### GIBBONS SPEAKS FOR SELF TINKER TO QUIT BASE BALL

clares He is Middleweight Champ and Can Prove It.

HAVANA FIGHT NEXT SUNDAY FINDS MAN TO TAKE HIS PLACE

By RINGSEDE. NEW YORK, March J.-Mike Gibbons NEW YORK, March 3.-Mike Gibbons Joe Tinker plans to retire from the porturbable mill wigard has been aroused the 1915 season-possibly sooner. from his lethersy; and his one-time unthe bristles on a taunted porcupine. When to base ball, as well as to anything else,

Heretofore Michael has been perfectly manager. angelic when not facing an opponent in the ring. He was content to forget the think of nothing else but the game bepadded gloves and rosin when outside fore him. He should have his mind the arena. But now he "talks shop," riveted on what he himself is to do. which in ring nomenclature means that Nothing should distract him. But there he will talk about the fighting game on is a lot of distraction when that player the slightest provocation. And the gist is trying to manage his club at the same of his conversation runs something like time.

the present I have let the so-called ex- what the other eight men were doing. perts claim the title for me. I did not "I think a ball club should be manwant to enter a protest until I had aged by a bench manager, to insure its before the public as the undisputed mid- having a bench manager. alcweight champion of the world, and I "A manager on the bench has it all am ready to defend my hard earned over a playing manager when it comes to laurels against all comers."

in so many words, it is an ascertained viewpoint of a spectator. A playing fact that he has broken his silence as manager doesn't see everything because regards his ring status and has boldly he is occupied to a certain extent with proclaimed himself the middleweight his own playing job.

Few to Dispute Title. Since Mike has announced himself as the job before the season gets along very some about his business of clarifying the be a bench manager from then on." middleweight muddle until today the situation is no longer complex.

Said Mike: "I fall to see any reason believe I could defeat them just as with a semi-pro team that played at entire ring career I have never engaged he went back to Pittaburgh and looked in a bout of twenty rounds. The longest up Rebel Oakes, manager of the Pittaburgh Federals.

But a few weeks make a world of difference, and now Gibbons is firm in your park and worked out with your his resolve to take on anybody who boys?" Smith asked. disputes his claim to the title over a distance of twenty rounds or more. He is bent on proving to the boxing public that he is a real champion, and as such is willing to give his contemporaries a fair chance, no favors shown and a took his men out to the park. Smith was thorough beating promised to all.

Gibbons has shown his superiority over all rivals in short bouts, and he is anxcannot fight up to his standard in a Havana Fight Next Week.

not again miscarry, Jack on and Jess Willard will go through their maneuvers for forty-five rounds at Havana, Cuba, next Sunday morning, be-sinning at 11 a. m. The heavyweight championship is involved. However, there is still some doubt expressed as to whether the bout will be permitted by the sland authorities.

Nevertheless, despite reports and counfought, Johnson and Willard have been going through the training routine for several weeks, in anticipation of a gruell-

dulgence in the entire affair. He has plodded along for months with a view of tackling the maduro marvel, just for the ice of winning the championship. No ees than four or five times the bout has been in the uncertain stage, not Willard showed no signs of discouragement and trained hard in the face of seeming re-

And may be he will be rewarded for his painstaking work. The fact that he can so along for months, bearing up under the severe training strain, shows that the cowpuncher is composed of more than mere bone and muscle, and that somewhere about his person a courageous Willard has too often, and too readily.

seen accused of having a composition of affron in his vertebrac, but it must be all members of last year's crew, includall members of last year's crew, includably keeping up under the training siege.

As yet he hasn't seen even a penny for every member of the cricket eleven.

As yet he hasn't seen even a penny for every member of the Rugby foot ball for 30 per cent of the gross. This would have meant that whenever two Australland Cricket elub, Boston, July 26—Longwood singles, Eastern doubles.

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### STANDARD OIL TO HAVE TEAM IN FIELD THIS YEAR

The Standard Oil company will have a The Standard Oil company will have a crosse, six gymnasts, one racquet, one base ball club in the field this season. Chess Blue and all the riding men have under the management of Harry Cross, also joined. Taking these as a fair samand any class "A" clubs wishing Saturday games with the Standard Oil company club will be accommodated by tele- who is not debarred by eyesight or some

catcher: Haarman - Adams, pitchers: Bible clerks, who are bound by the terms Cross, first hase; Goff, second base; of their entrance into Oxford not to leave Cain-Bass. shortatops; Verity, third before they have fulfilled their contract.

