NO MORE MIXED MATCHES BIG JOB FOR INDIAN JIM

Boxing Game to Be Clear on Score Thorpe Will Have to Go Some to

NEW YORK'S ACTION IS FINAL BASE BALL NOT HIS FORTE

Surprise Awaits Sam McVey, but Little Experience in Bush League Bill Naughton Thinks If the Public Demands Rule WIII Fall.

BY W. W. NAUGHTON. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.-Shades of Molyneux and Tom Cribb. The edict has gone forth from the New York boxing try for a regular position on the New commission that there are to be no more magple matches, at least so far as New the team. He may not. But whether York state is concerned.

Of course, there are other places beside New York, but the sons of Ham will gather little comfort from the reflection. The other places seem ready to fall in line. For that matter Los Angeles beat New York "to it." It is some little time now since Uncle Tom McCarey, Southland's shrewd promoter, gave out that in deference to the trend of the public spinion he had given over signing negroes and white men for ring contests.

It is no fallacy to say that there has always been more or less prejudice against the pitting of colored pugillata against whites. Whenever a negro triumphed over a paleface adversary in an Important engagement the repugnance against such events increased.

The feeling became intense after the Johnson-Jeffries bout at Repo. It manifested itself mainly in indifference to of organized base ball. Queensbury happenings in general, irranged were mixed or unmixed.

black and white contents remained.

world were practically a unit in deciding undesirable talent on ten days' notice. that it was proper to oust the big negro from the pugilistic field. Then the sportbegin segregating races so far as pugliistic pastimes were concerned.

Some of the rising heavyweights who had been posing as "hopes" took advantage of the existing sentiment and deciared themselves in favor of inaugurating a tourney to decide who was the

white champion of the world.

Tom McCarey of Los Angeles was the first of the promoters to grasp the situation. He had a championship belt manufactured and the girdle is now worn by Luther McCarty, who, by virtue of his victories over Jim Flynn and Al Palzer became entitled, in McCarey's opinion, to hold and defend the belt against all comers whose complexions are of the re-

McClarty, by the way, said recently that while he had stated at the outset of his career he would never box a negro he would relinquish his objections if the public wanted him to tackle Johnson.

This may have been a little "bluff" on Luther's part, and if so it was a perfectly safe one. The public in its present temper toward mixed matches is not likely to clamor for a Johnson-McCarty

And if the public should be so inconsistent as to lend its countenance to n Johnson-McCarty scrap its "all Lombard street to a china orange" that Tom Mc-Carey's belt would not hang in the balance. Trust Uncle Tom for that.

To get back to the New York commis-Before the we that august body declared themselves steps had been taken in other cities toward framing rules forbidding the making of mixed matches. With the example of New York before them the places rethe movement is one that meets with the approval of the public other places again will follow the lead established. It looks indeed as if the day when negroes and whites were at liberty to maingle in the

Queensberry enclosure is passing rapidly. stance. Sam has made Australia his Speaking of his own notions he says: stamping ground for a year or so, and during that time has walloped everything in sight. He has had no less than five battles with his color mate, Sam McVev. Langford, 4; McVey, 1.

white hopes that has sprung up in his shall be developed to the utmost degree. York already closed against mixed fame in athletics and in foot ball. If slight unless he brings McVey with aim | ball player in the world or step down

If the new order of things becomes gen- from the profession." eral, and it begins to look as though it

rules and determine who is the champion of opportunity.

German Olympic to Be Example of Country's Skill

BERLIN, Peb. 13.-The German Olympic committee, which is already hard at work in preparation for the Olympic games in Berlin in 1916, has issued an apreal for funds in which it states:

These games must be an example of the German power of organization. We show the streams of visitors who will flock to Germany our fatherland in its beauty and its industrial, economic and military might. Above all, the feats of our athletic youth must bear witness to the inexhaustible springs of our naonal strength and vigor."

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Make Good.

Will Not Make a Big League Star of the Great Athlete.

