

LATEST TIDINGS FROM SPORTLAND

YANKS WILL HAVE TALLEST CROWD OF BOX MATERIAL

If size and number counts for anything, Manager Donovan of the Yanks will have the greatest pitching staff in the country next season. To date the Highlanders have signed 22 pitchers. Sixteen of them stand over six feet in their stocking feet. The tallest of the lot is "Slim" Love, a southpaw, who was drafted from the Los Angeles team of the Pacific Coast league. Love stands 6 feet 7 1/2 inches, and is even taller than Carl Worman, the portside flinger of the St. Louis Browns. The smallest pitcher that will be taken south by the Highlanders next season is Emagin Cottrell, the southpaw who started the season with the Yanks last year, but was later loaned to Richmond. He is 5 feet, 9 1/2 inches.

The other "midgets" of the Yanks' pitching squad are: Bob Shawkey, 5 feet, 10 inches; Ray Keating, 5 feet, 11 inches; Allen Russell, the spitball artist from the Richmond club, 5 feet, 11 inches; Urban Shooker, a youngster drafted from the Ottawa club of the Canadian league, 5 feet, 11 inches; and Cliff Markle of the Waco club of the Texas league, 5 feet, 11 inches.

It can be seen from the list of pitchers that the Yanks have corralled for next season that Scout Joe Kelly did a lot of work for his salary last year. The pitchers signed for next season come from all parts of the country, and even from across the Canadian border. The scouting net of the Yanks reached as far as the Pacific coast. Kelly made a trip out there just before the season closed and was greatly impressed by the work of Love. The Los Angeles club wanted too much money for Love at that time, so a draft was put in for him and he was finally awarded to the Highlanders.

GWINNER ADMITS LOSING \$100,000 IN FED BASEBALL

Pittsburgh, Dec. 24.—Edward W. Gwinn, President of the Pittsburgh Federal League club, announced yesterday that he was through with baseball for all time, and that his fling had cost him more than \$100,000. He claims to have been kicked out of baseball by the magnates of the American and National Leagues, aided and abetted by several of the Federal League owners.

He is to be given \$50,000 for the improvements he made on the Federal grounds, and told to get his best price for the players under contract. There are sixteen players signed up for the next year at salaries that aggregate \$80,000. He has a contract to pay Ketchy \$8,500 in 1916 and 1917, and would like the New York National League club to take over the player and contract.

HOMMEY DEFEATS CROSS ON POINTS

New York, Dec. 24.—Pachy Hommey, the East Side Italian lightweight, handed Leach Cross a Christmas present package in the Harlem Sporting club last night. The East Side Italian outpointing the dentist-pugilist in a bout that sizzled with action. Under the best round there was little to choose, first one, then the other taking the lead. Hommey, however, showed more aggressiveness than his opponent, and by coming up at top speed won Leach on the points. Hommey gained the laurels in three rounds. Leach was awarded two and the other five rounds were even. Hommey offset Cross' cleverness by forcing the milling in the majority of rounds. Hommey weighed in at 127 1/2 pounds, while Hommey tipped the beam at 134 1/2.

REDS PURCHASE FIRST FED PLAYERS

Cincinnati, Dec. 24.—The purchasing of Pitcher Moseley by the Cincinnati National League club from Sinclair was announced yesterday, and is said to be the first of the Federal League players to have been disposed of since the signing of the popular veteran. Moseley was formerly with the Boston American league club, going from there to the Federals. The purchase price was \$5,000.

THE PUEBLO FIREMAN

That old war-horse of the ring, Jim Flynn, will pass his thirty-sixth milestone today. The Pueblo fireman is referred to as the Methuselah of the game, but this is a slight exaggeration, as Jim has quite some time to go before he attains the 696 years of the Biblical worthy. For a glove artist, thirty-six is getting along in years, but Jim shows no marked distinction in his vigor or his ability to take and give punishment. Jack Dillon found the old timer a hard nut to crack when they mingled in New York recently, and although the Hoosier got the popular verdict, he wasn't permitted to loaf on the job. Flynn's real name is Andrew Haynes, and he is of Italian parentage. He has been fighting in the ring for some fifteen years, and in that period he has been pitted against the best of them. He has been knocked out by Jack Johnson, Sam Langford, Gunboat Smith, Luther McCarty and Al Kaufman, but he has survived them all, and is still able to put up a flinty argument that has much to commend it to the fans who like plenty of action of the sizz-bang variety.

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WALTHOUR WANTS TO RACE AGAINST ANY LOCAL CYCLIST



BOBBY WALTHOUR

Bridgeport youths who think they are something as cyclists can pick up a little easy change today or tomorrow, if they aren't too busy with Christmas shopping. All they've got to do is to beat Bobby Walthour, who holds many championships, in a sprint on the racing machine at Poll's.

