson, 2:09 1-2, by Allwood, 2:09 1-2, won more than 14,000 on the southern circuit last season.
Copa de Oro, 2:03 1-4, and Carokim 2:05 1-4, are jorged barefoot at Los Angeles, Cal. Both are reported feeling and looking about the inside of the track.

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GREAT ASSORTMENT HAS PITCHER WILLIS.
No Batter Can Afford to "Kid" Him, Says Leifeld.

"This fellow, Vic Willis, has the greatest assortment of curves that any pitcher ever possessed," says Leifeld of Pittsburgh, "and furthermore, he has control and the nerve to use them. No batter can afford to 'kid' Willis, and expect to get away with it. Players who have tried it have found themselves sadder but wiser before they got through with the stunt. If I had Willis' curves along with what I have now I would be the greatest pitcher in the business."
"Of course I can recall two cases in which Willis was badly fooled by batters with his curves that they were knocked out temporarily and forced out of games, while in another instance he showed control that was little less than marvelous. Beckley was one of the men Willis forced to acknowledge his skill by being knocked out. Jake was at bat in St. Louis when Willis threw a fast one to the inside. Beckley concluded that Willis was trying to bluff him away from the plate, and tanned him with three straight curves. Willis let a low, fast breaking curve loose which fooled Beckley so badly that the latter stood up and banged the plate. The ball caught him in the pit of the stomach and doubled Jake up like a shot. After that he had no more to do but to take the lanky twirler about his curves."

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