By W. J. M'BETH. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Jim Thorpe, the most wonderful athlete of history, will York Glants this year. He may make he does or not, he will prove a drawing card of sufficient merit to reward manager John McGraw for all the trouble and expense to which he was put in securing

McGraw has turned any number of clever tricks in his cureer as a base ball manager. None of them showed more business sense than the signing of the aborigine, who is just now the talk of the entire world. McGraw came to the Polo grounds when the Glants were the laughing stock and the joke of the sporting world. He delivered the goods. gathered a bunch of real ball players. He put New York on the base ball map He laid the foundation for financial returns which made possible the wonderful Brush studium and the modern Polo ground, at once the envy and the pride No one better than McGraw realized

respective of whether the matches ar- the advantage of advertising. Perhaps he had some motive along this line when For quite a while the great unwashed he decided to go out after Glen Warner's **Gisplayed** apathy towards their ring men wonderful Indian. He realized that and their fortunes, but after a while Thorpe would prove a great drawing card things righted themselves. Interest in for several months whether he was much boxing was revived, but the aversion to use as a player. He could afford to take a chance because of the peculiarity When Jack Johnson behaved in a man- of base ball law which binds talent to a her to merit the condemnation of right club indefinitely, but which allows that thiking people the fight promoters of the club the privilege of casting adrift from Still behind it all McGraw appears most

sincere in his move. He hopes to make ing men and critics in the various por- a base ball player out of Jim Thorps. tions of the United States voiced opinions I do not think that the little leader of to the effect that it was high time to the champion Giants would have bothered with the Indian if he had not thought there was hope of developing him into something worth while. Doubtless the advertising possibilities appealed to him more or less. But at the same time it is a good bet that John J. McGraw would never have trifled with the greatest modern athlete if he had not been reasonably certain of latent possibilities in this prospect.

The very fact that Thorpe signed with the Giants is a grand testimonial to Me-Graw's shrewdness. Nearly every major league club had made avertures to the dian before the leader of the Giants decided to enter the market. Six or seven clubs had already sent scouts to Carlisle empowered to offer exceptional inducements. McGraw did his own business personally, by wire. It is doubtful if he paid as great a salary as other rivals had offered. But Thorpe-or his mentor, Glen Warner-appreciated the fact that the Oklahoma redman could not possibly go to a better instructor.

Gatting right down to hard pan, Thorpe's

base ball future is more or less of a gamble. He is not a great player now. He could not be expected to be such. Base ball has been a side line with Thorpe ever since he deserted the reservation in search of an education. He paid some little attention to the game when he first went to Carlisle because he loves this sport. But Warner never permitted him to develop his talents along dropped the sport entirely.

He stands where he left off at the end 4:30 p. m. It will work hardship to some of the of 1909. In three years he has been idle. colored gladiators-Sam Langford for in- so far as the diamond is concerned.

"I'll not fall because of disinterestedness, you may be sure. I might have gone to other clubs, where I would have had a better opportunity to play regularly. at the Antipodes, the score standing: But I would sconer sit on the bench untier a real manager than to play reg-Langford is probably homeward bound marly for some one who could not bring this time, and is filled with visions out the very best that is in me. I am of the things he will do to the crop of determined that if I possess ability it beence. But with Los Angeles and New They tell me I have gained my share of matches and with other cities evidently I have I did not do it by moping, but by determined to adopt similar measures, hustling. I shall hustle for McGraw belangford's prospects for work will be cause I wish either to be the very best

That is the Thorpe situation in a nutwill, there will be interminable argu- shell. If the great Indian is possessed ments in the years to come in regard to of the proper talent he will take his the respective merits of champions of place among the great stars. McGraw possibly did not realize Thorpe's senti-It may be, though, that there will be ments when he began to negotiate for some spot on the earth's surface where him. But now that he has been apprised a white champion and a black can get of them, you may be sure that Jim together without breaking any house Thorpe will not suffer through lack

Jumbo Stiehm's Judgment on the Policy for His Team

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forward, before it is too late, and expresses his idea of what should be done and permits the alumni to start a campaign to get the things he needs. If Stiehm will speak his mind and inform the grads of the needs of Cornhusker foot ball, this paper, the writer and the Omaha alumnt immediately begin a fight to get what Stiehm needs. All that is asked of him is that he simply tell what he wants. He is the only man who is in a position to call for help. He is the one responsible The task of getting better foot ball at Nebraska is up to him. He lacks the means now, but he can get them, and he can only get them by coming out at once with a firief explaining exactly what he thinks should be done to better the

conditions which surround his work. Stickm Must Take All. Cornhuskers do not have a successful perienced old campaigner. Good judgseason next fall; no one will need to ment has been the keynote of his suc- would have their hearers believe.

