KRISS KRINGLE GAVE LYNCH HIS GIFT A FEW DAYS AHEAD OF TIME, STILL JOE IS SATISFIED

FANS KNEW HERMAN WAS BEATEN BY LYNCH LONG BEFORE FIFTEEN ROUND BATTLE CAME TO AN END

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL
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THERE was nothing strange, unusual, startling or dramatic when the bantam crown was lifted from the brow of Pete Herman at Madison Square Garden Wednesday night. At a pugilistic coronation, which always is held in conjunction with the obsequies, history is made and there usually is plenty of excitement. In the olden days the championship changed hands when the other fellow was carried out of the ring. Knockouts were necessary. But times have changed.

When Joe Lynch triumphed over Herman he ruined the finale. Eight chapters before the end he had demonstrated his superiority and the spectators knew what was to happen in the last paragraph. It was like turning over the pages of a novel to see if the hero bumped his head on the altar rail and then reading all of the happenings that led up to it.

In the seventh round everybody in the place knew that Herman was licked. This included Herman himself. Therefore the other eight sessions were superfluous.

Of course, there was a mild thrill when Pete flopped officially and Joe Humphries carolled the decision of the judges. The Joe Lynch Admiration Society, formed a few minutes before, celebrated vociferously as admiration societies celebrate, many wise ginks smiled knowingly and pulled the "I-told-you-so" stuff, and a lot of other wise persons — many from Philadelphia — turned over their Christmas money to perfect strangers. But scenes like that are quite common.

We have seen three championships change hands, and two were quite impressive. It will be hard to forget the night at the Manhattan Casino when Benny Leonard wrested the lightweight title from Freddy Welsh in the ninth round. The ending was unexpected. Welsh, wedged in a neutral corner, was being battered unmercifully. He could not protect himself, and Kid McPartland, the referee, stopped the uneven battle. Welsh tried to protest, but his legs doubled under him and he almost fell out of the ring.

There were anticlimaxes galore in the Dempsey-Willard affair in Toledo. Big Jess took enough punishment in the first round to be knocked out a dozen times. He hit the floor seven separate and distinct times; really was counted out once, but the referee and the freshman timekeeper were shooting ducks or something. After that Willard took everything Dempsey had, rocked his younger foe with a stiff uppercut in the third round, and when the fourth started he tossed a dirty towel in the ring instead of toeing the scratch.

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THAT was a dramatic ending because it was unexpected. Willard could have stepped out and worked a few minutes longer for that $100,000.

Pete Fought as Usual

IF THERE was any surprise it was in the showing of Herman. "You never have seen that boy open up," said the insiders. "He does not extend himself in these no-decision affairs, but just watch him go when there is a decision at the end of the fight. You'll be surprised."

But Pete did not open up. He fought just the same as he did in Philadelphia, acting as if his only thought was to avoid a knockout and last the limit. True, he tried to fight back in the later rounds, but the skinny kid from New York was too much for him and he could not keep his face away from those pipe-stem arms.

Herman fought his usual fight, only this time he was not accused of stalling. The only thing that can be said is he lost the title standing up.

Lynch is the sixth bantamweight champion of the world and the tenth American title holder. George Dixon was the first real bantam champion. The title was clouded in the old days and the Little Chocolate was the first claimant to prove his right to the throne. He became champion in 1889, and after cleaning up the American crop—the limit was 105 pounds then—went to England, where he stopped Nunc Wallace, the British champion, in eighteen rounds.

Dixon outgrew the bantam class and from 1890 to 1894 the title lapsed. In the East Casper Leon proved his superiority and Jimmy Barry reigned supreme in the West. Both claimed the title and the pair met in Lamont, Ill., near Chicago, on September 15, 1894. It was one of the most grueling battles in ring history, and Barry won by a knockout in twenty-eight rounds.

Barry went to England two years later and met Walter Croot for the world's title. He knocked out the Englishman in the twentieth round. Croot died the following day, but Barry was exonerated from all blame. Jimmy retired undefeated in 1899 and the title was claimed by Terry McGovern. Pedlar Palmer came over from England to box him for the world's championship and was knocked out in the first round. Terry became a featherweight the following year and Harry Forbes claimed the title. He was knocked out by Frankie Neil in three rounds on August 13, 1903.

