

WELSH WORRIES MANAGER

Freddie Is Tiring of Ring Game and May Quit, Which Would Be Knockout to Pollok.

JEANNETTE TO COME BACK

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Harry Pollok, the fashion plate of fight managers, has taken to heroic measures to re-establish the fast waning prestige of his protegee, Freddie Welsh.

If Welsh is to be taken at his word, he is tired of the ring game and wouldn't mind retiring even at this writing.

Money is the only thing that is keeping Welsh in the ring. And Pollok must make Welsh see money at all times.

Upon receipt of this missive, Tortorich wired the New York papers that he had offered Welsh a guarantee of \$50,000 to fight the winner of the Dundee-Mandot mill.

Now what in common sense would have induced Tortorich to increase the original offer—which was not a legitimate one in the first place—if Welsh had already accepted the \$50,000 offer?

Tortorich's dispatch also contained the information that Welsh would fight for him on March 4. It was stated that the bout would be over the twenty-round trail and that Welsh's championship would be at stake.

Joe Jeannette is brushing the cobwebs off his boxing gloves. Of Joe, a good warrior in his day, is of the conviction that he can still put up a battle against any of the leading heavyweights, and is anxious to try himself out.

Jeannette intends to hit himself to Canada for his "comeback." His first opponent will be Silas Green, who recently gave Battling Levinsky a hard brush in ten rounds.

Joe and Sam have battled so many times that they have lost sight of the number. But they always put up an interesting scrap, and drew out the fans in large numbers.

Mike Gibbons, who admits to having cleared close to \$100,000 in the ring in the last three years, will add to that sum next month.

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FRED BEEBE TURNS DOWN OFFER FROM COAST TEAM. BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 26.—Fred Beebe, well-known pitcher in the National league a few seasons past, has declined an offer to join the San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast league in order that he may fulfill his contract to coach the base ball team of Indiana university.

TINKER SAYS IT'S NOT LUCK

New Cub Boss Says It Was Real Business Insight that Brought About His Success.

IRVIN COBB PULLS A JOKE

By FRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Josephus Tinker has a grinch. Not a chronic one, mind you, nor one that is of permanent nature, but it's a grinch nevertheless.

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Irvin S. Cobb, who jocosely lays claim to the title of sporting editor for the Saturday Evening Post, unboomed himself of a pair of several jokes at the recent National league dinner.

George Stovall, the "Firebrand of the Feds," leaped into a reminiscent mood while he was in town last week.

"I played my first major league game in Cleveland on July 4, 1904," said Stovall. "Like all bushers I was scared to death during that first game.

Charles Weeghman, who made his debut as a National league manager at the recent meeting, seemed to those who have "covered" the base ball war from its start to be strangely out of place.

"To be truthful about it, it seems mighty queer," answered the game warden of the Cubs, "that just a little out of place. But I'm getting used to my new surroundings—and I'm going to like them."

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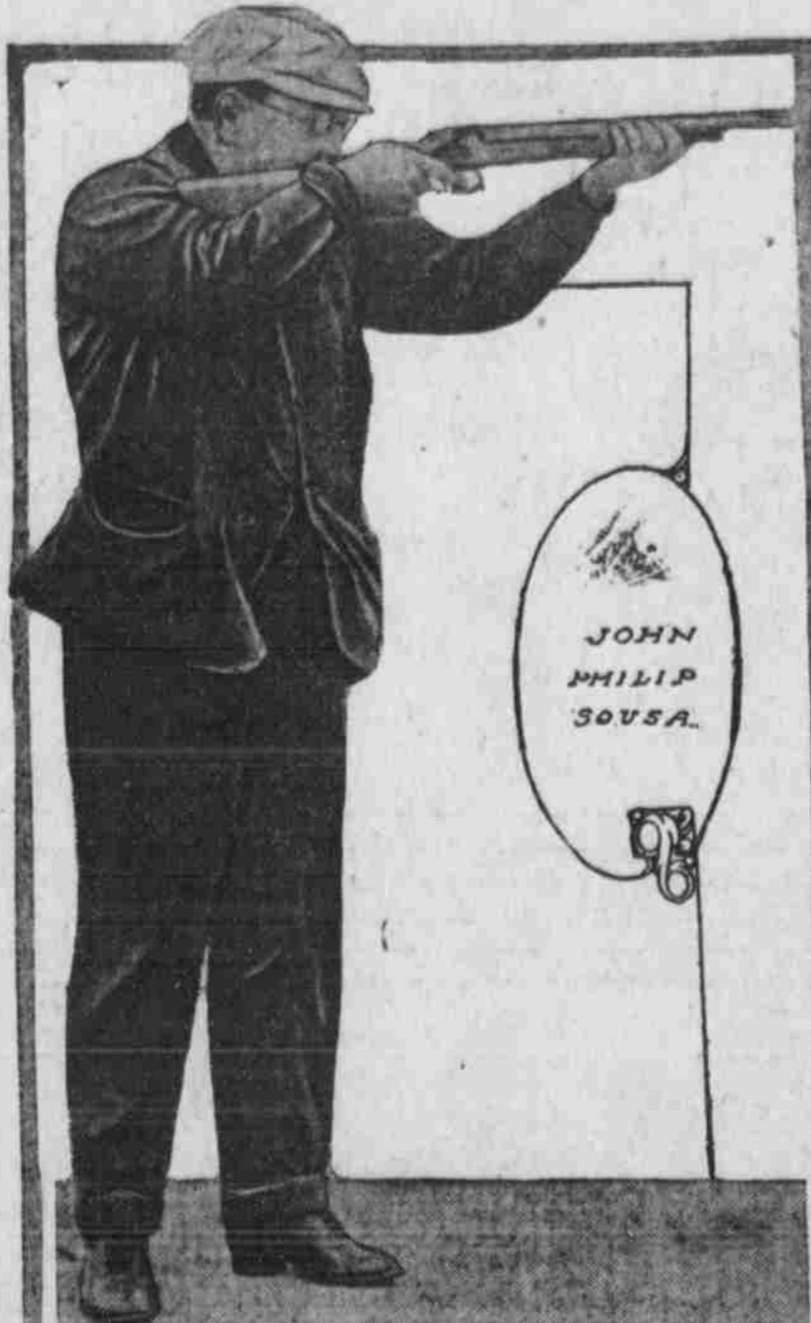
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Sousa Heads Trap Shooters' Organization



