NEWS AND VIEWS OF SPORTS

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WILLARD AND MORAN TO BE READY AT 9.30

New York, March 8—Jess Willard and Frank Moran will enter the ring for their 10-round battle in Madison Square Garden on March 25 at 9:30 o'clock. Tex Rickard has said it, and Tex Rickard always means what he says. As a rule the main bout at boxing shows is put on at 10 o'clock, under a rule of the State Athletic Commission which sets that hour as the latest time.

The man who deals in big things, whether cattle ranches or boxing bouts, has set his heart on having everything run as smoothly on the night of the bout as a twin-six motor, and to avoid any possible delay will insist on the men facing each other a full half hour earlier than the usual set time.

This decision is sure to meet with the hearty approval of those who are planning to see the battle. The preliminary bouts will serve simply to whet appetites, and the sooner the big men are introduced the happier the crowd will be.

To avoid possible congestion about the Garden on the big night, and to make it easier for those who hold tickets to get inside the building and find their seats, Mr. Rickard decided yesterday to put the $5 and $3 tickets on sale four or five days before the bout, instead of on the same evening, as originally planned.

No wiser decision could have been made. The number of these cheaper seats is limited, and in all probability six times as many men will try to buy them as there are tickets to go around. This would invite serious consequences, perhaps, and lead to disturbances outside the Garden, which now can be avoided.

In a further effort to keep the tickets out of the hands of speculators, no person will be allowed to buy more than two of these cheaper tickets. No pains are being spared by Rickard and others interested in handling the bout to protect the public from the ticket sharks.

All the $10 seats have been sold and of the boxes, including the two new rows lately put in, only 14 are left. There are plenty of $20 and $15 seats left, however, and some $25 arena seats, which it is insisted are as good as any in the house.

BOB VERNON, VETERAN SPORTSMAN, HAS HELD OVER MILLION DOLLARS IN STAKES AND BETS

New York, March 8—"Pommery Bob" Vernon, the veteran sportsman, who holds the stakes in the Willard-Moran 10-round battle to be held in Madison Square Garden, March 25, bears the distinction of being the only man in the world who has held over $1,000,000 in stakes and bets. During the heydey of the thoroughbred horse racing in the East it was a common occurrence to see Vernon hold $10,000 or $25,000 on a race. In the Willard-Johnson bout it was Bob who held the mazuma. Not alone in this country has he held stakes, but in England. When Willie Ritchie fought Welsh for the lightweight championship in England, Vernon held $50,000. During an election some years ago in New York Bob held over $250,000 in bets for various friends. And the strange part of it is that Vernon has never received any monetary consideration for his trouble—in fact, he refused it. All he asks for is the novelty. When Jim Jeffries met defeat the the hands of Jack Johnson in Reno, Bob lost a fortune. He was so sure that Jeff would win that he had his shoes bet on the Californian. He has bet but little since. Vernon was born in Wales March 26, 1870, and will be 46 years old on March 26.

LARGE CROWD SEES RATTLING BOXING BOUTS

(By Wagner.)

With Wild Burt Kenny hurling rights and lefts in all directions you were as safe around the ringside last night as you would be in Verdun. Dumb Dan Morgan, seated in shirt-sleeved majesty by the ringside, had to duck a few haymakers. In fact Kenny hit everybody but Battling Levinsky with whom he was supposed to be picking a quarrel.

The gallery fans didn't think the boys were very blood-thirsty and there were frequent catcalls and ready witticisms, such as "Open the chute," and "Kenny, you're wanted on the 'phone." After seeing Kenny and Levinsky put on their act we know why the Stratford squire can box seven or eight bouts a week. He had every move of Kenny's filed away in the card index.

Levinsky simply fiddled around and when he felt inclined he gave Kenny a jab. Kenny did a lot of rushing but his sense of direction was bad. If you sent him to Southport he'd wind up in Hard's Corner. There was not enough action to suit the crowd and the spectators were not backward in voicing their opinions. If any decision had been given it would have gone to Levinsky by a wide margin.

