

# AGITATION AGAINST BOXING BECAUSE OF FATALITY IN ALBANY AN INJUSTICE TO SPORT

## WHERE IS BASEBALL SENTIMENT WHICH KEPT WALLACE AND WALSH IN MAJORS AFTER COLLAPSE?

### Wagner and Cravath Victims of Commercialism in Sport—Pittsburgh Veteran Receives Cut in Salary and "Gavvy" Is Dropped

THE baseball pessimist, who is constantly impressing upon all who care to listen that there is no sentiment in the great national pastime, is being furnished with a mob of perfectly good arguments this semester. Two of the most dearly loved players who ever stepped on a diamond are getting it right between their eyes, which is evidence enough that commercialism in the sport is fast crowding out that sentiment which was and the money-grabbing craze has baseball in its grip as tightly as it has any other business. From Pittsburgh comes the story that the salary of Hans Wagner—the most popular ball player who ever stepped into shoes—is to be substantially cut. We in Philadelphia have suffered the spectacle of seeing the Philadelphia Club drop "Gavvy" Cravath, the idol of the fans for years and a man who has done as much for the local National League club as any player it ever had under contract. Cravath is entitled to a place by the side of Alexander and Moran as the men who did most to give Philadelphia its first National League pennant.

#### Wagner Best of All Pittsburgh Players

AS A purely business proposition, of course, Wagner is the logical subject for a bit of surgery on the pay envelope. He was, without doubt, the highest salaried player on the Pirate roster, but was there ever a man who did as much for the Pittsburgh club as the Dutchman? There has been more than a shortstop to Pittsburgh fans, and to Barney Dreyfuss he has been one of the foundations of Smoky City baseball. Never was there a ball player so free from mercenary motives, never a more loyal professional athlete than this same Hans Wagner. Several years ago when Wagner thought he was slipping he went to Dreyfuss and told Barney that he had better quit. The Pittsburgh owner was completely distracted at the thought of losing the man who made him a power in the baseball world, and he so little understood the player's honorable convictions that he offered him more money—told him to write his own contract.

Wagner declined to accept more money, but signed a contract at the old figures. The offer of an increase in salary carried no weight with Wagner, but the fact that he thought his employer needed him a little longer brought him back to the game. This is the man whose salary Dreyfuss is cutting this year, and with his habitual good nature Wagner agrees to the terms. It would seem that Barney has not reached that stage where he draws pleasant reveries in going back over the days of pennants and success of his club brought by Wagner.

#### Cravath's Case Here Almost the Same

THE case of Cravath is similar. The stuffer from the coast drew thousands of fans to the Phillies' grounds and put countless dollars in the pockets of Mr. Baker and his associates. Last year it was evident that he was slipping, but at that Moran considered "Gavvy" good enough to cover right field most of the time. Undoubtedly Cravath would have spent most of this season on the bench had he come back, but there are many who think he would have fitted in well as a pinch hitter, particularly with the worry of fielding taken from his broad shoulders. But Baker ruled against it and asked the other clubs to waive on Cravath in order to turn him loose.

The spirit of Dreyfuss and Baker is not the same as that which prompted Comiskey to carry Ed Walsh along for three years at a large salary after he was of no use whatever to the club. It is not the same feeling which led the Browns to keep Bobby Wallace on hand just as long as Bobby wanted to stay. Even after he tried out as an umpire, Bob was taken back again. And yet Wagner and Cravath, who still are counted as valuable men, are the victims of commercialism—the one getting a salary cut and the other being dropped. There appears to be little sentiment rampant, in the two great Pennsylvania cities at any rate.

#### Few Deaths Occur in Boxing Game

IT SEEMS peculiar that every time a boxer is killed in the ring there is a cry raised against the sport by a lot of people who know nothing about it, demanding that the sport be abolished; and yet fatalities occur in other lines of sport, but there is no talk of cancelling the entire works. In Albany, N. Y., the other night a young bover died as the result of a blow received in the ring, and at once a lot of estimable gentlemen, publicspirited but ignorant of the ring game, demanded that the sport be abolished. In fairness to the sport it may be pointed out that the death of young Peter McDonald is hardly sufficient grounds for raising such an uproar. His death was very deplorable, but it must be remembered that in competitive athletics such fatalities are bound to occur. Every year baseball, football and auto racing take their toll of human life.

The death of this young man can be attributed more to mismanagement by the producers of the bout than to the game. It was very lax of the officials to let him in the ring at all. It was McDonald's first fight and he went into the ring without any training of the right sort whatever. He was first on the bill, and it developed that just previous to the bout he indulged in a hearty meal. The young man was not a professional boxer in the strict sense of the word, being employed in other work during the day, and was undoubtedly in a somewhat exhausted physical condition when he stepped into the ring.

