## Mike McTigue Protects Title by Artfully Dodging Worthy Opponents

#### Champ Tours South Meeting Second-Raters

Any Number of First-Class Boxers Waiting to Take Crown From Light Heavyweight.

By RINGPOST.

RNSTORMING THROUGH men capable

title of the latest Mike McTigue of Dublin and New York is playing the steller role, in his very success ful attempt at art ful dodging of competing for the heavyweight box-

which Mike has safely tucked away in the family safe. For a few paltry thousand he will engage in several bouts when he could make ten times as much for one fight in New York were he not afraid of risking the title against such men as Gene Tunney, Harry Greb, Young Stribling, Paul Berlenbach, Tommy Gibbons, Tiger Flowers and one or two more who are capable of presenting splendid arguments against the pugilistic wares of the man who took the title on a decsion from Battling Siki, the

Christmas present for him. The first is with Young Marullo, an Italian, in New Orleans, Monday night and the second is with Jack Middleton in Miami, Friday night. Unless Mike has trouble in the first bout he will holding pasteboards they cannot use.

Italian's Hands Bad. The joker in the New Orleans fight is the announcement that im-mediately after the bout Marullo will have an operation performed on his right hand to make it stronger so that it will stand the strain of hard punching and he then will enter the stable of a prominent New York manager. If Mar-ullo's hand is so bad that an operation is necessary, what chance has he to whip McTigue?

The answer is obvious enough-

Important Boxing

Bouts This Week cember 22.-Mike McTigue against

Even with good hands the Italian hasn't the necessary experience and class to beat McTigue or the latter has no business at the head of the most popular divisions of boxing. Marullo is a tough fellow and as this is a no-decision affair of 10 sessions he may be able to weather the storm of padded mittens to be sent his way by the champion and go the limit.

It is the contention of Tunney, Gibbons, Greb, Flowers and several more that McTigue has no business with the crown-that he is not as 51 days of racing. good a fighter as they are and is liable to be knocked off by a second rater before a real fighter can lure him into a championship fight in New York. This may not be the case, but if he should be outpointed by Marullo their contention will be

Certainly McTigue is afraid of good fighters or he would not be traveling all the way to New Orleans to pick up a few thousand fighting such men as Marullo when purses that any champion should be glad to get await him in New York if he will meet one If the real worthy contenders.

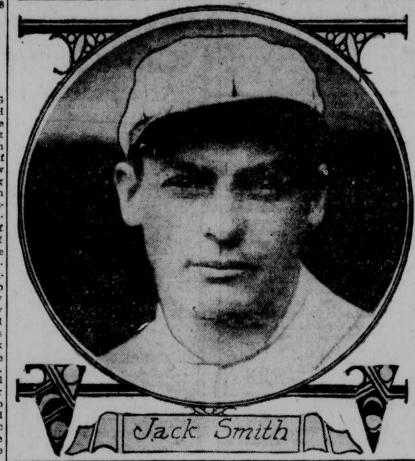
After taking on Marullo, Me-Tigue will hop over to Miami and meet another sap named Jack Mid-dleton. That should be another easy one for the titleholder and he can return to New York and stall along for another month or two.

It is strange what good McTigue thinks his title is. He is not cashing on it and all a boxing championship is good for is to enrich one's bank account by its use. Johnny Wilson was the same kind of a champion. When he was middleweight king he did not make anything out of his title and McTigue has not made as much since he be-

have to defend the crown against the entire length of the tournament, Tunney, Greb or Gibbons, but that is relieving hotels and shops from the going to be when he is forced into it expense of extra help. More money by public sentiment. Right now he is under suspension in New York for refusing to meet Tunney who holds the nary conventions combined.