Insec: Byrne-Bennison, left fielders; so to speak, and a small number of poorer Hagermann, center field; Kline, right students, who, for financial, family or the athletic board. The association's

### WRESTLED STECHER. BUT DIDN'T HURT HIMSELF

Ray dillis, recruit catcher on the De Moines club, is a wrestler. Gillis is from Whiting, Ia., and is considered some pumpkins around those parts. To his mates on the Booster club Gillis tells a brief, but funny, yarn of a bout with Toe Stecher, poerless Nebraskan. "You know," he said to Isbell.

wrestled Joe Stocher once." "Did he hurt you?" queried the hoas

No. the wrestle didn't last that long," answered the catching recruit.

### THORPEIAN ATHLETIC **CLUB STAR COMES BACK**

Harry Schais, formerly a crack athlete on the Thornelan Athletis club teams, has returned to Omaha from Petersberg, Neb., and once more wears the colors of the Thorpelan club in athletic competition. Schatz is a base ball player and a star bole saulter.

No Chance for Switch.

Treasurer George of the Indianapolis Tyler 202. The Luxus play the Columbus April star bole saulter.

Treasurer George of the Indianapolis team and star bole saulter.

Phantom Steps to the Fore and De- Not Managing, but the Playing End,

for Joe Says The Two Labors Are Too Hard.

"The rule about 'you can't do two rufflued hair now stands upon end like things at once and do them well' applies Mike Gibbons is as herewith described, says Tinker. 'I have discovered that in my two and one-half years as playing

"When a man plays base ball he should

"I found that out when I managed "It's about time I got a hustle on, and Cincinnati in 1913, and again last year claimed the middleweight championship when I managed the Chicago Whales. for myself. I have beaten every con- Instead of paying attention to my job tender that can make the weight, and of shortstop-and paying attention to the middleweight field is barren. Up to that alone-I had to pay attention to

cleared up the list of aspirants for the success. The cases of George Stallings, championship. Now that I have done John McGraw, Connie Mack and Hughie that little thing, I wish to place myself Jennings show what results come from

directing the team. A bench manager While Gibbons does not make his claim sees everything-and sees it from the "I'll probably start the season playing

at short, but if that Kid Smith continues There will be few to dispute his claim, to show up as he hag in the past, I am for Mike has sound basis for such claim. going to shove him into my shortstopping one and only holder of the title, he has well. If he can hold down the job I'll

Smith is a Sensation. The Smith in question is a 19-year-old Up to a few weeks ago, when the title kid that Tinker discovered in an acciwas still in abeyance, Mike expressed a dental way. His first name is James, decided aversion to engaging in bouts of and during these training camp days he longer duration than ten or twelve is assaying 100 per cent pure as a short-

why I should fight McGoorty, Clabby or versity team around Pittsburgh early in looks to Perritt, Schauer or Palmero. any one clay twenty rounds. I sincerely the 1914 summer. Later he got a job handly in the longer bout, but in my Mary's, O. When the team disbanded,

> "Would you object if I came out to "Certainly not," answered Oakes. "Come ahead."

The next day, according to the story of Smith's discovery, the Chicago Federals landed in Pittsburgh for a series. Tinker there and worked out with the players, Tinker saw Smith working around at the short station and he was amazed at the ious to disprove the contention that he speed and the cleverness of the youthful

When Cakes arrived at the park Tinker ught him out. "Who is that kid?" asked Tinker, inting to Smith.

"He's a town boy who wanted to work ut with us and I told him it was O. K. with me," replied Oakes. "Have you signed him?"

"Are you figuring on signing him?"

### Oxford Athletes Are Now Fighting in the King's Army

NEW HAVEN, March 27,-Of Oxford army, Guy Nickalls writes in the Yale

foot ball player, one runner and one are quite eager to come to Australia for hockey player nothing can be heard. E por cent of the gate, and on these They may possibly be serving. Every terms they actually receive more money other member of these teams is serving. Nine of the swimmers are serving, three letter says. "It is the importation of Fencing Flues, and four tennis, five lagtar men that has made the game here, ple in both universities, one may safely say that every undergraduate of Oxford phoning Harry Cross at Douglas 672 or physical infirmity or nationality, is serving. There are, of course, a few others The following is the line-up: Jones, left-such as scholars, exhibitioners of

