

WAR IS A GOOD THING IF ALL RACE HORSES ENLIST—THEN WE ARE SURE TO SAVE MONEY

BOXING COMMISSION RUINS DARCY'S OPPONENTS AND NOW GRANT BROWNE LOSES HIS CHANCE TO LOSE \$50,000

Official Edict Is That McCoy and Dillon Settle Their Long-Standing Quarrel Before March 1. Will Kill Interest in Big Bout on March 5

IT NOW looks as if the fates are conspiring to prevent Grant Hugh Browne from staging the initial battle between Les Darcy and somebody else and depriving him of the honor of losing about \$50,000. The New York Boxing Commission has put the kibosh, or something like that, on the bout with McCoy, and when all arrangements had been made to substitute Jack Dillon, the commission stepped in and put that match on the blink. The official edict is that Dillon and McCoy must settle their long-standing quarrel in John Welsman's club on or before March 1, and after that Darcy can take on both men in one night if he so desires. All of which is perfectly proper, if it were not for the fact that Browne is tied up with Alburts, the champ. Al is to receive \$10,000 for his share of the fuss with Darcy, and if he is walloped all over Brooklyn by Dillon, he still has the signed papers in his possession and can call at Madison Square Garden on the night of March 5 and collect his dough. But he can collect but \$10,000, and Browne would lose more than that if the inflection is perpetrated.

Of course, there is a possibility of McCoy flattening Dillon, and there also is a possibility of John D. Rockefeller giving a million to fight the high cost of gasoline. Alburts, if he ever lands a haymaker on Jack's jaw, will send him to sleep early in the evening; but although it is well known that McCoy can hit like a pile driver, it also is well known that he lands about one punch in twenty. The truth of the matter is that Alburts, the champ, is one of the worst fighters in the world and always puts up a rotten performance. He covers up from bell to bell, and all that can be seen is a covering of gloves, arms and elbows. Even if he stays ten rounds with Dillon it will kill the match with Darcy. The best thing Browne can do is to postpone the match until McCoy becomes aged and infirm, or slip the champ \$10,000 and get a real fighter to meet Darcy in the Garden.

AUSTRALIA is thousands of miles away and it's a safe bet that Grant Hugh Browne wishes that Darcy had never left the place. It is rumored that he is willing to give Leslie a ticket home—one way—any time he asks for it.

Frank Moran Is Out With \$7500 Debt for Fred Fulton
FREDWARD, the Furious Fulton, is in again. This time he is assisted by Francis Charles Moran, the heavyweight stumbling block, and Francis Charles appears in the offing with a bundle of coin and a desire to engage in battle with Fredward. The blonde Irishman is certain he can take Fulton's measure and dreads him to sign for a match. And, to make things interesting, he will guarantee the huge plasterer \$7500 before, during or after the fight if he only signs the papers. That's a big bunch of money, even for a man of Fulton's class, but the big guy isn't breaking his neck in a wild scramble to grab it. The bout with Willard looks too good to be spoiled and he will continue to sidestep until it is closed or called off altogether. At that, Moran would have a good chance of putting the furious one away for the count. If he trained as hard as he did for Coffey in the two battles and for the mix-up with Willard, Fred would be in grave danger every second he is in the ring. Francis Charles has a knockout wallop, as can be proved by Coffey, and can absorb all kinds of punishment, as Willard will tell you. He probably would have a defense for that good left jab carried by his opponent and then lay back until the opportunity came to slip over his "Mary Anne." Moran can hit Fulton, and any man the Irishman can hit squarely will fall. For that reason the match never will be made unless Fred is starving to death or is given the gate by Jess Willard.

Alex Now a Member of the High Salary League
GROVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER, purchased by the Phils for \$650 and after six years in the National League, has finally jumped into the class of ball players drawing huge salaries. He will begin this season to draw a salary proportionate with other great stars of the game, after having pitched his team into one pennant and having tried valiantly to do the same thing in two other seasons. He signed a contract calling for a salary, it is generally believed, of \$125,000 a year. This is \$2500 less than the sum he was holding out for and is \$2500 more than he was "finally" offered by President Baker.

