PHILLIES AND ATHLETICS ON JOB TO REBUILD TEAMS—JACK JOHNSON DUPED IN HAVANA

JACK JOHNSON DUPED; FIGHT PROMOTERS NOW DETERMINED ON MEET

Fake Telegram Held Negro Champion in Cuba. Curley Expected to Make Startling Revelations.

EL PASO, March 1.—Promoters of the Jack Johnson-Jess Willard fight are determined that the star bout shall take place. Jack Curley is expected to make startling revelations when he reaches Havana Tuesday morning.

Developments here show that a trick telegram, saying the fight was off, held the negro pugilist in Havana after he had boarded ship for a Mexican port. The trick, it is said, was performed by a bunch of crooks. Johnson was lured to remain in Havana.

L. Lawrence Weber, the New York theatrical magnate, who is at the head of the syndicate which is financing the world's ring battle, originally scheduled for Juarez, March 6, is not easily outwitted. Jack Curley was immediately dispatched for Havana by the speediest train and steamship. "Bring Johnson back with you, no matter what it costs. Hire a special boat. Land him at the Mexican port where you know protection awaits him."

This was the final admonition given Curley as he stepped aboard the train. A storm delayed the steamship between New Orleans and Key West, but Curley is due to arrive in Havana on Tuesday. Then the world will know whether the methods of disappointed promoters who did not get a finger into the pie or the aims of reputable business men will triumph.

El Paso merchants, backed up by the Weber syndicate, Tom Jones, Jack Curley and Willard himself, say the battle will take place across the Rio Grande River. The stakes are in Bob Vernon's hands. Johnson has already received $2000 advance money, which is in lieu of the $30,000 purse, and they aver no clique of disgruntled pugilistic managers or promoters will foil their efforts.

One of the most ingenuous arguments ever conceived will get Johnson into Juarez. Part of the journey embraces a 60-mile ride in the saddle. This, it is expected, will help his training. It is sure to lessen waist girth. Quarters are in readiness for him to complete his training siege. Juarez wants the bout, and, if the plans of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce and the promoters are carried out within the next 10 days, ring history is likely to be made there. Knoblauch's ranch, nestling in the Rio Grande Valley at Val des Pinos, has been the scene of great activity during the last fortnight. No boxer training for a world's battle was ever surrounded with such comfort and up-to-date appliances as Willard's. Rest on Thursday and Friday had whetted his appetite for work Saturday, and yesterday, when light training was resumed—now, mind you, Tom Jones and "Tex" O'Rourke, who are in charge of the camp, accentuated "light work"—here is what Willard did:

Road work for one hour; pulley weights, punching the bag and six rounds in turn with Jack Hemple, Jim Savage and Walter Monahan, all heavyweights, rounded out an afternoon of "light training."

Wolgast Must Rest Arm

CADILLAC, Mich., March 1.—Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, has been ordered by his physician not to engage in a boxing match during the next six months. Wolgast's weak right arm was examined through an X-ray. The physician said the bones were intact, but the arm was weak because Wolgast had not allowed an old fracture to thoroughly heal.

GUY NICKALS IS MISSING

Yale Crew Anxious Over Non-appearance of Coach.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 1.—With spring training for the Yale University crews due to begin today, Captain Denegre, of the varsity eight, was anxious because he had received no word from Guy Nickalls, the English coach, who was to have sailed from London on February 22.

The sailing of the steamship on which Nickalls had engaged passage was postponed for a month. Several cablegrams were sent to him at London to learn his plans, but no replies have been received. Nickalls expected to bring with him a new English shell for the varsity and English-made oars.

JOHNNY EVERS THREATENS HIMSELF WITH JOURNALISM

Braves' Peppery Captain Predicts Another Boston Victory.

CAMDEN, S. C., March 1.—Johnny Evers, star second sacker of the World's Champion Boston Braves, threatens to become a newspaper man. He says so himself. The peppery ex-Cub and enthusiastic admirer of Charles M. Murphy declares he will play baseball about three years longer, then will break into the newspaper game. He always has had a hankering after that sort of life and now he is determined to realize his ambition.

Evers, with his wife and son, is here recuperating from a severe attack of pneumonia. From all outward appearances, he is a well man, and according to his own statement today weighs more now than he ever has. He expects to be in prime condition when he reports at the training camp of the Braves at Macon, Ga., early next week. Evers takes strenuous exercise at golf almost daily. He is so delighted with the climate that he is making plans to spend next winter here.

