

ALL'S DOUBLE PAGE OF SPORTS

BACKERS OF RITCHIE
LOOK FOR CHAMPION
TOSKOP NEW YORKER

By WILLIAM J. SLATTERY
With the great lightweight championship battle between Willie Ritchie of San Francisco and Tommy Murphy of New York only two days away, the sporting public of this city has come to the conclusion that the title holder will surely be returned victorious.

All indications point to the lengthening of the price before the men enter the ring at the Eighth street arena on Wednesday evening. Ritchie seems to have taken the town by storm, and the Murphy shouters, who were much in evidence, apparently have all faded away or been converted to the Ritchie cause.

Ritchie never ruled the town as he is ruling it today. In fact, no San Francisco champion since the days of Jim Corbett has managed to win the confidence of the people of his native city as Ritchie has won it in this instance. He's the hero of the hour in all quarters.

That the odds are false is the opinion of the old timers who have been following the game closely for so many years. They are willing enough to admit that Murphy should be worth 10 to 7 on the short end, but at the same time they are not throwing their money in to wager upon his chances.

RITCHIE A 2 TO 1 SHOT
The wagering is still at even money that the champion stops the challenger. There was plenty of action on this layout, but once more the Ritchie money came stronger than the Murphy end of it, which indicates that they probably will yet wager that Ritchie wins within 15 rounds.

Despite the long price being laid, interest in the great battle continues unabated. It's the topic of conversation in all circles all over the city. While most of the fans concede Ritchie the victory, they are willing to admit that Murphy is going to get the little holder the battle of his life. Therefore, it is strange, indeed, that so few of them care to risk their money on him. They are giving him moral support only.

Nobody who has watched the rivals at work in their training quarters has the slightest doubt that each is fit and ready. And they have not done near as much work as fighters generally do for such an important ring event. Each has shown a tendency to work out just enough to keep on edge. Each has been fearful that he might grow stale at the eleventh hour.

Speeches and statements by the boys have been conspicuous by their absence. Neither has given vent to his feelings in an oratorical way. There is an air of confidence around each camp, and the handler of each man looks upon his charge as a sure winner. But they are not making any prophecies as to the outcome and they have not done any mud slinging.

ALL UNDERSTAND RULES
The champion did not even care to take up any of Referee Jim Griffin's time yesterday when the referee was official visited him in Colma for the purpose of talking over the rules, as is always customary in such events. "Well, Willie, I would like to have a few words with you about the way you are going to fight," said Griffin as Ritchie lay on the rubber table.

"I think that everything is all right, Mr. Griffin," smiled the champion. "Murphy knows the rules, so do you and so do I. That's good enough for me. We ought to get along without any trouble."

"That's the way I like to hear you talk," cut in Griffin, and he shook the hand of the little champ and took his departure.

The champion performed before a record crowd of the camp stepped seven rounds, two each with Phil Noonan and Jimmy McVeigh and three with that hard nut, Kid Exposito. During the course of the mixups Ritchie handled himself with his usual grace and speed. He appeared to be right in every instance. There was nothing lacking in his efforts.

Although he weighs slightly over 135 pounds, the champion really stands out like a welter. He has a face as full and his broad shoulders, muscular arms and large hands have the effect of making him tower over Murphy. But so long as he makes the weight he should worry. There is no doubt that he will make 135 pounds without the slightest effort.

CROWD WATCHES MURPHY
There were nearly as many people at the Murphy camp over in San Rafael. They came from all sections for a peep at the last heavy workout of the game little lad from Colma. He came there a good show, too, roughing and boxing and stepping away from his two sparring mates, Eddie Miller and Frankie Edwards. He looked just as good as he ever looked for any of his mills here.

Judging from the way he has been tearing into his conditioning in the gymnasium, the Haricome intends to play for Ritchie's body when they get together next Wednesday evening. He always has been noted for his ability as an infighter and a plodder. He used these tactics when he beat Abe Attel, Ad Wolgast and Frankie Burns in this city.

Many of the fans are puzzled as to Murphy's style. Some of them believe that he will take a desperate chance and option for a knockout. Others are of the opinion that he will stall and protect himself and thus endeavor to stick the 20 rounds and in this way save the money for those who are wagering that the champion will fall to stop him.

All that is wanted now is a fair night to insure a wonderful crowd from all parts of the state and Promoter Jim Coffroth is still willing to wager with anybody that he will have moonlight on Wednesday evening just as he had sunshine on Thanksgiving afternoon. Those who have the good of the sport at heart are all pulling for the promoter.

MILITIA GUNNER MAKES
7 HITS WITH 7 SHOTS
Seven hits with seven shots in 1 minute and 45 seconds, at a range of 1,500 yards, was the record of A. C. Weeks of Los Angeles at gunnery practice on the cruiser Marble head yesterday. The California naval reserve's percentage as a whole was low, mainly because of a broken gun sight on one of the pieces.

JOE WOOD, A GOLFER
Joe Wood, the smoke ball expert of the Red Sox, is said to have developed into such a good golf player that he is the talk of the links wherever he appears and he has promised to take part in a tournament at Boston later.

