PRESENT-DAY CHAMPS TOO BUSY COUNTING MONEY TO PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO FIGHTING

JOHNNY KILBANE, ONLY REAL CHAMPION, HAS DRIVEN ALL OF HIS OPPONENTS TO COVER

Boss of Featherweights Has Fought Himself Out of a Job, as Even Lightweights Are Not Anxious to Swap Punches With Him

Now that the coronation ceremonies are over and Pete Harman is the undisputed ruler of all of the bantame, the boxing pame is about to be awakened for a short time, at least. The advent of a new champion always is interesting, for the fans are ready at all times to fall into line behind the most recent leader. The fact that Herman won from Kid Williams on a decision takes away some of the glamour, but it must be realized that three of the last four title tills were decided in that manner. Klibane outfought Abe Atteil in twenty rounds, Welsh outpointed Willie Ritchie and now comes bete Herman. Jose William knocked out Johnson a couple of years ago, which ends all disputes in that division. However, a title is a little, no matter what they may, so we extend proclings to Mr. Herman, of New Orleans. He is the new boss of a new division, as Williams moved the bantam limit to 11% pounds before the match.

Present Crop of Champions Is a Poor One

In LOOKING over the present crop of champions, meaning Herman, Johnny Kilbane, Freddy Welsh, Jack Britton, Mike Gisbons of Al McCay, Jack Dillon and Jess Willard, there seems to be little chance to enthuse. In the older days when the glorious Jawn L. Bullivan was monarch of all be surgered or later when Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Jeffres and Jack Johnson retened, there was come thing to a championship life. We would get a them every time one of these names was mentioned, because they stood out to at and shoulders above the others In their class. And, more than that, they were ready to fight our of the conterns candidates without holding out for exorbitant praces. Ten thousand delians was a fortune then, but nowadays it wouldn't pay insiming expenses. Instead of going on the stage or signing up as an added attraction with a circus, they kept themselves in shape by meeting all comers and offering a few hundred dollars to the men who stayed the limit. John L. Seillean, when he was twenty ave years old. made a nine months' tour of the country and knocked out fifty men within four rounds. True, John L. had the punch and some of the onponents were ready to drop before they entered the ring, but it must be remembered that the great gladia tor had a wonderful reputation, and the mens mention of his mann turned the strongest jaws into glass. Is there a champion today who occupies that same position? Is there one whose name is enough to make the others run for eaver? Not Willard, or Al McCoy, or Mike Gibbons, Jack Britton, Freely Webb and perhaps Herman. Outside of the latter, these champs are pestered to death with challenges and spend most of their time in dodging them.

Johnny Kilbane Is the Only Champ Who Deserves the Title

THE only present day champion who ranks with the heroes of yesterday is Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion. Kilbane is in a class with John L., Terry McGovern, Joe Walcott, and Stanley Ketchells the how met all of the contenders in his class and his work was so good that there is none belt to dispute his claim. He has cleaned up the featherweight division and now must battle lightweights if he desires to keep busy. Even the hightweights are declains him, which proves that he not only is respected, but also feared. Killmine can make 118 pounds and be strong. He has offered to box Freddy Welsh at 125 pounds at 3 o'clock, which means that the Englishman would omer the ring weighing 140. It seems strange that Kilbane cannot find opponents weighted from 118 to 140, but it is true. Jack Blanton, matchinaker of the Olympia Athletic Association, has been seeking a fee for the featherweight champion for the last month, but no one seems anxious to swap punches. The easy victory over George Chancy evidently has caused the others to run for cover.

Is a Pocket Edition of Bob Fitzsimmons

 K^{ILBANE} is built like Bob Fitzsimmons. He has a pair of powerful shoulders, a deep chest, well developed, but small spindlelike legs. All of his power is in the chest and shoulders, which accounts for his ability to punch hard, and also shows how he can get down to such a low weight. He is the deverest boxer we have seen for many a day and pulls some stunts that are seldom seen in any ring. One of the fight fans in discussing Kübane's work the other day said that Johnny never does the same thing twice in his fights, save the landing of a knockout wallop. But unless some new opponent looms up. Kilhane will be forced to retire, for he virtually has fought himself out of a job.

Meanwhile Other Champs Rake in the Kale

As FOR the other champions, they are raking in the money and sidestepping tough opponents at the same time. No doubt Pele Herman is awamped with offers to meet the leading bantams, but if he plays according to form he will disregard all challenges for a time and go on the stage. It is much easier and more profitable to be an actor than a fighter.

