

## DETAILS OF BASEBALL PEACE AGREEMENT PREDICTED AS EARLY AS LAST SEPTEMBER

## WORK OF PEACE COMMISSION WAS EASY AS PLANS WERE FORMULATED LAST SPRING

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### Meetings of Magnates of Organized Ball and Federal League Held During Playing Season and Death of Ward Solved Problem

FAR be it from us to pull the old "I told you so" story. Nevertheless, baseball fans will no doubt recall articles in the Evening Ledges of May 28, telling of the first peace negotiations and comment in these columns on September 2 telling of the final agreement which had been reached between organized ball and the Federal League and the terms of peace which were suggested by the warring factions.

Baseball scribes throughout the country wasted a lot of space on caustic comment anent the "hop-smokers," "dreamers," etc., due entirely to the fact that President Ban Johnson, of the American League; President Tener, of the National, and Gilmore, of the Feds, insisted that there was nothing to the rumor, giving out interviews from time to time, "panning" the rival organization. . . .

#### Met Here During the World's Series

Neither would they believe that there was a possible chance for peace after the meeting of certain magnates of organized ball and a Federal League committee at the Bellevue-Stratford during the world's series. The magnates explained that the meeting was entirely accidental, but it was pointed out here that President Gilmore had hurried over from New York after receiving a longdistance telephone call when he preferred to stay in New York for the automobile race at Sheepshead Bay the following day.

Much more could have been accomplished at this meeting had it not been for the fact that Gilmore wanted to return to New York, and because he could not reconcile R. B. Ward, the greatest financial backer of the independent league until his death, to the idea of accepting peace on any other condition but that there should be a third major league, with the Brooklyn Reds in the field.

#### . . . Agreement After Death of R. B. Ward

The death of Ward permitted organized ball to gain some concessions not included in the original peace plan, published exclusively in the EVENING LEDGER on September 2, one day after the meeting was held. Had Ward lived there would have been no peace unless there was a third league, with two teams in each of the cities of the National and American League circuits which had but one club.

Just now the Peace Commission is working on the third league problem. The Federal League magnates who have not bought into organized ball insist that the International League circuit be reconstructed so that Pittsburgh and Brooklyn are taken in, and the league given a higher rating than the American Association. Even if this is done the International League can hardly hope to be called a major league. It is possible that it will be made exempt from draft and be used as a farm for the National and American Leagues, with a higher salary limit than is allowed Class AA minor leagues, under which the International is now classed. . . .

#### Arrangements Accurately Predicted

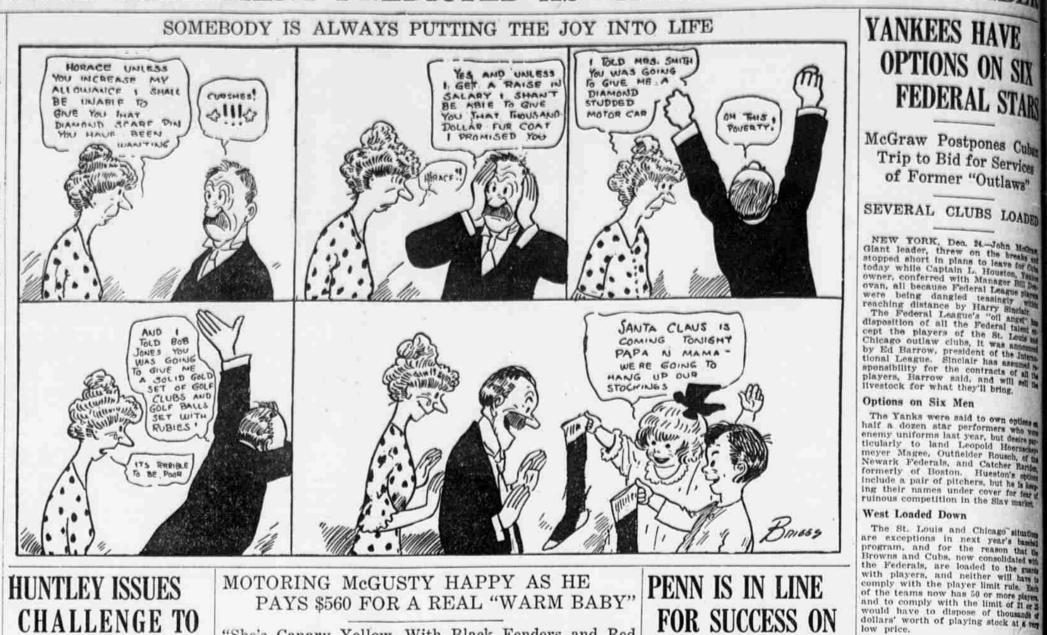
In the original peace story, it was stated that Weeghman would have the Cubs, Ball the Browns, Sinclair and R. B. Ward franchises to be selected by the Peace Committee. It also mentioned that no arrangement had been made for the disposal of the Baltimore and Newark franchises. That this was absolutely true is proven by the appointment of a committee to straighten out the affairs of these two franchises, and to reconstruct the International circuit, The new peace plan was held up for several days because the Baltimore Feds had not been cared for as owner Raisin thought proper.