There are now five men in baseball believed to be drawing larger salaries than Alexander. Two of these, John J. McGraw and George Stallings, are managers. Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker and Eddie Collins are the others. They are admittedly the greatest players in the game. Cobb is reported to be drawing \$15,000 a year, Speaker \$17,500 and Collins \$15,000. Walter Johnson, of the Senators, is receiving a salary of \$12,500.

Comparing the record of Alexander with records of other high-salaried stars, it is reasonable to argue that Alexander should have received the raise he has been granted long ago. In 1915 Alex won thirty-one games and lost ten, pitching his team almost unaided into the championship of the National League. He missed duplicating this feat last fall by the narrowest of margins. In fact, he pitched two games in a single day last fall, winning both of them. He won the only world's series game credited to the Phillies over the Red Sox in the 1915 conflict.

English Billiards More Complicated Than American Game
THE English game of billiards, which is being demonstrated by George Gray, professional champion of England, and Bert Kortlang, one-time amateur champion of the United States and Australia, is different from the American game, in so far as it is more complicated and the rules are more strict, though it is easier to run up a high score with fewer shots than in the American game. The table on which the English game is played is twelve by six feet, which is more than one-third larger than the American table. The balls are smaller, being 2-3/32 inches in diameter. The cues which some billiardists use vary. Gray uses a small, finely tapered one, the tip being three-eighths of an inch in diameter, while Kortlang uses a large one, which is nearly the size of the average stick.

A possible ten points can be made in the game. To make your own ball off the red ball counts three, and off your opponent's the count is two. If the red ball is made in a pocket it scores three, and the opponent's white ball shot into a pocket counts two. If the red ball is pocketed after making a billiard, and then the opponent's ball, along with your own, goes into the pocket, the count is ten. This shot, according to Gray, is hardly ever won. In fact, it is almost an impossibility unless the balls are placed in perfect position. A shot which is made regularly by Willie Hoppe, hitting the red ball, getting it out of the way to hit the white ball, according to Gray, who demonstrated the shot at the Regent Academy, 1209 Market street, would not be tolerated in England, because, he says, when this shot is made you have to hit the shooting ball twice with your cue, and the shooting ball comes back before you can get your stick out of the way. The shot that made Gray famous is the "side hazard." He gets the opponent's white ball out of the way, then the red ball in the center of the table and shoots at the red ball from the balk line and makes his own ball in the side pocket. In almost all cases it brings the red ball back to its identical position. His record of 2196 points was made mostly by the "side-hazard" shots.

SYRACUSE has a new football coach. Now all they need is about a dozen new football players of the first class and all will be well.

Cobb's Creek Golf Club May Flourish Next Year
NOW that an entirely new line-up of officers has been introduced into the Cobb's Creek Golf Club, made up of players at the public links of this city, there may be something more of usefulness and interest in the body than was the case last year, when the club ran amuck. The club was founded last year soon after the opening of the course by H. Wellington Wood and Arthur Edgecomb Rendie. It had for its purpose the bringing together of the players at the club in common friendship, the introduction of tournaments at the course for the purpose of stimulating golf interest among the beginners, and the suggestion of various improvements and ideas to the Park Commission which those using the club every day would be in a position to give. It was thought that the players at the course, acting as a solid unit, would have more influence than the tax-paying golfers acting individually. H. Wellington Wood was elected president at the first meeting, which was held at the Ritz-Carillon, and Arthur Edgecomb Rendie was elected treasurer. They received their offices, it was said by those present, because they appeared to know a lot about golf, to be fine players, and because they made the best speeches.

But the Fireworks Soon Began
THE club got in bad with the Golf Association of Philadelphia, which had done most of the work in getting the links on the local map, right at the start and had a very stormy existence. Wood tried to run the course, then had a fight with Rendie, and after that Rendie tried to run the course. Both were "on the outs" with each other and finally things were maneuvered so that the sides were put under Wood and he was ousted at the "reorganization" meeting, which was called together mostly through the influence of Rendie. It was Rendie's plan to be himself elected to the presidency, and with this in mind he came to the meeting loaded down with proxies. But the proxies were ruled out and thus Rendie was not elected to anything but the discard. The new and progressive element was elected to power, and those interested in the public course now sit back and wait for developments. Last year the public course came into something of disrepute through the activities of the self-organized club, and if the policy of the Cobb's Creek Golf Club is not changed this year, it would seem time for the Park Commission to step in and wipe it off the map.

