## DAME RUMOR HITTING AT .000 AS JOE DUGAN LEAVES LEBANON FLAT AND RETURNS TO C. MACK'S FOLD

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

WHERE there's smoke you always can find fire, and when persistent reports about big league ball players fumping to the Steel League come in day after day it's something is going to happen. Early this week lot of fuss was made about Gene Paulette flopping to Oil City and Dugan, Witt and Rommel taking it on the run for Lebanon, Pa. After strenuous denials from every concerned it was believed that the rumors were all bunk and started for advertising purposes only.

But Joe Dugan took it upon himself to travel and see the world, and went to Lebanon as the guest of the city to make up his mind whether he should accept the City Hall or the steel plant as a gift. Joe departed Thursday was the only person to attempt to take high dive, He's back in town today so the official figures are:

Reported to have jumped Jumped P.C.

It was through a piece of clever detective work that Dugan was located in Lebanon yesterday. A telegraph operator, who works the other end of the wire with Matty Mathews, the demon dot and dasher, was reading the morning paper and noted with much surprise that Dugan had gone to Lebanon.

This is very interesting," said the operator to himself. "I shall find out if it is true." Looking out of the window, he saw a stranger walk-

ing on the other side of the street. "Who is that guy?" he asked excitedly of the office

"Why, that's Joe Dugan," was the reply. "He's a swell ball player." That solved everything. Soon the wire to Philadel-

phia was sputtering and Matty received an earful. Send reports on everything that happens," ordered Matty, tersely. "We must know the inside of this stuff."

SOON the reports began to hum from Lebanon and there was plenty of excitement. Funny how reports can cause excitement. Here they are: REPORT NO. 1

"Joe Dugan has partaken of a hearty breakfast of fried fish. He showed good form at the plate. He is about to inspect the steel plant and City A committee of pathfinders will meet him

REPORT NO. 2 "Dugan and a lot of well-dressed capitalists just passed in an automobile. They are going to Mount Gretna, just to see what is to be seen.

Everybody was laughing, so it must be a joy ride. REPORT NO. 3 "Dugan is back again. He met Brick Mc-Innis and went into the Palace of Succets, which observes the midnight closing law, and ordered a stein of vanilla ice cream soda. I hurried over and aat next to them, listening to the conversation. They did not talk like ball players, because not once did they mention the game. I asked Brick if Joe had signed, and Brick said he did not like to ask

personal questions. REPORT NO. 4 "I went back to work and then decided to ask Dugan myself. He didn't know me and perhaps he would think I was a reporter. I waited until another stein was finished and the pretzels had been passed around, and nailed Joe as he left the place. But I couldn't ask him such a personal question about business matters. He saw I was flustered,

so I laughed and said: 'Joe, how do you like our town!' " 'I saw everything there was to be seen in five minutes,' said Joe, 'and I like it very much. Good morning!

REPORT NO. 5 "I can positively state that Joe Dugan is in Lebanon, but I can't tell whether he has signed or not. They say he will play tomorrow. Will let you know if anything happens. REPORT NO. 6

"It's all off with Dugan. He practiced with the team this afternoon and started with them for

BOXING IN PHILA.

not backward in saying that he did not benefit, in so far as dollars and cents

Indications show that boxing is at a rev.

the ice, or some one stepped in and brake the ice, or something like that, some time in August, Philadelphia is a good boxing town—some men interested in the sport throughout the country have the little where he had been something the little little late.

for a rest; Phil Glassman is doing nothing of anything; Herman Taylor is perched on the sand at Atlantic City;

Harry Edwards is vacationing at Vine-land, N. J.; George Pawling is preparing for the opening of the regular season in the fall and Harry Donaghy is doing the same as Pawling. Other-wise the major promoters aren't worry-ing whether the boxing school keeps or

