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## "OH, BOY! OH, JOY! WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?"

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## R. Edgren's COLUMN

### There Are Places Aplenty Where the Boxer's Endeavors to Entertain Will Be Appreciated When Frawley Law Dies at the Stroke of 12 To-Night.

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TO-NIGHT at the stroke of 12 the Anti-Boxing Blunder goes into effect. To-morrow evening the New York boxing fan will have to stay home and read the encyclopedia. And the boxers will be singing, "Oh, boy, oh joy—where do we go from here?"

Fortunately for the boxer there are places aplenty where his endeavors to entertain will be appreciated. Boxing goes out ONLY in New York State. And the time has passed when New York State sets the fashions for the rest of the country.

There will be twenty-round bouts, with decisions, in New Orleans, New Haven and other places. There will be twelve-rounders, with decisions, in Boston and Cleveland. There will be six-round bouts in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. There will be ten-round bouts in that dear Minnesota, where the Gibbons family is likely to be elected Governor of the State at any moment. There will also be ten-rounders in Memphis, Tenn., and Milwaukee and a lot of other places, and four-rounders in California, and finish fights just across the border at Tia Juana. On the whole, the boxers will be able to keep fairly busy in spite of New York State. A lot of them, with very commendable patriotism, have volunteered as army boxing instructors or enlisted in the service.

From present indications it seems quite probable that there will be boxers in this little old United States of America when the anti-boxing people rusticating up at Albany are off the map and forgotten.

GOV. WHITMAN is said to have declared that there is now "no law against boxing in this State." Also, according to the Governor: "There is nothing to prevent boxing bouts, either in legitimate clubs or in one's home, for that matter."

And this is attributed to Mr. Whitman:

**"Where bouts are conducted in legitimate clubs for members of the organization, there can be no objection, provided the contests are held in an orderly manner."**

Also:

**"I see no reason why legitimate clubs should not have boxing."**

THIS sounds quite unlike the Governor's former utterances. However, we trust he has begun to see the light. We are puzzled by only one thing. If the Governor regards boxing as it appears from the above—why—oh, why was the Frawley Law killed? The Frawley Law allowed bouts that were held under proper restrictions and in "an orderly manner," and the Frawley Law brought a certain percentage of the gate money at these bouts into the State treasury. If boxing is to have the official O. K., instead of the official K. O., what was the object in cutting out the revenue derived from the sport? Not that it makes much difference. The State can make up its loss by sticking a few dollars more on the annual donation of each taxpayer.

LAST Frawley Law championship bout—Al McCoy vs. Mike O'Dowd in Brooklyn to-night. Mike O'Dowd is a hardy looking specimen. Any one seeing him at a Sunday school picnic would pick him out at once as a real, genuine scrapologist. He couldn't wear a pacifist disguise to save his life. Fight sticks out all over him. Other fighters swagger when they walk, but O'Dowd swaggers when he stands still. That's how tough he is. They say he can't be hurt by a punch, and that he'd rather fight some tough guy to a finish than have Rockefeller's billions. For all that he writes a lovely letter. You ought to see the last one he sent me, describing in the most refined English just what he is going to do to Mr. McCoy, and why he is going to do it.

McCoy isn't saying much. What's the use. Nobody will believe him if he says he's the greatest middleweight champion we ever had, and probably that's the only thing he thinks he can say without wandering from the facts.

O'Dowd will probably slam McCoy for ten rounds. That's about all Murray, Gibbons and a few other better middleweights could do.

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## GOLF NEWS AND GOSSIP

PINEHURST, N. C., Nov. 14.—Franklin Gates of Broad Acres won the annual Carolina golf tournament, defeating J. D. Armstrong of Groton, N. Y., by 1 up in the final round.

Word comes from Boston that Mike Brady, the Massachusetts open champion, is confined to his bed with a severe cold, and will not take part in any more matches until he goes South. Brady is the "pro" at the Oakley Country Club, but has been mentioned in connection with the job at the Great Neck Golf Club which will be vacated in a short time by Gil Nicholls.