IT HAD been a tough winter for the men who build football teams. Debe, Fowler and Holtenback have been taken over the hurdles, and Debe is the only one who succeeded in holding on. The trio know no more about football than Kibbe does about fighting.



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Leadership Depends on Result of Jasper-Greystock Game Tonight

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Jasper	W. L. P. C.	Camden	W. L. P. C.
Greystock	8 5 518	Camden	6 8 508
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SCHEDULE FOR WEEK
Tonight: Greystock vs. Camden, at Trenton.
Saturday: Trenton vs. De Nerl; Camden, at Reading.

AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAYOFF

Hancock	W. L. P. C.	Fiftieth	W. L. P. C.
Hancock	1 0 1000	Fiftieth	0 1 000

Again is the Eastern basketball leadership at stake when Jasper invades Cooper Hall, Twenty-third and Christian streets, tonight and clashes with Bailey's champions. We were about to remark that this may be the crucial game of the season, but this dear old adjective is so overworked in Eastern League society that it may well be reserved for a shot at Greystock.

Jasper's victory over De Nerl last night showed the Jewels out front, but a setback by the Cooper Hall warriors will relegate them to second place. It will result in a tie without burdening our mental equilibrium that the last time the Kenningtonians invaded the domicile of the Ramcat aggregation the evening's session resembled a battle on the Somme, and about as near as we hope to get to the trenches is the scene of this evening's battle.

From this explanation it will be observed that a bunch of apples will not be seen in action and only those in the best of shape will face Referee Baetzal when he calls the big show to order.

The team that wins will surely have the inside track in the race, especially if Jasper comes out on top, as the Greys are a game behind the schedule, their game with Camden on the Sketcators' court Wednesday being postponed. And these foreign conflicts in the Eastern are generally hard to get away with.

Jasper won his seventeenth straight game on the home floor by defeating De Nerl last night by the score of 25 to 23. The victory gave Jasper the lead, at least temporarily, in the race. It was a close affair throughout, the first half ending 12 to 10 in favor of the home talent. The Jewels outscored the visitors from the top of the field; they went to Friedman 5, Sedran 1, Dark 2, Leonard 1, Fox 1, Dreyfus 2, Norman 2, Barlow 1 and Harvey 1. At four shooting Dark tossed 12 out of 20 and Norman 11 out of 18. The feature of the fracas was the clever work of Marty Friedman. He was opposed to Ernie Reich, and the latter was shut out, although two pretty baskets were tossed out on him by Referee Keely. Kid Dark came to life in the second half, and his two goals were only gained after remarkable springs down the floor.

What may prove the deciding game in the American League will be staged at Natatorium Hall, when Hancock and Fiftieth Club meet in the second of the series to determine the winner in that organization. Foul shooting decided the first game, which Hancock galloped away with quite handsly. On that occasion Bill Strange, the usually reliable one-point tosser of Fiftieth, was away off color, and Woodie, of Hancock, had a "night on." As the field goals were even, Hancock got first leg on the championship, a victory for Fiftieth will even up the argument, and then the winner will be decided on Monday. If Hancock lands, then the players of that club can keep in shape to play the Industrial titheholders for the championship of the city.

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HORIZON IS DIPPED IN SNOWS, BUT "SPRING HAS COME," AS PROVED BY BASEBALL CLUBS POINTED SOUTH

By GRANTLAND RICE
HEREWITH we announce the arrival of another spring. The landscape may be gray with snow or bleak with leafless trees that stand outlined against a slate-colored sky. The wind may have a Hop upon its fast One attached to the sting of a virile young hornet. It may be snowing or blowing, or both. These things have nothing whatever to do with the case. For spring has come. It arrived with the announcement that sundry ball clubs were mobilizing and pointing in the general direction of the pink-tinted South—

In Dixie land to take their stand And slow the pill to beat the band, To loosen up long-frosted wings With infield peeps and outfield flings. Where "Coming Cobbs" are after jobs And budding stars are thick, But where by May they fade away To let the Old Boys stick.

