Poor Attendance at Professional Basketball Games in Philadelphia May Kill the Sport Here

PAWTUCKET SEEKS SOCCER REVENGE

"Coats," Twice Beaten by Phillies, Plan Comeback in Third Game Here Today

ALBION VS. CONSHOHOCKEN

The J. & P. Coats Football Club, of Pawtucket, R. I., led by the redoubtable Bob Millar, one-time peer of American forwards and formerly of the Robins Dry Dock F. C., of Brooklyn, last year's national soccer champions, will be here to do battle in an American Soccer League game at the Phillies' Ball Park this afternoon. The game is scheduled to start at 2:30 and George Young will referee the tussle.

The Phillies and Coats have met in two previous engagements this season, and on one occasion the locals have come off victorious. The first game was by the score of 2 goals to 0 and the second by 6 to 2, but this does not mean anything.

Since Philadelphia has been toppled from the pinnacle of the undefeated, by Todd Shipyards F. C., of Brooklyn, in a fourth-round National Challenge Cup struggle and a week later, on New Year's Monday, by New York Football Club in a league match, the American League race is warming up.

What threatened to become a runaway race with Philadelphia far in the van is evolving into a four-club struggle for first-place honors with New York and the Todds, of Brooklyn, close upon the heels of Philadelphia, and the Coats team, in fourth place, not far behind in fourth position. Harrison Soccer Club, leading the second division, is coming with a rush in recent weeks, having scored twenty-nine goals to its opponents' six, in its last half-dozen National Cup and league games, and may shortly be in the heat of the first division scramble.

The Coats team, thus far in the league campaign, has been one of paradoxical performance. Like Philadelphia, it has been eliminated from the national title quest, and its crusher in this respect was applied by the Fall River Football Club, which has repeatedly been downed by the Rhode Islanders in league play.

But last week-end in the American League race, J. & P. Coats F. C. worsted the Todd team, which a week before, had wrecked Philadelphia's hopes of a national championship this season. The game was played at Pawtucket last Saturday and the result was a 3-1 count, and although Ratican tallied one of the Brooklyn team's goals, the other was an accidental shot by Lappin, Coats' back, who put through his own goal for a Todd marker. Two days later, on New Year's Monday, also at Pawtucket, the Coats team held the Harrison eleven to a 3-3 tie.

The first division of the Allied League has several important contests. One will be at Marcus Hook between Viscoe and Wolfenden Shore and the other is in this city between Puritan Y. M. L. and Kensington Congregational.

Another big game in the allied ranks is in the West Philadelphia first division at Fifty-eighth street and Chester avenue. The game is between the undefeated Albion eleven and Conshohocken.

"PRO" CHARGES DROPPED

A. A. U. Dismisses Investigation of Joie Ray and Others

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Charges of professionalism against Joie W. Ray and Loren Murchison, of the Illinois A. C.; Jackson V. Scholz, of the Detroit A. C., and Frank and Joe Loomis, of the C. A. A., will be killed, according to an announcement made by Charles A. Dean, chairman of the Championship Committee of the Central A. A. U., and one of the committee which investigated the charges.

The athletes were charged with "padding" expense accounts for trips to Eastern cities to compete in A. A. U. games.

Dean declared the charges were not sustained, in the opinion of the committee which investigated the cases, and that a report containing all of the evidence had been made up and returned to the Registration Committee of the National A. A. U., recommending that the charges be dismissed.

QUARTETTE BOWLERS WIN

Capture First Half Honors in American League

The first half records of the American Bowling League just issued show that the Quartette bowlers have again captured the highest honors among the uptown pinmen. Quartette won both the first and second halves last year. The American League is the oldest bowling organization in existence.

