

NEWS THAT'S COMMENT THAT'S NEWS

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HIT OR MISS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

PROBABLY England never will get over the visit of the Giants and the White Sox to London. The great excitement manifested by thousands of loyal Americans who witnessed the game did not add any to the peace of mind of the Britisher, but the real roaring fire of anger was started by John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants. McGraw in part said that England was slow, that its sports were slow, and that baseball, which would be adopted by the British in the near future, would restore their lost vigor. Restore their vigor? Accept baseball as a British sport? Never!

Baseball Situation As Summed up by the Three League Leaders

"I am glad to see that the National and American league clubs have signed up their globe-trotting stars without any trouble," says Governor Tener. "I am glad to see that the players who toured the world stayed with their old teams without any bickering over terms. We've got all our stars in line, and are now ready for the season to open. We'll give the fans the best baseball they ever enjoyed next season, and I think that in the National league the fight for the pennant will be a close and interesting one. I think that the talent is more evenly distributed now, and teams that were weak in certain positions last year are now better fortified. The talk of baseball all winter long is good for the game, and baseball throughout the country will be better attended than ever this year."

"The last chance that the Federals had to make good has gone," says Ben B. Johnson. "They made a great hubbalooc about the world's tourists they were going to sign. We've got all of them in line, so where do the Feds come off? They are making a great deal of talk—but that is all they're doing. They felt sure that they were going to land such stars as Crawford and Speaker, but they got sadly left. They've got nobody signed but a lot of dead ones or youngsters who haven't got any big league experience. The wise players have all signed with us. Can you blame them? We're thoroughly organized and have more money behind us to pay any salaries that we have contracted to pay. You'll hear little from the Federals from now on; their last chance to make a splash has gone in their failure to sign the men that have just returned here from the globe-trotting trip."

President James A. Gilmore of the Federal league says: "Of course we are disappointed in not landing Speaker, Crawford and some of the other stars of the world's tour, but the failure only has served to make us more determined than ever to win our fight with organized baseball. This time next year we'll have developed stars ourselves whose reputation will probably be almost as great as that of Cobb, Wagner, Mathewson, and some of the National and American league players. We're not after contract-jumpers, but if we were we could get all we wanted from the other two big leagues. We have more money behind us—or as much, at any rate—as the National and American organizations. Don't let them tell you that Sah Johnson and John K. Tener are not taking us seriously. They're all taking us seriously, else why should they have to pay such exorbitant salaries to get their own players to sign new contracts?"

SAN FRANCISCO TO GET NATIONAL WHEEL EVENT

[By Latest Mail] SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—The National Cycling Association, the governing body of cycling in America and a member of the International Cycling Union, has conferred upon the Panama-Pacific international exposition the right to hold P. P. E. bicycling championships in connection with the elaborate program of sports to be held in San Francisco in 1915. Director James R. Sullivan received a telegram from New York announcing the events scheduled for the Panama-Pacific international exposition championships, which are as follows: One-third of a mile, one mile, five miles, 10 miles, one-half-mile handicap, one-mile handicap, two-mile handicap, five-mile handicap.

IF SHE CANT ROCK, SHE WANTS DIVORCE.

[By Latest Mail] PITTSBURGH — Mrs. Hazel Grayson might have endured her husband, John, if he had been merely "no account." She could have stood it if he had been nothing worse than "lazy" and had merely stayed away from home most of the time riding around in a motor car. But— When John Grayson got so different to her bodily comfort that he would not provide her with rocking chairs such as she had been used to before she married him she thought the limit of endurance had been reached. Grayson's idea of a family rocking chair is the kind that "rocks both ways," his wife says, and he would not provide others. So Mrs. Grayson filed suit for divorce.

A short purse maketh a long face. The truth will not last any longer if you stretch it.

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Another World's Championship Comes to the United States



1. COVEY 2. GOULD

[By Latest Mail] PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Jay Gould, American amateur court tennis champion, won the open professional championship of the world here March 18 from George F. Covey of England, the professional title-holder. The American champion, in one of the finest exhibitions of the game ever seen here, carried off the title seven sets to one. The scores of the match were: 6-0, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, 5-6, 6-1. The American expert won four sets on the 16th in such easy fashion that the result was virtually a foregone conclusion. Gould's playing in the four sets today was fully up to that of the first day. The British champion fought hard to the very end, taking the third set of the day and the seventh of the match in fine style. According to the articles of the match, the winner is exempt from playing for the world's championship for one year. Being an amateur, Gould can not accept the \$1250 prize money that would have gone to Covey had he won, but instead the American champion will receive a cup valued at that amount from the Racquet Club of Philadelphia, on whose court the match was played. Despite his defeat, however, Covey will receive two-thirds of the receipts of the match and his training expenses.

