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Howard Is Thinking of Doing Some Experimenting With His Infielders

By JOE MURPHY

Guardians of the different positions on the Seals' infield, with the excep by Manager Del Howard, but the man who will cover the initial sack is still in doubt.

There is plenty of material on hand for Howard to select from. There is Harry McArdle, regarded as the best fielding first baseman of the league. and Walter Cartwright, who played the third sack for the Seals last sea son. Manager Howard is some first sacker himself if he decides to get busy and get in the game.

In stating that McArdle is the best fielding first baseman of the league it would be naturally asked why How-

would be naturally asked why Howard should look for another man to hold down this position. Well, the answer is that Mac bats like a Mildred and at the end of the season his sticking average looks like a sprinkling of bird seed in the distance.

If McArdie could hit he would be in the limelight in either Governor Tener's organization or else in the one that is being ruled by Ban Johnson. However, he is a weakling with the old slap stick and there is little hope of his ever producing a healthy batting average.

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The man that Howard has hopes of filling the bill is Cartwright, who played a fair game at third base last beason for the Seals. He is what might be termed a fair hitter, and if he manages to handle himself as well around the initial sack as he did at third he has a bright chance of becoming the regular custodian of this ing the regular custodian of this

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It might be well to consider Howard out of the running at this time,
when he is talking of making a first baseman out of Cartwright. Del has given out rambling stories at various times of getting back into the game himself and being the regular fellow to play the first bag, but he is not to be taken seriously.

FAST BOUT

He is getting pretty heavy and his underpinning is none too sound to carry him along through a strenuous season around first bag. The writer recalls Del's debut to the local fans. In his first trip to the bat he sent a slow grounder to the infield, which looked like a sure out, but Del went down to first with every ounce of speed that he possessed and he fairly fiew over the ground. He beat the ball to first by a nod, but he struck the bag hard with one of his legs, and as the fans will remember, he was limping around for some time. Del put himself to a severe effort to make an impression with the fans on his first appearance, but he paid for it. It looks as if McArdle and Cartwright will fight it out for the job at first, with the chances that the former will eventually win out. Cartwright will have to show a lot of ability at first if he hopes to be a regular. While McArdle hit like a weakling last season, he was more valuable to the club than Cartwright.

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McArdle's weakness with the stick was overbalanced to some extent by his superior fielding and his clever work as a sacrifice hitter, in which department he excelled every other player in the league.

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cured from the St. Louis club of the National league, will be played at third base. Notwithstanding some of the poor reports of O'Leary's ability that were published in eastern papers, the fact remains, according to the baseball averages, that O'Leary ranked very high as a shortstop. The figures show that he was a very busy individual around short. Good players often look had with a weak club, and this might explain O'Leary's case.

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\* Roy Corhan has a strangle hold on Eddle Miller, the cleverest and fasters of the local bantam weights.

Oakland will open the season at Portland next year. Last season the Angels engaged the Beavers in the opening conflict of the season and the fans witnessed one of the greatest games ever staged in the north. The two teams played 11 innings to a 1 to 1 tie before 17,000 spectators. It was the largest crowd that ever witnessed a game in the history of the Pacific Coast league. Krause pitched for the Beavers, while Poll Perritt dealt tham out for the Angels.

The Judge Landed a Haymaker, Anyhow

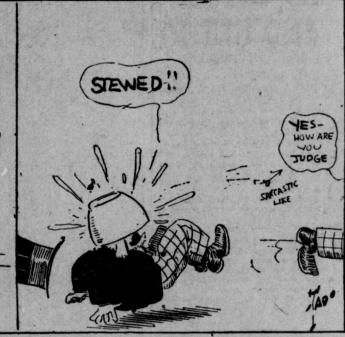


By Tad









## Cleveland Fight Fans Up in Air

C LEVELAND, O., Dec. 20.

Boxing fans are worrying over the fate of the pugilistic game in Canton after Mayor Elect C. A. Stolberg takes office, January 1. Stolberg was chosen on the progressive ticket, and fans figured that, because he formerly indulged in boxing himself, the game would be allowed to continue. He has declined to announce his policy on the question, except to say that he would not let his individual likes and dislikes guide him.

Roy Corhan has a strangle hold on the job at short, as he has no superior in the league, and it is mighty hooker of Marysville. This was the real scientific mill of the evening, and the short of the strange hold on the strange hold of the corner of the strange hold. In this

the job at short, as he has no superior in the league, and it is mighty doubtful if he has an equal. In this particular spot Roy is some pumpkins. Jerry Downs will be player at second. Much improvement is expected of the Titian haired tosser. He is a fair fielder and a murderous singger. He had a lot of bad luck in his hitting last season, as the breaks went against him.

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Walter Schmidt has been trying to legislate himself into the big league, and the local club is allowing Walt the opportunity providing that he can make a deal whereby the Seals will not suffer. Schmiddy has been acting as his own agent for a transfer to one of the major league clubs, but so far he has been unable to do any business.

