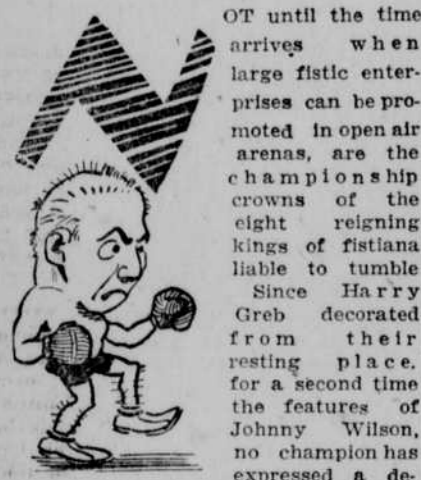


# Champions of Fistic World Are Not Anxious to Defend Titles in Decision Bouts

## Title Holders Rather Barnstorm Than Do Battle

### Pancho Villa One of Busiest of Boxers—Has Four Fights Scheduled in Near Future.



UNTIL the time arrives when large fistic enterprises can be promoted in open air arenas, are the championship crowns of the eight reigning kings of fistiana liable to tumble. Since Harry Greb decorated from their resting place, for a second time the features of Johnny Wilson, no champion has expressed a desire to enter a ring in Madison Square Garden and defend his crown against a worthy challenger in a decision contest, despite the fact that flattering offers have been made to most of the title holders. Fighters prefer to meet mediocre opponents in no-decision contests elsewhere for less money and keep their valuable assets until they can perform for sums that are possible when the open air season opens.

Three of the fistic topline are to meet mediocre performers as features of this week's fistic calendar, but they run very little risk of being dethroned—the only risk being that a possible lucky punch will land in a dangerous spot, which happens about once in 10 years.

Pancho Villa, flyweight king; Jack Lynch, bantam champion, and Joe Bernstein, who leads the way in the newly created junior lightweight division, are the three in question.

Villa is one of the busiest of the boxers. The Filipino flash is young, ambitious and his manager keeps him so. He has four fights scheduled within the next four weeks, the first of which will be with Nate Carr in Detroit Monday night. This Carr person is a third rater who may make it interesting enough so Villa can get a good workout, but the Filipino is not going to take on anything dangerous for the money he will gather in Detroit. There is too much big money in New York when he wants to risk the title he took by flattening Jimmy Wilde.

Joe Lynch has spent the winter barnstorming about the country, much of his time being spent down in Dixie, where the natives contributed liberally to the Lynch bank account for the privilege of seeing in action the man who holds the crown which once adorned the brow of Pete Herman, Italian, from New Orleans.

ADVERTISMENT. **END RHEUMATISM WITH RED PEPPER**

When you are suffering with rheumatism so you can hardly get around just try Red Pepper Rub and you will have the quickest relief known. Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating power as red pepper. Instant relief. Just as soon as you apply Red Pepper Rub you feel the tingling heat. In three minutes it warms the sore spot through and through. Frees the blood circulation, breaks up the congestion—and the old rheumatism torture is gone.

ADVERTISMENT. **IF BACK HURTS BEGIN ON SALTS**

Flush Your Kidneys Occasionally by Drinking Quarts of Good Water.

No man or woman can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Too much rich food creates acids which clog the kidney pores so that they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood. Then you get sick. Rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, bladder disorders often come from sluggish kidneys.

This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to help neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer cause irritation, thus often relieving bladder disorders.

## Will Play Billiard Exhibitions



James Barber and Billy Owens, Billiard players.

HERE'S James Barber, Des Moines, and Billy Owens, Denver, crack pocket billiard players who have scheduled exhibition games in various towns throughout the middle west.

Barber won the tri-state tournament at the Paxton parlors last week, while Owens came in for third money.

## Discussion Regarding Size and Weight of Golf Ball Detrimental to Player

Sam Reynolds, state golf champion, says that the only trouble with the feverish discussion about the size and weight of the golf ball is that it is taking the attention of the golfer off more important things. A few years ago the golfer would go out on the links and have a good time with almost any kind of an old golf ball. He paid no attention to the ball, but gave some serious thought about how he planted his feet and how he held his head. He was careful about his grip and tried to cultivate the practice of keeping his eye on the ball.

ADVERTISMENT. **Nine Major Mound Men to Use Spitter**

New York, Feb. 16.—If Allan Sotheron, purchased by the Cardinals from Louisville recently, is allowed to use his most effective delivery, nine spittish pitchers will work in the majors this year. When the magnates prohibited the spitter several years ago they agreed to allow boxmen who employed such methods to keep on until they retired. But incoming recruits now are forced to deliver the ball in orthodox style.