Neil went to England in 1904 and boxed Joe Bowker, the British champion, and lost in twenty rounds. After this the American title holder slumped badly and Jimmy Walsh claimed the crown. Jimmy boxed Digger Stanley at 118 pounds in London in 1909 and the pair went twenty rounds to a draw. Walsh outgrew his class and Johnny Coulon claimed the title. He defended it until 1914, when he was knocked out by Kid Williams in three rounds. Pete Herman won the title on a referee's decision in New Orleans in 1917.

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NOW we have Joe Lynch, and the New Yorker should prove a popular champion. He is a regular fighter, a two-fisted Irishman, and more power to him!

Can't Keep Hatchet Buried

THE American League battle is on again. Since Ban Johnson overlooked Harry Frazee when the board of directors was named and later handed Cap Huston a wallop in a statement issued in Chicago, letters have been exchanged and Christmas greetings were not included. Frazee yesterday insisted that Johnson resign from the presidency of the league, and Ban has given him the laugh. More notes are likely to be exchanged and a nice little scrap will be well under way when Judge Landis steps in. The judge has his work cut out for him.

Every time the hatchet is buried somebody digs it up again and war is renewed. New York, Chicago and Boston are lined up solidly against Johnson, and there is no chance for a compromise. Each side suspects the other, and there can be nothing but trouble in the league as long as both factions remain.

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PERHAPS Judge Landis is a big enough man to straighten out the difficulties. At least, we hope so.

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SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

IF "HONUS" DID IT WHAT'S TO STOP TY?

Wagner Led League in Batting at 37, So Cobb, at 34, Has Good Chance to Regain Championship in American League

By GRANTLAND RICE

Once more the echo drifts by land and sea,
Far blown and faint as from God's melody,
Sweet as the dream-song of a thousand years
Of love and laughter, of life's pain and tears;
Sweet as the wind-song where the fir trees crown
The snowswept hills above the restless town;
Blown ever onward as a dream, far whirled,
That comes to storm the darkness of the world,
And drive life's shadows in unending flight
Beyond the gleam that crowns the hills of light.

Once more the echo rises and afar
We wait again beneath the Christmas star;
Where once again the rushing legions meet
With rhythmic tread of countless marching feet
That shift and form into a serried line,
Where through the mists the scarlet berries shine,
Above the day of all the days that wait;
Where winds the highway through the open gate
Flung wide for those who yet may enter through
And find beyond the Land-of-Dreams-Come-True.

THE report that Messrs. Huston, Ruppert, Comiskey and Frazee will drop something into Ban Johnson's stocking is absolutely unfounded, as it is strictly against the law to send nitro-glycerine by mail.

IT IS difficult to say just at this moment whether it is easier to establish peace in the Balkans or in the American League. Both are charter members of the Off-Agin-On-Agin Club.

Why Not?

"TY COBB will never lead the league again," says a contemporary. "He held the winning pace until he reached the age of thirty-four and then he fell back. At thirty-four his day as a league leader is over."

Possibly, but in no way a certainty. Hans Wagner led the National League for the last time in 1911. In 1911 Wagner was thirty-seven years old, several seasons out beyond Cobb's duration upon this whirling circle.

Wagner at thirty-seven had nothing like Cobb's speed at thirty-four. It might be mentioned on the side that in 1911 Wagner had no George Sisler and no Tris Speaker to beat. But he was at least able to prove that thirty-four was no barrier to leadership.

1921's Chance

NINETEEN twenty-one can get away to a running start in the spoting whirl of time if some court can fasten a conviction, not only upon the ballplayers who sold out, but upon the gamblers who framed the deal.

It is a mistake to assume that during the lull this case has been forgotten and therefore should be dropped.

The appointment of Judge Landis was a big factor in the general clean-up, but it doesn't end the argument.

Not as long as the main crooks are still untouched.

THOSE who are wondering what a suitable gift for an umpire might be should inclose a photograph of John J. Evers.

