

JACK DEMPSEY SEEKING BOUT WITH WILLARD

Offers Share of Gate Receipts to War Funds for Willard Bout After Win Over Fulton.

By RINGSIDER.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—And now comes Jack Dempsey, flushed with the joy of a twenty-three second—or rather "first"—victory over Fred Fulton, looking for something a little longer.

And because he knows that the only heavyweight fight America is interested in at the present moment is that world championship scrap "over there," Jack has made a proposition which he hopes will overcome the difficulties—he has pledged his end of the gate receipts to any war charity that may be decided upon.

Even so, those who have been watching the writing on the wall—that writing which is so kaleidoscopically changing things in base ball, boxing and other sports—admit that it is practically an assured thing that the Willard-Dempsey fight will never be until the referee calls a knockout blow in favor of democracy in the democracy-autocracy fight now on.

And at that, if the Willard-Dempsey engagement is brought about through the intervention of some army camp which induces Jess to train and scrap to add a few thousands to war aids, it will be a friendly "sort of a thing" at least as far as the "champ" is concerned. He has let it be known that for Dempsey he has the highest admiration; that he believes him "all there" and predicted the Fulton defeat long before it happened.

Not a "False Alarm."

And surely the world will have to admit that all the rumor about Dempsey being a "false alarm" is rumor, and nothing else, and that there is a lad who may well make a record here he gets through. And even his enemies are on his admiration list as the result of the speed and alacrity with which he brought the constellation of heaven before Fulton's unsuspecting vision in that memorable encounter in Harrison, N. J.

Dempsey, then, is the kind of a chap America's glove fans fall for—a clean-cut, sure hitter, with a hit that says: "There's the floor," and adds, as an afterthought, "Now you're stay, stay there." An unusually, they stay, too.

There are those who believe that Jess, while a good fellow and all that, is using the war and the difficulties he has encountered because of it as a blind behind which to hide his perfect willingness not to fight again. If that be so, and Willard will not fight at all, Dempsey is pretty near out of the fighting game, too, for there's only Mike left, and Billy himself, we believe, would admit what the answer would be in the event Dempsey took him on.

So, if this is an obituary, or a salutation, let us concede that Dempsey is a 1918 hundred-horse-power fighting machine, who hits to win and wins only to hit again. He's a battler from the start of the going, with no "make believe" or feinting in his system, who likes the game for the fight there is in it and the victory, too—for him.

Greb Has Wish.

Harry Greb of Pittsburgh and the United States navy, has had his wish, and we hope it proves up in results as he predicted. He has whipped the army, in the person of Eddie McGorty, and the result is, he says, he'll make a better recruiting man.

"It's this way," he said recently. "Every time I win a fight it makes me more popular, and the more popular I am the more persons there are who want to be in the organization to which I belong. Hence I go out for all the knockouts I can get; because the more men we bring into the navy, the better for the 'Big Knock-out' that's to come across the pond."

Here's hoping his well-deserved victory over McGorty, who, for his part, put up a good though losing battle, brings in recruits by the score.

League Magnates Planned by Former Club Owner

(By International News Service.) New York, Aug. 11.—The major league magnates are acting like school children, said a former club owner yesterday. "They are howling about closing up their ball parks when they should be trying to find ways and means to perpetuate the game. Secretary Baker hasn't ordered them to bar their gates on September 1. He has simply exempted certain players from the work or fight order until that day when the local draft boards will assume control of the situation. Mr. Baker is in favor of keeping the game alive and probably expects the magnates to alter conditions so that the teams can remain in action until the first day of October. If the magnates are sensible they will engage other players who are not in the draft ages and will earnestly try to save the pastime, which the public will patronize as soon as the atmosphere is clear. The idea of winding up any business because skilled employees are taken away is decidedly poor policy. Base ball can be rebuilt."

Municipal Golf Players Are to Organize an Association

Omaha will organize an association of players who disport themselves on the municipal golf links. This organization will be similar to ones now organized in other cities that maintain municipal golf courses. A meeting of representatives from each course will meet at the city hall Tuesday evening to perfect the organization.