Sallee of the Cardinals



"Slim" Sallee, the elongated speed ball the National league and Manager Hugartist of the St. Louis Cardinal pitching gins will undoubtedly consider Sallee an staff. When on his good behavior Sailea excellent foundation on which to build a one short trip to the plate what an opis one of the most effective twirlers in formidable battery of twirlers.

them to do so. But if Stiehm does not speak his mind, does not tall of the Cornhusker foot ball needs, and thus by his stlence does not permit the alumni to get behind him, he must take all the blame and censure that will come his way with SCIENCE IS FADING AWAY the losses and poor showings that the

Timber in Plenty.

team makes.

The University of Nebraska, each fall, has much excellent foot ball timber; often there is none in the west that is better The undergraduates and alumni who take an interest in the school, who go back to the games and who lend their support, are entitled to better foot ball than they pointed last fall with the Minnesota reat the final reckoning. And he can be ago prepared to settle satisfactorily if he will move now. All awaits his voice.

OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE RACE TO BE HELD ON MARCH 13

Thorpe was too great an all NEW YORK Feb. 15.-It has finally round athlete to waste on any one spe- been decided to hold the Oxford-Camcialty. Warner singled him out and per- bridge boat race this year on the Thames suaded him to sacrifice the base ball op- on March 18-a much earlier date than portunities for the track and field sports, usual. It was at first planned to race on Big Jim was allowed to sub on the nine March 15, which would make it necesferred to will be more determined than of the Indians when not engaged in track sary to row either at 8 o'clook in the ever to frown upon such events, and as meets and did very well indeed as a morning or at 6 o'clock at night, and both pitcher and first baseman. He was good hours were objectionable. Then it was enough to go out in the summer time and practically decided to race on March 19. earn a fair salary in the obscure minors. but that is in Holy Week, and objections Then Carliele tabooed base ball and Jim were many. Finally March 13 was decided upon, and the time will be about

Jones Leads Off Well. Pitcher Eddle Cicotte, of the White Sox, is pleased with the acquisition of Davy Jones, whom he considers one the best men, if not the best man, to lead off at bat in the game.

MILLER HUGGINS IS MENTIONED IN MANY DICKERS



Cardinais, who mid-winter gossip is rearrangements to trade away the best No one but Stiehm is to suffer if the men on his team. Huggins is an ex-Carlo, the Wendell Phillips High School southpass signed by Frank Chance for a trial with the New Yorks, has already had a little experience in the minors, although he is still attending classes. Vet. of the trade during the three fingered wonder's stay in Chicago, and touts him as a comer. Carlo has been at the does not get this new support, he will be blamed for the losses as a player and it is doubtful if he will discard this gift in performing his duties as manager. Therefore, it is pretty sage to proclaim as false the Yanks by the New York fans: Husk-rain Miner Brown taught him many tricks of the trade during the three fingered wonder's stay in Chicago, and touts him as a comer. Carlo has been a pretty sage to proclaim as false the Yanks by the New York fans: Husk-rumors that Miller is about to trade Ed. Climbers, Farrell Lights, Convalescents. White Hopes, the Chicago Cubs, when he will come to New York Stars, Midmercopolitans, Imperials, Mutuals, and the toam losses, he will not be censulted by George & will discard this gift in performing his duties as manager. Therefore, it is the Yanks by the New York fans: Husk-rumors that Miller is about to trade Ed. Climbers, Farrell Lights, Americans, Manhattan Stars, and the toam losses, he will not be censulted by George & will discard this gift in performing his duties as manager. Therefore, it is the Yanks by the New York fans: Husk-rumors that Miller is about to trade Ed. Climbers, Farrell Lights, Americans, Manhattan Stars, Midmercopolitans, Imperials, Mutuals, Stars, Midmercopolitans, Imperials, Mutuals, Midme

conched by the best forces, are certain to lose now and then. It is salutary for IS BOXING DETERIORATING?

