TRUE SPORTSMANSHIP OF BOXING FAN PROVED IN OFFICIAL FIGURES FOR THE BIG BENEFIT SHOW

CHRISTMAS A VERY BUSY SEASON WITH GOLFERS, WHO MAKE THINGS BRIGHT FOR CADDIES AND OTHERS

Philmont Has Most Successful Year in History—Wilfred Reid Urges More Two-Shot Holes; Would Eliminate Three-Shotters

I am the Spirit of Golf.
I go into the marts of men and call them into the open country.
I invite them with May winds and the scent of flowers and the song of birds and lure them away from their workaday world.
I walk with them over green fields and under smiling skies.
I sweep away the mental cobwebs and give instead peace and contentment.
I restore throbbing nerves and am a panacea for all cares and worries.
I appeal alike to the young and the old, to the strong and the weak. Presidents and rulers, poets and peasants, the high and the low are my devotees.
I neither buy nor sell, lend nor borrow; I receive nothing and give all.
I test men's souls and try their tempers and I bring forth the best in all.
A million of the American people are my willing slaves.
And men rise and call me blessed. PETER PUTTER.

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THIS tribute to the greatest of games and recreative pleasures was written by us three years ago at this season of the year, and it is republished not at the request of any one, but simply because some one might wish to cut it out for the scrapbook. There are better tributes, of course, and if you happen to have them just send them in for publication.

The Yuletide Season in Golfland

CHRISTMAS time is a busy season with the golfers. Most of the clubs are giving or have given the caddies their annual dinner, and by this time every member of the thirty-odd clubs in the Philadelphia district has received a letter from the house and green committees asking for contributions toward the Christmas fund for the employes. One statement that was sent out from one of the clubs opened with the naive remark that if the members had any money left after responding to the numerous appeals the committee would be glad to receive donations. Many of the clubs do not permit tipping by the members and this annual appeal gives the club members an opportunity to make up for tips saved during the year.

There is little doubt that the golf clubs will reply favorably to the request of the national fuel administrator that the coal now being used in the golf houses be conserved. The great majority of the clubs have two separate buildings, one for general club purposes and the other for the locker room. The number of men who play winter golf, unless there is a very open season, is purely negligible. The clubs spend a lot of money keeping the locker houses warm for the members, but there are not enough golfers who care sufficiently for winter golf to make the effort worth while. There is not much sense in burning thousands of tons of coal during the winter months for no purpose at all.

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WHEN we realize that the private families are having so much trouble getting their one and two ton lots and the big factories and plants must be kept going, it seems almost criminal for the clubs to throw away those thousands of tons of coal each winter. Not only will the clubs aid the Government, but they will help themselves by this economy. There is plenty of room in every club to accommodate the golfers who want to play winter golf and no one is going to be put to any great inconvenience by locking up the numerous locker rooms.

Merry Christmas to Philadelphia Golfers

HERE is a merry Christmas to golfers throughout the city. There are two thankless jobs in this golf life. One is the chairmanship of the green committee and the other is the task of running the house committee. No matter how hard either chairman works, he comes in for a lot of criticism. Much of it is merited, but most of it is not. The green committee chairman may make all kinds of needed changes, he may keep the course in the pink of condition for months at a time; but let him have one day when the grass is not cut, when there is no sand in the boxes, when the greens are not cut and rolled, and every bit of good he has done is forgotten. Of all the thankless jobs in a country club, his is the most thankless. The same is true of the chairman of the house committee. So a fellow sufferer takes this opportunity of expressing to every other chairman of the green committee and his helpers the wish that he and they may have a joyous Christmas time, free of complaint.

With a lot of golf clubs in this district worrying as to whether there will be a credit or debit side of the ledger this year, the Philmont Country Club is to be congratulated on its very fine showing. The net profit as it appears in the annual report of Ellis A. Gimbel, the president, was the sum of $4840, the largest in the eleven years' history of the club. Four years ago the floating indebtedness was $36,000. This year it is down to $14,000, and the club hopes to wipe it out entirely by next year. Philmont is very kind to the visitors. They are welcome there as guests of the members of the club and the members paid in green fees for them last year the sum of $2839, the number of visitors being 1341.

