

It's Time for the Holdout League to Meet, Now That the Magnates Are All Through

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Slattery's Biggest

THAT the New Year's day mixup between Gunboat Smith and Arthur Pelkey is going to end in a knockout seems to be the prevailing opinion among the fight followers of this city and the majority of them are inclined to the belief that the Gunner is the man who will put it over. Naturally, they favor him for the reason that they know him and also because of the way in which he has been bowling over all rivals on the other side of the Rockies, so far once in his life, Smith is going to be a prime favorite with the San Francisco sports.

THEY generally kept him on the short end when he was to fight here as a four rounder. Even when he came back a year ago after his Eastern triumphs and hooked up with Frank Moran, the latter was a hot 10 to 7 shot. And the Gunner won from here to Chicago and back again, although he did not put up a fight that suited the crowd.

YES, and they were betting 3 to 1 on Langford last month in Boston," cut in Jim Buckley, his manager. "Now I don't have to stop to tell you that he laid all over that con. The papers all said that there was nothing to it but Smith and for once the papers were right. And we all had a nice little bet down on him at that."

SMITH thinks that he will knock Pelkey out and Pelkey is sure that he will put the crusher on Smith before the gong sounds the end of the twentieth round, so there you are. Apparently, each is endowed with plenty of confidence, which is a good thing, although it requires the walloper as well in order to turn the decisive trick.

ACCORDING to the records, both are hard hitters. We don't know anything about Pelkey save what we have read in the papers, but we know that the Gunner can hit harder than any heavy weight who has been produced within the last few years, and driving power is the best asset for one of the big ones.

THEY used to question the gameness of the former tar, but he has managed to win for himself a soft spot in the heart of many a fan who did not believe that he was going to go the route. One glance at the record which the big fellow has made around New York during the last year is proof positive that he has experienced a change of heart.

THE Gunner has improved wonderfully as a boxer of late. He was noted for his wild, overhead swings when he was a member of the four round ranks, but when he returned to go against Moran, he displayed a lot of cleverness and fancy stunts, which fairly opened the eyes of the spectators who had always regarded him as a rough and tumble performer.

PELKEY certainly does not look like a man who understands the finer points of the boxing game. He has not shown anything like cleverness nor scientific since he began to go against Moran, he displayed a lot of cleverness and fancy stunts, which fairly opened the eyes of the spectators who had always regarded him as a rough and tumble performer.

GAMENESS ought to count in this battle, for when two big, husky fellows hook up, the man who can stand the gruelling walloper and come back for more generally is the man who will return the winner, provided of course that the other fellow does not land on him hard enough to keep him while the referee is counting ten.

PELKEY is looked upon as a very lucky fighter—one who came to the front by winning a single battle. This probably is true, but, at the same time, he might have been one of those wonderful persons who never had a real chance to display his ability. Anyhow, he made himself world famous as well as notorious by delivering a couple of wallops.

ANYHOW, this battle means the making of the breaking of either Pelkey or Smith. The winner will have a license to pose as the heavy weight champion of all the world, while the loser must go back and do the best he can among the lesser lights. No wonder it is regarded as the most important heavy weight battle since Jeffries and Johnson met.

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There is a story told about Bounin that he never trains and even goes so far as to smoke and drink what he feels like. At Stockholm his methods were the cause of considerable mystery to the American athletes. The night before one of his great races with Kolehmainen he was up till a late hour drinking and smoking, and the next morning came out and ran neck and neck with Kolehmainen for 5,000 meters in what was described as one of the most stubbornly contested races ever seen.

Long distance runners seldom go out of training altogether. Such men as Kolehmainen, Kiviat and Bongas when he was in the game keep in condition the whole year round. True, they do not go in for heavy work daily, but there is a week passes the entire year that the men do not work out in some manner or form. Take our local long distance men and the same thing holds good. Oliver Husband of the Olympic club, Bobby Vliugt of St. Mary's, Harry Wood of the University of California are always doing a little work to keep in trim. The result is that a week's heavy work will always put such men in shape.

The loss of Mike Murphy is given as the main reason for the poor showing of the University of Pennsylvania football team in the last season. The change in the methods adopted by Murphy are said to be the cause of the men not being able to make the great showing as in past years.

LINCOLN Club Boss Wants His Release
LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—In a message last night from Los Angeles, Hugh L. Jones, owner of the Lincoln Baseball club, says he has notified Manager Charles Mullen he can secure his release from the Lincoln club by paying a stated price. Owner Jones has given him until January 1 to make the deal, but adds that he will be pleased if Mullen decides the figure he has put on his release is higher than he cares to pay.

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Leo Kelly Flattens Shelton in Sixth

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Carelessness on the part of Jack Shelton at the beginning of the sixth round put a sudden end to his bout with Leo Kelly.

THE Future City Athletic club last night. The Compton Club had landed a solid right cross to Jack's jaw which sent the former shoe maker down for ten counts. The termination of the contest was as unexpected as Shelton had never held his own.

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