

McCarty and Palzer Complete Training For Fight On New Year's Day

SAVED BY THE CURTAIN

Tales Told At the Ringside By W. A. Phelon

GEORGE DIXON, great little fighter though he was, could be hit now and then, sometimes people hit him hard. Nobody who saw the Kentucky Roadhouse crash home an unexpected swing on Dixon ever forgot the shock he got when Dixon fell, dead to the world, and one of those most directly interested—Dixon's manager—felt the wallop worse than Dixon did.

Thus watched and bossed by the wise O'Rourke, the little black made one of his famous tours, meeting all comers and trimming them gracefully. The trip was nearly at an end, the show was booked at Cincinnati, and the local crop of "comers" proved a soft one. Dixon ripped through them like a razor through a cheese till the final show, when a youth named Eugene Lutz was booked to spar.

Lutz, who is now a well known race track man, was then a clever fighter, with a snake-like left—one of the finest left hands ever brought into battle. He had been watching Dixon all through the week; he felt confident that he could at least make a strong showing against the black marvel, and he went in prepared to make a desperate try for glory.

Some quick thinker, Tom O'Rourke. Before they had Dixon out from under the curtain, he was telling the audience that the unfortunate accident had disabled the champion, who must therefore be excused from continuing any longer that evening. Few of the crowd had seen that Lutz's blow preceded the fall of the curtain; all of them saw the curtain whip Dixon on the bean. They went out telling one another how unucky Dixon was, and how fortunate it was for Lutz that the curtain kept Dixon from slaying him.

Daffydils

AW GWAN-A LITTLE BEER WONT HURT YOU

THE FANS WERE FIGHTING LIKE MAD TO GET IN THE POLO GROUNDS THE DOORS HAD JUST BEEN THROWN OPEN AND THERE WAS A WILD SCRAMBLE FOR SEATS. THE LINE WAS A MILE LONG AT LAST ONE OLD BUG BROKE OUT OF THE END OF THE LINE AND RAN STRAIGHT TO THE BOX OFFICE HE CLAIMED HE HAD A NOTE FROM PRESIDENT TAFT FOR A BOX SEAT. THE TICKET SELLER LOOKED HIM OVER, THEN READ, "IF A COP ARRESTED 20 CROOKS AND BOUND THEM WOULD THAT TIE THE SCORE?"

GENTLEMEN BE SEATED TA-RA-RA-RA SAM-MISTAH FLYNN DID YOU EVAH SEE DEW IN DE AFTAHNOON? INTERLOCUTOR-INEVER DID SAM-DEW TELL? I SAW DEW YESTIDDY AFTAHNOON. INTERLOCUTOR-INEED. WHERE? SAM-DOWN AT DE GRAND CENTRAL STATION. IT WAS 3.30 AND DE TRAIN CAME IN. INTERLOCUTOR-WELL WHATS DE TRAIN GOT TO DO WITH IT? SAM-DE TRAIN WAS DUE PASS AROUND THE HAT BOYS! HERE COMES THE COP

THE MANAGEMENT PRESENTS ZIRA, THE MAID OF MYSTERY WRITE YOUR QUESTIONS ON THE SLIPS HANDED YOU AND ZIRA WILL ANSWER THEM THUS QUOTH THE PROFESSOR THE QUESTIONS WERE WRITTEN AND ZIRA WENT INTO A TRANCE AND BEGAN TO TELL THINGS SHE ANNOUNCED THAT DAVE FULLER WOULD FIND HIS PLYMOUTH ROCK TABLE IF HE HAPPENED AROUND ABOUT DINNER TIME. THIS GREAT SENSATION AND GAVE EVERYBODY CONFIDENCE IN ZIRA BECAUSE THEY ALL KNEW EPH THE NEXT QUESTION WAS "IS THE ATLANTIC REAL OR IS IT ONLY A NOTION?"



McGraw Expects Shafe. To Sign Contract

Leader of the Giants Says There Will Be Few Changes in Lineup of the National League Pennant Winners.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 30.—There will be but few changes in the lineup of the Giants next season. So says John J. McGraw.

He has asked for waivers on outfielder Beals Becker, because he is figuring confidently on the ability of young George Burns as a reliable substitute, if not, indeed, a regular possibility.

The leader of the Polo grounders is hopeful that "Tilly" Shafe will be in line to try for a permanent position at shortstop. He thinks that the development of one or two young pitchers will assure the Lowlanders a third consecutive National league pennant.

McGraw will remain in town until January 1. While here McGraw will take charge of the local National league club offices. He will mail out the players' contracts, complete all arrangements for the spring training trip and conclude the final details of the annual pilgrimage northward.

