

THE OPPONENT IS NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO WILL HAVE TO "COME ACROSS" TO SEE DEMPSEY FIGHT

DEMPSEY'S RETURN TO ACTION CERTAIN TO REVIVE BOXING

If Winner of Carpentier-Beckett Bout Signs Articles James F. Dougherty Will Be Partner of Tortorich in Staging Title Battle in New Orleans March 17

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BUSINESS in the fight game began to pick up yesterday when it was announced throughout the land that Java Dempsey, peerless puncher of the universe, had signed the papers and consented to do \$125,000 worth of work in a bout with Joe Beckett down in New Orleans on March 17. This is good news, indeed, if Dempsey meets Beckett and if he gets that bundle of kale.

No doubt Dempsey and his highly perfumed manager were sincere when they signed the articles. The same also goes for Dominick Tortorich, the promoter. But it must be remembered that it always takes two or more to start a battle, and thus far the heavyweight champion is the only one in the fight. Beckett has not signed as yet and no one knows when he will. The Englishman wants lots of regular money, and when the time comes his terms might be too high to be considered.

Here is some inside stuff about the match which was spilled by Jimmy Dougherty, the Baron of Leipsville, today. It appears that both Dempsey and Kearns promised to box for Dougherty any time and any place, and the Baron had first call on the champion's services. Strange as it may seem, Kearns kept his word, and it was not until Dougherty stepped aside that Tortorich was able to do any business.

"Last summer Kearns and Dempsey made a verbal agreement with me," said Dougherty. "That they would allow me to stage the first bout after winning the championship. They stuck to their word and promised to wait until next summer if necessary.

"A few weeks ago, when I was in New Orleans, I saw Tortorich, and he asked me about putting on a match down there. He assured me he could run twenty-round bouts and would be glad to take me in as an equal partner if we could get Dempsey to sign for a match. Now that the papers have been signed, I suppose I am a fifty-fifty partner. I wrote Kearns and told him to do business with Tortorich."

NOW the only thing left to be done is sign Beckett if he wins his bout with Carpentier next month. If he loses, the Frenchman will be offered the match. Dougherty plans to sail for England next month to sign Dempsey's opponent.

Other Heavyweights Showing Signs of Life OTHER heavyweights are showing signs of life and perhaps we will have a chance to see the truck horses in action this winter. The old crowd—Battling Levinsky, Bill Brennan, Billy Miske and Frank Moran—are working hard and perhaps Dempsey will go through the bunch before the snow is off the ground. No one would be surprised if Frank Moran was given a chance at the title, for the blond Irishman now is in the midst of a "come-back."

A couple of weeks ago Moran walked the daylight out of a tough guy named Geyer, who had everything but a reputation in Bistic circles. On Tuesday night he scored another glorious triumph over a flashy heavyweight named Big Bill McFadden, of Philadelphia. The last fust was staged in Cumberland, but nobody knows who Big Bill is. Perhaps he is one of our citizens, but his identity is a secret.

But the dope is that Moran will topple over a flock of pork-and-beaners, and when the opportune time comes will issue a bold and defiant challenge, daring Dempsey to meet him in the squared circle. This will cause lots of talk and at the end of the match will be staged. At that, Moran is about as good as any of the heavyweights and should be given a chance.