SPORT TALK HANDED OUT BY WAGNER

Another Bidder for Bridgeport. It was announced that three bidders are in the field for the Bridgeport baseball franchise. Secretary Reddy of the local club has admitted that a fourth bidder is in the competition. Although the man's identity was not disclosed, it was said that he had not been actively connected with the game before. He is an ardent fan, however, and is anxious to own a franchise. As soon as the Eastern Association publishes its circuit the sale of the Bridgeport club will surely be announced.

It is said that Charley Comiskey, the White Sox owner, is the man who won Ban Johnson over to taking the blacklist of contract jumpers. Weeghan, who owned the Chicago Cubs, is very popular in Chicago and Comiskey, who is popular in Chicago and Comiskey, would get in bad with Chicago fans if attempts were made to freeze out the Chicago outlaws.

Charley Brickley did so well as coach for the Johns Hopkins football squad in Baltimore last season that he has been given a contract for next season at an increased salary.

It is expected that Charles W. Somers will retain control of the Cleveland Americans. His financial affairs have been in bad shape but conditions have been improving and he expects to stay in baseball. This means that Lee Fohl, the former Waterbury leader, will retain his job as manager of the Cleveland club.

It is hoped that the New York Red and Black expect their team to put one over on them. The following Saturday Jim Murphy is going to present his alumni. Murphy has picked some of the best basketball players which B. H. S. has put out in years for this game. To morning's game will start at 2:15 to allow for more dancing for which the B. H. S. orchestra will furnish the music.

St. John's Winning Streak Finally Stops. The winning streak of the St. John's five was broken last night in the Holy Name schedule when the Sacred Hearts beat the leaders by 37 to 27. Lucey and Lannon played well for the winners. In the first game the St. Charles boys beat St. Mary's 23 to 26. Christy and Horkheimer starred for the St. Charles. The scores:

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Rows include ST. CHARLES (23), ST. MARY'S (26), Holy Name (37), Sacred Hearts (27), St. John's (27).

B. H. S. Five to Play Collegians Tomorrow. Tomorrow afternoon the B. H. S. team will play the intercollegiate, and on New Year's afternoon they will meet the B. H. S. alumni. This two-meet games for the holidays are assured. The intercollegiate have a fast bunch of players but the backers of

CONNIE MACK TO TAKE 18 FLINGERS ON TRAINING TRIP

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—As usual, Connie Mack has the largest flock of youngsters that ever invaded a big league baseball camp included in the list that he will carry to Jacksonville, Fla., next spring. And the list may be further increased during the winter.

Eighteen pitchers are included in the list who will receive tryouts in the sunny south. Ira Thomas will again have charge of the pitchers and out of the bunch of raw material that Connie Mack and his scouts have gathered together, he hopes to secure twirlers that will do the trick again for the White Elephants. Five catchers will be in the list. The names of the new men, however, have not been announced. Ten infielders gathered from far and wide, and six outfielders will also be included among the selection.

A number of exhibition games have been arranged at Jacksonville and other places in Florida. The only dates arranged for the Athletics in Florida, at present, are March 23, 24, 25, with the Phillies in St. Petersburg and April 3, 4, 5, with the Phillies in Jacksonville. The Athletics will play only a few games on the way back in the spring, and may not play the usual series with the Phillies.

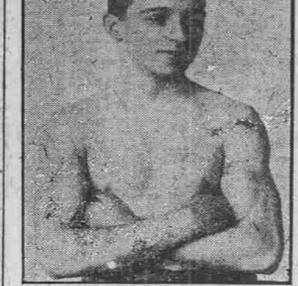
MASKED MARVEL IN ROUGH DRAW WITH IVAN LINOW

New York, Dec. 24.—Ivan Linow, the first Cossack, had the liveliest 20 minutes at the Manhattan Opera House last night that he has experienced since the wrestling tournament started, seven weeks ago. It has been the habit of the tall Russian to maltreat nearly all his opponents and castigate them physically and verbally. But the biter was bitten when the Cossack faced the Masked Marvel in a Graeco-Roman bout. Ordinarily the unknown is a clean, fair wrestler, but when an opponent indulges in rough tactics the masked chap becomes a bad man from Pizen Creek.

The Marvel put Linow to the mat a score of times with chancy holds, but did not succeed in pinning him. Linow, after getting out of a hard lock, began to spar and struck the unknown in the neck. The Marvel responded with a volley of hooks and jabs and they were mixing it up. Queensberry when the whistle ended the second period.