More Hard Luck for Hollenback

BILL HOLLENBACK was scheduled to lose seven regulars from this meason's football team at Syracuso, but still be wore a smile and said that he was glad to get rid of some of the big, slow men. Bill had planned to build a light, fast team at Syracuse next fall and, despite the loss of the veterans, had a tenative line-up in view that he thought would prove a wonderful combination. However, the action of the Syracuse Faculty Committee on Athletics in barring eight football players for playing in an independent game at Providence on December 9 will deprive Bill of five of the men he counted upon for regular positions in 1917, while Malone has jumped to Foreham. Among the men arred by the faculty are Du More, captain-elect; Bustin, center; Duna, bailback, and Captain Roberton and Finsterwald, of the freshman team. Schlachter All-America guard last year, also was barred, but as he is a senior he would not have been eligible anyway. Hollenback says the factulty may lift the ban by next fall. If it falls to do it, Bill mays he probably wan't have a team,

Special Race in New York Should Be Wonderful

THE "600 special" in the Irish-American A. C. indoor traid; meet at New York on Saturday night should prove a race worth going miles to witness. Ted Meredith, the world's greatest middle-distance runner, is going to stage a come-back that may result in a new indoor record for the distance. Meredith was bitterly disappointed at his poor running in the 600-mater events against Bolin in Sweden last summer, when he found it impossible to get in shape, and he has been training harder than ever in his career. Ted says that he does not expect to be quite on edge, as he is conditioning himself gradually for the outdoor season, but Lawson Robertson insists that the former Pean flyer is going better than be ever has seen him at this time of the season. Larry Sendder, of Penn, the senior A. A. U. half-mile champion, will be in this race, and quite a few Pennsylvanians have an idea that he will give Meredith a great buttle. Scudder is improving rapidly, but he probably will find a field with Meredith, Baker, Higgins and Halpin a trifle too fast for him.

"Public" in Public Links Is Joke

ELIS GIMBEL, one of the real progressive figures in local golf, has come out fat-footed in a statement that charging exorbitant fees at the public links is an outrage and should no longer he tolerated by taxpaying citizens of Philadelphia. Mr. Cimbel, president and founder of the Philmont Country Club and one of the chief promoters of the municipal golf links at Cobb's creek, asserts that the course should be as free as the nir so far as the matter of tees is concerned, and that it should be supported solely by the city as a public playground for the use of any citizen who wishes to play there. This is a move in the right direction and a thought that has the support of every thinking golfer in the community.

Too Many Assessments at Cobb's Creek

A PUBLIC library is free. A public recreation center is free. Everything "public" is supposed to be for the free use of residents in a section. Everything excepting the golf course, it seems. "The city should support its own golf course it built for public use," says Mr. Gimbel, and he is right. Yet the fact remains that there is a \$10 yearly fee for lockers, fees for everything, and about the only thing free is the permission to puy higher rates at the course than rule in many private clubs.

RHINELANDER, Wis, a suburb of Milwaukee, is to have a buxing club in a church, which will be under the supervision of the State Boxing Commission, with the parson, a former pugilist, as its mentor. It is suid that the State Boxing Commission has passed favorably upon the petition and that a license will be issued to the church at the next meeting of the board.

THERE has been so much rough riding at the New Orleans race track that Judge Murphy has started a crusade to drive the offending jockeys from the State. While no open charges have been made. Murphy attributes several recent accidents to the tactics used by juckeys counted upon to throw a horse looked upon as a dangerous contender off its stride before the first turn is 8 8 8

FIRE Penn baseball candidates will start work in the cage next week. Coach I Roy Thomas will devete the first two weeks of practice to the battery candidutes, though the Red and Blue tutor is not worrying so much this year with Johnny Titzel eligible to do the hurling and Lud Wray behind the bat. Thomas believes that Titzel will prove a sensation, and others agree with him. Titzel is a southpaw and was substitute tackle on the football team.

ONLY four games have been played in the Intercollegists Basketball League, but Cornell and Dartmouth have virtually been eliminated from the championship class. The Ithacans have been beaten by Princeton and Columbia, whole Durtmouth has but to Pann and Yale. Thuse delears virtually compel the two teams to win all the remaining games scheduled to be in the running.

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THOUSANDS SIGN CHAIN LETTER FOR OUIMET

Golfers' Names All Over Counfry to Be Used in Amateur Battle

By SANDY MeNIBLICK

The Woodland Golf Club, which tomor-row will make its last stand for the rein-statement of Francis unimet, former open-and construct golf champion of the United States, to the amateur ranks, will have in support of its plot the names of thousands of American golfers through the medium of a chain letter that has spread to every corner of the country.

