AMERICAN LEAGUE HOLDS TO ITS OLD LIMIT—BOUGHTON DECLARED PROFESSIONAL

"FANNING" WITH GRANTLAND RICE

Kipling Number

(In which Rudyard the Renowned attempts to come back)

By some queer chance—or perhaps by the inhalation of certain ingredients extracted from the poppy—there came to our desk today the astral body of Rudyard Kipling.

"What can we do for you?" we asked in pleasingly modulated accents.

"I'll tell you," he said, with unusual abruptness. "I've felt that I've been slipping for some time. I haven't batted .300 now in about five years. What I want is a chance to come back. I know I can hit that old pill again if I get the chance. I know I've still got that old wallop. Mike Donlin came back. So did Jimmy Callahan. Why can't I?"

Opening Salute

"You're on," we replied succinctly, suppressing a yawn, having no idea the fellow had it in him.

"We rather liked that thing of yours called 'Christmas in India,' which began 'Dim dawn behind the tamarisks—the sky is saffron yellow,' etc. Rewrite that into some up-to-date sporting parlance."

Ten minutes later he returned with the following, entitled:

Winter in the North

White snow upon the Polo Grounds, the sky is gray and yellow
As the Bugs sit down at stove side, dull and drear;
And each frantic wails and moans while calling to his fellow
That the Winter League, the Winter League is here;
Oh, the slush along the base lines and upon the pennant-chase lines,
Oh, the howling wind that hovers over earth;
And in Cuba they are mobbing of the umpire and Tycobbing—
What part have Northern exiles in their mirth?

Thick ice upon the seventh green, and all the others bli'me,
But at Palm Beach they are putting for a "three";
They are laying up approaches for a dormie or a stymie
As they whale the guttapercha from the tee;
Oh, the round of 87s under azure, cloudless heavens;
Oh, the echo of the brassie or the spoon;
As they flit from trap to bunker, we are up here getting drunker
As we think how far away it is to June.

Comeback Surprises Expert

To say that we were astounded is putting it mildly. We had no idea the old boy had a kick like that left in his system.

"Not so bally rotten, what?" said the well-known bard.

"Any old duffer," we replied, "can make one hit. Are you game for another time at bat?"

"Shoot," he said, "as long as it isn't Danny Deever, or Mandalay, or Fuzzy-Wuzzy, or Gunga Din."

"Take your pick," we answered. And about eight minutes later he returned with the following, labeled:

The Tommy Atkins of Balldom

I go into a game of ball and do the best I can;
I make me bloomin' errors just like any other man;
I boot one in the pinches or I grab one for a miss,
But when they start to pan me I am back at them like this:

Oh, it's "bonehead" this and "lobster" that
And "Can the rotten swine!"
But it's "Ain't that guy a wonder!"
When I bust one down the line;
I bust one down the line, old dog,
I bust one down the line;
Oh, it's Pictures in the Paper
When I bust one down the line.

I jump into another league to bolster up me roll,
An' all the papers ups an sez "He sold his rotten soul"
But when the owner cans me or I tumble from the peak,
'Ow many 'oller "Ere's a job at 20 bones a week"?

Oh, it's "Jumper" this and "Traitor" that
An' "Chuck him out, the dip"—
But they take up no collections
When me arm begins to slip, etc.

Taking Notice

At this point we began to sit up and take notice. Evidently, the fellow was not only coming back, but was moving on beyond his best form. "You're there on that baseball chatter," we admitted, rather admiringly, "but how are you on golf?"

"Just a second," Kipling replied. And seven minutes later he turned in the following, entitled:

The Conundrum of the Golf Shops

When the flush of a new-born sun first fell on Eden's golfing strand,
Our Father Adam stood on a tee with a crooked stick in his hand;
And the first rude swing that the world had seen brought joy to his heart in a swarm,
Till the Devil whispered behind the leaves: "It's pretty—but is it Form?"

Wherefore he called to his wife and tried to fashion his swing anew;
The first of the clan who cared a fig for the first dread review;
And he left his style to the use of his sons, who thought it a glorious gain,
Till the Devil whispered "Is it Form?" in the ear of the duffer Cain.