All golfers interested in the welfare of the municipal links will be welcomed to the meeting. The association will have for its aims the betterment of playing conditions and the upkeep of the public courses. Officers will be elected at the Tuesday meeting, which will start at 8:30 o'clock in the council chamber.

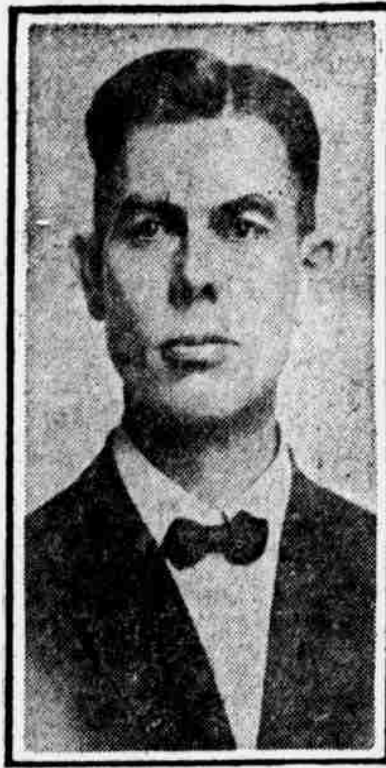
E. L. Potter Goes to France as "Y" Athletic Director

Another Omaha man has entered the service of the Y. M. C. A. for service with Uncle Sam's fighters in France. He is E. L. Potter of the Potter Printing company.

Mr. Potter goes to Chicago August 20 to begin one month's intensive training to qualify for physical recreation secretary's work. Then he sails for France to take up his duties.

At 48 years, Mr. Potter passed a rigid physical examination which many young men of half his age can not pass. When a young man physically declared Mr. Potter a hopeless case physically and warned him to give up his favorite sport at pastime, bicycle riding, Potter refused to credit the doctors' alarm and continued his riding. He has since that time ridden a bicycle more miles than any man in Omaha. And he is as nearly the perfect specimen physically—as his examination shows—as any man of his age can possibly be.

Mr. Potter is a familiar figure at the Omaha Y. M. C. A., where he always has taken an active interest in the work. He is a volley ball and hand ball player of note and he takes part in nearly all of the activities in the "Y" gymnasium.



E. L. Potter.

SUB CHASERS TO PLAY ARMOURS FOR RED CROSS

Battle Royal Will Take Place at Rourke Park Today and Receipts Go to War Fund.

The game at Rourke park this afternoon between the navy team and the Armours promises to be a hummer. Both teams will trot out their best, and the speed which they have shown in previous contests gives promise of a game worth seeing.

A percentage of the proceeds Sunday will go to the Red Cross, which has done many gracious things which the navy boys desire to acknowledge in this way. The lineup for the game follows:

Nav. Third.....Coran Navy.....Cath.....William Lohk.....Short.....M. Collins Wahl.....First.....Ryan Stevens.....Second.....Gilliam Hannigan.....Center.....Gramm Mey.....Left.....L. Graves Sullivan.....Pitch.....Stilwell Tomlin.....Pitch.....League

Prayer Paralyzes Don Bush and Tigers Lose Game in Indianapolis

Donie Bush, the Detroit shortstop, was playing in an exhibition game against an Indianapolis colored team. One old darkey was sitting in the bleachers watching his brethren perform. Also, he had wagered all his spare change and all he could borrow on them.

The teams were playing the ninth inning and the colored lads were one run behind. They also had a man on third with two out and their heaviest hitter at bat. The batter popped a foul.

Bush, scampering over, neared the ball and just as he was about to make the catch the old darkey dropped on his knees and howled: "Oh, Gawd Paralyze dat man!"

Bush heard him, started to laugh and dropped the ball. The batter slammed the next pitch for a home run, winning the game.

Funston Foot Ball Team Wants Game with Omahans

The 41st infantry comes forth with a challenge to foot ballists that should provoke a match with some of the Nebraska teams. Manager White Lundgren has issued a sweeping challenge to any high school, college or semi-professional team for a game, either in Omaha or at Camp Funston, for the last week in September.

