

NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

ROCK ISLAND OUT BASEBALL AGAIN

SPRINGFIELD BUSINESS MEN SAID TO HAVE ARRANGED TO KEEP FRANCHISE.

Whether This Means Waiving of Five-mile Rule Here Nobody Knows or Seems to Care.

On again, off again. Twice within a year Rock Island has been in baseball and twice it has gotten out through the activities of our old friend, Al Tearney. It's a long, long way. But what do we care? A dispatch from Springfield states that business men of that city have held a meeting and agreed to raise money enough to secure the return of the hawked franchise, which was nominally transferred to Rock Island a couple of months ago. Something like this had been expected here all along. The franchise, while ostensibly placed in Rock Island, was offered to East St. Louis and other cities and they all turned it down. So, while Springfield was a rotten baseball town last season, it was the best available prospect and so it was decided to keep it in the league under some sort of terms. Anything that the capital city business interests have agreed or not agreed to do will be just so much more than could be gotten in Rock Island, where nothing whatever has been done and nothing will be done.

Open Territory Now.

Whether this "trial" of Rock Island is to be construed as sufficient under the agreement reached at Omaha to give this city its freedom and leave it in position to enter any other circuit in disregard of the five-mile limit is not known. If there was any disposition here to test the matter probably it would have to be carried to the high courts of baseball to get a ruling. But it is reasonably certain that Rock Island will be content to keep out of it and watch the proceedings as an outsider for at least another year.

It has been suspected from the start that the "transfer" of the Springfield franchise was merely a makeshift calculated to keep the city out of baseball for another season. Even if there was any disposition here to go after a berth in the Three-Eye or elsewhere it would now be too late to get together a bunch of a team and make the other necessary arrangements for a successful season. Whether Springfield is in any better position now is not known here. Who, if anybody, had authority to offer the Senators of last year contracts and whether contracts were in fact offered prior to Feb. 1 is not known here. It may be that the players are now free under the rule which entitles them to their liberty if not of fered terms on the date stated. If so Springfield will have its franchise but nothing else.

MILWAUKEE NEWS FAVORS PEANUTS

STATES THAT ROCK ISLAND BATTER WON EASILY OVER MAURICE FLYNN.

Regarding the Schieber-Flynn fight in Milwaukee, Jan. 29, the Milwaukee Daily News gives the Rock Island lad the decision by a comfortable margin. The following story of the scrap was written by Burdette Kirkham, sport editor of the Daily News:

"Maurice Flynn of Chicago substituted for Billy Defoe in the other main event, and he gave the 'nut' a real battle all the way. Schieber landed the cleaner punches and outboxed his man by a wide margin. He used a straight left to the nose, which kept the claret dripping throughout the bout. Flynn tried hard and was aggressive, but he landed no damaging punches. Schieber contented himself with outboxing his man and was inclined to stall.

"Flynn stepped into the ring on short and was way over weight, tipping the scales at 133, while Peanuts weighed in at 126." "The curly headed scrapper is training faithfully for his return bout with Flynn Friday night. Flynn is considered one of the best featherweights in the state of Illinois and Peanuts is going to work hard to win.

KEYSTONE AND PEERLESS WIN IN EUCHRE SERIES

The Keystone Euchre club of John Schwack's buffet last night defeated the Professional euchre club at Charles Thomas' inn at the latter place, by a score of 17 games to 13. The Peerless Euchre club of Schieber's boulevard buffet won from the White City club of Tom Krueger's buffet by a score of 16 to 14.

TOMMY GIBBONS HAS EDGE ON MURRAY AT HUDSON

Hudson, Wis., Feb. 2.—Tommy Gibbons outpointed Billy Murray, the fighting Portuguese from the Pacific coast, in 19 fast rounds in Mike Collins' arena here last night and was awarded the newspaper decision.

For the blind there has been invented a watch with the hours marked by raised dots and dashes that can be read by the sense of touch.

