

SAM M'VEY IS DEFEATED BY LANGFORD

BOSTON TAR BABY ENDS BATTLE IN THE THIRTEENTH

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IN THIRTEENTH BY LANGFORD

OWNER OF CUBS THINKS DEPOSED CARD MANAGER HAS SOME GOOD YEARS LEFT.

GOOD MONEY PROMISED

Bonus of \$1,000 for Signature and Three-Year Contract at \$6,500 a Year Is the Bait—Roger Must Do Half the Catching.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—After a long-distance telephone conversation with Roger Bresnahan, today, President Murphy of the Chicago Nationals said he was certain the former St. Louis manager would be with the Chicago team next year.

Murphy refused to say what offer he had made Bresnahan, but it was understood that he told the catcher-manager he would give him a bonus of \$1,000 for his signature and a three-year contract at \$6,500 a year. Bresnahan is free to sign with any National league club, as he was discharged by the owner of the St. Louis team, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh have been trying to sign him. Murphy said he believed Bresnahan, who is 32 years old, was good for six or seven years more in the major league. If he comes here he will be expected to do half the regular catching.

MANY STARS COME FROM BURG



ED WALSH AND CHIEF MEYERS.

"Most of the star ball players," penned a magazine writer the other day, "come from the corner lots of our big cities where they first began to play. They are big city products."

All of which may be true, providing the term "big city" is defined as meaning any old place that has at least 249 inhabitants, including cats and dogs. It was from such a city that Ty Cobb came—the busy and teeming metropolis of Ruston, Ga.

Christy Mathewson, the wizard of the New York Giants, came from that congested center of population—Factoryville, Pa.; Walter Johnson first played the national game on the corner lots of that swarming hive of humanity, Weiser, Idaho. Nap Rucker's success is due to the fact that he was born in that mighty Babylon of the nations, Alpharetta, Ga.; Ed Walsh, Tris Speaker, Clyde Milan, Ed Plank, Jeff Tesreau, Chief Meyers, Frank Baker, Charley Herzog and some scores of others who might be mentioned broke into the game from "corner lots" of huge cities that boasted of at least one general store and a post-office.

A few others who started life in towns almost, if not quite, as large as those mentioned were Daubert, Chase, Doyle, Gregg and Wagner. Indeed, the small towns of less than 20 population should feel very jealous of the big cities of 200 souls that have a monopoly of the famous baseball talent.

SORORITY MEETS.

Omaha, Dec. 26.—The Zeta Theta Pi opened a three days' session in this city today. The middle and western states are represented by 50 delegates, who were guests today of members of the local sorority.

COLORADO PUGS MIX IT IN THE ANTIPODES AND NOVA SCOTIA WINS ONCE MORE.

KNOCKOUT IS SCORED

Beginning of the End Starts in Fourth, When Heavyweight Champion of Australia Is Floored by the Title Holder of England.

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 26.—Sam Langford knocked Sam McVey out in the 13th round today in one of the fiercest heavyweight battles seen in Australia in years.

Today's contest between Langford and McVey was ended by a terrific onslaught in the 13th round by Langford, who drove McVey to the ropes over which he hung in a helpless condition. McVey then collapsed on the floor and at the count of nine made an attempt to regain his feet, but he fell back entirely gone.

Both were in excellent condition and a large crowd greeted the fighters.

Langford fought fiercely in the first round, landing lefts and rights and driving McVey to the ropes. Only during the second and third rounds did McVey show any sign of equality with his Nova Scotian opponent, and even then his punches did not worry Langford a great deal.

In the fourth round Langford floored McVey with an uppercut to the chin and from then on McVey simply tried to protect himself.

Today's fight between Sam Langford and Sam McVey, the light-heavyweight colored boxer, was the sixth occasion on which they had met. The Nova Scotian, Langford, has now defeated the Californian, McVey, on four occasions, on one other occasion he was beaten by McVey and one of their fights ended in a draw. Five of these matches were fought in Australia and the remaining one in Paris. Langford holds the title of heavyweight champion of England and McVey that of heavyweight champion of Australia.

It was reported that one time Langford was to fight Jack Johnson for the championship of the world. Sam Langford, who is 32 years old, entered this ring as a professional in 1902 and in the last 10 years has had a remarkable career.

PINCH HITS

Although absent from the city, F. T. Ferguson, the real and original sporting editor, is with the staff in spirit. The pinch hitter yesterday received the following card: "My idea of nothing to do is to sit behind a gang of haremowners reading Robert W. Chambers aloud."

Carl Zambloch has kicked through with a postal card, which proclaims him well and sends his regards to all his friends.