The soldier boys have a team qualified to back up the challenge of the manager and the team that accepts their challenge should prepare for a titanic struggle.

The lineup of the khaki team will include several Haskell Indians, University of Illinois and Wisconsin players, as well as players from the professional clubs of Chicago. The Chicago players are from such well known teams as the Tornados and Standards.

Benny Kauff, Soldier, Lively Up Army Routine

Benny Kauff, who was recently drafted from the Giants for the national army, is just now the most ambitious rookie in the 20th company. Third training battalion, 158 Depot brigade, at Camp Sherman, Ohio. Getting inoculations and drilling have been taking up much of Benny's time, but with these handicaps overcome he is going to organize a base ball team in his company which will be the best in the camp or Benny will know the reason why.

New Running Star.

New York athletic sharps have picked Alan Mercer, a one-armed schoolboy runner, as a coming star on the cinder path. Mercer recently won the three-quarters of a mile run at the New York A. C. meet, defeating a class of field.

On the Sport Trail.....

The New York fire department boasts the finest handball court in the country, located on Blackwell's Island. It is built of wood taken from the cabins of the German steamship Vaterland. The wood was secured when the ship was dismantled at a station near the city of New York.

Tommy Murphy is campaigning 25 horses on the Grand Circuit this year. Twenty trotters and nine pacers are included in his string.

Soldiers in eastern training camps have invented a new sport which is becoming extremely popular. A "chariot" race with the men on each team have contested in several camps. The chariot is a toboggan, upon which rides the lightweight member of the team pulled by the balance of the squad. It is said to be an interesting and amusing contest.

Alex Wickham of Australia, high diving champion of the world, recently crowned his career by a plunge of 235 feet. His last consecutive jump of 18 feet from the water and landed in a semi-prone condition, but was unharmed.

A new record was made in a cross country run last Friday when teams captained by Crown Prince Rupprecht and General Haig met on the field of Montedidio. Haig's Australian Bushwackers and Canadian Indians were distanced in the first 11 miles and called for horses and motors to finish.

"Hi say, the bloody, blooming blighters are some sprinters," an English Tommy is said to have shouted to colonialists as he passed in a high-powered motor, one of the 234 players of the major league, only 15 are not subject to the "work or fight" order.

The annual Horse Show at Newport, August 23-25, is attracting considerable attention among Omaha sports men and Fulton already the horse and carriage is becoming popular at that summer resort.

"If you go" was frequently heard among Omaha sports men and Fulton was removed from the list of contenders for the heavyweight belt via the K. O. When he recently appeared in Omaha wearing a cane he immediately lost caste with the sporting fraternity.

"Rabbit" Washes Suit in Hotel Bath Tub and "Stows His Lob Scouse"

Walter Maranville, when not in base ball uniform, is compelled by Navy regulations to wear the white duck uniform of the sailor. The "Rabbit" was asked how he kept his uniform clean and he gave the answer without blinking an eye. "I wash it in the bath tub of my room at the hotel every night."

Gunner's Mate Maranville was being interviewed by a scribe in Chicago as to his experiences in the navy. He had about finished telling all he thought he was permitted to tell when he looked at his watch. "Blawst me," said the Rabbit, "but it's time to pipe mess gear and stow a-bunch of lob scouse in my midriff!" and he hurried off to the lubb.

Yes, Same Old Ray Keating; And He's to Try Comeback

Ray Keating, who was hailed as a wonder when he came to New York from Bridgeport under the Wolverton regime, is to try a comeback with the Yanks. Keating is said to be determined to make good on his new appearance in the big league.

He has been attending strictly to business and is prepared to give a good account of himself. Keating came to the Yankees originally from Lawrence, Mass., and at the outset of his major league career gave promise of a brilliant future. He faltered in his good work, however, and was sent to the American association.

Walter Halke Figures He Got Worst of Work or Fight Order

Now that Secretary Baker has granted exemption to players under the "work or fight" order until September 1, Walter Halke, who got his figures before Baker loosened up the order, he got the worst of it and doubtless wishes he were back with the Giants drawing down that \$667 a month. He is now working for the Bethlehem Steel Company at \$300 a month, pretty good pay for a plate setter at that.