#### Fan Makes Suggestion for Baseball Change

WHY don't they have uniform distances on baseball grounds, writes in J. F. M., a baseball fan with ideas. Here is what he says: Referring to all the talk about helping the batter in ball games, why do they not have the game played within prescribed limits, like tennis, football and polo, instead of permitting outfielders in the very large parks having an unfair advantage of heavy hitters, who, if batting on grounds of limited space, would no doubt have many more triples and home runs?

For illustration, the right field wall of the Phillies' grounds is about 375 feet; that is the limit of the fielder's range. At Boston he can, as I understand, back out a greater distance, and makes outs of long hits that would count if the fielders were compelled to play say 250 feet or some fixed distance. He could field the ball, but this would give the batter a sporting chance and should appeal to fans.

Philadelphia, January 31, 1917. J. F. M. We will bite: Why don't they have prescribed limits for a baseball field? Well, it just isn't done, that's all. Another very good reason is that every league field in the country would then only be as large as the smallest park in the league.

#### Norman Maxwell Now on the Success Highway

NORMAN MAXWELL is now on the highroad to success, and it looks as though this coming season would mark off a series of triumphs for the nineteen-year-old Philadelphia golf prodigy. His triumph over Gardiner White was made in the face of a 78, in the face of the adverse sentiments of the gallery, which felt that his victory over the famous metropolitan golfer last December in the finals at Lakewood was a fluke, and in the face of his own knowledge of his erratic temperament.

This latter is his worst drawback to immediate success. A poor shot he may happen to make quite upsets him and spoils the day completely for him. He is gradually losing this boyish disposition, and a few more victories over the real stars of the country will show him just how good he really is.

Maxwell himself knows that his greatest fault lies in his inability to keep from slacking about in a rage after a poor shot. "If I could only forget a poor shot," says Maxwell, "I would feel that I could play along with any of them. But I can't help 'cussing' myself at a careless shot, and right away begin to wish I could start all over again at the beginning of the round. I don't care much what I do after I make one mistake and it takes me a couple of holes before I can get over the effect of it."

#### Old Tennis Body Opposes the Proposed Tennis Ruling

THE leading members of the New York Lawn Tennis Club, one of the oldest and most firmly established of the metropolitan tennis organizations in point of service, displayed the courage of their convictions the other night at the annual meeting and dinner of the club when they came out as flat-footedly opposed to the proposed amateur legislation of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, which proposes to legislate against those players in the tennis business and to make other radical rulings against players it does not consider have a right to play in amateur events. The best question the club will ask at the national annual meeting is: "With admitted knowledge of violations of amateur status, and already having a rule on the books which gives you the power, why did you ignore these cases?"

#### Player in Sporting Goods Business Once Thought Honest

THE wisdom that inspired the drafting of the proposed rule was questioned by Christopher B. Winn, three times president of the club. Winn called attention to the fact that the reform was not purporting to be foreign to the Americans who were legislating against some of the men most famous on its international teams. Another witness expressed the opinion that the national committee had suddenly become hysterical because the practice of entering the sporting goods business, which they had winked at and winked at for the last few years, had suddenly become more than popular with the ranking players. On its own records, it was asserted at the meeting, the national association believed that a player might be in the sporting goods business and still be an honest amateur. So that the members of the club decided that either some one had bamboozled the club in the past and was entering the matter straight now or else was engaged in a gigantic piece of hypocrisy at the present.

AN ASSURANCE of Johns Doolittle's intentions of invading England for the purpose of returning with Jimmy White's scalp sounds rather unreasonable. The sportsman seems to be a bit of a snail of the former sort. It is stated that he was in New York on his way to Philadelphia when he was shot by a member of the club recently.

## BARNEY SAID "NO" AND JEWELS WON

### "Let Me Shoot in My Regular Way," He Urged of Captain Jack Fox

EASTERN LEAGUE							
Team	W.	L.	P.C.	Team	W.	L.	P.C.
Overbrook	4	3	.571	Reading	3	4	.429
Jasper	4	3	.571	De Neri	3	4	.429
Camden	4	4	.500				

#### SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Tonight—De Neri at Overbrook. Tomorrow night—Jasper at De Neri, Greenstock at Reading.

During the first half of the Eastern League game at Nonpareil Hall last night both clubs had established a world's mark for shots missed. Barney Sedron had a "million" chances, and they sure were breaking bad for the "kid," as they were calling him around the ring and in the crowd. The Kensington boys had a council of war in the intermission. Captain Jack Fox told Barney Sedron to get them up a bit higher.