The leader of the champions anticipates no trouble from holdouts. He intimates a very liberal policy in the matter of salaries for the boys who made good last year. A number of the stars, including Mathewson and Mar-

or George Kirkwood cannot whip him he will retain the title until a new crop is hatched. The champ said that his opponent was the hardest fight out he would be able to beat Dundee in a long battle.

"Then's kind words, Kibane," Dundee observes.

The authorities of Kenosha, Wis., took off the clamps long enough to allow Paecy McFarland to grab off some easy coin with Eddie Murphy. Then they tied it up again.

Battling Keefe is disconsolate. The Battler had 10,000 circulars printed telling the world what a wonderful man he was. The last sentence mentioned a deft to Ad Wolgast for the lightweight title. The day Ad stubbed his toe the Battler destroyed the circulars. Now he forgets what he had printed and says he will never be able to dream of all the stuff.

ASKS COURT TO DENY WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS TO JOHNSON Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—The United States supreme court is asked by solicitor general Bullitt, in a brief, to dismiss "annually" the application of Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, for a writ of habeas corpus contesting the constitutionality of the "white slave" act for the alleged violation of which Johnson is awaiting trial at Chicago.

The solicitor general does not argue the question of the constitutionality, but devotes his brief to the view that it is "not proper procedure to seek Johnson's release by writ of habeas corpus in advance of trial."

ST. LOUIS TEAM CLAIMS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30.—By defeating four to two the West Hudson team of Harrison, N. J., last year's American professional soccer champions, the St. Louis Soccer Association, claimed the American championship. The great part of the game was fought on a slippery field, and it was raining.

The West Hudson men played a better game individually, but St. Louis' team work was superior.

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WANTS A FIGHT. Fort Bliss, Tex., Dec. 26. Editor El Paso Herald: I am a boxer, making 125 pounds and I am ready to meet anyone making the lightweight limit. I have boxed all over the country and have always managed to make good. Among those I have fought and won over are: Kid Allison, Fighting Eddie Harrigan, Young Shag, Bill Howell, and also have my credit a six round decision over Tommy Bergin, when Bergin was a lightweight, also many others.

Now I want to meet anyone if a good club will match me. I am willing to split the purse or fight for a side bet. I remain, "Kid" Deroliers, Troop A, Second Cavalry.

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Puffs From the Fan's Hop Pipe

JOE RIVERS and his manager, Joe Levy, are now in New York city, where Rivers is matched to meet Leach Cross on January 8. Rivers has been guaranteed the sum of \$4,000 for his end of the purse. He will go into training immediately.

Louis De Pontihue, the Canadian lightweight champion, was outpointed by Joe Coster, of Brooklyn, in a 12 round bout at Youngstown, O. Coster had the better of eight rounds of the bout.

Jack Britton knocked out Tommy O'Keefe in the second round of a scheduled 10 round bout at Philadelphia. O'Keefe had to be helped out of the ring.

Matty Baldwin, the veteran Boston lightweight, is now without a manager. Baldwin says that he parted from Al McLean, his former manager, because he did not get enough fights for him.

Palzer money at Los Angeles is now flooding the market. Palzer has shown a great improvement in his training and it is predicted that he will go into the ring a 10 to 5 favorite.

Joe Seannette, of New York, and Battling Jim Johnson, of Tennessee, have been matched for a return bout at New York city on New Year's day. The men fought a 10 round draw at New York several months ago.

Bombardier Wells, English heavy-weight champion, and Tommy Burns, who claims the championship of the world, since the retirement of Jack Johnson, have been matched to fight 15 rounds at Calgary, Canada, March 14, for a purse of \$37,000.

Billy Queal and Hans Holmer, American distance runners, have left for Edinburgh, Scotland, where they will compete in the world's championship Powerhull race on New Year's day. America has never before had two representatives in this race. The distance has been cut from the customary marathon to 15 miles.

The Cincinnati fans say Joe Tinker was needed for their team and raise no objections against their manager.

The first player to sign a contract with the Boston Nationals was Miguel Angelo Gonzalez, the young Cuban catcher.

A decision handed down by the National commission set Barney Dreyfuss back over \$350. He was ordered to hand over the dough to player Boardman for back salary.

Manager Callahan, of the White Sox, says that Schalk, the \$10,000 catcher, will be assigned to handle big Ed Walsh's delivery in the future. Callahan declares that Schalk already can be regarded as the best thrower to bases in the big leagues.

Manager Clark Griffith has been invited to take the Nationals to Brownsville, Tex., for training purposes next spring. He is considering the proposition.

