# CHANEY-KILBANE BOUT IN PHILADELPHIA WOULD PROVE DETRIMENTAL TO GAME HERE

### WILL PHILADELPHIA FALL FOR PRELIMINARY BATTLE BETWEEN FEATHERWEIGHTS?

Jimmy Dunn, Champion Kilbane's Manager, Is Out for the Money and Balks on Terms for Bout With Chaney

THE plan of Jimmy Dunn, manager of Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion of the world, to unload a six-round bout on the Philadelphia boxing fans, has met with little success to date. If Dunn and Bletzer, manager of George Chaney, challenger for the Clevelander's title, continue squabbling, however, there probably will be no other place for them to stage the preliminary to the real battle of 15 rounds but Philadelphia or New York.

It seems as if the fight managers are looking toward this city as another New York, a place where they can stage any sort of a mill and get away with It. Philadelphia would welcome the Kilbane-Chancy fight if it were not for the method used by Manager Dunn in trying to arrange the match.

Dunn signed a contract drawn up by himself and one which gave him all the best of it, for Kilbane to meet Chaney in a 15-round bout in Baltimore. The champion and his manager apparently were well satisfied with conditions until a local promoter talked to them and suggested fighting the Baltimore lad in this city prior to the other contest.

#### Dunn Admits He Is Out for the Money

Then Dunn immediately tried to crawl out of the original match. He bluntly told Cleveland critics that he was out for the money and did not see why he should box Chaney a 15-round bout where the title was at stake, when he could get almost as much money for a six-round, no-decision bout in this city. The Cleveland scribes did not take kindly to Dunn's attitude, as he had signed the contract to meet Chaney in the presence of Cleveland fight critics, who knew that the champion's manager dictated the terms

Dunn has given many reasons why Kilbane should not meet Changy in Baltimore since his home town critics refused to accept or indorse his "get the money" scheme. It is laughable to think that he is certain that a double-cross has been planned and that the referee is a party to it. As William H. Recap. Sports Editor of the Public Ledger, was the man chosen to referee, and was suggested, even insisted upon by Dunn, the intimation of Dunn cannot be

#### Rocap's Honesty Cannot Be Questioned

Billy Rocap has been identified with the boxing game for 25 years and has been to a large extent responsible for the wonderful improvement in the game since the old days. Rocap is known from coast to coast and his integrity has never been questioned. If Dunn thinks for a minute that fight critics or boxing fans in any city will accept this lame excuse and laughable intimation, he is very much mistaken. Rocap needs no defender, but we wonder if Dunn can say the same thing.

Dunn has posted \$1000 with Ed Bang, Sports Editor of the Cleveland News, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of Kilbane to box Chaney, but he names several conditions which do not meet with the approval of fistic critics and fans. If Chaney wants a 15-round bout fer the title he must agree to meet Kilbane in a six-round bout in Philadelpaia; must agree to stage the 15-round bout in May or June; must agree to let Al Hereford and not Ben Bletzer or Sam Harris stage the 15-round contest and must weigh 122 pounds ringside for both bouts.

Yesterday Al Hereford offered a large purse than the original contract called for, and it was signed and not merely agreed upon by Dunn and Kilbane. But Bletzer, who is managing Chaney, turned the proposition down, despite the fact that it meant more money for his man. Bletzer says the first contract was signed in good faith and that he would not sign another.

#### Kilbane Losing Popularity

Few champions who have appeared here in recent years are as popular with the fans as Kilbane, as he always has pleased with an excellent exhibition, but he is due to lose his popularity if he permits Dunn to adopt such methods. In his own defense Kilbane says that Dunn is the manager and he is the boxer and that he has nothing to do with the arrangement of the bouts.

It is an excellent thing for a boxer, particularly a champion, to have such faith in his manager, but it is not reasonable to suppose that Dunn has acted as he has without the full consent, knowledge and permission of Kilbane. If Kilbane wants to do the right thing he should insist that Dunn withdraw his objections and fight Chancy in Baltimore under the conditions named in the original contract.

Perhaps the contest might be an excellent drawing card in Philadelphia, but if it is, it will not be due to the publicity given the affair, as but few critics would look seriously upon the match, knowing that it is merely a preliminary to the main show.

Dunn admits that he is out for the money. Therefore there apparently is little chance for a real battle in this city, as a decisive result would surely mean a cancellation or falling off in receipts for the Baltimore fight. The EVENING LEDGER is against the match unless they can prove that it will be on the level, and this looks like some task

#### Dismissal of Federal League Suit Hailed With Joy

Baseball magnates, players and fans are clated over the dismissal of the Federal League's suit against organized ball. Had the suit been pressed, as the Baltimore Federal Club owners threatened, and had Judge Landis finally rendered a decision, it is certain that the effect of the decision upon the national game would have been great. Regardless of who would have been the greatest gainer, if the factions were still at war, even the winner would have fared poorly, because it is certain that many of the strongest points of the national agreement would have been declared illegal.