The Leading Bunker

I could stand the Christmas shopping, though it doesn't over-tickle,
The scirly hurly-burly of the maddened Christmas throng;
The bumping and the thumping where they get me in a pickle,
Or jam me in a showcase with a wallop overstrong;
I could stand it uncomplaining, though the thought is not appealing,
To a cove who several seasons has been forced to wander through it—
All the jamming, slamming, cramming of the rushing and the reeling
IF it wasn't for the money that I have to spend to do it.

"WILLARD had worked off all fatness when he met Dempsey at Toledo," states an exchange. All fatness below the neck. If he can continue the fat reducing process eighteen inches higher on the next occasion, get a good trainer and a smart adviser, the next day's story may be a trifle different from the one which appeared on July 5, 1918.

AN EXPERT has invented a golf club that will prevent a slice or a hook. But he makes no mention of having invented a golf ball that will trickle into a cup as buoyantly as it trickles into the heelprint of a bunker.

"BABE" RUTH may not hang up his sock tonight. He hung it over various fences fifty-four times between April and October, and the novelty of the act has worn off for the current year.

A MAN may be able to trade a toothpick for a lumber yard and still get badly stung in a baseball barter, where the rate of exchange is 95 per cent the best of it.

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BASKETBALL MATINEE

Kayoula Catholic Club Will Play Logan Tomorrow Afternoon

The Logan A. A., of the American League, will oppose Kayoula Catholic Club tomorrow afternoon at St. Anthony's Hall, Twenty-fourth and Carpenter streets, in one of the games of a double-header basketball attraction.

Logan has been strengthened by the addition of Van Osten, the former Germantown Eastern League center, and has in its line-up such stars as "Midge" Moore and "Paddy" Livingstone. Manager Tom Clavin, of Kayoula, will have Calhoun and Wilson as forwards, Regan, center; McCarter and Kilpatrick, guards.

The games will start at 2:30 p. m. Kayoula sprang a big surprise last week in handing Post No. 26, first-half winners of the American League, its first defeat of the season, and Kayoula has a strong chance of copping the independent basketball championship of the city.

Baptie to Race Baker

New York, Dec. 24.—When Norval Baptie and Don Baker meet in their match for the speed skating championship next Monday evening, the skating fraternity will see the greatest skating contest ever held in this section of the country. Skating fans need no introduction to Baptie, as he is probably the best known professional skater in the world today. Don Baker, while not the international figure that Baptie has been in the skating game, is rated by many as the fastest skater produced in the East in years.

To Open New Clubhouse

The North End Gun Club, of Conshohocken, having completed its new club house, replacing the old one destroyed by fire, will hold a Christmas Day shoot over its traps at Thirteenth and Harry streets, tomorrow afternoon.

Sports Served Short

Los Angeles—Counterfeit tickets to the Ohio State-California football game at Pasadena, New Year's Day, are being sold in Los Angeles and other cities, it was announced today by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, under whose auspices the East-West game is to be played.

Cleveland—Coach Sam Williamson and his East Technical High School football squad, twenty strong, left here today for Everett, Wash., where they will contest on New Year's Day with the holders of the Pacific Coast title for the national high school football honors.

Baltimore—Agricultural fairs to be held in conjunction with the race meetings of the four one-mile tracks of this state are not an unlikely development of the plans of the Maryland racing commission to establish a livestock breeding bureau to be maintained by these big tracks.

OLYMPIA
CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON, DEC. 25
JIMMY SULLIVAN vs. BOBBY BARRETT
ABE GOLDSTEIN vs. TOMMY MURRAY
AL MURPHY vs. JOHNNY MEALEY
DANNY KRAMER vs. JOHNNY SOLSBERG
BENNY LEONARD vs. CHICK SIMLER
World's Lightweight Champ. Scranton Seats on sale now Hotel Walton Buffet, Broad and Locust Sts. Regular prices.

NATIONAL A. A.
CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON
No Advance in Prices
ALL POPULAR PERFORMERS
AL BURKHY vs. YOUNG MICKEY
PATSY HOGAN vs. DARBY CASPER
JOE NELSON vs. JIMMY MENDO
JOE JACKSON vs. YG. TOM SHARKEY
ONE OF THOSE THRILLERS
JOE TIPLITZ vs. JIMMY MURPHY
Tickets at Donaghy's, 33 S. 11th St.

