

DEMPSEY'S SMASHING DRIVES SEEMINGLY HAVE TAKEN ALL THE WILL OUT OF WILLARD

JACK DEMPSEY SETS RECORD IN STOPPING FULTON AND MORRIS

Topples Over Two Giant Contenders in Sixty-four Seconds, and This Looks Like Excellent Reason Why Willard Is Doing the Hesitation

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

WHEN Jack Dempsey hung the haymaker on the jaw of Carl Morris in New Orleans Monday night he established a record which is likely to stand for some time. It took exactly forty-six seconds to put Morris on his back, and this, combined with the eighteen-second victory over Fredward Fulton, is a real record. Dempsey removed two of the principal contenders for the heavyweight title in one minute and four seconds.

Those two battles are two very good reasons why Jess Willard has no time for Dempsey. Jack has demonstrated he can hit with either hand and every blow carries a sting. He has boxed all of the heavyweights, large and small, and Billy Miste is the only person to last the limit. Even Battling Levinsky took the long count for the first time in his career when he met Dempsey.

It seems a shame that Willard cannot be forced into a bout with Dempsey and settle the question of supremacy. Every one admits Jack is the better man, but Big Jess holds the title and refuses to let go. If Jimmy Dougherty, Matt Hinkel and Dominick Tortorico put through a scheme to form a boxing association and make it necessary for champions to defend their titles once every six months, Willard might be forced to fight or turn over his championship to the contender.

Tom Cowler is the only heavyweight Dempsey has not met, but the Englishman should be easy pickings. He was knocked out by Jack Dillon and Fred Fulton and Dempsey should have no trouble when they meet. Jack, however, was fortunate in winning from Morris in such a short time, for Carl is one of the foulest fighters in the ring. He never had any science, moved around like a big cow and depended entirely on butting and rough-house clinching. Dempsey put Morris out of the pugilistic game for good, and it's a good thing for boxing.

DEMPSEY, accompanied by James F. Dougherty and Jack Kearns, will be back in Philadelphia tomorrow. The champion may box on New Year's Day if a suitable opponent can be procured.

Mistake to Cancel Spring Training Trips

FEAR is it from us to tell any one how to run his business or but in on some one else's game, but it looks to us that baseball men are making a big mistake when they cut out the spring training trip. The teams probably can get into good condition on the home grounds and the weather in April may be just as nice as in the South, but the old zip will be missing from the work and the fans will not look up the early dope with the old-time interest.

Baseball is coming back after a most disastrous season. The public and players were disgusted with the game toward the end and every one breathed a sigh of relief when the last game was played. In 1919 there will be a new deal all around. The fans will make up for their indifference last year and the players will put in some extra lifts for good measure. But the moguls will find it hard to stimulate interest early in the season with the training trip done away with.

The baseball fan likes to pick up the newspaper and read about waving palm trees and the wonderful work of several rookies who never get as far as the home grounds. Columns are written every year by enthusiastic scribes and every line is absorbed. This publicity helps the game considerably, but we doubt if the writers will grow excited if they are forced to go out to a cold baseball park in April.

FOR a long time training trips were considered unnecessary expenses, but the big league managers will discover their true value after eliminating them for one year.

Owner Frazee Replies to Ban Johnson

WHILE Harry Frazee, owner of the champion Boston Red Sox, was speeding eastward from Chicago to New York after the annual American League confab in the Windy City, Ban Johnson came forth with a short notice announcing the coming sale of the Boston club. He inferred that Frazee had incurred the enmity of the league chieftain and that any person who opposed Ban must go. In his proclamation Johnson stated that the Boston club had been found guilty of not stopping gambling and that this in itself was sufficient to cost Frazee his franchise.

Frazee now is in the East. He felt none too elated when he read of Ban's outburst. He had much to say. In fact, he talked for two columns for one New York writer. Listen to part of Harry's reply:

"I am one of the eight men who employ Johnson, and this statement by an employe would be absolutely ridiculous were it not for the harm Johnson does to the league and baseball. Johnson gave out this statement after he knew I left Chicago. While I was there he was tame enough.