Everybody is glad that the issue was not forced and that baseball will go on very much as it did in the past. Organized ball has seen the error of its ways, and many of the weak points of the national agreement will be altered so that there will be no grounds for a similar suit in the future.

In dismissing the suit, Judge Landis said, in part:

The court's expert knowledge of baseball, obtained by more than 30 years of observation of the game as a spectator, convinced me that if an order had been entered it would have been, if not destructive, at least vitally injurious to the game of baseball. No matter what decision had been made, neither side would have emerged from court victorious. After taking counsel with my own judgment, I decided that the Court had the right, or at least the discretion, to postpone decision in the case,

#### Landis' Congratulations on Honesty of Baseball

I want to say that in all the preliminary evidence and the various arguments when the records were gone over with a fine-tooth comb to find something injurious to the other side, not the slightest evidence was presented to cause the most suspicious person to impugn the honor of the game or of any of the individual players.

Judge Landis' tribute to the honesty of the game is appreciated by fans throughout the country. Baseball is absolutely the only professional sport in the world which has never suffered in any way through alleged acts of dishonesty or trickery of participants or magnates. Individual lengues of various branches of sport have kept their slates clean, but baseball stands alone as the cleanest of all professional sports,

The Glants have closed negotiations with Harry Sinclair for Ed Rousch, the brilliant young outfielder of the Newark Feds. The addition of Rousch will be a great help to McGraw, as he is rated as a wonderful youngster, Federal League players contend that there is little to choose between Kauff and Rousch, the former's hitting ability giving him the edge on McGraw's intest addition. With Kauff, Rousch, Burns, Robertson and Merkie available for the outfield, the Giants should have another Cobb-Crawford and Veach combination. McGraw may switch Merkle back to first base now that he kas such excellent outfield material.

Gilmore Doble, who has coached the University of Washington football eleven for eight years without losing a game, has signed a contract to handle the team again next fall. At the close of the past season Dobie announced that he was through coaching at Washington, and it was rumored that he had trouble with certain persons in authority, but, evidently, these differences were adjusted satisfactorily. It was rumored also that Doble hoped to be appointed Camben havn't a home game this week, but next week the "skeeters" have two with Grey-stock and Heading, and they will be nighty important games for all conversed.

There is another game scheduled for important games for all conversed. couch of the Wisconsin eleven, and decided to return to Washington after Withington had been selected to tutor the Badgers.

### KELLY—THE SUBURBANITE DECIDES TO "STAY IN TOWN" FOOT FAULT RULE SHOULD BE



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Indoor Game With Pretty

Girl as Spectator

Troop A, 1st Regiment Cavalry, N. G.

They tried it last night for the second

time at 330 South 23d street, where they

have an excellent tankark ring above the

Whether it is a fortune or misfortune nobody would say, but it certainly is the truth that when they play pole in that ring they certainly play pole and have no time nor room for anything else.

That ring isn't built for a gailery. It

So the only watchers were members of the troop and some stablemen, and the members of the troop didn't stick out the

While indoor pale is a new thing for these cavalrymen in training, it is not new

to their home at 339 South 22d street. The Girard Polo Club, Philadelphia member of the Indoor Polo League of America, has

Three of their team-Howard Delany, L. M. Fleisher and Walter Rossbach-played against the Troop A men last night, and won by a score of 11 to 19. They got four points in the last period and that won for them.

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ans neither the space nor the comfort

P., has gone in for indoor polo.

Aldine stables.

## THREE TIES BREAK IN INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE TONIGHT

To Snap Deadlock for First Place W. E. May Use Simindinger and Kerr

ARE EASTERN LEAGUERS

SCHEDULE FOR TONIGHT. Western Electric vs. E. G. Hudd. Hale & Elliurn vs. Standard Buller Bearing.

The tie that persists in binding the Industrial League teams together will be broken in three separate places, as a re-suit of the two games in the Quaker City Hall, 35th and Dauphin streets, tonight, Western Electric plays E. G. Budd, while Hale & Kilburn grapples with Standard Roller, Rearing

Roller Bearing.
At present the Electrics and Budds are At present the Electrics and Budds are running a dead heat for first place honors, each with 10 victories and 2 defeats. J. & J. Dobson are tied for third position, and H. & K. and National Biscuit are on even terms for 7th. Special interest is centred on tonight's games, due to the fact that until Thursday, at least, all deadlocks will be broken. Each team will occupy a separate rung in the Industrial ladder.