John Philip Sousa, the veteran bandmaster, has just been elected president of the newly created Amateur American Trapshooters' association, the latest organization to be added to the sport world.

Sousa is probably the most enthusiastic trapshooter in the country. The next best thing to trapshooting is talking about it, and in Mr. Sousa the scatter-gun enthusiast finds a very interesting talker.

"Shooting makes a woman agile and alert. I have shot at the traps with many women, and never have I seen an ungraceful one who used the shotgun well."

As additional proof that the "great master" is an enthusiastic shooter as well as talker, his closing statement was:

"In conclusion, let me say that just about the sweetest music to me is when I call 'Pull' the old gun bark, and the referee, in perfect key, announces 'Dead!'"

CAL OUT TO SOLVE PUZZLE. New Pirate Manager Will Make an Effort to Find What Troubles Joe Schultz.

WAS MOST PROMISING ROOKIE. Jimmy Callahan, vaudeville actor and manager of the Pittsburgh National base ball club, believes he can solve the mystery of Joe Schultz, the star pitcher.

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TAR BABY UP TO OLD TRICKS

Sam Langford Is Pulling the "You Win This Time, I Win Next Time" Act Again.

HARRY WILLS NEW PARTNER

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Sam Langford seems to have forgotten none of his familiar tricks. Langford's recent knock-out of Harry Wills was but another instance of the sad fate of those who persist in fooling with the Boston "Tar Baby."

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ESSAYS ON SPORT. No. 5.—GOLF.

Golf is sometimes called lawn pool, sometimes cow-pasture billiards, but mostly golf is golf.

Golf is a nice, gentle, little game which consists of batting—small gutta percha balls as far as you can bat it and then chasing after it.

A golf course on which the game is played is laid out in nineteen holes. The nineteenth hole is the most important.

Persons who play golf are peculiar. Some individuals ordinarily sniff disdainfully and make heroic efforts to suppress a titter when golf is mentioned.

Other persons connected with golf are professionals, who teach you how to play so that any dub can trim you, caddies who giggle inwardly at your rotten form and swipe balls, and golf widows, of which we have nothing to say.

Bert Larson, in his petition for divorce, says that his wife hit him with a fine escape. We shudder to think what

Bert Larson, who flivved in Omaha, is sold to Topeka. Bert Larson, the wild man from Fargo who attempted to do a little hurling with the Bourkes last year, has been sold to the Topeka club.

Schwab will organize own base ball league. Charles M. Schwab, the Bethlehem steel magnate, failing to get a franchise for his town in the New York State league, announces that he will organize a whole league of his own to play in Bethlehem and suburbs for the entertainment of the wage slaves in his steel mills.

Sutton accepts Hoppe's defi for \$2,500 tilt. CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—G. E. Sutton has accepted an challenge of William Hoppe for a billiard match to be played some time after October 1. The match is to be 1,800 points at 12-3 ball line, for a side bet of \$2,500. It may be played in New York, Chicago or both cities.

Doc Schleiher will be saw-bones for Rourke. Dr. F. J. Schleiher has been reappointed club physician for the Omaha team by Pa Rourke. Dr. Schleiher, who holds card number one in the Ancient and Honorable Order of Rourke Fans, nursed the cripples so successfully last year that Rourke signed him up again.

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Official Schedule of the Western League Base Ball Clubs for 1916. Table with columns for clubs (Denver, St. Joseph, Topeka, Wichita, Lincoln, Des Moines, Sioux City, Omaha) and rows for dates and opponents.

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