

NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

MAY DROP FULTON FOR JACK MORAN?

New Orleans Papers Not Enthusiased Over Coming Championship Battle, Says Burns.

WANTS THE MATCH CALLED OFF

Andrews Claims Change Would Be a Mistake and Is Willing to Take Over Project Himself.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 27.—Asserting that New Orleans newspapers are not leading support to the proposed 20 round bout on March 4 between Champion Jess Willard and Fred Fulton for the heavyweight championship, Promoter Tommy Burns yesterday notified Tom Andrews, his local representative, that he desired to call the bout off.

Andrews replied that such a move would be a serious mistake in view of the fact that railroads from Chicago and Minnesota points had arranged to send special trains and indications pointed to a large attendance from the north.

Andrews also said that if the New Orleans promoter decides not to stage the match, he would gladly take over the project by offering the boxers a purse of \$25,000 for a ten round bout during the first week in February.

"The match was made in good faith," said Andrews. "Both men have posted forfeits of \$2,500 with me. The promoters have as yet failed to post their money of similar amount with Bob Vernon of New York.

Managers Firm for Match.

"I am certain that Tom Jones, Willard's manager, and Mike Collins, manager for Fulton, will not stand for any cancellation or substitution.

"It would be an injustice to Mike Collins to call the match off, for Collins has refused offers amounting to \$10,000 to have Fulton meet Jim Coffey and other boxers since signing with Willard.

New York, Dec. 27.—Before leaving Saturday for Chicago, Tom Jones, manager of Jess Willard, heavyweight champion, issued a statement in which he said he expected soon to arrange a match for Willard with either Frank Moran or Jim Coffey. He made no reference to the possible substitution of Moran for Fred Fulton in the fight arranged at New Orleans.

May Sub Moran for Fulton.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 27.—Dominick Tortorich, one of the promoters of the Willard-Fulton fight here on March 4, stated yesterday that Frank Moran, Pittsburgh heavyweight, would be substituted for Fred Fulton.

"I think Fulton lacks real experience," said Tortorich. "He has agreed, of course, but the Pittsburgher will do us more good at the gate."

Tortorich said he was certain Moran would accept the chance to fight the champion for the title.

Fulton Or No Go.

"Fred Fulton will be the first man Jess Willard meets when he returns to the ring in March. If New Orleans promoters intend to repudiate contracts they made with Mike Collins, Fulton's manager, and myself, they are dealing with the wrong party in Willard. We will meet Frank Moran or any other heavyweight in due time, but Fulton comes first."

This was the way Tom Jones expressed himself last night after he came out from hiding following his return from New York Friday night. He didn't mince matters, but went directly to the point, following an hour's conference with Mike Collins, Fulton's boss, Jones blames Tommy Burns, former partner of Dominick Tortorich, for the trouble, and he may go to the Crescent City tonight to straighten out matters and deliver his ultimatum.

Backing up Jones in his statements was Champion Willard himself. He let the other half of the combination do the talking, shaking his head at the proper time to verify Jones' announcement.

MEETING TO DECIDE FATE OF CLEVELAND

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Cleveland will have a ball team next year, and a good one at that. Charles W. Somers, who went on the financial rocks a year ago, will probably continue as owner if the plans already on foot pan out. Should the present head of the club be unable to carry the burden himself he will get help, unless the bankers' committee which is now handling Somers' affairs kicks over the traces.

A meeting of the American league owners has been called at Cleveland for Wednesday. The owners will be asked to sanction the plans worked out by President Johnson of the American league even if it should be necessary for the magnates to dig down into their jeans for the time being.

President Johnson will have everything ready for the approval or rejection by tonight. Ban left last night for Cleveland and the magnates are expected to be on hand Wednesday for the big powwow. The reorganization plans also call for the transfer of the American association club in Cleveland, owned by Mr. Somers. The team is likely to land in Toledo and Roger Bresnahan will be given a chance to buy it. If the former Cub manager is unable or unwilling to swing the deal the team will be turned over to other parties, but it will not find an asylum in Cleveland next season.