CAMBRIA A. CLUB
KENSINGTON AVE. AND SOMERSET
CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON
6—STAR BOUTS—6
3 Eights and 3 Sixes

THIS SATURDAY—CHRISTMAS NIGHT
DECEMBER 25
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PENN'S SHORT PASSES WON SOCCER LAURELS

Only College in League Which Employs That System — Sport Grows in Popularity Here

By DOUGLAS STEWART
Coach of the University of Pennsylvania Soccer Team, Intercollegiate Champions.

THE Intercollegiate Soccer League competition of 1920 proved to be one of the closest ever staged in the history of the event, due principally to the strength of the Pennsylvania and Princeton teams.

Princeton defeated each of its opponents, with the exception of Pennsylvania, by a margin of four goals. Pennsylvania, on the other hand, was erratic, defeating Yale and Cornell by the odd goal, Harvard by four goals and its ancient rival, Haverford, by the heavy score of nine goals to three.

Haverford, however, outside of Princeton was the only team which scored heavily on Pennsylvania, whereas no team outside of Pennsylvania had scored more than one goal on Princeton. In each of the three games played between Princeton and Pennsylvania, one, the regular league game and the other two in the effort to decide the championship, Pennsylvania had easily the greatest number of shots at the opponents' goal. Princeton's strength lay in her defense, while the Pennsylvania strength was in the attack. The strength of the attack was demonstrated in the second half of the final play off when Pennsylvania scored three goals to none, the final score being four goals to two.

The best exposition of the game given by the two teams was in the play-off at Princeton. The whole Princeton team worked together well, passing long and trapping nicely, with a considerable amount of dash and aggressiveness. The Pennsylvania team with the exception of one forward who was manifestly off form gave a good exhibition of quick, accurate, short passing, constantly putting the ball in the Princeton goal area.

Good team at Haverford

The Haverford team played a nice game, particularly in the half and forward lines, being a little weak in the back division. The team should have made a much better showing than it did, but traveled in a certain measure of bad luck. Considerable credit is due Haverford for developing so good a team out of the paucity of material at hand at the beginning of the season. The team as a whole played the long passing game which has always been characteristic of Haverford.

Cornell tied with Haverford on points for third place. In the game at Ithaca with Pennsylvania the Cornellians put up one of the stiffest defensive battles of their history. The defense in this case also was the strong part of the team and it was severely rested in this game. The Penn attack bombarded the Cornell goal incessantly, but so carefully was it guarded by the halves and backs that no close shots could be made and Mollnet in goal saved all the long shots. It was not until well on in the second half that the Penn attack succeeded in penetrating the defense by the convression by Pennell, the Penn inside left, of a long pass from Bingham at outside right. It was a case of wearing down the Cornell defense.

With the advent of Nick Bawden as coach a large amount of interest in the game has been created at Cornell. It was not unusual while the weather conditions permitted for Baw fe to have as many as a hundred men passing on the numerous fields at one time and with a continuation of this interest Cornell ought to be able to take her place among the league leaders in a close fight for the championship hereafter.

At New Haven insufficient interest is taken in the game to enable Yale to turn out a team which will hold its own in the quality of soccer played by Penn, Princeton or Haverford. The team this year had several good players with a lot of good material.

At Cambridge the interest seems to be on a par with that at New Haven. This season but thirty-five candidates reported, and it was seldom that a sufficient number reported at one time to enable Burgess, the coach, to play two sides. The Harvard team, however, was nicely balanced and put up a good fight against Penn.

Making Rapid Strides

It is a matter of considerable satisfaction to those interested in the development of soccer in the colleges to see the remarkable strides it has made, not only in the interest created but in the quality of play exhibited. Curiously enough Pennsylvania is the only college which plays the short passing game.

To one who has followed the development of the game closely for many years the highest degree of skill shown by the teams of this year indicates an increase of playing ability of not less than 50 per cent and also indicates that in a very few years an American college team will be able to hold its own against the best college teams of Britain.

There is even now a great deal of discussion as to the possibility of bringing over to the United States an Oxford or Cambridge team to measure its skill against the American teams. It is the opinion of the writer that a team such as the all-intercollegiate team published in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER could hold if not best any visiting college team from anywhere.