The rooters, who crowded the Park theatre, saw several bouts that pleased them, however. The semi-final between Bud Palmer of this city and Battling Kunz of South Norwalk was a whirlwind. Kunz did much better than in his last appearance here. He went right after Palmer from the start and outpointed the local boy. The boxers weighed 138.

Kunz is a hard hitter and he planted a fine collection of punches on Palmer's face. The latter took his punishment gamely, however, and frequently assumd the aggresesive when a more timid boxer would have been willing to quit. It was Kunz's bout.

The fans nearly raised the roof with their shouts during the Al Ketchel-Chic Brown affair. Brown is a two-handed battler who is willing to force the fighting every minute. He found Ketchel willing to meet him halfway and the result was that the excitement was never allowed to die out. Even in the clinches the boys whaled away at each other. They weighed 133.

Brown in the early part of the bout carried the wallop to Ketchel and had an advantage over the Yankee Boy. In the last five rounds Ketchel improved vastly. He bothered Brown with his left and returned blow for blow. A draw would be a fair verdict.

Referee Terry Lee stopped the preliminary just as the last round started, as Young Brown was giving Young Johnson a bad beating.

The crowd was the largest that has attended a local show in recent years and the members of the Clover A. C., who put on the card, were elated. The promoters are entitled to credit for carrying out the arrangements so perfectly. There were no annoying delays between bouts.

CONNIE MACK RECOMMENDS HOFFMAN FOR LOCAL MANAGER

Three Bidders For New Haven Franchise and Deal May Be Closed Soon.

(By Wagner.)

Manager Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics, has sent a letter to the Bridgeport club in which he recommends Izzy Hoffman for the job of managing the local club. Hoffman is the former Holyoke outfielder. He has played in various minor leagues since leaving this section. He managed clubs in the Tri-State and Three I leagues and met with success. It is felt that the local owner will pick a man of bigger reputation for the place, however.

Neal Ball was to have given his decision last night but asked for a few more days of grace. He is still considering an offer to return to the Toronto club and wants to have another conference with the Toronto management before he decides upon the Bridgeport proposition.

It is said that there are three leading bidders for the New Haven franchise and the deal will be closed within a short time. The New Haven fans will be glad to welcome anybody but Jerry Connell.

John Hummell, the former Brooklyn star, who was recently released, will probably accept an offer to play with the Buffalo Internationals.

Jack Dillon and Fireman Jim Flynn will meet in a ten round bout at the Manhattan Casino, New York, Friday night. With these two sluggers in the ring the affair will not be a tea party.

It was announced from the ring at the Park theatre last night that the next show will be held March 20. The star bout will be a 15 round affair between former champion George Chip and Johnny Howard, of Bayonne, N. J.

You can't go around picking on umpires without getting your shins barked. Jack McNulty, a former Federal league umpire, compromised a suit with Jack O'Connor yesterday by taking $1,250. During a game in 1914 when O'Connor managed the St. Louis Feds, he beat McNulty up.

The St. Louis Americans are still turning players back to the minors. Five have been sold to Terre Haute of the Central league. None of the five was of any prominence.

Beals Becker, the former Giant and Philadelphia outfielder, has signed with Kansas City of the American association. The Yankees were trying to send Birdie Cree there but he rebelled.

There are still some places in the south where a major league team is a novelty. When the Chicago Cubs reached Tampa, Fla., yesterday they were greeted by a brass band and all the city officials.

The Yale basketball team will play its final game tonight, when the Columbia team will be the attraction at the Yale gymnasium. Yale stands fourth in the six club Intercollegiate league.

The loss of Gilman, Boles and Enwright of the Harvard football squad may result in a boomerang for Yale. Perhaps Percy Haughton will feel so sorry for his college that he will reconsider his decision to quit as Harvard coach.