ADVERTISMENT. **Knotty Problems of Basket Ball**

ADVERTISMENT. **Changes Made in Columbia Grid Card**



## Every Hunter and Fisherman's Duty

By RALPH WAGNER. SOON one of the most vital bills that has ever been proposed in the interest of our migratory bird will be introduced in the national senate. This bill, known as the "migratory bird and land leasing bill," was drafted by the Izaak Walton League of America and will be sponsored by Senator Modell McCormick of Illinois. Senator McCormick was chosen and elected by the sportsmen of his state for the sole purpose of pushing this measure through.

Lloyd Hahn, Nebraska Athlete, Numbered Among the List of Olympic Team Distance Runners

By DAVIS J. WALSH. New York, Feb. 14.—It became known through official sources today that the Amateur Athletic union has culled the violets from the field of stubble and has drafted what it pleased to term a list of "potential candidates for the American Olympic team" based on performances, past and present. The prospect includes some 125 of our most prominent people and doesn't hesitate to name a few names.

ADVERTISMENT. **Says "Bugs" Baer: SOCCER AS GOOD GAME**

ADVERTISMENT. **Getting Into Condition**

ADVERTISMENT. **U. S. Tennis Rules Are Same as Those of Europe**

ADVERTISMENT. **Boxing Experts Agree Moran Whipped Dundee**

ADVERTISMENT. **SEE OUR BRUSH SALE AD On Page 5-A**

## Here's One for Amateur Ball Fans



Leo Krupski and Jimmy Moore. HAT seems to be the trouble with the above pictures? We wonder if the readers can guess?

ADVERTISMENT. **Two Important Turf Events to Be Held Week Apart in Spring**

ADVERTISMENT. **Hot Springs, Ark.—Hot Springs' Spring "baseball colony" began assembling Tuesday, February 12, with the arrival of Urban Faber of the White Sox.**

ADVERTISMENT. **CREAM CLEARS A STUFFED-UP HEAD**

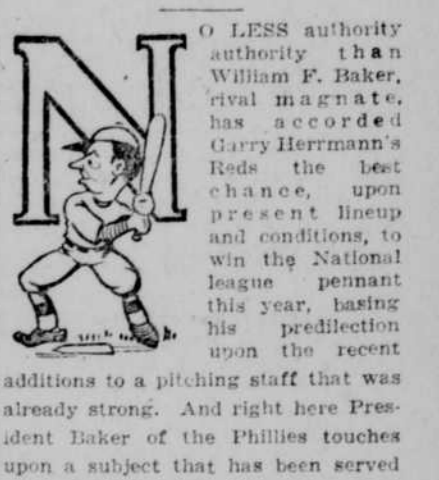
ADVERTISMENT. **Sure Way to Get Rid of Dandruff**

ADVERTISMENT. **Stetson New Spring Oxfords**

ADVERTISMENT. **AGRIA**

## Reds Have Strong Pitching Staff for 1924 Season

### Baker Considers Cincinnati Has Best Chance to Win National League Pennant.



LESS authority than William F. Baker, rival magnate, has accorded Gray Herrmann's Reds the best chance, upon present lineup and conditions, to win the National League pennant this year, basing his prediction upon the recent additions to a pitching staff that was already strong.

Have the Reds the strongest pitching staff in captivity at this time? This is a hard question to answer, for the reason that Jackie May, the left-handed phenom secured from Vernon of the Pacific Coast league, is a comeback to the majors after none too good a season, and Tom Sheehan, the wonder pitcher of the American association, secured from St. Paul, while he has had one major league call, has yet to be fully tested by the major league curving, prowess and pace. And then it is also most uncertain what Carl Mays, for nine years an invincible pitching ace of the American league, will be able to do, now that he is called in his first decline to pitch a pennant into Reeling.

Both of these pitchers will be with the Woodmen of the World again this season.

Langue leading pitcher of all baseball, won 27 and lost 8 last season. Rixey won 20 and lost 15. Donohue won 21 and lost 15. Benton won 14 and lost 10. Here are 82 victories by this sterling quartet. Here is almost a pennant. If these four do as well next year it will look rosy for the Reds.

The 1923 records of the pitchers added to the Red staff are rather hard to classify. Carl Mays took part in but seven games, and while he won five of them, yet he ranked almost last in his league in earned run average per game, being as bad as 6.22. Jackie May, the coast marvel, had a record last year that was far from marvelous. Sheehan has a fine record. He won 21 and lost 9 in the strong double A circuit whence the came.

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