

PHILS CAN'T HOLD PLAYERS

In American-National War, as in Present Tracas, Phillies Were the Jumpers.

TOO TIGHT WITH BANK ROLL

By FRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Somebody picks a baseball fight that somebody takes the lushest wallop at those poor Phillies. The Quakerstown team was shot to pieces during the American-National league war and the same thing happened during the Federal league scrap.

Infield Is Weak

The Phillies were shot to pieces—even before the 1914 campaign opened. Their infield was wrecked by the loss of Knabe and Deolin and their pitching malaise was gone. From a possible pennant contender the Phillies slumped into second division certainties.

Johnson Will Trim Willard With Ease

Says Dan McKetricke

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—"I don't want to pour cold water on Jess Willard's championship aspirations, but for Jess' own benefit and as a little advice to men who will bet their good iron dollars on the white man, I say right now that Jack Johnson will walk into the ring at Juarez with his golden smile bared to the sun and knock Willard out in any minute of any round he wants to—Dan McKetricke talking.

"I think I know Johnson better—the Johnson of today—better than any man in America," went on Dan. "I've been with him, traveled with him, and I know positively he hasn't touched a drop of liquor of any kind for a year or more. He is just as wonderful a fighter as he ever was, crafty, clever and brainy. Why, in the Moran fight he simply handed Frank as a mother would a 5-year-old baby boy.

"Johnson was afraid that he was going to be tricked out of his title in that fight. Coming out of a clinch in the second round, Johnson nearly tore Frank's head off with one of his amazing right-hand uppercuts. George Carpenter, the referee, took Johnson by the two arms, backed him away from Moran and said in broken English: 'Do not touch—do not touch!'

"Johnson immediately thought that Carpenter might be in on a plan to trick his crown away on a foul, no matter how trivial. After that Johnson simply stood off and jabbed, jabbed, jabbed until the crowd wearied of the monotony of his method and blurted him roundly. Because of that it became the general opinion the world over that Johnson had fought a badly, a miserable result of a may life in Paris.

"Now, don't be fooled. Johnson is as great as he ever was, as wonderful as he was at Reno against the once matchless Jeffries. He proved in the Moran bout that he can whip the best man alive with one hand held behind his back. His slippy was suspicious and took no chances of losing the Moran bout through any little infraction of the rules whatsoever. No man ever lost a world's title because he jabbed the other man silly, and that's what he did to Moran.

"Remember what I say. Johnson in any instance of any round he himself selects. He is master of the world with a pair of five-ounce gloves on his big ebony fists. 'I'll stand on that.'

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GIBBONS A REAL CHAMPION

St. Paul Phantom Establishes Right to the Middleweight Honor by Trimming Clabby.

MCCOY'S CLAIM IS FUTILE

By RINGSIDE. NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—By this time Mike Gibbons, the "St. Paul Phantom," has been extolled the breadth of the universe as the greatest of living middleweight fighters. By virtue of his undoubted victory over Jimmy Clabby two weeks ago, Gibbons has established himself the middleweight situation to such an extent that it will require but one or two more such triumphs for Michael to be universally acclaimed the champion, notwithstanding the protestations from Al McCoy notwithstanding.

McCoy may contend that he is the only legitimate title-holder by his one-punch knockout of George Chip, who in some quarters was looked upon as the champion at the time. We will endeavor to prove to McCoy that he is grossly in error to be tricked out of his title in that fight.

McCoy's argument—or rather the argument of his manager for him—is that Chip was champion until he collided with Al's superior wallop. Chip, according to McCoy, came into possession of that title by his two-ply knockout of Frank Klaus, who was supposed to have taken over the championship responsibility after he had vanquished Billy Papke, to whom, they say, the crown reverted after Champion Stanley Ketchel's ill-fated end.

Papke Never Champ. Now for our side of the controversy. The title could never revert to Papke after Ketchel's death. But granted that he was then recognized as the champion. Between the time of Ketchel's demise and before Papke met Klaus, the "Thunderbolt" had been beaten no less than three times by "Cyclone" Johnny Thompson, Bob Moha and Frank Mattell. So that certainly placed a damper on Papke's aspirations.

When Klaus met him Papke was on the downgrade, and the only title he owned was that of "middleweight champion of Europe," which he took away from George Carpentier. So if McCoy really thinks he is entitled to some sort of championship for knocking out Chip he might claim the middleweight title of Europe.