SPRING SERIES IN NEW YORK AROUSES FANS

New York, March 8.—If spring baseball games are to be regarded as ccounting for anything, we may this year have the first real city champion since the American league invaded the town in 1903. The Giants have, of course, met the Dodgers often enough, the Yankees have played the McGraw clan, and the Superbas have met the local American leaguers, but never have we had a set of contests such as is scheduled for early next month.

The Yankees and the Superbas will open their series on Tuesday, April 4, and will also play on the 5th and the 11th. On Friday, April 7, the Yankees and the Giants will inaugurate their first spring series at the Polo Grounds and will continue it on the 8th and the 10th. It is figured that these ante-season games will give local fans a rather clear impression as to which of the three home outfits is the best and which deserves the runner-up position.

When the series between the Giants and the Yankees was arranged it was not hailed with general delight. Those in enforced attendance at previous meetings of the Manhattan clubs branded the series as a foolish piece of business, but happenings since then have vindicated the judgment of the club officials.

When Ebbets Field was opened three years ago, the Yankees, under the new leadership of Frank Chance, drew a $16,000 gate for the series with the Dodgers. How much more ought the Yanks and the Giants attract if the weather is propitious? The additions to the Giants and Yanks have created new interest in both outfits. The only danger lies in the possibility that the series will take the edge off the opening of the championship season here. That would hurt the Yankees, who will start the ball a-rolling with Washington on April 12.

ENWRIGHT, BOLES AND GILMAN ARE LOST TO HARVARD

Cambridge, March 8.—Three of the players Harvard was counting upon to down Yale next season on the gridiron, were dropped from college by the faculty yesterday and as a consequence all Harvard is plunged in gloom. The unlucky athletes are Captain Gilman, Halfback Boles and Halfback Enwright. All three were lax in their studies.

Enwright, whose preparatory school record as a powerful back and great drop kicker, had led experts to pick him as the successor of Brickley and Mahan, still has a chance for reinstatement. If he attends the Harvard summer school at Squam Lake, N. H., for a required amount of study and passes examinations in September he will be eligible to play.

The loss of Boles hits the baseball squad as well as the eleven for besides being a fast halfback he was one of the 'varsity pitchers. Enwright also has gained a reputation on the diamond.

Gilman's withdrawal especially leaves the Crimson football situation in an uncertain condition, for Harvard is now without captain or coach, as Coach Haughton's contract has expired and he has not yet announced his intentions for the fall. Gilman's playing last year made him a popular choice for the All-American football eleven.

Richard Harte of Philadelphia, who played end on the eleven last season, was second choice for captain at the meeting of the 'varsity team members which elected Gilman in December. Harte was the first Harvard man to score a touchdown last fall against Yale in the Stadium, when he picked up a muffed punt and dashed across the line. It was generally believed last night that he would be elected to succeed Gilman.

Ollie O'Mara 24 Today

Ollie O'Mara, the clever little shortstop of the Brooklyn Dodgers, will pass his twenty-fourth base in life to-day, having been born on March 8, 1892, in that dear old St. Looey. The Mound City trolley league, which has turned out many good players, was Oliver's alma mater. In 1911 he was offered a job in a regular league by the Hannibal club of the Central Association. Ollie shortstopped so successfully in Mark Twain's town that in the latter part of the 1912 season he was bought by Detroit. He didn't fit into the Tiger scheme and was shipped ov to Providence, but the Saints also decided that he wasn't ripe and released him to Evansville. Ollie was recalled in mid-season, but was again sent back to the Central League, landing with Fort Wayne. In 1914 Squire Ebbets bought him, and last season the little fellow demonstrated that the Squire had used his bean when he made the deal. O'Mara was the regular shortstop of the 1915 Superbas and his work helped a lot in the great race made by the club.

MONTENEGRIN CAPITAL MOVED

Lyons, March 8.—The seat of the government of Montenegro has been transferred from Lyons to Bordeaux. The king and members of the royal family, with the government officers, left here last night to take up their new residence in a mansion which has been prepared for them near the city of Bordeaux.