Although Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, long a figure in national golf as well as in minor affairs, is said to have gone off her game somewhat, she recently regained the championship title of the Merion Cricket Club. In the final round Mrs. Barlow defeated Mrs. G. S. Munson, last year's winner, 5 up and 4 to play.

The American Golf Association of Advertising Interests may not hold its annual winter tournament at Pinehurst this year. The same uncertainty exists with regard to the local advertising body.

George McLean, "pro" at North Hempstead and formerly at Dunwoodie, will succeed Gil Nichols at Great Neck. Nichols is to retire as a professional. Later he expects to appear as an amateur.

## MOVE TO START NEW BALL LEAGUE RECEIVES SETBACK

### So Much Opposition Develops at the Minors' Louisville Meeting That the Scheme Is Likely to Be Abandoned.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 14.—Formation of a new league to include the Louisville, Indianapolis and Toledo Clubs of the American Association and certain clubs of the International League has received a serious setback.

A. R. Tearney of Chicago, President of the Three-I League, who offered a resolution requesting the redistricting in an minor league territory, finally amended it to include only leagues of Class B or lower.

The resolution, which would have enabled the dissatisfied clubs of the American Association to carry out their merger, was received with opposition when presented to a committee appointed to change the constitution of the National Association of Baseball Leagues.

Thomas J. Hickey, President of the American Association, and Senator Cooper, attorney for the Kansas City Club, were among those who attacked it.

When the convention reconvenes today the resolution will be presented for passage. Tearney wants a committee of three appointed with full power to act on readjustment of territory and a realignment of clubs as a war message.

## MOHR DEFEATS DOYLE IN SLASHING BATTLE.

At the Pioneer Sporting Club's last boxing show under the Frawley law, held last night, Walter Mohr, the "Blond Tiger," from Brooklyn, won his second bout in forty-eight hours by outpointing Paul Doyle of the east side in one of the hardest fought welterweight bouts seen this season. Mohr, through his terrific body attack, piled up quite a lead early in the fight, but toward the finish Doyle landed many telling hooks. Mohr defeated Knockout Lew Williams on Monday night. In the semi-final, Walter Laurett of the east side and Marty Croas fought a fast ten-round draw.

**The Britton-Bartfield Bout.**

Jack Britton and Soldier Bartfield fought ten rounds at Buffalo last night. It must have been a good fight, as their respective managers, Dan Morgan and Dan McKetrick, both claimed victory. Morgan was in with the returns at 12.45 A. M. to-day, McKetrick following at 1.05, beaten twenty minutes. Morgan modestly said: "Britton won after a furious bout;" McKetrick wired, "Bartfield wins all the way, his sixth fight in seventeen days."

**Red Sox Must Pay Hageman.**

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 14.—Under a decision rendered by the Court of Appeals here the Boston American League Club will have to pay the Baseball Players' Fraternity $1,480, the difference between the salary called for in a contract which Kurry M. (Casey) Hageman, a pitcher, had with the Red Sox in 1912, and what he actually received that season playing with the Jersey City team of the International League.

**Cowler and Meehan Box Draw.**

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 14.—Tom Cowler of England and Willie Meehan of California fought twelve rounds to a draw last night at the Armory A. A. Cowler knocked Meehan down in the eleventh round with a backhand lolt. Meehan's right eye was sealed tightly at the finish of the bout. His clownish antics amused the crowd.

**Naval Reserves vs. Rutgers.**

Charles Ebbets jr. returned from Newport to-day with the news that he had completed arrangements for a big football game to be played at Ebbets' Field on Nov. 24. The opposing elevens will be the 2d Naval Reserve team of Newport and George Foster Sanford's strong Rutgers team. "Cupid" Black, the former Yale star, is Captain of the Naval Reserve boys.

## "Jim Sullivan" Ambulance to Be Seen at Front

James E. Sullivan's name is to live on the battle fronts of Europe. An ambulance given to the Italian Red Cross by the City Athletic Club of New York will carry the name of the late head of the Amateur Athletic Union in letters of brass on its gray side.

