

WHITE HOPES WILL BATTLE

Smith and Pelky to Fight to Finish New Year's Day.

DETERMINES WHO IS CHAMP

Winner of the Bout Will Then in All Probability Be Invited to a Take on the Famous Black Man.

By W. W. NAUGHTON. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—This coming Thursday—New Year's day—Gumboat Smith and Arthur Pelky will enter the ring at Croffroth's Daily City arena to determine the question of superiority in the white hope divisions.

Now the chiefs of the white hope may or may not compare with the leading heavyweights of the years ago—a great deal depends upon the age of the critic and the way he views these things—but there is no denying that the New Year scrap will come pretty near to being the final event in a long-drawn-out tourney.

Pelky claims the championship by virtue of a track record to which there is no occasion to revert more specifically. By the law of the ring his title is perfectly valid. Smith claims the right to challenge on the score that he has defeated everyone who stood between him and Pelky.

On the strength of work done, Gumboat's ground is absolutely tenable. Recall the names of the hopes, one by one, and you will discover that he has subdued them all.

Recently there was a feeling that Carl Morris was deserving of another match with the Gunner, but of the clamorous demand that was heard in the east some weeks ago, not even the ghost of a whisper lingers.

The Willard-Morris bout settled that.

Each After Jack Johnson. One of the angles of the Smith-Pelky contest is that each of the principals has the Jack Johnson be in his bones. Both Pelky and Gumboat are counting on a trip abroad and a meeting with the banished negro, who, for all that he is reviled, is considered the kingpin heavyweight of the earth.

The promoters of Paris have their lines out for a world's championship match with Johnson as champion of the principals, but the French matchmakers, like the matchmakers of the world around, have decided that it does not do to be too precipitate. They know a good thing when they see it, and they want to pave the way for an undisputed championship event by having several matches in the meantime.

They have with them across the water at the present time Frank Moran, Joe Jeannette, and Sam Langford. They have issued invitations to both Smith and Pelky to visit the French capital and take a hand in arranging a series of contests culminating in a fight in which Johnson shall defend his title.

Neither Smith nor Pelky thinks well of the scheme. Smith makes no pretense of having colored men, but argues that he has defeated Sam Langford, Jack Johnson's most formidable rival among negro heavies, he is entitled to do business with Johnson direct.

Winner May Fight in Europe. Tommy Burns, speaking for Pelky, says there is only one colored man Arthur who must to wit, Jack Johnson. This means that if the Parisian fight-handlers expect to entice the winner of the New Year battle across the water, they will have to cut out all the elimination bouts and elect to decide the championship question at one fell swoop.

While the French promoters may not know it they have an exceedingly formidable rival in Jim Croffroth of San Francisco. Jim recognizes that a match between the New Year winner and Jack Johnson is the biggest pugilistic event in sight, and while he is not showing his hand, there is good reason for believing that he has been working on the matter for some time.

From his exile Johnson has sent word that if the thing can be arranged, he would rather box for Croffroth than any man he knows. The odds are that the battle so far as a sure one-half day there will be reaching for the attraction is concerned, and anyone who knows of the bond of camaraderie existing between Croffroth and Jim Buckley, can readily imagine how close Croffroth will go to securing the balance of the card if Gumboat drops Pelky.

Negro Ripe for Licking. If Pelky wins from Smith, Arthur and Manager Tommy Burns will have to be consulted, of course. It stands to reason, though, that the promoter who can produce Johnson's signature will get the other fellow's, particularly as the idea prevails that Jack is ripe for a licking and that the first white husky, who gets to him will be morally sure of inflicting it.

About all that Croffroth will admit at present is that he has serious thoughts of arranging the match spoken of and that he is reasonably certain of making terms with Johnson. Asked if he had any idea where the contest would take place, Croffroth sprang the old saw about it being time enough to cross the bridge when you come to it.

Then he added: "It might take place in Mexico, or in the great northwest, or in France, itself. I would not hesitate about going over there to handle it if the odds fell that way."

In the great northwest or in France, itself, sounds feasible enough, but there is grave doubt as to whether Jack Johnson could be lured in the direction of Mexico in the present unsettled condition of affairs. He might find himself herded on board an American man-of-war with other refugees and then complications would arise.

