

# STOVE LEAGUE DOPESTERS BUSY WITH WASHINGTON CLUB

## Much Foolish Chatter About Washington Club Is Going the Rounds

### Alleged Snubbing Incident Stirs Stove League Dopesters—Tip for Ban Johnson—Three Shortstops, One Third Baseman.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Western baseball writers just do not on a piece of scandal. They wallow in a choice bit around their tongues like a sewing circle discussing a messalliance, and pour it forth from their typewriters with all the eager enthusiasm of a female reformer disavowing what she fantasies are women's wrongs.

The latest morsel of titillating to grow up with the West is the story that President Tom Noyes, of the Washington Baseball Club, was snubbed, cut, frapped, etc., at the American League meeting in Chicago. Tumultuously and precipitately accepting a suggestion to that effect, based upon the substitution of Charles Comiskey for Mr. Noyes on the joint rules committee, and the failure to elect Mr. Noyes to the board of directors of the American League, the Western space killers and baseball-leader-day writers have proceeded to make a showing by enlarging upon those incidents as indications that our idol has been shattered, our Monument overturned, as it were.

### Bore Him No Violets.

Cease such chatter. Not being crazy with the heat this December, Mr. Noyes did not go to Chicago to pull off an Ajax stunt and defy the entire American League. It is true that when he left the station for Chicago he did not carry a bunch of violets for Ban Johnson. Nor did he have the last bit of his wedding cake in his inside pocket to slip the American League chief. Mr. Noyes was under obligations to return a compliment to Johnson, for Johnson handed Mr. Noyes and the Washington fans a nice juicy lemon in his devious deal with Jake Stahl before the national commission last spring when he sprung a secret meeting of the commission to hear the Stahl case, and adopted other methods of the old-established Johnson brand.

But lemons are cheap and can be prevented by any individual who wishes to lower himself to make that kind of a gift, and the Washington baseball official could hardly be expected to show his appreciation by a return compliment in the way of a rare exotic or a large diamond.

### Peace for Awhile.

That Johnson bulldozed and bullied the Washington club in the Stahl matter is the opinion of those here familiar with the insides of the case, and that he would not hesitate to repeat such tactics for his own personal satisfaction without regard to the needs of the league, is not considered unlikely by those who have come into contact with his blustering and bluffing, but that the Washington club's president went to the league meeting for the sole purpose of stirring up trouble is a joke.

Mr. Noyes did not want that job on the rules committee and thereby showed his good sense. He did not want a job on the board of directors, for as far as anybody can see, the directors do not amount to a tott in a whirlwind, and successfully tried to elude the position. That's all there is to it, and the whole subject of Johnson's effort to run rough-shod over the Washington club will probably lie dormant until that hot-blooded but none the less artificial individual next year has those little tricks which are so spectacular when exposed.

### Tip for Johnson.

That Johnson has done much for the American League none will deny, but he could do a vast deal more for himself and the organization if he could rise above some of his petty methods, be strictly open and above board and stop playing minor politics which gratify his own vanity but breed strife instead of strength in the enterprise he controls.

The report that Manager Cantillon is to let Minneapolis have Catcher Jim

### Georgetown Quint To Meet Maryland In Opening Game

#### Local Line-Up Will Be Largely Composed of New Material.

Intercollegiate basketball will start off with a rush tomorrow when the Georgetown University basketball team will meet the strong University of Maryland quint at the Carroll Institute gymnasium at 8 o'clock.

Georgetown has been practicing faithfully for the past two weeks under the supervision of Prof. Joyce and the students who have seen the men perform are elated with the bright prospects in store for the team this season. Maryland has had a strong team the last two years and will come to Washington well primed for what is considered one of its most important games of the year. Many of the Maryland students will accompany the team, as the hard struggle they lost to Georgetown in football last fall has stirred them up to even greater ambition.

Downey the Only Vet.

Captain Downey is the only member of last season's team who will start in the game for Georgetown tomorrow evening. Though the regular varsity has not been decided upon for the season the men who will represent Georgetown are playing their first year on Georgetown teams. Crogan and G. Colliflower will be at the forward positions for the game with Columbia Saturday. The regular basketball court will be marked out on the floor of the skating rink and the game will be played under collegiate rules.

## New York Police On Guard Against Tire Chain Autos

### Many Forget Ordinance Against Non-Skid Devices in Parks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—No automobiles with chains on their tires entered Central Park yesterday.

That is unless they stole by the policemen on guard at all the entrances after dark last night. During the day-time hours it was absolutely impossible for tire chains to get into the park.

At every entrance a policeman was stationed. At some entrances were two policemen. At the main entrances, at the Circle and the Plaza, mounted policemen kept guard. On the slippery pavements of the city non-skidding devices were almost essential and three-fourths of the automobiles that drove up to the park entrances were equipped with the chains.