FRANK BAKER FINALLY LANDS IN YANK CAMP

Macon, Ga., March 8—Franklin Baker, the home and fireside king, finally arrived in this city at 12:35 o'clock yesterday morning. He was expected on the 8:50 train, but missed connections at Atlanta. From all that can be heard the train reaches Atlanta on time only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the parade formed in the lobby of the Dempsy to welcome the circuit clouter. The first platoon was formed of Captain Huston, Harry Sparrow, Bill Donovan, Joe Kelly, Duke Farrell and Germany Schaefer.

The newspaper men, under the command of Colonel Hanna, made up the second division. The third squad was composed of the regulars, and then came the recruits in mass formation. The pitchers were all crowded in a rear corner, so that the applause of the others might drown their hissing.

Mark Roth was selected to escort Baker from the train and hurried to the station in a limousine and a state of excitement. In a few moments the sound of the motor was heard outside and every one prepared to cheer. Mark entered alone. "He wasn't there," he said. The pitchers cheered.

In a few moments, however, a long distance telephone ball for Donovan was announced. Baker was on the wire. He said that he had missed connections in Atlanta, that his hand was doing finely and that he would be on the later train.

The pitchers gave three rousing groans and went to bed, but every one else stayed around long past their bed time to give Baker a proper welcome. He appeared to appreciate it.

Athletics Have Bunch of Unknown Recruits

American League fans will find the score card a handy adjunct wherever the Athletics appear this season. Little strangers galore will be shipped to Jacksonville for spring training and even Connie Mack will need an identification bureau for ready reference during the early hours of the pennant campaign.

In scanning the list of talent assembled on the Quaker City machine, it is found that only one of the 14 newcomers is a heavy swatting person.

Stellbauer, outfielder from the Three I League, hit .301 in 196 times last season. Catcher Murphy, late of the New York State League, slugged .292 and Pick, outfielder from the International club, clubbed .291.

Perkins, another maskman, hailing from Raleigh, topped all rivals in fielding in the North Carolina circuit with .390 in 115 engagements.

The six hurlers, all but two coming from leagues lower than Class B, made mediocre showings. Nabors with 12 victories and one defeat was second among the fielders in the Georgia-Alabama circuit, while Myers with 29 and 10 ranked first in the North Carolina organization. Ray, another product of this circuit, trailed 29th among 30 slabmen with eight winners and 20 upsets against another tough season.

QUITS YALE CREW BECAUSE OF HIS COLLAPSE IN RACE

New Haven, Conn., March 8.—Reginald G. Coombe of New York city, called by Guy Nickalls, head coach of the Yale University crews, the most perfect oarsman of his age, has withdrawn from the Yale rowing squad and from the 'varsity crew, and has begun work as assistant to Charlie Wiman as coach of the freshman eight.

Coombe rowed No. 7 in the race against Columbia last fall on New Haven harbor, and collapsed just after the one-mile mark. Examinations by physicians after the race and since that time have shown beyond any question that the collapse was a nervous one, and one which in all probability would not recur in years of rowing.

The retirement of Coombe from competition for the place in the 'varsity boat was entirely voluntary and made after nearly four months of consideration by the young oarsman, who believed that there was a possibility that his presence in the boat in some future contest might have a bad psychological effect on some other members of the Yale crew because of his collapse in the Columbia race and that it would not do for the self-confidence of future crews to have him at No. 7.

BRAINARD STARS IN GIANTS' GAME

Marlin, Tex., March 8—The sultry weather that has been annoying the Giants for the past two days passed away early yesterday morning on a breeze that blew forty miles an hour out of the northwest. A drop of several degrees in temperature was greatly appreciated because even then the thermometer registered around 70 all day.

Yesterday afternoon the old boys were permitted to indulge in such stunts as suited their fancy, while two teams of colts pranced through six innings.

Rube Schauer and Ferdie Schupp, who are deadly rivals in every line of endeavor, captained and pitched for the battling nines. Schupp was quite crestfallen when Schauer nicked him for a home run just after Rube had struck him out. That home run and another by Fed Brainard in the same inning, won for the Schauers. The score was 7 to 4.