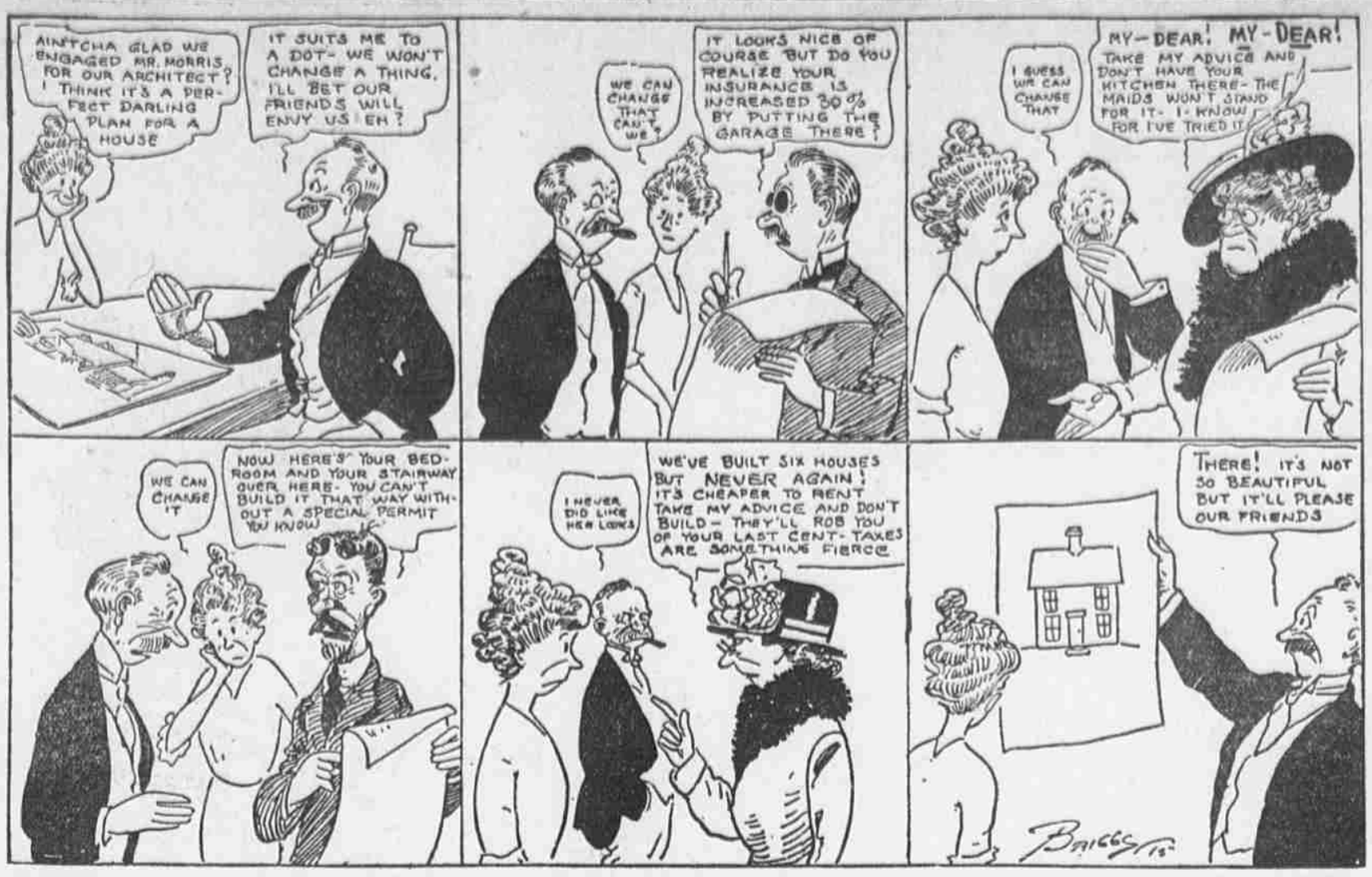
They builded a bunker to reach the sky and turn each score to a blotch;
Till the Devil grunted from out the sand: "It's striking—but is it Scotch?"
The cleek was dropped to the bunker side and the idle mashie hung,
While each guy talked of the "proper stroke" and each in an alien tongue.

When the flicker of Springtime's sun first falls with a dream that is ever fond,
The sons of Adam hie them forth where the fairway lies beyond;
Their brassies sweep as they hit the pill, but their pain and their anguish swarm,
For the Devil mutters behind the tee: "You hit it; but was it Form?"

This ended all rebuttal. There was no longer any doubt now that the once noted bard had swung back to his old high level—back to the days of Danny Deever and Gunga Din. The old punch was still there. The old speed and control had returned. The old Batting Eye was adjusted to the old .300 notch.

Whirling suddenly in our swivel chair we turned to congratulate him. But he had vanished. His astral body had faded into the winter night. But from out across the dusk-ridden silence of the snow there came this mocking call:

"WHO SAYS THEY NEVER COME BACK?"



SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

SPORTING WRITERS HONOR INJURED GRIDIRON PLAYER

Layfield, Johns Hopkins Quarterback, May Survive Injuries.

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 4.—Today was the time set apart by the sporting writers in Wilmington to send a postcard shower to Robert Layfield, the Johns Hopkins football player whose neck was broken in a game in Bethlehem in October, but is still living and has a hope for recovery. Young Layfield recently underwent an operation at Delaware Hospital, but has now been returned to the home of his parents at 1007 Park place.

In answer to the request nearly 1000 postal cards, expressing well wishes, and bunch after bunch of flowers had been received up to early this afternoon. The young man is cheerful and declares he will recover. He is a son of Walter A. Layfield, vice president of the Atlas Powder Company, of this city.