Following the winners came the Kensington International Beneficial Association in second place. The Kensington Willow Wielders were only four games in the rear, although their record of totals pins for the season and game was not so good as either United or Columbia. The records are appended:

TEAM AVERAGES

Team	Pins	Average
Quartette	34,345	818
I. B. C.	34,270	814
K. I. B. A.	33,397	795
Farmer	33,251	792
Columbia	33,215	791
North Philadelphia	33,175	790
Comet	32,671	778
	29,169	695

PERCENTAGE

	Won	Lost	Per Ct.
Quartette	32	10	.762
United	28	14	.667
Columbia	26	16	.619
I. B. C.	22	20	.524
North Philadelphia	21	21	.500
Farmer	18	23	.428
Comet	17	25	.405
	4	38	.095

LOCAL BOWLERS GAIN

Trucks and Lindsay Now 427 Pins Ahead of Western Rivals

Charles Trucks and Mort Lindsay added 134 additional pins, splitting the eight games in the intersectional series with Jim Blouin and Hank Marino, of Chicago, on Casino Alleys last night. As a result the local star and his New England partners have a lead of 427 pins. The final nine games concluding the 36-game total pins will be rolled tonight.

The total-pin score for 41 games is: Trucks and Lindsay, 16,828; Marino and Blouin, 16,401.

Marino—
131 192 194 177 221 157 179 185—1486
Blouin—
169 175 187 182 190 202 205 248—1558
Total—
350 367 381 359 411 359 384 433—3044
Trucks—
159 202 189 171 190 208 214 183—1505
Lindsay—
182 222 190 179 235 225 203 237—1673
Total—
341 424 379 350 425 433 417 420—3178

Stoner to Lead Gopher Wrestlers

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 7.—Earl Stoner, Detroit, Minn., a veteral of the University of Minnesota wrestling team, has been elected captain of the 1922 Gopher mat squad. He is a senior in the Agricultural College.

Today's Soccer Games; Where They Are Played

AMERICAN LEAGUE
J. & P. Coats, of Pawtucket, at Philadelphia Field Club, Phillies' Ball Park, Fifteenth and Huntingdon street.

CRICKET CLUB LEAGUE
First Division
Penn at Philadelphia Reds, St. Martins.
Philadelphia Whites at Germantown, Germantown Cricket Club.

INTERLEAGUE GAME
Hardwick & Magee at Hibernians, Tenth and Butler streets.

ALLIED LEAGUE
First Division—Section A
Wolfenden-Shore at Viscose.
Puritan Y. M. L. at Kensington Congregational. B and Clearfield streets.

Section B
Canadian War Veterans at Paradise, Thirtieth and Clearfield streets.
Fairview at Gordon Field Club, I and Tioga streets.

Second Division
Glen Social at Wildwood A. A., White Hall Commons.
British War Veterans at Palethorp, Second and Clearfield streets.
Colonial at North Philadelphia, Fourth and Wingohocking streets.
Kaywood at Lighthouse Boys' Club, Front street and Erie avenue.

Third Division—Northwest Section
Feltonville at Olney, Fifth and Nedro streets.
Funfield at Francisville, Nineteenth and Brown streets.
Clover at Wanderers, Wayne avenue and Logan street.
Eden A. A. at East Falls, Thirty-fifth street and Queen lane.
Cayuga at Green Ribbon, Nineteenth street and Hunting Park avenue.

Northeast Section
Dreston Steel at Farren A. A., Fifth and Westmoreland streets.
Robins at Sunshine, Mascher and Westmoreland streets.
Wissinoming at Fitler, Tacony and Sanger streets.
Lighthouse B. C. at De Paul, Torresdale avenue and Cottman street.
P. O. S. of A at Rangers, Front and Berks streets.

West Philadelphia—First Division
Angora F. C. at Welcome, Thirty-third and Tasker streets.
Belmont at Vitrix, Fifty-eighth and Callowhill streets.
Dunkirk at Schuylkill Rangers, Thirty-third and Dickinson streets.
Conshohocken at Albion A. A., Fifty-eight street and Chester avenue.

Second Division
Aldan A. A. at West End A. A., Sixty-third and Walnut streets.
Dunkirk Reserves at Larchwood, Fifty-sixth and Christian streets.
Rainbow at Angora B. C., Fifty-eighth street and Willows avenue.
Aldon A. A. at Victoria B. C., Crum Creek.

Fourth Division—Northwest Section
Collingswood at Funfield, Twenty-second and Sedgley streets.
Westmoreland at Roosevelt, A and Louden streets.