DE ORO TO DEFEND LOST TITLE AGAINST MORIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Alfredo De Oro, the veteran Cuban cue welder, who was recently relieved of his pool championship, will defend his only remaining title in a three cushion match with Charles Morin of Chicago early next month.

De Oro, since he was deprived of his pool title, has given his time almost exclusively to the three-cushion game, which he had more or less neglected for some time before that. The Cuban has held this title at various times in his career, but at present has had possession of it less than a year.

He lost his title to Joseph Carney of San Francisco in January, 1912, but in May of this year won it back from Morgan, who has taken it from Carney. This fall he met Carney in a match and defeated him 15 to 13 and since that time has not played.

But He Won No Games.

Says the New York American: "George Floyall has been awarded a higher salary in the Federal league than he was getting in St. Louis. But when he was in St. Louis he got his salary."

How a French Fighter Gets Himself Ready for the Big Ring



George Carpentier, French heavyweight champion, is here shown at his favorite exercises. The clever young idol of the French fight public is planning a trip to America with a view to taking on the best of the American "white hopes."

WHO WILL BE BATTING KING?

Quintet of Players Are All in Line with Each Other.

LAJOIE IS AT THE TOP NOW

Wonderful Cleveland Infielder Has So Far Collected Highest Average for Period of Eighteen Years.

By FRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Will Ty Cobb go down in base ball history as the greatest batsman of all time?

Or will Joe Jackson, now thundering along at a mighty clip, compile a record before his playing days are over that will overshadow the wonderful performance of the slugging Georgian?

Or have Anson, Wagner and Lajoie already made records that never will be equalled or beaten? Or will the future bring to the fore some batter with such a wonderful batting eye, such wonderful batting skill, and such mighty power in his arms that he will shatter the records made by this wonderful quintet?

A bevy of questions, these, and ones that time alone can answer.

Were you to ask today which of the quintet is the greatest batter that ever stepped to the plate, a mighty chorus would tell you Cobb, another chorus would shout "Anson," and an equal chorus would name Jackson, Wagner and Lajoie. And, as we view it, everyone would be right and no one wrong.

Such a statement seems odd, but it isn't. Each member of this wonderful quintet has established certain records that no one ever has equalled or even approached.

Jack's Average Good. Jackson, the baby of the quintet, has been in the major leagues only four years. Yet in that time he has amassed a grand batting average of .391—a record without parallel in the history of the game. None of the other four hit for such an average in their first four years in the majors, nor did they ever hit for .391 for any four successive years.

Cobb, in nine years in fast company, has clubbed them out for a grand average of .371—another mighty record. In addition to this Cobb has led the American league in batting for seven successive years—from 1907 to 1913, inclusive—and in 1911 he hammered out 248 hits, the greatest number of safeties ever made by any man in one season.

Cobb's record, no doubt, will stand all the onslaughts of time. Perhaps some day there will come a man who can beat .371 for nine straight years, and there may come a man who can lead his league for seven straight years, but it is beyond the power of our imagination to conceive a time when there will come one man who will duplicate Cobb's dual feat.

Lajoie, the wonderful Cleveland infielder, has collected an average of .353 for eighteen years—the greatest slugging accomplishment for such a period. Lajoie led the league four times in batting, and in 1901 batted an average of .422, the best average ever made in any one season by a batter. In addition to this, Lajoie pounded out 300 or more hits for five years and made 1,902 hits in 4113 games, an average around one and one-third hits per game.

Wagner's Record Good. Wagner's batting average for seventeen years in fast company is .344, not such a wonderful record as Lajoie's, but more remarkable in one respect—never in those seventeen years has he failed to hit .300 or over. This establishes the greatest record for consistent .300 hitting in base ball history.

But wonderful as are the records of the four already mentioned, they do not compare with that compiled by "Cap" Adrian Anson, who began his major league career in 1876 and ended it in 1897. After twenty-one years as a big leaguer, "Cap" retired with a grand batting average of .337—a record that most likely will stand all the onslaughts of time.