The records show that there has been no legitimate middleweight champion since the days of Stanley Ketchel, the "Michigan Assassin." Naturally, the title has been in abeyance since then, and there have been numerous claimants of said title, but none has had the riveted claim on it that Mike Gibbons now holds.

Is Ideal Fag. Gibbons embodies every qualification that goes to make a ring champion. He is unquestionably the cleverest boxer before the public today. He is a terrific puncher, and has shown that he can absorb punishment, as was evidenced in the Clabby bout. The Hammond lad, a ring wizard himself, directed his attack at Gibbons' body, Mike's supposed weak spot. Gibbons assimilated Clabby's solid punches unflinchingly and fought back hard at the same time.

Gibbons showed his mastery in a mauling of the rounds over the man who was thought to be at the head of the middleweight division. Clabby's defeat relegates him to the rear rank for the time being.

Clabby demands a return battle with Gibbons and wants the distance to be twenty rounds. Clabby points to his finish in several rounds of the Milwaukee title bout. He asserts that Gibbons started to tire in the eighth round, and was fatigued at the end of hostilities. Clabby expresses supreme confidence in his ability to knock Gibbons out in a twenty-round bout.

Mike has the latter matter under consideration and will let Clabby have an answer in several days. Meanwhile Gibbons is also pondering over the proposition put before him by Jimmy Johnston, match maker of Madison Square Garden. Jimmes wants Gibbons to name his terms for a ten-round bout with Paeky McFarland in the Garden the last week of the month.

West McFarland Beck. It is a fact that Johnston has offered McFarland the princely sum of \$15,000 to reconsider his announced retirement and come back for the battle. This is the largest purse ever offered a fighter to engage in a bout in the metropolis.

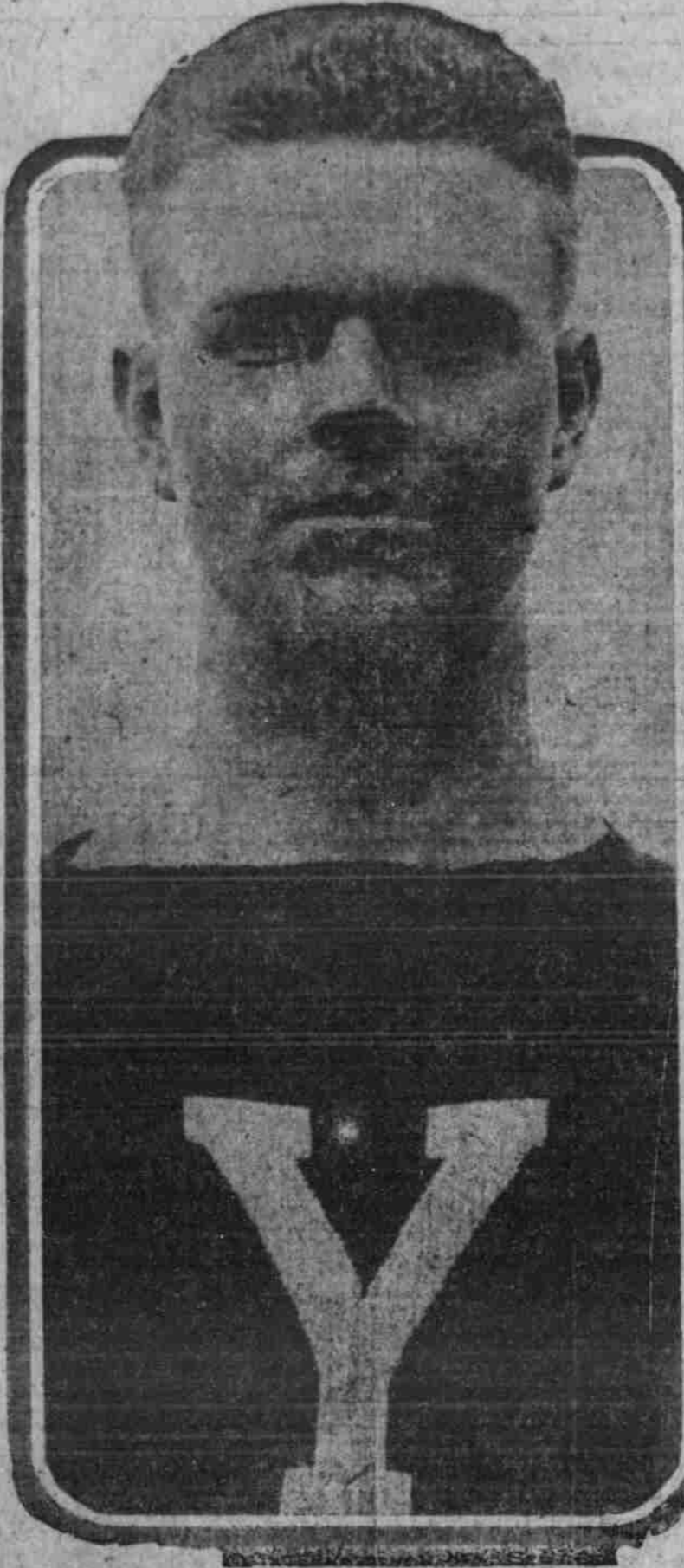
However, it is not a matter of money that keeps McFarland from issuing a definite answer. Paeky has something like a quarter of a million dollars in cash, and he would have to secure the consent of Mrs. Patrick McFarland before he could do the gloves.