McGraw Sends Walter Hoyt Back Again to Minor League

It's back to the minors again for Walter Hoyt, John McGraw having sent the kid phenom to Newark in the International. All he did in his latest stay with the Giants was to pitch a part of a game.

PESEK TO MEET WLADEK ZBYSZKO AT LINCOLN FAIR

Jack Curley Waxes Indignant When Shelton Wizard Intimates Zibby's Pedal Extremities Are Chilly.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram).—Intimations that Wladek Zbyszko, heavyweight wrestler from Poland and aspirant to the world's championship, has been avoiding a mat session with John Pesek, the Shelton, Neb., phenom, have stirred the ire of Jack Curley, business manager for the athlete from across the big pond. Ray Page, Lincoln promoter of wrestling contests, is in receipt of the following message from Manager Curley, who holds out in New York:

"Have just finished reading a copy of a Chicago newspaper in which the claim was made that Wladek Zbyszko has been side-stepping a wrestling match with John Pesek. That is quite ridiculous. Please pass the word to the newspapers of Nebraska, Pesek's home state, that I will be pleased to bring Zbyszko to Nebraska for a mat-dusting at Pesek's expense. You have my o. k. to an arrangement for a match between Pesek and Zbyszko during state fair week in Lincoln. Get busy and wire me if you can get Pesek signed to a contract. I will sign for Zbyszko and he will come to Nebraska for the special purpose of taking the conceit out of these fellows who claim so much for this latest Nebraska wonder."

For State Fair. Promoter Page is now negotiating with the Nebraska state fair board for the use of the big livestock pavilion, which has a seating capacity of 7,000, for a Pesek-Zbyszko match on Wednesday night, September 4. Once the pavilion is cinched, Page will undertake to close up with Pesek. Meantime, Manager Mart Slattery, on behalf of Pesek, has announced that the Shelton grappler is ready for any heavyweight in the world, so it looks like a state fair match.

At the rate the heavyweights have been going to war, most of the top-notch bone-crushers will soon be wearing khaki or navy blue. Champion Caddock, after nearly a year of training at Camp Dodge, is on the way to France. Joe Stecher and Strangler Lewis have enlisted in the navy, and Pesek will be transferred to class 1-A after he has gathered his 1918 corn crop, which means that he will be in the army some time in November. Zbyszko, now a naturalized American citizen, served two months at a Massachusetts army camp and was discharged because of defective hearing. As matters now stand, a Pesek-Zbyszko match probably would be the last important heavyweight bout until after the war.

Brottem Picked as Star in Defunct Southern Circuit

Birmingham, Ala., July 27.—A local scribe has picked the best players recently employed in a defunct Southern association. The leading outfielders were Southworth, now with the Pirates; Compton and Flagstead, Grimm, who has been snapped up by the Cardinals, was the leading first baseman. The veteran Bob Fisher, also with the Cards, was the star second baseman. Art Bues, once with the Giants, excelled at third base, while George Distel, last year with Richmond, was the premier shortstop. Brottem and Haworth were at the head of the catching brigade. While the leading pitchers included Cy Barger, an old timer; Slapnicka, who is with the Pirates; Hank Robinson, now a member of the Yankees; Dick Robertson of the Brooklyn; and Joe Bennett, who has secured a berth in the American association.