"I'M A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MAN BUT I FEEL MY LACK OF EDUCATION. IF I ONLY KNEW A FEW IMPORTANT HISTORIC FACTS I'D FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE AMONG A CROWD OF HIGH CLASS PEOPLE"



"THIS LITTLE AND HANDY-BOOK CONTAINS ALL THE BIG FACTS THAT EVERY WELL-BRED MAN SHOULD KNOW"



"THE FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE IS CALLED THE IVORY WEDDING AFTER THE COMPOSITION OF THE HEADS OF THE COUPLE THAT CAN STAY TOGETHER THAT LONG"



"THE EXACT POPULATION OF KHIVA, ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS OF 1901, WHICH WAS WRONG, IS 103,417 1/2"



"WHEN EATING CAMBODIAN PRUNES IT IS PROPER TO PUT THE LEFT FOOT FORWARD AND POUR THE PRUNE-JUICE INTO THE VASE STANDING ON THE PIANO"



"HOT WATER BAGS WERE DISCOVERED IN 1313 BY AN AFRICAN MISSIONARY WHO HAPPENED TO STUMBLE UPON AN ORCHARD OF THEM WHILE SEARCHING THE JUNGLE FOR WILD BATH BRUSHES"



"THE FLAG OF ANCIENT CHINA HAD A SOFT-BOILED EGG IN THE UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER, AND WAS NEVER UNFURLED TILL THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH WEEK"



"ACCORDING TO THE NEW SIMPLIFIED SPELLING RULES, THE 'TH' IN 'CHEESE' IS WRITTEN 'AE' AND IS PRONOUNCED 'KI' AS IN 'HERRING'"



"I'M HIGHLY EDUCATED - I KNOW THAT 'THE FORGET-ME-NOT NEVER GROWS ON A BILLIARD TABLE'"



GRIFFITHS PUTS IT OVER WELSH

CLEVELANDER HAS ALL THE BETTER OF THEIR MILL AT AKRON, OHIO.

Akron, O., Feb. 3.—Johnny Griffiths, the Akron flash and champion of Australia, shaded Freddie Welsh, world's lightweight champion, in a 12-round battle here Monday night. Griffiths decisively won the first five and the seventh, eighth and ninth rounds. The sixth, tenth and eleventh went to Welsh. The final round was even.

Cleveland sport writers said Griffiths won by a large margin. Neither fighter was badly marked when the bout ended. Eight thousand fans attended the show.

Griffiths and Welsh fought at catchweights instead of making 135 pounds, as previously announced. Griff weighed over 135 and Welsh probably weighed 146. Three weeks ago Welsh required that Griff post a \$5000 weight forfeit. This was done. Welsh fell down on his promise to post his forfeit on reaching Cleveland. He wired Bernie Strapp, Griff's manager, that he would make no weight.

Griffiths received a deafening ovation on his entrance to the ring. It was his first appearance since returning from Australia, where he won the championship honors. Welsh was loudly applauded. The two shook hands and conversed briefly. Prominent fighters were seen at the ringside, among them George Chip, Phil Brock and Patsy Brannigan. Brannigan challenged any 116 pounder in the world.

SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACERS ARE TRYING FOR A RECORD

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Some of the great bicyclists ever seen was staged at the International Amphitheatre last night without a material change in the standing of the five leaders, who were still hanging on like grim death to the task of avoiding a lap marked against them. The offer of \$100 to the teams by General Manager O. T. Honkle of the Union Stock Yards and Transit company for a world's record served to stimulate the racers to increased exertion.

The riders clipped many miles off their handicap of over thirty miles behind the record on Monday night, until they were less than eight miles behind the record. The presence of the largest crowd of the meeting also helped spur the wheelmen to harder work. More than 10,000 persons were in the building at one time and the crowd stood five deep inside of the track.

The five leaders were Moran and McNamara, Egg and Verri, Cory and Carman, Drobach and Piercey and Walhour and Bedell. Mitten and Wiley were one lap behind, the only members of the second division, while the teams in the third were Anderson and Hansen, Kopsky and Colombato and Linart and Rudi-Russe, two laps back. All of the riders that were left looked strong and were expected to be on deck at the finish.

WILLIAMS BEATS WALLACE IN FAST TEN-ROUND BOUT

New York, Feb. 3.—Kid Williams of Baltimore, the world's bantamweight champion, who is matched to meet Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight titleholder, met and defeated Eddie Wallace, a Brooklyn featherweight in a 10 round bout in Brooklyn last night. Williams was very fast all the way through, outfighting his opponent in every round. Williams weighed 119 1/2, and Wallace 120 1/2 pounds.