Johnston has asked Mrs. McFarland to permit her spouse to re-enter the arena for this bout in order to prove to a patriotic populace that Paeky is the cleverest boxer in the world.

Gibbons is not averse to meeting McFarland, but he asserts that he will make no weight for the Chicago idol. Gibbons scaled at 135 pounds for Clabby, and was at his best. At that it is doubtful if Paeky would do better than 125 pounds after several weeks' training.

C. E. SPEAKS, FIRESTONE EXPERT, ON BUSINESS HERE. C. E. Speaks, special representative of the cycle department of the Firestone Tire and Rubber company's factory at Akron, O., spent several days of the last week at the local branch looking over cycle tire conditions. Mr. Speaks states that he is exceedingly well pleased with the showing made in Omaha.

Yale Captain Must Watch Race from Shore



NEW HAVEN, Feb. 6.—The Yale varsity crew will be without the services of its captain, Rayne Denegre, in its shell on the occasion of the race with Harvard next June. In some ways Denegre is a great athlete. He is very popular, and a good executive, but there is some sort of a technical defect in his oarsmanship, which causes him to upset the nice balance of the boat.

FIRST TO WEAR A MITT

McGunnigle Used Bricklayer's Glove When He Had to Catch Game with Fore Hands.

EWING DONS FIRST BIG MITT

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—It was in 1875 that gloves were first recognized as necessary accessories to a catcher's kit. Frank McGunnigle, famous ball player and manager, was then catching for Paddy River in a game against Harvard college.

All Used Big Pads. With the big mitt perfected, catchers had no use for a glove on the right hand, although the glove for the right hand had been given the go-by some time before that by many backstoppers. In fact, the new mitt caused such an improvement in the work of all catchers that the infielders adopted the big pillow, and it was not long before the outfielders had one on their left hand.

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Makers Swing in Line. Shortly after this the makers of base ball paraphernalia turned their attention to gloves. It was hard to convince the manufacturers that the glove, or mitt, for the left hand should be thicker than the one for the right, but they finally reached the point after the most prominent catchers of the period demonstrated that the left hand had to bear the brunt of the shock consequent on the pitcher's delivery.

MOTORCYCLE NOTES. Motorcyclists of Bayonne, N. J., are planning to organize club. Dodge City is planning to hold the Kansas annual 80-mile motorcycle race this year on July 8.

June 20 has been selected as the date for the second annual endurance run of the Yonkers Motorcycle Touring club. The annual endurance run of the Newark (N. J.) Motorcycle club will be held this year on May 23-24, and will be witnessed by Pa. and return.

A new sport has been inaugurated in Altona, Pa.—motorboat contests. A number of riders who have converted their motorcycles into motor sleds have been making some very exciting competitions.

