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# **OHN L. COLLECTED GLORY IN HIS RING CAREER, WHILE MODERN BOXERS COLLECT BANK ACCOUNT** TILLMAN EXPECTS DEFEAT OF TRAVERS IN BRITISH

## **TETHODS OF MODERN BOXERS** SUFFER WHEN COMPARED WITH THOSE OF THE MIGHTY JOHN L.

## Sullivan Never Selected Opponents, Nor Did He Demand Exorbitant Prices to Meet "Set-Ups" in No-Decision Bouts

MODERN boxers who have gained fame in the squared circle should profit after reading the stories of John L. Sullivan, who died Saturday. by have had an unusual opportunity to peer into the business methods the champions and top-notchers in the olden days and can compare them with the stunts that are being pulled in 1918. Twenty or thirty years ago a ter was like any other person who indulged in sports. He liked the game and took pleasure in matching his skill against others. Today the boxer an entertainer. He does not care to fight for the love of it, but for the ice receipts. From a sport it has developed into a business, and it a harder to sign a champion to meet a rugged opponent than it is to close million-dollar deal. It is business, and lots of it.

When John L. Sullivan was in his prime he once boxed a tough foe and received \$53 for his share. Today the rankest preliminary boy would turn up his nose at that amount. Times have changed and few men are in the boxing game today because they love it. John L. never picked his opponents. Once when challengers persisted in annoying him he said to manager: "Go out and get the six best heavyweights in the world and I will box one every night for a week, beginning Monday and finishing up on Saturday." A fighter would be considered crazy if he made such a statement these days. The modern manager keeps a complete filing system and all of the boxers are indexed. If some aspirant out West seeks : match he is looked up in the files and if there are no data an investigation will be made. Then if he looks like a soft mark the manager will ask for a huge purse and get it. They take no chances with titles these days. Sullivan was the last champion to defy the world and meet all comers.

When John L. lost to Corbett he never tried to make a come-back. He was satisfied that he lost and never again appeared in a professional engagement. Another thing was that he did not hesitate to fight any one who wanted to take a chance with him He always was confident and proud of his prowess and he parred no one. Doesn't Jess Willard look sweet in comparison?

## **Refused to Believe That Corbett Knocked Him Out**

MANY stories have been told about the "noblest Roman of them all." and most of them are well known. John L, held a place in the hearts of the sportsmen that never will be filled. Every one knew Sullivan. Even the women, who usually pay no attention to the fistic game, knew who he was and regarded him as the superman of all time. He was the last word in pugilism and for weeks after his defeat at the hands of Corbett no one would believe it.

Sullivan's last appearance in the ring showed how popular he was with the public. It was just before the Willard-Moran bout was put on in Madison Square Garden and the master of ceremonies introduced the notables. Never before had so many famous boxers appeared in one ring. Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, Kid McCoy, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Terry McGovern and several others were well received, but when John L. Sullivan slowly climbed through the ropes the audience went wild. The old gladiator faced the crowd with the old scowl on his face, his white hair bristling like that of a buildog and his huge hands crushing his slouch hat into a shapeless mass. No man ever received the ovation tendered to Sullivan that night. It showed respect and admiration and love.

John L. "covered" the fight for a newspaper that night. After it was all over he was asked for his decision. Regardless of the fact that Willard outclassed Moran, Sullivan said that Willard had lost, "He's no champion," said the old man. "He couldn't stop a man fifty

pounds lighter than himself and should lose the title." Sullivan always considered it a disgrace if an opponent lasted more

than four rounds. He would start in to finish his man and never let up until it was accomplished. The battle that almost broke his heart was with Charley Mitchell in Chantilly, France, in 1888, when, after thirty-nine rounds of fighting on the turf in a drizzling rain the affair was called a draw. John L. wanted to finish his man that day.