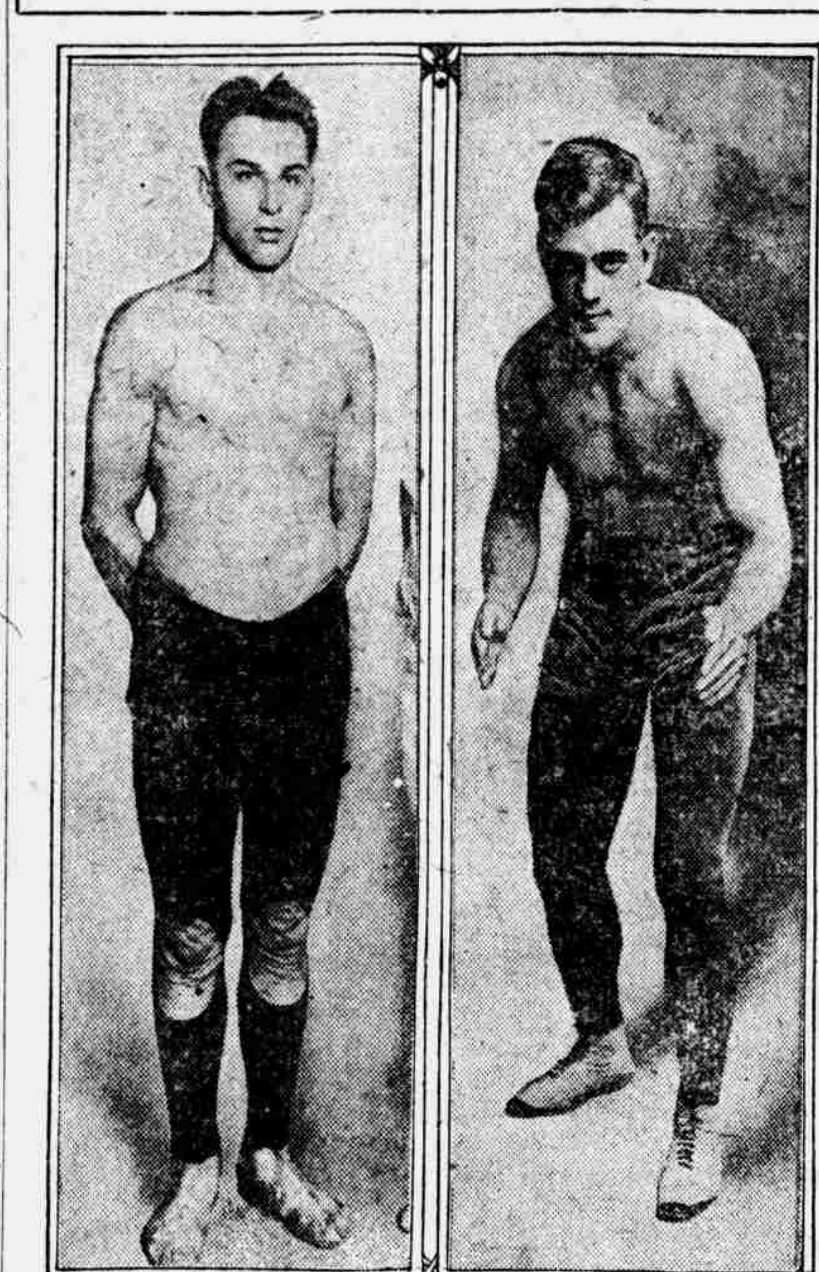
Dodger Slugger Who Has Hit Safely in 21 Straight Games

Zach Wheat, slugging outfielder of the Brooklyn National League club, has carried his hitting streak to twenty-one consecutive games. This equals the American league season record held by Eddie Foster, of Washington, but falls short of the National league mark by two games. Ross Young, of the Giants, having batted safely in twenty-three straight games. Wheat is also pushing Heinie Groh for the lead in batting, and if he continues his heavy stickwork to the end of the season he will no doubt grab off the batting crown of the National league.



ZACH WHEAT

CHAMP WRESTLERS IN SERVICE—Earl Caddock and Joe Stecher, the two greatest wrestlers in the world today—and both in the service of Uncle Sam. Caddock is now a lieutenant in the army and Stecher has just joined the navy.



JOE STECHER EARL CADDOK.

BARNES QUILTS RED CROSS PLAY FOR BROADMOOR

Western Open Champion Resting from Patriotic Campaign as Professional on Colorado Club.

Big Jim Barnes, who gave a golf ball a longer ride than any other follower of Scotia's fascinating pastime, has no ear for a challenge these days. After seven months of strenuous competition, including tournament play on the southern courses and Red Cross matches played throughout the east and middle west, he is now at Colorado Springs, nursing badly calloused hands and giving overstrained nerves a vacation.

