

PUG'S LIFE INTERESTING

Jess Willard's Gloved Career Not Without Its Troubles.

OUTLOOK MUCH BETTER NOW

In Scheduled Match for Next Fourth of July He Has Opportunity for the World's Honors as Ring Man.

By W. W. NAUGHTON. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 31.—The pugilistic trials and tribulations of one Jess Willard of Kansas, form an interesting study. Once in his callow days as a ringman, when his star of hope beamed brightly, he got the better of Luther McCarty in a bout back east.

Willard came west and secured matches and, by the same token, forfeited all the good opinions that were formed of him by the coast sports before they saw him.

As a fighter he went into bad to worse and was regarded as one of the jokes of the white hope movement. He figured in an unfortunate occurrence at Los Angeles and while awaiting trial in connection with the death of Bull Terrell, west coast and engaged in a bout with Carl Morris.

Then suddenly the world brightened. The jury acquitted him and before he was quite done receiving the congratulations of his well-wishers, Manager Tom Jones wired for him from San Francisco that there would be a Jess Willard-Gunboat Smith match for the white heavyweight championship of the world at Crotford's Daily City arena next Fourth of July.

He is right back where he was a year ago when the ambition to get a crack at the title was strong in him. He is better off, in fact. There was no assurance that he would get a match with Luther McCarty, whereas the meeting with Gunboat Smith is definitely arranged.

Under the circumstances it is not for Jess Willard to rail at fate. He has been buffeted a bit, but the storm of adverse circumstances has blown by and left him planted squarely on his feet.

The momentous question, however, is, will Jess Willard be able to embrace the opportunity of knocking at his old door? In other words, will the affair with Gunboat place him on a pedestal or toss him back to flounder again in the slough of despond.

If you listen to Manager Tom Jones, the bald pated gentleman who hails from Kankakee, it's all over, barring the signing of theatrical contracts for a grand tour of the world.

"Did you notice we are giving Smith a bonus of all the money?" Jones asked. "Well, whether you did or not, we are doing it. But what's the difference? After this thing is over, Jess won't need for money. He will be the boss heavyweight of the world and the theatrical agents will be lying in wait for him and handing him chunks of wealth."

"Without wishing to be too inquisitive, Mr. Jones, on what do you base this forecast of a tidal wave of success for Mr. Willard?" was a question put by the writer.

"Improves as Ringman." "On the vast improvement in Willard's ringmanship," said Jones. "Mind you, he did not have to improve to beat Gunboat. He beat him the last time, but was the victim of an unwelcome decision as was ever dellydelly. But let that go. Next time the referee will have no little to do that he will simply be 'amongst those present.' Yes, sir, Willard has improved to such an extent that those who saw him fight before will scarcely realize that it is the same man."