The City A. C., like many other organizations, determined several weeks ago to present an ambulance for use on the Italian front. It was felt by the members that the club should honor the name of the man who is admitted to have done more for track and field athletics in this country than any other individual.

Accordingly, when the ambulance was sent off, it carried a name-plate bearing this inscription:

**"The City A. C. of New York gives this ambulance to the Italian Red Cross in honor of the late James E. Sullivan, former President of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States."**

Jim Sullivan was known in Europe as in this country as far-sighted and aggressive in spreading the gospel of track and field athletics—a sport to which he devoted much of his life.

## Dillon Lucky To Escape K.O. Against Miske

Jack Dillon was saved the disgrace of his first knockout at the hands of Billy Miske at the Broadway Sporting Club last night because of his wonderful gameness.

Dillon received the worst thrashing of his whole career, and for ten rounds he was always on the verge of his first unfinished fight.

The Hoosier fought back blindly, though he was forced at times to back into the ropes and remain there, covered up, hoping that Miske by some chance or other would collapse himself, so weak did Dillon become under the bombardment. Occasionally his arms would drop and dangle at his heaving sides an his face then became an open target for Miske's rasping punches.

Dillon wasn't knocked out. That tells the whole story. He was so bad at times that the crowd implored his seconds to toss in the towel. Jack had told them, though, that he would never surrender as a fighting man and he didn't to Miske, who punched himself giddy trying to floor Jack for a count.

Dillon was floored cleanly in the last round, with the very first punch, but even then, with nine seconds leeway, Jack refused to take the count. It was an amazing show of gameness, for the bell had saved him in the round before. That he could get up and take his medicine made them marvel. Driven to every side of the ring, his legs wobbling, mouth wide open and arms weighing a ton each, the spunky giant-killer stuck it out.

## Fistic News and Gossip By John Pollock

To-night at the Clermont Sporting Club in Brooklyn a middleweight championship contest will be staged, featuring Champion Al McCoy and Challenger Mike O'Dowd, the slashing St. Paul star. O'Dowd, who some time ago gained a referee's decision over Welterweight Champion Ted Lewis, is confident that he will knock out McCoy. Matchmaker Silvey Burns, at the eleventh hour, stated that moving pictures will be taken of the fight, as it is the last bout staged under the Frawley law. Fans from New Haven, Providence, Bridgeport, Philadelphia, Dayton and Cleveland will attend.

Jack Britton, who fought two battles in the short period of twenty-four hours, meeting Johnny Tillman in Philadelphia on Monday night and Soldier Bartfield at Buffalo last night, added several hundred dollars to his bank account as a result of these scraps. For beating Tillman he draw down close to $1,000, while for his bout with Bartfield he received an additional $1,000.

Not discouraged in the least by his defeat by Champion Pete Herman at New Orleans, Frankie Burns, the great little bantamweight of Jersey City, has decided to continue fighting, and will go after all of the other bantams when he returns from the South in a few days. He defeated Young Marlow at Spartanburg, S. C., in six rounds on Saturday night and expects to meet some other good boy at the same place next Saturday evening.

Young Russo, the New Orleans lightweight, who is now fighting under the management of Scotty Montieth, was matched to-day to meet Shamus O'Brien for ten rounds at the Broadway Sporting Club on Saturday evening. In the other two tens Willie Loughlin of Pennsylvania boxes Augie Ratner and Red McDonald goes against Tommy Kim of Paterson, N. J.

With Jack Sheehan, the veteran referee of Boston, again officiating at the Armory A. A. of Boston, the club is well supplied with officials, as Larry Conley and Moffatt Flaherty are also connected with the club in that capacity. Sheehan has refereed hundreds of bouts and has always given satisfaction.

Although the manager of Johnny Tillman, the St. Paul welterweight, is circulating reports in "Philly" to the effect that he has matched Tillman to fight Champion Benny Leonard at St. Paul on Dec. 3, Billy Gibson, who looks after the affairs of Leonard, says there is not a particle of truth in the announcement. Billy says there is no chance of Leonard boxing Tillman at St. Paul on that date.