Barnes is not loafing, however. He has taken up his duties as playing professional and instructor at the Broadmoor course, formally opened this month and the feature attraction of the new Broadmoor hotel. The giant Cornishman, who knows all the shots in the bag and a few more for good measure, is now content to play a few practice rounds every week on a course that is a splendid test of his uncanny prowess with wood and iron.

Western Open Champion.

Barnes comes to the Broadmoor Country club with the title of western open champion, which he won in the 1917 classic, played on the Westmoreland course at Evanston, Ill. His score of 283 for the 72 holes is the lowest ever made in a title tournament played over a course of championship length—6,000 yards or more. This was the second time that Barnes captured the western open, winning this event with a score of 293 in 1914, when the event was staged at the Interlachen Country club of Minneapolis.

According to the leading critics, Barnes is one of the three premier professional golfers of America, the other members of the honorary triumvirate being Jack Hutchinson of Glenview and Walter Hagen of Oakland Hills. They are given this high ranking primarily because of their consistent play.

Wonderful Driver.

While Barnes is internationally famous as a powerful driver, sometimes making shots off the tee that travel 350 yards, he also plays a wonderfully effective short game. His towering height is a tremendous asset in his work with the wooden clubs, while his timing and snap are perfect. He combines, however, accuracy with great distance—two requisites of par scores or better.

Barnes' driving power and accuracy with the irons was very clearly demonstrated in his wonderful first round in the 1917 western open championship. He brought in a card of 67 and was off the course only three times in the 18 holes.

Wins Western Title.

At the second hole, 404 yards, he was in trouble at the right of the green, but got a four notwithstanding. At the 17th, after a drive of 325 yards, he sliced his mashie shot into a trap but scored a five. His two at the fourth was obtained by holing a chip shot, and at the eighth, his tee shot reached the green and he holed the six-foot putt, demonstrating he was strong in all departments of the game.

Barnes' score for the four rounds was 283, five strokes less than the par of the course. Hagen and Hutchinson pushed him closely with 285 and 287 respectively, but Barnes played both steadily and brilliantly all through and was decidedly the favorite for the title, though the field was the largest and finest in the history of the western championship, due possibly to the fact that the national championship had been canceled by the U. S. G. A. so the western for 1917 represents the greatest golfing event in the United States for the year.

Red Sox Have Edge Over Indians to Cop Bunting

(By International News Service.) Boston, Mass., Aug. 10.—The Cleveland Indians are close enough to the Red Sox to take the lead within a few days, but as the race shapes up today the Red Sox should win. They are leading Foh's club by more than four games, and that is quite an advantage in itself, as the Indians may play considerably better than the Red Sox for some time in order to make it an even race. The Red Sox have in Mays and Bush two pitchers who will do as well as Coveleskie and Bagby, the Cleveland stars, and Sam Jones should win as many games as Morton. Having Babe Ruth in the games gives the Red Sox a tremendous advantage, as he is a much harder hitter than Cleveland's star, Tris Speaker. The Indians are faster on the bases, but are not so dangerous on the attack, and, with Hooper going at his present clip, the Boston outfield appears a far more formidable aggregation than is Cleveland's, with Speaker as the star.

Tommy Ryan Makes Debut at Funston with Good Card

Camp Funston, Kan., Aug. 10.—Tommy Ryan, camp boxing instructor, made his debut in camp with one of the most extensive boxing bouts ever held at Funston. It was held at the Kansas building and there was a large crowd of soldiers present. In two bouts the men were well matched and they mixed things right merrily. Each was a three-round bout. Ryan acted as referee.

Ferdie is Slipping.

Along about this time last season Pitcher Schupp, of the Giants, was burning up the National league with his balling shoots. Maybe the poor quality of matches sold nowadays has prevented Ferdie from starting any configuration on the old circuit this season.

Skeeters Go Down.

Jersey City is still in the New International league, according to the league standing, but the fight waged upon "skeeters" this year has just about put the pesky critters out of business.

KENTUCKY MEET TO OFFER GREAT HARNESS RACES

Array of Bluebloods to Start in Futurity to Determine Best Three-Year-Old.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 3.—The Kentucky Trotting Breeders' association will offer about \$90,000 in purses and stakes at its meeting here September 30 to October 12. The biggest of all the events is the Kentucky Futurity of \$14,000. This race usually is taken as a final decision, its winner being without question the best 3-year-old of the season.