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DECATUR CLUB TO OPPOSE DECISION

J. A. Corbett Leading Fight to Secure Forfeit of \$500 Awarded to Three-Eye League.

BRING MATTER UP AT MOLINE

Maintains Club Should Have Money to Square Up With Players of the Defunct Association.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 27.—That the decision of the national board of arbitration, recently handed down at San Francisco, holding the Decatur association responsible for the unpaid salaries of that club, will not be accepted, has been announced in the latter city and will be brought up at the mid-winter session of the Three-Eye magnates in Moline next month. The decision of the board held that the Decatur directors must pay the claims of \$485 filed by players for salaries declared to be due for the eight days prior to the period when the club surrendered the franchise. The city of Decatur is held to be barred from participation in organized ball until this claim is paid in full.

The Decatur directors are contending that President A. R. Tearney should take the \$500 guarantee filed by their club at the opening of the recent season to be forfeited in the event that the team did not finish the season, and pay the salary claim. They assert that the executive adopted this course in the case of the Dubuque and Danville teams, keeping them in action until a new berth could be obtained for each. They further charge that if the league executives had come to their rescue with this guarantee fund before the team had disbanded, that it is possible that the franchise might have been saved for the season.

To Go Before Directors.

J. A. Corbett, the wealthy president of the defunct Decatur association, is leading the fight for that city in the salary controversy. He has been trying to get some satisfaction from Tearney, and he expects to take the case before the league directors at the Moline meeting. Still falling to receive favorable consideration, he is said to be contemplating legal action to recover the money. As an action in court would be expensive to both sides, Corbett is hopeful that the Three-Eye leaders will not force the issue. Should the league pay the players, it will leave Decatur in good standing and eligible to reenter organized ball when future conditions make it advisable.

Those familiar with baseball law think that Corbett has a poor case, due to the fact that the Three-Eye constitution expressly stipulates that the guarantee is forfeited to the team falls to complete the scheduled season.

Hackett Dying.

Thomas Hackett, manager of the 1913 team of Quincy in the Three-Eye, is at the point of death at his home in Stockton. Colonel Hackett was formerly with Keokuk in the Central association and later jumped organized ball and played with the California outlaw league. He was regarded as one of the leading catchers among the minors for many years. He has not played regularly since giving up Quincy, being a victim of rheumatism.

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AMATEURS UP FOR TEST IN MEETING

Fifteen Organizations Gather in New York to Discuss All Athletics in the Country.

New York, Dec. 27.—Beginning today and continuing throughout the week several important meetings, having a bearing on the future conduct of all branches of amateur athletics, national and collegiate, will be held in this city.

At least 15 organizations governing amateur sports in the United States and Canada have delegated representatives to attend the conference called for tomorrow, at which an effort will be made to adopt a universal definition of what constitutes an amateur athlete.

At the suggestion of the advisory committee of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America the status of an amateur, acts which disbar him from the privilege of competing as such, the penalties for infringing the rules, and the possibilities of partial or full restoration to his amateur standing of anyone whose status as an amateur is affected, were carefully prepared and embodied in a statement formulated at a special meeting of the intercollegiate committee last week and mailed to all the delegates for their consideration at today's session.

This meeting, after discussing the matter, will adjourn until the latter part of the week, when it is expected final action will be taken on all these important suggestions.

In the interim the National Collegiate Athletic association, which is comprised of more than 130 universities, colleges and schools in the United States, will hold its 10th annual convention, beginning tomorrow, with Dean Le Baron Briggs of Harvard presiding. College athletic standards will be discussed during this convention, and an address on "College Athletics" by William H. Taft will be one of the features of the session.

On the same day the intercollegiate football rules committee will hold a meeting here, at which minor changes in the rules and definitions of unusual plays which have occurred during the past season will be considered.

An amendment, the most important of this session, will be proposed with the purpose of making it compulsory for the players of all teams to wear numbers during the game, and this promises to bring about some lively discussion.

INDOOR GRID GAME ENDS UP IN FIGHT

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Pugilism and football did not mix very well yesterday at the Dexter park pavilion, where two pairs of roughhouse amateur teams met to battle for the 145-pound title, a half dozen cops having to be called to restore order among the fans and players. No one was arrested or injured, but the arrival of the blue-coated guardians of the law put an end to what threatened to develop into a wild riot.

The fist swinging commenced in the second half of the Standard-Tornado battle. Rough work between the performers started the trouble, and rosters ended it in front of the bleacher seats by exchanging a number of solid wallops. Level-headed spectators quieted the rowdies down for a spell, but soon they were up again with their mitts leveled for war. When the cops burst into the picture the pugs liked back to their pews. The Opa-Thorn skit, which went to the latter, 18 to 0, was a calm affair.