The Braves will repeat in the championship race in the big league this year, according to Evers.

FEDS BENT ON W. JOHNSON

Star Pitcher Storm Centre of Fight, Says Gilmore.

Clark Griffith is going to have a fight on his hands to keep Walter Johnson from the clutches of the Federal League. Fighting Jim Gilmore, who has caused Messrs. Ban Johnson, Herrmann and Tener many sleepless nights, declares that Walter Johnson will either play with his "outlaw" organization or go back to his farm in Coffeyville.

"If we can't hold Johnson, we can't hold a single player we have under contract," Gilmore says. "I don't care to discuss the case any further, though, until after Judge Landis renders his decision in our anti-trust suit."

PRINCETON TRACK PROSPECTS BRIGHT

Nassau Has Number of Good Men in Events—New Coaching Exceeds Expectations.

Princeton believes her track prospects are brighter than in several years. In the sprints the team is especially strong. Madden, Snowden and Moore—if he does not run in the 220—will take care of the 100-yard dash, together with Fleming, Shanley and others who have been working regularly. For the 220, Madden, Snowden, a 23-second man, and possibly Moore or Richardson, are the candidates, while Richardson, Moore and Dannenhauer will prove strongest in the quarter mile.

In the distance runs, Hayes, 2 minutes 2 2-5 seconds, and Captain Mackenzie can be depended on to score in the half-mile, and Mackenzie in the mile, which he has done in 4:21 1-5, while Morrison is regarded as certain to count in the two-mile. Beside these, Cooley, Atha, and Doty have been doing well. Among the hurdlers there is good material. Stewart, Church, Decker, Fredericks, Crawford and Watt have been showing up well, especially Stewart, who is one of the best hurdlers in the East.

The field events will be well supported. Davy, in the high jump; Kellet, Harper and Ranson, in the broad jump; Baker, Burford and Schmertz, in the pole vault, should all be point-winners. The weight events will be well taken care of by Nourse, Larsen, Longstreth, Gennert, Heyniger and Morris. The outdoor work of the candidates last fall was pronounced by the coaches to have been the most successful ever held. The new coaching system, whereby a graduate or university track man took charge of the candidates in each event, far exceeded expectations in the beneficial results which were accomplished.

Kiviat Ill After Race

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 1.—The match race at a mile and a half between Abel R. Kiviat, of the Irish-American A. C., of New York, and Joe Ray, of the Illinois Athletic Club, was called off Saturday night at the indoor games of the Kansas City Athletic Club. Kiviat, after winning the 1000-yard handicap run, became ill.

Joe Loomis, of the Chicago A. A., lowered the world's indoor mark of 6 1-5 seconds for the 50-yard low hurdles, it was said, by covering the distance in 6 flat, but the mark will not stand, as there were but three timers, instead of five, as required by the A. A. U. Ray won the mile scratch in 4:26.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

HAVANA, NEW PUGILIST CENTRE, BECKONS U. S. BOXERS; RING BOOMS

Jack Robinson, Ex-Philadelphian, Writes of Moves for Greatest Stadium in World—American Heads Sports Club.

Havana, Cuba, is to become a pugilistic Mecca. A letter from John R. (Jack) Robinson, a former Philadelphia newspaper man and now manager of Battling Nelson, former lightweight champion, to Freddy Sears, of this city, states that boxing will flourish in the capital of Cuba.

Robinson is secretary to "Dick" Klegin, who has planned boxing shows at two of the biggest theatres in the heart of Havana. The promoter also expects to erect the greatest stadium in the world for boxing. Klegin is originally from Terre Haute, Ind., and Sears says it was he who introduced boxing in Europe nine years ago.

Klegin then went to Australia, where he was interested in the fistic game, before returning to America with Dave Smith, the Antipode middleweight champion. After a short stay here Klegin returned to Europe, and just after the war started he signed up Jack Johnson for a fight with Sam McVey in Havana, then left for the West Indies to complete preparations for the match.

In Robinson's letter to Sears, the latter is appointed Klegin's Philadelphia representative. Fred has finished negotiations for a match in Havana for Charley Thomas, the local lightweight, to be staged probably the latter part of March.

