

# JELM DRISCOLL'S DANGEROUS MAN

### He Must Be Reckoned With by Top-Notchers in the Lightweight Division.

BY JEFF THOMPSON.  
NEW YORK, February 20.—This little fellow, Jelms Driscoll, is a man to be reckoned with in the lightweight division. The manner in which he made a monkey of Dr. DeLoach Cross at the Madison Square Garden fight last night stamps him as a dangerous opponent for any man in his class. It is doubtful if there is any among the lightweights, except, perhaps, Joe Gans, who is the equal of the little Englishman in cleverness; and he can hit like a sledge hammer.

If I had to pick a man to fight Battling Nelson for the title, Driscoll would be the man. He is a real fighter, and this should make a good fight. Joe Gans was in the city recently and pointed out to me a number of the top-notchers in the country, having fought Nelson.

"I'm not looking for the championship," said Driscoll, "but as a new-croppered fighter and a long-term fighter, I don't see why it is that none of these fellows want to fight me. They are sure to be champions, and they surely should look me first. I'll take on Cross or this English fellow, Jabez White, or Tim Lask. Driscoll and I have agreed to the same terms he gave Cross."

Battling Nelson is going to fight again next month, maybe. His manager, Willis Britt, announces that he would like to see Driscoll fight him next month, and that his opponent would be fighting Dick Hyland, the California lightweight, who is now in the open-air club at Colma, Cal. The latter part of March, Hyland is pleased to change his manager, Nelson, and he says he will fight him at 135 pounds at the ringside. Hyland is not in the same class as Driscoll, and there has been a decided reversal of fortune.

Nelson had an experience this week in Texas, which he thus describes in a letter to a New York friend:

"I met one of those so-called Texas champions, a fellow named 'Kid' Murphy, who is a friendly three-round exhibition, and because I treated him so gently for the first two rounds, he tried to show the audience, which numbered about 1,000, that he was a sure-thing champion. I just pulled in and gently stopped that soft, half-conscious, book of mine to his liver, and 'Mr. Wise' the 'Texas champion,' alias Pete Shaughnessy, doubled up and got sick in the 'romaine.'"

I stepped to the footlights after the affair was over and told the audience that I had intended to box a friendly exhibition, but as Pete got gay and invited trouble, I was compelled to show him just a little of the stuff that made me an indubitable lightweight champion of the world—slugging, that's all."

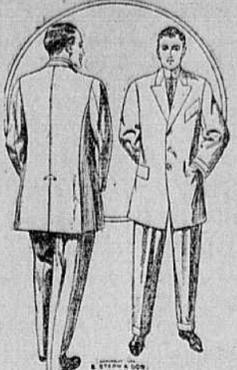
"Johnny" Coulton, the 105-pound champion, again showed class in the star bout at the Whirlwind Club, when he made "Kid" Murphy quit in five rounds. Coulton's fight with him had been foiled, and after an examination made by a physician, who declared he was injured, he was allowed to retire and limp out of the ring. It was a clear case of "quit." The blow that hurt him was a straight right, and it is believed that he will never fight again, however, and Murphy sank to the floor. He was lifted to his feet and helped to his corner. The boy was helpless.

A return match for the world's wrestling championship will probably be arranged between the two boys, between Frank Gotch, holder of the title, and Hacksaw Jim Duggan, the "Russian Lion," who has defeated Gotch in a friendly match. Gotch has received a letter from Oswald Stoll, of the Moss-Stoll circuit, in Europe, asking for a return match with Hacksaw Jim, to take place in this country. Gotch says that he would be only too glad to meet Hacksaw Jim again, and would agree to almost any fair terms.