Northeast Section
St. Vincent at S. S. F. Club, Tulip and Ann streets.
Victoria F. C. at Scanlen, P. R. R. and Benner street.
Frankford Albions at St. Alberta, Cedar and Cambria streets.
Italian-Americans at East End, Almond and Orthodox streets.

PLAYGROUND LEAGUE
Cohocksink at Lighthouse Blues, Front street and Erie avenue.
Berks at Westmoreland First, Fifth and Westmoreland streets.
Westmoreland Second at Kensington, Front and Berks streets.
Lighthouse Blues at Cohocksink First, Cedar and Ann streets.

NEW JERSEY STATE CUP
Chapman vs. Napier, at Trenton, N. J.

QUAKER CITY LEAGUE
Rambler at Funfield, Twenty-second street and Sedgley avenue.
Temperance at Disston Juniors, State road and Unruh street.
St. Leo at Mckey, Cedar and Ann streets.

EXHIBITION GAMES
Ascension at Nativity, Belgrade and Ontario streets.

SUNDAY GAMES
Glen Social at Ascension, Belgrade and Ontario streets.
Philadelphia Athletics at Wolfenden-Shore, Cardington.
Resurrection at Kaywood, Thirty-first and Dickinson streets.

LAFAYETTE-LEHIGH IN CRUCIAL MATCH

Victory Today Will Give Maroon and White State Soccer Title

TO PLAY AT BETHLEHEM

Lehigh, Pa., Jan. 6. — The Maroon and White dribblers journeyed here today to play the deciding game in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic eSoccer League.

Lehigh's victory over Haverford on December 16 gave the Lehigh men renewed confidence. The Brown and White squaad has been practicing steadily this week, and the play has improved iin the week of drilling under Coach Carpenter.

Lafayette is coming here determined to carry off the honors. Her team has remained in training all during the holidays and has been experimenting with many new plays designed to break up the Lehigh offensive. The Lehigh attack has reached a higgh state of perfection.

The Brown and White star center forward, Fernandez, is showing his bers game of the season, having completely recovered from the ill effects of his sprained ankle.

Brewer, Mercur and Whitney also are doing fine work.

If Lafayette wins the game the championship will go to heg, while of teh Brown and White triumphs she must play Swarthmore for the title, and if the game is a tie Lafayette and Swarthmore will fight it out for a decision.

The probable line-up:

Lehigh		Lafayette
Brewer	goal	Paul
Grace (Rodgers)	right fullback	Garrett
Mehegen	left fullback	Lee
Lamb	right halfback	Moore
Warren	center halfback	Walton
Whitney	left halfback	Fogg
Gonzales	outside right	Valgwin
Mercur	inside right	McCall
Fernandez	center full	Ackroyd
Walters	inside left	Rickenbach
Saunders	outside left	McIlvaine

Boots and Saddle

The Classic Handicap, $2500 added, is the feature at New Orleans today. St. Maurice appears best, with Yashmak and Simplicity assured of a following.

Another feature is the Johnny Powers' Memorial Handicap. Horses which seem best in this race are Marvin May, High Cost and Fort Churchill. Horses well placed in other races are:

First race, Ace of Aces, Vansylvia, War Relief; second, Broom Peddler, Great Cull, Harvest King; fifth, Guy, Bunga Buck, Neddam; sixth, Pastoral Swain, Tody, Tantalus; seventh, Wadsworth Last, Midnight Sun, Baladin.

At Havana—First race, Palladium, Tender Seth, Tank; second, Mooresque, Pacifier, Mad Nell; third, Approval, End Man, Ruddles; fourth, Bibbler, Sea Urchin, Automatic Red; fifth, Tacola, American Soldier, Discord; sixth, Harry M. Stevens, Miss Hilarity, Peggy Rives.

Blackstone Booking Games

Blackstone Bears, after taking the last seven games they played, find they have a few open dates in January for second-class teams who have halls. Blackstone also has a fourteen to sixteen year old reserve team that has been playing consistent ball and are out for a record, their latest victim being Richmond Indians, score 27 to 5. For games with Blackstone, address S. Schwartz, 1944 South Lawrence street.