Robinson's letter follows:

"Dear Freddie—The boxing game here is bound to boom. We have two promoters just now. They are Bradt and Klegin. The former has a stadium about two miles from the centre of the city, while Klegin has long-term leases on two theatres in the heart of the town. One, for popular priced shows, holds 2500 people. The other, for big shows, holds 3500. Beside, Klegin has a four-year lease on a plot of ground dead in the heart of the city, facing the Plaza, or public square, around which all these Latin-American cities are built. It is two city blocks square, and he is about to start the erection of a stadium which will be the greatest on the continent. His site compares with Broad and Chestnut streets in Philadelphia.

"Klegin will not stage a fight in his outdoor arena until May, using his two theatres in the heart of the town. You know a theatre holding 3500 people, at prices from $1 to $5, which are standard here, will result in a house big enough to satisfy any boxer or promoter.

"I have been appointed secretary of Klegin's club, which is the National Sporting Club of Cuba. Our president will be Captain Cushman A. Rice, the most popular American on the island, a financier and plantation owner, and one grand sport. He is a millionaire several times over. He is my pal here, and I have induced him to accept the presidency. Klegin has asked me to appoint a few American representatives, and I see no reason why you cannot handle our affairs in Philadelphia. I will want you to send me a few tough, young fellows, who will slug their way into public favor.

"I want to see your boy Thomas (Charley Thomas) against a good featherweight in March, so have him ready. Most of the fighters you will send can come alone, and on guarantees. Also, they will be furnished with round-trip tickets before leaving and given the very best of treatment while here. Arrange before you come with Thomas to have at least four lightweights and welters ready to hop in at a minute's notice. Two lights to fight each other; two welters against each other.

"This is your appointment as Philadelphia representative of the National Sporting Club of Cuba, and any one doing business with us must do it through you. Just one exception—I have talked to Jack McGuigan regarding McCarren here—also Houck—so must do business with Jack direct.

"We'll hand Thomas a good match about the third or fourth week in March.

"Best regards to the gang as ever

"JOHN R. ROBINSON."

Captain Cushman A. Rice, of Havana, the Cuban sportsman, who will become president of the new National Sporting Club of Cuba, is in New York at the present time.

Dartmouth Re-engages Coach

HANOVER, N. H., March 1.—Frank W. Cavanaugh has signed a new contract for three years as head coach of the Dartmouth football team. Paul W. Loudon will act as assistant coach, while W. F. Kendall of Chelsea, will serve as a second assistant coach and scout. P. W. Loudon has also been re-engaged to coach the varsity basketball team.

Pittfeds Off to Camp

PITTSBURGH, March 1.—"Rebel" E. T. Oakes, manager, Captain Edward Konetchy and two players formed the vanguard of the Pittsburgh Federal League baseball club which left here last night for the training camp at Augusta, Ga. Others [illegible]

MAYER AND LORD TO OPEN BILLIARD MATCH TONIGHT

Tournament at Union League to Last Two Weeks.

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the billiard tournament for the class A amateur 18.2-balkline championship of the United States, which starts at the Union League tonight and will be in progress for two weeks. There will be 21 games played.

Joseph Mayer, of this city, former champion, will open the tourney, opposed to Robert M. Lord, of Chicago. The pairings for the remaining games have not been decided upon and will not be until the finish of each day's play.

There are seven of America's premier amateur billiardists here for the tourney. They are Edward W. Gardner, of New York, the present champion; J. Ferdinand Poppenburg, of New York; Joseph Mayer, of Philadelphia; Charles Heddon, of Dowagiac, Mich.; Corwin Huston, of Detroit; Eugene L. Milburn, of Chicago, and Robert M. Lord, also of Chicago.

YALE FIVE SEEMS TO HAVE BEST SHOW

After Playing Penn Here Will Stage Games on Its Own Floor.

Yale University seems to have whatever slight advantage is to be found in the Intercollegiate Basketball League race. After its game with Pennsylvania here next Saturday the Elis have the advantage of playing on their own home court. The Yale team is just finding itself and should have little trouble. Princeton winds up its season with a game against Columbia on the Tiger court.

McNichol, of Pennsylvania, still shows the way in the individual scoring, and Brown, of Cornell, is second, but dropped back a trifle last week. Benson, of Columbia, and Arnold, of Yale, both made rapid strides, and it would not be surprising if the Yale man in this three remaining games should go to the top. McNichol's total is 105 and is the first to pass the century mark.