ONLY HALF OF THE PHILLIES WILL GO SOUTH BY BOAT

Three Major League Clubs to Sail on Same Vessel.

Business Manager Shettsline stated this afternoon that only about half of the Phillies would sail South by boat this year. All of the players who live west of Cleveland will go directly by rail to Jacksonville, where they will be joined by the seagoers. From there the entire Philly squad will go to St. Petersburg.

The Apache, which sails from New York to Jacksonville on February 26, will carry three baseball clubs, the Phillies, Athletics and Brooklyn National Leaguers. Only the youngsters and the pitchers of Mack's clan will sail on that date. The regulars will start a week later by rail to the Southern training camp. Connie Mack, with Mrs. Mack, intends to go South by train, arriving at the camp when the first squad lands in the Floridian metropolis.

SWIMMING MEET ON

Middle Atlantic Championship Will Be Held Here on February 13.

The swimming committee of the Central Y. M. C. A. this afternoon assured the committee of Middle Atlantic Association that it has received sufficient entries to warrant holding the 100-yard swim and fancy diving championships, scheduled February 13, at the Central Y. M. C. A. tank.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM ON THE SEA OF SPORT

Which Is Indefinite

Can old John Colby Coombs come back?
They do not know who make the dope.
Can he once more get up the track?
We've nothing on the thing—but hope.

We Should Become Apprehensive

Penn is entering only six men to Harvard's 25 and Yale's 24 in the big Boston athletic meeting next Saturday night, but one of the six is Meredith.

Help!

So Harry Baker stopped Tighe in two rounds. How disappointing to Tighe's backers, most of whom hoped he'd get a tighe, anyhow.

Nobody Knows

A big foreign wrestler's to meet Doctor Roller;
The idea that comes to us couldn't be droller—
The doctor may lose each bicuspid and molar
By greeting the other, whose name is Wladek Cyganciwicz Zbysko.

The beauty of a name like that is that it will rhyme with anything, depending on the way it is pronounced. The right way? Who knows?

A Matter of Monakers

Frankie Callahan got a telegram from his brother. His brother is Hyman Holtzman.

Danger Ahead

If the baseball moguls don't stop holding pow-wows they'll run out of ammunition, and then what will happen to the war?

Some Tame Match

Ministers of Cincinnati want Gunboat Smith and Jim Flynn arrested for their "boxing contest" the other night.

The white hopes give us little room for praise,
And numbered are their big head-lining days.
Their efforts to amuse are often flat—
But was the Smith-Flynn match as bad as that?

For a Day or a Moment

Soon, now, we won't have to worry about anything but the "second Ty Cobbs" and the "Collins' rivals," who flash into fame for a day in the Southern training camps.

That Limit

The American League clubs may carry 25 men on their roster—not including the manager—after May 15. This news was the most interesting announced at the gathering of the big moguls in New York city yesterday. Connie Mack, of the Athletics, was one who would not fall in with the National League's proposal to have but 21 men on the list. Stiff opposition was everywhere experienced when the suggestion to limit the number of players to 21 was broached. The National League proposed a 21 players' limit probably as a feeler.

Boughton's Case

Charles Boughton, the Newark High School athlete who won the American scholastic championship cross-country race here, has been declared a professional by the Metropolitan Registration Committee. He has the privilege of appealing to the board of governors of the association, but has little chance to have the ruling of the committee set aside. It is worth a trial, however.

PENN ENTERS BIG SQUAD IN N. Y. A. C. INDOOR GAMES

Relay Team Leaves Tonight for Meet With Michigan.

Coach George W. Orton announced this afternoon that Pennsylvania would enter a good sized team in the annual indoor games of the New York Athletic Club next Wednesday night at Madison Square Garden. About two dozen athletes were entered today, but the number to be taken will depend upon how the men show up between now and Tuesday.

This meet will mark the first indoor appearance of M. M. Dorizas, the Greek strong man, in the shot-put. He is entered in the 12-pound event. Dorizas has immense strength but lacks finish, and the Quaker authorities think he will get this by competing against the class of men he will meet in New York. For the same reason he will be entered in a number of other indoor meets. Dorizas will probably give up wrestling as soon as the meet with State College, in which he is to meet Lamb, the State College star, whom no one has yet been able to throw. After that bout Dorizas will devote himself exclusively to shot-putting.

This meet will also mark the first appearance of Jimmy Patterson in the sprints. The following are the entries:

70-yard dash—Patterson, Kaufman, Friedman.

70-yard high hurdles—Ferguson, Warren.

300-yard dash—Kaufman, Patterson, Lockwood, Lippincott.

880-yard run—Meredith, Dorsey, Peeso.

2-mile run—Colton, Humphreys, Lieberman.

High jump—Rowley, Warren.

12-pound shot-put—Dorizas, Witherow.

Baxter mile—Dorsey, Peeso, Humphreys.

BOYS PICK CAMP SITE

Germantown Youngsters Will Spend Summer at Ocean City.