Final Standing of Teams in College Soccer League

	W.	L.	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Pennsylvania	5	0	2	23	0	12
Princeton	4	1	2	22	8	10
Haverford	2	3	0	7	16	4
Cornell	2	3	0	4	8	4
Yale	1	3	1	3	7	3
Harvard	1	3	1	2	13	3

Pennsylvania and Princeton being tied at end of competition, played two games to decide championship.

GRIDIRON RIVALS IN TITULAR TILT

Ewing and All-Philadelphia to Stage Championship Game Tomorrow Afternoon

The stage is all set for the great championship game between the strong Ewing A. A. and All-Philadelphia football teams, Christmas afternoon, at 2:30, at the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. grounds, Forty-fourth and Parkside avenue.

Ewing have been champions of Northwest Philadelphia for the last ten years, while All-Philadelphia are champions of South Philadelphia, the latter team having scored 168 points to their opponents' none, and three weeks ago tied Vincome A. C. 0 to 0.

In All-Philadelphia's line-up are such stars as Gip Allen, Glasscott, the Catholic University star, and Claire and MacGowan. The Ewing A. A., since their cripples have returned, have played brilliant ball.

Some of their feats are holding the star Phoenixville team 13 to 0, the strong Chesrook team of Wilmington to 14 to 7, and defeating Chesrook 19 to 14.

In the Ewing team's line-up will be such stars as Monroe and Hugo, of West Philadelphia High School; Gardner, formerly of "By" Dickson's Marines; "Jimmy" Moore, the former Haverford College sensational punter; Lukens, of Clarke's Usanes, at Allentown; Captain Coghlan, of Catholic High, and Altorfer and Big Simeox, formerly of Conshohocken and Holmesburg.

All-Philadelphia are not only out to defeat Ewing, but are out to keep their slate clean. For the first season the All-Philadelphians have made a wonderful record, with a win of seven successive games without their goal line being crossed.

Allen, a newcomer, will fill the vacancy of Kelly at quarter, the latter who was formerly of Pitt, and who piloted the team all season, will be out of the game owing to injuries. Ben McGown will do the toe kicking for Philadelphia, while Doyle and Nunzeh will do line smashing.

TRUCKS TO BOWL LUCKE

Philadelphia and Brooklyn Pinners to Play for $1000 Purse

Charles Trucks and Leo Lucke, of Brooklyn, will engage in a match series of twenty bowling games for $500 a side, total pins deciding. The first half of the series will be rolled on Casino alleys next Thursday evening, and the final half in New York January 5.

Trucks had remarkable success last season in individual matches. He scored victories over Charles Romer and Senatore, both of New York, in ten-game matches on their home alleys. Later he arranged a thirty-game series, fifteen at home and fifteen away, with Joe Redling and Glen Riddell, of New York, and won. He beat Lucke in a twenty-game series, but lost his match, a home-and-home series, with Phil Spobella, of Brooklyn.

1920 SAW MANY BRILLIANT FEATS ON THE GOLF LINKS

Wonderful Playing of Alexa Stirling Outstanding Feature. Hagen's Notable "Comeback" in France—Duncan and Vardon Heroes

By SANDY McNIBLICK

GOLF did quite as well as any other sport in the great boom season of 1920. The game regained the prominence it had attained when war interrupted the progress, and then added more popularity. There is no question but that more folks in America between the ages of twenty-five and seventy-five play golf than any other outdoor game.

Followers of golf were fortunate in 1920 in the excellence of the play by those who are at the peak in amateur as well as professional competition. When the standard set by experts in a sport is high the example invigorates the entire world of that particular branch of athletic endeavor. It places the star at which all are shooting high and worth striving for.

There were many brilliant feats of golf in 1920, but the foremost was the winning of the British open championship on the Deal links, on the Kent coast of England, by George Duncan, the Scotch professional. On the last thirty-six holes of that championship Duncan swung around in 71 and 72, and brought himself from the ruck into the winning position.

Vardon's Great Effort

Perhaps the second greatest effort of the year was made by Harry Vardon, the veteran British professional who finished in a tie for second place for the American open championship at Toledo. Vardon had won the same event twenty years before and, although he was more than fifty years of age and had been taking part in exhibition matches for weeks before the Toledo event, he looked like a sure winner of the title when he had but nine holes to play, and finished but one shot behind the winner.