MURPHY'S FIGHTING FACE SHOWS UP
WHEN HE JUMPS ON HIS MOTORCYCLE

The Harlem whirlwind is a believer in plenty of outdoor exercise, and he frequently cut out his gymnasium work so that he could get a chance in the fresh air. He took a great fancy to the motorcycle as a good form of amusement and training and he cut quite a swath on the San Rafael roads.



How Tommy Murphy looks when he mounts his motorcycle

The New York boxer used the speedy machine to help him out with his training stunts at San Rafael.

Hal Chase Mixes
Up With Bushers

SAN JOSE, Dec. 8.—Hal Chase of the Chicago White Sox, who is wintering with the old folks at home within sight of the corner lot where he learned the rudiments of the great American game, had the time of his life yesterday afternoon when he mixed up in a bush game at Luna park. Hal played six innings at first base and just to show that he could, went on the mound three innings for the Mitchell and Murphy team. It was Chase's playing that contributed largely to the defeat of the Brietweisers.

Eastern athletic clubs are assessing their members 50 cents per year for 1914, 1915 and 1916, the money being for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the American team to the next Olympiad, at Berlin in 1916. A number of eastern clubs have started the assessment and it is expected to spread all over the country. The assessment per year is not heavy, and it is about one of the best ways so far devised to raise the necessary money to send a team. It is a scheme that local clubs could take under consideration with a view of assisting the A. A. U. in seeing that Uncle Sam is fully represented at Berlin.

Australia is very keen to have Duke Kahanamoku swim down in the land of the southern cross, and, furthermore, the 'Strailans are pretty cocksure that they are going to beat the world's champion. Here is what the Sydney Bulletin has to say about the Duke: "Australia is going to welcome the dusky Duke Kahanamoku in December, this year. He is universally admitted to be the world's topnotch swimmer, and the fact that he will take part in the Australasian championships meeting on January 3, 7, 10 and 21 and February 2, and also the Queensland championships on January 17 and 24, is putting the local talent on its mettle. Many reputations have been buried in Australia, and it is quite possible that by the time he is through the Duke may be a very shorn and shaven Kanaka."

W. J. Howe, well known here as "Mother" Howe, when he assisted the California varsity Rugby team in 1909 to its first Rugby victory over Stanford was interviewed last month in Sydney relative to the showing of the various teams here against the New Zealanders. In part he said: "Rugby will not develop satisfactorily in America until the influences of the professional coach are obliterated. The players are worked up to such a high pitch of nervous tension, and the varsity game for weeks previous is referred to in such serious terms, that players are, in a sense, goaded into regarding it as a gladiatorial rather than a football contest."

There is a Rugby team across the bay composed of deaf mutes, "scrabbling at the referee" is one of their strictest rules, and it is lived right up to the letter of the law. It is a pity that all the teams playing the game round the bay do not have the same rule. However, it would do little good as it would be broken every minute. The deaf mutes, however, will throw any of their members off the team that breaks the rule. Referees state that it is a pleasure to officiate for the mutes.

Ransom Henshaw has been elected captain of the University of California golf team for next year's season. Henshaw played a great game against Stanford on Saturday, and virtually won the series by holing a putt from the edge of the green at the last hole of the deciding foursomes. T. T. Weldon, another member of the blue and gold team, will be manager next year.

Cobb Says Batter
Hits by Instinct

"Ty" Cobb has exploded another pet baseball theory. "People who think a batsman keeps his eye on the ball from the moment the pitcher delivers it until he connects, or misses, are badly mistaken," says Cobb.

"A man hits a baseball by instinct. He sees the ball leave the pitcher's hand, of course, but doesn't keep his eye glued on it until he hits. If he did his batting average would be minus zero or thereabouts. "A man hits by instinct in the game of baseball. The natural batsman is the chap who doesn't have to worry about hitting the ball. He simply steps up and biffs away. The light hitter seldom improves, no matter what he does to increase his efficiency."

Cobb has applied his baseball hitting methods to golf. Instead of driving the gutta percha from a tee, he has his caddy throw the ball to him and when it bounces an inch or so above the ground, swats it. "Ty" easily drives the ball when it is thrown, but finds it hard to hit when it is resting on a tee.

Old John L. Falls
For the Sculptor

John L. Sullivan, that great gladiator of the past, likened to the warriors of ancient Rome's arena, went through the hardest ordeal of his career when Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, the sculptor, enveloped the visage of "John L." in clay in Philadelphia, and in the years to come people may gaze upon the bronze bust and exclaim, "Verily, there was a man, stern of face, rugged of countenance, fit for the gods to look upon."

John L. is now finishing his final stage tour and then he will retire to his farm in New England and watch the waning of the days and the rising of the sun. Ofttimes he has been invited to sit for painters or sculptors, but he has always waved them aside, saying that his face was not for sale, but his fists were ever upon the market. He is the last of the school who fought with pickled fists, fought on the turf and the end of the fight came when one man could no longer keep his feet and either collapsed or was whittled into insensibility. Sullivan's ring career closed the night he fought Jim Corbett, once a bank clerk, in New Orleans, and he never waved any farewells in the form of fights. He staggered to his feet and said: "I am glad an American won." Compare that with the squeals and yelps of the present gold hunting generation, who never fail to present alibis when whipped.