FANS READY FOR BOXING SHOW AT CASINO TOMORROW

Bud Palmer may be obliged to give away a few pounds when he meets Young Beas in the main bout at the Casino tomorrow afternoon but the East Bridgeport boy regards this in the nature of a Christmas gift and will not shed any tears. The boys are supposed to weigh 133 rindside but Palmer is likely to tip the scales at 135. Beas has three blocks in the B. H. S. Battling Levinaky's camp, has ut Pal-



JEROME HENNESSY

mer in perfect condition and says Bud will give a good account of himself. Bossie has more ring experience than Palmer. Freddy has been going through the paces at the Acorn A. C. and declares he will stop Palmer before the end of the 15th round. Bossie is a hard hitter but Palmer is taller and has a longer reach. Al Ketchell and Willie Condon, who got together in the ten round semi-final, will weigh 135 rindside. Ketchell makes his first appearance since the present ring campaign opened. He will find Condon a hard proposition, but is confident of beating the Acorn battler.

Willie Andrews and Jerome Hennessy, the latter from Jersey City, meet in the six round preliminary. Hennessy is Joe Shugrue's sparring partner and may have absorbed some of Joe's skill.

The first bout will start at 2:30 p. m. Terry Lee is referee; M. F. Connor, timekeeper and Slim Brennan, announcer.

No Silver in Sight, Villa Soldiers Riot

El Paso, Dec. 24.—The most pressing problem of the Carranza government of Mexico today in its new acquired Villa territory is the establishment of paper currency on a basis that will insure its acceptance by former Villa soldiers. Last night's disorder in Juarez was the result of the discovery that there was no silver in sight.

GIANTS AND YANKS HOPE TO SECURE FEDERAL STARS

McGraw After Bluejacket, Cooper and Kauff—Donovan Wants Magee, Rousch and Rariden

New York, Dec. 24.—Both of New York's major league baseball clubs—the Giants and the Yankees—expect to benefit by the amicable settlement of the baseball war with the Federal league. Both clubs are anxious to get the best players possible from the independent circuit, and it is certain that the playing strength of both clubs will be materially increased.

Captain T. L. Huston, who is returning home from Cincinnati, has been in communication with Manager Bill Donovan of the Yankees and met him here this morning. Captain Huston has options on several Federal league players, but before purchasing any of them he will confer with his manager.

After the conference Manager Donovan will return to Philadelphia, and it is expected that soon after the holidays he will have another conference with Frank Baker, the home run hitter of the Athletics. Since the signing of peace President Comiskey has consented to give the Yankees a free hand in endeavoring to purchase Federal league players, and it is thought that the Yankees will come to terms with Mack over the transfer of Baker within a short time.

It is known that three of the players Captain Huston has under consideration to strengthen the Yankees for next season are Lee Magee, last year with the Brookfields; Rousch, the outfielder of the Newark, and Rariden, the catcher, who was formerly with the Boston Braves. Captain Huston

Johnny Kilbane May Become Lightweight In Order to Meet Cross

Johnny Kilbane, the undisputed boss of the featherweights, may soon abandon that division. The Cleveland rapidly outgrowing the 125-pound class, and it is only a question of months when he will be fighting regularly at the lightweight standard.

Kilbane is considering an offer from a promoter to make his debut as a lightweight against Leach Cross. Johnny is likely to accept the match. The more Kilbane ponders over the proposition, the better he seems to like it. Johnny is of the opinion that Leachie has mislaid his punch and therefore he would not be taking such a chance.

If the match materializes the men will meet at 134 pounds rindside. Cross would have some difficulty attaining this poundage. A victory over Cross would be quite an auspicious start for Kilbane as a lightweight.

Policeman Loses Burglar of Fruit Store After Chase

A lone pedestrian on Main street above North avenue carrying a large feed bag across his shoulders attracted the attention of Policeman Martin Kelly at 2:45 this morning. The policeman had been broken in by the nature of a suspicious looking traveler and he set out to overtake him.

As the policeman was passing the intersection of North avenue and Main street he heard the sound of breaking glass and, gun in hand, he set out in pursuit of the man, who on seeing the shining brass buttons of the policeman started to run. A hot chase took place but the fugitive was soon lost in the darkness.

On investigation, Policeman Kelly found that the front window of the fruit store of Luigi DeFerari at 2285 Main street had been broken in an endeavor to burglarize the store. On the steps of the store was the feed bag that had rested on the stranger's shoulders, and in the bag were 24 packages of cigars and five boxes of cigars. Policeman Kelly brought the tobacco to police headquarters where it is awaiting a claimant.