Third position in the list of brilliant accomplishments goes to Miss Alexa Stirling, of Atlanta. Miss Stirling won both the Canadian and United States woman's championships this year, but the winning was not the most remarkable thing about her 1920 effort. Miss Stirling was expected to win the double title, so it was the high quality of her play which drew the praise of all followers of golf. At Hamilton, in the Canadian championship, and at Cleveland, in the United States title event, Miss Stirling approached nearer perfection than any woman golfer on this continent ever has.

A number of the foremost professional golfers, all students of style, who watched Miss Stirling said that she hit the ball as well as the greatest men players. She so far outclasses all women golfers in America at the present time that she is likely to hold the championship for many years. She won it for the first time in 1916 at the Belmont Spring Country Club in Boston.

"Chick" Evans is entitled to a position when the great feats of 1920 are told, for Chick won the United States amateur championship after a narrow escape from defeat in an early round by Reginald Lewis. His playing against Ouimet in the finals was as fine as ever seen in such an important meeting.

Hagen Gets a Niche

One fine effort which has never been properly recognized in America was the winning of the French open championship by Walter Hagen directly after he had failed utterly in the British open in such a manner as to have taken the heart and confidence out of a less stout-hearted golfer than Hagen. The field in the French open was very nearly as fast as that in the British open, for George Duncan, the British winner, and Abe Mitchell both started in France. This was the greatest "come back" of the year. British papers gave Hagan full credit for this win, but he never received proper reward for it in America.

Douglas Edgar showed class in winning both the Canadian and Southern open titles, as did Jock Hutchison in taking first honors in the Western open and in the Professional Golfers' Association championship.

It should also be remembered that Cyril Tolley won the British amateur championship from Robert Gardner in an international finish at Muirfield, Scotland, which went to the thirty-seventh green, where the Englishman won by sinking a long putt for a two. This was undoubtedly the most spectacular occurrence in an important match in 1920. Championship finals do not as a rule end on the first extra hole by one of the contestants sinking a long putt for deuce.

Miss Cecil Leitch retained her title as British woman's champion and it is earnestly hoped by golfers on each side of the Atlantic that Miss Leitch and Miss Stirling will be able to match their games during 1921.

SANTA CLAUS WILL PRESENT LOCAL FANS WITH 21 BOUTS

One Hundred and Forty-eight Rounds of Boxing Scheduled at Four Different Clubs Tomorrow

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

TWO score and two boxers are fully confident today that they are going to have a merry Christmas tomorrow working up appetites for the big annual feed, all of which is easy to convey the fact that twenty-one bouts are to be dished out by the well-known Kris Kringle. As there usually is a winner and a loser in a ring match, some of the bit or get bit participants are going to be disappointed—also, probably, not feel well enough to fill up on turkey, cranberries, everything being prepared.

The old, bewhiskered, fur-lined, blue-suited, tassle-capped, bowed, red-nosed, red-cheeked and smiling gent is supposed to roll out of his big bag 148 rounds of boxing. He may be short on rounds, as some of the bouts probably will result in knockouts, but the fans know that Kris means well, and a little thing like a contest being curtailed by one mittman being put to sleep no doubt will be more interesting.

Santa will arrive at four different fistic emporiums here tomorrow afternoon at the same time, and simultaneously, as it were. Two-thirty p. m. is set for the opening bouts at the Olympia, National A. A. and Cambria Clubs, with five bouts each on the program of the first three named clubs and half a dozen at the Kensington arena.

Leonard at Olympia

One champion is to be connected to the fans, but he really doesn't need any introduction. Benny Leonard, best of the lightweights and [illegible] willing to make a present of his crown to anyone his weight who can take it away from him, will be the chief attraction at the Olympia. Ben will take on a seasoned tough guy from Scranton, Pa., in Chick Simler, who never [illegible] Chick and Ben met a [illegible] — that was before Leonard [illegible] —but the New Yorker [illegible] that a rather tough [illegible] had for ten full and scheduled rounds.