Brainard was the star of the abbrevated game. Up three times, he hit for a honer and two singles, and scored three runs. In the field Hunter, Martin and Babbington had good records. Hunter, though he is a first baseman, can play other positions well. McGraw liked his work up around the Polo Grounds last summer, and is taking a long look at him down here.

Schupp and Schauer retired after three innings, the score then being 6 to 4. Kramer pitched the last two rounds for Schauer's team and did not permit a hit. "Typhoid-Bill" Ritter steamed them over for the losers against Kramer, and was soaked for a run in the last frame.

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GEORGE STOVAL AND OTHER FEDS LAND JOBS IN TOLEDO

Toledo, O., March 8—George Stovall, last year's manager of the Kansas City Federal league club, has been signed by Roger Bresnahan, owner of the Toledo American Association club. Stovall will play first base. Four other former Federal league players were signed. They are J. W. Rawlings, third base, Kansas City; Hugh Bedient, pitcher, Buffalo; Geo. Kaiserling, pitcher, Newark, and Miles Main, pitcher, Kansas City.

In addition, Rex Devogt, catcher; Abe Bowman, pitcher; Earl Gardner, second baseman; Bill Hoffman, third base; Roy Wood, outfielder; Herbert Hill, A. McCall and Tom Valden, pitchers, all of them members of the former Cleveland American Association club, will be under Bresnahan's management. Bresnahan is said to be negotiating with another Federal outfielder.

RIBBONS DEFEAT KINGSTON PLAYERS

The Blue Ribbon basketball players struck their winning stride again last night when they beat the Kingston, N. Y., five of the Interstate league at Colonial hall by 19 to 17. It was a closely contested game and pleased the spectators.

Swenson and Roach did well for the Ribbons while Henshall was a star for Kingston. The lineup:

Blue Ribbons		Kingston
Beckman	L. F.	Johnson
Clinton	R. F.	Bruggy
Leonard	C.	Tomer
Roach	R. G.	Barger
Swenson	L. G.	Henshall

Goals from floor, Beckman 1, Clinton 1, Leonard 2, Roach 1, Swenson 2, Johnson 1, Barger 2, Henshall 2. ouls, Beckman 3, Leonard 2, Johnson 7. Referee Wallum, Scorer Miller.

Judge-Fennell Win In Ozanam Club Game

Last evening at the Ozanam club Judge-Finnell defeated Mitchell-Alvord by 25-19 at pool. Finnell played a star game.

In the latter part of the evening Cassidy-Bowden lost a double bill, first game to the champions, Garrity-Devitt, 25-24. The second game, Tierney-F. Moran won by 25-18. F. Moran played a stellar game.

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TONEY OWES HIS SUCCESS IN BOX TO PILOT HERZOG

Just how much a manager figures in the development of a star pitcher and just how much needs to be done, sometimes, to save good raw material from the great scrap heap is shown by the case of Fred Toney, counted on to be a whale with the Cincinnati Reds the coming season. Toney was turned from a cast-off "dub" into a pitcher who won a big majority of his games with a second-division club last season and next to Grover Alexander was the hardest pitcher in the National league to score against.

From the time Honey set strike-out records in the Blue Grass league in 1909 until last season, he was a puzzle. He had wonderful natural ability, and every good baseball judge who looked at him said he ought to be a wonder. Wise managers and catchers tried to make him the great pitcher he ought to have been, then gave up.

He made five trips to and from the major leagues. Finally, last spring, the big mountaineer found himself out of a job. He asked for another trial with the Cubs and was turned down. He wrote to every other club in the National and American leagues—15 of them—asking for a chance. He got one reply. It was from Buck Herzog, manager of the Cincinnati Reds.

