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Boxing Commission Makes Good Move in Changing Referee System.

Copyright, 1913, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York World). THE Boxing Commission has taken another step forward. It announces a plan of revoking the license of all referees and reappointing about twenty-five ring officials to be assigned to the various bouts by the commission in the same manner that baseball umpires are sent to judge play on the diamond. It has long been the opinion that the system of clubs appointing their own referees was entirely wrong. The bond of understanding that developed between club manager and referee often prevented the ring official from doing his duty, and with the fate of Charley White in mind some of the referees who need the money could not be blamed for overlooking some things not in strict accordance with the boxing rules.

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Other clubs evidently fearing to take a chance with White as the third man in the ring, refused to engage him to officiate, so that with the exception of several insignificant bouts up-State White has remained idle ever since. A nice state of affairs, and all because White did his duty fearlessly.

But this condition will be changed when the commission assigns its own referees and assumes responsibility for them.

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Since that time they have been on view in the Government's school at Carlisle, where Thorpe is studying advanced agriculture. The unfortunate exposure of Thorpe for playing professional baseball will not rob him of his hard-fought trophies unless the Indian wants to surrender them voluntarily.

MEREDITH'S development will bear watching. It now appears with proper training that all records up to the mile will be at the mercy of the twenty-year-old University of Pennsylvania student. It seems that his victories in the Olympics were only a stepping stone for a grand clean up of all the records, including the mile run. Meredith's sterling performance in the suburban quarter in the Knights of St. Anthony games made the experts do considerable thinking.

The Pennsylvania youth has demonstrated that he possessed strength and speed, but it was thought that his knowledge of the art of running has been neglected. The way in which he scooped past Halpin in the homestretch dispels this line of reasoning. Foxy Mel Sheppard, past master of the tricks of running, couldn't have planted himself in the lead more adroitly than Meredith.

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CONWAY TO DISBAND I. A. C. SEVEN IF THEY PLAY ROUGH ANY MORE.

If the Irish-American A. C. hockey players do any foul playing against the Hockey Club in the game on St. Nicholas rink to-morrow night President P. J. Conway of the former club will give orders for the immediate dissolution of the team. Conway has already notified Manager O'Brien that he is much displeased over the manner in which the Wings' tactics have been playing. He mentions that they have lost four games, but their defeats haven't been taken in good grace. Instead, he says, they have resorted to foul and unsportsmanlike tactics when they found themselves being beaten. P. J. says that the I. A. C. has always enjoyed an unimpaired reputation in all forms of athletics and he doesn't propose to have that reputation besmirched. Consequently he has made up his mind to disband the team if the wings display any unfair tactics he'll compel them to disband. This would mean the death of the Amateur League as it now stands, with only four clubs and couldn't finish out the schedule with only three members.

McLaughlin Makes White Feel Blue

Vic McLaughlin, the young heavy-weight, whom Joe Humphreys has frequently referred to in his introductions as the destroyer of "white hopes," put one of these ambitious big fellows out of business in the third round at the Forty-fourth Street Sporting Club show. The fighter McLaughlin stopped in Sallor White, who has fought all the other all-stars in the third round at the floor, claiming he had been struck a foul blow. Both Referee Corbett and Fee-Wee Charley Harburger said that the blow was a fair one, and of course White lost. In the other bouts Battling Larry Ryan defeated Ted Mitchell of Kenton, Pa. in the second round.

Bombardier Wells to Sail For This City To-Morrow

English Heavyweight Champion to Meet Luther McCarty at Garden in March. Willard has been compelled to call off several mates.

DREYFUSS AND MURRAY OF PIRATES INCENSED.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 31.—Barney Dreyfuss, president, and Billy Murray, scout, both of the Pirates, are as mad as March hares over the story that came from Carlisle yesterday to the effect that a Pittsburgh scout exposed Jim Thorpe as a professional as a part of a plot for advertisement. Both officials absolutely denied any attempt to secure the discredited Indian to play for the local club. Dreyfuss declared that he never made any offer of any kind for Thorpe, while Murray said that even had he known it, he would have been the last man in the world to bare Thorpe's past.

AMUSEMENTS. METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE.

TO-NIGHT: "HAROLD AND HIS WIVES."

AMUSEMENTS. EPIPODROMO.

TO-NIGHT: "UNDER MANY FLAGS."

AMUSEMENTS. BROADWAY THEATRE.

TO-NIGHT: "SAVING PRIVATE RYAN."

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LET "PROS" COMPETE IN NEXT OLYMPIAD, ENGLAND SUGGESTS

Sullivan Thinks the Proposal Just an Attempt at Sarcasm at Our Expense.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Inspired by the Thorpe incident, President Willits of the South London Harriers, the pioneer amateur athletic organization of Great Britain, suggests that the next set of Olympic games, which will be held in Berlin in 1916, be open to both professionals and amateurs.

When James E. Sullivan, the father of amateur athletics in this country, was told of the suggestion made by the English sport leader to have professionals compete in the next Olympic games he remarked that such a thing would be impractical.

"Where are there any professionals worthy the name to compete?" he queried. "In 1900 the 'pro' had a chance to show what they could do in the meet at Paris and they failed so miserably in their attempts to class with the amateurs that the experiment has never been repeated. I think our English cousins are trying to have a little fun with us, using the disqualification of Thorpe as their cue for sarcasm."

FORDHAM AND MANHATTAN READY FOR "BASKET" GAME

The Fordham and Manhattan basketball teams play their annual game in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory to-night. Last year Manhattan won after a hard-fought battle, 21-20, but Jack Herbert will play centre for Fordham and the boys on the hill think they will even up on their arch enemy.