Only four times in those twenty-one years did Anson fail to hit over .300, and two of those years he was unable to do himself full justice because of illness and injuries. In 1887, his best year, he laced out 224 hits for an average of .421, one point short of the mark made by Lajoie fourteen years later.

Wagner, with five years to go, and Lajoie, with four more to travel, have a chance to equal and perhaps beat Anson's record. But the chances are slight. Both men have reached a point where Father Time calls a halt. Both have

slowed up, not enough to send them to the discard for another year or two, but so that it seems certain that added years and the resultant stiffening of the joints and muscles will move them from the big league spotlight before they have traveled the road as far as Anson did.

WILL ALL BE LARGE YACHTS

Those Now Being Built for American Cup Race to Be Big Boats.

HULLS MADE OUT OF BRONZE However, Each Builder Will Use a Different Alloy in His Efforts to Reduce Weight of Craft.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—There is not the slightest doubt that all four of the yachts now building to race for the America's cup will be large vessels with large sail spreads. Herreshoff, Gardner, Owens and Nicholson have each decided to approach the limit in size and it is the opinion of those yachtsmen who are keeping in touch with the owners and designers of the three American yachts that there will be little difference between them in actual size, although there will be many differences in model. These three are to fight it out among themselves to determine which shall be selected to meet the challenger, Shamrock IV, and while very little reliable information is to be had about that yacht, the little that has come from the builders' yards indicated that it will be a very large boat.

All sorts of reports are now coming from the four centers where these cup yachts are building. Each designer, builder and owner is trying to keep any secrets from leaking out that would be of benefit to the opposition. In the present shape of the vessels it would be very easy for one designer to change his plans should he learn that another designer had done certain things that make for speed. Until the hulls have taken some definite form and are beyond being changed no real secrets will be allowed to get out. After the hulls are completed the size of the sail spreads and little wrinkles of rigging will be carefully guarded. This is always the way when there is a cup race.

Hulls Built of Bronze. The hulls of all four are to be built of bronze, but there are many bronzes. Bronze is an alloy of copper and tin with small proportions of other metals, and these bronzes derive their name from a constituent alloy, such as nickel, carbon, phosphor, cobalt and manganese and there are many others. While bronze will be used to plate each hull, it is not likely that the same bronze will be used on any two. The advantage of using bronze is that it is stronger than steel and so a thinner plate can be used; also it does not foul in the water as steel will. The hull is consequently cleaner and smoother all the time than a hull of steel. The scum that forms on a steel hull retards the speed of the yacht, and so much attention is paid to little things in yacht racing of today that the underbodies of these yachts will be burnished so that they will glisten like gold and be as smooth as a piece of looking glass.

Each designer strives to get the weights on the vessel as low as he can and so as much as possible is put in the lead keel and the upper part of the hull is made light, but still it must be strong. About sixty-two tons of lead, perhaps sixty-five tons, will be run in the keels on these vessels. Steel frames will be set up on these pieces of lead and the bronze plating riveted to the steel. Above the water line the plating will be a very thin steel and some still lighter material will be used on the deck.

Herreshoff at Center Board. Herreshoff has once more gone back to the center board. The mould in which the lead keel is to be run is shaped to pierce the lead and form a slot for the

board. This will be the first center board yacht built for cup honors since the Vigilant was built in 1893, and the result of this move will be watched with much interest. A yacht seventy-five feet on the water line is limited to a draft of 13.75 feet. The rule says that the hull shall be 16 per cent of load water line plus 1.75 and any excess, exclusive of center board, shall be multiplied by three and added to the rating. This is quite a severe penalty. A center board is un-taxed and with this board draft can be increased to almost any depth.

When the schooner Elena was built to race against the Westward, Herreshoff gave that yacht a board. The Westward is a keel yacht and in the races between these two in these waters there was little to choose between the two. Westward admirers maintained that she was a faster vessel and naval architects agreed that in vessels of her size, ninety feet on the water line, there was no special advantage in a board. Herreshoff, however, thinks that a board will be of advantage to a seventy-five-footer. It will give the yacht a better grip in turning to windward, but it increases wetted surface and strange to say center board yachts are not as fast off the wind as keel vessels.