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PHILMONT did a lot for the Red Cross Society, a net sum of $1251.78 being turned over. Trophies were dispensed with and the entire entry fees went to the Red Cross. There were 10,168 caddie engagements and the youngsters earned $8660.50 this year, as compared with $8997.85 last year. The big months were May, June, July, September and October. The banner month was June and the poorest month was February.

Philmont May Add Another Golf Course

MENTION has been made concerning the possibility of another nine or eighteen-hole course and radical changes made to the present course. A number of the club members have purchased a tract of 157 acres adjoining the present links and these have given the club an option until next September. One of the plans under discussion is to have the club buy the property and then sell a number of bungalow sites. The matter will be put up to the club members in a concrete form later. The club championship was won by Simon Garlie, with Louis F. Dannenbaum as runner-up, and the women's title went to Mrs. Raymond Slotter. Mrs. Arthur Liveright winning the qualifying round and losing in the final match. The restaurant did a business of more than $17,000, the cafe $4300, and the total income was in excess of $65,000. The green committee spent in excess of $10,700 and the house committee $22,500. The club has a total membership of 616.

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MR. GIMBEL, who has been the only president since the club was organized, hits the nail on the head when he says: "In these trying days, when every one is giving so much of himself to the extraordinary demands of the hour, one may turn with good conscience to some needed relaxation that will strengthen him for further effort. Philmont gives this opportunity to each of us. We are better citizens, with a greater capacity for service, if we are healthy citizens."

Here Is a Real, Worthy Golf Suggestion

WILFRED REID, the professional at the Wilmington Country Club, is the intelligent type of the golf pro. Many a professional who plays wonderful golf makes a poor instructor, because he cannot tell the pupil the why and wherefore of things. He plays a purely intuitive game. But Reid not only plays the game, but he is an excellent teacher. Reid has come out rather recently with a brand-new idea in golf. He would have a course made up of one and two shot holes. He says there is not a good three-shot hole in this or any other country.

He points out with reference to the three-shot holes that even if the player spoils one shot, it is possible for the player to land on the green in two more shots. If he misses the drive the next two shots become brassey shots. If he drives well and misses his brassey, another brassey will land him home. But in the case of the well-planned two-shot holes he thinks it is not possible. In such a condition of affairs it would not be fair for the player, whether he missed the first drive or second shot, to land on the green in less than two more shots. There are plenty of such holes in Philadelphia and some of the best of this type are at Pine Valley. The holes played at the new Riverton course will result in some of that kind.

IT WILL HAPPEN IN THE BEST REGULATED OF FAMILIES

CAGE FIVES TIED FOR LEAGUE LEAD

Street, of Harper Team Tops Scorers in Northwest Church Circuit

MEADE ATHLETES HERE

THE first half of the Northwest Church Association basketball season came to a close yesterday, the first series resulting in a tie between Olivet-Covenant and Swenkenfelder, each team having lost one game and won six. The tie will be decided on December 29 at First Dutch Hall, Fifteenth and Dauphin streets, and the winner will be the champion of the first series.

The second series will begin on January 7, the circuit being the same as before with the exception of Twenty-ninth Street Methodist, which has dropped out of the league. There are many other teams anxious to secure the vacant place, however, and one of them will be selected next week.

The scoring records for the first series are as follows:

	G.	Fd.G.	Ft.G.	T.
Street, Harper	7	29	68	126
Fithian, Olivet-Covenant	7	16	83	115
Marshall, Schwenkfelder	7	13	83	109
Sperle, Calvary	5	20	23	63
Rein, First Dutch	5	8	38	54
Barger, Harper	7	23	6	52
Hunter, Calvary	7	22	1	45
S. McMinn, Covenant	6	8	34	42
Fisher, First Dutch	5	9	16	34
Weiner, Northwest	4	3	17	23
Benedet, Covenant	6	10		22
Berger, Covenant	4	6	12	24
Wikel, Olivet-Covenant	6	11	2	24
Gervais, First Dutch	6	10	2	22
Burnard, Schwenkfelder	7	11		22
Bloomfield, Schwenkfelder	7	10		20
Verner, Northwest	4	4	11	19
Evans, Covenant	7	7	5	19
Schaick, Olivet-Covenant	6	9		18
Green, Calvary	5	8		16
Gaugler, Harper	7	6		12
Sigel, Schwenkfelder	7	5		11
Schmig, Covenant	6	6		12
Hunsl, Schwenkfelder	6	5		10
Weaver, First Dutch	6	1		8
Rhea, Northeast	6	2	4	8
Michel, Harper	4	4		8
Appleby, Olivet-Covenant	6	3		6
Seifert, Calvary	7	3		6
Weichart, Harper	7	3		6
Shelton, Northwest	5	2		4
Pike, Olivet-Covenant	5	2		4
Trisharn, First Dutch	5	1		2
W. McMinn, Covenant	4			0
Streck, Calvary	5			0

Players scoring in every game were Fithian, Olivet-Covenant, and Barger, Harper.

FINAL STANDING OF TEAMS

	W.	L.	P.C.
Schwenkfelder	6	1	.857
Olivet-Covenant	6	1	.857
Harper	5	2	.714
Covenant	4	3	.571
Calvary	4	3	.571
First Dutch	2	5	.286
29th Street M. E.	0	7	.000

POINTS SCORED BY TEAMS

	G.	Fd.G.	Ft.G.	T.
Harper	7	69	74	212
Schwenkfelder	7	49	83	181
Calvary	7	65	47	177
Olivet-Covenant	7	45	85	175
Covenant	7	49	48	132
First Dutch	7	35	57	127
Northeast Memorial	7	22	44	88
29th Street M. E.	7	3	17	23
Total				1115

POINTS SCORED AGAINST TEAMS

	G.	Fd.G.	Ft.G.	T.
Harper	7	78	61	217
Covenant	7	50	58	118
29th Street M. E.	7	54	67	121
Olivet-Covenant	7	53	76	129
Schwenkfelder	7	41	51	133
First Dutch	7	43	68	154
Calvary	7	46	67	159
Northeast Memorial	7	65	61	191
Total				1115

Note—Twenty-ninth Street M. E. forfeited four games.

Camp Meade Boys Here

The 315th Regiment Camp Meade basketball team reached here this morning for the big game of basketball to be played tonight at Traymore Hall, Franklin street and Columbia avenue.

The 315th Regiment, of Camp Meade, is composed exclusively of Philadelphia boys who are well known to the fans and will be captained by Walter Keating. The line-up will be selected from Johnny McCann (St. Ann's), Walter Keating (St. Elizabeth's), Bert Young (St. Simeon's), forwards; Diegler (Hancock), center; "Cy" Simendinger (St. Elizabeth's, also of Plymouth State League team), John Carney (St. Columba's), Ambacker (St. Malachy's), guards, and Pat Taggert, of Beacon.

These men are all in the best of condition as they have been preparing for some time for this game. St. Columba's line-up will comprise the following men: Tom Dunleavy, of Wilkes-Barre; "Al" Fisher, of Greystock; Joe McNamee, St. Rita; Sam Lennox, of Carbondale; Midge Moore and George Dietrich.

As an extra attraction there will be a preliminary game between Keen Kutter and St. Elizabeth's Reserves. The players of both teams offered their services and expect to put up a great battle. In the line-ups will be boys well known in the scholastic ranks and minor leagues.

The following players will be seen in action: Keen Kutter—Pflugfelder and Coffey, forwards; O'Neill, center; Fisher and Bourne, guards. St. Elizabeth's Reserves—Fox and Gallagher, forwards; Simendinger or Downey, center; O'Donnell and Mulhern, guards.

There will be dancing from 9:30 until 12 o'clock.

RICE'S ALL-STAR INFIELDERS HAVE BATTING AVERAGE OF .340 AND OUTFIELDERS RATING OF .365

Mathewson and Ewing Would Have Overflow Supply of Brains and Team Certainly Would Be a Formidable One

By GRANTLAND RICE

An All-Time All-Star Team
No. 8—The Roundup

Catcher—Buck Ewing, New York-Cincinnati.
Pitcher—Christy Mathewson, New York.
First base—Fred Tenney, Boston.
Second base—Eddie Collins, Philadelphia-Chicago.
Shortstop—Hans Wagner, Pittsburgh.
Third base—Jimmy Collins, Boston.
Outfield—Ty Cobb, Detroit; Tris Speaker, Boston-Cleveland; Willie Keeler, Baltimore.