CLLIVAN did not capitalize his boxing fame as the modern cham-S pions do. He never joined a circus nor did he remain in retirement for a couple of years. He wanted to be fighting all of the time and was the only real champion we ever have had. He tried to be an actor once when he appeared in a sob drama entitled "Honest Hearts and Willing Hands." but discovered that as an actor he was a great boxer and guit

## John L. Had Some Experiences in Philadelphia

THE champion of champions retired from the boxing game more than



## WANT T. R. TO ACT NO BALL CLUB EVER REQUESTED WAIVERS ON TRIS SPEAKER, BUT **AS PALLBEARER**

years, told of "John is, a" transition for Colonel Roosevelt, and said that Sulli-ran took the pledge of temperance on the day, that Rrosevelt was insigurated President. The first man to hear the good news was Colonel Cody (Buffalo Bill), a friend of Sullivan's for many years. Colonel Cody's show was in Lawrence at the time. Mr. Rowley said, and John L, went there to see him. As they met John 1, exclaimed: "The out out the hears." I stopped

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TO DEFEAT LEWIS

Local Welterweight Will American Amateur Champion Never Player Spring Surprise, Says Muggsy Taylor

GLOVE FUND GROWING

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL "The greatest defensive boxer in the second and the second boy's manager, will give Ted Lewis. British championship. All golfers with people. bey's manager, will give Ted Lewis, inampion wetterweight, the battle of his bit at the Olympia tenisti. Mukery is withused over the canness of Jehnny Tillman, and thur's what in kee him a mod reanager. If howestly believes that the champ will get all that is coming to how. However, and has it may. Till-san will have to do some high-clark work if he expects to do some high-clark work. We were not excited over the Travers. We were not excited over the Travers. We were not excited over the Travers. We were not excited over the Travers.

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ON THE FIRING LINE

Thirty-two Players From Six Clubs Viy'an Nickalls, former Penn rowing coach and now a major in the British army, has returned to duty, having re-covered from wounds sustained last Join Various Branches of

ffort to stop the wonderful winning treak of the St. Columba five tong it Traymore Hall, when they clash has American League fraces. The Y. M. A. quintet will have a hard time a feating the Saints, for Manager Coffer

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Himself in Mediocre Exhibition of Golf

By CHARLES (Chick) EVANS, Jr.

bunch haven't lost a game since the first week of the race, since which the they have run their winning streak nine, and are now occupying the

for possession of second place.

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Former Penn Rowing Coach, Injured WAR HAS PLAYED HAVOC WITH THE TEXAS LEAGUE

If Philadelphia may point with pride to three leans in the big learness next season, including the Baston Red Sox, New York Luns will be able to zo them one better, for, confine Brookien and the St. Louis Browns, there will be four mitige outfills restenenting the greater mitige outfills restenenting the greater mitige outfills restenenting the greater mitige outfills. Seven ex-Vankers will be seen in a St. Louis American Learne mitige meet season, the list including besides Maisel, Nummaker, Culton, Shocker and Godon, recently trailed, Jimus Arssiln and Lee Masse. This mark is exceeded by me in the contribu-tion to the Red Sox by the Athletics.

twenty-five years ago, so only a few of the old-timers remember his work. He boxed several times in Philadelphia in the olden days, but recently had appeared here on the stage and lecture platform. On his last visit to this city he gave a monologue at the William Penn Theatre and devoted his entire time in walloning Demon Rum.

In 1881, however, Sullivan used his famous knockout punch on some of our local prides.

Just before the Ryan fight in February, 1882, Sullivan was in Philadelphia "trouping" with Billy Madden. There was an English fencing master here named Crossley, who knew quite a bit about boxing. He weighed 250 pounds and was built like a skyseraper. When he heard of Sullivan's challenge he announced that he would teach the "bloomin' Harp" a few ine and over about fleticuffs. They met and in the first cound John L. hit Crossley with his famous punch and knocked him out of the ring. Arthur chambers, hartweight champion, urged Crossley to go back in the ring and fight.

"Go in yourself," said Crossley, "and try a bit of it. I've had enough to last me for fifty yea s."

Soon after this Sullivan had an exciting bout with John Buckley, a blacksmith, who had quite a local reputation in Philadelphia. John L. hit him with his right and Buckley went out cold. It was the first time that Philadelphia crowd had ever seen a knockout and the spectators all thought that Buckley was dead. There was a wild rush for the exits, parns were knocked down and the hall was a wreck. Buckley was carried to his dressing room, where he was attended by physicians, and he did not recover consciousness for three-quarters of an hour.