It is a certainty that Nig Clarke will be one of the Seals' mainstays in the catching department next season. There seems to be but one outfield rewho is sure of his job. It looks as if Schaller will make good. If Artie Hoffman comes to the Seals he can be counted on for an outfield job.

There will be several candidates fighting for the other outfield job, with Howard Mundorff looking to have the best chance of capturing it. President Dugdale of the Seatile club of the Northwestern league, on his return home after attending the meeting of the Pacific Coast league with his boosts for the people down the second round, Frank Johnson, a clear of the second round, Fr

meeting of the Pacific Coast league magnates in this city, was profuse with his boosts for the people down this way.

Dug says that the San Franciscans are the greatest hosts in the world. He accused J. Cal Ewing of keeping him too long in San Francisco after the meeting.

"Two banquets and three dinners in five days is all right once in a while, but not as a steady diet;" is the way Dug is quoted in a Seattle paper.

"Moguic of Lodorol" Morris down in After knocking Jeff Morris down in the second round, Frank Johnson, a colored heavy weight, slammed his helpless opponent and lost the decision on a foul. Neither of the big fellows showed any class.

Leo Crevier, another Butchertown product, showed his boxing skill over Fred Wharton and earned a four round decision. This was the first setback which Wharton has met with.

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between Gunboat Smith and Arthur Pelkey as to who is the rightful holder of the world's heavy weight championship crown. The New Year's battle is billed as a regular championship event and thousands of the fans in this section of the country are accepting it as such, and thousands of others in other sections would also fall into line but for the fact that the New York boxing commission has come to the front for Jack Johnson, saying that he is the champion till he is heaten.

A CCORDING to the records of the present flock of white hopes, Smith stands out over the rest, with the possible exception of Pelkey, like a battleship over a rowboat. He has been delivering the knockout wallops, and he has been sent in against the best of them, so nobody can claim that soft matchmaking helped to boost him to the front.

BUT the edict of the New York commission is that he or some other claimant to the heavy

other claimant to the heavy other claimant to the heavy weight title must put the crusher on Johnson before they can be recognized as heavy weight kings. The New York commission seems to be the authority on the game in this country, although there is nothing in the Queensberry rules to uphold it.

HE European boxing authorities recently met and declared ties recently met and declared that the heavy weight king was an absentee, that it was an open race between the various contenders and that Johnson was not entitled to wear the crown any longer for the simple reason that he had forfeited it. This sounded fair enough till the New York commission stepped in with

C MITH will fight Johnson or any other black man, proany other black man, provided that suitable terms can be agreed upon. So says his manager Jim Buckley, and Jim always has been the absolute boss of his fighting stable. Pelkey will fight Johnson, but no other negro. So says his manager, Tommy Burns, who seems to do all the dictating for the New England hope.

the present heavy weight conthe present heavy weight con-tenders, Smith and Pelkey, are going to follow the orders of the New York commission they must make the trip over to Europe and there engage Johnson in combat. But at the same time it won't get, them much if the European au-thorities stand by the ruling which

OHNSON never will fight in America again. This has been settled once and for all. He is a fugitive from justice and he dare not return to the land of his dare not return to the land of his birth. Then, again, practically every state where boxing is allowed has ruled against him, so it's a 1 to 10 bet that no promoter would take a chance of putting him on even if he were smuggled in here.

T is the general belief that Johnson is in and has no intention of fighting an opponent who might give him a run. In this case Smith and Pelkey stand better than they ever stood. The winner of the New Year day battle will be recegnized by at least half the fighting world as the heavy weight champion, which will be some consolation.

MITH'S recent twelve round decision over Sam Langford in Boston has tended to send him in stronger than ever, for the Boston tar baby was looked upon as even a better man than John-son up to the time that the Gunner slipped a decision over on him.
It is likely that Langford has gone back as well as Johnson, but still Smith is entitled to his

DELKEY'S enormous size, well PELKEY'S enormous size, well developed muscles and square jaws are bound to win him favor among the local followers of the Queensberry sport. He is practically unknown here, but he has been making many friends since he started work, and if he keeps up his good licks he is very likely to win thousands of other converts to his cause.

PELKEY will have an advantage of at least 20 pounds over Smith. Besides, he will have it on the Gunner in height and reach. But the Gunner knows more about the game, and, besides, we are all aware of the fact that he can deliver the knockout

## Public Spirited Citizens Boost the Athletic League

By WILLIAM UNMACK

Schools Athletic league is threatened to be wiped out of existence, has brought the whole situation clearly before the interested and public spirited citizens who form the board of directors of the league and who have given their time and labor—and money before the board of education took over the burdens—with the result that a movement is already on foot to have the league firmly established by the city and an appropriation of \$10,000 is to be asked from the board of supervisors to carry on the necessary work for the next fiscal year.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The fact that Willie Ritchie refuses to wear himself out by making ?33 pounds ringside is most distressing to the other lightweights in the game, for they see little opportunity of ever annexing the title from the clever San Francisco lad unless he enters the ring physically unfit to do himself justice. The managers of the individual men who are ranked high in the lightweight class also are wailing unto heaven and calling the champion many harsh

### and calling the champion many harsh names—a "welter weight" among oth-ers. These insist that the lightweight limit is 133 pounds ringside and point out that Nelson, Wolgast and Ritchle all won the championship at that poundage. Johnson Hurts Hand With Second Rater, **But Still Has Lead**

all won the championship at that poundage.