Take Advantage of Open Tranam To Burglarize Saloon

An open tranam over the front door of the saloon of Ridolfi Darbenri at 192 Middle street afforded entrance to burglars some time this morning and after rifling the cash drawer of \$7 in change the intruders—it is believed there were two of them—made off with \$40 worth of jewelry that had been secreted in a drawer of the bar.

After thoroughly ransacking the saloon the burglars made their getaway through the rear cellar door.

Weather Forecast

New Haven, Dec. 24.—Forecast: Fair tonight, Saturday somewhat cloudy and probably followed by rain or snow.

Connecticut: Increasing cloudiness tonight. Saturday mostly clear probably followed by rain or snow. Moderate variable winds. The storm which was central over the upper lake region yesterday morning moved out the St. Lawrence valley last night. It was followed this morning by pleasant weather in the eastern Districts. A disturbance of considerable energy has developed during the last 24 hours over the southwestern districts and is now central over northern Texas. It is causing unsteady weather with rain or snow as far north as Nebraska and as far east as Illinois. It will probably move southward to the Gulf of Mexico during the next 24 hours. Moderate temperatures prevail this morning in all districts east of the Rocky Mountains.

Austrian troops are now wearing white uniforms for concealment in the snow.

SINCLAIR TO SELL KAUFF AND MAGEE TO HIGHEST BIDDER

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Harry F. Sinclair, the Oklahoma oil magnate, owns Bennie Kauff, outfielder, and Lee Magee, second baseman, both stars on the Brooklyn Federal league team. Last season, it was learned here yesterday.

The information came from Mr. Sinclair himself, who now places the players on the market. It had been the understanding that they belonged to the Wards, owners of the Brooklyn Federal. Mr. Sinclair said he acquired the two players this winter.

"I have them for sale," he said. "They can be had by the St. Louis Americans if Phil Ball wants to pay the price. It isn't steep, considering the class of the players involved." Mr. Sinclair further stated that he also owns George Anderson, the outfielder of the Brookfields and had the disposition of the Kansas City, Buffalo and Newark Fed players.

Coach Haughton Has Photographic Record of Harvard Football

In one of Percy Haughton's latest is a complete photographic record of the football season of 1915 at Harvard. Scores of action pictures were taken of the Yale-Harvard game under the direction of the Harvard Athletic association. Haughton's supply of "stills" pictures came from the newspaper photographers at the Stadium throughout the season. He has at least one picture of every important play that was made by Harvard or an opponent at any time during the season.

In these photographs, Haughton has the material for a splendid course in advance football. There are errors that can be pointed out to students of the game, and there are fine playing points that can be located. The pictures will be of extreme value to him in teaching players of future teams the finer points of the game that might otherwise be missed.

The athletic union of the Harvard Union will have Haughton deliver one of his football lectures after the new year, if the head coach can be coaxed to take the assignment. With the stereoscopic views obtained from the newspapers, Haughton will retrace the important phases of the Yale-Harvard game of this year.

American Lightweight Title Had Its Origin 27 Years Ago

A close search of the northeast corner of the scrambled map of Maryland, at a point where the Susquehanna flows into Chesapeake Bay, will reveal a speck which bears the name of Ferryville. This speck, which is a town, and doubtless it could be wiped off the map without affecting the stars in their orbits, but it has historic interest as the scene of a great battle, and as the birthplace of the American lightweight championship. It was at Ferryville, Md., forty-seven years ago today, Dec. 23, 1868, that Abe Hicken became the first recognized champion of America in the lightweight division by defeating Pete McGuire. He turned the trick in five rounds, and thereby gained immortality and the big share of the \$2,000 purse.

The history of the American lightweight division from Hicken to Ritchie would make mighty interesting reading, but it would require several fat volumes. Hicken retired soon after his victory, and Arthur Chambers and Billy Edwards claimed the title, Chambers winning by a trick, and later defending his title against Johnny Walker, Charlie Norton, George Pullman, a Canadian, and others then held forth as claimants, until in 1884 Jack Dempsey, the "Nonpareil," became the recognized leader. Hicken's reign as lightweight champion of America and the world until 1899, when Frank Erne of Buffalo, a native of Switzerland, annexed the honor. Joe Gans then came to the front, and in a time Jimmy Britt disputed his right to the crown, and it was not until 1908 that Battling Nelson, the Dane, took the crown from Joe's kinkly kome. Hicken, Arthur Chambers, the Michigan Wildcat, took the honors, and in 1912 Willie Ritchie succeeded to the lightweight throne, although soon deprived of the world's title by Freddie Welsh, a Canadian, but the list of good men now contesting in that class, it is likely that much new lightweight championship history will be written before very long.

ANNIVERSARIES OF RING BATTLES

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