## LATHAM THE KIDDER.

Together With President Brush and Manager McGraw at New Orleans.  
NEW ORLEANS, La., February 20.—Slipping quietly into town, John T. Brush, president and owner of the National League Baseball Club, registered at the St. Charles Hotel, and on Monday he left several days before leaving for Marlin Springs, Texas, the spring training grounds of the Giants. The two came down from Chicago, where the big league moguls are now in session. A sour expression adorns the faces of Brush and McGraw when the magic name "Chicago" is mentioned. They cared to have no part in the National League, the president of the National League, Harry C. Pulliam, at the Audubon Hotel, there last night, for Brush has steadfastly opposed Pulliam for years, though with little success as McGraw's "hiring" of the Chicago Cubs last season and the two before for the championship. McGraw hasn't received Mike Donlin's contract yet. The main of the Giants will sign up all right, according to Brush. There are a host of ambitious and capable recruits and the old guard, who will be on deck when the times comes, such as "Thespian" Michael, isn't causing the concern that some writers believe, even though he did not seem to be in the "house" of Wagner last season and was a tower of strength to the New Yorkers. As to the release of "Iron Man" McGinnity to the Chicago Cubs, McGraw said nothing of the kind had happened. Whether he will retain Mack's pitching corps is not certain, however.

"We're going over to the Springs to get everything in good shape for the



### LAST OF BOSTON CHAMPIONS GONE

Beaneaters Now Without One of the Men Who Won Their Pennant.

At last the Boston American League team has been divested of every player who had done all with the championship for it in 1904. The transfer of "Cy" Young, the first and the original "Cy" Young, the present "real old man" of the diamond, leaves the Beaneaters without one of the men who won a pennant for that city after one of the most interesting struggles which ever took place in the American League.

Who was that Urah Heap who lachrymously believed that all the sentiment in baseball was in the American League to the exclusion of the National's? It is a statement which is not borne out by the facts, and would be better borne out on a bier. Sentiment exists in baseball as in any other game, but it is but weakly manifest on the playing field in professional circles, and the exigencies of the game are the reason therefor.

The public drives owners to changes. There alone is the sole cause for the tearing to pieces of one baseball structure after another. The public does not demand art, but success. All the skill in the world cannot get a crowd to see a winning team. Put grace on every corner of the diamond and an Apollo in the center, and let the team stand still in the race, and it will not do so well financially as three deck-hands, two country bumpkins and four men with knots all over their bodies, who are first and traveling in that class all the time.

For the first time in all the history of baseball a pitcher who has been esteemed as one of the greatest who ever lived is being sent to the city in which he began after an absence of nineteen years. That is the nearest approach to sentiment in anything which has happened in baseball.

Real assured that Cleveland will do honor to the man who is Cleveland again, and that his reception will be even more vociferous than the sonorous yawn of the fog which greeted him in the city of the Cuyahogon, the cautious sailor who is feeling his way through the tarry smoke of bitumen to the welcome haven of Commodore Gardner's yachting rendezvous.

## CARNIVAL OF SPORTS

Richmond Grays Raising Funds to Go to Inauguration.  
Final preparations have been made for the carnival of sports, which the Richmond Grays, a military organization of this city, will give at their armory next Friday night for the benefit of the fund they are raising to defray the expenses to Washington to attend the inauguration of President Taft.

The principal event of the night will be an exhibition of boxing, which will be given by George Herbert, the Richmond mat artist, and Herb, of Baltimore. Several preliminary matches will be held. Another interesting feature will be a stereoscopic view of the famous Gans-Nelson fight.

Several boxing matches have been arranged, and the following are the mill, the decisions to be given on points.

The Olympic Quartet will render several selections during the evening.

## INDOOR TENNIS MATCH.

Meet Between Grant and Touchard Event of the Day.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEW YORK, February 20.—The match between Wylie C. Grant, the present champion, and Gustave F. Touchard, runner-up in 1908, furnished the greatest interest in the play-to-day for the tennis lovers of this national championship. The tournament began in the Seventh Regiment Armory with sixty-one players drawn. Grant and Touchard, who met on the final round last year, were in the first round brackets this time, and it was conceded that the outcome of this match would have great bearing on the championship for 1909. Grant won after three sets. There were times when it seemed as though the mediocre class and became well worth watching.

The points were:  
First set—Grant, (6), 1, 4, 7, 4, 0, 4, 9, 2, 4, 0, 8, 0, 0.  
Second set—Touchard, (11), 4, 2, 7, 2, 1, 3, 4, 4, 1, (6), 1, 4, 8, 3, 5, 4, 2, 4.—Grant, (9), 0, 4, 5, 4, 4, 5, 0, 2, 4, 3, 4, 1, 10, 5, 3, 1, 4, 0, 2.—Touchard, (4), 2, 6, 1, 4, 0, 4, 0, 2.—26.