The Germantown Boys' Club camp for 1915 will be located in the old Ocean City Yacht Club, at 5th and Pleasure avenue, Ocean City, N. J. This site was selected by the newly organized Camp Association of the Boys' Club, which will finance the camp. The old yacht clubhouse is a three-story building, with large porches on the first and second floors, a large dining room and other facilities for such a camp.

There is plenty of open space for the erection of tents if they are necessary, but as the house will accommodate 100 each week it is not expected that tents will be used. Ever since last September, when the camp closed, the boys have been saving their pennies for their vacation this summer. Over 200 boys were organized in October into teams of ten, with the captain, and they are saving a small sum weekly, which will help to pay their expenses at the camp next summer.

LADY ATKINS WINS IN OPENING EVENT AT NEW ORLEANS

Outsider, at 15 to 1, Lands Money in First Race. Broomsedge, the Favorite, Captures Second Easily.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 4.—Lady Atkins, a 15-to-1 shot, landed first money in the opening event here this afternoon, in which Lewis Apper was in for place and Busy Alice the show. Seven others also ran.

Broomsedge, the favorite, easily won the second race, beating out Cloak. Belle Bird was in for show money.

First race, maiden 2-year-olds, 3½ furlongs—Lady Atkins, 107, Warrington, 15 to 1, 5 to 1, 2 to 1, won; Lewis Apper, 114, Goose, 3 to 1, even, 2 to 5, second; Busy Alice, 111, Dishman, 13 to 10, 2 to 5, out, third. Time, :42 2-5. Infidel II, Ethel May, Baseball, Lyndora, Some Beach, Sweep Up and Phil Ungar also ran.

Second race, selling, 4-year-olds and up, 5½ furlongs—Broomsedge, 108, Van Dusen, 7 to 5, 3 to 5, 1 to 4, won; Cloak, 102, Conway, 8 to 1, 6 to 5, 3 to 5, second; Belle Bird, 102, Mathews, 12 to 1, 5 to 1, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:07. Fawn, Ethelburg II, Chilton Squaw, Muskmelon, Lucy B, Mystic Boy, Suregat, Hearthstone, Flying Yankee, O'Tis True, Fundamental and Chickery Dick also ran.

Third race, selling, 4-year-olds and up, 5½ furlongs—Gabrio, 111, Goose, 5 to 2, even, 1 to 2, won; Oakland, 107, O'Brien, 4 to 1, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, second; Martin Casca, 102, Nicklaus, 9 to 2, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, third. Time, 1:06 3-5. Birka, Ida Lavinia, Miss Barnharbor, Colora, Dewdrop, Luria also ran.

Fourth race, 3-year-olds and up, mile—For Fair, 96, Lilly, 4 to 1, 7 to 5, 1 to 2, won; Bayberry Candle, 110, Turner, 5 to 1, even, 2 to 5, second; Indolence, 104, O'Brien, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, out, third. Time, 1:38 4-5. Our Ren, Chad Buford and Just Red also ran.

Fifth race, selling, 4-year-olds and up, 3 furlongs—New Haven, 112, Mathews, 8 to 5, 7 to 10, 1 to 5, won; Cliff Top, 110, Shuttinger, 20 to 1, 8 to 1, 4 to 1, second; Iridescence, 112, Waren, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, third. Time, 1:13 4-5. Serenata, Nimbus, Arvene, Cogs, Ralph Lloyd, Montcalm, I Spy, Father Phelan and Prince Chap also ran.

Havana Results

First race, 5 furlongs, $500, for 2-year-olds and up, selling—Sonny Boy, 103, Taplin, 3 to 5, 1 to 3, out, won; Archery, 97, Robinson, 7 to 1, 2 to 1, 4 to 5, second; Fred Levy, 94, Garner, 15 to 1, 6 to 1, 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:19 2-5. Ione, Colonel Holloway and Wolf's Bath also ran.

Second race, $500, 2-year-olds and up, selling, 5½ furlongs—Mac, 112, Connelly, 9 to 2, 2 to 1, even, won; Charley Brown, 108, Pitts, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; The Monk, 113, Dreyer, 7 to 2, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:26 1-5. General Warren, Steslaway, Duke of Shelby and Supreme also ran.

Third race, five furlongs, $500, for 3-year-olds and up, maidens, selling—Thomas Galloway, 108, Russell, 5 to 2, 6 to 5, 3 to 5, won; Zaff, 103, Robinson, 3 to 1, 6 to 5, 3 to 5, second; Indifferent, 93, ——, 6 to 1, 3 to 1, 3 to 1, third. Time. May Ions, Anna Rose, Columbia Lady, Frontier, Bunice. Finisher, A. C. Haley and Mortkyle also ran.

JUAREZ RESULTS

First race, selling, 2-year-olds, 5½ furlongs—San Gallo, 109, Metcalf, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, won; Bricks, 103, Martin, 7 to 5, 4 to 5, 2 to 1, out, second; Whispering Hope, 95, Acton, 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, third. Time, :40 3-5. Jimmie Hunt, Lady Blanche, Smiling Maggie and Meal Ticket also ran.