SPLINTERS OF SPORT

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 3.—Walter Little of Chicago lost to Cleve Atwell at Brooklyn Monday night after eight rounds of stiff fighting. While Little proved the master at infighting in a majority of the rounds, Atwell succeeded in landing hard, clean-cut blows to the head throughout.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, featherweight champion, successfully defended his title Monday night in a 10-round bout with "Yonker" Kansas of Buffalo. Kilbane's superior reach kept him away from the stiff punch packed by the Buffalo boy.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3.—E. C. Patterson, the Chicago amateur sportsman, who is interested in the motor racing game, has sent his certified check for \$500 to San Francisco to cover the entry fee for his nominations to the Vanderbilt cup and Grand Prix races. Mr. Patterson will be represented by Ralph De Palma, who will drive the Mercedes "six," recently purchased by the automotor. The Vanderbilt will be contested on Feb. 22 and the Grand Prix on Feb. 27.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3.—Sam Rubideau left crossed and jabbed himself to a clean victory over Willie Houck in their six-round bout at the Olympia Monday night. In the semi-windup "Kid" Thomas had the better of an argument with Tommy O'Keefe. Jimmy Murphy trimmed Jim Harry. Sammy Decker beat Johnny Campi, and Tommy McGill defeated Eddie McClosky.

New York, Feb. 3.—All the young players of the New York Nationals have been ordered to report for spring training practice at Marlin, Texas, on Feb. 28. The regulars will be started from here on Feb. 25. Emilio Palmiero, the young Cuban left-handed pitcher, has signed a contract for a year with the Giants. The Brooklyn National league club has received the signed contract of Sherrod Smith, pitcher, who was with the Newark Nationals last year.

MAY PROSECUTE SMITH-FLYNN FIGHT LEADERS

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 3.—The indictment and prosecution of the principals, promoters and all others directly connected with the putting on of the Gunboat Smith-Jim Flynn bout at the armory Monday night, including the county commissioners who rented the hall, was formally demanded by the Federation of Protestant Churches yesterday.

A committee representing the federation called on Prosecutor Campbell and after he had refused to present the charges to the grand jury a formal written demand was made.

The ministers then conferred with Emil Pollak, foreman of the grand jury, and declared that Pollak said he would investigate the charges. The ministers charge that the glove contest was in reality a prize fight held in violation of the Ohio statutes. Smith had all the better of the fight.

FORMER ISLANDER ASKS FOR OTTAWA POSITION

According to an item in the Ottawa Free-Trade, Jack Thiery, former backstop of the Rock Island club in the Three-Eye league, has written to the Ottawa club of the newly organized Bi-State league, asking for the manager'ship. His application comes too late as "Chuck" Fleming has already been awarded the job. Frank Walliker, who played second base for Peoria last season, applied for a berth on the Ottawa club last week. He was sent a contract and the deal is practically closed.

CLINTON SEEKING ANNUAL REGATTA

I. C. B. A. WILL PROBABLY ATTEMPT TO SECURE THE BIG EVENT IN 1916.

The Island City Boating association has dropped all hopes of landing the 1915 regatta of the Mississippi Valley Power Boat association, according to a statement by one of the officers this morning. Clinton will probably get the big meet and a movement is now on foot in the Cracker city to raise \$5,000 to finance the proposition. The Clinton Boat club has informed the business men of that city that it will not take the regatta unless the money is raised, as was done in this city. The Clinton business men have responded nicely, however, and are confident that the sum will be secured by May.

It is probable that the I. C. B. A. will make a bid for the 1916 regatta at the annual meeting of the association in Clinton, July 4. The regular monthly meeting of the I. C. B. A. will be held Thursday evening at the club house at the foot of Twelfth street. Plans for the coming season will be discussed informally. The newly elected officers will preside for the first time.

PUGILISTIC POINTERS.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 3.—Bob Devere, who administered the knockout to "Sailor" Grande the other night, has been matched for 15 rounds with Jim Flynn at St. Joseph, Feb. 15.