Another paragraph referred to the possibility of placing third major league teams in Pittsburgh and Brooklyn. The latter will probably secure an International League franchise, and regardless of the fact that the team will be alternating with a major league club in the same city, it should be a stronghold for Barrows' league, as there is a great deal of interest in the Internationals in New York.

#### Barney Dreyfus Last to Be Won Over

That Pittsburgh will not be included and that Gwinner will have to be taken care of by the National Commission, is due to the fact that Barney Dreyfuss, one of the last of the major league magnates to be won over to the peace idea. would not stand for this one concession. To satisfy Gwinner he has been given 30 days to close negotiations for a major league franchise, the National Commission having placed a price on three franchises for the Pittfed magnate.

There has been a lot of talk about it being a sweeping victory for organized ball; and just as much that the National League made a sorry show of itself in seeking peace; Ban Johnson is painted as a marvel for outgeneraling the Feds, and many other unkind things have been said about the whole scheme, but it is unjust. Nobody is getting the worst of it. The baseball fans throughout the



**HUNTLEY ISSUES CHALLENGE TO SHOOT FOR \$1000** 

**Omaha Expert Would Meet** Any One in Country, Ama-

teur or Professional

NEWCOMB MAY COMPETE

Sam A. Huntley, of Omaha, Neb., one of the greatest experts in the trap-shooting game in America, an amateur who has won many of the sport's highest honors, and who is regarded as one of the hardest men to beat at any kind of match shooting, has issued a challenge to meet any shooter, amateur or professional, in a contest at 1000 targets for \$1600 :

If the wishes of certain New York clubn are respected, a Philadelphian will the man to meet Huntley; that is, provided this Quaker City shot will give hi where this Quaker City shot will give his consent to the match. The local man, whom certain New Yorkers believe is good enough to beat Huntley, is Charles H. Newcomb, the secretary of the In-dependent Gun Club and the Pennsyl-vania State champion and the holder of the national amateur championship title. Newcomb is without an equal at straight 16-yard shooting in this country.

though probably not quite so strong as Huntley at handicap shooting or at dou-bles. On the ordinary targets Newcomb will average year in and year out better In fact this h:

"She's Canary Yellow, With Black Fenders and Red Wheels," He Says, "Slim Built and No Room for Mother-in-Law"

PAYS \$560 FOR A REAL "WARM BABY'

#### By MOTORING McGUSTY

Some relier raid to me once that used tires were filled in and varnished so they looked new. I kept saying to my-self, "Walt till the fam'ly sees this and there'll be some cheers."

NO ROOM FOR MOTHER-IN-LAW.

There looked to be ample room for the fam'ly, though not much extra space tot visiting mothers-in-law. I only got one mother-in-law, but she looks several. She's the kind that diets on pork with the lean left out. She'd fill one baby tonneau snug, and that's what's attached to the rear extension of the Warm Baby." As Smithson explained after I'd to the Baby." handed over the cash and got my bill-of-sale, she was built slim to cleave the air. "She's not exactly stream-line." he says, The went out with Smithson after he'd "She's not exactly stream-line." he says, "but she's racy. She is. Un-huh, yes—she is. She's been so for five years and the Warm Baby's" got a large tank; holds p gallons. Smithson said that all cars agains. Smithson said that all cars the says of the says, "but she's racy. She is. Un-huh, yes—she is. She's been so for five years and the habit has grown on her. She got a good strong carb'retter that shoots the gas into her cylinders like a geyser and her magneto is gaited high for team work. She has what you call responsive accel-eration. Just let her in first or reverse and abe accelerates like a jack-rabbit, like a jack-rabbit that's got fire tied on behind.

behind.