Herzog was willing to tackle the job of molding the big failure into a success. Toney reported, without spring training, four days after the season opened. Herzog is one manager who can get a ball player in shape and he started on the big job. He trained Toney for five weeks. He was criticized for keeping the big fellow on the pay-roll, but the Red leader had some ideas about pitchers and insisted on working them out. Toney had rare speed and always tried to whiz the ball past the batter. Herzog taught him not to try to strike out every batter, but to make them bat at bad balls. Toney was a side-arm pitcher. Herzog made him pitch overhand.

Herzog taught him to mix in a slow ball and slow curve with his fast one, and to use his fadeaway on left-hand batters. He taught him to use the same motion in throwing his slow ball he used in throwing his speedy ones. The Red boss taught Toney to study batters and to "work" on them.

He taught him to pitch with his head as much as with his arm. In five weeks Toney was ready—and he was a whirlwind. The pitcher who had been the big mystery of baseball for five years, won 17 games and lost only six, held opposing teams to less than two runs a game and to a batting average of .175. He pitched six shutouts. So, the manager who found Frank Baker and gave the game one of its greatest hitters gave the game a great pitcher who had been lost.

Harry Wills Defeats Sam Langford on Points

New York, March 8—Harry Wills, the giant negro, who was recently knocked out by Sam Langford in New Orleans, regained some of his lost prestige last night, when he outpointed the Tar Baby in a ten-round bout at the Broadway Sporting club.

Wills jabbed and hooked Samuel from start to finish, and managed to avoid the vicious wallops that Langford aimed at his jaw. Both men bled freely from nose and mouth, and while each was trying hard, yet the spectators did not seem to be satisfied and their discontent was accentuated by frequent warnings to the boxers from the referee.

Prince William of Wied, Mpret of Albania, arrived at Durazzo.

Stamford High Plays B. H. S. Here Saturday

The B. H. S. basketball team will complete the final round of its season Saturday. The grand finale will be between the locals and the strong Stamford five. The latter are claiming the state championship and should B. H. S. beat them the locals would have a claim to the championship. The game ought to be the best yet staged in the new gym.

The Hill Toppers are due for a win and are going to try to prove that their new gym is not a jynx to them. The wearers of the Red and Black lost both games played there, last Saturday's being a heart-breaker.

Manager Green has procured Mr. Spencer, physical director of the N. H. H. S., to referee this important game.

It is claimed that an enemy could easily bombard New York, but they might prefer to attack some American city.

In view of the great number of homicides in this country, there is a growing feeling that they should not be permitted on Sundays, legal holidays, or after 11 p. m.

No opposition to the internment of German ships and crews has as yet been reported from the great brewing interests.

Why do our Red Cross nurses travel 3,000 miles to find the wounded, when the automobile season in this country is just coming on?

Gandil Should Be Great Help To Lee Fohl In Cleveland

(Buffalo Enquirer.)

When Arnold Gandil joined the Washington club upon Decoration day, 1912, the Nationals were in sixth place with a percentage of .457, having won 17 and lost 21 games. With exactly the same team except that Gandil had replaced Flynn upon first base, Griffith's aggregation proceeded to come west and set a league record of 17 victories. It won one at Boston Memorial day afternoon, took four straight at St. Louis, the same number at Chicago, ditto at Detroit, three in Cleveland, and returned home to win the seventh in a row from the Athletics.

Those 17 consecutive victories advanced the Nationals from sixth place with a mark of .618 and Clark Griffith always has averred that Gandil did it. Gandil, himself, made 27 hits in the 17 games.

Becauase Gandil has gone back as a player but little since 1912 is one reason why Manager Fohl asked James C. Dunn, the prospective president of the Indians, to purchase the release of the Washington first baseman, as the Indian manager believes that Gandil may prove to be just the man that Cleveland needed, just as Washington needed him in 1912.

"I can point out to you," said Fohl, a few days ago, "where we lost 20 games last year because of mistakes at first base. With a player with the intelligence of Gandil and his mechanical ability, first base should be played as it has not been played in Cleveland since George Stovall was in his prime."

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