### Big Trap Shoot at Exeter in April

the Exeter Gun club. One hundred targets will be shot each day under the jack rabbit system, with the prize money split under the Selfken system. George L. Carter, the Lincoln professional, will set as referes, while H. H. Hill will be scorer, C. Baker trapper and Del Gross shoot and expects a large number of trappers from Omaha and all other parts to get a winner

Perritt, Schauer and Palmero, McGraw's New Pitching Trio



is expected to have the best year he ever make up the harmonious quartette, Per- on the side lines to go to the mound has pitched, "Old Reliable Matty" is of ritt did well with the Cardinals. Schauer after the pitcher has been derricked to course a mainstay, and Rube Marquard showed some class in a few games in make way for a pinch hitter. And of which he played with the Giants last course there are a dozen more recruities was all wrong, there is one born every fore. Counting that way, McGraw has autumn, and Emiliano Palmero has been who are fighting for a regular job in the three regulars on whom he can depend. creating all kinds of records in the fling- box. However, the three whose pictures Smith played with the Duquesne uni- For his fourth first string pitcher, he ing art. The winter has been a good one are shown seem to be the best of the versity team around Pittsburgh early in looks to Perritt, Schauer or Palmero. The three seem to have an even chance in Havana.

MARLIN, Tex., March & Jeff Tesreau, to break in with the three regulars and, Of course Art Fromme will always be

But Native Son Boxers Try Holdup Central States Tourney at St. Louis, He Fought Hard and Long Battles Game and Results in Kicks from Promoters.

### AMERICANS ENTER THE FIELD NO TOURNAMENT FOR OMAHA KNEW LITTLE OF THE TANGO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. Snowy" Baker's monthly letter from Australia tells of the harvest being reaped by boxers in that part of the world. Baker says that boxers are treated better in Australia than anywhere else, not if bringing the leaders together

\$13,500. Of this \$6,000 was received for d "No; I don't know anything about to be carried out of the ring.

the most mistaken man in the United States. That boy looks like one of the states. That boy looks like one of the very best shortstopping finds since Walter Maranville hooked up with the Brave. He's fast, game to the core, a fine thrower, a grand base runner, and a preity fair hitter."

Ilmo—thelf first contest was a one-minute affair, in New York, for which Smith for women.

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urally Baker refused.

"Star men from America and Europe and the enterprise of the promoter in this respect is the explanation of Australian

### Bellevue Students on Athletic Board

The students of Bellevue college, acting perhaps religious reasons, do not feel constitution was recently remodeled, and able to take up arms. These exist at both | so to comply with the new regulations a universities. All these not of military girl and boy from each class were elected age are being trained for war at the offi- as members of the board, to hold this cers' training corps, established at both office as long as they continue in school. Prof. P. W. Evans, faculty chairman of the Athletic association, presided, and the following students were elected: Senior, Marguerite Jack, Paul Ohman, junior, Bernice Mitchell, Barton Maxwell; sophomore, Grace Walker, Charles Evana; freshman, Nora Mohr, Raymond A two-day registered trap shoot will be beid at Exeter, Neb., April 14 and 15 by the Exeter Cun club. One hundred tar-day noon in the blokery laboratory.

### LUXUS AND RAMBLERS TO PLAY BALL GAME TODAY

The Luxus will play the Ramblers a practice game today at Twenty-fourth J. B. Koltz is in charge of the and Vinton. Manager Dennison has twen Work on the new Luxus grounds will

begin next week. Any teams wishing practice games can call John Dennison, bus State league team at Columbus April

Western at Chicago and Missouri Valley at Kansas City.

## NEW YORK, March 27 .- The schedule

of tournament dates officially sanctioned by the United States National Lawn Ten-nis association for 1815-16, as given out whipped Paddy Ryan in a bare knuckle tonight by Robert, D. Wrenn, president, included the following: else, not if bringing the leaders together is high enough, as any promoter will admit. Says the Australian letter:

"'Dave' Smith, who was thrice defeated by "Eddie" McGeorty last year. June 7-Philiadelphia Cricket club, Philadelphia, Pa.; United States championahip women's singles, doubles and mixed display. sin,500. Of this \$6,000 was received for one fight with McGoorty. In that contest Smith lasted less than two minutes, never struck an effective blow, and was knocked out so completely that he had to be carried out of the ring.

"No man should complain about pay-

him." answered Cakes.