Manager McGraw says the young Giants will assemble in Marlin, Tex., early in February, while the veterans will report later in the month. He expects to release outfielder Beals Becker, depending on George Burns as utility fly chaser.

Mrs. Agnes Havenor, owner of the Milwaukee baseball club, declares that beer will be sold at her ball park next summer if her patrons so desire regardless of the reform elements' efforts to prevent.

Connie Mack has made six separate efforts to sign Robert McGraw, Jr., (no relation to John "Muggsy") who is a pitcher and at least 15 years old.

The San Francisco baseball plant will include a handball court, where the players will be able to keep in condition.

John T. Brush was the second National league manager to die on a train within a few years. The other was president Dovey, of the Boston club, who was seized with a hemorrhage while on a train in Ohio and who died before assistance could reach him.

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Preacher Pitcher Is Favored By Size

Richmond, Virginia, Enthusiast Admonishes New York Fans to Keep an Eye on Perryman—Gossip About Big League Players. By DAMON RUNYON.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 29.—A Richmond, Va., correspondent admonishes New Yorkers to keep an eye on Perryman, the preacher pitcher, who comes to the Giants next spring from the Virginia League.

A consultation of the Perryman record shows nothing startling in the way of games won, but this Richmond correspondent declares that the young theologian's printed record is no true line on his real ability. This is probably true, as McGraw would certainly not have signed him on his figures alone. He was strongly recommended by the Giant scout, who took a slant at him.

Perryman is a big fellow, which is an asset in the beginning, as McGraw likes 'em big. He has a sort of rural delivery as it were—free and easy—and is said to be kind to his folks. Perryman is studying for the ministry, but his Giant connection will be no knock to him with future congregations.

Charley Dooin probably figures he can use Sir Mique Donlin to fill out on those occasions when Sherwood Magee is under suspension.

News from Arthur Irwin, business manager, see scout of the Yanks, who is bustling around Bermuda looking for training grounds for the club, indicates that he has a good line on all the postal cards used on the island.

Hughy Jennings announces glibly that he is going to depend on Cobb, Crawford, Dabac and his youngsters next season, and then Cobb, Crawford, and Dabac become hold outs, steking the poor youngsters for the whole dependence.

Another recruit pitcher for the Giants next spring bears the encouraging name of Hanley, and he hails from Newark, of the Ohio State league, where they break the season up into

two chapters, and run them serially. Hanley's record does not indicate that he was any great shucks as a winning pitcher, but he could certainly "go all 'em." In over 50 games he failed to make a single error, and if he can't beat the opposing teams in the National league he ought to be able to outfield 'em.

Benjie Meyers, the St. Louis boy, whose hitting helped Toronto win the International league pennant, and who now belongs to Brooklyn, announces that he will not take part in the world's series between the Dodgers and Washington, in case it occurs. He made a wedding promise to quit baseball.

Benjamin, a many of us made wedding promises, but we can't remember what they were.

Jimmy Callahan was the last man to waive on "Red" Corridon, the Detroit recruit, who was sent to the Chicago Cubs in the deal which is supposed to bring Chance to New York. Jimmy says he had been Corridon was a promising young player, and he thought he might use him as utility man. However, Comiskey finally told him to waive.

Johnny Evers says that one of his first tasks next spring will be to induce (ie. Sater) to conversation during ball games. Vics' persistent silence gets on John's nerves. Johnny feels that he will be out of the pastimes quite a little himself, and he wants someone to help out "Heine" Zimmerman, Jimmy Archer and the Cub outfielders.

After Frank Farrell gets through with Chance, the owner of the Yanks will be lucky if he is permitted to get into his ball yard free of charge.

John J. McGraw says he doesn't believe Monser Marquar said the things attributed to him, and soon Reshard will be along, agreeing with McGraw.

FILLER IS CHAMPION SHOT OF EL PASO CLUB

F. M. Filler is the champion shot of the El Paso Rifle club. Sunday he wound up the club's season by making a clean sweep and carrying off all the prizes. He won the Mohr shield, the Hopple rifle and the R. M. Dudley silver loving cup. Last year he carried off all the prizes.

In the rifle event this year he made an average of 45-4-15 out of a possible 50 in the 15 shots of the year. Geo. Rutledge was tied with Filler for the rifle event until the last shot, when the latter won out.

In the cup event Filler made 21 3-16 out of a possible 25 points while George Corning made 21.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Score, Cup. Rutledge 20 42 20, Filler 22 45 18, Samaliev 22 46 18, Baca 20 45 19, Johnston 19 40 17.

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