Semifinal to the big [illegible] meeting will be [illegible] out and then again [illegible] a bantam [illegible] Kramer, formerly of [illegible] Johnny Solsberg, of Brooklyn. This too, may end in a [illegible] never can tell. The [illegible] eight-round [illegible] here.

The six-round [illegible] are as follows: Johnny Mealey, of Philadelphia, vs. Al Murphy, of Scranton; Abe Goldstein, of New York, vs. Tommy Murray, of Philadelphia and Jimmy Sullivan, of New York, vs. Bobby Barrett, of Chester.

Murphy-Tiplitz Again

Standing out [illegible] program of the holiday festivities [illegible] gram is a third meeting between Jimmy Murphy and Joe Tiplitz, both West Philadelphia citizens. These gentlemen recently met twice, the second bout being better than the first, mostly for Tiplitz because Murphy was spelled to the floor in each contest. If their bout tomorrow is half as interesting as the other matches it will be taken as pleasing as any contest can be. Tip and Murph can't box, but, oh, how they can fight!

A welterweight wallopfest between a pair of hefty hitters will be put on in the six-round semi. Young Tom Sharkey, of West Philadelphia, will be 50 per cent of the set to with Joe Jackson, of Southwark. The six-round bouts are: Joe Nelson vs. Jimmy Mendo, Patsy Hogan vs. Darby Casper and Sailor Al Burger vs. Young Mickey.

Five eight-round scraps will be the [illegible] of Marcus Williams at the [illegible] There are no individual [illegible] on the card, but all are fighters who [illegible] nothing else when they slip [illegible] gloves. Here's the way they [illegible]: Sol O'Donnell vs. Jimmy [illegible], Kid West vs. Ralph Raymond, Jack White vs. Al Fox, Toughey Dugan [illegible] Murray and K. O. Frank [illegible] vs. Lew Minsk.

Johnny Burke is the "Santa Claus" [illegible] giving the children up his way" — for good measure. Three are [illegible] beginners, as follows: Young [illegible] vs. Batting Murray, Joe [illegible] vs. Mike Cowell and Charley O'Neil vs. Eddie Revoire. The sixes are: Joe Bennett vs. Al Shaw, Terry McGovern vs. Buddy Dailey and Tommy Merrick vs. Joe O'Connor.

Programs of Xmas Day Bouts at Local Clubs

OLYMPIA A. A., 2:30 P. M.
WINDUP
Benny Leonard vs. Chick Simler.
SEMI-WINDUP
Danny Kramer vs. Johnny Solsberg.
PRELIMINARIES
Johnny Mealy vs. Al. Murphy.
Abe Goldstein vs. Tommy Murray.
Bobby Barret vs. Jimmy Sullivan.

NATIONAL A. A., 2:30 P. M.
WINDUP
Jimmy Murphy vs. Joe Tiplitz.
SEMI-WINDUP
Joe Jackson vs. Young Tom Sharkey.
PRELIMINARIES
Joe Nelson vs. Jimmy Mendo.
Patsy Hogan vs. Darby Caspar.
Sailor Al. Burgher vs. Young Mickey.

CAMBRIA A. C., 2:30 P. M.
WINDUP
Young McGovern vs. Battling Murray.
SEMI-WINDUP
Joe Koons vs. Mike Credeli.
PRELIMINARIES
Charley O'Neil vs. Eddie Revoire.
Joe Belmont vs. Al. Shaw.
Terry McGovern vs. Buddy Dailey.
Tommy Merrick vs. Joe O'Connor.

AUDITORIUM A. A., 2:30 P. M.
WINDUP
Sol O'Donnell vs. Jimmy Jordan.
SEMI-WINDUP
Kid West vs. Ralph Raymond.
PRELIMINARIES
Jack White vs. Al. Fox.
Toughey Dugan vs. Danny Murphy.
K. O. Frank Smith vs. Lew Minsk.

BIG ENTRY LIST FOR NATIVITY RUN

Eighty Men to Start in Modified Handicap Marathon Tomorrow Morning

The modified handicap marathon run to be held tomorrow morning, under the auspices of the Nativity Catholic Club, has drawn the largest entry of the season with a list numbering eighty individuals and represented by eight clubs and unattached athletes. It will be a handicap event.

