

Damon Runyon's Column

By DAMON RUNYON.
New York, Dec. 12.—You read of M. Charles Ebbets' offer of \$275,000 for Rogers Hornsby of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Mr. Ebbets, like all the other baseball magnates, is in baseball for profit. The amount he offered for Hornsby is more money, that is more profit, than his club could possibly make in a most prosperous season under any conditions.

The baseball gentlemen are commencing to rave insanely.

In republican Pennsylvania, the new state boxing commission has prohibited "mixed bouts."

"Mixed bouts" are boxing bouts between white men and colored American citizens.

A man of any color, red, dark brown or olive drab or of any nationality other than a colored American citizen may box in Pennsylvania.

The republican governor of Pennsylvania may be greatly interested in this ruling against a large number of his supporters.

Caddy enough, one of the members of the new Pennsylvania boxing commission is a colored man. Of course, he had nothing to say about the ruling.

The South American Boxing federation presents Luis Angel Firpo with a diploma for his "exploits in the United States."

That is interesting news. It proves that there are in South America persons as lacking in a sense of the importance of things as there are in this country.

Scores of South Americans have come to the United States and performed exploits in business, in art, in science, infinitely more important than the knocking out of Jess Willard and Charley Weinert, or being knocked out in two rounds by Jack Dempsey.

They have received no diplomas from any federation.

For a long time Firpo's home city, Buenos Aires, one of the most beautiful cities in all the world, prohibited boxing.

Today a cablegram announced that the city council had approved an ordinance permitting boxing.

Presently you will read of exciting offers from the Argentine for American heavyweights to come there to meet "The Wild Bull."

There are but two heavyweights in America at this time, not including Dempsey, who can give Firpo a struggle.

They are Harry Wills, first of the heavyweight title contenders, and Tom Gibbons of St. Paul, who ranks second among the contenders, or third in the whole heavyweight line, which begins with Dempsey.

It is not likely either Wills or Gibbons will go to Buenos Aires to fight Firpo.

Wills has been there before. Gibbons' last experience in what might be called uncharted pugilistic waters, which was at Shelby, Mont., paid him nothing.

Gibbons is not apt to do any more experimenting. He will wish to be paid off in the future in something more substantial than promises.

Wills went to the Argentine some years ago with an ill-fated pugilistic expedition, to fight Sam Langford and Sam McVey. He did not appear against either in South America because there was no money in sight.

Tom Blake Wins Tank Race.
Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—Tom Blake, of Los Angeles Athletic club here last night won the 220-yard dash in the first indoor swimming meet of the Southern California winter season, defeating Duke Kahanamoku, the Hawaiian star. The time for the event was two minutes 34.3 seconds, considerably higher than the world's record which Kahanamoku had announced before the meet he would attempt to lower.

Greb Suffers Change of Heart
New York, Dec. 13.—Harry Greb, Pittsburgh, holder of the middleweight championship, who Monday night failed to knock the light heavyweight crown from the brow of Gene Tunney, the Greenwich Villager, today announced he would give Johnny Wilson a chance at the middleweight honors at an early date.

"I will meet Wilson at the Garden in New York just as soon as I rest up a bit," Greb said, indicating his wrath over the Tunney decision. Greb was quoted as saying the decision was "framed against him."

Today Tex Rickard, promoter, said Greb had cooled off and while not content with the decision, did not question the honesty of the officials who ruled he lost.

Fairfield Boy Gets "D."
Glenn O. Spears of Fairfield, Neb., member of the Drake university 1923 football team, is among the 15 Bulldog gridsters who were awarded letters at a banquet given in honor of the football team recently.

Joseph F. Enright of Greeley, Colo., was also given a monogram. Reinhard Schlosser of Greeley was among the freshmen who were awarded numerals.

\$4,500,000 Bet on Races.
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13.—More than \$4,500,000 was wagered through pari-mutuel machines at horse races in Vancouver and Victoria last summer, according to an announcement. The government collected \$226,962 tax on the machines.

The special bowling match between the U. S. Oils and Ak-Sar-Ben will be bowled at the Omaha alleys Sunday at 12:30 o'clock.

SKI CLUB WANTS SNOW
Snow, Snow! Where art thou! N. J. Weston, physical director of the Omaha Y. M. C. A. and his ski club has been organized for several weeks, but can't operate until there is a blanket of snow on the ground.

The ski club plans a ski tournament during the Christmas holidays, providing, of course, there is some snow on the ground.

Jawn McGraw Denies That Rumors of His Death Are Correct
London, Dec. 13.—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants who has been touring Europe, has sent to the Associated Press the following message as his answer to vague rumors of his death:

"I may be a dead one, but I do not know it. You can tell them all that I am still running the bases. I expect to go to Ireland the latter part of the week, when Hughie Jennings arrives. That does not look as though I am dead, does it?"

Simmers to Chicago.
San Francisco, Dec. 13.—The athletic committee of the Olympic club here has recommended to the directors that \$3,500 be allotted to defray the expenses of sending a team of swimmers and the club water polo team to the National Swimming meet in Chicago next spring. The money would cover the expenses of eleven swimmers, it was said.

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