Because the battle between Western

Industrial ladder.

Because the battle between Western Electrics and E. G. Budd will decide a temporary league leader, the game will be the big attraction of the evening. It is currently reported that Western Electric is so intent on winning that it will recall two of its former players from the Eastern League. The players are Similadinger of Trenton and Kerr of Elastern League. The players are Simindinger, of Trenton, and Kerr, of

That the Western Electrics are going high for the services of this pair is snown by the \$55 fines that the Eastern League will impose on Kerr and Simind-inser. The players once before left the big league to play with an industrial team and it cost them \$10 each. This time and it cost them \$10 each. This time marks the second offense, and the fine, ccording to the rule, will be increased

#### Basketball Notes

Pennsylvania ran in a substitute team gainst the Crescents in New York Saturday ight and saved the regulars for more serious

The Eastern League has shoved in one side the challenge of the Interstate League, but the delt has been accepted by the Peansylvania State League.

Dustilly the cleanest same of baskethall played in these parts in many massas beds place at Swartinner Sauriday, when Perioducia Seminary net Swartinner Prep. Hot to footh were railed and 8-fet the 19 were for playing the heal before a third player touched it or rinning with the ball. Not an intentional foul was committed in the context.

The Industrial League games scheduled for next Thursday night will be played between J. & J. Belison and American Pulley, and Electric Storage and National Biscuit. The remaining four games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday of next week. There was one very pretty girl—she was really pretty—and it was too cold for her to stay. The man who brought her was a player and he had to send her home alone—in a taxl. There were no others to make up a feminine gailery.

Yale has played two, games at home in the intercollegists League and won each by a point. Darimouth is the opposition at New Haven tonight, so the score won't be so close.

Jack Russell, the former Bookwood centre, as quit the Hazleton Club, of the Pennayi-ania State League, and has joined the Prov-lence Club, of the Intercounty League, Geary, orward, has also quit the Hazleton Club,

members of the troop didn't stick out the cold very long. That pretty girl stayed longer than anybody who wasn't in the ring. She wrapped herself up in the big coat of her escort, and that bundled around her own sealiskin looked warm enough, but it couldn't have been, for she didn't even walt to see them start. Ertifently there is trouble in the Hazietan mann, for Freddle Haper, one of the heat forwards in the leasie, was given his release and he immediately signed with Pittaton.

Wilker-Barre played a game in Harleton the after right under difficulties. The players started for Handelon in an automobile, which proke down three miles outside of the city and mey had to plot the remainder of the distance brough the snow.

Mbefortune never comes singly. Coopey quit the Wilk's harre team Lecause of a difference of opinion with him Curiette, and in the Hashton game Friday night Wilkie McCarter, the West Philadelphia boy, turned his ankle. Wilkes-Starre is tied for first place, but can't expect to remain hear the top long under ex-isting conditions.

Walter Keating and Allie Pianer. American cague stars, were signed by the Pillston nanagement last work but since Sager joined that club it is main than likely that the chiladelphians will not be needed.

Troop A tried out a number of men, for its team isn't picked as yet. F. G. Smith and P. P. Smith played as did R. Smidla, Ogeden Ross, Edward Hooped Rhiladelphians will not be needed.

Effort to Extend Player

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—It was a happy sunch of magnates who gathered here today for the National League meeting. With the fight on the Federal League over, organized baseball leaders were confident that there would be a banner year in the national pastime.

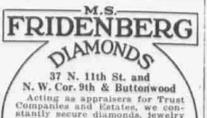
are looking for new material to strengthen their teams. Many deals are in the air. Boston is looking for several NEW YORK, Feb. 8 .- That Roger Bresnahan will be declared a free agent soon was understood about headquarters to-day. All clubs have walved on Bresna-han, so he will be free to negotiate for players, especially a first baseman

tennon, who holds the world's indoor 300-yard record, will compete in the 880 event. Thibault and Warren are entered in the high jump, and both should have a good chance to blace. Kaufman will take part in two races, namely, the 75-yard dash and the 800-yard race. The shot-put event will be taken care of by Witherow, who has been heaving the pill around the 44-foot mark. The big event of the meet, the Buermeyer Cup race of 500 yards, will be taken care of by Meredith, who will be opposed by such men as Califwell, who has defeated "Ted" twice this scanon; Halpin, Baker and Higgins.