NEW YORK fans are not going to have anything on the fistic followers in this city. Beginning August 2 a series of fifteen-round bouts are to

were concerned, so greatly as was ex-

more big show will be held at either of the ball parks before the regular fall season is inaugurated. Phil Glassman has Shibe Park and Rains has the Phillies' field; neither appears to be work-ing on anything to interest the eash

At a Standstill

NOW IS BECALMED

Dunny Ferguson say that the winner

Recreation Center Meet

y Ferguson say that the winner of Andrews Loughrey bout should no guized as the welterweight champion attrible not until after he has been into consideration. Fergy has not reserved months, but he is read block at either McAndrews or Lough

Everything Is Quiet and Serene on the Fistic Rialto, and

Not Even a Murmur of a Big League Bout

Is Being Uttered Here

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

standstill at the present time. It is a matter of opinion whether at least one; M Nelson takes the stand to dispute Day

A report was current last week that

A report was trainer in the party returns to Philadelphia

Barry Blaustein. Kid Williams's trainer is

Rananging two Baltimore boxers, and he will

have them here neat fall. They are allered would just as soon walk up to learny

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2 a series of fifteen-round bouts are to be staged within easy reaching distance from the center part of the city. Tom loughrey, who used to be a tough nut the best of the welterweights, is to take part in a quadrangular track and field meet. Last week those four centers we have pround into the 145-pound lime glare, leginuer. Tom, who is to promote round matches with Pete Tyrell,

the station, but instead of taking the rain for Spar-

row's point with the rest of the Potteiger gang, he hopped a rattler for Phillie. It's all off he ain't going to play in our town. No Favoritism in Olympic Selections

SAMUEL J. DALLAS, the president of the A. A. U., has emphatically denied the charge made by W. F. Humphrey, the president of the Olympic Club of San Francisco, that favoritism was shown in the selections for the track and field team which will represent America in the Olympic games at Antwerp next month. Dallas has stepped forward with a statement that Humphrey misunderstood a telegram sent by Gustavus Kirby, the head of the Olympic committee, and that that caused the

Humphrey is quoted as saying that under the present system of raising funds to send the athletes abroad "it is not a question of the country being represented by her best athletes, but by sections with the most financial support." Humphrey voiced his protest after it was an nounced that the Olympic Club will provide the \$6000 needed to send its men, who are in the East awaiting funds, to the scene of the games. He said he would protest the payment, as he thought the funds should come

"The case is unfair to the West," he asserted. "We lived up to the tryouts here and to the Boston finals. Then when our men won their places on the team we were notified that they could not go unless funds were

"I am very sorry Mr. Humphrey took that view." said President Dallas. "It is due to a misunderstanding on his part. The West has not been discriminated against. To the contrary, there are a number of western athletes on the team; far more from the Los Angeles district than from the Philadelphia section.

"MR. KIRBY sent a form telegram to the dif-ferent districts, pleading for the various sections to start a drive for more funds. Mr. Humphrey probably thought that it applied only to his

Philadelphia Still Trailing Financially

THE letter which was wired all over the country by Mr. I Kirby was one of the many stunts to raise more funds to send the boys over, and shows how much the committee is in need of money. The telegram was worded to the effect that unless more contributions were made a full team could not be sent abroad. There has been absolutely no discrimination shown. The men who won places in Boston will make the trip provided the \$200,000 neces-

sary for a team of complete strength is raised.

With six athletes from the Olympic Club and seven from Los Angeles in the track and field list, besides the swimmers who will go abroad, it seems as if California has no room for complaint. Kirksey, Hunter, Merchant, McEachison, Bihlman and Muller are the ones selected from the Olympic Club, and Los Angeles has Paddock, Schiller, Sprott, Daggs, Yount, Anderson and Evans. As compared with this splendid array, the Philadelphia district has only three men-Shields, Woodring and Barron, all from the Meadowbrook Club.