New Orleans Entries

First race, purse, for maiden 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—Egeria, 101; Marjorie D., 101; Jefferson, 105; W. C. West, 105; Pied Piper, 105; Phil T., 108; Dare Devil, 105; Bell Buoy, 105; Forest Gate, 105; Foxy Griff, 108; Hugh, 108; Louisa Jacobs, 107; E. M. Watson, 109; Smoky Dan, 109; I Spy, 108.

Second race, selling, 4-year-olds and up, 3 furlongs—Tip Dawdell, 107; Pretty Lale, 109; Miss Daniels, 103; Prospero's Son, 109; Okoloma, 109; Brynavia, 100; Leialoha, 109; Briggs' Brother, 109; Chilton Squaw, 109; Hofman, 111; Gray's Favorite, 111; Casque, 111; Mawr Lad, 109; Nimbus, 111; Colfax, 112.

Third race, selling, 6 furlongs—Strange Girl, 102; Scraper, 106; Diadi, 109; Yemassee, 109; Nila, 109; Tillie's Nightmare, 109; Barrett, 109; Hypatia, 110; Bertodana, 111; Flying Yankee, 111; Bogart, 111; Amoret, 111; Cannock, 112; Priver, 114; Suregat, 114.

Fourth race, selling, 4-year-olds and up, mile and a quarter—Ora McGee, 104; Frog, 106; Luke Van Zandt, 106; Billie Baker, 106; Marshon, 106; Consoler, 107; Strife, 109; Reno, 112.

Fifth race, selling, 3-year-olds and up, mile and 20 yards—Mallard, 95; Billy Stuart, 102; Old Jordan, 102; Joe D., 102; Tom Chapman, 103; Ford Mai, 104; Jacob Bunn, 107; Rodondo, 107; Our Ren, 108; Servicence, 109; Loveday, 109.

Sixth race, selling, 3-year-olds and up, mile and 20 yards—Lady Bryn, 97; *Gallant Boy, 99; Page White, 99; Blackthorn, 99; Requiram, 102; Bula Welsh, 104; June W., 104; Miss Kruter, 105; Ravenal, 106; Huda's Brother, 107; El Paso, 109; Dangerous March, 109; Kilmundy, 109; Autumn, 109; Weyanoke, 112.

*Apprentice allowance claimed. Weather cloudy; track fast.

Juarez Entries

First race, selling, 4-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—*Feline, 102; Austri, 102; *Renwar, 104; *Cloud Chief, 107, Agnes G., 107; Augustus Heinze, 107; Red Prospects, 109; Mollie Clad, 110; *Compton, 110; Terror, 110; Maxing, 112; Dr. S. P. Tate, 112; Mike Donlin, 112; Sweet Bait, 112; Billy Barnes, 115.

Second race, selling, 4-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—*Virginia S., 102; *Janiel, 102; *Vava, 102; *Miss Chaucer, 102; *Art Rick, 102; Oblivion, 107; Tattler, 109; Florence Kripp, 110; Hareel, 109; Noble Grande, 112; Martin Chavis, 112; Lescar, 112; Kali Inla, 112; Kid Nelson, 112; Quick Trip, 112.

Third race, selling, 3-year-olds, 5½ furlongs—*Katherine G., 115; Smuggler, 100; *Aswan, 102; Gano, 103; Dismiss, 104; *Carrie Orme, 104; Sultana, 106; Type, 107; Langhorne, 109.

Fourth race, selling, 4-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—*Theodorita, 100; *Claribel, 100; Well Known, 103; Florin, 105; Flitaway, 105; Paw, 107; Al Wormwood, 107; Grapeshot, 113; Gordon Russell, 113.

Fifth race, selling, 4-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—Freda Johnson, 107; Superi, 107; Blinata, 107; *Cantem, 107; Manganese, 109; Gasket, 110; Gold Finn, 110; Ann Tilly, 110; Ferrona, 110; Miss Sly, 110; Rey, 112; Lolly Heywood, 112; Doc Allen, 112; Mandadero, 112; Ancestors, 115.

Sixth race, selling, 4-year-olds and up, mile—Hester, 101; *Kick, 102; Otilo, 107; Thomas Hare, 107; Barnard, 107; *Visible, 107; Cordova, 110; Fanculi Hall, 112; Flying, 112; The Cinder, 112.

*Apprentice allowance claimed. Weather clear; track fast.

MISS HAMMOND WINS SHOOT

Captures Spoon Trophy in Nemours Gun Club Event.

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 4.—Despite the ground being covered with a heavy snow, more than the usual number of members of the Nemours Gun Club journeyed to the Dupont Trap-Shooting Club Grounds today to take part in the Sterling Silver Spoon event. Miss Harriet D. Hammond won the spoon by making 32 out of 50. The other scores were: Mrs. Harry White, 18 out of 50; Mrs. Charles Springer, 3 out of 25; Dr. Florence Seward, 14 out of 50; Miss Amy Schofield, 8 out of 25.