It is figured by experts that the seventy-five footers will spread about 10,000 square feet of canvas. When the Puritan, Mayflower and Volunteer were built they had much less than that area. The Volunteer, the largest of the trio, spread 6,721 square feet on eighty-six feet water line length. The Vigilant, built twenty years ago and the first of the really large yachts, carried 11,883 square feet on 86.19 feet water line. These figures show the remarkable progress that has been made in yacht designing and building and what can be produced under the present rule of limitations.

Irish-Americans to Send Ten Men to Athens Olympic. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Irish-American Athletic club has decided to send at least ten men, headed by Melvin W. Sheppard, the hero of several Olympic series, to represent it in the Athenian Olympic games to be held in Athens during May of next year. This team is expected to form the nucleus of a squad from all over the United States to wear the shield in competition against the picked men of other nations. Sheppard, the present track and field captain of the Irish-Americans, was the first man chosen to make the trip, and the athletic committee of the club is said to be a unit on the proposition that the best of the athletes of the club should abstain from any serious competition this winter, in order that they may be fit for the Athens invasion. It is expected that men from Boston, Chicago, and San Francisco will be included in the makeup of the American team, the expenses of the men to be met by the clubs they represent. In this manner the United States will be enabled to make a good showing.

JONES SUGGESTS SOME FOOT BALL CHANGES. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 27.—T. A. D. Jones, '08, an all-American Yale quarter-back, is discussing the results of the changed foot ball rules had this to say today: "I would suggest for changes that all goals from touch-down should be kicked from a point immediately in front of the spot where the ball is downed. In other words, I would take away the privilege of the punt out. It might be well to

widen the field perhaps ten yards and to lengthen it to its original measurement.

"I think the element of chance enters too strongly in western foot ball. They violate every rule in foot ball for the sake of gaining something by some freak of chance. This is all right in emergency, I think, but for a general policy it is very bad. Eastern foot ball may be a trifle too conservative, but I certainly do not think so."

Chess Department

The following rules are based upon those sanctioned at the meeting of the British Chess association, London, 1882, and the revised international code, London, 1888. A fusion of the two (with slight additions) is necessary, neither set of regulations representing the best usage of the present time. Moreover, these rules are in substantial agreement with the British Chess code, recently approved by leading clubs and associations throughout the British empire and the United States of America.

1.—If a player touches a man of his own he must move it if legally movable. If he touches one of his adversary's men he must take it if it can be taken. If a man touched can be neither moved nor taken, the player must move his king (but not castle), if the king is then legally movable. If it is not the player's turn to play when he touches a man then this rule applies to his move next following.

2.—But the foregoing, notwithstanding, a player may adjust one or more of his own men if necessary, provided he gives notice of his intention of so doing to his adversary by saying "J'adoube" or "I adjust," or in some other sufficient manner.

3.—A move is completed immediately a piece comes to evident rest on a square whether the player's hand immediately quits it or not.

4.—"Check" is announced to the king only. It is not absolutely necessary to call it. But if "check" be not called when given, penalties under Rule 1 can not be enforced.

5.—If the same position occurs thrice during a game, it being on each occasion the same player's turn to play, the game is drawn.

6.—A player may at any time call upon his adversary to mate him within fifty moves (move and reply being counted as one). Then if in the course of such fifty moves there is no capture nor pawn moved nor mate given the game is drawn.

7.—In castling the king must be moved first. Otherwise the adversary may require the move of the rook to stand as a complete move.

The tournament committee has deemed it advisable to call these rules to the attention of players engaged in tournament games.

The membership committee, of which Mr. J. G. Fort is chairman, is making an active campaign for new members for the Omaha Chess and Checker club. The initiation fee will be waived to those who join before February 1. The monthly dues are \$1.00 for active and 50 cents for associate membership. For members living out-of-town the dues are 75 cents per month. Associate members have all the rights and privileges of the club except voting.

The club is now fully installed in their new commodious quarters, Room 21, Continental block, Fifteenth and Douglas streets, which building has elevator service day and night. Anyone interested in chess is invited to pay a visit to the club room, where will be found players

MAY CHANGE COACH SYSTEM

Big Nine Faculties Would Modify Base Ball Instruction.