YEAR'S CHAMPIONS IN ATHLETIC WORLD

Aeroplane—De Lloyd Thompson. Angling—E. K. Pearson. Athletic (amateur)—Alma Richards. Archery (men)—Dr. E. P. Elmer. Archery (women)—Miss Cynthia Wesson.

Automobile (speed)—Dario Resta. Automobile (track)—Gil Anderson. Automobile (road)—Earl Cooper. Baseball (team)—Boston Red Sox. Baseball (American)—Tyrus Cobb. Baseball (National)—Larry Doyle. Baseball (Federal)—Benny Kauff. Billiards (amateur)—Edward Gardner.

Billiards (pro.)—Willie Hoppe. Billiards (3 cushion)—Alfredo de Oro. Billiards (pocket)—Benny Allen. Bicycling (Amateur)—Ernest Kochler.

Bicycling (pro.)—Frank L. Kramer. Bicycling (team)—Hill and Grenda. Bowling (all events)—Mattie Faetz. Boxing (heavyweight)—Jess Willard.

Boxing (middleweight)—No holder. Boxing (welterweight)—No holder. Boxing (lightweight)—Fred Welsh. Boxing (featherweight)—Johnny Kilbane.

Boxing (bantamweight)—Kid Williams. Chess—Dr. Emanuel Lasker. Football (east)—Cornell.

Football (west)—Illinois, Minnesota. Golf (amateur)—R. A. Gardner. Golf (open)—Jerome D. Travers. Golf (women)—Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck.

Hockey (college)—Harvard. Hockey (amateur)—St. Nicholas, N. Y.

Motor boat—Disturber IV. Motorcycle (pro.)—Carl Gowdy. Pacing—William.

Polo—Meadowbrook. Racquets (amateur)—Clarence C. Peil.

Racquets (pro.)—"Jock" Soutar. Roque—Harold Clark. Rowing (amateur)—Robert Diddie. Rowing (pro.)—Ernest Barry.

Rowing (college)—Cornell. Rowing (amateur)—Duluth. Shoot (target)—Louis B. Clarke. Skating (amateur)—Russell A. Wheeler.

Skating (pro.)—Edmund Lamy. Ski (amateur)—Kris Jellum. Ski (pro.)—Lars Haugen.

Soccer—Beth Steel Works. Squash (amateur)—Eric S. Winston. Squash (pro.)—Walter A. Kinsella. Swimming—Harry Heber.

Tennis (men)—William M. Johnston. Tennis (doubles)—Johnston-Griffin. Tennis (women)—Molla Bjurstedt. Tennis (doubles)—Misses Whigman-Sears.

Tennis (court)—Jay Gould. Tennis (court doubles)—Gould-W. H. T. Hahn. Trotting—Peter Scott. Turf—Roamer. Wrestling—Joe Etecher. Yachting—Resolute.

DAVENPORT TOSSERS TO PRY BASKET LID

Davenport high school basketball tossers will blast open their season for 1915-16 at the high school gymnasium Thursday night when they do battle with the former stars of the local school in the annual alumni clash. Although the opening of the season is later than previous years the schedule calls for the same amount of games and all the teams of reputation in this section of the state will be on the list. This means one of the hardest schedules a basketball team representing the Davenport high school has ever faced as the games are bunched.

MIGHTY SWEDE TO JOIN PLOW BOYS

Oliver V. Anderson of West Union, Ia., Sends Contract to Moline Club as Christmas Present.

Oliver V. Anderson of West Union, Iowa, is to be a member of the Moline team of the Three-Eye league during 1916. Those who have recommended this strapping youngster declare he is certain to make good as a Plow boy and that he will have some of the older heads of the league hustling if they would win Three-Eye pitching laurels this coming season.

The fact that he is a Swede should make Anderson feel at home in Moline. He is a big six-footer, a right-hand pitcher who worked in the Iowa brush in 1915. With various semi-pro teams which sought his services when they had hard games scheduled, he went up against many former Three-Eye leaguers.

Anderson is said to be better than Miller, former Moline hurler, who was good enough for the Three-Eye beat. The tall boy is said to have a great curve, made more effective because of his excellent control. His signed contract comes as a Christmas present to fans of Moline.

FULTON NOT FARMER; A FORMER PLASTERER

Chicago, Dec. 27.—William F. Laabs of Rochester, Minn., takes exception to calling Fred Fulton a farmer boy. He writes an interesting letter, in which he says Fulton formerly was in Rochester's leading plasterer and that the town boys called him "Slim."