I learned all this and a lot more in my first lesson. And I had Mrs. Piggott with me. She's the mother-in-law. Smithson mo. She's the mother-in-law. Smithson advised me against taking her, but she wanted to come. Matty-the wife-tried to keep her home; told her that it might make her nervous. Mrs. Piggott said: "I'm only down here for a short visit

# PENN IS IN LINE FOR SUCCESS ON **GRIDIRON IN 1916**

Quakers Will Be in Championship Running, Predicts Dr. Williams

PRAISE FOR 1915 LINE

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL Dr. Carl S. Williams, football strategist

of the University of Pennsylvania and coach of the backfield last year, has contributed an article for the current number of the Red and Blue, Pennsylvania's illustrated monthly magazine, on "A Football Team in the Making." Although referring only indirectly to diffi-culties on Franklin Field last season, Doctor Williams infers that under condi-tions which existed no championship team could have been produced this fall. He boldly predicts that next fall Penn-sylvania will be in the running for cham-plonship honora.

Doctor Williams blames the October schedule for most of Pennsylvania's misfortunes. "More than one good team has been ruined by its manager or thoughtless coach," says Doctor Williams. "To point coach, says Doctor Williams. "To point a team for a severe game in October, ex-pecting to do it again late in November, is nearly always fatal at the later date. Yet not to do so may also be fatal, as Harvard found in the Cornell game this year. Only by a carefully igraduated schedule can a good team even with

**GWINNER SAYS HE IS** THROUGH WITH BASEBALL Pittsburgh Fed Magnate Claims to Have Lost \$100,000

PITTSBURGH. Pa., Det. 1 Edward W. Gwinner, president of the Pittsburgh Federal League club, has as nounced that he was through with bas-ball for all time, and that his fling has cost him \$100,000. He claims to have been kicked out of baseball by the oveers of the National and American le aided and abetted by several of the Pat eral owners.

FEDERAL STAR

He is to get \$50,000 for the improv-ments he made on the Federal ground, and told to get his best price for is players under contract. There are is pla-ers signed or fnext year at salaries the memory and the salaries the aggregate \$60,000.

He has a contract to pay Konstray in in 1916 and 1917, and would like the New York National League Club to take me the player and contract. CRIMSON AND GRAY

## DOWNS ST. JOSEPH'S

Former Basketball Stars of the Callege Return and Win by Score of 30 to 25

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Special Permission Sought to

Program National 100-yard

Event Next Summer

According to the advice here, Chair

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

JACK McGUIGAN

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MATIA A. A. Harry Edwards.) MAS AFTERNOON-2:30 SHARP Johnny Alteli vs. Mickey Brows Neil McCue vs. Mike Eritol Johnny Campi vs. B. C. Esseve Kid Seaton vs. Barney Hahn Filzsimmons vs. Young Jack Tain Johnny Eritel vs. K. O. O'Donnel 25c. Bul. Res. 50c. Arena Res. 75.

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TO STAGE BIG SWIM

The Crimson and Gray Club baskethall tan former St. Joseph's College the d to the college last evening an variative five by the score of 2 v former St. and to the co-varilty five ents, return efeated the 5. Joe Yate lete having worn the St. Joseph in the alumni line-up.

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tested next July.

Billy

Wars were not all they were cracked up to be. That was before I bought the "Warm Baby" and had my first lesson. The same feller told me to get car-wise before I bought a car. Well, there's something in what he says, but not every-thing. The trouble with the "Warm Baby" is not that she is shy of what she was cracked up to be, but that she's plus. And as for getting car-wise, that can't be done from reading ads and cata-logues, which I've been doing soing on logues, which I've been doing going on four years. Leastwise that's the way I feel now, after my first lesson and try-out of the "Warm Baby."

I went out with Smithson after he'd 29 gallons.



country are the gainers, while the players will be better off in the end as an organization, even if they are compelled to accept smaller salaries after their present contracts run out. . . .