All indications point to one of the best meetings in the history of the association. Boxes have been engaged by trotting enthusiasts from 18 states and Canada.

Among the probable starters in the Kentucky Futurity are Nella Dillon, June, Chestnut Peter, Dr. Elmore, Echo Direct, Ruth Mainstreet, Miriam Guy, Selka, Jennifer, Ramco, David Guy, Peter Vonia, Sunny Smiles and Mekum.

In reply to many inquiries as to whether the annual fall trotting meeting would be held, owing to the delay on the part of the Kentucky Racing commission in granting fall dates to the running meetings in Kentucky, President Tipton of the Kentucky Horse Breeders' association said: "The dates have been fixed by the Grand Circuit and the annual meeting will be held as usual."

The principal events to be contested for follow: September 28—The Walnut Hall Cup (2-year-olds) \$5,000; the Futurity (2-year-olds) \$5,000. October 1—The Kentucky Futurity (3-year-olds) \$14,000. October 2—The Phoenix Hotel Prize (free-for-all pacings) \$2,000. October 3—The Transylvania, \$5,000. October 4—The Bluegrass (pacings) \$2,000. The Lexington (2-year-olds) \$2,000. October 5—The Kentucky (2-year-olds) \$2,000; The Breeders' stakes (2-year-olds) \$5,000. October 7—The Castleton (free-for-all trotters) \$2,000. October 8—The Cumberland (pacings) \$2,000; The Dinner stakes (3-year-olds) \$5,000. October 9—The Ashland, \$2,000. October 10—The Pacing Futurity (3-year-olds) \$2,000.

GOLF FANS DROP FREAK SCHEMES TO BETTER GAME

Game Needs No Innovations and Seldom Do Any of the Numerous Inventions Meet With Favor.

With 1,000,000 golfers in the United States, little wonder that the inventive mind occasionally offers suggestions which threaten to send the ancient game and its traditions a-glimmering.

Inventions rarely receive encouragement, for "golf is golf," and meant to be played as "she is writ," and for that reason the iconoclasts seldom make more than a momentary flash ere fading away to utter and lasting oblivion.

For instance, one is at a loss to know why anyone could suggest the substitution of yellow for white paint on a golf ball. It has been claimed that under certain conditions white is hard on the eyes; that on a very bright day a more neutral color would be serviceable. Yet golfers have played for a good many years, and the sun has shone as brightly in the past as it does at present. It would be hard to get a better contrast than the white ball on the green turf.

So far as the trade goes, there have been comparatively few recommendations to change the color of the ball, though recently a man who is a frequenter to the Lido links left an order with a prominent local sporting goods house, calling for a dozen of one of the latest makes of rubber cores to be painted red. His reason was that when his shots went wandering among the glistening white shells, the caddie had trouble in locating the sphere. Consequently, he figured it out that a red object would be much easier to distinguish.

Occasionally some one comes along with a new idea in the form of a club, but these innovations rarely prove practicable. Not long since a man had a new-fangled putter, with a head of abnormal size, and a mirror attachment on the shaft. He thought he had something that was likely to revolutionize the short game, but received no encouragement from the manufacturer to whom he showed the club.

After all, the same old saying, "It's the man behind the club," continues to apply.

Former Omaha Players Now Playing With Shipyards

Tony DeFate, former Omaha secretary of Omaha and Ioplin, who formerly of Omaha and Ioplin, who went to St. Paul with the disbanding of the Western league, are now playing in the Lake Ship-building league. Both are members of Hans Wagner's Riverside team in Duluth.

Meeting of Mermaids.

'Tis said that a swimming meet to be held in New York this summer will bring together the largest number of mermaids that has ever been assembled at one aquatic carnival in America.

Improve Race Track.

More than \$100,000 has been spent on improvements at the Saratoga Springs race track since the meet of 1917.

McGoorty is Licked.

Eddie McGoorty, the Oshkosh batterer would't stay retired, and in consequence he was handed a beautiful lacing by Harry Greb