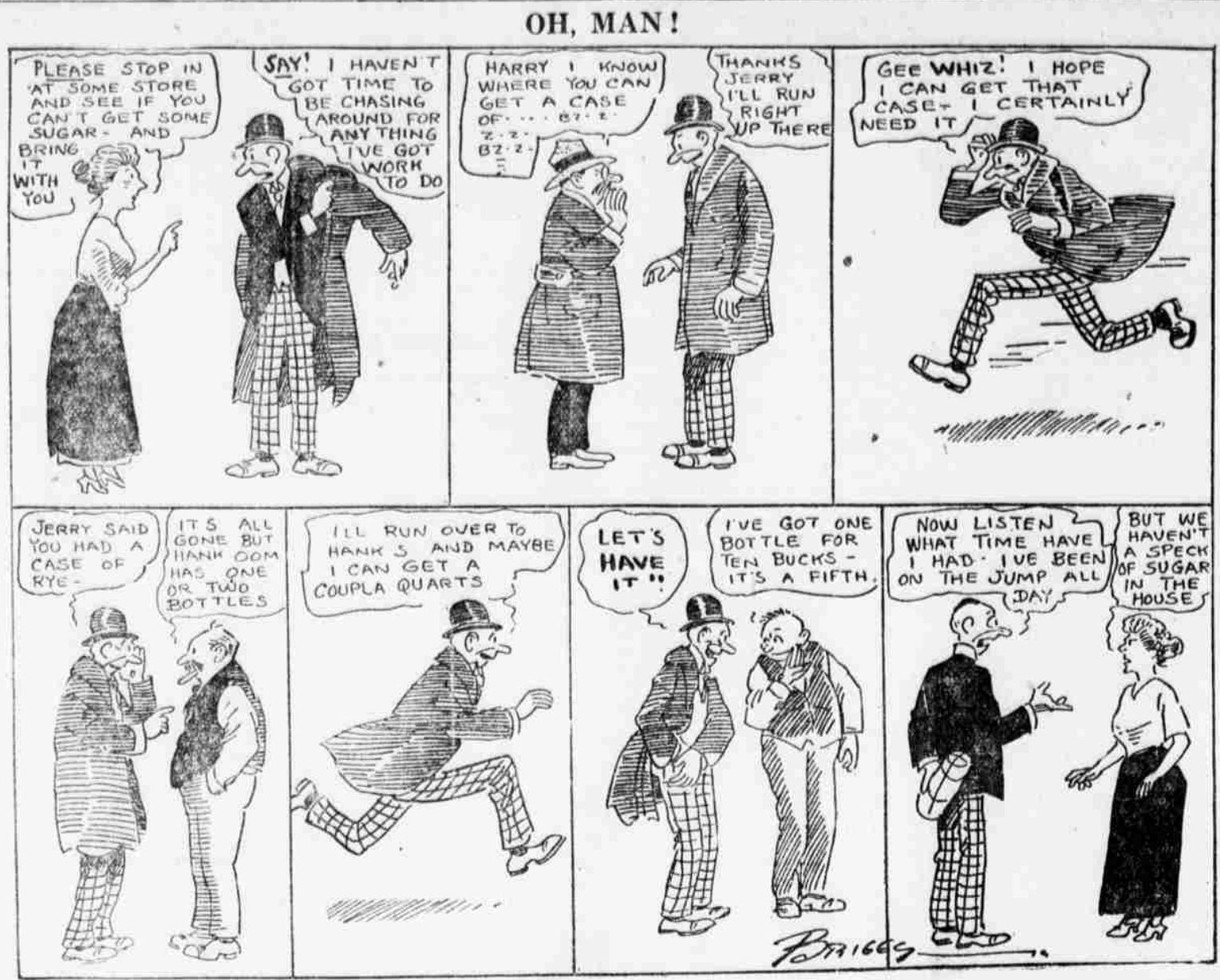
As for Levinsky, Brennan and Miske, Dempsey has licked all of them and can do it again. When he boxed Brennan he hit Bill such a hard wallop on the chin that it sprained Bill's ankle. That was some sock.

Dempsey has been anxious to get back into the fighting game, as the show business never has appealed to him. His manager, however, insisted on uplifting the drummer and got away with it. But with this big match with Beckett or Carpentier in the offing, Dempsey will have to cut out the stage and bright lights and go into training.

BUT, as was said before, the other side of the argument must step up before the bout can be taken seriously. Let's hope Beckett or Carpentier won't demand the contents of the United States mint for their services.

Herman and Lynch Clash Again IN THE meantime, the boxing game is flourishing right here in Philadelphia. The National and Olympia are playing to packed houses and Johnny Burns is turning 'em away up in Kensington. The regular shows have been very good and next week the first special attraction will be staged.

Pete Herman, bantam champion, will meet Joe Lynch, his persistent challenger, at the Olympia next Wednesday night. The boys mingled at Waterbury, Conn., on Labor Day, Lynch getting the newspaper decisions by several miles. They say the little New Yorker knocked the tar out of the champion, and the champion said Lynch wore a couple of horseshoes in his gloves for good luck. At any rate, it was a great battle and Lynch had the better of it.



AMERICANS SIGN GOWDY-KINKAIDE Manager Poth Secures Veterans to Play and Coach His Eastern League Club

CAMDEN DEFEATS DE NERI

Manager Frank Poth, of the All-Americans, the local Eastern League basketball team, announced at the Camden-De Neri contest last evening that he had made arrangements with Jimmie Kinkaide, the veteran player, who was also in attendance, to coach his club and to take full charge of the playing end of the game. Kinkaide will be given full control and no doubt will be of valuable assistance. Jim Coffey will be retained as assistant manager.

Camden Gets Opener The third regiment in Camden was jammed last evening to see the Skeeters take the measure of the De Neri club, score 25-19. The latter had a good line-up on the floor, but they evidently had forgotten, for the time being at least, how to put the ball in the basket, and this proved their undoing. During forty minutes of play they managed to locate the net but twice, once by Norman after two minutes of play and the other by Dark in the second period.

Steele Is Blanked Only in a great while is Roy Steele shut out. Last night was one of these occasions, and the whirlwind was handed a blank from the field opposed to Ally McWilliams. The latter is sending into shape and will be in good condition with the playing of a few games.