"Let me shoot my regular way, Jack, won't you?" replied the midget. "It's my regular style and they're breaking bad, that's all."

And he went in and luck was in his favor this time. He made all the points made by his club, fifteen in all, five field and five foul, and the Jewels won out, 22-19.

The game was one of the cleanest ever staged between Reading and Jasper. The only men on the visiting five to register were Johnny Beckman, with two goals, and Morris one. Sedron made all of Jasper's twenty points with the exception of a two-point by Friedman. Barney caged six field goals and eight out of fourteen fouls. Sears registered thirteen out of eighteen fouls.

Since Tom Barlow lost that game many persons have asked, "Do you think it will affect his play in the future, and will we mistake our guess the answer decidedly 'No'." Barlow undoubtedly is one of the biggest surprises of the season.

## JIMMY DUNN TEACHING KID WOLF, A BANTAM, TO EMULATE KILBANE BY ANNEXING A FISTICUFF TITLE

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

JOHNNY KILBANE, featherweight champion, gives all credit for his wonderful boxing ability to the teaching of Jimmy Dunn, his manager and a former boxer. Now Dunn is "preparing" Jack "Kid" Wolf, a bantam—a legitimate 135-pounder—for a berth on the championship horizon, and Jimmy is going through the same process he used with Kilbane.

The blackboard drill is used in baseball, football, basketball and almost every other sort of sport; and Dunn has adopted of using chalk on a blackboard, Jimmy does his marking on the floor. Crises are chalked where the boxer is to stand and semicircles and horizontal lines are drawn to direct him in sidestepping.

**Footwork Necessary**  
"Punching ability and blocking does not make a boxer successful," says Dunn. "If he doesn't use his feet as well as his arms a man taking up boxing may as well quit. Footwork is the most important factor in making a successful boxer, and Johnny Kilbane can be used as a good criterion." Sidestepping punches and making an opponent miss rather than block saves one's strength and at the same time causes the party of the second part to get wild and careless, in Dunn's opinion. Hard battle is won by the other fellow's mistakes.

Dunn says when he first took Kilbane in tow the Cleveland Irishman knew little, if anything, about footwork. When Jimmy got through with his pal and protégé, Kilbane's punching ability had been improved more than a hundred per cent. And Kilbane is not through learning and practicing. Dunn teaches the champion new pointers every time they put on the gloves.

**Good Student**  
Kilbane is an apt student; he likes to be taught; admits he doesn't know everything; follows instructions carefully, and likes to practice new punches. Can you imagine a champion, the best at his weight in the world, listen to instructions? It is hard to believe, yet that really is Kilbane's reason for success.

When Wolf placed himself under the tutelage of Dunn, Jimmy discovered right away that Jack was a clever, shifty youngster. He indulged many blows, continued punching until the other fellow clinched, yet Wolf's punches carried little force. He didn't, and doesn't yet, know how to punch. Gradually, Dunn says, Wolf is improving his hitting powers, and if Wolf takes as much interest in his work of learning as Dunn does in teaching, the bantam probably will place himself on the highest pinnacle of the division now ruled by Pete Herman.

**Dunn's Teaching**  
In teaching his boys the art of punching, neither Dunn nor the pupil in any way places himself in jeopardy of getting hurt, or even hit. And all punches, jabs, hooks, uppercuts and right crosses, are delivered with great force. The wallop, though, do not land on any part of the recipient's body. Before a punch, directed for the head or body, is delivered, the defender's gloves is placed in such a position to receive the entire force of the blow as he tells the offender where to hit. This seems easy, but it takes diligent and patient training to master the art of punching with full force and not hurting the other fellow.

**SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS**  
Eddie Holland will be the third man at the ring at the Cambria when Joe Horrell endeavors to knock off Jeff Smith in the star bout. Holland was the official referee. Charley Doyle and Johnny Duffy, lightweights, are semi-pros. The other numbers Joe Krome meets Whitley Baker, Benny Harrison faces Bert Snyder, and Eddie Kelly opposes Young Sullivan.

Johnny Krassus has a difficult proposition on his mind. He has a fight scheduled for tonight at Cooper Station with Charley Thomas in the main mix. Billy Korte, a French lad, makes his debut in the main mix. Dunn will observe the fight. Jimmy McBride and Walter Brown, Battling



**PENN GETS STAR PLAYER**  
"Tuffy" Conn, one of the best half-backs ever developed on the Pacific Coast, will enter the University of Pennsylvania on February 11.