A Few Arguments

THERE are only a few spots open to rebuttal in the above array. There are logical arguments to be offered that Hal Chase or Frank Chance should displace Fred Tenney at first.

But in the way of batting and fielding records, Tenney wins.

It might be argued that Mike Kelly should displace Tris Speaker or Willie Keeler. But those who have watched the game closely for over thirty years—those who have qualified as keen students of all-around ability—pick Speaker and Keeler.

It might be argued that Radbourne or Johnson or Alexander was a greater pitcher than Mathewson.

But we'll string with Matty against the field.

Stars Left in Action

From this array four of the nine men are still left for active service. They are Eddie Collins, Hans Wagner, Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker, with Wagner at the end of the long lightest. So Collins, Cobb and Speaker will be the sole survivors within another year.

Mathewson is still in the game as a manager, where he already has shown great ability. The others have completed their day.

Four of the nine men were successful managers and two others turned down major league managerial offers.

One was a star back in the eighties, Buck Ewing. Three others, Tenney, Jimmy Collins and Keeler, earned most of their fame between 1890 and 1900.

Still another, Wagner, began starring in 1896 and continued the process for exactly twenty years.

The normal batting averages of this outfield would be around .340. In their best years it would be above .350.

The normal batting averages of the outfield would be around .365. In their best years it would be more than .400.

A battery composed of Mathewson and Ewing would have an overflow supply of brains sufficient to make up two or three clubs.

Stamina is another feature of this array, for most of them served longer than a dozen years, and none of them lasted less than ten as stars.

Averages built over the long trail could only count in such a line-up, for two or three years of brilliancy hardly could be matched against twelve or fifteen years of stardom.

The Verdict

The above is the verdict arrived at after discussions with managers, players and writers who have seen a big section of the long parade and who, therefore, are able to compare the stars of today with the best men of forgotten years.

Out of the thousands of fine players who have made up the rollcall of the game since 1870 it would seem impossible to pick nine men and award them the olive wreath. In several instances the margin among three or four is slight.

But as far as deductions, observations, records and opinions go the cast named isn't very far away from an all-time, all-star round-up, picked for ability, stamina, brains, aggressiveness and team value.

If it doesn't stick, just what name from the above could you drop?

SCHOOLBOY FUMBLES

By PAUL PREP

NORTHEAST High School will open its basketball season this afternoon, lining up against the Girard College five on the collegians' cement floor. Coach Oscar Gerney has had his Archive protegés on the floor for only two practices and, therefore, is not looking for his team to finish on top. The Girard team has been practicing daily, and its victory over West Philadelphia High last Saturday showed it to be in mid-season form.

The Red and Black will be represented by virtually a veteran five. Carter and White, the best pair of guards in the Public High School League last season, will be found at their old positions. Herzog, varsity center man last year, will endeavor to tap the oval to his teammates in today's contest, while "Irish" O'Brien, leading scorer for Northeast last season, will take care of one of the forward positions. The other forward position will be filled by either Gendel Reeves, Weckerly or Schneider, all members of last year's varsity squad.

It has been the custom of the basketball teams of Northeast in past years to drop the opening contest, and with only two practices it is more than likely that the old custom will be in vogue. The second team will line up in the preliminary game.

Central High will hold basketball practice every day next week in preparation for the opening league contest on January 5. It should take only a few hard workouts to develop better teamwork, which has been the weak cog of the Crimson and Gold machine.

The all-scholastic basketball team still has a few open dates for Saturday and holiday games with the leading prep school quintets in and around Philadelphia. Manager Wittmaier would like to arrange a game with the Atlantic City High School.

Israel "Shrull" Geventer, of the South Philadelphia High School, who is a two-lettered man, baseball and basketball, will in all probability lead the South Philly basketball five for the latter part of the 1917-1918 season, as Captain Wattman, Mocky Buurin and Dondero will graduate in February. Geventer made the varsity baseball and basketball teams in his freshman year.