WINNERS OF BOWLING TITLE

The Quartet Club captured the honors in the first half of the American League tenpin race. Left to right—Spotts, C. Molter, Hoffman, Captain Ebel, Jacobs, G. Molter, Poole

PREDICT INJURIES IN CRICKET SOCCER

Hospitals Prepared to Handle Casualties of Phila. Whites and Germantown Players

BITING WILL BE BARRED

"Eleven men on a dead man's chest; Yo ho-ho! and a bucket of blood!"

There will be a pleasant little encounter this afternoon in the first division of the Cricket Club Soccer League.

Germantown, erstwhile champions, are scheduled to cross boots at Manheim with the Philadelphia C. C. Whites in a game which will virtually decide this year's ownership of the cup, and the various hospitals are being prepared for a land-office business.

According to advance notices from the respective camps this setto will be all in the spirit of fun, but everybody is going to try to injure, kill, maim, or otherwise debilitate the gentlemen of the opposite side.

The situation which has given rise to this amiable state of mind is this: Germantown has only one more game to play, and that is this one. If it is lost Germantown is hopelessly and unqualifiedly sunk.

Philadelphia, on the other hand, has three more to go through with, including today's battle. If Germantown wins today, and some other team beats Philadelphia in one of the other games, there will ensue a tie for first place. If Philadelphia loses all its games, Germantown will once more sport the laurel.

Battle for Blood

The warriors from Manheim have sworn a mighty oath, therefore, like the well-known Spartan gentlemen who won immortal fame at Thermopylae, to come back with their shields, or on them. The gentlemen from Chestnut Hill, in addition, were issued a full set of brass knuckles at an early hour last night.

Betting on the fracas rested at even money this morning, with plenty of lucre showing on both sides. Several of the members of the Germantown team, feeling that if they lose the game they might as well make it a day and go broke too, have put everything but the soup-and-fish togs on the outcome, and their desperate frame of mind as a consequence thereof is little less than alarming.

Dark intimations of a great and startling surprise in store for the Highlanders were circulated last night by those in touch with the Germantown training quarters, but the nature of this coup has remained a secret.

It was definitely learned early this morning, however, that a member of the Philadelphia team, disguised in flowing spinach and green spectacles, was apprehended trying to discover what this surprise might be. He was forced to drink six bottles of lemon pop, and released.

What They Didn't Say

Horace Barba, doughty leader of the Germantown cohorts, positively did not issue the following statement last night:

"This affair will be one of the bloodiest onslaughts in history. My men are in excellent shape, and I have taught them a number of good tricks which ought to do a lot of damage.

"I am happy to say that all legal arrangements have been made against the untimely demise of any of our boys, and every precaution has been taken to safeguard the women and children.

"If you have any money, sink it on us."

Fergie Mohr, captain of the Philadelphia Whites, never made any such announcement as the following last night:

"I hope there will be plenty of doctors on the field. We are out for blood, and if we can't have that, we are going to try to get some personal souvenirs, at least.

"My men have been practicing jujutsu for the last week, and we expect to knock out opponents for seventeen consecutive loops. We have all made our wills, but we don't expect to use them.

"If you have any money, you know where to put it."

MURAKANIE IN CHARGE

Hawaiian Baseball Star Captain Lansdale Cage Team

The Lansdale All-Stars have organized and have one of the best quintets in Bucks County, headed by Harry Murakanie, the Hawaiian baseball star. He has with him such other players as Bobby Earle, Lefty Clymer and Howard Fredericks and is angling for the services of several local players of note.

Lansdale at present is playing games away, but the home season there will start on January 20, when the hall is completed, and games will be played on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Manager Murakanie is desirous of getting in touch with Parkesburg, West Chester, Nativity, Immaculate Conception, Kayoula, St. Nicholas, of Atlantic City, and K. of C. Address Harry Murakanie, 2552 North Twelfth street, or phone Diamond 3499.

JACK BRITTON WILLING

Manager Says He Will Jump at $50,000 Purse to Box Walker

New York, Jan. 7.—A syndicate of New Jersey sportsmen has offered Benny Leonard and Jack Britton a purse of $50,000 if either o them will meet Mickey Walker, Elizabeth, N. J., welterweight, in a bout of not less than twelve rounds on July 4 or Labor Day.