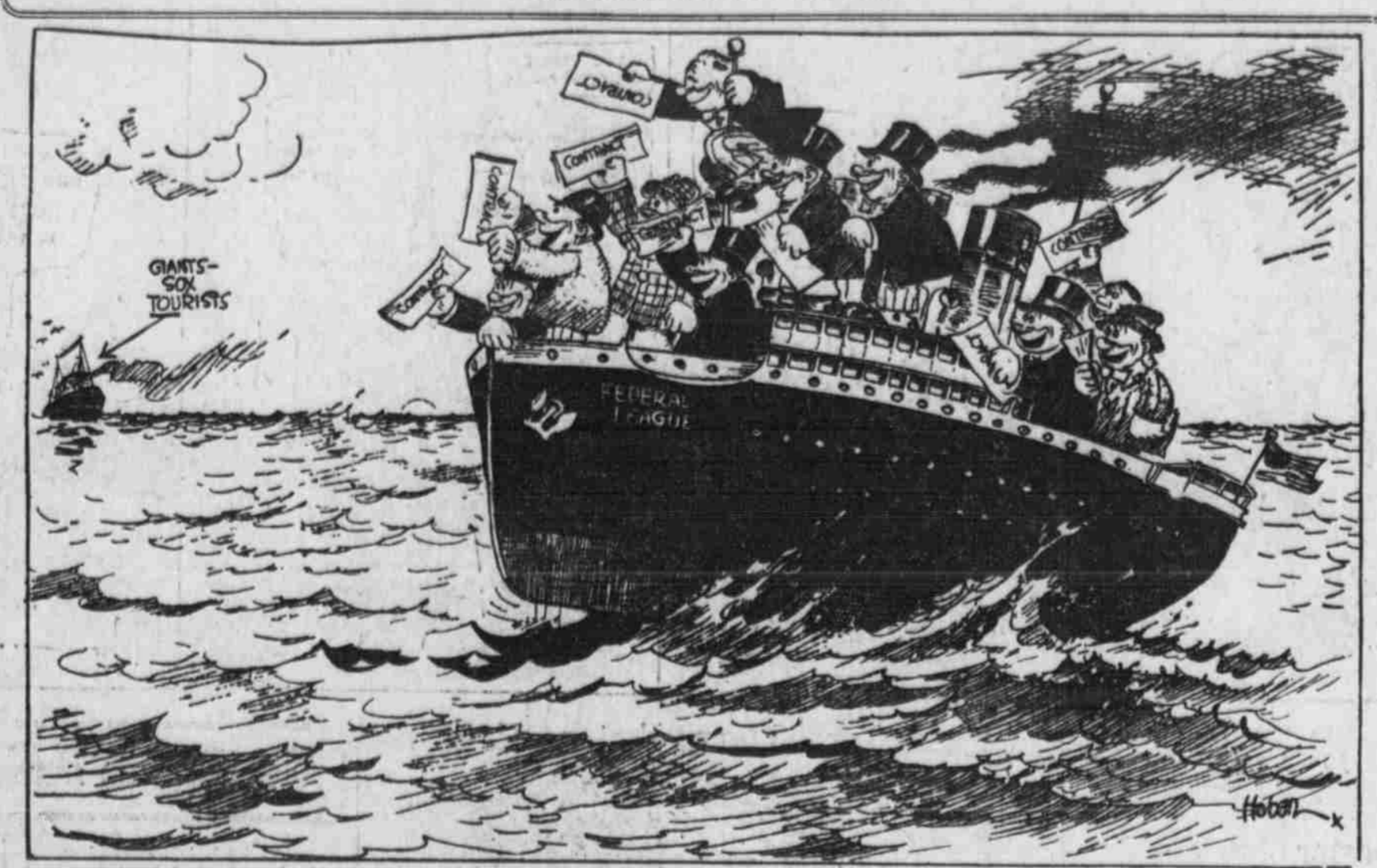
"Are you allowing nothing for improvement in Gunboat?" "Not a great deal," said Tom, with the assistance of a snarl.

"There are fighters who never improve and Gunboat is one of them. He's only a hotch. All he has is that barmaker, and it's only the fellows who are scared of it that get in the way of it. They tell me he missed Felkey a hundred times and might have kept on missing him only that Felkey was tired and discouraged and did not care what happened."

"Why didn't Willard show some of this wonderful improvement when he boxed Carl Morris?" Jones was asked. "Because Morris wouldn't let him," was the quick rejoinder.

When, seeing that his reply caused a smile, Jones hastened to explain more fully.

The Reception Committee



NEXT SEASON LOOKS GOOD

Owners of Trotters and Pacers Are Pleased with the Outlook.

EXCELLENT CHANGES MADE

Jumps on the Circuit Will Not Be as Long and Rating of Entries Will Be Given a Wider Latitude.

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great help the new one will be is apparent from a perusal of the records of not only these horses, but hundreds of others who have traveled a single mile at a pace beyond their natural speed and were compelled to enter that class for the rest of their careers.

Shortens the Jumps.

The 154 circuit, laid out by the stewards, shows the average jump to be only a trifle over 200 miles. It covers 2,384 miles, which is much less than in other years.