McTigue's appearance is the fea-ture of a short but good boxing pro-gram for Christmas week, which in which will be held next November the old days was a banner one for and December. Teams from as far boxing, but isn't so good this season. north as Winnipeg, Canada; south as Sid Terris, one of the leading con- far as Texas; east as far as Indiantenders for Benny Leonard's title is apolis and west as far as the Rockies. agoing to meet Jimmy Goodrich in will be here and shoot for a share of the prize money. One nice thing turn to the ring after an absence due about a bowling tournament of this of to an injury, to take on Larry Est- character is that the bowlers furnish | ridge, a negro, and Tiger Flowers their own prize money as each man the best of the negro middleweights, pays \$5 entry fee in each event. will meet Frankle Schoell in Buffale. After deducting a certain percentage

TACK SMITH, outfielder for the St. Louis Cards and left hand batter, who was supposed to be unable to hit southpaws. Last season, Manager Rickey had to use him in the regular lineup all the time, facing the left-handers. Smith kept to his old .300 hitting mark. He is just one of the average players in the game, but hi story is of more than ordinary interest.



#### Mike is booked for two fights down in the south this week—sort of a New York Likely to Have Richest As Well As Oldest Turf Classics In U.S.

go through with both of them but in vogue at the Maryland and Ken- the richest stakes in Maryland and Hu cide suddenly to leave his padded mit- mendous revenue to the various asso- eastern handicaps will be made more tens in his trunk and the fanatics ciations in those two states, it is valuable. The late James Shevlin likely that within the next few years president of the Aqueduct track, said and the Belmont stakes of the same and attract larger and better fields. alization within a year or two.

race tracks bring in tre-Kentucky, it is likely that one of the Selander New York will have the richest as on several occasions that he believed well as the oldest turf classics in the Brookiyn Handicap should hold ends to make the Futurity of 1927 of his association to make it richer

year worth at least \$100,000 each is The Futurity, Hopeful, Belmont sllowed by the report that the Sara- and Realization are produce stakes oga association will soon add money and most of the money raced for in or the Hopeful of 1928 and make it them comes from nomination fees worth nearly as much as the Futurity. and forfeits. Seldom does the Hopeis also reported that the West- ful stakes with its \$50,000 prize cost thester association will enrich the the Saratoga association a cent. It value of the historic Lawrence Re- is a guaranteed stake and the fees rarely fall below the guaranty.

#### Large Stables to Race at Miami

ing at Miami, Fla., is well on its way

by Tom Healy, and numbering about off the ball yard. Payne Whitney, some of which have pire who would brook no nonsense. been at New Orleans in charge of Trainer Clyde Phillips. The Bellair HOFF TO COMPETE represented. There will be seven races a day, with six of them for IN MILLROSE GAMES \$1,000 purses and a daily feature worth \$1,500. It is estimated that

Hockey Teams Play Tie.

were played.

#### Heydler After Coast Umpire

New York, Dec. 20 .- The race meet- New York, Dec. 20 .- President John January 15. It will run until March ices of John Reardon, picturesque um-14. Many of the "big" stables, who pire from the golden west, who will be heretofore have paid little attention of of the fact that he sports the to winter racing, have decided to race there.

The Wilson-Salmon string, trained is a hard man to spill either on or Thorgrimson heretofore have paid little attention popular among Boston fans because A T. of of the fact that he sports the Traffic

of the ball yard.

16 head, will soon be on its way to Reardon is a native son of Los SOUTH OMAHA BOOSTERS' LEAGUE Team Standings. the Florida track from Belmont Angeles. After umpiring four years park. Mose Goldblatt will be on in the Canadian league he was signed hand with a division of the Henry for service in the coast circuit. His Payne Whitney horses. Stalls have debut was in his home town, and een engaged for the color bearers of writers say he made a hit on his open the Greentree stable, owned by Mrs. ing day that stamped him as an um

New York, Dec. 20 .- Charley Hoff worth \$1,500. It is estimated that of Norway, who has been dubbed by \$250,000 will be distributed during the Lawson Robertson, head coach of the American Olympic team, as the great est athlete in the world, will appear at the Millrose Athletic association Minneavolis, Dec. 19 .- Minneapolis games in January. A dispatch from and St. Paul battled to a 1 to 1 tie Lee Barnes, the Hollywood High here tonight in a United State Ama- school youngster, who has won the teur Hockey league game. Two Olympic pole vaulting championship extra periods of five minutes each at Paris, will come here to cross poles with the Norseman,



By "BILL" BARRON. (Manager Omaha Elk Alleys.)