Billy Gibson, Leonard's managare, is suffering from an attack of grip and did not answer the offer. Dan Morgan, Britton's manager, said the welterweight champion would jump at such a bout if the syndicate would post a suitable forfeit.

LACK OF PLAYERS REASON FOR BASKETBALL DULLNESS

Demand for Cagemen Exceeds Supply, Says Morgenweck, in Explaining Situation of Game Here

LITTLE FIGHT SHOWN

"PHILADELPHIA may be out of major league basketball" is the latest news of the cage world, and the followers of the game in the greatest basketball city in the United States are amazed.

"What is the game coming to?" queries one, while in unison thousands want to know the reason why the major league games here attract only from seventy-five to 200 spectators.

There are two primary reasons. Others may be advanced and logical arguments furnished, but there are two that stand out first and foremost. The first is the lack of players and the second, which applies to the Philadelphia club, the team means nothing.

Billy Morgenweck, one of the smartest men that ever had any connection with the sport, was in this city yesterday to assist in the ceremonies in connection with the Delaware River Bridge. Morgenweck gave the first reason why basketball is fast deteriorating.

"I have not bothered with the game the last year," began the sage of the cage sport, "but if you want to know what is the matter with it I should say that the demand for players exceeds the supply. In other words the players are independent.

"In the olden days of the National League every manager made it his business to develop at least one player each season, and by this method new men were continually added to the various teams.

Fogarty a Scrapper

"There's Joe Fogarty," he said, "credited with being the braintest man in basketball. When I signed him he was playing with the Catholic High team. I sent Charlie Bossert over to give him an inspection, and after watching him in action several times the doctor reported that he had a pretty good eye and did not know the meaning of the word quit, but that he had a tendency to fight in every game.

"Well, Joe continued the same tactics when I took him in tow and do you know that the first five games he started in he never finished because he was put out for fighting?

"One day I took him aside and informed him that his vacation at Atlantic City was about to cease unless he played basketball, and he immediately began to pay attention and I had no further difficulty with him.

"Take Kinkaide; he did not get into the game as soon as he came with me. Instead he sat on the bench two whole summers, and one winter just being coached and when time came for him to play he had developed into a finished player able to hold his own with the best in the league.

"John Deal was another one of my stars. He was just being developed when I secured him, and I took Eddie Ferat right out of the gym in Camden. It was the same with the other clubs in the National League. The managers developed men.

"Down at Millville the McMurray boys took Hitchens, a local lad, and made a star forward out of him. They developed Furman Reeves at center, and when he showed signs of skidding they shifted "Reddy" Barber to the pivotal post and made a guard out of Reeves. Again when one of the regulars showed signs of going back they brought Bomhoff to the front.

"In the last year of the National League, Trenton did not have one of the men that had started with the team five years previously. All had been replaced. Fred Cooper and Albert Bratton had developed Donovan and Harrison, a pair of guards, who were as classiest a backfield combination as were playing the game at that time.

"They also brought out young Al Cooper and gave Harry Hough his start in the Trenton Y. M. C. A. Hough eventually floated over to Bristol and played with that team.

Old New York Five

"The old New York five, of Shields and Reed, forwards; Wendelkin, center, and Bob Abadie and "Mother" Detrich, guards, were the products of a Y. M. C. A. instructor in the old Twenty-third street institution. When Abadie showed signs of slowing up, Wendelkin was developed for forward and Reed was used at various positions. When Shields showed signs of going back, Walter Grief was used at forward. These changes came in the teams every year or so, and when a man slowed up there was always some one available to take his place who had been developed by the manager.

"Our Frank did considerable with the St. James team when he bought the club, and his greatest success was with Willie Keenan, who was about as good a center as the game has ever seen. Keenan was far from the star he turned out to be when Frank took charge of the club.

"An idea of what was done in the olden days is illustrated with this year's Trenton first half champions. When Fred Cooper got Meehan as his center what did he do with Tome? Simply developed him into one of the best guards in the game, even though the former center was expected to be among the retired players for the year."