"Dutch" Diamond, a forward, and "Bunny" Freeman, a guard, are strong candidates for places on the South Philadelphia High School basketball team. Both Diamond and Freeman are fast track stars, besides being good baseball players. Freeman is a freshman and Diamond a sophomore.

Charles Schwartz, of the Central High School and a brother of "Reds" Schwartz, former Mirror star guard and at present a member of the University of Pennsylvania freshman basketball team, is a strong candidate for the Varsity basketball team. Schwartz is a freshman and captains the freshman basketball team of the Interclass League.

With a few exceptions members of the football teams in the local schools make good in basketball. On looking over the line-ups of the public high school teams it will be noticed that each team has one or more members of the last season's football team.

Comiskey Gives $1000 to Camp Fund

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the champion Chicago Americans, who made contributions totaling $17,000 to the Red Cross, yesterday donated $1000 to the war camp fund of the Knights of Columbus.

Bad Season for Caddies

A gentleman who had been spending a holiday at a Scottish seaside village noted for its golf links asked one of the caddies if he got much carrying to do in the winter time.

"Nae, sir, nae," replied the caddie. "There's nae carrying in the winter time. Ye see, it's this way: If it's no sna', it's frost; if it's na frost, its sna'; if it's neither sna' nor frost, it's rain; if it's na rain, it's wind; and if it's a fine day, it's the Sawbath."

WILLARD-FULTON BOUT UNLIKELY

Fighters Can't Agree and Red Cross Frowns on Whole Performance

JESS TO BOX TODAY

There appears today to be about as much chance of getting Jess Willard and Fred Fulton into the ring together as there is of electing the Kaiser President of the United States. If these battling mastodons ever clash it will be when some miracle worker smooths out a pathway to the ring that is just now all cluttered up with seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

In the first place Big Jess declares he will not battle more than ten rounds in the scrap he says he is willing to stage for the benefit of the Red Cross, and he stipulates that the title must not be involved.

Fulton says he will never box Willard unless it is in a match where he has a chance to win the title. Fulton likewise has scruples against giving all the money to the Red Cross and says he cannot afford to pay his own training expenses for the bout. Fred suggests that the fighters whack up half the purse between them and slip the Red Cross the remaining 50 per cent of the proceeds.

Promoters Won't Consent

Another difficulty in the way is Willard's declaration that he will promote the affair himself. This is more than likely to halt proceedings, for the promoters have the territory pretty well disjointed and are not likely to step aside and allow Jess to poach on their preserves. Just how the promoters feel about it is pretty clearly indicated by the eagerness with which they have come to the front with offers to stage the fight since Jess announced his willingness to battle for the benefit of the Red Cross.

State laws that limit the number of rounds and the character of bouts make it difficult also to find a place where such a bout could be staged with profit either to the promoters or the Red Cross.

Fulton Claims Title

Meanwhile heavyweight ranks present the anomalous situation of harboring two title claimants. It will be remembered that Fulton announced a few weeks ago that unless Willard posted a forfeit to meet him before December 20 he would claim the title.

Well, Jess ignored Fulton's announcement, so Fred is abroad "somewhere in the Sunny South" today telling the admiring natives that he is the champion because Jess has refused to joust with him.

Willard, feeling robust and still able to take care of himself, thinks the title is still his.

Red Cross Doesn't Want It

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.

The so-called Jess Willard Red Cross fight benefit has never been offered to the Red Cross officially, but when it is, if ever, it will be rejected, according to information today from reliable Red Cross sources. This information also disclosed lack of faith by the society in the offer of Matt Hinkel, Cleveland fight promoter, to underwrite the fight for $1,000,000.

When the matter is officially brought to the attention of the Red Cross it will be decided by a conference, but the result will be the rejection of the offer, according to all indications at the society's headquarters today. The principal reason for such action is the difference of opinion among the members regarding prize fighting as a sport.

The project has already been considerably dampened by the statement made by the champion that he will fight nothing but a ten-round no-decision affair.