His first words were: "I don't know what hit me, but I can lick that fellow I went up against. I want to find out who that fellow was that hit me. It's a shame that it broke up my fight with Sullivan. I want to fight Sullivan again. I can whip him sure,

## **Piling Up of Double-Headers May Be Stopped**

IMING to prevent the piling up of "double-headers" at the end of the A season, the National League at its session on February 12 will consider a proposition to amend the league constitution to permit the playing off of postponed or the games in the firsts scheduled series between the clubs interested.

The rules a; present provide that no double-headers be played in the "first series." The great majority of postponements occur in April and May, but as these cannot be played off until the second series there has invariably followed a congestion of double-headers in midseason.

In case of further unfavorable weather in June or July the clubs are to crowd such increased postponements into September and October, which arrangement in the past has resulted in some of the clubs being comlied to play six or seven double-headers in a row or not play the games at all. Fifty-eight of the ninety-seven double-her ders played in 1917 by al League clubs were staged after the middle of August. These were necessary by April and May postponements, which games, by reason a rainy July, could not be played off until the faird or final series of the on. The object of the proposed amendment is to remedy this condition by allowing clubs to play off postponements in any series in which they may occur.

Another effort will be made to have the league set aside its rule prong that a player claimed under the walver rule must at once be released the club claiming his services.

THERE will also be considered an amendment to fix a minimum waiver price of \$1500 on any player who was purchased from a or league or who was a free agent at time of entering a contract.

## Lajole Says Wamby Is Better Than Pratt

OLEON LAJOIE, who certainly has played enough baseball and seen gh stars come and go to be an excellent judge of playing ability, tirer of Bill Wambaganss, the Indian second-sacker.

I read," says Larry, "that St. Louis offered to trade Pratt to of for Wambeganes and \$15,000 and that Dunn took the offer under I worried a little for Cleveland. I was afraid Dunn might ac-

the big a mistake as any magnate ever made.".

a boxer of Syracuse, N. V., William Ho-garty, Sullivan's barber for many years, and Edward Curran, a boyhood friend, spoken of as Tristam E. Speaker, it was garty.

A. L. HALLSTROM NOW HEADS NORTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Electrical Expert Succeeds J. Franklin Meehan, Who Has Hitherto Always Been President

## By PETER PUTTER

THE North Hills Country Club is one of the most hustling of the younger golf clubs of the Philadelphia district. Ever since it was organized, seven or Ever since it was organized, seven or eight years ago, J. Franklin Mechan has been its president. He has been promi-mently identified with the club even in the days when there were only nine holes and has done big things for the club in past years. A year or two ago the course was lengthened to eighteen holes, but the members folt that things ought to move a little more swiftly and that the development of the course could be quickened.

that the development of the course could be quickened. When the nominating papers were amounced A. L. Hallström, head of the Jovian Electrical League, headed the ticket. A number of Mr. Mechan's per-sonal friends felt that he was entitled to another term and a new ticket was presented by petition, but when the an-nual election was held Mr. Hallström and his associates were the victors. nual election was held Mr. Hallstrom and his associates were the victors There was nothing personal in the fight for honors, and while the members real ized that Mr. Meeban had done a lot for the club, they believed a change in the presidency might prove beneficial. Mr. Hallstrom is a hustler in his own business and is full of per and ginger. He is an enthusiastic golfer and feels that the course has not been developed as it should have been. One of the plans of the new administration will be the floating of a \$29,990 bond issue to finish the eighteen-hole course and to make the eighteen-hole course and to make other necessary improvements. The

A. L. HAI members believe the great trouble last year was the effort made by the old board to kcep twenty-seven putting greens going, with the result that most of on the golfing map. he has devoted to putting North Hills

recents going, with the result that most of them were not in good playing condition. The course is iald out over an inter-esting stretch of ground, and a number of holes, particulurly those in which the quarries figure, are exceptionally good. It is very probable that Mr. Mechan will be related on the board, as the club recognizes and apprediates the time

A. L. HALLSTROM

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Spoke's head-on collision with Dan-forth's shiner didn't affect his strikeout record much, as eleven of the Cleveland-er's whiffs came before that incident. The first man who famed speaker was

Some Chap Is Heathcote

**Big Field Trials Today** 

Sky Pilots

CHICAGO, Feb. 4 .-- Boxers, not chantains, are the men who are doing most to keep up the morale of the United States army, in the opinion of Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the army navy commission on training-camp ac-