While the day was clear and bright, sunshine on the snow-covered ground made shooting difficult, and with the exception of the score of Miss Hammond, the scores were not up to the usual mark. It had been intended to have revolver practice for women, but the range was not quite ready.

Karst Signs With Brooklyn

Jack Karst, of Philadelphia, who was with Connie Mack's Yamigan squad in Jacksonville last spring, has signed with the Brooklyn National League Club. Karst will go South with the Flatbushers, sailing on the Apache along with the Athletics and Phillies on February 26.

Karst is a third baseman. He was tried out thoroughly by Mack, then sent to Wilmington where he played a part of last season. He is a left-handed hitter.

A RARE FISTIC TREAT
SATURDAY NIGHT—SATURDAY NIGHT
NATIONAL A. C.
Jack Britton and Young Ahearn
TOMMY HOWELL vs. FRANK CARBONE
A REAL ALL-STAR CARD

MISS EDITH LARZELERE WINS THREE GOLF MATCHES

Advances to Final in Gimbel Indoor Tourney.

Eleven matches were played today in the ladies' tournament on the indoor links in the Gimbel store. In the upper half of the draw, by playing high-class golf, Miss Edith Larzelere, Old York Road Country Club, advanced to the final round, defeating in turn Miss Mildred Gates, North Hills; Miss A. C. Coryell, Philadelphia Cricket Club, and Mrs. W. J. Peck, Merion. In the lower half of the draw, the second and semi-final rounds will be played tomorrow morning. The summary:

First Round.

Mrs. J. W. Peck, Merion, defeated Mrs. C. H. Marshall, Whitemarsh, 5 up and 4 to play.
Mrs. B. Y. Wilson, Country Club, defeated Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Old York Road, 1 up.
Miss Edith Larzelere, Old York Road, defeated Miss M. Gates, North Hills, 4 up and 2 to play.
Miss A. C. Coryell, Philadelphia Cricket Club, won from Mrs. F. T. Chandler, Jr., Overbrook, by default.
Miss E. T. Chandler, Huntingdon Valley, won from Miss M. Morrison, Ithaca Country Club, by default.
Miss Maud Hoffman, Whitemarsh, defeated Mrs. H. D. Street, Merchantville, 2 up and 1 to play.
Mrs. H. C. Smith, North Hills, defeated Mrs. L. C. Block, North Hills, 6 up and 4 to play.
Mrs. I. Baum, Philmont, defeated Mrs. H. B. Doyle, North Hills, 5 up and 4 to play.

Second Round.

Mrs. Peck defeated Mrs. Wilson, 4 up and 3 to play.
Miss Larzelere defeated Miss Coryell, 6 up and 2 to play.

Semi-final Round.

Miss Larzelere defeated Mrs. Peck, 6 up and 5 to play.

Newark Ball Club for Sale

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Charles Ebbets, Sr., made it known today that the Newark club, of the International League, is for sale. "I will entertain any reasonable offer, said Mr. Ebbets, "but I cannot name any figure myself. That is for the purchaser to do."

Evening Ledger Five to Play

The boys' basketball team of the Evening Ledger composing robin will meet the five representing the John Wanamaker store in the store's gymnasium, eighth floor, tomorrow. The Evening Ledgers team will line up as follows: Watt and Halfey, forwards; Vansant and Wantzel and Joyce, guards. Thomas, Little and Vogt will sit on the bench as substitutes.

Bait Decision Still Held Up

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Judge Landis stated late today that the decision of the Federal League suit against organized baseball would not be given out this week. The judge said he will give both sides ample time to argue the point. It is believed the decision will be given next week.

NO CUT IN ROSTER LIMIT AMERICAN LEAGUE DECISION

Organization Also Decides There Is No Necessity for Economy, and Cannot See Why it Should Favor Any War Measures. Teams May Train Soon.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Having induced Colonel Jacob Ruppert and Captain T. L. Huston to purchase the New Yorks, the American League has cast parsimony to the winds. Economy, as subscribed supposedly by the various branches of organized baseball, will have no part in the policy of Ban Johnson's henchmen. Such a decision was reached at the American League meeting in the Belmont Hotel yesterday, when the young major organization voted to make no change in the existing rules on the playing roster.

As last year, American League clubs will be allowed to keep on each payroll 25 players between the dates of May 15 and August 15. Throughout the playing periods before May 15 and after August 15 each club may carry 35 men, exclusive of manager. In the off season, or when the men are not virtually under salary, the sky will be the limit.

The action of the American League in disregarding the observation of a more economical roster limit strikes a blow at Barney Dreyfuss' pet scheme of retrenchment. Pittsburgh Barney was instrumental in putting through at the annual meeting of the National League here in December a rule making compulsory the cutting of all National League club rosters to 21 men between May 1 and August 1.