But yet funds must be raised. The steamer carrying the athletes is due to leave New York next Wednesday, Only a few days remain and the committee treasurer is short more than \$50,000 of the \$200,000. America never has lost an Olympiad and the best group of athletes in history of the sport is awaiting the contributions. How can red-blooded, sport-loving Americans keep the rubber band on their rolls? The Philadelphia section still is far behind its quota of \$25,000.

Take your pen in hand, write a check and mail it or a money order or cash to the Middle States Olympic Committee, care Chandler Bros., 1338 Chestnut street, and prove you are a regular American.

COME ACROSS SO THAT THEY CAN GO ACROSS.

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### Where Little League Ball Teams Play This Afternoon

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEAGUE PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN LEAGUE side. Stenton at Hathoro. GLOUCESTER COUNTY LEAGUE

GLOUCESTER COUNTY LEAGUE
Westville at Paulsbore, Glibbstown at
Bridgeport Woodbury at Swedeshore
DELAWARE COUNTY LEAGUE
Lansdale at Morten, Rockdale at Highland
Park Devzei Hills at Media.
DELAWARE RIVER LEAGUE
Delawal at Barber, Roebling at Newtown,
American Bridge at Bash, Lambertville at
Northelast

NORTHEAST MANUFACTURERS'LEAGUE

EVERYTHING is quiet along the fistic rialto here. Not a ripple appears on the surface of the local sea of scraps. Almost three weeks have been turned into the pages of history and not even a murmur of a big boxing match—that is, of the big-league variety—has been uttered.

at West Manayunk, Montgomery country, has matched Frank to meet Eddie McAndrews, a fellow Manayunk boxer. Each of the boxers has posted a forfeit of \$100 for weight, 147 pounds ringside. Frank (Pep) O'Brien will referee this fifteen-round bout, which is to be preceded by three six-rounders.

American Bridge at Bash, Lambertville at Meritaville at Meritaville at Meritaville at Took Meritaville at Meritaville at Meritaville at Meritaville at Meritaville at Meritaville at Miles Grans, Meadows and Miffills streets. Barrett at Southwark Foundille at Meritaville at Miles Grans, Meadows and Miffills streets. Barrett at Southwark Foundille at Meritaville been uttered.

The Willie Jackson-Lew Tendler bout, promoted by Leon L. Rains at the Phillies' ball yard early this month. was a success financially and otherwise, but the man who staged the contest was backward in saying that he did not

American Pulley at Hohlfeld, Bread Maranville, Bos-per and Allegheny syence; North Ameri-h Lake at Hess-Bright, Front street and Paulette, Phila

Charles Reor has returned from Baston, where he baxed Young Sorcer. Rear is to be handled by Joe Kennedy in the fature and the latter is mapping out a strenuous cam paint for Cholly. the sport throughout the country have said that this was the best spot for fisticular in the universe. And the fan may be awakened one of these warm mornings to learn of the consuramation of a bout "to knock his eye out."

As stated, though, boxing is becalmed at the present writing.

Bobby Burman's handsham healed well have writen from Atlantic City that Hurman will be ready any old time to take a fing at either Maxle Williamson or Martin. 120 pointer maxle well as the mapping out a strengular control of the maxle well as when well as the maxle well as th





## PAULETTE ON BATTING RAMPAGE; M'INNIS AND SCHANG HIT HARD

Socking Ball Hard

Gene Is Carrying On an Unbroken Slugging Streak; Hornsby Still Tops National League

WILLIAMS IN LIME

ENE PAULETTE, of the Phils, is G carrying on an unbroken batting streak. Including the game played on July 21. Paulette has hit safely in consecutive contests, during which he has punched out nineteen safeties in fifty-two trips to the plate for a batting figure of .365. He scored eight runs during that batting bee.