The standing of the first 10 men follow:

	Games.	G'ls for.	G'ls agt.	Foul gls.	T'l pts.
McNichol, Penn, lf., lg	9	11	11	83	105
Brown, Cornell, rf.	8	22	12	43	87
Benson, Columbia, lg., rg.	8	13	12	56	82
Arnold, Yale, lg., rg.	7	11	14	51	73
Winship, Dart., rf., lg., rg.	7	10	16	41	61
Paulson, Princeton, rg.	5	4	5	36	44
Calder, Columbia, c., lf.	8	17	11	5	39
Haas, Princeton, lf., lg.	7	17	8	2	36
Kinney, Yale, rf.	7	17	9	..	34
Stackpole, Yale, lf., rf.	7	14	10	4	32

THE TEAM STANDING.

	Games.	W.	L.	P.C.	Pts. for.	Pts. agt.
Princeton	7	5	2	.714	154	139
Yale	7	5	2	.714	183	162
Columbia	8	5	3	.625	192	150
Cornell	8	5	3	.625	181	174
Pennsylvania	9	3	6	.333	191	218
Dartmouth	7	0	7	.000	136	195

GOLFERS' AFTERMATH

Reid Brings Dozen Cases of Clubs From Other Side.

When Wilfrid Reid, who has been engaged by the Seaview Golf Club, arrived from England the other day he brought with him a dozen cases of golf clubs. Presumably he did not do it for fun. Yet it leads to the thought that ere long we shall hear golfers discussing among themselves again the merits of this manufacture, that make, the other style, and it merely means one more brand to talk about. It may be said, however, that Reid is one of the most popular professionals who have come here from the other side in recent years.

The variety of reports going around these days about British professionals and the possibility of their coming to America in June for the open championship suggests to the imaginative mind the katydids, with their noisy repartee. As a matter of fact, no one actually knows whether there will be many Britishers here or not.

First came rumor of Harry Vardon coming over to teach indoor golf, but it was superseded by word of his coming for the championship. Last week this was denied by Alex H. Findley, who arranged Vardon's tour with Ray two seasons ago. George Duncan may come over, but there has been nothing definite.

Of course, the professionals do not always find such men of spending proclivities as Lord Northcliffe, who paid the way for Vardon and Ray. They are likely to be scarcer these days, and in this way it becomes necessary for the professionals themselves to foot the bills.

Sixteen years is a long time to be a professional golfer for one club, but that is the record of Alex Campbell, the Nipper, with the Country Club, Brookline, Mass. Campbell has been engaged by the Baltimore Country Club for this year, and in this diminutive [illegible] the Monumental City obtains one of the best known "pros" in the business.

M. B. Foster has been chosen to guide the [illegible]

MILLROSE ATHLETES ENTER MEADOWBROOK INDOOR TRACK MEET

Athletic Squad From New York Will Be Here March 13—Jennings, Devanney, Gianokopolis, Kolehmainen and Others

Millrose Athletic Club, of New York city, is the first track and field squad to enter the annual indoor games of the Meadowbrook Club, to be held at Convention Hall, Broad street and Allegheny avenue, March 13.

The Millrose Club has come to the front in New York during the last year and now ranks with the New York and Irish-American Athletic Clubs. There is great rivalry between the Millrose Club and the Meadowbrook Club athletes. Their annual relay races are features of the meets of the two clubs. The New Yorkers invariably win in New York and the Philadelphia team generally wins here. The Millrose Club entered 18 individual athletes and two relay teams in the games and are being trained by Melvin Sheppard.

Included in the list of entries of the Millrose Club are the names of Eugene Jennings, a high jumper good for more than 6 feet; Mike Devanney, one of the best one-mile runners in the world; Nick Gianokopolis, hero of 250 races and one of the best distance runners in America; Matty Geis, a 2-minute half-miler; Fred Saforowic, Viller Kyron, who won the five-mile championship in September in Baltimore, and Winnie Gough, junior American champion at the quarter mile. Other New Yorkers entered in the games thus far are Hannes Kolehmainen, the hero of the 1912 Olympics and the greatest distance runner in the world, and Abel Kiviat, one-mile American champion. Kolehmainen will compete in the 10-mile street run and Kiviat in the one-mile handicap and 600-yard special race. Joe Schwartz, of the Mercury Club, the best distance runner in the city, has entered the street run, which is a handicap affair, and with Kolehmainen running the limit will be about nine minutes. It is expected that at least 200 runners will start in this event.

Tourney Ends This Week

GLOUCESTER CITY, N. J., March 1.—The pocket billiard tournament which started at the headquarters of the Monmouth Club, a month ago, and in which there are nearly 50 participants, will end this week. Former Councilman William Moffitt will carry off the honor in the first class by winning all but one game out of ten. Roscoe West will be the winner in the second class, he having won 10 games hwile John Morgan, with an equal number will be the winner of the third class.