It had been believed generally that the American League would legislate for a limit of 23 athletes between May 1 and August 1. It was with such an understanding that Dreyfuss was able to secure a unanimous vote for the plan of observing a 21-player limit in the National League during such time. On the word of Johnson and his associates it appears, however, that the 21 limit was discussed only informally during the annual meeting in Chicago. When the matter came to a vote yesterday the radicals were moved to a vote yesterday the radicals were moved under.

This action of the American League is likely to have its influence upon the National League meeting next week. Barney organizer can expect with grace submit to any condition which would mean that the National League would do anything that the American League will not do. It is believed a strong effort will be made by the National League to induce the American League to reverse its action of yesterday. The National League is expected to adopt a resolution to the effect that it believes the American League should not carry more than 25 men on its rosters.

Ban Johnson, president of the American League, and Colonel Jacob Ruppert and Captain T. L. Huston, owners of the New York club, had a thorough good understanding during their tete-a-tete Tuesday.

One of the causes for the delay in consummating the sale of the New York American League Club by Frank J. Farrell and his associates to Colonel Jacob Ruppert and Captain T. L. Huston was the mysterious disappearance of a $75,000 mortgage on the franchise of the club and the lease of the grounds formerly occupied on Washington Heights. This became known yesterday through an application filed in the Supreme Court by the Greater New York Baseball Club.

President Charles H. Ebbets, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, tried to steal some of the American League thunder by nastily summoning the evening newspaper men to assemble at high noon at the Ebbets Field offices. When the Flatbush Squire got the unsuspecting and hungry hounds of the press locked into his sanctum, he had nothing more to announce than that Ebbets, McKeever & Co. had leased to McKeever, Ebbets & Co. the property known as Ebbets Field for a term of years. When it is considered that the same men own both the franchise and the grounds the significance of the announcement may sink home.

All of the American League club presidents were on hand except Charles Somers, of Cleveland. E. S. Barnard, vice president of the Naps, officiated. Manager Joe Birmingham was on hand looking for a trade, but didn't find it. Joe says nothing short of the Bruin Stadium would wean Joe Jackson from him. He attributes last year's poor showing to the hoodoo of hard luck that has pursued the team for 10 years. Birmingham can see nothing short of a first division berth for his boys in 1915.

Ruppert and Huston, the new members, were assured of First Baseman Pipp and Outfielder High, of the Tigers and Outfielder Reig of the Red Sox. All of the terms of this triple purchase have not been quite ironed upon. Wild Bill Donovan didn't get back from Columbus, Ga., in time to sit in with his masters.

Ban Johnson would give no hint last night as to his opinion upon the advisability of lifting the draft from class AA leagues further than to say that in his opinion such an announcement had been premature.

Clyde Milan is still a member of the Attaches and will continue as such, despite Connie Mack upon his return last night from the American League meeting in New York where baseball rumor had it that the blonde outfielder would be turned over to Wild Bill Donovan to help him pilot the Yankees.

Mack's name appeared on the subject of landing a batting hand to bolster up infield for the Yankees and their new owners, and Manager Mack said yesterday that he would be willing to let Milan go if he could get a good infielder in return. Mack said he would be willing to let Milan go for a good infielder, or if he believed he could get a good infield for the Yankees, he would be willing to let Milan go for a good infielder, or if he believed he could get a good infielder in return.

A. A. U. OFFICIALS DECLARE BOUGHTON A PROFESSIONAL

Registration Committee of Metropolitan Association Hands Down Decision Which Puts Ban on Him.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Charles Boughton, the Newark High School boy who holds the two-mile interscholastic record, was put outside the pale of amateur athletics yesterday by the decision of the Registration Committee of the Metropolitan Association. The committee rejected his application for registration on the ground that the position he held during the summer of 1914 as play leader in the Essex County playground makes him ineligible for registration in the A. A. U.

Boughton still has the right of appeal to the board of managers of the Metropolitan Association, but there is little chance of the board upsetting the verdict of the committee. In due time it is thought that if Boughton applies to the national Registration Committee of the A. A. U. for reinstatement he may be readmitted to the amateur ranks.

Another Star for Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 4.—One more star has been added to the galaxy which play soccer here with the champion Bethlehem Club. He is James Lawson, the great Scottish international fullback, who recently arrived in this country from Scotland. Lawson will be eligible to take part in several of the important games yet to come in the National and American cup series. Lawson is not only a great soccer player, but also is considered one of the leading golf players in Scotland.

Lehigh to Lose J. T. Keady

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 4.—Lehigh University will lose Southern Coach J. Thomas Keady. After the next football season he will accept the Alabama position, offered from the alma mater. Participants in football and rasslin' say that he has been offered the position of baseball and basketball and assistant football coach at Alabama. Keady is a native of Alabama and is a star in football, baseball and basketball at the university of Alabama. He coached here during the fall season. He contemplated leaving after the season ended, but was induced to remain. Keady is a graduate of Lehigh and is a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

ARENA AT JUAREZ WILL SEAT THOUSANDS AT BIG FIGHT

Jack Curley Has Sent Out a Diagram of the Structure. Willard Is Seeking Experts to Fit Him for Giant Task Against Jack Johnson.