GLASSCOCK AND WIFE KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Former Cleveland Shortstop Meets Death When Engine Hits His Automobile

CANTON, O., Dec. 22.—Jack B. Glasscock, shortstop on the Cleveland baseball club many years ago, and his wife were instantly killed when their automobile was struck by a train at Louisville, O.

Hinkel to Referee Big Fight

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Matt Hinkel, Cleveland sporting man, will officiate in the twelve-round battle between Bryan Downey and Johnny Griffiths at Akron, O., on New Year's afternoon, according to word given out here.

RING GAME PAYS ITS TRIBUTE AND $7273.44 TO SMOKE FUND AT BANNER BENEFIT PROGRAM

Fans, Boxers and the Promoters Responded Liberally and Virtually 100 Per Cent of Money Taken in Went to the Cause

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

BOXING has paid its tribute to the boys at the front. The much-maligned sport of the padded glove stepped to the front last Wednesday night and presented to the soldiers' tobacco fund $7273.44, the proceeds of the boxing show held at the Olympia A. A. This money has been paid to Mrs. William Gray Warden, chairman of the tobacco fund, and it will be used to purchase "smokes" for the boys.

Mrs. Warden stated that the money would furnish three and one-half shipments to the boys, as each costs $2000. She also said this morning that this is the largest amount she has received from any one affair, the next highest being a $2500 donation from a wealthy Philadelphian.

The fans of Philadelphia responded liberally. They gave up their money for the cause and gave the fistic game the greatest boost it ever has had. They made it possible for boxing to do its "bit" in the great war, and thousands of soldiers will offer their thanks when the parcels of tobacco are received. The amount is far above the original estimate, but as there were no expenses of which to speak, virtually 100 per cent of the money taken in at the door and subscribed by fans went to the fund.

How the Idea Originated

The idea for a "smoke show" was first sprung at a testimonial dinner given to Louis H. Jaffe at Hotel Bingham last November. William H. Evans, who disguises himself as "Peter Putter, the golf expert," made a stirring address and suggested that the boxers do their bit as well as the golfers.

Leon H. Raines immediately jumped to his feet and said: "That idea has been discussed by Harry Edwards for the last two weeks, and now that some one has spoken I wish to offer the Olympia A. A., with everything connected with it, including the office force, heat, light and ushers, to be used as the sporting editors of Philadelphia see fit. We will charge nothing for the arena, and also will do all in our power to make the show a success." Then the show was arranged.

Eddie Walker Alert

Mr. Edwards has been ill for the last two months and could not take an active part in the work. However, he directed affairs from his room and ably was represented by Leon Raines, Ernest Jambor, Chappy Marks, Al Crump, Jack Hanlon and others. Eddie Walker contributed his services at the pass gate and performed his duties in his usual efficient manner. Eddie saw that the free list was conspicuous by its absence.

Then the managers were asked to give their boxers free of charge. Scotty Monteith, of New York, was the first to be approached and he willingly offered every man under his management. He brought over Paul Doyle and Augie Ratner and would have had Johnny Dundee on the job had he been well. Billy Gibson was pleased to donate the services of Benny Leonard, Dan McKetrick brought Patsy Cline and Joe Jeanette and Doc Bagley was present with Willie Jackson and Benny Valger.

These men were under some expense, but they gave willingly to help the cause. The unfortunate part of it all was that no one would box Valger and the boy waited around dressed in abbreviated ring costume for two hours and then didn't get a chance to perform. Augie Ratner also was disappointed because the show was cut short.

Local Managers Respond

The local managers also responded. Bobby Gunniss, the enthusiastic impresario, gave Joe Welsh and proved that he was willing to go the limit when he stacked his man against Mike O'Dowd, the middleweight champion, despite the twenty pounds difference in weight. Herman Taylor put in Johnny Tillman; Pop Lewis brought Gussie to the show, Red Walsh was present with Pete Herman and Red Dolan—in fact, every one was ready to help.

Some managers were disappointed, but none could equal Phil Glassman. Phil was in Boston on Tuesday night with Lew Tendler, and as soon as Lew stopped Jack Russo in five rounds, jumped a train and after a journey of all night and all day arrived at the Olympia at 8 p. m. Lew was willing to meet any one but Leonard, and he finally was paired off with Joe Phillips. The match did not take place, but both boys were ready. At that, the fans are thankful to Glassman and Tendler for the spirit they showed and they will not forget it.