The other reason why basketball in Philadelphia is at such a low ebb is that the Philadelphia club signifies nothing. The team must represent some neighborhood like Jasper, Greystock, Nativity, Shanahan, South Philly Hebrews, St. Anne or one of the many prominent sectional representatives.

When Jasper played it meant a big crowd, and this was especially so when they would be at Greystock or De Neri. When they journeyed to Camden or any other place that club also was assured of a big crowd. The Philadelphia team does not represent any particular section and no one has anything at stake.

Change the name to Jasper; put Marty Friedman and Barney Sedran in the line-up, together with players like Doc Newman, Jack Lawrence and Ally McWilliams, and the city will be back in the game with both a fine team and the usual big following.

Basketball Statistics

EASTERN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Trenton	24	3	.889	Reading	10	14	.417
Camden	20	6	.769	Coatesville	8	14	.364
Scranton	11	11	.500	Phillies	5	15	.250
Wilkes-B.	10	12	.455	New York	3	16	.158

TONIGHT'S GAME
New York at Wilkes-Barre

LAST NIGHT'S SCORES
Trenton, 35; Scranton, 20.

OTHER SCORES
Phila. Terminal, 31; Tri-Council, 27.
Kayoula C. C., 33; Keystone Telephone, 29.
Commercial Accounting, 15; E. E. and T., 13.
Maintenance and Building, 26; Norristown, 24.
Phila. Independents, 27; St. James, 22.
De Soto, 40; East Germantown, 26.
Madonna C. C., 21; St. Peter's C. C., 15.
Latter Day Saints, 37; Mt. Hermon, 24.
Media, 28; S. P. H. A., 12.
St. Michael's, 39; Waldron, 11.
Bethany Temple, 22; Blockley, 5.
St. Paul's Reformed, 23; St. Peter's Episcopal, 21.
Fox Chase, 39; Frankford Yellowjackets, 12.

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NEW CAMPAIGN FOR MORE PUBLIC LINKS

So. Phila. Business Men Insist on Lay-out at League Island. One Urged for Frankford

BOYS PRACTICE ON LOTS

Philadelphia golfers are determined to get another public links willy-nilly. A bill to lay out another in the southern section of the city took the nose dive some months back, but business folks are redoubling their efforts to get such a bill through Council.

It is said that bill, pending before the city officials, will be brought to light again shortly and that this time it will have more backing.

One reason is that the South Philadelphia Business Men's Association will be revived next week, and one of the first moves of the new body will be a vigorous campaign for a municipal golf course north of League Island and south of the residence district in that section.

Those interested have long protested the need of a public course for the South Philadelphia section and are out to get it.

There are also rumblings in the northeastern district around Frankford. It is coming to a head with the organization yesterday of a school golf association at Frankford High School. At the mass-meeting it developed that a team at the school would have at least 200 candidates, fifty of whom have played the game or caddied.

At present the boys have to do their practicing on a vacant lot near the school, and thus the need of a course in the district has been forcibly impressed on parents and the business associations in Frankford.

One prominent resident predicted today that it would not be long before Frankford would have its public course.

"The section is growing rapidly, and, with the growth of golf daily, hundreds of demands are being made out here for a golf course where we can play or take up the game."

The lone public course in Philadelphia, located at Cobbs Creek, always has been overcrowded. Thousands of citizens have no other place to play. New York and Chicago have about a dozen courses between them. Philadelphia is even far behind cities like Toledo and Buffalo, which have three or four.

"Give us more public courses," is the sectional cry here, "and the sooner the better."

"The Hardest Battle of My Ring Career"

Johnny Buff Always Found Himself Up Against It in Bouts With Mickey Russell

By JOHNNY BUFF

PICKING the hardest battle of my career is a rather difficult task. But naming a boxer against whom I had to show my very best, against whom I fought my hardest, is easy. That young fistic gentleman is Mickey Russell, familiarly known around Jersey City as "The Blond Tiger."