Rogers Hornsby, of the Cardinals, continues to lead the hitters of the Na-tional circuit with a percentage of .359. Rog also punched out the most base

Dave Bancroft, of the Giants, with ifty-five runs, leads at run scoring. 'Cy' Williams, of the Phillies, tops ne sluggers with nine home runs. Max Carey, the speedy Pirate, continues to tow-rope the base runners with thirty-two stolen bases. Clarence Mitchell, of the Robins, leads the hurlers with five victories and nary a loss, although pitching honors actually belong to Mitchell's teammate, Burleigh Grimes. The latter has a record of fourteen victories and

defeats for a pitching figure of Figures, including last Wednesday's games, follow:

National League Batting

National League Pitching

STUFFY McINNIS

A PAIR of former Mackmen, Stuffy Not Quite All

American League Batting

Nat'l League Club Batting

American League Pitching

Williams, Chi.
Clootte, Chi
Thormahlen, N. Y.
Kerr, Chi.
Pennock, Bos.
Schacht, Wash.
Zachary, Wash.
Bush, Bos.
Mogridge, N. Y.
Burwell, St. I.
Shore, N. Y.
Keefe, A's.
Niehaus, Cleve, Erickson, Wash.
Weilman, St. I.
Russell, Bos.
Datuss, Det.
Johnson, Wash.
Sothoron, St. L.
Davis, Bt.
Jones, Bos.
Courtney, Wash.
Karr, Chi.
Jones, Bos.
Curtney, Wash.
Karr, Chi.
Cleve,
Harris, A's.
Perry, A's.
Perry, A's.
Shaw, Wash.
Wilkinson, Chi.
Myers, Cleve.

Am. League Club Batting

# IT'S RUTH'S CONTROL THAT MAKES HIM HIT

Champion Home-Run Biffer Is Master of His Nerve and Muscles-Fulton Still No. 2 Among Heavies. Wills Bout Will Tell

By GRANTLAND RICE

A Few Lines to Ping Bodie Though somewhat overshadowed by A trifle greater Batting Eye Of one who holds the record sway Of baseballs driven far away—

Though somewhat topped by one whose Has just a trifle on you, Ping, The while upon a daily tark He lifts the missile from the park-

Undaunted yet you take your stand With flashing eye and steady hand, As with an ever-growing thrill You crash the grand old apple still.

But more than all I hate the ball, The new white ball I've badly cut.

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I always hate a cuppy lie;
I hate the short, half-hearted try;
But when I've won and all is done.
I hate my rival's alibi.

L. P. R

SPEAKING of veterans being o classed by such younger stars still Number Two among the leading heavyweights, outranked only by

Dempsey.

Ted Ray's Pipe

TED RAY is not only a fine golfer.
The big Englishman has still another marvelous knack. He can carry a lighted pipe, and keep it lighted, in a rain too heavy for any one but an expert to carry an umbrella.

Back in 1913 we fellowed that

Back in 1913 we followed him for the better part of thirty-six holes at Shawnee. A combination cloudburst and deluge was in the act of swashing the landscape into a foam. Former Mackmen Wallop

Pellett Regularly for Red

No one else could smoke, even under a tree. Every cigar, cigarette and match within a radius c twenty-two

Sox; Speaker's .417

Reeps Him Out in Front

Match within a radius C twenty-two miles was soaked.

But all the while, slogging along through the downpour, Ray's pipe continued to emit smoke, which circled up through the rain after the manner of the rain after the manner of through the rain after the manner of RICE BEST STEALER hibition and elicited as much admiration from the gallery as Ray's mighty niblick swipes called forth.

A McInnis and Wally Schang, both now with the Red Sox, have been hitting the ball hard. Stuffy connected safely in eleven consecutive games,

while Schang made hits in ten straight contests, each being stopped by Claude Williams, of the White Sox, on the same date, July 21.

Tris Speaker, of the Indians, tops the hitters in the American League with a percentage of .417. George Sisler leads in base hits with 141. Babe Ruth leads in runs scored with ninety-four tallies.