## DICK RUDOLPH HOLD-OUT; OBJECTS 10-DAY RELEASE

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—Pitcher Dick Rudolph, of the Boston Braves, sends word here that he has not signed his 1917 contract because he is not satisfied with it. Rudolph has not protested against the terms named, which are believed to be around \$7000, the sum he received last year. But he states that a time limit of February 1 was put on the return of the contract by President Haughton and that the contract contains the abnoxious ten days' release clause.

## Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

**BROADWAY**—Jack Blackburn defeated Harry Baker; Ed O'Malley won from Eddy Lford; Frankie Williams beat Freddie Wolf; Frank Farmer suffered a badly cut eye and had to quit; Johnny Brown, first Willie Manning outfought Johnny Moran.

**ATLANTIC CITY** (amateurs)—Mike Falzone won from Tommy Mitchell; Falzone also beat Al Cohen on a foul; second; Cohen stopped Fred Vale; Tommy Kelly outpointed Mike Craven; Craven and Kelly were charged; Joe DeSelle beat William Shannon; Sammie Robinson stopped Victor Rosen; Sammie Palmer and Al Monroe were charged from the bell; Frank Kelly beat Joe Miller; Frankie defeated William Harvey.

**READING**—Johnny Mayo knocked out Al Britt; first; Young Sharkey beat Young Dundee; Dundee breaking his hand.

**NEW YORK**—Benny Leonard won from Frankie Callahan.

**NEW ORLEANS**—Joe Lynch beat One-Punch Moran; three rounds.

Manion and Howard, and Phil Ryan and Joe Kagan compose other bouts.

Tonight at the Nonpareil A. C. the star bout will bring together Joe Phillips, of Frankford, and Mickey Gallagher, of Smoky Hollow. The remaining bouts will be Joe Deiger vs. Jerry Martin, Billy Donovan vs. Alid Hane, Benny Harrison vs. Harry McKenna and Joe Miller vs. Marty Collins.

Johnny Kilbane and Johnny Ray, the champion opponent for tomorrow night at the National Club, are expected in Philadelphia tonight or early tomorrow morning. The little Pittsburgher has had previous experience in the ring with Kilbane, making his first appearance at the Broad street arena, in a bout with Sam Houston.

Lockport Jimmy Duff is to be Eddie McAndrews' Joe in the wind-up at the Olympia Monday night, and the Maryland boxer may expect an early tomorrow morning. The little Pittsburgher has had previous experience in the ring with Kilbane, making his first appearance at the Broad street arena, in a bout with Sam Houston.

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## TWO MAXWELLS IN GOLF SEMI-FINALS

### Philadelphian Plays Seggerman and New Yorker Meets Beall

PINEHURST, N. C., Feb. 2.—Four of the strongest entries are entered in the semifinal rounds today, with Norman Maxwell pitted against Henry Seggerman and Lee Maxwell giving battle with E. C. Beall. As all four of the semifinals have been playing fast golf, there is unusual interest in elimination for Saturday's final.

In Thursday's match young Maxwell, from Philadelphia, found a rugged opponent in Clayton Dixon, who hung on grimly, carrying the match to the seventeenth cup before he was finally beaten, 2 and 1. Both were playing good, sound golf, with no spectacular features.

Lee Maxwell continued his unbeaten career at Pinehurst by defeating George Small, 3 and 4. Small started out briskly and was 2 up at the third hole, but from that point on the Sleepy Hollow entry settled down to a fast, steady, well-kept upon par golf. He finished at a 76 clip, a trifle too fast for his opponent.

## TINY GILHOOLEY, AT 140 POUNDS, UP TO "SLIM" LOVE, SIX FEET SIX, SHOWS BASEBALL ASSORTED SIZES

### BY GRANTLAND RICE

"WHO," asks a noncombatant, "is the smallest and who is the largest ball player in the major leagues today?"

The lightest ball player we know of in the game is Johnny Evers, who weighs only about 140. Miller Huggins is around the same weight, while Maranville isn't much more.

There is no great difference among Evers, Maranville, Huggins and Gilhooley. The largest athlete now in major league captivity is probably Charles Munro Tars, rear of the Giants. Charles Munro weighs around 230, none of which is fat.

The shortest athlete is Maranville, around five feet five. The tallest is Slim Love, at six feet five and a half.

**The Other Fellow's Game**  
The sportive populace of this country is rapidly developing a far broader outlook. At the recent baseball meeting in New York a few weeks back we found three groups of ball players all talking golf.

They were all comparing average scores and discussing this method and that of playing a shot. It was hard to get the conversation switched to baseball.

A few weeks later we ran into a bunch of golf pros at Pinehurst, including Jack Jolly and Alex Ross. In attempting to talk a bit of golf there was no outside chance. The main topic was baseball.

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**About One's Game**  
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