It looks as if the top half of the draw would decide the championship. Grant eventually is likely to meet Feltin this fall, and the winner of that match will have to struggle with any player in the lower half.

## With the Americans

Pitcher Frank Arrelanes has informed Manager Lake, of the Red Sox, that he "will break his arm this season to make good with Boston."  
The Chicago Cub has asked for waivers on "Babe" Weaver. This request comes after the fact that Weaver, Sullivan, Shaw, Payne and Owens. Comiskey is up against a situation which is not overly to master. If he loses Jones as manager he will also lose one of the best of outfielders.

The signed contract of Outfielder Flanagan, the heavy-hitting youngster from the Vancouver team, reached President Comiskey, of the White Sox. Catcher Harry Smith has assured Manager Lake that he will next season make amends for last year, as he will be in better physical condition than ever before.

President Comiskey, of the White Sox, has been much affected by rheumatism with rheumatism, and last week was compelled to go to the baths at St. Joseph, Mich., for relief.

Manager Cantillon has displayed almost phenomenal judgment on players since coming to Washington, not one case having developed wherein he made a mistake in a player's contract.

Outfielder Clyde Milan, one of Washington's holdouts, says that he was the lowest salaried man on the team last season, and that he has not been offered an increase for next season.

Jack Knight, star shortstop of the Eastern League last season, on Friday sent in his resignation to the New York Club. At the same time the signed contracts of pitchers Glade and Manning were received.

Clark Griffith's "heart is still true to Poll." He said the other day: "I have an idea that in a 154-game series the White Sox would beat the Cubs, because the former is the greatest hitting team in the country."

To date five Washington players—McBride, Whipple, Hughes, Blankenship and Shanke—have sent in signed contracts. It is said that Freremant, an accepted term, and that Walter Johnson is to be given the \$4,000 he insists upon.

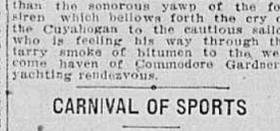
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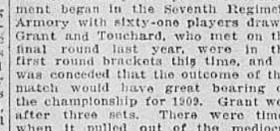
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## JEFF IS FAST, BUT HIS WIND IS GONE

Harry Gilmore Says Retired Champion Needs Two Years' Work Before Fighting.  
Harry Gilmore, Jr., Packey McFarland's manager, who is just home from Los Angeles, is authority for the statement that James Jeffries still retains all his old skill with the gloves; that he is as fast as ever on his feet, but that his wind is so poor that it will take him a long while—probably two years—to get into condition to fight Jack Johnson, and then only with the most careful and thorough training, says the Chicago American.

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# AND AN INTERVIEW WITH MIKE'S "LONG SUIT"

Ballplayer and Thespian Can't Talk While His Wife Is Around.

If Mike Donlin left on deck this summer to help the Giants tame those navy-managing Cubs from the stockyards, don't blame Mike. It isn't and will not be his fault. He has nothing to say about it. He is not going to say about it. He is not going to say about it. He is not going to say about it.

Donlin is always willing to talk, but not about his own affairs. He is not going to say about it. He is not going to say about it. He is not going to say about it.

He had the chance just before he tried to "steal home" yesterday, and under the circumstances, did himself proud. He is not going to say about it. He is not going to say about it. He is not going to say about it.

Naturally, the first question put to him was: "When are you going to sign up?"

He was having, but broke off his operations when he saw that Mrs. Mike had a couple of hairpins in her mouth, which she was using to hold up a newspaper. He is not going to say about it. He is not going to say about it. He is not going to say about it.

"It's all up to Mr. Brush," a discouraged look came over his face and he gave it up.

"I'll not sign a contract," broke in Mrs. Mike. "until Mr. Brush agrees to Mike's terms. You know we think that Mike is worth as much as his life, and more than five or six, and he will have to be paid accordingly. The sum we have asked is not a cent more than Mike earned last year, and Mr. Brush cannot expect him to play for less than he is worth."

Mrs. Mike turned to her makeup again, and Mike, who must be the original of the "hope springs eternal" thing saw another chance.