Hoffner Wins on Gimbel Course

Charles H. Hoffner, of the Woodbury Country Club, won the 36-hole medal play Country Club, won the 36-hole medal play professional tournament, played over the indoor golf course in the Gimbel store yesterday, from a field of 29 of the leading golf professionals of the city, after first tying with Jack Campbell, of the Old York Road Country Club. In the competition proper, Campbell and Hoffner returned cards of 88, and in the 18-hole play-off Hoffner captured first money with a score of 46, Campbell requiring 52.

Chief Meyers May Join Dodgers



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# N. L. SCHEDULE FOR 1916 TO BE ADOPTED TODAY

Limit Probably Will Be Defeated

MANY DEALS EXPECTED

The magnates had little to do at today's meeting. Percy D. Haughton, of the Braves, and Charles H. Weeghman, of the Cubs, were here to hobnob with their fellow-baseballists.

The schedule will be adopted today. This is merely preliminary. An effort to extend the player limit will be made by Harry Hempstead, president of the Giants. New York, Boston and Chicago favor this move, but the other clubs apparently are against it, and as the change requires a unanimous vote it probably will be defeated.

All the magnates and their managers

Tomorrow night will be the "big doings." It will be the annual banquet

PENN IN NEW YORK MEET Team Not to Compete in Gotham Games

Penn will not enter its one-mile relay team the New York A. C. meet in New York to-shit, as Lockwood, who was a member of e championship team last year, will be unable to make the trip. Coach Orton, however, ex-ter to enter some of his men in the handicap

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Chief Meyers, for sore the Chante firm-line catcher, may went Brooklyn uniform next year, it was learned slay. C. H. Ebbets, president of the Dadge of has put in a claim for Meyers at the aiver price and expects no competition, ow-go to the Chief's wartime contract, which has ne year to run.

MONEY TO LOAN

"Yet it is manifestly unfair to permit some players to foot fault and penalize others for doing so. And the players who serve properly are entitled to protection." In the foregoing, Mr. Merrihew sounds in the foregoing, Mr. Merrinew sounds reasonable, and all tennis players agree with the views expressed as regards abolishing the illegal service, which really aids a man and gives him an undue advantage. But let us remember that there are two kinds of foot faults: (1) The flagrant violation of the rule which gives grant violation of the rule, which gives a marked advantage and should unques-tionably be stopped, and (2) the technical foot fault, a mere involuntary movement, which is of no assistance or advantage to the server and of no consequence.

All Players Are Guilty

Unquestionably every tennis player foot faults at times, but why heckle him to death over it? Mr. Merrihew rules the words "if de-

death over it?

Mr. Merrihew rules the words "if desired" to mean that the foot raised "must" (not "if desired") be replaced in the same spot before the server can move. We used to believe that "if desired" meant a voluntary thing and not compulsion, but it seems we are wrong. However, with the average foot-fault judge "if desired" allows you to raise the foot without replacing it in the same spot, provided you don't swing it over the line before you hit the ball.

There are great examples of foot faulting around Philadelphia. Stanley Pearson and L. C. Wister both crowd the line and cross it before serving. A. E. Kennedy, Jr., had a remarkable "hop" which was a terrible foot fault. Williams is accused of foot faulting, but unless occasionally, and it is very occasionally, he swings his foot over the line, we have not seen it. Wallace Johnson never foot faults, since he serves from a stand on both feet and



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# MODIFIED, DECLARES TILDEN

Expert Urges Distinctoin Between Voluntary and Involuntary Fouls While Serving in Tournament Play

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D

Sixth The server shall before com-mencing to serve stand with both feet at rest behind (i. e., further from the net than, the base line and within the limits of the imaginary continuation of the half court and side lines, and thereafter the server shall not run, walk, hop or jump before the service has been delivered, but the server may raise one foot from (and, if desired, replace it on) the ground, provided that both feet are kept behind the base line until the service has been de-

Official interpretation of Law 6; if a foot be lifted and replaced, there must be no change of position that can possibly be considered a step.

Let us quote from the July issue of American Lawn Tennis, edited by Mr. S. W. Merrihew: "It is obvious that the foot fault rule

should be enforced everywhere and at all times. It will be said that this is im-possible. Perhaps it is. The difficulty of securing efficient and vertebrate foot fault judges is so great that many clubs give up the task in despair. 'Then abolish the rule,' cry some. This drastic proposal goes much too far.