Non-skidding tires of the studded or armored type are not barred from the parks and several enterprising tire concerns hastened to place that type of tire before their customers.

The park authorities, who are responsible for the new regulation, allege that tire chains tear up the surfaces of the drives and render it impossible to maintain them in good repair.

## MOVING START WILL BE TRIED OUT NEXT YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Race horses next season will be sent away from a moving start as an experiment early in the year.

This has been definitely decided upon by the turf authorities. This move has been under discussion a long while, but the advocates of the system have eventually triumphed, and the old system of starting horses from a standstill will be abolished.

For a long time the advocates of the moving system of starting have been trying to secure the consent of the stewards to this method. The friends of Starter Cassidy have always maintained that his work with the barrier was fully 100 per cent better under the moving system than it was when he sent his fields away flat-footed.

They have now secured the consent of the turf authorities, and it will be given a long trial during the Kennel meeting. If it is successful it will be brought East and adopted as the local tracks, but if Cassidy's work shows no improvement over the old style of starting the standing method will again go into effect.

## O'BRIEN'S DENIAL IS NOT CREDITED

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 17.—Indignant denials by President O'Brien and other moguls of the American Association that a plan is on foot to invade the north side of Chicago with an association team are not accepted by the fans here.

The latter insist that there is something more than talk in the air. It is hinted there that the syndicate to back the invaders has been formed for some time, and that the park has been secured in Chicago.

Inasmuch as it is far removed from either of the major ball parks it is said Comiskey and Murphy care very little what is done. If the invasion is made, however, it would be in defiance of the attitude of the major leagues as a whole.

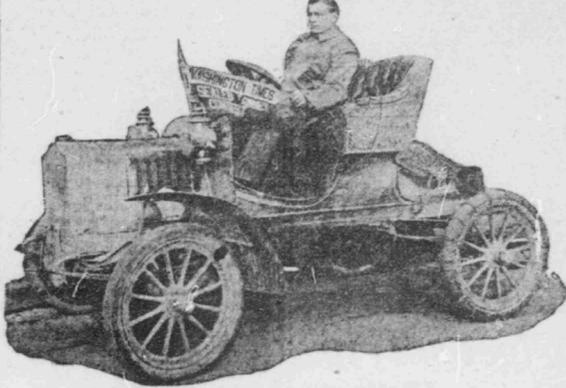
## JACK BONNER AFTER FITZGERALD'S SCALP

READING, Dec. 17.—It is likely that Jimmy Bonner, of Summit Hill, and Willie Fitzgerald, of Philadelphia, will clash in a ten-round boxing match as a wind-up to the next show of the Reading Athletic Club, whose semi-monthly exhibitions have been drawing packed houses.

The date for the next show has not been announced because of a hitch in the plans for the Bonner-Fitzgerald fight. Bonner wants Fitzgerald to weigh in at 123 ring-side. It is likely that Bonner will eventually decide not to insist upon this, as those who are acquainted with both fighters say that neither can make 123 ring-side and be strong.

Manager Coyle of the local club will visit Philadelphia tomorrow and endeavor to get the pair together. It is likely that they will come to terms, and Reading sports will be treated to the greatest ten-round go ever seen in the city.

## Maxwell Durability Shown in Contest



J. R. THOMAS DRIVING MAXWELL RUNABOUT.

## Second-Hand Machine Makes Clean Score and Good Time.

That the claim of durability made by the Maxwell manufacturers is well founded was demonstrated in The Times Sealed Bonnet Contest when an early 1907 model, second-hand Maxwell, which had already traveled 4,000 miles, finished with seals unbroken and with a perfect score.

The machine in question was driven by J. R. Thomas and was the lowest powered car in the run, being 12 to 14-horsepower. In spite of this it finished with a clean record and well within the time limit, arriving at the clubhouse at 7:45 o'clock.

### Delay Near Olney.

No trouble of any kind was experienced until, after pulling out of Olney, the tire chain was lost from the rear wheel, and some delay was occasioned in searching. As it could not be found the run to Frederick was always maintained with considerable difficulty on account of the frequent skidding. After leaving Elliott City darkness began to fall and the going was slow through the mud as the Maxwell was not provided with a searchlight.

"I was pleased with the whole affair, and after taking part in The Times run I intend to enter everything of the kind that comes along," said J. R. Thomas, who drove the Maxwell. "Both a Maryland and a Maxwell will probably be sent up to the Harrisburg endurance run, and if there are any more local competitions you can count on me to be in the running with a full quota of cars."

