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**Says Pugs Were Hired to Beat The Cubs**

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 17.—According to an interview today, Frank Chance, captain of the Chicago National League team, tells a thrilling story of how his men were mis-treated by the Giants before the big game. Chance said:

"Fearing that they could not beat us even with the advantage of playing on their own grounds, the Giants deliberately planned to cripple several of our men before the game. For this purpose they hired a dozen prize fighters and the starting of a fight would have been the signal for them to jump in and beat up some of our best men."

"I believe that McGinnity, armed with a bat, was sent out for the purpose of starting a fight with me, but we were on to the game and held ourselves in check. It was not our intention to allow the Giants to win the pennant by knocking us out. Although in possession of every advantage, they were afraid to tackle us with our team intact."

"We had not played for three days, were hustled over to New York, dumped off the cars, and denied the privilege of practicing before the game. It was the dirtiest piece of work ever pulled off on a diamond."

**FORMER CALIFORNIAN WANTS MORE SALARY**

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 8.—More salary or no playing next season. This is Mike Donlin's ultimatum to the management of the New York Giants. Frank Chance, Mordecai Brown, and others are supposed to have done their bit as members of the "hold-out" league, and that has keyed up Mike. Perhaps, also, he is inspired by the great success he and his talented wife, Mabel Hite, have made in their skit, "Stealing Home."

Whatever it is, the announcement is flat that next season he will be the highest-paid player on the New York team of Giants. Otherwise, if President John T. Brush and Manager John McGraw fail to meet Mike's wishes on the salary question he will wave aside his longings for the applause of the Polo ground fans.

**PACKEY M'FARLAND PLANS COAST CAMPAIGN**

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—Packey McFarland left Chicago this evening for New Orleans, where he is scheduled to clash with Young Ernie of Philadelphia Dec. 23. After this bout McFarland has planned a campaign on the Coast. He will leave New Orleans for Los Angeles immediately after the bout, as he is billed to meet Dick Hyland there Jan. 15. After this fray McFarland hopes to lead Freddie Welsh of England into a match to settle the supremacy between the Englishman and himself.

**TAPT'S INTEREST IN GOLF**

New York, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The earnest attention which President-elect Taft is paying and intends to pay to the royal and ancient game of golf was evidenced today when one of the engagements to which he devoted an exceptional length of time was with Walter J. Travis, former amateur champion of the United States. Taft's talk with Travis was entirely devoted to golf.

**SELL WORTHLESS TICKETS**

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 16.—In the swirl of humanity around Madison Square Garden last night before the start of the Marathon race between Dorando Pietri, the Italian, and Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, swindler reaped a harvest selling worthless tickets to unsuspecting Italians.

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**BASEBALL ALL-HAWAIIAN NINE NOW BEING CHOSEN**

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Mike Fisher's Aggregation Will Find Strong Nine Here and Series of Ball Games Promises To Furnish Lively Sport—Committee To Report

Monday next will probably see the commencement of practice by the diamond wizards who will meet Mike Fisher's all-star aggregation on its return from the Orient. The committee, appointed by the league to choose a captain and select a team, proceeded to get busy immediately after the meeting adjourned yesterday noon and things are now well under way.

Now that the league has definitely decided to play the series of games with the Reach Club All-Americans, not a stone will be left unturned in the effort to turn out the best nine that Hawaii can produce. The men will get down to serious work and, with practice, they hope to develop a nine of more than ordinary quality.

The decision to play the All-Americans, meets with the general approval of baseball enthusiasts here, and that the league grounds will be well filled on the days set for the games, is a certainty. The All-Hawaiian team will start operations with a determination to lower the colors of the victorious mainlanders, if possible, and the best baseball that Honolulu has seen in a long time is sure to result.

**George Presley Re-Elected Coach**

Stanford University, Dec. 8.—George J. Presley of San Francisco will once more coach the Cardinal football team. At a meeting of the executive committee he was chosen head coach for the 1909 season and baseball coach for the 1910 season. He is already under contract to coach the 1909 baseball team.

James F. Lanagan will no longer be retained as advisory coach, but Presley will eventually fill that berth after he has educated one of the younger men up to head field coach, and thus the system will be preserved.