"During the American League meeting Comiskey and I told Johnson some sharp truths, but he never attempted to reply. He answered such questions as we put to him, but other than that he had nothing to say. We were specially anxious to catch him on several items that formerly appeared in the financial reports, but even these had been changed.

"I will sell anything I own at a certain price. The price that I have placed on the Red Sox is far more than I would pay for the property. I asked the Boston syndicate, headed by former Governor Dave Walsh, of Massachusetts, to hand me a check for \$100,000 last Thursday at 3 o'clock and I would give them a month to pay the rest. They did not come across.

"As to that so-called Cleveland offer, it was with moving picture money. Johnson was on the wrong track from the start because he did not know I owned 65 per cent of the stock. He asked my partner, 'Sport' Herrmann, who has 15 per cent of the stock, if I would sell. Herrmann replied, 'if he gets his price.'

"HERRMANN then named the terms I made the Boston people, and when Johnson heard them he nearly swooned."

Yankees Will Take 26 Pitchers on Training Trip

CONNIE MACK has announced that his Athletics will do their spring training no farther south than Lehigh avenue, and from present prospects the Phillies will do their conditioning nearer the tropics. It is likely that Baker's clan will train as far south as Huntington street. The Brooklyn Dodgers also intend to do their early work at home, but the New York Yankees, according to a statement by Miller Huggins, will really train in the South.

It has long been the contention of Miller Huggins that a ball club is as strong as its pitching staff. In his long career as a major league manager the mite chieftain of the Yankees always has sought first to bolster up his pitching department. After he had attended to that all-important task he turned to the other branches of his team—the infield, the outfield, and his catchers. But always Huggins has stressed the necessity of having a formidable group of pitchers.

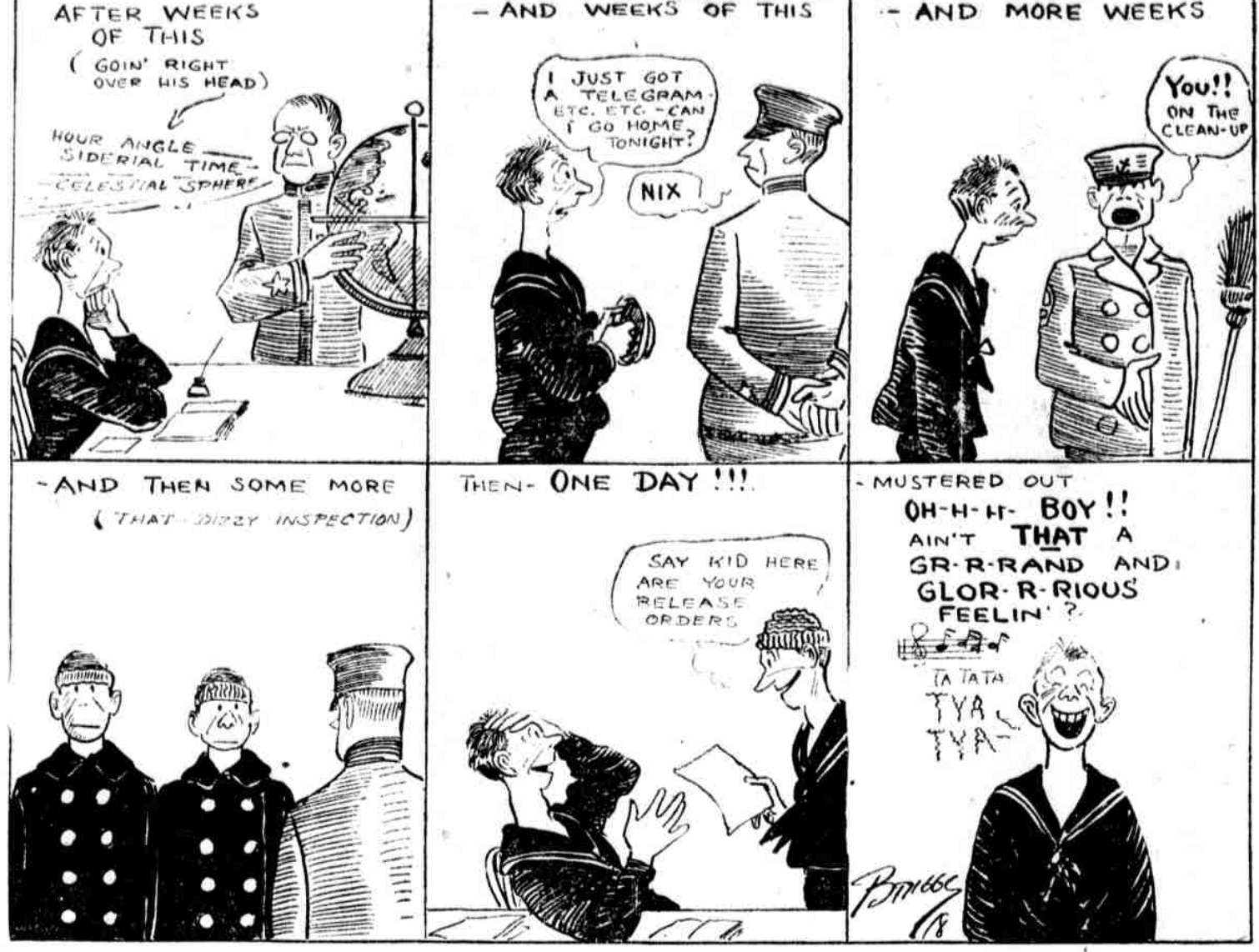
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AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



