

BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

Willie Ritchie May Settle Matters With Freddie Welsh.

Willie Ritchie has been aroused by criticism leveled at him by Freddie Welsh, and intimates he is willing to settle the argument with the Briton by a meeting in the ring.

Such a meeting would be the best thing that could happen to Ritchie. Willie has shown ability to decisively whip every man he has gone up against. He has always been able to disprove charges that he was afraid to fight.

But the Welsh fiasco still needs explaining. Some months ago Ritchie was billed to meet Welsh in Vancouver for a guaranteed purse of \$16,000. Without any explanation he canceled that bout and, though both of the fighters have threatened to "tell all they know," the cause of the cancellation is still a mystery.

Some of Ritchie's enemies declared he was afraid of Welsh. Certainly he didn't postpone the fight because of money, as \$16,000 is some hefty guarantee. The only thing left for Ritchie to do is to meet Welsh and prove his superiority over the Englishman.

Crane landed the indoor baseball championship in the high school league by defeating Lane for the second time, 4 to 3. This is the sixth time in seven years that Crane has taken the title.

Glen Coakley won a decision over Knockout Brown at the end of ten rounds in Fort Wayne. Coakley closed with a rush and had the Greek outfought.

Bud Logan of Chicago knocked out Jack Regan of Milwaukee in the fourth round at Oshkosh. Logan won the mill with a smashing right to Regan's jaw.

Gunboat Smith and Battling Levinsky have been matched to fight ten rounds in New York May 8.

Blackburne Sure of the Keystone Job With the White Sox.

Buck Weaver joined the White Sox in California yesterday and was promptly assigned to the shortstop job on the second team, playing next to Russell Blackburne.

That is positive proof that Blackburne will be the regular second baseman of the South Side aggregation when the season begins. He and Weaver will be kept together on the seconds for a few more games, and then will be transferred to the first team to perfect some machine work with Lord and Chase. In the meantime Weaver and Blackburne will be getting used to each other and polishing up their pivotal play at the second sack.

Blackburne in every game this spring has indicated that he is ready in all departments for a session in the big show. His batting has been hard and timely. Most of his safeties have rung off the bat and traveled with smashing velocity.

In the field he has shown the speed that made him the first of the modern expensive beauties. His legs are strong and will carry him through the season at top speed.

Blackburne and Weaver should form a wonderful combination at second base. Both are young, full of energy, fighters, and have great mechanical ability. As they become more used to each other's style of play, their worth and effectiveness will increase. They should be good for several years' duty.

Weaver this season should be one of the sensations of baseball. The trip around the world did him good. He was traveling with some wise heads, and picked up any information they had to give out. It was noted that Buck paid particular attention to the shortstopping of Mike Doolan,