BOXING CONDUCTED LIKE VAUDEVILLE IN AUSTRALIA

[By Latest Mail] NEW YORK—The "Australian fight trust," better known as "Snowy" Baker, is paying this city his first visit. "Snowy" is one of the most interesting characters that has struck town in a long time. He is of medium height, weighs about 160 pounds and his hair is blond. He looks a good deal like Jim Corbett, except for his complexion, while he has a slight stoop to his shoulders. He is only 29 years old, rather young to be able to wield a monopoly over anything. Baker is stopping at the Biltmore, having just arrived from Chicago. He swears Chicago is the best foreign city he ever visited, but it must be remembered that he has only been here a short time and maybe before he leaves he may declare the metropolis "the greatest ever." Baker is accompanied by his wife and intends to stay with us about a week. He is especially anxious to attend the dinner that will be tendered the world's baseball tourists. "From what I have seen of America," began Baker, who is just as visible in conversation as his name, "Home-ru" Baker, is at home when at the plate, "Australia is easily the greatest fight country in the world. In my land they conduct boxing just as they do vaudeville. If a boxer doesn't make good in one city he is sent to another—and may be the fans in the new territory will like him. Saturday is the big fight night and all over the circuit shows are conducted. There is only one preliminary of ten two-minute rounds and the main bout of twenty three-minute rounds. Matinees are conducted. At some of the clubs matinees are conducted, principally to impress the women folks that there is nothing brutal about the manly art. The women are allowed to attend the bouts free, providing they are escorted. Tea and ice cream and cake are served between bouts, while there is also a string orchestra to soothe things. "Boxers are booked just like they book actors. The game is on a strict business basis, and there is never any faltering—that is, as far as is known. Baker, who was christened Reginald Leslie Baker, bought the big stadium at Sydney, where Johnson won the world's title from Tommy Burns, from Hughie McIntosh for \$250,000. McIntosh signed an agreement that he wouldn't promote any boxing shows for ten years, so that is the reason that Baker paid such a huge sum for the enterprise. Baker has established two clubs at Melbourne, one at Brisbane, another at Adelaide, and he is now constructing a sixth club in New Zealand. "I don't know how my mother ever christened me such a swell name as I bear," said Baker in his characteristic mild manner, "but I guess she must have been reading novels before I was born. I was nicknamed 'Snowy,' because when I was a youngster my hair used to be very, very light. In 1906, when I went to England for the swimming championships, I contracted typhoid fever, and it was all because I am a teetotaler. You see, a lot of the boys went to a 'pub' to get some beer. Everybody drank this beverage but me—I took water, and also a lot of germs along with it. I lost all my hair, and when I recovered it again it was much darker than before." Used to Box in Amateur Ranks.

COACH MIDKIFF HONORED BY OAHU TRACK MEN

In appreciation of the part he played in developing three victorious track teams, F. E. Midkiff, track coach of the Oahu College, was presented with a beautiful gold watch fob by the members of the championship squad last night at a dinner held in Dole hall. Every man but one who ran or competed in the field events in the past season was present at the dinner and this social event proved a most successful ending of one of the most successful track seasons Oahu has ever been through. After the dinner Coach Midkiff was presented with the trophy by Captain Brown and then came cheers for the coach and the captain. The spirit was keen and when the two big men of the past season arose to play their respective parts the enthusiasm ran high.

Baker is an all-around athlete. He used to box in the amateur ranks, and he carried around with him a cauliflower left ear which he received in the Olympic championships in England in 1908. This is an unusual mark for a promoter to tote around. Baker says that Eddie McGoorty is making four or five times as much money from bouts as he received in this country. He says he got over \$6,000 for knocking out Dave Smith in less than a round. He also says that Harry Stone, the New York boxer, is a riot over on the other side of the world, and frequently draws down as much as \$3,000 for his end. He also conveys the news that Harry has perfected a blow which they have styled the "kangaroo" punch, which is similar to that made famous around here by Johnny Dundee. Baker intends to take a half dozen of our star performers to his country. He says that Pacey McFarland has agreed to fight three times for him and that he will leave for the Antipodes in June. He also declares that Champion Willie Ritchie will make the trip. "Pacey McFarland," says Baker, "is the most popular boxer in my country; that is, he is the best known of anybody in the game, and they are very anxious to get a glimpse at his wonderful ability." Baker is the man who arranged the big reception that the Giants and White Sox received in Sydney. He says that he has booked bouts six months ahead at his different clubs and that is the reason why he can absent himself from his native land for a long time.

RAIN STOPS TENNIS

Rain caused the postponement of the semi-final matches of the Castle cup tennis tournament yesterday afternoon. Play will be continued this afternoon at 4:15 at the Beretania courts Davis playing Hoogs, and Warren playing Barnes. The finals will be played tomorrow, weather permitting. People who believe everything they hear might be lucky if they were a little deaf.

OTTO SCHULTZ HANGS UP SWIMMING RECORD

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WOLGAST MAY NEVER AGAIN DON A GLOVE

[By Latest Mail] CHICAGO—Ad Wolgast may never fight again. At least he will not be able to enter the ring before July 4th and according to his doctor's report he may be unable to don gloves even then. This announcement followed an X-ray examination held on the wildcat's hands when it was discovered that three small bones in his left hand were broken. Ad says this happened three days before the mill with Ritchie, but he did not know the injury was so serious. He says he suffered no pain in the bout until after the fourth round. Wolgast made known his retirement, at least temporarily, on learning that the Milwaukee promoters were making an effort to sign him for a return contest with Champion Ritchie. This will be impossible, according to Ad, owing to his injuries and the "Dutchman" says he is about disgusted with the prize ring. "All I have had since reaching the top of the ladder is hard luck: first it was an operation, then a bad right and now it's my left," he said today. When Promoters Mulken and Andrews heard that Wolgast was out of the running for a return engagement, they immediately got busy figuring on a new opponent. When they left for Milwaukee, the choice was between Charlie White and Freddie Welsh, with chances of landing the go in favor of the Chicago boy.

Wolgast has had his share of misfortune with injuries and sickness. Six months after he won the championship from Battling Nelson at Point Richmond, he suffered a fractured arm in a bout in the seat. Subsequently his right hand has been a source of much suffering. The operation for appendicitis was the hardest blow of all and now comes the broken left hand. It is well for the Milwaukee promoters to figure on a match with the champion as a feature, but they are doubtless overlook the fact that Ritchie is tied up here on April 17th with an engagement with Tommy Murphy, and he has promised Coffroth not to fight in the meanwhile. It is also likely that Ritchie will do nothing in the match-making line until he has finished with the Murphy bout.

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