Steele Delan at center had it on Stretch Harvey and played all around him. The Homestead star tallied only once, but he managed to get the majority of time. Dave Kerr, doubling at guard, was opposed to Kid Dark, and oiled a trio of shots as against one for his opponent. After ping-pong together and becoming better acquainted the Skeeters look due to have another machine that will be hard to stop.

INTERAC GRID GAMES TO START TOMORROW Annual Campaign for Academic Title to Begin With Penn Charter Playing Episcopal and Germantown Friends' Central—Central Plays South Philly

TOMORROW will mark the opening of the annual Interacademic Football League when the four eleven-men teams in the yearly gridiron competition begin vying for the 1919 championship. Penn Charter, winner of the laurels for the last six years, will meet the Episcopal team on the latter's field, sixty-second and Walnut streets, and Friends' Central will play host to Germantown Academy on the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. grounds, Forty-fourth street and Parkside avenue.

Coach Doctor O'Brien's husky eleven is leading opponents entered in the league campaign with points scored for the season, totaling 172 and showing but three points scored against them. Scores made by and against the six eleven-men teams are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Points Scored. Rows include West Philadelphia, Germantown, Friends' Central, etc.

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175 points to zero for the opposition, will be staged at Darby, where it will line-up against the high school of that place. Another big game is looked for at Radnor where the local school eleven will entertain Bryn Athyn, the "Action Aggregation."

The entire Friday schedule follows: INTERACADEMIC LEAGUE Penn Charter vs. Episcopal at Sixty-second and Walnut streets. Germantown Academy vs. Friends' Central at Forty-fourth and Parkside.

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INTERACADEMIC LEAGUE South Philadelphia High vs. Central High at Twenty-ninth and Cambria streets.

OTHER GAMES Chestnut Hill Academy at Abington High. Bryn Athyn Academy at Radnor High. Camden High at Woodbury High. Swarthmore High at Darby High. Haverford High at Ridley Park High.

Wilmington Friends' at Germantown Academy. More than a dozen football and soccer games are scheduled for Saturday, while the three and a half mile cross-country run in Fairmount Park also is on for that day.

INCONSISTENT WORK OF PRINCETON HAS HARVARD GUESSING

Reversal in Form of the Tigers' Team That Held Colgate and the One That Fell Before West Virginia Has Crimson Followers Annoyed

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE Copyright, 1919. All rights reserved. Cornell Famed for her crests—famed for her stars Who rule both track and field; Where no red rust of combat scars The glory of her shield; Today where backs and forwards reel Bereft of all acclaim She waits in turn each coming heel, The doormat of the game.

HARVARD is wondering whether Princeton has decided to adopt her Lafayette-West Virginia method or to kick in with her Colgate system. Old Doc Jekyll and the esteemed Mr. Hyde had nothing on the Tigers. They looked to be coming champions against Colgate and going tail-enders against West Virginia.

IN SPITE of which, if Harvard wins both games the Crimson phalanx will hardly resort to uncontrollable weeping. One of Those Things HOW do you figure Harvard compares with Ohio State? interjects a round-eyed bystander. By what method of direct, indirect, simple or compound comparison could any one tell?

DEBATING the comparative strength of these two teams is merely one of those things that travel in a circle. All-American Backs SUPPOSE you were ordered by court-martial or court injunction proceedings to select an All-American backfield from this list: Rogers—West Virginia. Gille—Colgate. Anderson—Colgate. Harley—Ohio State. Erickson—W. and J. Casey—Harvard. Kempton—Yale. Robertson—Dartmouth. Weldon—Lafayette. Davidson—Pittsburgh. McQuarrie—West Point. Ackley—Syracuse—and some twenty or twenty-five others of about this same mold?

THE AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP Eight Ethiopians started to play African golf on the asphalt one day. Right off the bat some one rolled an eleven. Out flashed a razor and then there were seven. Seven smart shooters all loaded with tricks. Crack went an uppercut, then there were six. So on, ad interim, minutes were few. Till six Senegambians dwindled to two. The final ensemble then argued and fought. A cop hauled the winner next day into court. The newspapers furnish the end of my tale: "John Doe, a negro, ten days in the jail." LESLIE ALAN TAYLOR.

Ryan Too Clever for Thomas Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Nov. 6.—While in the last waterweight of New Brunswick, N. J., made a big impression here last night by decisively outpointing Kid "Duke" Heisterport, Conn., in a ten-round bout.

THE ideal arrangement would be to have every eleven in the country beaten. Then we would have a flurry of words beyond all past output. Even as it is, fashionable winter chit-chat upon the championship situation looks promising enough for the normal ear.

Advertisement for BECKER'S Quality Clothes. Includes store address (1514-16 Market Street), date (November 6), and a large section titled 'You Never Saw Such Fine Clothing Values' with a list of suits and overcoats for sale at \$25. Also includes an advertisement for Down Stairs Store Specials with prices for neckwear, shirts, and underwear.