Many of the Old-Time Ringside Sports Say Art is Disappearing.

Instead of Infusing Art Into the Game it is Rapidly Becoming a Cold Matter-of-Fact Punching Episode.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Whether improvement in the art or science of boxing is keeping pace with that in other have had recently. They were disap- lines of sport is a question often discussed where boxing enthusiasts gather. Many sult, much surprised with the Missouri old time followers of ring events mainscore and disgusted with the Kansas tain that istead of improving it is deflasco. They are not going to stand for teriorating. To prove that this is so they much more such foot ball. They are will- call attention to the fact that there are ing to do their share to get conditions no fighters at present to compare with that will develop stronger elevens. Stiehm Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Ryan, Gans, Mcshould see the situation and act imme- Govern. Dixon and many others of like distely. He is the man who must settle caliber who held forth a generation or so

> Most of the criticism directed at present day boxers is to the effect that very few appreciate the value of a little judicious feinting before a lead and that footwork is rapidly becoming a lost art. Observation of the methods employed by the boxers at local clubs any evening out much of this opinion. Nor is the reason far to seek why it should be so. Provided there is plenty of action shown, a large and noisy portion of the spectators are well satisfied with the character of the entertainment afforded. In fact, a certain percentage resent bitterly any attempt upon the part of the performers in the preliminary bouts to make use of feinting, ducking or sidestepping. Some maneuvers are permitted the boxers in the main event, but any attempt to be "clever" on the part of a preliminary youngster at once calls forth many yells of disapproval. Yet it is from the ranks of these youngsters that the champions of the future are to come and those of the present have come.

No wonder the novice boxer, no matter how ambitious, soon ceases trying to learn the scientific principles of the game when he is made to feel that he has disgraced himself if he takes a backward step in pulling away from a swing or avoiding a rush. All of which indicates that the fight-going public needs educating as much as the boxers. The latter are only trying to supply what seems the namute. to be demanded.

Would Rather Have Science.

Of course, there is a good portion of science rather than crude slugging. But these persons seldom belong to the type who voice their opinions at the top of their lungs. Consequently the noisy galleryite who yells, "Take them off!" when there is no provocation, more of less directs the situation, although his views are not those of the real fan who pays for a high priced seat, but remains silent.

Undoubtedly the amount of adverse criticism directed at Abe Attell, Johnny Kilbane. Mike Gibbons and others of their ilk for stalling has had much to do with influencing sentiment against clever boxing. These men are recognized to be the leading exponents of the manly art. Criticising them appears to the unthinking to be the same as objecting to skill taking the place of brute strength. But as a matter of fact, although it is nearly always the clever boxer who is disposed to cheat by unduly conserving his energy, that is no reason why scientific boxing should be considered synony mous with stalling. Yet it is plain that there is a certain element that makes no year's manager. Wolverton often batted distinction

The offending boxers themselves have done their utmost to further the idea that they were censured for being clever instead of for loating. For instance, the tales Johnny Kilbane had to tell when he returned home after his unsatisfactory bout with Eddie O'Keefe, led many fling at the local critics, asserting science Miller Huggins, the diminutive man- is not appreciated in New York. Kilbane's phia Racquet club, and Charles Williams ager-second baseman of the St. Louis "science" on that occasion consisted of of England, play for the world's champorting as having practically completed expenditure of energy. This was why he and will be a home affair and others have been censured, and not because they did not lower their heads shut their eyes and swing madly, as they

Giants Maintain Him for Pulling Runs Out of Tight Places.

BUT IS NOT GOOD IN FIELD

Like Most Men Who Are Carried on the Bench for Batting, He is Slow When it Comes to Work Out in Field.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 -- Harry McCormack draws a good salary from the Giants, and yet his name appears less often in the batting order of the club than those of some other players who do not get so much money. Why? He is a pinch hitter, and a pinch hitter of his ability is invaluable to a team with championship aspirations. As in the case of McCormack, the base ball season will be notable this year for the players carried on the payrolls for their pinch hitting ability.