## Proved Maxwell's Worth.

"The record I made with my second-hand machine in the contest last week clearly shows why the Maxwell has attained such popularity here in the past two years. In the early part of 1906 there were but two Maxwells in Washington and now there are seventy-five. For the coming season sales promise to be even more active than heretofore. I already have orders for fifty cars of the three types handled by our firm, the Maxwell, Maryland and Pullman, and the season can not be said to be well under way."

"The 1908 Maxwells are out and a demonstration model arrived at our agency, 122 L street, last week. It is built in the same substantial manner as the later 1907 models and there is no change except in the addition of a running board. It is hard to see how any improvement could be made over

## Burns Criticised For Lack of Tact At English Club

### Disgusted Boxing Officials by Roughshod Manner and Demand.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The first authentic details by an eyewitness of the bout between Tommy Burns and Gunner Moir for the championship of the world, which was fought in the arena of the National Sporting Club, London, on December 2, were brought to America by Dr. A. P. Ordway, a member of the organization and for many years its American match-maker.

Dr. Ordway arrived here last Thursday, and yesterday he told some of the inside details of the match which have not been published.

"There is no doubt," said Dr. Ordway, "that Burns made a bad impression on the members of the club. He also disgusted the officials by his roughshod manner of discussing the question of arrangements. As a result, it is doubtful if another purse will be offered to him in England, and the London music hall engagements, which he would ordinarily have had, have been withheld."

### Thoroughly Angered.

"Burns and his manager, Billy Neal, both lack tact, and their brusqueness in dealings with the club angered the officials to an extent which will not result in any pressing invitation to remain in England. The action of the American that broke the camel's back came just before the battle with Moir started. With the club theater filled to discomfiture by the titled sportsmen of the kingdom, who gave as much as 30 guineas for choice seats, and everybody on tiptoe of expectation for the combat between the fighters, who sat in their corners, Burns said, in a harsh voice that could be distinctly heard all over the theater: 'Wanted to Make Sure of Money.'

"Has the referee got the money?" "Eugene Corri, a member of the stock exchange and a wealthy man and patron of sports, who had been selected as referee and who sat in the place outside the ring provided for that official, looked askance when the question was repeated to him. It referred to the \$5,000 purse, and Burns' tactics, that are necessary with fly-by-night clubs, demanded that the referee hold the purse before the fight began."

## FOUR LOS ANGELES FIGHTS TONIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Four fights are scheduled for tonight at the Pacific Athletic Club.

The main event will be ten rounds between Jim Barry, of Chicago, and Sam Langford, the Boston colored fighter.

The curtain-raiser will be six rounds between two Japs, Kid Webster and Kid Dolbert will go ten rounds and Eddie Menney will meet Harry Dun. Referee Enyon will officiate.

## PENN'S ASSOCIATION HAS NEW TREASURER

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—The board of athletic directors of the University of Pennsylvania met yesterday afternoon and elected officers and committees for the coming year.

H. L. Geyelin, last year's president, was again elected to this position, with Thomas Reath as vice president, H. M. Lippincott, the temporary secretary, was chosen to fill the position permanently, and will occupy the place formerly held by the late Clayton F. McMichael.

The position of treasurer of the association gave the board considerable difficulty in filling. C. J. Pemberton, again nominated, Joseph Metz, Mitchelson was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

## VETERAN HORSEMAN'S FUNERAL YESTERDAY

Under the auspices of Garfield Post, No. 7, G. A. R., the remains of James Morrow, the veteran trainer and driver, laid away at Arlington yesterday afternoon.

The funeral was attended by a representative gathering of Washington turfmen, nearly all the horses of prominence of this vicinity being present. The pallbearers were chosen from the racing contingent. They were Thomas C. Cannon, Alonzo Coyle, William Brown, Thomas Baldwin, Dr. J. D. Robinson, and Dr. Durheim.

## FOREIGN RIDERS HURRY HOMEWARD

### Rutt and Stol Remain to Fill Theatrical Engagement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—All of the teams who quit the six-day contest race before the finish received their money on Friday and Saturday nights.

With the exception of Rutt and Stol, all of the foreign riders will sail for Europe on La Touraine on Thursday. Most of the American riders have gone home, with the exception of Logan and Eardgett, who have gone to the Park square rink, Boston, where there will be short-distance races next week. Under the management of Charles T. Earle, Rutt and Stol will fill several theatrical engagements.

After paying training expenses of all the riders and the extra cost of the uniformed attendants and other special police, the profits of the week were not as great as in former years. There were no handsome bonuses paid to the champion riders, but the management claims that the attendance did not come up to expectations.

All of the foreigners and the Americans have contributed toward the fund to establish a monument in Woodlawn Cemetery to the memory of Brian McDonough, the rider who died as a result of an injury received during the race.

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