Culmet is the best golfer knifed by the stringent golf amateur law as passed last year, and a bifter fight will be made at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association fomorrow night in New York, to have the rule, which has been protested to have the rule, which has been protested ever since its frauling, revised. Outmet is a member of the Weedland Golf Club, and the lattle to remove the professional chains from his feet has become so strenuous that there is revolution, dissolution and everything clee threatened. The fundamentals principle of "sport for sport's sike" or "sport for financial benefit" is freeze, the every American sport so that the outcome of the meeting is awaited breathiesely, not only by a million or so golfers, but by an array of other sportsmen as well.

The author of the clude latter, which has The Buther of the call letter which has received been dead a response in the city, is in doubt, but a slip is inclosed for the resulter to slip and forward to Charles F. Lancaster a director of the Woodhand club. Lancaster will present the rames in the form of a petition to back up the arguments of those who would remove the dead to the form of the club. clifes from Culmet.

The letter resquests that each receiver it will send a copy to five of his friends, afters who play the game well and are in seconds touch with the amateur attua-There is an earnest plea not to break

a is offered by Leighton Calkins, Mayor Plainfield, N. J., and a former official the United States Golf Association, who of a commission of veteran golfers as a knowledge of technical affairs, the what is the author of the present and constitution, names Sam Hesbarr,

ins believes that much of the trouble the amateur law is that it tries to be too slife. He would simplify it as follows: a amateur golfer is one who plays the me only as a recration, and who neither estly or indirectly capitalizes his skill, auntion or standing as a player or clor for the purpose of making money for page.

TED" MEREDITH IN RACE WITH BINGHAM AND RILEY

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 11.—Ted Mete-th will meet Bill Hingham, Harvard's rate leader of Just season, in a dual or over-cornered race at the confing Harvard-Complainment indear track meet. Mere-lith heard from Eddie Riley, of Dartmouth, "(see entrance will stretch the run into a hose-corpored affair. The distance tenta-lyely, is six laps, or 780 yards.

Emes and Platt Adams Barred

YORK, Jun. 11.—Edward L. Fan 1. Adams, both war ethlices and nor the Analog Alberte Union, have been the Analog Unifolds, From furth



JOHNNY EILBANE Featherweight champion who has defeated all of his logical opponents and now seeks lightweight title.

JACK BARRY SOLE SURVIVOR IN MAJOR BASEBALL CIRCLES IN ROLE OF PLAYER-MANAGER

With Exception of the Red Sox, All Other Big League Clubs Will Be Directed From Bench This Season

By GRANTLAND RICE

one's head up in the face of fate, high water and all hell."

Any other suggestions or recommenda

tions will be received and entered with grat itude and thanks.

The Proof of Spring

Across the hedges, row on row, i sapphirean streak of light Oxilised against the melling snow?

I know a test that's zurer still
Then any sangbird's lilling time.
Or dogwood blossows from the hill
That becken us across to dine;
When from ofar the chorns swells
To gather force in frentied joy
As some wild fan stands up and yells—

"ATTABOY"

JACK BARRY, as leader of the Boston game as it comes and giving the best one has on through to the finish, regardless of

ing manager this next campaign. in the remaining fifteen big league camps the destinies of each club will be directed from the bench. In spite of which there is no available reason in sight why Barry shouldn't be a success. He is smart, aggressive and well liked. The odds for suc How may we know when spring returns?
By softer winds across the scene?
Or where some crimson rosebud burns
to scarife flame against the green?
Or where the bluebird wings his flight cess are in his favor, especially if the arms of Ruth. Shore, Leonard and Mays are still hanging on between April and October.

Which calls to mind the fact that Bill Carrigan has left the game with far less appreciation from the general public than he deserved. No one thought of him as "wizard," "miracle man." "peerless leader" or the rest of it. But few managers have handled ball clubs with any greater skill of keener diplomacy, where the result shows in the record.

Mother Goose on the Links

Mother Goose on Tom, Tom, the duffer's son, Said he played the goine for fun; But the only shots that he could play Were into the bankers, far away, HICKEY.

The Amateur Debate

Dear Sir—There is a vast deal of dis-cussion over the amateur rule of the U. S. G. A., most of it, so far as I can make it out, reaching the conclusion that "It's a shame to bar Ouinet." But, isn't Ouinet really only a side issue? I have multed over the matter—and muddled over the matter—trying my best to see why it is "professional" to sell sporting goods and strictly amateur to take \$300 for telling "professional" to sell sporting goods and strictly amniture to take \$500 for telling a green committee where to put their bunkers. I have scratched out my few remaining hairs strying to see why it is "professional" to get a salary for selling a golf glub and strictly amateur to make a most glub and strong for any publication. In short, Brother Blee, why aren't you and Jerome Travers and Walter J. Travits just as much pros. as Ouimet? Being a dult and stupid person, I cannot see why you aren't. I cannot see why the present ruling of the U. S. G. A. san't a typical piece of British snobbery, not to mince matters. It is "professional" to be in trade and quite all right to capitalize your skill in the artistic fields of "architecture" (God save the markh and authorship, Mind you. Em not saying Travers or Travis or others should be ruled out but it does seem to me—and I'm not alone, either—that it's time the United States golf Association got a few United States golf Association got a few United States golf Association got a few United States golf assessing to a strict impartial basis, or else came back to a mere pragmatic interpretation of professionalism.