IS AGAINST PROFESSIONALS

Dean Small Declares that Amateur Game Needs to Undergo Some Alterations in Behalf of Trainers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Base ball coaching in the conference colleges may undergo a decided change after next season as the result of "Big Nine" faculty sentiment, according to statements made by University of Chicago officials. The Maroons announced they would use their influence in favor of modifying the current method of base ball instruction, and it is believed they will urge the western board to vote on the matter at its next meeting.

The Midway agitation took visible form after the "Big Nine" professors had issued their resolution to the effect that "coaches be permitted to take no part in the conduct of intercollegiate games, but be required to sit in the stands with the spectators while the games are in progress."

While the Chicago professors think this wording is too radical they favor the general proposition contained in the suggestion.

The resolution was included in the conference minutes as a mere hint for the purpose of starting discussion of the subject, and the aim already has been realized at the Midway campus. Dean Albin W. Small, Chicago's "Big Nine" representative, believes the suggestion is capable of bringing much good to conference base ball, but the Chicago attitude toward the barring of coaches from the side lines in foot ball games has not taken definite shape.

Dean Small, who is known as an enthusiastic base ball fan, declares the amateur game needs to be differentiated from the professional game to some extent in the coaching matter. He believes college teams should battle without the benefit of constant signals from the coach on the bench, and affirms that the sport would gain by the change.

"A good many fans have been thinking about this problem," said Dean Small. "I don't enjoy a college base ball game in which there isn't a particle of brain displayed by the players. I believe that in an amateur base ball game, instead of getting every move from the coach, the players should work out their own salvation."

"The captain of the team might well be allowed to do all the coaching that is done on the field."

Chess Department

at noon, afternoon and night, also on Sundays. Free instruction will be given beginners.

Anyone reading this notice who knows of chess players living in the city or vicinity is requested to furnish the editor of this column with the names and addresses of such, so that we may get in touch with them. We want to put Omaha on the map in big letters.

On Sunday, January 4, will appear the first of a series of twenty-six problems, and in order to increase the interest of chess players, we have decided to award a prize of a \$5.00 set of chess to the player who sends in the greatest number of correct solutions. This tournament is open to all players living in Nebraska or Iowa. Answers must be mailed within the period of two weeks following the appearance of the problem.

Today's problem is one selected from an old magazine. It has been called both easy and difficult. What do you think about it?

Chess board diagram showing a position with pieces labeled BLACK, NINE PIECES and WHITE, EIGHT PIECES.

The Omaha Chess and Checker club wishes success to the chess clubs of Blair and Calhoun, recently organized. We hope they will not confine their activities to home, but will seek conquests among their neighbors.

The following is a tournament game played by J. G. Fort and M. M. Farmer on December 13:

Table with 2 columns: Player and Moves. Black, Palmer; White, Fort. Moves listed for both sides.

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Foot Ball Roll of Honor for 1913

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The foot ball roll of honor, compiled annually from the selections of the leading college coaches in the country by Outing, shows a list of fifty six players, of whom twenty-one

come from the west and thirty-five from the east. In selecting the roll the compilers have eliminated all players who have not been selected by at least two coaches. The method is held to be the

most logical solution to the problem of giving each deserving player his proper due, and shows the consensus of opinion of the combined list of experts as against an individual. The roll follows:

Table listing names of players and their respective colleges. Includes names like O'Hern, Cornell; Brooks, Colgate; Des Jardien, Chicago; Young, Pennsylvania; Gyon, Carlisle; Merrill, Army; Craig, Michigan; Quaterbacks; Fisher, Oberlin; Hoggatt, Dartmouth; Llewellyn, Dartmouth; Huggitt, Michigan; Barrett, Cornell; Marshall, Pennsylvania; Huntington, Chicago; Dorais, Notre Dame; Righthower, Northwestern; Russell, Chicago; Welsh, Carlisle; HALFBACKS; Law, Princeton; Whitney, Dartmouth; Dick, Iowa; Rutherford, Nebraska; Spindel, Wash and Jefferson; Castle, Syracuse; FILLBACKS; Hudson, Trinity; Swartout, Colgate; Graf, Ohio State; Hoeds, Oklahoma; Brickley, Harvard; Dunn, Dickinson.

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