#### The Spoils Were Equally Divided

Organized ball received no more than it gave in the peace pact. It is satisfied that the Feds have been absorbed with its principal backers, who are men likely to strengthen any league, taken into the fold, but at the same time the men who put their money into the Feds are getting full value for the money invested into major league franchises. On the face of things this does not seem so certain, but time will tell that story.

The National League is panned by New Yorkers and through news bureaus in the metropolis, because President Tener made himself unpopular by denying to the host of scribes in the lobby of the Waldorf-Astoria that the National Loague had reached a peace agreement with the Feds. The scribes impressed on Tener that the story was in the Philadelphia EVENING LEDGER and New York Evening Sun, and they wanted the truth. Tener had no authority to talk on the subject, and told the newspapermen that they would have to go elsewhere to find out out if Barney Dreyfuss was to depart for Chicago that night.

#### . . . Tener Was "Roasted" by Scribes

Losing out on a good story caused the scribes to roast Tener unmercifully and unjustly. Had it not been for Tener and the National League, peace would have been impossible. Ban Johnson is praised for being the last to give in, and because he is apparently giving less to the Feds, but it must also be remembered that he is getting less in return. The Federal League is full of good young ball players who will play an important part in the future of the National League, while the Americans, filled to overflowing with veterans, will get little or nothing from the outlaws.

The National League listened to the peace overtures, and perhaps sought peace, because it realized that the game would soon go into a decline if the conditions which prevailed for the last two years continued. The oldest league in the grand old game should be praised instead of censured for its attitude and the part it played in the peace negotiations.

The same people who laughed and scoffed at the EVENING LEDGER's exclusive news of the early negotiations between the warring factions are now criticising the National League for its course. In another year they may be thinking differently. . . .

Josh Devore, chased from the major leagues by the Phillies two years ago, is going to try the Chalmers stunt of proving to Manager Moran that a mistake was made in allowing him to drift out of the big show. Devore was owner, manager, captain and star player of the Chillicothe team of the Ohio State League last year, but would rather be a substitute in the major legues than a magnate and star in the minors. Manager Moran thinks Devore is still a great ball player. . . .

A report from Chicago states that Charley Weeghman admits that he has not actually purchased the Cubs, but has been assured that he will be allowed to do so. If this is the truth Weeghman is not as smart in business as is believed. because "double-cross" is a favorite play in baseball politics.

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The most disgusted man at the peace meeting, when the announcement was made that the jumping players would be reinstated, was Owner Lannin, of the Red Sox. He paid \$12,000 for the release of Catcher Sam Agnew two weeks ago. In times of peace Agnew would not be worth more than half the amount, and it will also be an easy matter for a major league team to pick up a first-class catcher from the Feds by merely taking over his contract.

than 35 per cent. In fact, this has been the figure he has set up for several years. He is apparently now at the top of his shooting form. Last August he proved this, when he entered the national ama-teur championship at the Grand Ameri-can Handicap, an event open only to win-ners of State championships, and pitted exampt the best men in America, broke gainst the best men in America, broke 9 out of 190 in a high wind and won the title.

It was just after that performance that Huntley issued his ultimatum. Nobody accepted the defi at the time, though the New York coterie promised, if possible, to get a man to take part in the match Newcomb was mentioned at that time; but the Quaker City shot is averse to anything of this character and squelehed the idea. However, the New York men are still keen for a chance at Huntley, and may be able to convince Newcomb the next time the local star competes at any of the traps about New York.

If the match is arranged it will be shot late in the spring at some central point, or may be staged at the time of one of the large handleaps, possibly at Memphis, Tenn., during the Southern Handleap, in May. Both men will compete in the did-May, Both men whit compete in the add-winter Handicap tournament at Pine-hurst, N. C., in the middle of January. However, Huntley will not shoot the match at that time, nor would any of the other shots, as it is too early in the sea-son for them to be at their best.

An effort was made in the West to get either Bart Lewis, the former amateur champion, now a professional, or C. aries G. Spencer, one of the greatest profes-sionals the game ever saw, or Lester German, into the match, but apparently all efforts have failed.

