

Fred Fulton's manager says for \$10,000 he will allow the Rochester giant to meet Frank Moran in New York after Fulton finishes with Porky Flynn in New Orleans. That's a miserly sum to ask. It might as well be a million, as long as it is merely newspaper money.

Jack Dillon of Indianapolis, is in an odd position in the ring. He is willing to give away from 25 to 50 pounds, but has a hard time getting matches. Dillon was kept busy for awhile, but treated his opponents so roughly that fighters of his weight began to dive



JACK DILLON.

for the cyclone cellar when he hove into sight.

Dillon weighs 175 and has to go away out of his class for bouts. He will meet anyone. He'll let Fred Fulton, the Minnesota giant, come in at 225 pounds if he wishes, or he'll take on Jess Willard, who towers far above him and weighs 50 pounds more.

The Detroit American league club will be out \$15,000 if Bill James, the pitcher bought from the St. Louis Americans, follows the advice of a physician in San Francisco, his home.

James, according to a report, is not strong and has been advised against leaving the Pacific coast climate. The Tigers bought James late last season, figuring he would give the club just the extra pitching punch needed to land the pennant. He worked in less than ten games.

The fact that a major league baseball club has failed in a city that stands foremost in the development of amateur baseball is a matter that must be taken into consideration in figuring on the prosperity of the professional game. It is a matter that enters into the prospects of the sport even with the Federal league war eliminated.

In Cleveland the bankers handling the affairs of Charley Somers have ordered that his American league and American ass'n clubs be sold. In the same city fans point with pride to two national amateur championship pennants won by Cleveland amateur teams.

During the past two years when only a handful of fans has been attracted to the Cleveland American league park, amateur contests staged on city playgrounds a few miles away attracted crowds estimated at from 50,000 to 80,000.

On Saturday and Sundays, when there have been more empty seats than filled ones at the fine, big league park, fans have crowded together like sardines in a box on the hillsides of a natural amphitheater in another part of the city and yelled themselves hoarse as kid teams battled.

Cleveland is not the only city in which fans have taken strongly to the amateur game. The wave of popularity of amateur sports has been sweeping over the country several years. In baseball the development was so great intercity series were staged in 1915 and the White Autos of Cleveland went all the way to the Pacific coast for an east-west series for the championship of the country.

At first major league club-owners