"All right: I'll grab him." said Tinker.
And that same afternoon Smith affixed his signature to a Chicage contract.

"That boy may prove to be a bloomer."

Tinker said to us. "but if he does I'll be the most mistaken man in the United the most mistaken man in the United the Market and Market and

the Frenchman.

"Boxing must be a sound game in Australia when men of this type can continue to receive money from the public. But the boxers were not satisfied. Smith in particular held up the Stadium authorities for 20 per cent of the gross receipts. Though the Stadium refused to pay it, some of the Australians against whom he was matched agreed to forfeit is per cent of their shares in order to let Smith have his full third."

This, according to Baker, caused a general demand by ordinary boxers that 30 per cent be given all of them. A boxers' plouship.

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July 15—Wanderers' club, Chicago; Illimos state championship.

July 2—Memphis Tennis club, Mo.; central states championship.

July 3—Louisville Country club, Louis-ville, Ky.; h-state championship.

July 4—Central lowa Tennis association, Toledo, Ia.; central lowa Championship.

July 14—Panama-Pacific international exposition grounds, San Francisco; Panama-Pacific championship.

July 15—Wanderers' club, Chicago; Illimos state championship

July 28—Eurington Tennis club, Burlington, Ia., open tournament.
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July 33—Onwentsia club, Lake Forest, III., western championships and sectional

Cricket club, Seabright, N. J., Invitation tournament.
August 5-Detroit Tennis club, Detroit, Mich., Michigan State championalit.
August 5-Kansas City Athletic club, Kansas City. Mo., Missouri Valley tennis championship.
August 16 And H-Onwentsia club, Lake Forest, Ill., national sectional doubles.
August 16-Newport Casine, Newport, R. I., invitation tournament.
August 16-Town club, Milwaukee, Wis., Wisconsin championship.
August 16-Piedmont Driving club, Atlanta, Ga. Georgia State championship.
August 16-lowa Lawn Tennis association, Des Moines, lowa state championship.

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August 17—Neodesha Tennis club, Neo-lesha, kan, open tournament.
August 23—Asheville Country club, Ashe-ille, N. C., annual tournament.
August 23—White Bear Yacht club, White Bear Lake, Minn., Minnesota State White Bear Lake, Mina, Minnesota State championship,
August 20-Kansas City Athletic club, Kansas City, Mo.; women's Missouri Valley singles and mixed doubles.
August 20-West Side Tennis club, Forcet Hills, L. I.; national singles championship, national interscholastic championship, August 20-Denver Country club, Denver Colo.; Colorado State championship, September 10-Panama-Pacific exposition grounds, San, Francisco, Cal.; California State championship.
September 11-Ohio Lawn Tennis association, Cincinnati, O.; tristate championship. nther II-Longwood Cricket glub.
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October (-Country Club of Norfolk forfolk, Va.; Virginia State champion January M. 1916—Pinehurst Country jub, Pinehurst, N. C.; midwinter chamriary 12, 1915 Seventh Regiment s club, New York; national indoor pionship for men. reserve 25, 1915 Palm Beach Tennis Pulm Beach, Fla., championship lorida.

Brave Holdout Reports Braves' hold-out second baseman, Fliapatrick-Toronto recruit-has sed to Manager Stallings at Macon.

## AUSTRALIA TENNIS DATES ARE CARDED LAVIGNE WAS REAL CHAMP

and He Carried the Kick Which Fans Like to See.

NEW YORK, March 27.-Gray-haired sporting men who have seen all the big scrap of 1882 will tell you that the greatest lightweight champion of the world was George Lavigne, the Saginky Kid. Freddle Welsh, the present title holder, is a fast-moving ring general, who has climbed to the top by scoring scientific points, but if Welsh had been boxing in Lavigne's time he would have been put to sleep as surely as the sun rises and sets. Willie Ritchie, who lost the title to Welsh last year in London, would have met the same fate at the hands of the wonderful Saginaw pugilist.