Charley Murray, the fight promoter of Buffalo, in a telegram to this office, declares that the Queensberry A. C., of which he is the manager and matchmaker, intends to go right along holding boxing shows under the membership rule after the Frawley law goes out of existence. Charles states that his club has a membership of 8,000 and that he ran membership shows there before the present law was passed.

Unless the numerous managers of fight clubs in New Orleans get together and complete arrangements whereby they won't clash on dates for the holding of their shows, the game is likely to get a setback there. There are four clubs now conducting boxing entertainments in that city, and it looks as though they'll wrangle over some of the bouts they intend putting on.

To-night at the New Polo Club of Harlem, which is New York's oldest boxing club, Eddie Siegel of Harlem will take on Young Leroy, also of Harlem; Johnny Duffy of Yorkville and Willie Andrews of New Jersey will clash, and in the third and final ten Johnny Hayes of the east side will try conclusions with Danny Davis, also of the east side.

Battling Reddy of Harlem, who has grown into a featherweight, will box Terry Martin of Providence to a decision at Lawrence on Nov. 22 and on Thanksgiving afternoon he will face Joe Morgan at Manchester, N. H.

Willie Jackson, who was married last Saturday, will meet Frankie McManus, the Boston lad, who has won his last three fights by the knockout route, at the Olympia A. A. of Philadelphia on Thanksgiving Day afternoon. At the same show Benny Valgar, the French bantam champion, and Gussie Lewis of Philadelphia will clash.

Doc Bagley, who is the manager of Willie Jackson and Benny Valgar, has taken another boxer under his management. It is Harry Martine, who claims the lightweight championship of New Jersey.

The Harlem Sporting Club will open a membership club on Friday evening, Nov. 30, under the charter and name of the Postman A. C.

## Scores of Diamond Stars Will Be Carrying Guns Instead of Bats in 1918

### From Present Indications the Major Leagues Will Be Well Represented in the American Fighting Forces, and Before Next Season Rolls Around There Won't Be a Club in Either the American or National That Won't Be Weakened by Absence in War of One or More Stars.

BASEBALL players in the Canadian Army quickly developed into expert bombers and grenade throwers. When some of the American big league stars get into action in France Heinie is apt to think he's being bombarded by some new kind of long-range artillery. From present indications the major leagues are going to be well represented in the American fighting forces. Before next season rolls around every club in the big circuits will have sent a quota to either the army or navy. Scores of prominent stars will be carrying rifles instead of bats in 1918. The response to service will mean batting orders must be greatly changed. It will be a glorious opportunity for the young phenoms to break in while the regulars are away doing their bit.

To Harry McCormick goes the honor of being the first well known ballplayer to reach the battle zone since this country was forced into the war. The former Giant went to Plattsburg and sailed with one of the first expeditions.

Eddie Grant is another Plattsburger. He's now a Captain of infantry stationed at Camp Upton. Leon Cardoe, one of the Dodger pitchers, is also at Camp Upton.

Only a few players volunteered and not many more were caught in the first draft, but the next draft will affect every club in both major organizations.

Of the Giants, Kelly has already joined the army out in California. Henderson has also enlisted. Davey Robertson was summoned in the first draft, and in all probability the crack outfielder will be accepted in the medical corps. Robertson served three months in a Norfolk hospital last winter and became a full-fledged M. D.

Kauff comes in on the next draft. Benny's fingers are so crooked and knotty that he couldn't possibly handle a rifle and may be exempted for that reason. Perritt, Teareau, Holke, Schupp and McCarthy are all within the draft age, but they are all married and with dependents and may be exempted. The other regulars are over age. Zimmerman says if he had been summoned by the draft he would have claimed exemption on the grounds of having been born in the Bronx. Jim Thorpe, being an Indian, cannot be drafted. So the Giant club will not be seriously weakened.

Pitcher Smallwood of the Yankees and Outfielder Frank Gilhooley are now wearing khaki. Shawkey, Hendrix, Miller, Love and Walters have been exempted.