Years ago when base ball was far from being the scientific game that it is now. for a club to carry a man who seldom attempted to play in the field, but occasionally was sent in to bat for another weaker hitter in a pinch, was practically an unheard of thing. It was regarded as a useless expenditure of money, if it was thought of at all. But base ball of today demands it, and base ball of the future, a year or so hence, will see more of it.

In Now Part of Game, Pinch hitting has become a part of the game just as pitching and fielding have always been a part of the sport. The player who can take an occasional turn at bat and produce a hit when a hit means a run or more in a close contest, and that run means victory, is a player to whom any big league manager willingly will pay a good salary. They are scarce. It is an important position to fill. The work is easy, but it is only one in fifty players who can fill it capably, and that is a conservative estimate.

The only requisite is that the player be a natural hitter. He must have a clear eye and be able to meet the ball with a free swing and be able to solve in just posing pitcher "has." Other players in the game have had an opportunity to study how well the opposing pitcher is working' on that particular day. His curves may be breaking faster than usual. His slow ball may be more puzzling, and his fast one may have a jump on it, or his "spitter" may be acting exceptionally strange

How He Makes Observations. All this the regular players have studied while at bat. If they have falled on their first attempt they have had time to reason why they failed and act differently the next time. The pinch hitter has had no such opportunity. As he sits on the bench, waiting for the manager's call, which may come at any moment, or which may not come at all that day, he listens to his team mates discussing the quality of the pitching they are up against. He watches the pitcher closely, but all this is hearsay and his observations are made from a distance.

When he is called the chances are that there will be runners on the bases and there may be two out. The responsibility of the game is suddenly shifted to his shoulders. He means victory or defeat to his club and every game that he figures in may later be weighed in the balance for or against his club the final standing. It is a responsibility that few, even though they be veterans, are capable of assuming without qualms.

Possibly the close observer of base ball may have noticed that there are some players who are more proficient than their associates at hitting when runners are on the paths. To use the technical expression, "they hit well behind the runners." There are other players who are good batters when the bags are empty. They can do better with the stick then than at other times. Such players are generally called upon to head the batting order and the ones who can "well behind the runners" follow them on the batting order where the manager believes their ability will be most effective.

Not as Proficient in Field. For the most part it will be found that players who are carried for their pinch hitting alone are not as proficient in the field. There are other players who are just as good batters as the pinch hitter or hitters of the club and who can field as well. Therefore they are needed in the game all of the time, but a situation frequently presents itself to the manager where these particular players are not the next in order to bat. That's when the pinch hitter is "the man of McCormack is not a good fielder. He is

slow. Yet it was McCormack who won more than one game for the Giants last every ringside gathering who favor sesson. Otis Crandall, the pitcher, is an excellent pinch hitter. McGraw frequently calls upon the "demon reliever" to bat. This is unusual. As a rule, for me reason or other, pitchers seldom are particularly adept with the bat.

Crandall recalls another who was listed as a pitcher, but who was more or less of a fallure as a twirler. "Dode" Criss. of the St. Louis Browns. Criss was not worth much more than a shilling a week as a pitcher, but he was carried by the Browns for his pinch hitting. Being with a club that was a second division outfit, Criss had more opportunity to display his wares than he would have had with a first division team where the club is better balanced. He was called upon frequently and made good with a regularity that brought him fame in both leagues. After Chance retired from active play ing and became a sort of bench manager with the Cubs he was wont to hat for weaker stickers, and the big fellow was no slouch in a pinch. He will act in that capacity for the Highlanders this sea son, succeeding Harry Wolverton, year's manager. Welverton often batted for another player and more often than otherwise made wood. otherwise made good.

PROFESSIONAL RACQUETERS TO PLAY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.-Professional writers throughout the west to take a racquets will have a boom when Jack Soutar, the professional of the Philadelgetting the money with the least possible pionship. The match will be for \$10,000 played first in Philadelphia. No date has been set for the match, but the first half will probably be played in March. Soutar belongs to the younger school of players. having been developed by George Standing, and since he has been in Philadelphia he has improved greatly and is believed

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