CENTRAL TO HAVE SWIMMING TEAM

Dr. Gallagher's Pupils to Train in Turngemeinde Tank for Big Meets

OPEN AGAINST GIRARD

Dr. James Gallagher, physical director of Central High School, reports that despite the lack of facilities for developing a swimming team the boys of the Broad and Green streets institution are determined to be represented in the tank. Doctor Gallagher has made arrangements with the managers of the Turngemeinde to allow the Central High boys to practice in the Columbia avenue tank, providing each candidate pays his admission fee every time he turns out for practice.

Competition Keener

Oiga Thorpe's determination to retire until the opening up of the outdoor swimming season has proved a stimulus instead of a drawback to the indoor competition among the local swimmers of the four seas. Most of the local girls had come to regard the Turner flash as invincible, and the fact that she entered the races kept many from adding their names to the entry list.

Cowan in Form

Geoff West Philadelphia High School's best bet in the 100-yard dash is swimming consistently. His favorite distance is 100 yards. He is expected to be a stunner in the 100-yard dash and the 200-yard dash. The Middle Atlantic championship is being contested for in a race with Coach Anthony's West Philadelphia High School squad.

Harold Kruger, world's backstroke champion, set a new record in the 100-yard dash in Philadelphia. He swam the distance in 1:10.4, which is a new record for the world.

Coach John Stevens is pleased with the progress of his girls' swimming team. They are expected to do well in the coming season.

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The big three, so called—meaning Yale, Harvard and Princeton—have announced that they will return to the athletic fold. Plans are being laid to revive the sports that have passed into informality at the beginning of the century. Princeton and Yale will have basketball teams, but Harvard won't. However, that is nothing new, for the Crimson has not been represented on the floor for many seasons. Wrestling, fencing, swimming, gymnastics and other indoor sports also will bloom.

COLLEGES which have promoted athletics even in wartime also are reconstructing. They have maintained sports at a loss and have been well equipped for the season as the others, but they still have not been able to get back to the level that has guided their efforts in the past.

COLUMBIA WILL BOOM SPORTS NEXT SPRING

Committee Votes to Continue All Branches of Morningside Heights Athletics

New York, Dec. 18.—All sports will be continued by Columbia University next spring, in so far as that is possible under the conditions that may prevail. This was the decision reached yesterday by the Columbia University city committee on athletics, as reported by Levering Tyson, graduate manager of athletics.