Announce Lehigh Tennis Dates

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 1.—Captain and Manager Powers, of the Lehigh University tennis team, has announced the list of meets scheduled for the coming season. The schedule:

May 1, Johns Hopkins, morning; Navy afternoon, away; May 5, Lafayette, away; May 8, Columbia University, here; May 15, Penn State, here; May 19, Lafayette, here; May 21, New York University, here.

JASPER FIVE PLAYS AT TRENTON TONIGHT

Result of Game Will Have No Bearing On Present Eastern League Standing.

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING.

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Reading	22	12	.647	De Neri	16	20	.444
Camden	22	13	.629	Jasper	14	20	.412
Trenton	17	18	.486	Greystock	13	21	.372

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE.

Jasper vs. Trenton, at Trenton.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S RESULTS.

De Neri, 32; Trenton, 23.
Reading, 41; Jasper, 20.

Neither Trenton nor Jasper can improve its standing or lose its present place in the Eastern League race in the game tonight, scheduled in the former's cage. Both teams were beaten in their last matches, De Neri trimming the New Jersey combination at Musical Fund Hall Saturday night, 32-23, and the Jasper five going down to defeat in its game at Reading by a score of 41 to 20.

Tonight's games will be the start of the final leg in the Eastern campaign. Present indications point to a close battle for the championship between the Reading and Camden fives. While Camden was idle, Reading broke the tie with the former and now leads the race with a lead of half a game.

ROOKIES AND REGULARS START THE BALL ROLLING

Notes From the Spring Training Camps, South and West.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 1.—Fifteen National rookies and regulars tumbled out of bed early today in the crisp, clear air of a fine Virginia morning for their first practice of taking kinks out of flabby arms and legs.

MACON, Ga.—According to advance word, the champion Braves have started off with luck. Before leaving his home in Woonsocket, R. I., Josy Connelly fell in a hole, nearly breaking his leg. More luck was shown when Big Charlie Schmidt unexpectedly boarded the special at Baltimore.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—The Cleveland Indians arrived here for spring training today, finding the weather excellent, although a bit cool.

GULFPORT, Miss.—Under skies that threatened rain, Manager Jennings led his recruits and a few regulars out for their initial practice today. Marshaled by Jim McGuire, the Tigers got into camp from Detroit last night.

MARLIN, Tex.—The full squad of Giants, numbering about 30, today started real training. The veterans, including Mathewson, Marquard, Meyers, Doyle and the rest, arrived here last night to join the rookies.

NEW YORK.—Manager Bill Donovan and his squad are today speeding southward to Savannah, Ga., where they will be joined in a few days by the regular batterymen, who have been boiling out at Hot Springs, Ark.

PASO ROBLES, Cal.—Following invasions at San Jose and San Francisco by the regulars and rookies, respectively, the White Sox resumed operations here today.

TAMPA, Fla.—Full of spryness and pep, the Cubs started their first day of spring work here today. Superstitious members of the squad declared it was a good omen and appropriate that Mr. Bear and a Mr. Wolfe should have been among the reception committee yesterday.

FIVE BALL CLUBS AT JACKSONVILLE

Athletics, Phillies, Brooklyn Nationals, Cubs and Sloufeds at Training Place.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 1.—Five baseball clubs were represented in Jacksonville today when the steamer Apache docked. Besides the Athletics, Phillies, Brooklyn Nationals and Zimmerman, of the Cubs, all of whom arrived on the boat, the St. Louis Federals were in the city en route to Havana, Cuba.

The Apache arrived at 9 o'clock this morning. A number of the players and camp followers were ill after the rough voyage last night from Charleston. The Athletics were met by Connie Mack, Barry, Oldring, McInnis, Shawkey, Bush and Jimmy Ganz. This party, which also included Mrs. McGillicuddy, arrived here last night. Shortly after noon the Phillies leave by rail for St. Petersburg and the Brooklyn club will leave this afternoon for Daytona. The weather today is raw and cold, and it is unlikely that the Athletics will do more than get their uniforms arranged in the clubhouse at Sunset Park.

The St. Louis Federals will go from here by rail to Key West, then take a steamer for Havana. There are 13 players in the "outlaw" party. Eddie Plank is already in Havana with several other members of his club.

HOME-RUN BAKER TRAINS AT HOME; MAY "COME BACK"

Odds On That He Will Be at Third for Athletics.

