

THE A. E. F. YANKS FINISHED FIRST, BUT WHO KNOWS WHERE THE N. Y. YANKEES LANDED?

BALL CLUBS FAVOR TOWNS NEAR TEXAS FOR TRAINING CAMPS

Oil Boom Has Brought Prosperity to That Section of the Country and Magnates Have Visions of Profitable Barnstorming Trips

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DESPITE the ridiculous and nonsensical scrap in the American League, which leads one to believe that baseball will be played by the card-index system next summer and there will be as many lawyers as players on each ball club, the magnates are going ahead with their plans and are making arrangements for the training season.

This year Texas seems to be the popular spring training spot. This is not because of the climate or anything like that, but many new towns have sprung up during the oil boom, the natives are making piles of perfectly fresh and unspent kale and the magnates have decided to grab some of it.

Once upon a time Florida was a popular spot because of its wonderful climate and training facilities. This year it is doubtful if more than three clubs settle in that state. Cincinnati will be in Miami and Brooklyn goes back to Jacksonville.

Here is the line-up of the big league clubs so far as is known at present: New York Giants, San Antonio; St. Louis Cardinals, Brownsville, Tex.; Pittsburgh, Waco or Hot Springs; Cincinnati, Miami; Brooklyn, Jacksonville; Phillies, Pensacola or Hot Springs; Boston Braves, Columbus, Ga.; Chicago Cubs, Pasadena, Calif.

Athletics, Lake Charles, La.; Red Sox, Tampa or Hot Springs; Cleveland, New Orleans; Yankees, Dallas or Waxahatchie, Tex.; Chicago White Sox, Waco or Dallas; Detroit, Macon, Ga.; Washington, Augusta, Ga.; St. Louis Browns, not decided.

It is said the Giants will play the Red Sox, Pittsburgh will try to hook up with Cleveland, the Braves will go on tour with Detroit, the Phils will play a few games with Washington, and St. Louis has arranged to play seventeen exhibition games with the Athletics down South.

Carpenter's Challenge Comes as Big Surprise

GEORGES CARPENTIER certainly has started something in the heavyweight ranks since playing nurse to Joe Beckett and putting the Englishman to sleep in seventy-four seconds.

It is now up to the champion to say something, and when he gives the word the bidding for the match will be fast and furious. Perhaps Carpenter wants to fight for the title to his dear Paris and for that reason got to a flying start with the challenging stuff.

Just the same, there is some activity among our terrible heavyweights and a few have staged come-backs. A couple of nights ago Al Reich knocked out Al Roberts in Jersey City and immediately became prominent.

Another come-back is Francis Charles Moran, the blonde Irishman, who fears no one and always fights until he or the other fellow is taking the long count.

DESPITE his checkered career and faint heart, Fulton seems to be the best of the lot. It is said he is in bad because of the fake story he told after his battle with Dempsey, but a little thing like that should not be held against him.

Penn Coach Will Not Be Selected at Present

NO ACTION will be taken toward selecting a football coach at the University of Pennsylvania for at least two weeks. One member of the committee has left town, and until he returns nothing can be done.

This coaching situation at Penn is a peculiar one. It is common belief that Bob Fowlwell will not be asked to return, but it is impossible to trace the source of that report. Nothing has been said against Fowlwell or his work, and in a case like that it is only natural to assume he will be offered the job for another year.

Perhaps the committee has been too busy straightening out the eligibility code and arranging the 1920 schedule and has not yet discussed the coaching proposition. If such is the case, no official action will be taken until after Christmas.

Nig Clarke Goes to Pittsburgh Pirates

ACCORDING to a report from Pittsburgh, the Phils have accepted the tinware to Nig Clarke, the catcher, and the Pirates purchased him for the waiver price. This leaves the locals with only two maskmen, Jack Adams and Walter Tressor.

The Phils will have several new faces in the line-up next season, but no names have been divulged as yet. Jack Miller, of St. Louis, will play second base, a third baseman is likely to be signed and a flock of pitchers will be given a tryout when the team goes South.

SCOTT PERRY, the leaping athlete of our A's, has become a citizen of Franklin, Pa. He has opened a tailor shop with Harry O'Donnell, another ball player, and says business is good.

NOW that Ben Johnson has left New York, the Yankee owners have wired him a warning that he is not president of the American League and he must watch his step.