M. W. Warwick returned to the city yesterday from Butte. While wasting his time in the parlous of the Big Camp he drifted into the third emporium owned and managed exclusively by James Baxter and Clifton O. Blankenship. He reports Blank's extreme good health and financial success. This is the statement he attributes to the P. L.: "I don't care if they never have a team in Missoula. I made more here in one week than in Missoula in a month of baseball. Things are coming four in a hill."

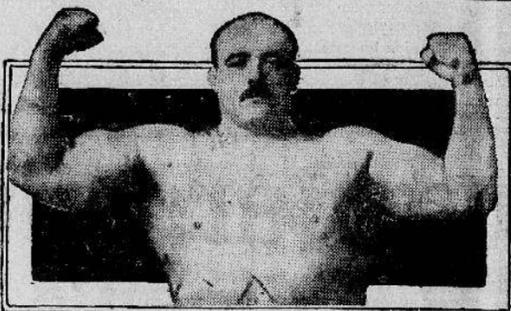
Six bouts scheduled this evening in different parts of the country, but none are of much importance.

Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Princeton are widely excited over their chess tournament. That's a good idea of nothing to do. Go to college and make the chess team.

If one of these chess fiends should die of apoplexy there wouldn't be a murmur. The game might have killed him, but football is the only game to get in bad on account of deaths.

Comie Mack, the Philadelphia American League leader, while a guest of his friends late last night in celebrating his fiftieth birthday, told them that he had unusually high hopes that his former world champions would redeem themselves next season for the

Is He Gotch's Nemesis?



ZBYSZKO.

New York, Dec. 26.—Zbyszko, the giant Polish wrestler, has returned to America for another tour. He will visit many of the larger cities of Canada and the United States, but is especially ambitious to meet Frank Gotch.

Zbyszko chased Gotch all over the country last year in a vain endeavor to force the champion into combat. Gotch refused to meet Zbyszko on one pretext and another, and finally announced his permanent retirement from the ring.

Upon his return here last week the Polish champion scoffed at Gotch's retirement. "Mr. Gotch may be sincere in this intention to quit the mat," said Zbyszko, "but I think everybody will agree with me that he will change his mind. He is a great wrestler—one of the best I have ever known."

Some have said that "retirement" is a sort of storm cellar into which Gotch has crept to escape the Polish cyclone. Zbyszko thinks so himself. "I am the only logical rival to Gotch," says the Pole, "and it would be real sportsmanlike if he would defer his intention of quitting until we engaged in a championship struggle."

A small fortune awaits Gotch if he accepts the challenge of his rival. The Salt Lake City Aldome has offered a purse of \$30,000 for the contest. The Pittsburgh A. C. will give the same amount. In addition a moving picture

poor work last year. He told them he had taken an interest in the Wilmington club of the Tri-State league, and he thought that the surplus players which he would be able to turn over to that organization would make it a strong factor in the league.

Johnny Dundee allows he will make mince-meat of champion Kilbane in April. That might have been good a few months ago, but the featherweight is hitting up a good pace now and Mr. Dundee may strike a tougher proposition than he expects.

The 'Angels have cancelled their basketball game with the Triple B's. The team stacked up against two defeats in Wyoming and it looks as if the college five wants to recover before tackling the Billings bunch for the state championship.

Of course the university doesn't figure in the state championship. Because it has had a poor team for the past few years that's a sure sign it never will have a winner.

Two young women recently appeared before a Vancouver judge in a three-round go. The battle was with five-ounce gloves and went to a draw. They should join the militant suffragettes. Their talent is wasted in Vancouver.

Harold Fowler McCormick, the 14-year-old grandson of John D. Rockefeller, is taking pitching lessons from Mordcael Brown. He'd do just as well if he put on a pair of ragged trousers and went out with the rest of the boys. Of course, Mordcael says the kid is going to make a great pitcher. But then, he must be getting something for those lessons.

Salt Lake Telegram: Chicago, Dec. 24.—Every member of the Cubs who is to be on the team next season must get senk before the opening game, and some, too, who will not be on the west side lot. To enforce this new departure in baseball training President Murphy will personally conduct a sea-faring trip from New Orleans to some point on the Florida coast near where the players will finish their limbering up exercises, preferably St. Petersburg, Tampa, however, may be the elected place after Mr. Murphy makes a trip to Florida next week. I conceived the idea while talking with several of the veterans about the best route to St. Petersburg or Tampa."

New York, Dec. 26.—The men who make the laws to govern college athletics in the United States will round up tomorrow for the seventh annual meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic association. The attendance at the opening of the meeting showed a larger representation of eastern and southern colleges than ever before. During the two-day sessions the delegates will give attention to summer baseball and a variety of other questions relating to the control of college athletics.