Another big factor that will help the Grand Circuit game this season, and in other seasons to come, is the action of the Detroit Trotting association in changing the time for the \$10,000 M. & M. race from 2:30 to 2:14. This is in keeping with the argument made by M. W. Savage, the veteran horse owner, in a recent article in the Trotter and Pacer.

"The big purses usually are raced for by horses absolutely unknown to the public," declared Savage, in his article. "This is a mistake. The crowd will not be attracted any more by unknown horses than they will be attracted by unknown ball players. Our large purses should be contested for by horses well known to the public. For it is only such horses that stir up public interest and create a desire to see the races."

One of the matters discussed by the stewards at their meeting, but on which no action was taken, was that of revising the old rule of limiting the annual winnings of a trotter to \$20,000 and of a pacer to \$10,000. However, there is little possibility of this rule ever being adopted, as only two or three horses have exceeded these amounts in single season winnings.

Two Go Over \$20,000. Statistics covering the 1913 season, compiled by George J. Dietrich, and which appeared in the Trotter and Pacer magazine show that Etawah and Tenara were the only trotters that won over \$20,000 last year and Frank Bogash Jr., the only pacer. Etawah won \$24,685, Tenara, \$23,140 and Frank Bogash Jr., \$23,341.

Next in line as money winners among the trotters were Judson Girl, \$13,289; Lord Dewey, \$17,590; Reusens, \$14,300; May Mack, \$13,290, and Tommy Thorn, \$10,590; nineteen trotters who won between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and fifty-six earned amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

In the ranks of pacers, Dietrich found that Leta was the second largest money winner, with a total of \$11,552; Dan Toy won \$10,000 and College Girl, \$10,250. Twenty pacers won amounts between \$5,000 and \$10,000, while an even fifty won sums ranging from \$5,000 down to \$2,500.

Dietrich's statistics also showed that Peter the Great stred the greatest number of winners during the year, his forty-two offspring garnering a total of \$63,033. This amount exceeds the topnotch winnings of last year and is the greatest won by any family since 1898 when the Baron Wilkes' swept everything before them. Moko's twenty-two children brought home \$47,786, while the thirty children of Hal B's family won \$32,590 and the thirty-two belonging to the Blingara family won \$28,287.

OPEN CAMPS IN FOUR WEEKS

Major Leaguers Will Get Down to Training Within a Month.

PITCHERS TO START SOONER

Chance and Robinson Order Several of Their Twirlers to Be on the Job Within the Next Two Weeks.

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where Dick Kinsella, scout, will take charge of the other Giants on March 1. As McGraw's plans for training will be delayed this spring, the Giants will remain in Texas, playing exhibition games until April 8, when they will move to New Orleans. They will not be seen in New York until the National league starts, on or about April 20.

Manager Robinson, who may accomplish wonders with the Brooklyn team, will have all his men at work on March 1 in Augusta. The first exhibition games scheduled for Robb's men will be with the champion Newark on March 2 and 3 at the Brooklyn camp, after which the hike north by stage starts will be in order. The St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago White Sox and the St. Louis Browns have not made public their spring schedules as yet. The White Sox will report to Kid Gleason at Paso Robles Hot Springs, in California, the first week in March and the men who are globe trotting with Comiskey and Callahan will reach there about March 19.

Pirates to Hot Springs.

The Pirates will go to Hot Springs, Ark., where they trained for several years, not in the town of Orlando, Fla. But four teams will train in Florida, by the way, with the St. Louis Cardinals at St. Augustine, the Cubs at Tampa, the St. Louis Browns at St. Petersburg and the world's champion Athletics at Jacksonville. Connie Mack, who formerly trained his great team at San Antonio,

believes that the change will prove beneficial.

The Boston Red Sox alone will stick to Hot Springs, where they have prepared for several American league races. Cliff Griffith again will tune up Walter Johnson and the Washingtons at Charlottesville, Va. The Cleveland Naps are booked for Athens, Ga., and Hugh Jennings will key the Detroitis up at Gulfport, Miss.