WALTER PRICHARD EATÓN. WALTER PRICHARD EATON.

(Stockbridge Golf Chib),

What Is Courage? A friend of ours, for whose opinion we have an abiding respect, gives "willingness" as a fitting definition of courage. Another gives "determination," which is

Another gives definition on, which is much the same.

We have always believed that efficiency is a big part of courage, in that efficiency produces confidence, which is one of the main foundations of courage.

Here is another definition: "Courage is the process of taking the break of the

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READING FIVE IS EASY AND CAMDEN IS VICTOR

Adams Is Heavy Scorer in 43 to 32 Contest for Skeeter Team

Here is still another: "courage is keeping

team even stronger.

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 SCHEDULE FOR TONIGHT Greystock at Jasper.

The Camden five won an easy game from

ready he has strengthened the team by sign-ing Joe Droyfuns and George Norman of the champion Norwalk, Conn. five of the New England League. Myers expects to hand two other stars and a trade is pending with Reading that should make the local

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING

The Camden five woil an easy game from Reading in an Eastern League contest played in the Camden Armory last night by the score of 43 to 22. From the very start the Skeeters led, and the best the visitors could do was to the them at I aplece early in the first half. At this period, however, Adams tailled three fouls in succession, putting Camden ahead.

De Neri won only one game during the entire first half of the season, but with Dreyfuss and Norman in the game succeeded in trimming the fast-flying Trenton aggiveration in the opening game of the second half. Trenton had won five games is a row until toppled over by Jasper in its previous game, but despite this defeat the Jerseymen were looked upon as certain contenders for the second half pennant when De Neri upset the dope.

promise. He did not appear to advantage in his first game because he was closely guarded by Fred Geig, but he works the floor well, is a fast, clean passer, and a said to be death on shots close to the basket. He works well with Dreyfuss and should have little trouble gatter. should have little trouble getting along with Captain Dark. If De Nerl gets Haggerty and Morris a is likely that Alois Getzinger, procured from Trenton in the Neuman trade, will

Other Cage Scores

from fronton in the Neuman trade, will be switched to Reading, along with eas other player. A deal of this sort may make De Neri a pennant-contending team for the second half of the race, if team play can be mastered in a short time. **NEW SHAPES** IN BLUE SERGES Billy Moran, 1103 Arch

himself.

DE NERI OWNERS

SIGNING NEW MEN

Myers, Recently Appointed

Manager, Cleaning House

to Strengthen Team

BIG TRADE IS RUMORED

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

The new owners of the DeNeri Eastern

League team mean to place a winning team on the floor and will continue to "clean

house" until the proper combination

found. Manager Myers, the new pilot, an-

nounced today that he had released lask

Lunden, former Cornell star; Bridenbach Hargreaves, Woerner, Geary and Zahs, and that at least one new player will be in the line-up of the Musical Fund Hal pepresentatives against Camden on Satur-

Local fans have falled to patronize De

Local fans have falled to patronia De Neri because the team was out of the face from the start of the first half of the beauco, and played listless, indifferent ball. Manager Myera realizes that nothing but a string of victories, or at least prillantly played games, will bring the observed back, and he is hustling to put together a winning team in a hurry.

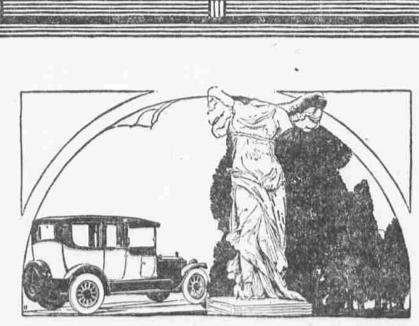
If hustling will do any good, Myera shedde be able to whip together a team within a week or two, as he is a real live wire. Already he has atrengthened the team by signing Joe Dreyfuns and George Norman, of

De Neri upset the dope.

Dreyfuss and Norman seemed to bring back the spirit of the other De Neri players and the new combination worked like a piece of well-oiled machinery. Dreyfuss is a guard who plays a roying game. He is a splendid dribber, strong floor-worker and has an excellent eye, being particularly dangerous on long shots. In his first game be blanked Curlette and tailled a field goal himself.

Norman is a forward who showed great

De Neri upset the dope.



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