The Dodgers have lost Pitcher Cardore and Miljus, who is in a camp near Pittsburg. The next call will likely take Pitchers Ed Pfeffer and Sherrod Smith. Hickman and Stengel are draft members, but not likely to be taken in the next call.

The world's champions haven't suffered to any extent by the war. Pitcher Jim Scott is in an officers' training camp at Presidio, Cal. Joe Jenkins was drafted. So were Buck Weaver, Ray Schalk and Joe Jackson, but they were exempted.

Leslie Mann, who is now engaged in Y. M. C. A. relief work, is the only Cub now in uniform.

The Athletics have been hardest hit. Connie Mack said goodby to Outfielder Ralph Sherman, Third Baseman Ray Bates, and Pitchers Win Noyes and Rollie Naylor. They are now with the colors.

Pat Moran fared well so far, but a number of the Phillies come up for examination in the next draft.

The Cleveland Club will contribute a big quota of fighters for Uncle Sam.

Pitcher Ed Klepfer, First Baseman Joe Harris and Outfielder Elmer Smith are training for commissions. Louis Guisto is now in camp at Palo Alto, Cal.; Pitcher Clark Dickerson soldiering in Texas and Pitcher Chesser Yorkeiton is in camp at Rockland. Third Baseman Joe Evans is another Clevelander in the army. The Cleveland Club has lost a number of its regulars, but there will be a big squad of reserves to draw from.

Detroit sent First Baseman George Burns to the National Army and Pitcher Willie Mitchell is awaiting a call.

Five members of the Red Sox followed the lead of their manager and enlisted in the Naval Reserve. They are Jack Barry, Outfielders Duffy, Lewis and Shorton, Ernie Shore, the twirler, and Mike McNalley.

The Braves lost one regular, Hank Gowdy, who enlisted in the second Rainbow Division.

Both St. Louis teams, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Washington have their clubs almost intact up to the present time.

### SPORTING.

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## PUTTING 'EM OVER WITH "BUGS" BAER

### "New York Boxing Promoters Can Now Sleep on Pillows Stuffed With Feathers From the Goose Who Laid the Golden Egg."

*By Arthur ("Bugs") Baer.*

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Practice among the Western Pennsylvania football teams is rather uncertain. Every few minutes the boys have to stop and make a locomotive.

**Couple of Harvard seniors are still trying to make the freshman eleven.**

*Fulton will have a chance with Willard if he is escorted through the danger zone by U. S. destroyers.*

**Gov. Whitman says that boxing is legal in New York provided that the boys don't come to blows.**

For the average guy a week consists of six off days and a day off.

**Jess Willard says he won't fight until the fighting is over.**

*Our old pal Freddy Welsh is anxious to quit farming and retire to the ring again.*

YEA BO.

After lamping our educated boxers, the fight fan longs for the good old scrapper whose only alma mater was a punch on the nose.

Sam Langford and Harry Wills played another encore out in Toledo.

*Why not move the ice hockey season to Europe and consolidate the fighting?*

**Columbia player out of the game with a boil on his neck. Why doesn't he fumble it?**

LET'S GO.

**New York boxing promoters can now sleep on pillows stuffed with feathers from the goose who laid the golden egg.**

YOU SAID IT.

*Following Mr. Hoover's entreaties, a prominent pitcher announces that he will waste no more balls on weak batters.*

**Best way to become a good fighter is to use the ring, the exits and the telegraph.**

*Bolsheviki is another winter league that never reached its opening game.*

**New York State boxing takes one on the chin to-night.**

## MANY NEW FACES WILL BE SEEN IN SIX-DAY RACE.

With many European stars eliminated from the cycle game on account of the war, many new faces will be seen at the coming six-day race in Madison Square Garden Dec. 2-8. Young blood from the Eastern tracks will be injected into the race this year. Two youngsters who have been holding their own with veterans on the Newark track were to-day signed as a team to ride their first long race, Gus Lang and George Chapman, both of Newark. Chapman and Lang were picked from the cream of the young talent riding at the Velodrome this summer, both being possessed of a fine burst of speed and excellent staying qualities.

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