Meadowbrook Club, with most of its stars entered, is favorite for the team cup.

The run will start at 11 a. m., and will be over the following course: From Belgrade and Madison streets, south on Belgrade street to Allegheny avenue, west on Allegheny avenue to Aramingo avenue, south on Aramingo avenue to Clearfield street, east on Clearfield street to Richmond street, south on Richmond street to Somerset street, returning on Richmond street to Allegheny avenue, west on Allegheny avenue to Aramingo avenue, over the above course three times, finishing at starting point.

The entries follow:

Meadowbrook Club—Andrew Hister, Jr., Harry S. Kephart, Frank Worthington, Alfred T. Turner, Antony di Santi, Harry Gartley, T. F. Patterson, William Rittler, Jr., Fred. A. Lenz, John H. Boardman, William McK. Meyer, Stanton Haines, J. T. Jackson, Joseph Harvey, D. Van Belle.

Nativity Catholic Club — Harry Meyers, Joseph Leonard, P. Boyle, Joseph Dougherty, D. McFadden, D. McQuaide, J. Durkin, William Taylor, J. Rumbery, Victor Gibson.

Shanahan Catholic Club—J. O'Brien, John Gaughan, Paul Gallagher, J. McMahon, F. Carney, T. Stansky, H. Garvin, G. Mull, William Grimley, P. Bradley, H. J. McCloskey, M. Shehan.

Scandinavian-American A. C.—K. A. Petersen, S. B. Berquist, A. Anderson, J. Peterson, E. Jonanson, G. F. Vass.

Northwest Boys' Club—T. Detweiler, G. Detweiler, E. Campbell, G. Campbell, J. Vaden, L. Carlman, F. Olsen, G. Johnson, J. Bowers, J. Weiss, M. Martens, W. Britton, J. Gade, E. McNamee, J. Allendorf, T. Seeley, J. Scott, R. W. Brown.

St. Monica's Catholic Club—Hugh Ward, Harry A. Yeager, Frank Kelley, Charles Burns, John A. McNamee, Frank Yeager, John J. McHenry, J. Emmett Ward.

St. Gregory's Catholic Club — William Hart, Frank Hart, Walter Hurt, F. Maguire.

St. Aloysius Catholic Club—J. Bachman, J. McKenna, J. Murray.

Unattached—Richard O'Donnell, J. Morris, G. Ramsey, John Gray.

JONES IS UNDECIDED

Yale Football Mentor Hopes to Reach Decision During Holidays

New York, Dec. 24.—Tad Jones, Yale's football coach, stopped off here on his way from New Haven, to his home in Excelo, O., where he will spend the holidays.

The popular mentor and former star quarterback has been discussing the football situation with the authorities at Yale.

As yet he has not decided as to whether or not he will return. He is in hopes of reaching a decision on the matter during the holidays.

Commission Suspends Referee

New York, Dec. 24.—The State Boxing Commission has suspended Referee "Tommy" Connolly of Syracuse, for thirty days on account of his failing to at once correct a mistaken announcement of the judges' decision in the Lou-gate-Cohen contest at the Lyceum Sporting Club of Troy.

Cornell Has Open Date

Ithaca, Dec. 24.—Completing Cornell's football schedule for 1921 is proving a more difficult task than usual. The problem to be solved is finding a suitable opponent for the Ithacans for November 12.

Skaters Seek Speed Ttiles

Newburg, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Entries for the national outdoor speed skating championships, to be held here New Year's Day, closed today. Eighty-five skaters, comprising the cream of the exponents of the steel blades of this country, will compete for the big titles.

Johnson Quits Athletics

Spokane, Dec. 24.—Carl Johnson, member of the American Olympic track team and captain last season of the University of Michigan track team, announced today his retirement from active participation in track sports. He is to be married here December 30.

Connie Mack Signs Four-Letter Athlete

Stillwater, Okla., Dec. 24.—Wilbur Ray, the only athlete who has won a letter in four different sports at the Oklahoma A. and M. College here, has signed a contract with the Philadelphia Americans as a pitcher, he stated here today. He will report at the Athletics' spring training camp at Lake Charles, La., late in February.

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