Before learning the plasterer's trade Fulton worked in a hardware store, setting up stoves, and he handled them like dumb-bells. His first knockout was over a bill collector. Fred didn't have the coin and the collector wanted to break in and take away the furniture. Fulton let go and the fellow passed away temporarily. Another time Fred trimmed the boy bully who offered to beat anyone in a crowd attending a ball game. Fulton took it up and won. These two battles started him toward the heavyweight goal.

JAUREZ NOW ANGLING FOR HEAVYWEIGHT GO

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 27.—Following Tommy Burns' announcement that he would cancel the contract for Fred Fulton and Jess Willard to fight in New Orleans, local fight promoters have started a movement to have the fight fought in Juarez to a finish. The Carranza government is now in control of the border town. Villa has been eliminated and all danger of revolutionary trouble is over for the next six months at least. Carranza's agents have been approached and have agreed to have the fight staged, provided it was held under responsible auspices.

The big concrete grand stand of the race track would be used, and additional stands built if the negotiations with the managers of the two fighters can be persuaded to come to Juarez. They are ready to post a \$20,000 guarantee for the fight if held in Juarez.

Duquoin Wins Again.

Duquoin, Ill., Dec. 27.—Duquoin Township high school basketball team easily defeated the St. Elmo high quintet, 42 to 32, in that city Saturday night. Duquoin has lost only two games this season.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

BASEBALL WAR NO LONGER SOURCE OF INCOME FOR THEM



Top to bottom, John M. Galvin, S. L. Swartz and George H. Williams.

The baseball war is no longer a source of income to these legal gentlemen. The battle was a merry one for them as long as it lasted. John M. Galvin of Cincinnati was attorney for the National League; S. L. Swartz of St. Louis for the Feds, and George H. Williams of St. Louis represented the American league in legal battles. The accompanying photographs were taken during the recent meeting in Cincinnati, when peace was declared.

CARPENTIER TO QUIT RING; LIKES FLYING

Paris, Dec. 27.—That he will quit the ring and devote his time to aviation if he lives through the war was announced yesterday by Georges Carpentier, French heavyweight. Carpentier is in the French aviation corps, and has done remarkable work. Recently he was decorated with the military cross for valor.

Pullman Soccer Lose.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—Possibly handicapped by the snow covered field the Pullmans of Chicago were again defeated yesterday afternoon by the St. Louis soccer team when the Innisfalls rallied in the last 30 minutes of play with the score 2 to 1 against them and scored three goals before the Illinois kickers could brace. The Chicagoans seemed out of condition and slowed up during the second period.

BUTLER HONORED BY 1915 REVIEW

Statistics of Chicago Tribune Names Sol in Two Instances Tying World's Records.

In the annual review of sports, computed by the Chicago Tribune, one Rock Island athlete is prominently mentioned in records for 1915. That boy is Sol Butler, colored star, who tied two world's records during the past year in meets at Chicago. At the northwestern indoor track meet Sol stepped 50 yards in :06 2-5, equalling the world's record, and on July 17, in the trials for the A. U. I. meet to be held in San Francisco, Butler did 24 feet 2 1/2 inches in the running broad jump at Chicago, equalling the world's record. In the junior meet later at the San Francisco exposition, Butler did not set any records, but copped the running broad jump, making him a world's champion. Sol is at present attending the Dubuque German college and he was one of the shining lights on the Dubuque football team this past season.

Sol and his brother Ben are spending the holidays with friends in Rock Island.

BATTLING LEVINSKY JOLTS FLYNN IN GO

New York, Dec. 27.—Batting Levinsky celebrated Christmas by musing up Jim Flynn in a 10 round scrap at the Broadway Sporting club Saturday afternoon. It was a hot fight, with Flynn struggling valiantly to return Levinsky's wallops. Levinsky kept the fireman at a distance most of the time. Harry Donahue of Peoria, Ill., and Eddie Kelly, lightweights, fought a fast 10 round draw.

Retail traders in New York say that the holiday business is greater now than in any previous year. Figures as to the number of buyers would help in estimating the situation as a prosperity exhibit, but it is a pleasing exhibit as far as it goes.

S. A. R. Attention.

Relatives and friends of soldiers of the Civil war, buried in Rock Island county cemeteries, who desire headstones furnished by the government, should communicate with J. M. Spurr, 501 Eleventh street, Rock Island, giving the name, company and regiment of the deceased.

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