JOHNNY BUFF

We were friends—pals, in fact, outside the ring. But when we sat in opposite corners in the ring all the fraternal gag was off. Seven different times Mickey and I faced each other in the ring. Neither of us could score a decisive victory in any of the matches, which ranged from six-round prelims to ten-round star bouts. They were corking scraps—not for either Mickey or me, but for the spectators.

The toughest tilt of the bunch, to my mind, was one held in Jersey City early in 1921. It was about the fifth or sixth engagement between us, and was put on as a star set-to. Boy, oh, boy, what a slugfest!

Often I have heard old-timers say, "These stallers nowadays know nothing about action; those babies of the long ago used to give us real fights." Well, they may be right; but it sounds like "hooey" to me. Any one not satisfied with a Buff-Russell bout probably would think that a slaughter-house scene was nothing unusual.

That night—the night of the toughest of our tough tilts—we stood toe to toe from the opening clang of the gong until the final tingle of the bell, neither moved back a fraction of an inch, and what a battle! Mickey and I evidently had nothing else on our minds but fight—and fight we did.

Science! We didn't know there was anything in the pastime like a jab or a right cross, nor did we believe in ducking or side-stepping. It was just a case of socking with both hands and it was the sockingest scrap that was ever seen in Jersey City, I was told by my manager, Lew Diamond.

There were several rounds when we did not hear the bell ending the period—or else, Mickey and I were so chock full of fight that we didn't bother about anything like a gong, keeping on battling until our respective seconds jumped into the ring, pulled us apart and virtually carried us to our respective corners for the minute's intermission.

I don't remember being staggered or punched dizzy at any time, and I don't think Russell was in such a condition during that, but, several times, I felt myself almost lifted off my feet as a result of an uppercut.

Mickey and I often were seen walking along the street, arm in arm, both patched up the day after one of our grueling matches, and persons passing us would marvel how two men—apparently such great rivals—could have so friendly a feeling for each other.

I am sorry that a blood-poisoned leg cut short Mickey's career in the ring, for I believed that he would have proved himself a pocket-edition of Battling Nelson.

Mickey was one of the first men to congratulate me the night I won the bantamweight championship from Peter Herman. "I knew you could do it," was Russell's enthusiastic greeting.

Midget Smith will tell of his hardest battle of his ring career in next Tuesday's issue of the Evening Public Ledger.

No More War Tax for Baseball Pass Holders

Here's some good news for those who go into Shibe Park and the Phillies' Ball Park on passes. According to the revised amusement tax law, no war tax is to be collected on free tickets to baseball games, boxing bouts, theatrical performances or any other amusements. However, there is no change so far as the paying patrons are concerned. Contrary to general opinion, there still is a war tax of 10 per cent.

But the boys with the passes will be doubly lucky. This did not appeal to a certain baseball official, who in discussing the matter today, said: "There ought to be no war tax for the paying patrons and a triple tax for the free guests."

Around the World in Three Weeks

An article on the expansion of Commercial Aviation by Charles W. Duke will appear in the Magazine Section of Tomorrow's Public Ledger, January 8.

President Harding said: "Aviation is destined to make great strides and I believe that America, its birthplace, can, and should be foremost in its development."

Will 1922 see these things: Around the world in three weeks? Across the Atlantic in two days? New York to San Francisco from sundown to sundown? Philadelphia to New York in one hour? Be sure to read this article in tomorrow's Public Ledger—it startles the imagination and predicts the new era of improvement in transportation facilities which is a certainty of the near future.

What Do You Think of a Woman Leaving $60,000.00 to Cats?

Every woman who owns a cat will want to read about "The Day of the Cat" in the Magazine Section of tomorrow's Public Ledger. You will be interested in seeing a photograph of Silent Echo, heralded as the best cat in the country, and in knowing about the fortune which was left to the cat population of the world.

Also read these striking features in tomorrow's Public Ledger:

"Life and the Song" by Marguerite D'Alvarez, "The Tie That Binds the World Around" by Dorothy Thompson, "My Spelling Is as Good as Any" by Ring W. Lardner, and six pages of "funnies," including "The Gumps," "Hairbreadth Harry," "Mutt and Jeff," "Betty," "Boob McNutt" and "Gasoline Alley."

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