George Stallings will have a big squad of seasoned vets and raw recruits at Macon, Ga. Red Doolin will try to develop a successor for Knabe's place as the Phillies' keystone anchor at Wilmington, N. C. Charley Herzog, the new Cincinnati manager, may whip the Reds into winning form at Mobile, Ala.

Contracts Coming In Signed Up by Pa Rourke's New Team

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they are waiting patiently for some Federal league scout or lawyer to penetrate the aforesaid forests for the purpose of making them an offer of a million or two for their services in the new organization. But Pa worries not. Pa knows the Feds are making an effort to compete with the major league teams.

Recruits Look Good.

But setting aside the regulars, it develops that Pa has a recruit or two who have enviable reputations and look like good ball players. The first of these is a gentleman from St. Paul, Neb., who bears the cognomen of R. S. Alexander. The coincidence of the association of the name Alexander and the village of St. Paul makes his name the first one to be considered. Alexander is a brother of Grover Cleveland Alexander of the Phillies' staff of twirlers. Brother is also a pitcher, and Grover asked Pa to try him out. Pa found out that little brother had played semi-professional ball and had moved down the batters like a lawn mower

clips the grass. And again he found little brother was not a little brother, but was quite a bit larger than Grover. That also looked good to Pa, so he will have an Alexander on his payroll when April draws near.

Coached by Grover. Grover says that he has coached the brother and that brother knows more about pitching than he did when he started with the Phillies. Grover thinks he needs a bit of experience and will make a major leaguer in a relatively short time. Alexander will be accompanied on the spring try-out by George Rogers, who was his catcher during his semi-pro career. Rogers is some catcher, says Grover, and as Rourke is not long on catchers he determined to take Rogers on, too. Rogers is reputed to be an exceptionally clever catcher for a youngster, and has a head on his shoulders which he uses at all times.

Rourke has promised a big, husky chap by the name of Brown a chance to make the team. Brown is in Omaha now and he will be on hand at the work-out. He is a right-handed pitcher, over six feet in height and a big, right-handed pitcher is always a prospect. He has played some base ball up in the wilds of Canada and the north and may prove to be a live one.

Still Has Wallace.

Wallace, the youthful infielder from the University of Illinois, is still a member of the Rourke family. Rourke likes Wallace, because Wallace is a spirited ball player, the kind that fights every minute. His only shortcoming last season was his inexperience, which permitted him to become discouraged under uncalculated-for ridicule by a certain element, and he temporarily went to pieces. The seasoning at Fremont, though, Rourke believes eliminated any tenderness in Wallace's system, and he predicts that the college man will become an excellent infielder in the course of time.

Payne is still more or less of a recruit, as is Bell, although both have had some professional experience and have proven worthy of their sale in both instances. Both are outfielders, of which Rourke appears to have a sufficiency, but Payne can play the infield and Bell may give some of the veteran outfielders such a

Max Carey Will Return to the Pirate Fold



Max Carey, the fleet left fielder of the Pittsburgh Pirates, who has concluded his threats to jump to the Federal league by signing a contract that calls for his services at the old stand in the Pittsburgh lineup. Owner Barney Dreyfuss rounded up the theological student, who readily capitulated when Barney poured forth a stream of his justly famous persuading remarks, supplemented by check bearing the mystic signs of the almighty dollar.

CHESS

Devotees of chess and checkers enjoyed a rare treat last Tuesday and Wednesday, when Newell S. Banks exhibited his skill at the Omaha Chess and Checker club. The club room was crowded beyond comfort at each exhibition, and the close attention which he received, as well as the silence that marked the periods of play, evidenced the reputation which Banks enjoys among Omaha enthusiasts.