M'FARLAND MAY BROOKLYNS EVEN
MIX UP WITH
JIM GLABBY
UP WITH THE
YOSEMITES

Chance for Men to Meet in This City at 148 Pounds
Old Rivals Are Now Tied for the City Championship

By EDDIE GEIGER
CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—There is hope of a 20 round battle between Packer McFarland and Jimmy Clabby, two of the greatest boxers the ring possesses today. Though on Saturday McFarland declined the issue with the Hammond star, today he asked 24 hours to give the matter second thought. It is believed Jim's offer to do 148 pounds ringside has caught the Chicago speed marvel's eye. Jimmy Coffroth wants to stage this contest, which, if arranged, should give San Francisco fans the greatest boxing treat that has been staged there in years.

Tonight McFarland battles 10 rounds with Jack Britton in Milwaukee. Britton is one of the topnotchers in the 135 pound division and he should make McFarland step about some, but there is hardly a chance of Britton's reward being anything other than a licking. Packer is at his best, and when he is right he's some battler.

McFarland will outweigh his opponent about five pounds. The stockyards fighter is not going into the ring tonight bent on a knockout, but he is determined to make Britton realize that he is his superior. "Dumb" Dan Morgan, whose typewriter has been telling us for a week and in each mail that Britton once beat Packer and in the second battle fought a draw with a slight shade, handed his man by some of the scribes as an angel. McFarland, and he tells us that he's going to take his revenge out on the North Sider.

Some time tomorrow McFarland is going to let us know if he will accept the Clabby match.

Won Games Without
Scoring Touchdowns
Tener May Work for
A Time Without Pay

It is regarded as an index to the new order of things in football that Harvard, winner of first place in the rating of eastern teams this fall, has won this honor without scoring a touchdown in either of its two most important games. Harvard defeated Yale and Princeton by field goals, notwithstanding that Harvard was a better team than either, according to many observers, in all round football.

The absence of touchdown play is made still more remarkable by noting that Yale also made no touchdowns against Harvard or Princeton, and Princeton made none against Yale or Harvard. In this triangle of major teams 27 of the 29 points scored were by goals from field, the remaining two being due to a freak safety, which is a unique record in the annals of Harvard-Yale-Princeton football.

Charles E. Brickley, the phenomenal Harvard player, with five goals in one game—a phenomenal feat—carries off the undisputed honor of being the most brilliant star of the eastern players. In fact, the next best record that can be recalled is the feat of Walter Eckersall, who put four drop kicks over the bar in a game against Wisconsin several years ago.

ORIGINALS BEAT VALLEJO
The Original team of Oakland defeated the All-Vallejo stars at Vallejo yesterday by a score of 9 to 0. Kiser of the Originals scored in the second quarter with a field goal. In the third quarter Inceel goalied from the 29 yard line.

It is believed in sporting circles that Governor John K. Tener of Pennsylvania, who is slated for election as president of the National Baseball league at the annual meeting, which will be held December 9, would, if elected, at once become "the real boss" of the league's affairs, although he will draw no salary as league president until the expiration of his term as governor, January 1, 1915.

It is understood that if elected Governor Tener would find time to visit league headquarters at least two days each week and to be an active member of the national baseball commission upon automatically becoming a part of that baseball court January 1 next.

While Secretary John A. Heydler probably will be given more authority than he hitherto has had and decide many of the details of National league affairs during the next year, it is understood that Governor Tener will pass final judgment upon all important matters, such as the selection of umpires, the decision of protested games and the adjustment of disputes between club owners.

As member of the national commission it would become his duty to vote with President Elihu Johnson of the American league for a chairman of the commission, who is elected annually. August Herrmann, owner of the Cincinnati team, has been the chairman since 1903, and he is again the sole candidate for the chairmanship.

When Mr. Tener completes his term as governor of Pennsylvania it is expected he will move his family to New York so that he can devote his entire time to league affairs.

FANS OF GOTHAM
WILL WELCOME
M'ALLISTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Bob McAllister, the California middle weight, who is said to be a first class boxer, will make his first appearance here Wednesday night. McAllister will tackle young Mike Donovan, a son of the veteran boxing instructor of the New York Athletic club, who is now under the management of James Johnston, an expert handler of fighters.

McAllister arrived here two weeks ago, but an attack of tonsillitis compelled him to stop training. If he whips Donovan several local promoters will try to match him with George Chip, Jimmy Clabby, George Ashe or Frank Klaus.

Jess Willard is booked for a 10 round argument with One Round Davis in Buffalo Friday night.

Tomorrow night Fireman Jim Flynn, who has not boxed here since Gunboat Smith stopped him last summer, will try to redeem himself in a combat with Battling Levinsky. The fireman will carry about 180 pounds, while his opponent will weight under 170.

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At a Man's Store

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