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AMUSEMENTS. MOSS & BRILL THEATRE.

TO-NIGHT: "JEFFERSON."

AMUSEMENTS. HAMILTON.

TO-NIGHT: "THE MAN WITH THREE WIVES."

AMUSEMENTS. 86th Street.

TO-NIGHT: "GUNNINGHAM & NEWMAN THEATRES."

AMUSEMENTS. MCKINLEY SQUARE.

TO-NIGHT: "DE KALB."

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STEALING THE SQUIRREL'S STUFF.

BY BOZEMAN BULGER.

Are Leach Cross, the Boxing Commission, the baseball hold-outs, Father Winter, the Public Service Commission, et al., doing this? Listen! We quote from the Standard Dictionary on the meaning of the word "To stall": "To bring from pasture, as cattle or horses, and place in the stall, or stable, for fattening." Clear, isn't it? Now, is Leach doing that? Answer: Yes, Joe Humphreys says he is the "box stall." (That's Joe's stud; give him credit.) But Leach is not in a class by himself. There are others, who may not have come in from the pastures, but are in there for fattening just the same.

For instance, our old historic friend, Rube Marquard, thinks by taking to the stall he can get \$10,000. So far he has refused to sign his contract and is using it for theatrical billing. Tyros Cobb, on the other hand, is stalling for \$10,000, and even Wahoo Sam Crawford would take to the sport for some additional change.

As to Father Winter, that gent has been stalling so long now that he couldn't draw a crowd if Weather Prophet Starr, his press agent, advertised a blizzard with snowflakes as souvenirs. Our definition of stalling: New York's greatest indoor sport. What's yours?

BRENNAN NOW FEELS EASY.

Lughy Fullerton, that old weather prophet of baseball, who picked Charley Hero to be the weak spot in the Giant's infield during the last World's Series and also inventor of the "neutral zone" for base hits, declares most solemnly that the Cubs will be weakened 20 per cent, by the addition of Brennan. Pittsburgh is now going through the business of congratulating herself.

WHY NOT AFTER THE MEET?

Here's a real idea. It is taken from the copy of the minutes sent out by the press department of the High Schools Games Committee: "Moved and carried that the committee on swimming arrange for the heats in the 22-yard swim. Dr. Newton suggested that they be held on the afternoon or the day before the meet. Also carried."

POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS.

The Giants might have had Jim Thorpe signed up in the papers by now if McInraw hadn't been laid up with the grippe. The League of Winter Nuts hunters made the suggestion to Secretary Foster for a mappy lead, but "Mac" got in too late to give his indorsement. A little thing like that wouldn't have bothered those fellows out in St. Louis.

WE HAVE NO BANK ACCOUNT.

Speaking of sports-grabbing mongers (F. P. A. concurring), how would you like to make out a check to Chairman John H. Farrell of the National Board of Arbitration of the National Baseball Commission of Professional Minor League Baseball Clubs of America?

IMPORTANT IF TRUE.

Whether the confession of Jim Thorpe is responsible or not, Chairman John H. Farrell, Jr., has sent out a telegraph announcement in bulletin form to the effect that the Carolina Association has been reorganized under the name of North Carolina League, so as to embrace Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Raleigh and Winston-Salem. Asheville, by the way, is the place where the Giants went to play an exhibition game last spring and the local team got lost and couldn't be found until the season opened in May.

EXTRA! SOME MODIFICATION.

Speaking of important changes, an official bulletin announces that the Kansas League has been changed to the "Kansas State League." And still we go around harping about there being no winter baseball news.

NOW FOR EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

Three of the New York baseball writers have been appointed members of the National Commission of Indoor Baseball, which is our idea of the proper way to spend a winter.

RETURN THOSE PRIZES, STEVE.

Last spring, while on a sleeping car, some one pulled the old gag on Ed "Steve" Jacobson: "They are not going to make electric lights any longer. Why? Because they are long enough now." Steve has been thinking that over for a year and in a letter to McInraw he gives the net result. "Say, Mac," he writes, "there is a bird. I say. They are going to make upberth some more." Then you ask why, and I say "Because they are long enough now." Try it on some of the big fellows this spring. Jake is six feet four.

NO CHANGE FOR HER.

John Jacobson's wife, who was heard in a subway car yesterday: "Who is this man Frank Chance?" "That's a young woman," "that the papers talk so much about about the other woman," "that isn't a real name. It's a slang word used by the newspaper men. It's getting so these days I can't understand half what they are talking about."

THORPE NOT FREE AGENT, HE GOT \$125 A MONTH AS A "PRO" PLAYER.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Managers of baseball teams who have been telegraphing and writing James Thorpe, the Indian athlete, for his terms may begin again, as Thorpe, it was announced by President Johnson of the American League, is not a free agent. Thorpe is under contract with the Fayetteville (N. C.) club, and it will be necessary to negotiate for his release through the owner of that club. President Johnson received this information in a telegram from Secretary Farrell of the National Association. In 1910 Thorpe signed a contract with the Rocky Mount (N. C.) club at \$125 a month. Later he was transferred to Fayetteville and resided by that club.

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St. Nick's Play Hockey Game. The St. Nicholas team will make an effort to-night to defeat the Hockey Club and reduce the latter to 11 in the tournament for the Amateur Hockey League. St. Nick's team is stronger at the St. Nicholas rink. Although two games behind the leader, Capt. Stanley does not believe that this is sufficient cause for his team to give up hope of winning the cup, especially as this is only the beginning of the second round with ten more games to be played.

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