#### BOBBY M'CANN EASILY **OUTBOXES PERCY AUBREY**

#### Welsh Flyweight Champ Bleeds Freely in Broadway Bout

With considerable neatness of dispatch Bobb McCann, the little Southwark flyweight, out hoxed Percy Aubrey, the reputed flyweight champion of Wales, in the final hout at the

champion of wates, in the bhait boot at the Broadway Athletic Club hast night. Aubrey possesses hard-hitting ability, but he lacks the power to make use of his height and reach, both of which ha is plentifully endowed with. He held a comfortable lead in the initial round, but during the lafer rounds a majority of his swings flow off hilo empty space. In these rounds McCamp about out but

of his swings flow off into empty space. In these rounds McCann stood out head and shoulders above his opponent as a boxed. He would could step in with a straight let to the face, and although Aubrey reseatedly attempted to duce the blow, his afforts were unsuccessful. McCann also experienced little difficulty in hooking his left finto the signifer Weishman's face. In the third round McCann started Aubrey's nose bleeding, and before the close of the contest the "stream of life" was flowing as freely from the Weishman's neartis that his face was covered with blood.

Samuy Trinckle wan from Kid Broad in the semiwind-un. Durby Casper defeated Jack Maines in the third context. What proved to be a good exhibition was between Sol O Connell and Lefty Tyler. The former is an adherent of the straight left fah, and by constantly stinging his opponent won easily. Reddy Bell beat Jimmy Hughes.

"Ain't she a beaut. ?"

that had real class could be told by their large tanks. There's the something-arrow car, he named, shat has a 30-gallon tank just like the "Warm Baby's." I asked Smithson if he thought we'd need all that gas for one lesson.

that gas for one lesson. "If you let her out much you will," was all he answered. As I said before, Smithson's a yood salesman. He says things in a way that gets over. And he don't do much explainin'." You sorter take what he says for granted.

"AIN'T SHE A BEAUT?"

When he first took me around to his garage to see the "Warm Baby" he sim-

ply pointed at her and said: "Ain't she a beaut? That's the best fob of painting I've seen done this side of Detroit." That's all he said then. He took me across the street and bought me a cigar. Not another peep out of him for three days, when he showed up at the store and took me around to see her again. This time he says:

"Beaut, ain't she?" That's all he'd talk about her that day. I wanted to ask questions about whether or not she had a magneto or carb'retter and certain other four or used of in the set. ether fixings you read of in the cata-logues. But nothing doing with Smith-son. He bought me another cigar and talked eggs. As eggs is my line, of course

was there.

I was there. He had me sold on the third time out, and I don't believe he'd talked over 20 words on car. The third time I went with him to look her over he simply said, "Hummer, ain't she?" "She sure is," I said, and I was gone. You see she's canary yellow, with black fenders and red wheels, all glossy fresh enamel; the upholstery is real leather and there's considerable brass on her that shines high. When he named \$500 ns the price it sounded cheap. To a greeny like me she seemed to have \$500 worth of paint on her. The brass-work looked like real money. Smithson didn't worth of paint on her. The brass-wora looked like real money. Smithson didn't call her a bargain, but he made you feel it. You feit almost as if he's offered you a Pullman car for a ten-spot. Even the

and I want a ride in your new car. Lou will have an expert with him during this lesson, and I'll be partially safe. It will probably take him a year to learn after this lesson, and I may not be allve then or the car may not be in existence. This is my charge " is my chance.

Oh, yes, she came along. (To be continued.)

## SUGGESTS PROMOTION INDOOR TRACK GAMES AT CONVENTION HALL

Dallas, of Meadowbrook Club, Says Championships Could Be Held Week After the Store Games in March

Delegate Dallas, of the Mesdowbrook Club, has suggested that the Middle At-lantic Association of the Amateur Ath-letic Union hold the Indoor track and field championships of this district at Convention Hall the week following the

Annual games of the club. Mr. Dallas stated last night: "The track which will be built by us (the Meadow-brook Club) can very easily be held intact another week, when it would be easy to promote the titular games. Philadel-phia, I believe, should stage the games this year."

Victrix Catholic Club officials will gather at the Hotel hanover next Monwill day night for their annual banquet. feasting will start at 7 o'clock. This The ner will be a get-together affair this year. The new officers desire to increase in-terest in all-around sport. The cost to the members will be 50 cents a plate. The committee in charge is T. J. Hughes, T. J. Burke and R. Henry.