The Babe, who set a new hore run.

to beat his old record and establish a new mark. Opposing pitchers were just as keen not to be the selected goats whose name or names might be carried down in the records as the victim.

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The Babe, who set a new home-run record the last week, also is the leading slugger with thirty-two four-ply licks.
Bob Shawkey, of the Yankees, in winning over the White Sox on July 19, turned in his tenth successive victory.
Shawkey also won yesterday. This equals Alexander's 1920 major league record of eleven straight triumphs.
American League records, including games played on July 21, follow:

ame of a White Sox double-header with Pipp on first. It was poor strategy here to walk Ruth with one out and the Sox leading by a run.

After getting the big slugger at 3 and 2, Kerr was forced to lay one over. The ordinary human would have been overanxious—keen to peel the cover off. The normal tendency under these conditions would have been to hit too soon, one of the most common faults in baseball, golf or tennis. But Ruth, with extreme deliberation, stepped into the pitch, took only his normal swing and denosited the ball into the scient. and deposited the ball into the right-field bleachers.

mendous physical force, he also has his nervous system and his muscular system under perfect control. He isn't one of these wild swingers who overreaches himself. He delivers a tremendous punch, but not sufficiently hard to throw himself off balance. In

other words, he rarely overtries, being content to hit well within his power. COT HAVEN'T seen Harry Wills fight

within the last year or so," writes a tourist, "but if he is as good as he was two years ago and Fulton can whithim—then Fulton is the logical candidate for a Dempsey match. After all Dempsey is the only man who has ever trimmed Fulton in recent times, and analysis of the content of the second match or one game never settles. one match or one game never settler

The Soul Wrecker

I hate a slanting downhill putt;
I hate a pitch shot from a rut;
But more than all I hate the ball,

I always hate a cuppy lie; I hate the short, half-hearted try; But when I've won and all is done, I hate my rival's alibi.

SPEAKING of veterans being out-Sclassed by such younger stars as Sisler, Ruth; Hornsby, Roush, etc., just how many second basemen are there now around who are any better than Eddie Collins, a veteran of twelve

fielders we inadvertently left out Fred Clarke, one of the greatest that ever traveled in any one of nineteen directions for a fly ball. (Copyright, 1920, All rights reserved.)

#### **PUGGY LEE IS VICTOR**

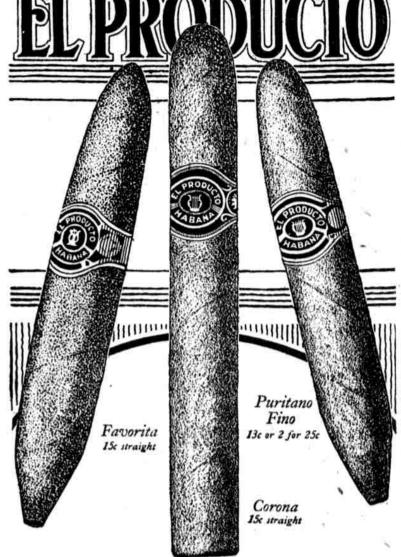
Scores Eight-Round -Victory Over Johnny Mealy at the Cambria Puggy Lee came out on top over Johnny Mealy in their eight-round mix-up last night in the star bout at the open-air Cambria Club. Mealy wielded a mean wallop in his right, but Lee would not give the Southwark lightweight a chance to measure his punch. Puggy came wading in all the time and punched away with both hands

to the body. It was a swell scrap.
Tommy McCann, Germantown romising battler, came through with colors flying in the other eight-rounder. He defeated Pete Ross. Harry Kid Erne beat Jack Devlin, Joe Spencer won from Young Griffo and Rocky Ford drew with Al Shaw.

Melchoir Beats Chuck Wiggins Kalamazoo, Mich., July 24.—Tony Micholr, Chicago heavyweight, won on points according to newspaper men. In his for round bout here last night with "Chick Wiggins, of Indianapolis."



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