The Hypodermic Needle

But we change our system. And mark a different time. This bunch of weekly patter Will be nothing but cute rhyme. Stehm would play some foot ball In midst of summer heat. But we think Stehm is floozy. On his head there is no meat. Pa Morra has signed a catcher. To play the base ball game; But we'll have to change that name. Jess Westergard and Youself Are going to wrestle here, And for the foolish public. For him we shed a tear. In the base ball training season The rookies all will start. But what they'll do in August Will be an awful jar. Sid Hatch has said that Charley Payne Is another Tyrus Cobb. The rookies all will start that Sidney is Quite empty in his knob. 'I would I were Judge Landis.' Quoth wraithy William Riley: 'I'd fire these assy athletes. Or I'd have the law on them. Says McGraw, 'I gotta have speed. These ice wagons make me laugh; But we ask you, John, how did you get That speedy catching staff? Deal has jumped the Boston Braves. For a large advance in rocks; 'The foolish lad,' George Stallage says: 'Yes, foolish like a fox. We see that Ande Carnegie Has had a dream for peace, Which makes us think that Ande Has rooms for let and leas. That pleasing little ditty From sport is very far. But we wrote it just to show you. What a clever guy we are. We glimpsed to the office. And this we felt must add. To make a social item, A pleasant time was had. To learn to be a fighter. Practice punching on the jaw; But to learn the art of base ball. You must take a course in law. When speaking of the Feds, O. R. Said two leagues were enough: Now the double A is ready; Say, where do they get that stuff? So me people go to see billards (This is a weekly feat). Watch makers find their pleasure At a crowder's inquest. Our ardent women golfers Have called the men's own bluff; But the collectors have never per. So, good-bye anti-suff. The base ball scribers are happy. As a luscious bride in June; For this year they'll drop the hypo. And take it in a spoon. Says Fultz, in case of base ball peace. 'How will my players fare?' But we think that's a absurd; So, why should Davy care? It was a tearful migraine spoke. Pitifully did he falter. 'If only I had an income tax As big as jumping Walter. A player may be a free agent. But we think that's a word; Judging from their methods, 'Round agent is the word. We've written twenty of these things, But this please don't forget. That though we're quitting for the day, The needle's working yet.

Major League Clubs Will Draw \$1,000,000 in Salaries This Year

How much money will players in the two major leagues draw during 1915? And will it be just such a question, because just about \$1,000,000 will be distributed to the players for their services this season. The New York Giants will be the most expensive of all clubs. The salary list of that club will exceed \$100,000. Not a man on the team will draw less than \$2,000, while half a dozen will draw over \$5,000. The Yankees will cost \$60,000, as will the Phillies, the Athletics, the Reds and Cleveland. The Boston Red Sox will cost close to \$10,000, while the Braves will be right up close to the same figure. The Dodgers' payroll will be something like \$20,000, while the White Sox will cost \$8,000. The Cubs will try to cart about \$7,000, the Browns, Washington and Detroit about the same figure, while the Pirates will collect \$5,000 and the Cardinals, \$3,000. Putting the Federal league clubs in you can easily see how much money will be spent in providing base ball to the fans in the big league cities.

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WESTERN LOOP WRITERS WILL MEET IN LINCOLN

Sport writers of the Western Loop will organize an association at Lincoln, Neb., March 7. The meeting has been called by "Ham" Hamilton of St. Joseph, who started the movement for organization, and it is expected that at least one representative from each city in the circuit will be present.

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Inter-League Games Carded This Spring

Positive dates for a majority of the inter-league games have been announced within a month. The Philadelphia will be under way in Florida. The schedule, showing where players will play, is as follows: March 5 and 11, Philadelphia Americans against Chicago Nationals at Tampa. March 12 and 13, Philadelphia Americans against Philadelphia Nationals at St. Petersburg. March 17 and 18, Philadelphia Americans against Chicago Nationals at Jacksonville. March 20 and 21, Philadelphia Americans against Brooklyn Nationals at Daytona Beach. April 2, 3 and 4, Philadelphia Americans against Philadelphia Nationals at Philadelphia. April 12 and 13, Philadelphia Americans against Brooklyn Nationals at Brooklyn. April 18 and 19, Washington Americans against Philadelphia Nationals at Washington. April 24 and 25, St. Louis Americans against St. Louis Nationals at St. Louis.

ARMY AND NAVY AVIATORS WILL COMPETE FOR PURSE

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A \$5,000 trophy and five purses of \$1,000 each have been offered by Owen H. Curtiss through the Aero Club of America, for competition between army and navy aviators. The trophy is to be competed for annually, and the pilot or pilots winning the contest are to get the \$1,000 purse of the equivalent in silver. Mr. Curtiss had a conference with Alan B. Hawley, president and Henry A. Wise Wood, Alan A. Ryan, W.W. Miller and Henry Woodhouse, secretary of the Aero Club of America, at which the proposed trophy was discussed. After considering the different purposes for which the trophy could be offered it was agreed that greater good could be accomplished by offering it for competition between the army and navy aviators.