Spring Valley, Ill., Feb. 3.—Articles were signed and forfeits posted for "Goats" Doig, Spring Valley's lightweight, to meet Ad Wolgast in a 10-round contest to be staged in Milwaukee Feb. 15.

New York, Feb. 3.—Matty Baldwin has agreed to meet Willie Bescuer in a 10-round bout at the Broadway A. C., Feb. 13. They will fight at 135 pounds ringside. Bescuer meets Joe Shugrue at the same club Feb. 27.

New York, Feb. 3.—Harry Pierce, Brooklyn lightweight, who recently made Leach Cross hurry, is going to get another chance at the veteran. The two are signed for a match at the Brooklyn Sporting Club, either Feb. 20 or 28, it is announced.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS ARE AFRAID OF HIM.



George Knockout Brown.

George Knockout Brown isn't wanting any more in the middleweight class, and he is going to see what sort of a reception the heavies will give him. He says he will make 158 pounds at 6 o'clock, ringside, or any other odd time, for the whole crop of white hopes.

The trouble with Brown as a middleweight is that the other fellows in that class are afraid of him. The Greek battler has never been knocked out, and while shaded in short bouts occasionally, has been of the opinion that in a long fight he would give a better account of himself. Others share that opinion and have tried to help him obtain matches with Jimmy Clabby, Mike Gibbons, Eddie McGeorgy, and the other top-notchers, but they seem not to care for George's game.

Now Brown is wrothy and is going to make his own division recognize him even if he has to step into the class above and give away 20 to 50 pounds every time he fights. If Brown makes good in the heavy-weight division, and there is every reason to believe on the strength of his record that a lot of the white hopes would be easy for him, then the middle will certainly have to come to him.

The Greek is not a pretty boxer, but is a tough, hard-hitting middleweight—the kind that sets the crowd wild by willingness to fight and fight hard every minute. Making 158 pounds is merely a matter of good condition with him, so he will really be nothing more than a middleweight when tackling the big fellows.

NOT ALL VELVET FOR FED PLAYERS

TWO MEMBERS OF CHICAGO TEAM, ONE OF THEM PREDERGAST, HOLD OUT.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3.—Reports of ball players jumping to the Federal league are numerous, but reports of Federal league players holding out for more pay are unique in baseball circles. Such reports, however, broke out yesterday. It was about the first indication that a player's life with the Fed is not after all, a life of contentment and prosperity.

The report, too, concerns the local Federal league club, supposedly the most prosperous of the lot. Two young pitchers who came from the lower grades a year ago are demanding big salaries from President Weighman for the coming season. They are Max Fisk, the sturdy hurler who came from the Rosehand Eclipse team, and Mike Prendergast, the young curve ball artist who came from the Three-Eye league. Both have decided to hold out and Manager Tinker says both will have to go.

FEW IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE FOOTBALL RULES

New York, Feb. 3.—Few important changes in the football rules are expected to be made when the committee meets here on Friday and Saturday of this week.

One of the principal abuses last year was the frequent use of substitutes to carry messages from the coaches to the captain on the field, a practice in direct violation of the spirit of the game. To avoid the prominence of the coaches the rulemakers punished them from the side lines last season. A more drastic rule may be passed.

The numbering of players has the support of several of the best known men in the game and the adoption of the practice is being urged on the committee.

SEATS FOR JUAREZ BOUT WILL COST FROM \$5 TO \$25

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 3.—The syndicate which on March 6 is to stage the world's championship battle between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard isn't going to play a poker game. This was indicated when an announcement of the price of seats was made. The cheapest seat within the race track at Juarez, in which the fight will be held, will cost \$5, while the highest priced pastebords which enable their holders to sit at the ringside will cost \$25. The seats in the regular race track grand stand are the ones which will sell for \$5, as they are farthest from the ring. There are plenty of other seats costing \$20, \$15 and \$10. With all the seats occupied the house would be worth \$100,000.

To Form New Ball Club.