Judge Rogers Assists

But when it comes to real work we must pause to speak a few words about our most noble Judge, Joseph P. Rogers. Mr. Rogers auctioned off some tickets in the Olympia ring and personally collected $1700 for the cause. The Judge did not ask the men to buy tickets. He TOLD them to pay a certain amount and they came through. He sold John A. Murphy a pair of seats for $450 and then auctioned off Benny Leonard's gloves for $250 to Jules Mastbaum. Mr. Rogers is an old-time athlete and always has helped the sporting game. He is present at every big athletic event and has a standing among the fans that is second to none. Judge Bonniwell also assisted.

Muggsy Taylor is no millionaire, but he surely aided the show. In addition to giving $10, he purchased fifty-four seats, which he distributed among his friends for Christmas presents. Then, to cap the climax, he provided a battle royal, which was one of the hits of the evening.

Muggsy Gets Talent

Before the first bout was put on, and it was feared that many of the boxers would fail to appear, Taylor was asked to provide talent for the big event. Muggsy never batted an eyelash, but called Bobby Gunnis, his companion, and the pair started out like a couple of brave boy scouts. They headed for a poolroom at Seventeenth and Lombard streets and entered the place.

All of the tables were filled, the games were close and exciting, the players were interested and the proprietor sat with a complacent smile on his face, figuring up the profits and caring nothing about the high price of coal. It looked like a prosperous evening until Taylor and Gunnis appeared.

"Do you boys care to earn some money, and at the same time contribute your services to a most glorious cause?" inquired Mr. Gunnis as one of the players completed a difficult bank shot.

The Colored Rush

Instantly there was silence. Not a cue ball clicked against the others and the cues stopped in midair.

"Lead us to it!" the dusky players shouted as they rushed for the door. "What do we do?"

"All you have to do is to go in a battle royal at the Olympia," explained Gunnis, and the parade started.

"Hey!" shouted the proprietor. "What do you mean by taking all of my customers and ruining my profits?"

"It's for a good cause," said Muggsy Taylor, "and you should feel proud that you are doing your bit. I congratulate you."

And he left the bewildered man sitting in the deserted poolroom trying to remember the proper definition of war.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By BILL BELL

Three local boxing promoters will play Santa Claus to the faithful on Christmas Day. Jack Hanlon has lined twelve dandy scrappers at Olympia; Jack McGuigan offers six excellent scraps at the National, and Johnny Burns offers a fine card at the Catharine. Johnny Tillman, who met Billy Rafferty in the smoke fund show and gladly offered his services gratis, meets Irish Patsy Cline in the Olympia final. The National closing bout will bring together Red Dolan, of New Orleans, another boy who boxed at the smoke show, and K. O. Eddie Fitzsimmons, of New York, while the Cambria star bout has Chick Myers, the soldier boy, and Joe Koons, uptown favorite, as the principals.

Young Jack Hanlon, former pugilist, was released yesterday from the county prison by Judge Carr and placed on probation for one year, with the understanding that he be committed to the Philadelphia Hospital until arrangements can be made for his admission to the Mt. Alto Sanatorium.

Doctors say Hanlon is in an advanced stage of consumption. Recently he was sent to jail for stealing a raincoat. But his friends and associates realized that if he served his sentence he would die. They therefore appealed to the court to consider his release on probation.

Charles Ettinger sends a few words from Allentown to the effect that Jack McCarron and Willie K. O. Laughlin have been matched to meet for ten rounds in the upstate town on Christmas Day. Charles admits that it is the biggest purse ever offered for a bout in that district. There is plenty of interest in the match and the promoters anticipate a large audience.

The complete roster of bouts for McGuigan's event on Christmas Day presents Paul Doyle, of New York, and Joe Welsh, of this city. Welsh and Doyle both gave their services to the tobacco fund. Fighting Bobby Burns will meet Johnny Lisky; Johnny Wolgast, brother to Ad, former champion, meets Franklin Maguire. K. O. Circus is booked with Conway, and Mike Ertel opens with Jimmy Taylor. Red Dolan and K. O. Eddie Fitzsimmons box the wind up.