THAT GUILTIEST FEELING



GEORGE CHANEY IN "COME-BACK" ROLE

Baltimore K. O. Artist Faces Benny Valger in Important Six-Round Bout

MEET IN NATIONAL WIND-UP

Possibilities of a knockout, born of the recent records for slugging compiled by George Chaney, the Baltimore K. O. artist, and Benny Valger, the Frenchman, crop into the collision between those two kings of swat at the National A. A. tonight.

Valger completed his training for the tilt with Chaney in this city yesterday. The Baltimore veteran, who is staging a comeback, put the finishing touches to his preliminary work in his home town and will come to the scene of the bout today with a delegation of 100 or more followers.

It will be "comeback" night for Chaney. Not since early last summer has the Baltimore slugger swung his terrific left at an opponent in a Philadelphia ring.

Although Valger recently developed a knockout punch and rocked several of his rivals to sleep in addition to having shown the best form of his career during the past eight months, Chaney rules a slight favorite with Philadelphia's faithful followers for tonight's setto.

Valger's partisans would not be surprised to see the Frenchman dim the lights of the Baltimorean via a K. O. Nor would Chaney's admirers confess the least surprise if the southern-lander his K. O. wallop as he did against Johnny Drumme a week ago.

The result of tonight's six-round meeting will be watched with more than ordinary interest in this city. Victories for Chaney, especially if it is decisive, would re-establish him in the front ranks of the lightweights and virtually eliminate Valger from a match now pending with Johnny Kilbane, boss of the featherweights.

On the other glove, a knockout victory for Valger would not only clinch his proposed meeting with Kilbane, but place him in line for other "big game" as well.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

JOHNNY DUNDEE will be given another chance to annex the lightweight crown. The flashy Italian warrior and Benny Leonard have signed to meet in a championship session at New Haven next month.

Dundee had his smash at Welsh and his best was a draw. Leonard has given him many chances in short battles, but this is the first time the two ever signed for a distance fray. It will be at fifteen rounds.

The Quaker City fans will have another chance to see Dundee before the title bout, as he is matched to oppose Harry Moran at the Olympia Monday night.

Harry (Kid) Brown, the South Philadelphia High School boy, who has started in make good in out-of-city battles, will be the Olympic semi-wind-up opponent to the Olympic semi-wind-up opponent, Charlie Rear. Other Olympic bouts follow: Walter Wallace vs. Jack Kelly, Frankie Howell vs. Sailor Kreiter, and Jimmy Bradley vs. Sammy Selzer.

A few critics have started to take a rap at the Johnny Kilbane-Chaney night. They have been informed that it is George Chaney, but they're all wrong. On this occasion the meeting will be with Young Chaney, another promising Baltimore prod.

Another lightweight bout that stands out will be staged the same night and will serve to give the fans a real line on the contest product. Remmie will be up to face Willie Jackson, the hard-hitting New Yorker. If Remmie gets a good Jackson man, he must be given the necessary consideration.

The wind-up at the Auditorium A. on Thursday night will bring together Larry Hansen, the rugged Dane, and Young Remmie, the slugging Italian boy. Bergman and Ray Smith and K. O. Hanson will see in Johnny Fleming vs. Harry Carter, Jack Kraft vs. Johnny Muller and Young Hugo Fleming vs. Harry Stewart.

Johnny Mahoney, the hard-hitting citizen of Hazleton, Pa., will exhibit in the National semi-wind-up into evening. Billy Cole (the wind-up general) will test Mahoney's hitting power. The other important bouts to the "Big Game" are: Frankie How vs. Jimmy Kase, Mike Castle vs. Walter Remie and Andy Burns vs. Tommy Geran.

Herman Hindle insists he has been misquoted in his numerous press releases. In this office it was interpreted that Hindle had been asked to act as a sparring partner for Johnny Kilbane. Herman now says that it was only a joke and who really meant was that Hindle wanted to meet Johnny in actual combat.

Yale and Harvard May Number Football Men

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 13.—That Yale will number her football players in 1920 seems to be a certainty. The opinion of the undergraduate body as well as among the alumni is that Yale should take the initiative among the larger teams to have this done. Yale tried numbering its players in 1910, at the suggestion of Tad Jones, but not with the full approval of the other coaches. It was stated at football headquarters that if Harvard and Princeton consent to having their players identified by the numeral method Yale will officially sanction the plan.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 13.—Harvard is willing to number its football players next fall if Yale and Princeton agree to do the same. F. W. Moore, graduate manager of athletics at Harvard, made this statement yesterday.

WILLIARD PROFITEER?

Ex-Heavyweight Champion Will Have to Answer Charge in Court. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 13.—Attorney General Hopkins has asked a federal warrant charging "Big Jess" Williard with profiting in wood.