In June Speaker struck out four times —twice against Chicago and twice gainst Washington pitchers. Jim Shaw and Harry Harper, of the Nationals, each breezed Spoke in the double-header of June 11 Chade Preston Williams, of the White Sox made him pound the atmosphere a week later, and three days following Eddin. Chester, kinded the direct the structure Some Chap Is Heathcote "A man like Packey McFarland has

following Eddie Cleatte joined the "I Have Fanned Speaker" club.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Feb 4.—Cliff 4. Healbert, who has never even worn medial loars of his alma mater, has never the second state of the second never the second state of the second long ben stand with the St. Louis longing the has had considerable of verse playing on semiprofessional teams. The Tribe played thirty-two games in July, and in only one of these-th it of the twenty-fourth with Washington-did Speaker fan. Walter Perry Johnson was the man who fanned hi Just Misses Equaling Record

### **Drops Interscholastic Games**

# (HICAGO, Feb. 4.—The University of lease has ranged two big intersciolarie etc. the basic that i tourney in March and a interscholastic track meet in June.

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## Notes of the Bowlers

With the highest individual score for the season of The pins Jim Guest, of the wondhap team of the Guake Civy Lesame remarkable sore wars with the Yoke. His of the best sames ever played on done one after in this city. Martin, of the Polladel phila Lesame, was second with a score of fall to his three sumes, Frazler, Polladel phila Lesame, being a close Ulird with 650 child the street sames, another Philadel phila Lesame, being a close Ulird with 650 philadel and a close Ulird with 650 philadel and a close Ulird with 650 philadel being a score of the close philadel philadel being a score of the score of the philadel being being a score of the score of the score and the score of the score of the score of the score score of the s

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together Beth Israel and Port Richmond On advance calculation, the B. B, I five should register another victory and draw within a half a game of Hancox Dallas-Kuhn and Bobo.

Sports Served Short

St. Columba plays two games Us week, Y. M. H. A. tonight and Port Rich-mond Thursday. Victories in both fils would virtually make it impossible for A monkey golf tournament and an exhibit ion match by six professionals was played i Pin-hurst for a Red Cross benefit. The ubscriptions and collection metted sign for the local charler to bay material for relief any one to beat out Manager Coffey negregation for the pennant, as only five games remain on the schedule.

ing the Cape May Buse would like b J. D. Standish, Jr., Detroit Country Club a well-known aniateur solfer, hus been emred for daty in the ordinance departm and has been ordered to reisort February when he will calling in the regular arms, arrange contests with all first-class quir-tets, either service or club. The Base five

les composed of players well known blown b The New England intercollegiate track most will be held this year as usual. "This was automneed at the inducer meet of the Boston Athletic Association. The events will be run off on the field of Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge on May Is or May 20 Witig who was a member of Jappe Eastern League team last year; Me May 18 or May 20.\_\_\_\_ Elligot, of Franklin and Marshall,

Epos Bixes, the Phillies' left-hander, who won a commission in the National Army, is new at Fort Worth, Texas, taking a course in size training at Camp Bowle. "Dutch" Heisel, who was a star of Can-

James Barnes, of Whitemursh, paired with J. H. Hoheson, of Rochester, defraind Alexander Smith and George Smith at Belle-nir. Fia., by 3 up and 2 to play. Burnes was the less of the four with a 72.

Cleveland American League players an-parentity are making need soldiers. Clark Diekerson has been made a sergeant of San Antonio and Red Torkelson a sergeant in the coast artillery mattion at San Francisco, Both Diekerson and Torkelson are plethers.

Harry Martz, for many years rating and driver of racing horaes and interstate fair tracks, died Minery Hospital at Ashiand, follo operation.

The C. C. N. Y. basketball team will n Collecte, and the swimning team will a Permeyivaria February 15. On February the five will mest Rochester, and Prince will be the swimming competitors, KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 4,-John Gau-l, manager of the local team, announces o purchase of Pitcher Jamos Middleton om the New York Glants.

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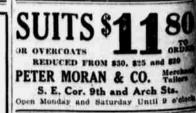
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Sothron, of the Browns, on April 28 Speaker pounded the air three times during May. Howard Ehmke, of the Tigers, claiming Tris as a victim on May Tigers, claiming Tris as a victim on May 9 and on May 30, and Ray Caldwell, of

Yankees, recording the first of his four strikeouts against the Texan on tivities May 24.