Somebody is at sea in regard to the K. O. Circus person. The boy is good and he has scored fourteen straight knockouts, but it is hardly possible for him to box two clubs on the same day. He is booked at Olympia with Johnny Mahoney and at the National against Freddie Bowen. Evidently K. O. has a pair of chaps doing his business, and the first representative at the train catches the Pittsburgh phenom.

In addition to Joe Koons and Chick Myers in the star bout at the Cambria the will offers Preston Brown vs. Charles Rear, Tommy German vs. Eddie Gilbeau, Young Lawrence vs. Mike Daly, Goody Welsh vs. Young Tierney and Eddie Joyce will mingle with Tommy Golden in the opening act of the matinee.

Six bouts complete the holiday program at Olympia. Tillman and Irish Patsy Cline clash in the final ballyhoo. Dundee, the tough "wop," meets Young McGovern, Freddy Reese meets Young Mahoney, Charlie Hazleton, K. O. Circus is matched with Johnny Maloney, Jenny Whalen meets Al Fox, and Al Moore, brother of the famous Moore family, opens the card with Joe Dillon, a promising youngster.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Last Night's Ring Bouts

CAMBRIA A. C.—Tommy Gates surprised Terry McGovern; Eddie Mullen defeated Tommy Stone; Tommy Golden stopped Young Johnston in second; Young Kilpatrick drew with Joe Wright; Charley Patrone beat Jimmy Hart.

PROVIDENCE—Joe Lynch won twelve-round decision over Pal Moore, of Memphis.

WASHINGTON—Jeff Smith knocked out Kid Sheeler in fifteen seconds.

JACK KELLY TO ENTER U. S. AVIATION SCHOOL

Former Vesper Oarsman Ordered to Report for Duty at Austin, Texas

Jack Kelly, the former Vesper Boat Club oarsman and captain and center of the Pennsylvania Base Hospital Unit No. 29 basketball team, has been ordered to report to the aviation school at Austin, Tex., not later than December 27.

Kelly enlisted in the ambulance unit in the summer months, but it was not called out until three weeks ago. The starr oarsman, however, was anxious to get into active work and asked to be transfered to the aviation corps.

He received his notice this morning and in order to report on scheduled time must leave for Texas tonight. Kelly was captain of the ambulance unit basketball team which opened its season last night at Weightman Hall by defeating the Naval Reserves. His loss is a great jolt to the team. Vedder, of Crainus, who has been showing well in recent practice, will probably take Kelly's place.

Bert Bell, the captain-elect of Penn's football team is a strong candidate for the vacant captaincy.

Claimant of Mat Title Enlists

FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 21.—Earl Caddock, of Alta, Ia., claimant to the world's wrestling championship, today entered the uniform of a private in the National Army.

Shortstop Scott in Army Draft

BLUFFTON, Ind., Dec. 22.—Shortstop Everett Scott, of the Red Sox, will come up for examination for the National Army in the next batch of fifty calls in this district. He is married and has a family, but there is no indication that he will be exempted should he ask for exemption on the basis of dependents.

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National A. C. 11th and Catharine
Jack Mctudrin, Mgr.
CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON, 2:30 SHARP
4000 Boxing Books Free to Patrons
Red Dolan vs. K. O. Eddie Fitzsimmons
Paul Doyle vs. Joe Welsh
Fighting Bobby Burns vs. Johnny Lisky
Johnny Wolgast vs. Frankie Maguire
K. O. Circus vs. Frankie Conway
Mike Ertel vs. Jimmy Taylor

Olympia A. A. Broad and Baintbridge
Harry Edwards, Mgr.
Tuesday, Christmas Afternoon, 2:30 Sharp
An Xmas Souvenir Free
Al Moore vs. Joe Dillon
Benny Whalen vs. Al Fox
K. O. Circus vs. Johnny Mahoney
Freddy Reese vs. Johnny Mahoney
Pittsburgh Dandies vs. Young McGovern
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