Presley is a Stanford graduate, class of 1907. In his Sophomore year he played first base on the ball team and held that job down for the following two seasons, captaining the victorious 1907 nine. When Rugby football was introduced Presley turned out and made the position of wing forward on the 6-3 varsity. Lanagan was greatly impressed with the quality of his work, and had him appointed assistant coach for the 1907 season. The campaign which ended up with the 12-3 victory over California in the late game was almost entirely handled by Presley, Lanagan acting only in the advisory capacity.

The engagement of Presley meets with entire approval of the campus community, amongst whom he enjoys the greatest popularity.

**BUT FOUR CARDINALS SURE OF THEIR JOBS**

Cleveland, Dec. 17.—Following a brief conference last night, Stanley Robinson, owner of the St. Louis Cardinals, said today that only four of his present team are fixtures for the coming year. These are Konatchy at first, Joe Delehanty in the outfield, Billy Gilbert and Catcher Bresnahan. Bresnahan expects to do most of the catching. One man wanted, according to Robinson, is Merkle of the Giants. He will be used at second in case a deal is made.

Old Veterano, winner of the Thorn ton stake as a 4-year-old in 1904, made his first appearance of the season at Emeryville with his old-time jockey, L. A. Jackson, in the saddle. Veterano did not start last season. He is still being handled by Walter Vivell, his trainer.

**M'FARLAND-ERNE FIGHT OFF**

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**Marines Prove Too Much For Soldiers**

Seven to two was the score by which the U. S. Marine Corps baseball nine laid it over the Fort Shafter team yesterday afternoon. The infantryman tried hard, and they played some good baseball, but the sea-soldiers showed a faculty for getting runs which was positively uncanny.

The first inning saw the marines with four runs to the good, and they kept up the procession. Syedman, the marine pitcher, pitched a magnificent game, and held the Shafterites down in heart-rending fashion. The teams lined up as follows:

Marines—Mike, lf.; Winters, 1b.; Showe, ss.; Masak, 2b.; Anderson, c.; Syedman, p.; Misaner, 3b.; Humphrys, cf.; Booth, rf.

Fort Shafter—Lojette, c.; McCall, 2b.; Glenn, cf.; Buddhu, p.; Kistler, lf.; Lemn, 1b.; Duwent, ss.; McNabb, 3b.; Oakley, rf.

**SULLIVAN'S "COLD FEET" ENDS MATCH WITH JOST**

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 17.—Dan Sullivan, who has been talking about his right to battle for the middleweight championship, effectually "crabbed" the fight game at Aberdeen by refusing to box Charlie Jost (Young Fitzsimmons) because the latter was two pounds over weight. A very large crowd gathered at the Grand theater to see the mill, but Sullivan could not be induced to enter the ring.

The men had agreed to make 158 and Jost weighed 160. It was a clear case of "cold feet" on Sullivan's part, and his conduct was such that he will probably never again be matched here or elsewhere.

The fizzle had the effect of prompting the authorities to stop the game. There had been some talk along this line, but local promoters had about arranged to continue after the first of the year. But for Sullivan's conduct Aberdeen would doubtless have remained open to boxers. Sullivan hails from Butte and was a member of the American team that went to Athens in 1906.

**TO OPEN HARVARD'S LAWN TENNIS COURT**

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 15.—Arrangements have been made to formally open the new tennis court at Harvard January 9 with a match between Jay Gould, amateur champion, and Peter Latham, for many years British professional champion. Latham will give odds of half 15. The court is the first established at an American college and marks a new era in the game for this country.

**BOXING MATCHES FOR FIREMEN**

Fruitvale, Calif., Dec. 15.—Plans are under way to form an athletic organization as an adjunct to the Central Social Club of this city, whose membership consists almost exclusively of firemen. A boxing instructor will be secured and it is the purpose of the club to hold boxing matches in the near future. A well-equipped gymnasium will be provided. In order to raise funds for this purpose a benefit minstrel show is being planned and will be held in the early part of January.

**GIRLS TO PLAY BASKETBALL**

Berkeley, Calif., Dec. 15.—The girls' basketball team of Berkeley High School will meet the girls of the Livermore High School team Saturday morning on the court back of Commercial School in Allston way. The team representing Berkeley will be as follows: Forwards, Zora Pendegast and Elsie Bartlett; centers, Lorena Buck (captain), Marion Moore, and Winona Moore; guards, Isabella Brown and Helinda Hayes.

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