MAY ARRANGE MEET FOR THE BEST SWIMMERS

POST-SEASON RACES BETWEEN INTERCOLLEGIATE AND CONFERENCE TEAMS PROPOSED.

WATERMEN FAVOR MOVE

Pennsylvania Opens Negotiations With Three Pittsburgh Teams and Will Then Go to Chicago—Eastern Men Are to Come West for Contests.

New York, Dec. 26.—It has been proposed to bring together in a post-season swimming meet the intercollegiate and conference teams, comprising men of the east and west who win the championship in their respective leagues, that the matter of national supremacy among the universities may be definitely settled.

Water men of both sections have pronounced in favor of it, but the question of where to hold the deciding tests is still under discussion and may present difficulties. As some of the leading eastern teams usually take a western trip in the spring, the matter will adjust itself should one of the touring colleges capture the association title, for then there will be no trouble in fixing a date at that time.

Pennsylvania has opened negotiations for meets with three Pittsburgh teams, and it is expected that after competing in Smoketown the Quakers will proceed to Chicago. A good deal will depend on their showing in the league tournaments. Visiting swimmers rely on guarantees from the visited organizations to defray their traveling expenses, and the latter naturally try to book winning squads which prove the best attraction, and so allow them to make up guarantees.

FIGHTS TONIGHT.

"Knockout" Brennan vs. Eddie McGorrt, 10 rounds, at New York.
Freddy McFarland vs. Freddie Daniels, 8 rounds, at Omaha.
"Timber" Smith vs. Frank Moran, 20 rounds, at San Francisco.
Patsy Brannigan vs. Harry Dell, 8 rounds, at Windsor, Ont.
Leach Cross vs. Johnny Lora, 10 rounds, at New York.
Phil Cross vs. Jack Britton, 10 rounds, at New York.

MURPHY SEEKS CAMP.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—President Murphy of the Chicago National league club went to Florida today to select a training camp for his club. He plans to visit six or seven cities which have offered sites for the camp. Arrangements have been made, it was announced, for the team to play between 30 and 35 exhibition games on its trip northward.

POOR PAY FOR BURGLAR.

Kansas City, Dec. 26.—To obtain \$80 worth of jewelry a robber early today climbed a fire escape six floors to the top of a building at 1023 Main street, made a perilous passage down a greasy rope in an elevator shaft to the fifth floor and squeezed himself through the transom of Ray Mergar's jewelry shop. The building was locked and in order to get away safely the robber returned the way he entered. The jeweler's more valuable stock, worth \$5,000, had been locked in a safe, which the robber did not attempt to open.

ARMY OFFICER RECOVERING.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Lieutenant Kinzie Edmunds of the Eighth cavalry, who was brutally assaulted in the Philippines by the Moro who murdered Captain John Watson, is recovering, according to a dispatch received at the war department today from Major General Bell, commanding the army in the Philippines. Lieutenant Edmunds received five severe barbed and spear wounds on the legs and on the left hand. He encountered the Moro in an effort to save Captain Watson. The Moro was killed.

KING GEORGE RECOVERS.

London, Dec. 26.—King George, who is staying at his country house at Sandringham, was unable on account of a chill to attend church on Christmas day and also was prevented from being present at the Christmas dinner given by Queen Mother Alexandra. It officially was stated today that his majesty has quite recovered.

MARQUARD IS SPUNKY AND RAISES DEMAND

Denver, Dec. 26.—"I want \$10,000 to play with the Giants next year," announced Rube Marquard here today, "and the sooner McGraw gets that the better. I have no contract with the Giants; my agreement expired at the close of the world's series. I have retired from baseball and I haven't made any demand for a raise next season."

DISCUSS COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

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Well, Is There Anything Jim Thorpe Can't Do?



ONE MORE WEEK OF YEAR-END SALE

We have decided to continue our sale for one more week. We have also decided to make the finale of this sale the best of all. So far this has been the most successful of any sale ever conducted by this store. Hundreds of thrifty shoppers have profited by the greatly reduced prices given. However, we still have a lot of odds and ends, which we want to close out. Come in and see if there is anything in the lot that you can use.

We are slightly broken up in sizes in Men's Suits, only about 100 left. We have put the prices of these so low that you cannot resist if you need a suit, and we have your size. These are the very best makes. Kuppenheimer and Brandegee suits, in the latest models and fabrics.

PANTS!

If you need a pair of dress pants come in and look over our stock; 300 pairs to choose from at prices like these:

- \$5.00 Values \$3.75
- \$4.50 Values \$3.25
- \$4.00 Values \$2.95
- \$3.50 Values \$2.65
- \$3.00 Values \$2.25
- \$2.50 Values \$1.95
- \$2.75 Values \$1.65
- \$2.00 Values \$1.45

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