One critic boldly declares that the only real lightweights today are Freddie Welsh, Tommy Murphy, Ad Wolgast and Joe Rivers. He classes Jack Britton, Willie Ritchie and Leach Cross as welter weights, contending that they are incapable of weighing 133 pounds and blithely includes Mike Gibbons, a full fledged middle weight, in the list. PARIS, Dec. 20 .- Jack Johnson, lored heavy weight champion of the world, outpointed Jim Johnson, a ern lightweight, and Johnny O'Leary, second rater, tonight in a 10 round which Promoter Gregory Mitchell bout. The contest was decidedly far-cical and the spectators showed their night, is off. disapproval by hooting and hissing the two fighters.

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The London daily mirror declares that Wells was mesmerized the night he met Carpentier. Shortly after the gong rang he believed that a 13 inch shell had been exploded in his vito be hog fat and altogether in very poor condition. Neither man showed any speed or skill at any period. Jack, however, was undeniably superior in generalship and skill to his practically unknown opponent.

## cinity. Charley Murray, the Buffalo promoter and also manager of the Queensberry Athletic club of that city, wired Willie Ritchie an offer of a guarantee of \$7,500 to box Jimmy Duffy, the crack lightweight of Lockport, N. Y., for 10 rounds, but Ritchie wired back that if he were guaranteed \$10,000 he would take the bout. Jack Coombs Out: wallop. Whether Pelkey has this blow in his possession remains to be seen. It's up to him to show it.

OUIS PERENTE, the North Beach sport, is homeward

bound from Butte with his middle weight contender, Sallor Petroskey, under his wing. The Sallor recently hammered Leo Benz, the northwestern idol, into submission, and once more he is going to start out against Frank Klaus, Jimmy Clabby, Jack Dillon or any of them who have a liking for his game.

DETROSKEY is a second Battling Nelson. They all hit

him and several of them have shown him up in the boxing game, but none of them can put him out of the way, and it looks as though they must deliver the sleeping potion in order to keep the former tar from bobbing up. He is still in the going and apparently showing extra speed.

FTER being beaten by Dillon,

A FTER being beafen by Dillon, the Sailor came back two weeks later and made a wonderful showing against Benz. The sports of the mining town are so smoked up over the latest showing of the former able bodied seaman that they are willing to back him for another crack at Dillon, which shows that they have confidence in him still.

DETROSKEY is a good attrac-

tion wherever he goes. They like to see him perform because, like the old Battler himself, he is tearing in at all times, and no matter how hard he is hit he can be depended upon to display the fighting spirit. This fellow will bear watching in the near future, even if Clabby did show him up.

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Does Some Shopping

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—John W. Coombs, the former great pitcher of the chitetics, was about the center of the city yesterday to do some Christmas shopping. This was his first trip down town since his long illness.

Irma Thomas, the Athletics' catcher, accompanied Coombs, and the pair were recognized almost everywhere as they strolled in and out of the big stores. Coombs said he was fatigued from shaking hands, but that every handclasp made him feel better.

Roy Moore. These lads, in a 20 round attraction, would prove a great card and the local promoter will endeavor to sign them up today.

Campi has been matched to box Kid Williams in Los Angeles on February 12, but announced his willingness to box one of the local boys in the meantime.

SPEAKS ON STEAMBOATING
Captain H. J. Corcoran speaks at the luncheon of the Commonwealth club at the Palace hotel today on "Steamboating in Early Days on the Sacramento and San Joaquin."

The retrenchment proposed by exercise, and the time has arrived for President A. A. d'Ancona of the board the public of San Francisco to deof education whereby the Public mand that its children be accorded

Schools Athletic league is threatened such healthful and necessary exercis

### Frenchy Vaise is Sick and He Will Not Meet O'Leary The scheduled 15 round hout be

tween Frenchy Valse, the northwest

Valse arrived last night from his home in Renton, Wash. He is suffer-In the fifth round the champion ing from a bad cold, which threatens laimed he had injured his right arm, to develop into pneumonia, according but continued to fight. Jack looked to his physician. He has been advised by his doctor to remain in bed for a few days and that it would be impossible for him to fulfill his en-

It is possible that Promoter Mitchell will substitute Eddie Campi and Roy Moore. These lads, in a 20 round

## Ty Cobb Invents New Fangled Bat

N EW YORK, Dec. 20.— Ty Cobb has turned inventor. The slugging outfielder of the Detroit Tigers has made a bat which will do away with the sting-not that which is brought upon the pitcher when Ty peels off a base hit, but the sting which through a batter's hands when the ball and bat meet. Cobb's new bat has a thin layer of cork at the han-

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 20 .- Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, made a desperate stand here last night at the Hippodrome to win back his lost prestige, but the best he re-

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