"Tournament play is not abandoned merely because it is impossible to obtain scorers and linesmen for every match. No more should the foot fault rule be wiped off the books because of its im-perfect enforcement. Were this done chaos would reign in the matter of

Manifestly Unfair

Those of us who have had the misfor-tune to acquire this latter, and all of us have in some form, and also have had the equal misfortune to have Mr. Merrihew on the foot fault line, know how utterly ridiculous it is to carry the ruling to its fullest extent. Mr. Merrihew believes in calling every near technical foot fault he either sees or thinks he sees. In fact, he gives the decision against the server every time instead of allowing him the benefit of the doubt on technical foot faults. And the still more peculiar part is that he lets the most glaring of foot faults, swinging over the line, go by unnoticed.

As an example of this attitude of Mr. Merrihew's, take the finals at Wilmington last year between Sidne Thayer and Joseph J. Armstrong. Armstrong is known to be a foot-faulter of the worst type in swinging over the line. Thayer, on the other hand, seldom goes over the line, but he has a wiggle to one foot and a rocking from heel to toe, which Mr. Merihew construes as a step or "flying start." Result: He let Armstrong severely alone, although every one on the side lines was asking why and called foot fault after foot fault on Thayer on this mere technicality, with the result that it broke Sid's game to pieces. That kind of an interpretation of the rule is unfair, unjust and inexcusable. Mr. Merrihew should look out more for the glaring error and less for the technicality. As an example of this attitude of Mr

he serves from a stand on both feet and never raises even one. The worst foot faulter seen last season around here was Willis E. Davis, of the Philadelphia Club.





Foot fault is a particularly sore point to many people and one which has caused more unprintable remarks than any other point in tennis. The following is the rule of the National Association:

Foot Fault Rule

Sixth. The server shall before commencing to serve stand with both feet at mencing to serve stand with both feet at the server stand with both feet at mencing to serve stand with both feet at these seach match. times each match.

Serve Behind Line

It is possible to eliminate crossing the line of swinging the foot over by serving from about eight inches behind the base line. The loss of time in getting to the net will more than be made up in the mental relief of not having "foot fault" yelled at you about every second due you serve. There is nothing which raides a player so quickly as "foot fault."

The question of the technicality of the wriggle, etc., which Mr. Merrihew enlors so much, is harder to solve. It is a good plan to set both feet firmly and then do not move your left foot until after the ball has been hit. This will do away with the question of the step and hop.

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It is only right that all important matches should have a foot fault judge, just as much as linesmen and scorers, but let the gentleman calling them remember that the poor creatures slaving out them are not his worst enemies; let him have a little of "the milk of human kindness" in his makeup and give them the benefit of the doubt on the questionable decisions. If this attitude had been held by a certain gentleman who made the momentous decision against Touchard when he had Williams match point at Newport, who knows but what our whole tennis ranking for that year would have been changed. He may have been right, and unquestionably he thought he was, but he was allt the overzealous. Let the foot fault judge he a little lay rither the the overzealous. Let the foot fault judge be a little lax rather than too strict on the technicalities, as Mr. Merrihew is,

the technicalities, as Mr. Merrihew is.

There is one point about the manner of putting judges on matches in tournaments these days which I would like explained. Why, if they are going to have foot fault called, don't they call them from the first round of a tournament instead of beginning in the semilinals? It merely results in breaking up the game of the players and sometimes even throws the match one way, where if they began with the judges they would be used to it by the time the important matches came. Also why single out certain ones to put judges on a the early rounds and let the others as free? It is unfair and a thing which should be abolished this coming season. Let us have foot faults called in all Let us have foot faults called in all matches or none.

All young players should try to develop All young players should try to develon a service which is not open even to the technical ruling of the foot fault. Strike for the serve with little foot movement, and, above all things, do not acquire the habit of walking into your service. Stop and set your feet before each ball servel. It would be a very good thing if all schools enforced rigidly the foot fault rule as regards walking service and crossing the line. It would says many being the line. It would save many boys lots of trouble and many cuss words it

O'BRIEN AND HAUBER READY FOR 15-ROUND 60

Boxer Meets Fighter at Norristown Club Tonight

Young Jack O'Brien will travel over the 15-round route tonight with Henry Hauber at the Palace A. C., in Norti-town. This bout should prove to be a fistic treat, for it will show a clere, shifty boxer in action against a rugged, hard-hitting fighter. Both the principals have met twice before and it was the air. of uncertainty that followed each of these contests that led to the rival weltar-weights being matched to meet in a best of longer duration, wherein the question of supremacy might be properly decided. There will be a 10-round semi-windsp between Sallor Jack Carroll, the new-heavyweight sensation from California. heavyweight sensation from California

and Giant Lew Fink, of Denver.

American League Meeting CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. S.-President Johnson of the American Leurge, has announced its the schedule meeting of the organization west be held in New York on February IT. Johnson and that by that date he expects to have the Cleveland club in the hands of new owners.



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