In order to further this scheme two coaches were appointed by the committee, one for the track and field team and the other for the swimming and water polo teams. Carl Merzner was named as track coach and will report for duty at Columbia on January 1. Merzner was engaged last spring to coach the track team, but resigned to enter the service.

George Healy, who has been acting as swimming coach, was selected to coach the swimming and water polo teams. He will probably be succeeded by graduates, who will go up to Morningside Heights from time to time.

A preliminary report on the 1918-19 football season was submitted by Tyson, which showed that the S. A. F. C. football team had broken even on the year which ended with the game with Syracuse on Thanksgiving Day. The report indicated that all sports at Columbia during the fall were conducted by the student body, without the control of the university authorities or the university athletic association.

A proposal to abandon varsity baseball for the spring in order that South Philadelphia might be renovated, was voted down.

Soccer News and Notes

Alck Brown was one of the spectators in the first test of "Alack" but did not look like he will be the rest of the season since he is out of the Merchants' B team.

Wanderers have a wing man who will bear watching in Philadelphia. This led to playing a closer game for the first time.

Manager Howe has presented one of the most interesting cases in the history of the Philadelphia Soccer League.

"Alack" Marshall's work is as good as his own. He has already won the title of All-Pro. He is now an assistant to Hogan and his services have been a big help.

Dixie's goal tender, Erickson, although charged with the same last Saturday, bottled clear in spite of the heavy rain and mud. He is fast and is the making of a great net protector.

Kastwood still maintains his speed at his old position, with forward. With two more experienced players the sawmakers at Tuxedo would give any team the fastest game they ever played.

Very few games are looked for next Saturday. The weather is expected to be the final play for the first round.

Burnett was forced to work alone in the mud last Saturday. For the first time this season he was not helped and the forward was eliminated exclusively. Some practice for their season. It had better start under the electric light at Harrison the rest of the week.

Erhline, the former David Linton's backstop, will back the net in the game Saturday between Hog Island vs. New York Ship.

No Credence Put in Rumor That Gowdy Has Been Killed in Action

New York, Dec. 18.—Rumors are hard to check once they get started, particularly if on a subject close to the hearts of many.

Some of the returning soldiers spread a report yesterday that Sergeant Hank Gowdy, the first major league baseball player to enlist when the United States declared war on Germany on April 6, 1917, had been killed in action just before the armistice was signed.

No credence is put in the report. Gowdy has earned nation-wide fame apart from his sensational play in the world's series of 1914 by his quick response to the call of Uncle Sam, and if killed in action the announcement would have reached this country long since, even if not made public through official channels.

PHILS MAY GET DAUBERT

Report Dodger Veteran Will Figure in Trade

It would not be such a big surprise if Jake Daubert, the slugging first-sacker of the Brooklyn Robins, came to the Phils next season to play the initial leg for Jack Cooney, the new manager.

The reported trade between the Giants and Robins is denied by the latter. The Dodger may figure in a deal between the Phils and Brooklyn.

President Baker was in town yesterday and while he said there was nothing new regarding the signing of players for next season, he admitted that any trade that looked good for the Phils will not come to this city until after the joint meeting of the two major leagues in New York on January 10 and no deals will be put through until he reports.

Thursday's Havana Entries

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Seventh race, 8:30 p.m., stakes, two-year-olds, 55 lbs. ... 100.00
Eighth race, 9:00 p.m., stakes, two-year-olds, 55 lbs. ... 100.00
Ninth race, 9:30 p.m., stakes, two-year-olds, 55 lbs. ... 100.00
Tenth race, 10:00 p.m., stakes, two-year-olds, 55 lbs. ... 100.00

CANCEL TOUR OF SOCCER CHAMPS

Cahill Announces Trip to Pacific Coast Has Been Scratched

The proposed tour of Bethlehem national soccer champions to the Pacific Coast during the coming holidays has been canceled. This announcement was made yesterday by Thomas W. Cahill, secretary of the National Football Association, under whose auspices the proposed tour was arranged.