TRAPPE, Md., March 1.—Home-run Frank Baker is keeping in shape by practicing with the Trappe High School nine. "Mr. Baker," as his neighbors call him since he won big league fame and incidentally world's series dollars, had a clean record at the bat. He stood at the plate twice as a trembling pitcher hurled the sphere. Baker hit the ball, whereupon taxpayers wept, for each time he knocked out a pane of glass in the schoolhouse.

Friends of Baker say that he is wavering and that he meets the mail train each morning to scan the sporting pages. They are betting odds he will be back at 21st and Lehigh avenue when the American League season opens.

PHILS AND ATHLETICS NOW IN GRIND TO PLUG INFIELD-HURLER GAPS

Bender, Plank, Collins and Baker Must Be Replaced. Magee's, Lobert's, Knabe's and Doolan's Places Are Yet Unfilled.

Philadelphia's two baseball chiefs this week begin the most difficult task they have faced in several seasons. Connie Mack must develop a pitching staff for the Athletics. Pat Moran must build an infield for the Phillies. Both leaders are with their aggregations of veterans and hopefuls in the South, ready for the course which in a large measure will determine the makeup of the teams for the championship race of 1915.

In the spring of 1914, Manager Mack had virtually no problems. Manager Dooin, of the Phillies, had the remnants of a brilliant team, which had more than a sporting chance to become champions of the National League. This year the problems of both clubs are more and greater.

The Athletics have lost Bender, Plank, Collins and Baker. The Phillies in two years have lost Lobert, Magee, Knabe and Doolan. Others, of course, have departed within the last two years, but in considering the dents as baseball machines each has lost four men that are yet to be replaced. The vacancies made by Knabe and Doolan still exist, as the fans who saw the Phillies' infield work last season certainly know. The defection of Brennan was not a material loss to the Phillies, as Dooin's pitching was easily up to the standard. Now that the slugging Magee and the speedy Lobert have been disposed of, the Phillies will require added batting strength, as well as an infield. The loss also of Charley Dooin will be felt. His hand in guiding young pitchers, together with his ability as a backstop, will be missed. However, the Phillies' catching department still ranks among the best in the league.

The outstanding result of the Phillies' wreckage is the riddled infield, which has but Luderus left of a once strong defense. Knabe, Doolan and Lobert gone! What will Moran do to replace them?

Niehoff, the Cincinnati acquisition, is generally credited as a second-sacker, but it is understood that is his natural position, and he is boomed as a comer. With Martin, Bancroft and Byrne, Manager Moran has good material to work upon. The outfield may be as strong on the defense as in 1914, but Magee's bat is missing. The pitching staff's catching should equal that of last year. Alexander is without superiors, and this should be a good year for Erskine Mayer.

The Mack infield is virtually decided upon. There are few who dare say that it will equal the great $100,000 quartet of last season, but the Mack infield has not been wrecked as has the Phillies'. Lajoie and Kopf may not be Collinses and Bakers, but the Athletics' inner defense work this year will not be their weak point.

The pitching staff of the White Elephants, none too strong last season, is robbed of its backbone in the loss of Bender and Plank. It has not a veteran. Connie Mack's hope is the development of Shawkey, Wyckoff, Bush, Bressler and Pennock and to pick out one or two youngsters. The records show that the "wise man of baseball" has been able to meet emergencies in the past, and the fans have not lost confidence in him. They believe he can rebuild even the wreckage caused by the loss of Baker, Collins, Bender and Plank.

Pat Moran is an unknown factor as a manager. With a free hand, however, there are few who do not believe he can plug the gaps and give the Phillies a winner.

Lawler Establishes Record

LOWELL, Mass., March 1.—John C. Lawler, of the Irish-American A. C., was the only contestant to establish a new record at the New England A. A. A. U. indoor championship meeting held here Saturday night. Lawler put the 16-pound shot 47 feet 2 inches, bettering the old distance of 45 feet 7 inches, made also by himself.

Guilford at Pinehurst

PINEHURST, N. C., March 1.—Play preliminary to today's spring golf tourney was indulged in yesterday, with Walter J. Travis and Jesse P. Guilford, the "longest driver in the world," claiming the lion's share of attention.

Plan Golf Course Changes

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 1.—Extensive changes will be made on the course at Seaview early this spring, it was learned yesterday. Donald Ross will supervise the improvement on his return from Pinehurst. Wilfrid Reid is expected at Seaview this week.