"I've written—"

"Mr. Brush understands the situation perfectly," broke in Mrs. Mike again, as Mike got back to his shyness. "I've written to him, and he knows just what we want. We have not heard from him, and except from what we have seen in the newspapers, we do not know what he will do. I expect, though, that he will realize that we are asking only what is coming. Mike will send us a new contract. Mike wants to play."

Here Mike did something over which he chuckled for five minutes. He actually interrupted his better half, and who was so surprised and stunned that she made a record for the afternoon.

"Baseball is my game," quoth the gallant field captain of the Giants, "and—"

But Mrs. Mike doesn't stay surprised long, and one reproving glance sent Mike grinning and making a hurried retreat. He is not going to say about it. He is not going to say about it. He is not going to say about it.

"Of course, if the New York Club does not see fit to meet our demands," retorted Mrs. Donlin, "we will be in the summer. We will give up the stage during the warm months. But I want to see Mike playing again just the same as ever. The Giants need him just as much as we need the Giants, and Mr. Brush knows this as well as we do."

By this time Mike had finished scrubbing the table alongside his wife. He waited until she seemed too busy to talk and made another attempt. He never started. The controlling interest in the firm of Mrs. Mike Donlin and Husband had gone more to say, and Mike jabbed his partner into the paste pot and gave it up. Mike is easy to interview, but not when his wife is around.

# ESTHER JOY IS AN EASY WINNER

Goes Over the Hurdles and Beats Out Field in Feature Event.

TAMPA, Fla., February 20.—Fine weather, the steeplechase and the Duke of Belcourt Cup race brought out a large attendance at the Fair Grounds to-day. The track was heavy. Esther Joy was much the best in the steeplechase, and went to the front at will, winning easily from his stable companion, Yumuri. Claiborne showed early speed in the handicap, but stopped to nothing after half a mile, when caught by Don Hamilton. Siskin closed at the end stoutly, and beat Roseburg II. out of place.

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Manager Frank Chase, of the Cubs, has secured George Browne from the Boston Nationals, and President Comiskey of the White Sox, has gotten C. C. ("Homer") Cravath from the Boston Braves from California, where his reputation for knocking the boards off the fences had earned him the nickname "The Red Sox."

The Red Sox had so many outfield recruits Cravath got a chance to play about 250 in the games he played. Boston's fences were too deep for him, and he had half a dozen other outfielders to pick from, it was decided to let the Californian out. President Comiskey's outfield is in such chaotic condition with doubt concerning the return of Jones and Dougherty, that he is not letting any gardeners slip past him in the waiver process.

George Browne, outfielder, was purchased by President Murphy for the Boston Braves after a brief discussion between Managers Chase and Browner. The price paid for the former Newport star was \$1,500.

Chance believes Browne will play an improved game this season, as he wanted to leave the club, and he certainly did not want to remain at Boston. Browne is a fair hitter, good for a few home runs, and a reliable outfielder.

With him on the staff there will be three candidates for the centre field job, provided Joe Stanley is not shipped back to Louisville. The third man is V. T. Miller, the Wausau "phenom" who, the peerless leader believes, will develop into a star.

# BASEBALL FACTS WORTH KNOWING

The largest sum of advance money ever paid at one time, up to and including 1898, was handed Tony Mullane at Toledo in November, 1894, by A. S. Stern, of the Cincinnati team, when he signed a contract calling for \$5,000.

Adrian C. Anson played his first professional baseball for 45 months. Charlie Comiskey received the same sum when he broke into the game in 1882. The last year Comiskey played with Louisville he received \$1,000 a month, at that time the largest salary ever paid a player.

The catcher's mitt was first used in 1875 by William McCunnighe, of Fall River team. His hands became sore and to protect them he purchased a pair of brooker's gloves, cut off the fingers and used them against Harvard. Tyng, who caught for Harvard, took to the idea. "Buck" Ewing was the first catcher to use the big mitt. Catcher Tyng invented the catcher's mask.

The Olympic Club, Philadelphia, played a set of a game of ball in 1822.

On June 18, 1893, Cincinnati hit Rhodes, Louisville pitcher, for thirty-two hits, for a total of fifty-four bases, breaking all league records. The game recalled the game of 1885, when the Athletics scored twenty-five runs against the Nationals of Jersey City; also the game a year later, when the Union, of Morrisiana, made an even 100 base hits, using the old rubber ball.

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