When the fuel shortage struck Kansas, Williard was alleged to have offered wood from a large acreage of timber on his farm to the city of Topeka. Under the impression that all he desired was some one to cut and haul the wood, a call went out for volunteers.

Later developments were alleged to have shown that Williard wanted \$1.50 a cord for the wood on the stump.

Williard, who was at his home near Lawrence, Kan., when notified by telephone of the federal action, said that he would appear voluntarily to answer the charge.

Huge Stadium Offered

New York, Dec. 13.—The hundreds of thousands of persons in this city who make Central Park the rendezvous of their sports, may shortly be presented with an ideal playground to meet their wish for recreation if the board of estimate and finance of the city of New York, which will meet Monday night, should accept the offer of a huge stadium.

Jack Hagen has another Thompson under his arm. This Thompson also happens to be a marine. He is in the city to see to it that the wide camp did not discourage his marine. He is expected to appear here in his slacker at the hands of Bill Brennan when he battles 25 rounds at the Olympia on January 5, 5, 5, 5.

Eddie Revere will be Herman Hindle's stirrer in the wind-up at the Auditorium, Saturday afternoon. He faces Herman Muller. Andy Schneider will make his first appearance since his slacker at the hands of Bill Brennan when he battles 25 rounds at the Olympia on January 5, 5, 5, 5.

Bobby Shannon another marine product, will be entered by Jack Hagen at the Camp on Christmas.

OLYMPIA

Monday Evening, Dec. 15. Sammy Seiger vs. Jimmy Bradley. Frankie Howell vs. Sailor Kreiter. Patsy Wallace vs. Jack Elie. Harry Kid Brown vs. Charlie Rear. DUNDEE vs. MORAN.

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NEW PLAYERS FOR LOCAL CAGE FIVES

Germantown Gets Two and De Neri One—Jimmy Brown Back in Tonight's Game

SUGARMAN REFUSES OFFER

New faces will be seen in Eastern League basketball games this evening. Two contests are scheduled, one at Musical Fund Hall between North Philadelphia and De Neri and the other at Reading, where the Bears oppose Germantown. The latter will have a pair of newcomers in "Stretch" Meehan at center and "Habe" Effe at guard. Meehan is perhaps the tallest pivot man in the game today, standing 6 feet 7 inches.

Manager Myers disputes the fact that Germantown will have Meehan, but if he does not play at Musical Fund Hall, Leo Malone, another prominent center, will be on hand for De Neri. Sugarman and Peckman will be the forwards, Malone at center and Leonard and Dreyfus, guards.

Jimmy Brown will be back in action for the North Phils and will pair off at guard with Dietrich. Grimstead will be at center and the forwards will be Dark and Dunlevy. The Phils with this line-up are anything but a tail-end club and hope to hit their winning stride at the expense of De Neri.

Three local teams have all been bidding for the services of Sedran and Friedman. Before going to the Trenton game last evening Owner Helm, of Camden, was quoted as saying that he liked the offer of the North Phils best.

As De Neri made a bid for the stars, Manager Myers had one of his players, close to the New Yorkers, get in touch with them and he is authority for the assertion that they said it would be useless for any team to buy them, as they would not play in the Eastern League.

Lou Sugarman is reported as having turned down an offer from the Parkersburg Iron to play there. The salary was the same as that received by Al Williams. Two other Eastern Leaguers are wanted by Manager Beale and it is thought they will sign.

Camden has about virtually clinched the first half percent of the Eastern Basketball League. The Skeeters won their hardest game of the season from

Jim Thorpe to Desert Gridiron for Diamond

Jim Thorpe, of the Braves, declares this is his last year as either promoter or player of professional football. The Indian, greatly encouraged by last year's flattering record in Boston, will devote his entire attention to baseball. He believes he has finally landed among the great of the diamond.

Trenton last night on the latter's floor by the score of 24 to 23.



Another Nasty Skid—Another Smashed-up Car Another Call for the Ambulance.

Will Motorists never learn to take warning from the experiences of others? A chainless car on a slippery pavement is an uncertain car. You know this as well as we do, and are expected to be prepared. Being prepared doesn't merely mean carrying tire chains in your tool box—what earthly good can they do there?

When It's Wet or Slippery Weed Tire Chains Belong On the Tires

You shouldn't hesitate a moment in hauling them out of the tool box at the first drop of rain. Use Caution as well as Caution. You are to blame if your car skids. You are responsible if it swings into a pedestrian.

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