On Tuesday evening Dr. J. M. Curtis and Fred H. Frahm of Calhoun were among those who tried conclusions with the expert. Dr. Curtis successfully defending himself against all attacks and obtaining a draw. Farmer also drew, and Moore scored a victory. The other contestants, Frahm, Dodge and Barker fell victims to his strategy. Simultaneously with the chess games, he played ten games of checkers, winning seven and drawing three.

Wednesday afternoon Banks' antagonist was LaRue Williams; and the club room was filled to its utmost capacity in anticipation of the meeting of these two strategists. Four games were played, of which Williams won one and drew one. These games were all marked by caution rather than brilliance of attack or defense; and, while they were excellent contests, these two players would be certain to produce even better if they met frequently. Considering the position Banks holds in the ranks of American chessists, Williams has reason to feel proud of his score, and has earned the congratulations of the club and of all Omaha players.

For the benefit of beginners we wish to remark that a chess problem is always set up with white at the bottom of the board and black at the top—in other words, white pawns must move toward the top of the board and black pawns can only move in a downward direction. Unless stated to the contrary, white moves first, and mates. Therefore, in a two move problem, black has but one move—in a three move, but two. Also, a problem worthy of the name never begins with a check.

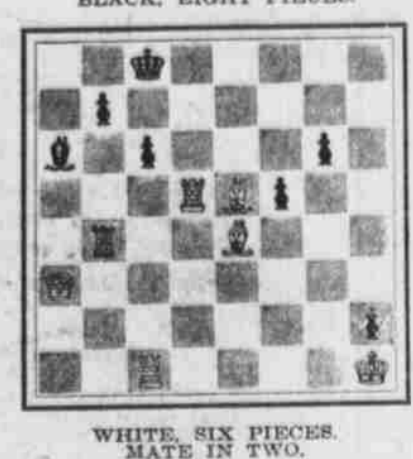
Solution to tourney problem No. 1—Q-K6. Solved by L. E. Minler, Oakland, Neb., in addition to the list of solvers published last Sunday. Solution to tourney problem No. 2—Kt6. Solved by F. C. Swearingen, J. E. Fort, William C. Findley, A. L. Joseph, George N. Seymour, S. W. Carter, W. E. Fenlon, Otto Kruse, G. E. Cypher, Dr. J. M. Curtis, Verne K. Viala, L. A. Tyson, Dr. J. W. Brendel, H. D. Langton, William M. Campbell, H. S. Nielsen, H. Thomsen, L. R. Marr, L. E. Minler.

Rules of Problem Tourney—Contestants

strenuous run for their money that he may land a permanent job. Exhibition Games. Dates for six exhibition games have been announced. The Pittsburgh Pirates will be in Omaha April 7 and 8, the Chicago White Sox on April 10 and 11 and the Minneapolis club on April 4 and 5. Those six dates will give Omaha fans an opportunity to see some fast ball players of the higher class leagues and will also give them an opportunity to survey the new line-up and estimate chances for success in the Western race. Other exhibition contests will be scheduled with other Western league clubs, so that the Omaha team will be given plentiful opportunities to test its strength before the regular season opens.

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(a) I hardly think I played my game for all it was worth here.—Williams.

Jose R. Capablanca, chess champion of Cuba, has been covering himself with glory since his recent arrival in St. Petersburg, where he has taken up his official duties as an attache of the Cuban consulate. According to reports just to hand, he gave two exhibitions of simultaneous chess, once against thirty opponents, and the next time against thirty-one opponents. In each case he lost two games, drawing three and winning the rest. In his last performance a boy, 10 years of age, the son of Prince Godroiz, a high official at the court of the czar, drew his game against the Cuban.

After playing match games with Alechne and Snoko-Borowski, and winning them both, Capablanca met Dus-Choitmirski, who achieved fame by defeating both Dr. Lasker and Rubinstein in the international tournament held in St. Petersburg in 1909. In his game with Capablanca, he succumbed to the skill of the young master. Snoko-Borowski, on the other hand, squared accounts with Capablanca by winning their second game, a French defense, lasting forty-one moves.

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