New York, Feb. 3.—Plans for the organization of a new big league baseball club are being carried on quietly here and within a few weeks the enterprise will be launched with a list of stockholders that will include five or six club owners in the American and National leagues and no less than three or four famous managers. The club will be located at Dover Point, Ga., not far from Jekyll Island, the noted winter home of many American multi-millionaires. As the result of a proposition made by George Stallings, a deal is pending for the purchase of a permanent winter baseball camp, where magnates, managers, players and the friendly fan can enjoy their vacations.

BREWS PROTEST 1600'S VICTORY

CLAIM WHITE BLOCK MEN ROLL KITTY WHEN PLAYER WAS ON THE FLOOR.

Moose's Men Establish Three New Marks at St. Julien Alleys— Edelweiss Wins Two.

ISLAND CITY STANDING. P. W. L. Pct. R. I. Brews 57 41 16 .319 1600 Block 57 37 20 .549 Edelweiss 57 31 26 .544 1700 Block 57 11 46 .303

The 1600 Block team of the Island City league, stepped in and walloped the Rock Island Brews in two out of three games last night at the St. Julien alleys. Captain Hildebrandt of the Brews protested all three games, claiming that Captain Moose of the 1600 Block, took out Benson, after he had rolled one game, substituting a kitty. The 1600 boys established three new records. Moose now holds the high single game mark of 232 and high three game, 688, while the team mark of 911 is also high.

At the Harms alleys the Edelweiss five took two out of three from the 1700 Block quintet, dropping the final game. Davenport rolled the high single score on these alleys.

The scores:

AT ST. JULIEN ALLEYS. 1600 BLOCK. Mason 139 145 157 Moose 163 232 198 Benson 153 — — McNeil 193 159 173 Preder 179 198 161 Kitty 177 158

Total 781 911 845 R. I. BREWS. G. Abrahamson 168 133 123 T. Abrahamson 140 119 124 Hildebrandt 140 143 134 Tracey 184 179 154 Oberg 176 169 202

Total 808 728 757 AT HARMS ALLEYS. 1700 BLOCK. Benson 166 158 148 Kahlke 154 119 157 Mosenfelder 155 126 126 Henry 116 148 123 Davenport 151 143 209

Total 742 704 754 EDELWEISS. K. Frost 146 165 150 C. Frost 168 140 112 Breder 169 151 149 Mixer 162 159 121 Heine 159 167 136

CROWD ATTENDS OPENING OF HALL

JOHN WICH ROLLS 235 FOR PRIZE OFFERED AT NEW ISLAND CITY BOWLING ALLEYS.

The new Island City bowling and billiard hall in the new Eagles building at Twenty-first street and Fourth avenue was officially opened to the public last night. The alleys made a big hit with the bowling fraternity of the tri-cities and they compare favorably to any set of alleys in the state. The hall was crowded to capacity with spectators and devotees of the sport.

The four alleys are installed on the west side of the room, while the pool and billiard tables are arranged at the east side. At the opening ceremonies "Jimmy" Normoyle, proprietor of the new alleys, rolled the first ball and to "Doc" Mueller belongs the credit of making the first strike. Tom Hage, the tailor, has offered a new suit for the highest single game rolled this month and last night John Wich, captain of the Cross Country in the Twin-City league, started with a rush, establishing a score of 235 for the prize.

E. W. Schieberl, brother of Peanuts Schieberl, well known batter, has accepted the position of clerk at the hall and will assist Messrs. Orth and Normoyle in managing the new institution.

ZIM MUST PAY HIS WIFE \$40 PER WEEK ALIMONY

New York, Feb. 3.—Heine Zimmerman, third baseman of the Chicago Cubs, must pay \$40 a week for the support of his wife and child for the six months of the baseball playing season and \$20 a week for the other six months, so decreed Justice Brady.

Some time ago Mrs. Helen Charaf Zimmerman, wife of the Cubs' "fighting third baseman," brought suit for separation, alleging cruel and abusive treatment and failure to support herself and her infant daughter, Helene. She charged that she had been beaten by her husband. She asked for \$500 counsel fees and \$200 a month alimony.

N. L. Is 39 Years of Age. New York, Feb. 3.—Yesterday was the 39th birthday anniversary of the National league. There was no unusual activity about league headquarters. Secretary Heydler was not even aware this was the league's birthday until reminded of it.