Paul Pligrim announces that there wil several new features at the games of the York A. C. this winter. The staging of annual games in the 22d Regiment Ar instead of Madison Square Garden has with fayor.

Considerable discussion was caused in a letic circles yesterday over the rumor that Kiviat-Smith case would not be decided January 3. It was reported that the spec committee wants more time to go over ( evidence,

#### **Eight Games for Garnet**

Fight Games for Garnet SwarthMORE, Pa. Dec. 24. -Swarthmore will play eight football mames next fail, ac-cording to the schedule guid announced. Only two of these will be played at home. Columbia appears on the schedule and will be played November 11 in New York. The dates are as follows: Lafoyette, October 7, away: Penneytvania. October 21, away: Ursinus, Founders, Day, Octo-ber 28, away: Johns Hopkins, November 4, away: Columbia, November 11, away: Dick-inson, November 10, at home; Haverford, No-vember 28, away.

safety be carried through a successful For the varity, the playing of Sam Matta and Gallanter featured. This pair of the greater part of the scoring for the colleging Line up: "What more ridiculous for a green team

than Pennsylvania's October schedule this season, when both State and Pittsburgh, two yeteran teams of the first rank, were played, risking the physical condition as well as the morale of inexperienced players?"

#### Line Came Through

Doctor Williams also explains why with a green line and a green backfield the line "came through" on time and the backfield did not. On this point he says: "Inasmuch as in the line each man has but one thing to do, and does this over and over again, a successful line of scrimmage with proper men and proper coaching can be produced in a single sea-son, as was demonstrated at Pennsylvania this year. Lucky is the coach who car find in a single season a general, a terback, a man who possesses all peculiar qualities which go to make a leader, to drive this team, to select its plays and use them at the proper time. This is a matter of inspiration and ex-

Although not mentioning any individ-uals by name, Doctor Williams is under-stood to be referring to his disappoint-ment in his various quarterback candi-dates in the following passage:

Special permission may be granted to the Hawaiian Athletic Association is promote a 100-yard outdoor swimmler championship race in Honolulu harbor next summer. Lorrin Andrews, serie tary of the association, has visited Fre-erick W. Rubien, chairman of the Na-tional Registration Committee at New York, and they have talked over the matter. "Some men are uncoachable if treated on general principles. The presence of others may be a positive detriment to a According to the advice here, Chain-man Rublen will make a great effort is receive the permit of the authorities. The 100-yard dush is not recognized as an outdoor event, but as the Hawillas Athletic Association is eager to process an event of this sort, it is believed the A. A. U. authorities will put their 0. **R**, on it. team. One disorganizer can ruin the morale of a whole squad if he be not dis-ciplined or eliminated. Sometimes, when all but too late, one whom you have trained for a position and learned to count on at a critical time is found to lack courage-to fail under fire." lack courage-to fall under fire."

#### Followers Expected Too Much

In proof of his contention, expressed everal times during the season, that followers of the team expected too much of them, Doctor Williams says:

on it. Mr. Andrews told Mr. Rublen many interesting facts in connection with amateur sports in Hawall. The blad contains some of the greatest astemates, the champion. Duke Kahanamaka, being the best of them. It is for the purpas of matching the Duke, George Cmba and Charles Lane against the best swimmers over the 100-yard disume that the Hawalian association asks for the 100-yard championship to be cor-tested next July. "A study of the past discovers the fact that every really good team, without ex-ception, had as a nucleus at least seven or eight so-called veterans upon it-good men developed in their individual play, familiar with each other, the system of play, the conches and with discluding." play, the coaches and with discipline Doctor Williams concludes with the fol-lowing prediction concerning the 1916 sea-

"If the theory taught at Pennsylvania during the last season has been correct; if the coaching staff has been efficient, with the abundance of good and expe-rienced players returning to college in 1916, then above are the reasons why Pennsylvania football teams should one ore be in the running for championship ionors.

#### **Brooks Knocks Out Brown**

TON. Mass., Dec. 24.- Heigium B. rohester, was knocked out in the



EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—GO EASY, BOYS, EVEN IF IT DOES COME JUST ONCE A YEAR