"I saw La the most sensational ring battles recorded in history. The Kid whipped Joe Walcott in fifteen rounds at Maspeth after much blood had been spilled and later he knocked out Jack Everhardt in twentyfour rounds at a New York club, though Everhardt administered a terrific besting up to the time he received a powerful sleep wallop on the point of the jaw Lavigne won those scraps because of his remarkable gameness and stamina. He was not a looking-glass boxer, such as you frequently see nowadays, but a rugged, willing, persistent slugger, who

never knew the meaning of fear. "Lavigne was knocked down haif dozen times by Walcott in that mer Maspeth affair. He was literally cut to pieces in the first twelve rounds and the betting was four to one that he would be stopped before the end of the fifteenth round. The limit of the bout. Walcott, it is true, was weakened by the weigh he had to make, but he was much heavier than Lavigne when they entered the ring. It was in the thirteenth round that Lavigne, half blinded, continued his boring tactics until he caught the Black Demon on the chin with a fearful upper cut. Down went Walcott in a heap, but he quickly jumped up and clinched. In out, and when the fifteenth session ended the lightweight champion was the winner according to the conditions of the match. Walcott having falled to put him away. If this battle had gone five rounds more Lavigne would have been a decisive winner.

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And shall think of till I die.
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When my hopes were mounting high—
A day of hope, ambition,
Those dreams that used to be
Of fame and all world's splendors,
And a name from sea to sea.

A dream of laurel wreathings,
That fold me I was right.
That I'd win my spurs in battle.
Be a victor in life's fight.
And the summer winds that whispered.
Singing soft and singing low,
Told me tales of wondrous making.
As before all I would go.

But time doth work its wonders,
And I look back to see
That all my dream were fruitless—
To me would never be.
And I know that all has vanished,
With all my hopes to do,
And I know it seldom happens
That youthful dreams come true,

Joe Stecher had better have a care. If they find out he wrestles on the square he is likely to lose his card in the Wrest-

Kid Williams wants to fight Johnny Kilbane again. You have got to hand it to the Kiti, he's a game guy and a glutton for punishment.

How Surprising . Franklin Baker says \$10,000 a year salary would revive his interest in base bail. That much coin would revive an Egyp-

Welsh is to fight Nelson and Kilbane is to take on Abe Attell. Will somebody please tell us the kniser has challenged Julius Caesar?

Dave Fultz is clamoring for peace. So is Wood Wilson.

### Safety First.

tian mummy.

Jules Goux says he will not race at Indianapolis, preferring to stick to the war. Jules evidently figures on cheating the undertaker a couple of more years.

Frank Bacon won a twenty-four-hour

### MIDSEASON FORM. The weather's put the practice on the blink. But our athletes are some hummers.

doth we think: You should see the form they show and speed, When they hit it for the dining room and feed.

front page. Almost as irrepressible as a his last base ball contract, but since wrestling promoter.

probably learning that great indoor sport of throwing the calf's papa under the instruction of the well known matador, Jack Curley.

A New York scribe has discovered Kid Lavigne was the greatest of all lightweight pugs. Next thing we know somebody will discover, Omar Khayham was

the greatest stew bum in the world. "It is queer," says an exchange, "that so many ball players seem to favor the Germans." Queer? Oh, yes, with Schliebner, Krug, Wagner, Rudolph, Schmidt, Schulte et al.

Johnson's favorite blow has lost dis sting, says Jess Willard. Yep, just like a brand new bumble bee

Johnny Evers is said to have a double chin he is so fat. Good night, says Bill Klem and others of his clan.

Speaking of that floating Fed franchise

eminds us of them fatal words, "All

dressed up and no place to go." Ban Johnson says base ball is in a critical condition and may drop over the

brink. Who has been putting Ban wise The way things look now, the well known hod carrier will soon look likes a millionaire alongside the festive athlete.

How can Wild Bill Donovan expect to manage the Yanks if he can't even run

The press agent for the Willard-Johnson bout says, in speaking of Johnson's trainer, "Colin Bell is a fast boxer." You remember Mr. Bell lasted about one bell when he met Bombardier Wells. We give you three guesses.

You guessed it the first time, there is no federal law against hop in Cuba.

# BY BRANCH RICKEY. Our training was a great success, Both to rookles and to vets: I cured 'em all of smoking Those nasty cigarettes. And though they all are all bunged up. From playing in the rain, I put the blink on poker And the "shoot a dime" refrain.

FOR FIRST TIME IN ELEVEN

For the first time in eleven years Maneger Bill Phillips of the Indianapolis Feds, has signed a contract with a ball club. In 1904, when Phillips was a pitcher We see that Przemysi is back on the with the Indianapolis club, he signed then he has been actively engaged in base ball every season. This year he Bad weather has forced Willard and actually signed, at a handsome advance Johnson to train indoors. They are in salary.

YEARS PHILLIPS SIGNS UP

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