Jack Curley has forwarded a diagram of the arena at Juarez, where Willard and Johnson will come to grips on March 6. It may be said in passing that if it be filled when the men enter the ring the receipts of the Jeffries-Johnson affair in Reno some five years ago will be dwarfed, and the promoters will realize a fortune.

The ringside boxes, four tiers of them, seating six or eight persons, sell at $25 a seat. Then stretching off on all four sides of the ring are the pavilions, seating 5000 spectators, and selling at $20 a seat and $15 a seat. Still further back are the stands seating thousands at the rate of $5 or $10, according to the location.

There are 153 boxes, of which 137 will seat six persons, and 16 will seat eight persons. If all these be sold the receipts on the box seats alone will amount to $23,750.

Jack Curley, or, to be more exact, perhaps, Tom Jones, is at his wit's end for sparring partners to train Jess Willard for his match with Jack Johnson. Tom says it is not lack of numbers that is worrying him, but rather a superabundance of material from which to pick and choose. He says that he is afraid to turn any of the aspirants away for fear of losing a really good one. The aspirants for the position of acting as buffer for Willard's smashing blows value their services all the way from $10 to a ticket to the fight.

It has been suggested that only clever, scientific boxers be engaged, but Jones is not in favor of the plan. Tom holds that the best, being to a finish, will be the survival of the stronger man. Therefore, he wants a score of rough, rugged and rippling fighters to combine the big cowboy.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Jack Johnson is expected to arrive here from Buenos Aires in a few days. He is on board the steamer Highland Harris, which sailed from the Argentine capital January 31. Shortly after his arrival it is said he will sail for Galveston, Tex., where he will be transferred to a small boat outside of that port and will be landed on the Mexican coast, whence he will be taken overland to Juarez for his fight with Jess Willard. This will enable him to evade American authorities.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Court of Appeal today upheld the decision of the lower court in the action brought by Jack Johnson against the Sporting Life, which published a story to the effect that Johnson had thrown the fight with Jess Willard in Havana last April. The court also upheld the verdict of the lower court that the story was true in its main contention. The action was brought by Johnson for $25,000 damages.

Jack Curley, the promoter who has been trying to arrange a match between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard at Juarez, Mexico, March 6, according to an announcement made here yesterday. A cablegram has been sent to Corri asking his acceptance.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Another whack was taken at Jack Johnson by the American courts yesterday (Mexican papers please copy). Bernard Gerard, piloting a burlesque organization, obtained judgment against Li'l Artha for $349.55. His allegation was that after contracting to display his prowess to burlesque fans for $1000 a week, Johnson went on strike at Milwaukee in 1910 and demanded $2250.

Gerard said he granted the raise under protest, when the heavyweight champion hit him on the nose. The fact that Johnson has nothing to levy on in the United States cast a little cold water on Gerard's legal victory.

Two corking good bouts are the chief attraction at the Broadway A. C. tonight, in the final fray on the program Stanley Hinckle and Buck Fleming, the two Gray's Ferry bear-cats, will meet in a return match, and as a forerunner Sammy Trinckle will battle Willie Moody.

The card follows:

First bout—Young Herman, North Penn, vs. Lew Florine, Southwark.

Second bout—Barney McCuen, Port Richmond, vs. Jimmy Dolan, Southwark.

Third bout—Jimmy Cochran, West Philadelphia, vs. Willie Hannon, Point Breeze.

Semi-wind-up — Sammy Trinckle, Smokey Hollow, vs. Willie Moody, Port Richmond.

Wind-up—Stanley Hinckle, Gray's Ferry, vs. Buck Fleming, Gray's Ferry.

Grover Hayes, the veteran lightweight, will pair off with a clever opponent when he meets Paddy Bedley in the star bout at the Quaker City A. A., tomorrow night. Bedley is boxing finely of late.

The Olympia A. A. patronage will have an opportunity of witnessing the boy who boxed Joe Shugrue a sensational 20-round bout in Australia last year. He is Milburn Saylor, of Indianapolis. The Hoosier will oppose Eddie Moy, of Allentown, Monday night.

Pack Miller, the Manayunk middleweight, is out with a challenge to either Joe Borrell or Tommy Coleman. He says that the Quaker City Club will stage the bout as soon as either Borrell or Coleman says the word.

After being out of the ring for more than a year because of a defect in his nails or nails, Harry Dougherty has started training. He says he will be ready for play of the featherweights shortly.

Tommy Howell has informed Promoter Jack McGuigan of the National A. C. that he will be in perfect form for his match with Frankie Carbone, which is to be staged at the National Saturday night. Howell says he will be ready to go the distance if necessary.