According to Cahill, the California Football Association, after assuring Cahill that they would guarantee the expenses of the Bethlehem players, failed to live up to their agreement, with the result that Secretary Cahill canceled all arrangements.

In the letter sent to Cahill from the California Football Association, the sponsors for the proposed tour, it was stated that the reason for cancelling the tour was owing to the various organizations connected with the Pacific Coast Association claiming that they had not been given sufficient time in which to make the arrangements.

It would probably have cost the Bethlehem Football Association at least \$2000 to dig down into the treasury for \$2000 of this amount, but when the balance was not guaranteed, rather than take a chance, it was deemed advisable by Cahill and President E. E. Lewis of the Bethlehem Athletic Association, to call off all negotiations for the proposed tour.

According to the preliminary arrangements Bethlehem would have left for the coast on Friday. They would have traveled to California without playing a game, as it was the intention of the management not to play a game before meeting the Union shipyard eleven, champions of the Pacific coast, for the championship of America. James Tyndall, president of the California Football Association, had charge of the Pacific coast end of the arrangements.

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Infected Knee, Result of Football Injury, Keeps Penn Star From Cage and "The Only Sport"

WILL GO TO CAMP DIX

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK

IF THE hand of fate is striking you for the wrong way and you can't help thinking the deck is stacked against you, consider the case of Daniel J. McNichol, the original hard-luck guy of the present semester at Pennsylvania.

Dan played football during the last season for two reasons and for two reasons only. One was Bob Folwell, the other Bill Hollenback. Dan didn't think he was good enough for the varsity, but the coaches did, and that's what kept him from quitting in the early part of the year.

After working hard to get into condition, Dan was all set for the first scrimmage of the season. In the first play which, of course, was the kickoff, Daniel received the ball and when he arose to run back to his position after being tackled there was blood streaming from a cut over his left eye. When the second play was over the blood was dripping from his chin. Play was stopped until he was patched together.

Eyes Deceitful

In the second period of the same scrimmage he untangled himself from a conglomeration of feet, arms and bodies with blood coming from a gash over his right eye. He wanted to continue, but he was ordered to the hospital. One stitch was necessary in one cut and three in the other. He could scarcely see for a week.

In each game thereafter Dan managed to collect some cut or bruise or a souvenir. He was always "swelled up" about the elbows, knees, ankles or hips. Came the Pittsburgh contest and he was surprised that he survived with his life. In the second Swarthmore engagement he was knocked unconscious for the first time in his career.

In the dressing room after the Dartmouth battle on Thanksgiving he whispered through his lips that were cut, bruised and swollen:

"Well, I'm glad it's all over. It's not my game, but basketball's coming and that's the only sport for me."

As he was declaring himself on football, Billy Morris was applying extra hot towels to his knee, which was puffed to twice its normal size. The real story hinges on that knee, his right one.

Knee Infected

The knee became infected, and when he was brought up for examination as he was about to be discharged from the students' army training corps he failed physically because of it. Dan will serve time at Camp Dix until the knee gets in shape.

Now, get this! Dan played football just because it was fun and basketball was not in season. He was merely pass-

Notes of the Bowlers

The handicap given Station "B" proved to much for the Frankfort team, present leaders of the American Ice League, the latter losing two games out of three. This put Station "B" into a tie for first place.

Hoopers & Townsmead made a clean sweep in their series with the Standard P. S. Co. Campbell showed some fancy footwork, scoring 188 and 186 in his first and second trip to the alley.

Tonight will be a big night for the Artisan, all three sections being scheduled. "A" and "B" will roll on Keystone alleys, while the Section "C" team will travel to the Terminal Alley.

Anders, rolling on the Budd Manufacturing Company team, found the Maple falling to his favor, going over for a double and five pins in his roll.

Lonks, rolling for the Western Electric, proved to be the individual high single game scorer, tossing them over for a double and five pins in his roll.

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