Wisconsin Five Winner

MADISON, Wis., March 1.—The University of Wisconsin basketball team Saturday night defeated the University of Minnesota, 31 to 1[illegible] in a Western Conference game.

THE MELTING POT

A Basketball Thriller

The intercollegiate basketball race is a thriller. Princeton and Yale are tied for first place, Columbia and Cornell are deadlocked for second honors. It now seems impossible for either Columbia or Cornell to push into the lead, while the odds favor Yale for final triumph in one of the best seasons the sport has had.

Wild Bill Donovan, upon leaving for the Yankee's training camp at Savannah, Ga., refused to predict that his pets would win the American League pennant. The medal is his.

It Can't Be Done

Federal League magnates have drawn a contract which, it is said, will be far more binding on the players than the form issued at first, when "inducements" were necessary to win the balltossers from organized ranks. At the same time, it is said, the contract will be entirely agreeable to the players. It can't be done.

Swimming as a graduation credit is being taken up by a number of institutions of the country. Lawrence College, Wisconsin, is the latest to enter the realm of the elect. Dr. Samuel Plantz, president of Lawrence, thinks the students need a water education. He is right.

Beat the Majors at That

What might be termed a baseball record was established last year by the Port Hope, Mich., County Baseball League. It cleaned up $61 for the year. Huron County boasts of this slickest baseball league, and there are seven clubs in the "circuit." One of the clubs lost $35 on the season, but the league is so rich that the deficit was paid out of league funds.

Homer Baker Reconsiders

Homer Baker, who was declared out of all engagements during the indoor athletic season, has reconsidered his decision, but in a limited measure. Harold Dibblee, who is the leading spirit of athletics in the 71st Regiment, is authority for the statement that the half-mile champion will represent the regiment in the Military Athletic League championships. It is thought that Baker will not have to train to any extent to carry off the honors at his favorite distance.

Billiard Match Tonight

A [illegible] pocket-billiard match will begin at Allinger's Academy tonight between two former world's champions, Edward Ralph, of Hightstown, N. J., and William H. Clearwater, of Pittsburgh. The match scheduled to take place in this city came as a result of a game held in Trenton last week, in which Ralph defeated Clearwater in a 500-ball contest by the slight margin of 24 points. The Pittsburgher claimed that the contest was not of long enough duration to decide which was the better player, and immediately after the match he challenged his victor to the present game, which Philadelphia devotees will have the opportunity of witnessing.

Demarest Defeats Catton

ROCKFORD, Ill., March 1.—Calvin Demarest defeated Harvey Catton, 300 to 93, in a Billiard Players' League match Saturday night. [illegible]

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GENUINE SLUGFEST ON AT OLYMPIA TONIGHT

Charley Grande and Johnny Howard Will Be Feature in Windup—Boxing Notes.

Both Sailor Charley Grande and Johnny Howard, who are scheduled to exchange punches in the wind-up at the Olympia A. A. tonight, are tough, aggressive and hard-hitting fighters. They should put up an interesting slugfest. Grande made a big hit last week against Noah Brusso here, while Howard gave George Chip a hard battle in his last match.

The program follows:

First bout—Joe Heffernan, West Philadelphia, vs. Terry Martin, Southwark.
Second bout—Joe Mooney, New York, vs. Sammy Decker, West Philadelphia.
Third bout—Andy Cortez, New York, vs. Eddie McAndrews, Manayunk.
Semifinal—Packey Hommey, New York, vs. Johnny Mayo, Southwark.
Wind-up—Johnny Howard, Bayonne, vs. Sailor Charlie Grande, Vallejo, Cal.

Ray Campbell, of Seattle, Wash., caught a tartar in Pat Bradley, of this city, in the final fray at the National A. C. Saturday night, and at the conclusion of the limited half dozen rounds the local entry was an easy winner. Campbell is a clever and classy boxer, but he was unable to fathom Bradley's style of fighting.

In the best bout of the evening, Lew Stinger and Eddie Wagond, both of Little Italy, walloped each other to a standstill. The latter piled up an early lead, but Stinger's rally in the latter rounds earned him a draw. Grover Hayes, the veteran, shaded Young Fulton, Henry Hauber defeated Johnny Weber and Charley Doyle beat Tommy Jamison in one round.

Tonight at Pittsburgh Carl Morris will meet Tom McMahon. Billy McCarney is managing the former. They will be in this city next week.

SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE CAMPAIGN IS CLOSE

Post-season Games May Be Necessary to Decide Championship

The Scholastic Basketball League championship may not be decided after the final games on the schedule tomorrow afternoon, when Central High School plays Southern High School in the West Philadelphia High School cage, and the Speedboys meet Northeast High School at the Germantown Boys' Club. Northeast and Central are tie for first place. In the event of a victory for each of the leaders, a series of post-season matches will be necessary to decide which of the schools should get the Dutch trophy.

However, if Southern High pulls the unexpected again and trims Central High, as the downtowners did on two previous occasions, and Northeast High is defeated by the West Phillies, then the latter quintet will also get into the tie. This will mean a three-cornered series of post-season games.

Three other basketball games are also on tap for tomorrow afternoon. Lansdowne High School will play at Ambler High School. Camden High School will be the host of Lansdowne High School and Norristown High School will [illegible]

"FANNING" WITH GRANTLAND RICE

A Dream of Far-Off Lands

In Far-Off Lands today where lost paths run,
A little boy looks up into God's sky
Through apple blossoms, swaying in the sun,
That drift as spring's first South winds whisper by;
And as he looks, upon his face there comes
The light that only fame's great dream can yield
To him who hears far off the roll of drums,
The silver bugle calling to the field.

In Far-Off Lands I see him take the path
With outstretched hands that reach forth for his dream,
Unmindful of the night, the tempest's wrath,
But on by hill and hollow, vale and stream,
Through all the bitterness and stress of years
That may not turn him back nor dim his faith;
Unknowing, as he looks through tender years,
He follows but the phantom of a wraith.

I watch him leave the happy fields he knew,
The waving grasses and the wide, kind sky;
The harvest song that winds and echoes through
Lost summer days of sunlight drifting by;
The paths of faith and honesty and truth
To follow through the mire of hate and greed
And tangled ways that lead so far from youth
That sent him forth to where his dreams might lead.

From Far-Off Lands that hold their place apart
I see him take the gray trail of the years,
Struggling and stumbling, weary, sick at heart,
Groping in blindness through the night of fears;
With outstretched hands that reach forth for his dream
That lures and leads and beckons, yet still keeps
Dim in the darkness, as a light that streams
Beyond dim vales where endless darkness creeps.

Nearer and nearer, from the throng apart,
I see him struggling blindly in the fray,
With mighty pity surging through my heart
That one should be so far from off the way;
So far from that dim dream youth left behind,
With none to show the proper road to fare,
Until, with sudden start, I woke to find
Him whom I pitied sitting in my chair.

Frank Baker has revised the old verse to read—"Standing with reluctant feet where the bat and plowshare meet."

As for Connie Mack losing his grip, they said the same thing when Harry Davis and Danny Murphy started slipping and both Lave and Monte Cross began to recede. When this old infield cracked and blew the only people Connie could find to take their places were McInnis, Collins, Barry and Baker.

Same Old Stuff

A perusal of Buenos Ayres papers shows Jack Johnson still around with the same old stuff. While there he became engaged in a public brawl, attempted to beat up an actor known as Senor Ducassi and was promptly arrested and hauled into court.

Yes, Johnson's a fine type for a champion. It's only a matter of time before they will have to step up and build a jail around him where he lands.

The fact that an Irishman, Mike Finnegan, joined the Giants' camp at Marlin was considered an important news item—and because he was an Irishman. Or as Cicero used to say: "O tempora—O mores." Twenty years ago the important news item was to the effect that the player wasn't an Irishman.

One writer says the Irish have been crowded out by other nationalities. Not out—but up. What nationality is out in front, leading the others? McGraw, McGillicuddy, Donovan, Carrigan, Moran, Huggins, Bresnahan—figure it out for yourself.

The Eternal Triangle

It has not been officially decided yet which two of the Eternal Fistic Triangle will meet next. It may be Shugrue vs. White, or Shugrue vs. Welsh, or White vs. Shugrue.

To vary the insipid monotony just a trifle, Mr. Welsh will take on Willie Ritchie over the 10-round route, but this will be only in the nature of a recess or intermission.

There are a number of ways of noting the rapid march of old Doc Time. Larry Doyle has marked one of them by observing that among McGraw's 1915 purchases is "a prominent young second baseman."

Bowlers Attention

MASS MEETING CALLED AT

Bingham Hotel, Tuesday, March 2

AT 8 P. M.

To Form City Organization of Atlantic Coast Bowling Association

ALL BOWLERS INVITED

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