In Dixie land they're praised and panned, And some are held and some are cussed, Where agile scorers evolve new curves, With phantom dips and mystic curves, Where one and all land on the ball And play a jam-up game, But where by June, in Skatatoon, They've faded from the frame.

With major league ball clubs headed South, spring can be officially written across the face of the calendar. These lines are its official heralds: "Marquard takes it easy, but says the old arm feels great"; "Eddie Collins faster than ever around the old bag"; "Dave Robertson faster than ever before."

Advance Dope
Advance dope, with its usual elasticity, is already beginning to swarm across the borders of the sporting page. In the National League it is now a question of "Who'll beat out the Giants?" In the American League the main query is, "Can the Red Sox get by again?" McGraw not only has the strongest ball club on paper. Last fall, in the five closing weeks, he had by all odds the strongest ball club on the field. Until the collapse came at the finish he had a club able to run rough-shod over all opposition—the main answer being twenty-six straight. The main angle is that last May the Giants won seventeen straight on the road and then flopped from within a game of the peak to sixth place. They were the most erratic ball club that ever took the field. In two

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Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

BROADWAY—Joe Welsh defeated Mickey Gallagher, Mike Burns won from Young Borrell, Harry Leonard drew with Charley Walters, Gene Gannon knocked out Pete Connors, third; Connie Schaeffer stopped Scraprup Daniels, third.

NEW YORK—Frankie Burns knocked out Zulu Kid, fourth; Soldier Barfield out-pointed Marty Cross, Joe Azevedo hit Mike Paulson low, third; Joe Burman drew with Billy Fitzsimmons, Jack Sachs beat Young Benny, Tim Callahan won from Billy Wilton, Vic Dahl defeated K. O. Jaffe.

NEW BEDFORD—Eddie Wickert defeated Johnny Crane, Young Schaeffer and Yunk Ketchel drew.

LAWRENCE, Mass.—Joe Connolly defeated Willie Beecher.

BOSTON—Joe Kazan stopped Jimmy Gardner, tenth.

EL PASO, Tex.—John Newton stopped Jimmy Vandemeyer, seventh.

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BROWN PREPS WIN FROM BORDENTOWN
Wittmaier's Field Goals Bring Home Victory, 34 to 30

Brown Preparatory School's athletes sprang a surprise in the holiday game with the Bordentown Military team at Bordentown yesterday by winning in a great rally, featured by the field-goal shooting of Wittmaier, the brilliant center. The Browns won, 34 to 30. Six of the points were made by Brown's center in the last few minutes of play.

Splendid teamwork gave the Brown and White the victory. Landberg, Thomas, Dunn, Welsh and Wittmaier all performed splendidly. Wittmaier scored the goals in a pinch. He brought home the victory at a critical time. But all the Brown's deserved credit, for every member of the team scored points. Hart and Thomas excelled for Bordentown.

The big Haverford College meet for the private school athletes will hold the center of interest in scholastic track and gymnastic sports tonight. Haverford College knows how to entertain the schoolboys. They are guests at dinner, have every facility for preparing for the games and are rewarded with handsome silver trophies when they finish among the place winners. The gymnastic feats will be especially interesting, but the dashes and the high jump and a broad jump will also hold the interest of the spectators. All the schools in this section, such teams as Episcopal, Friends', Central, Germantown Academy, Penn Charter, as well as many of the out-of-town preparatory schools, have entered athletes.

Perkiomen School won from Haverford, due to the all-around work of the Pennsylvania boys. Eichenberger, Renner, Mathers, Harmer and Bachel all played consistent basketball. The team was going at a lively clip, and the field-goal throwing of Renner and Mathers showed that they were in a holiday mood. Humphreys was Haverford's star, with twelve field goals and three foul goals.

Winn, Cairns, Greenaway, O. Humphreys and Graham also played for the Main Line team, but their teamwork was not as good as usual and the home squad was unusually weak in foul-goal scoring.

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