HE benefits of bowling tournal prize list. ments to a city must not be underestimated. The ordinary convention clogs the hotel facilities for one or two days, but a bowling tourament of three or four weeks' durahas not made as much since he became champion as he did before he held the title.

The time will come when Mike will have to defend the crown against funney, Greb or Gibbons, but that is going to be when he is forced into it. ion, brings more people into the city

Omaha is indeed fortunate in hav-

ance is made up by an impartial com mittee into what is known as the

The Omaha Bowling association of the American Bowling congress controls the bowling game in Omaha and it is well that it does, because where the bowling game is controlled by the alley owner it is never in as healthy a condition as when controlled by the bowlers themselves.

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Norman, Okla., Dec. 20.-With their scoring combinations rapidly as ary 10, according to Hugh V. Mc

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the valley rating. This year they nant themselves. The squad has been narrowed to 13 stars who will

Five lettermen from last year are again working for places on the team. wards; Dunlap and Goodwin, guards, year's men are Honea, Jones, Smith. and King, forwards, and Moore, guard. Bill Haller and Gene West, first year men, complete the list.

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Los Angeles, Dec. 20 .- An infielder and a pitcher have been obtained by the Vernon club of the Pacific coast baseball league for the 1925 season, according to an announcement last night at club headquar-

A deal with the Houston club of the Texas league brings Clyde Barfoot, pitcher to the coast league for a cash consideration and Alva Sel-

lers, a southpaw whirler.

The signing of a 1925 contract with Fred Phahler, infielder, who has been playing semi-professional ball near Los Angeles, also was an-

#### After European Drivers

for Big Auto Race entries of foreign racing drivers who are to compete in the 13th international 500-mile automobile race to be held here next May 30.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 19.—Ivan Cahoon of Baraboo, Wis., tackle on Chicago, Dec. 19 .- Walter (Rabbit) the unversity here tonight after be-Chicago, Dec. 19.—Waiter (Rabbit) the chicago, Dec. 19.—Waiter (Rabbit) the selected as the player who was shortstop, today was named captain the greatest inspiration to his team Chicago Nationals when he during the season. The athletic coun-[55] called upon President Veeck and cil of Gonzaga voted the medal

#### Major League Managers Seek **Portside Hurlers**

Southpaw Boxmen Show in Point of Effectiveness They Equal Right-Hand Moundsmen.



EW YORK, Dec. 20 the major league managers are willing to try any kind of a south paw may be found in the pitching averages of the American league, which for the first time in many years show that the so-called lack of control on the part of the portsiders is a

grabbing the 40-year-old Vean Gregg from the Pacific Coast league to do mound duty at the national capital with the world champion Washing

Cleveland is angling hard to get Jess Betty, star portsider of the Indianapolis club, who won 29 games last season for the Indians. Two of Tris Speaker's young players already have gone to the Amerito be the first payment for the crack portsider, who also no longer is a toiling youth. Washington, too, is seeking this player, fearing that the veteran Vean Gregg may crack

under the strain. The fact that major league man agers take players of advanced years and experience is explained by Manager Clark Griffith as showing that big league clubs build only

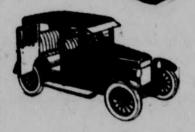
How valuable southpaws are may Myers will meet the drivers of Eng-land, France, Italy, Germany and of Connie Mack that he parted with Belgium. It is thought that all of \$100,600, a record price, for a pitches these countries will be represented in in the Johnson circuit. Groves is the man for whose services Mack paid such a great sum, because of his Grid Player Awarded Medal. outstanding work on the mound for four seasons with Baltimore





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