

GIBBONS SPEAKS FOR SELF

Phantom Steps to the Fore and Declares He is Middleweight Champ and Can Prove It.

HAVANA FIGHT NEXT SUNDAY

By RINGBEE. NEW YORK, March 27.—Mike Gibbons is on the warpath. The otherwise impenetrable mill-wind has been aroused from his lethargy...

Heretofore Michael has been perfectly amenable when not facing an opponent in the ring. He was content to forget the padded gloves and mitts when outside the arena...

"It's about time I got a hustle on, and claimed the middleweight championship for myself. I have beaten every contender that can make the weight, and the middleweight field is barren...

While Gibbons does not make his claim to so many words as he has in the past, he is not so much of a talker as he is a fighter...

Few to Dispute Title. There will be few to dispute his claim, for Mike has sound basis for such claim. Since Mike has announced himself as the one and only holder of the title...

Up to a few weeks ago, when the title was still in abeyance, Mike expressed a decided aversion to engaging in bouts of longer duration than ten or twelve rounds.

Said Mike: "I fall to see any reason why I should fight McGoorty, Clabby or any one else twenty rounds. I sincerely believe I could defeat them just as handily in the longer bout...

But a few weeks make a world of difference, and now Gibbons is firm in his resolve to take on anybody who disputes his claim to the title over a distance of twenty rounds or more.

Havana Fight Next Week. If plans do not again mean Jack Johnson and Jess Willard go through their maneuvers for forty-five rounds at Havana, Cuba, next Sunday morning...

Nevertheless, despite reports and counter reports that the match will never be fought, Johnson and Willard have been going through the training routine for several weeks...

Willard must be commended for his intelligence in the entire affair. He has professed himself for months with a view of tackling the mature marvel...

And may he be rewarded for his painstaking work. The fact that he can go along for months, bearing up under the severe training strain...

Willard has too often, and too readily, been accused of having a composition of cotton in his vest. But it must be admitted that he has shown a little heart by keeping up under the training strain...

STANDARD OIL TO HAVE TEAM IN FIELD THIS YEAR

The Standard Oil company will have a base ball club in the field this season. Under the management of Harry Cross, and any class "A" club wishing Saturday games with the Standard Oil company club will be accommodated by telephoning Harry Cross at Douglas 672 or Douglas 571.

WRESTLED STECHER, BUT DIDN'T HURT HIMSELF

Roy Gillis, recruit catcher on the Des Moines club, is a wrestler. Gillis is from Whiting, Ia., and is considered some pumpkins around those parts.

THORPEIAN ATHLETIC CLUB STAR COMES BACK

Harry Schatz, formerly a crack athlete on the Thorpeian Athletic club team, has returned to Omaha from Petersburg, Neb., and once more wears the colors of the Thorpeian club in athletic competition.

TINKER TO QUIT BASE BALL

Not Managing, but the Playing End, for Joe Says the Two Labors Are Too Hard.

FINDS MAN TO TAKE HIS PLACE

By FRANK G. MENKE. Joe Tinker plans to retire from the playing end of base ball at the close of the 1915 season, possibly sooner.

"The rule about you can't do two things at once and do them well applies to base ball, as well as to anything else," says Tinker.

"I'm finding that out when I managed Cincinnati in 1913, and again last year when I managed the Chicago Whales. Instead of paying attention to my job...

"I think a ball club should be managed by a bench manager, to insure its success. The cases of George Stallings, John McGraw, Connie Mack and Hughie Jennings show what results come from having a bench manager.

"A manager on the bench has it all over a playing manager when it comes to directing the team. A bench manager sees everything—and sees it from the viewpoint of a spectator.

"I'll probably start the season playing at short, but if that kid Smith continues to show up as he has in the past, I am going to shove him into my shortstop job before the season gets along very well.

Smith is a Sensation. The Smith in question is a 19-year-old kid that Tinker discovered in an accidental way. His first name is James, and during these training camp days he is assaying 100 per cent pure as a shortstop.

Smith played with the Duquesne university team around Pittsburgh early in the 1914 season. Later he got a job with a semi-pro team that played at St. Mary's, O. When the team disbanded, he went back to Pittsburgh and looked up Rebel Oakes, manager of the Pittsburgh Federals.

"Would you object if I came out to your park and worked out with your boys?" Smith asked.

"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 took his men out to the park. Smith was there and worked out with the players.

"Who is that kid?" asked Tinker, pointing to Smith.

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

"Have you signed him?"

"No, I don't know anything about him," answered Oakes.

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

"That boy may prove to be a bloomer," Tinker said to his staff. "If he does I'll be the most mistaken man in the United States. That boy looks like one of the very best shortstop finds since Walter Maranville hooked up with the Braves. He's fast, game to the core, a fine thrower, a grand base runner, and a pretty fair hitter."

Oxford Athletes Are Now Fighting in the King's Army

NEW HAVEN, March 27.—Of Oxford athletes who have enlisted in the British army, Guy Nickalls writes in the Yale Alumni Weekly as follows: "Of Oxford blues of 1913-14, I find that all members of last year's crew, including the coxswain, accepted commissions, every member of the cricket eleven, every member of the Rugby foot ball fifteen, and every member of the tennis team has followed suit."

Belleuve Students on Athletic Board

The students of Belleuve college, acting as the athletic association, Thursday after chapel elected the new members of the athletic board. The association's constitution was recently remodeled, and so to comply with the new regulations a girl and boy from each class were elected as members of the board.

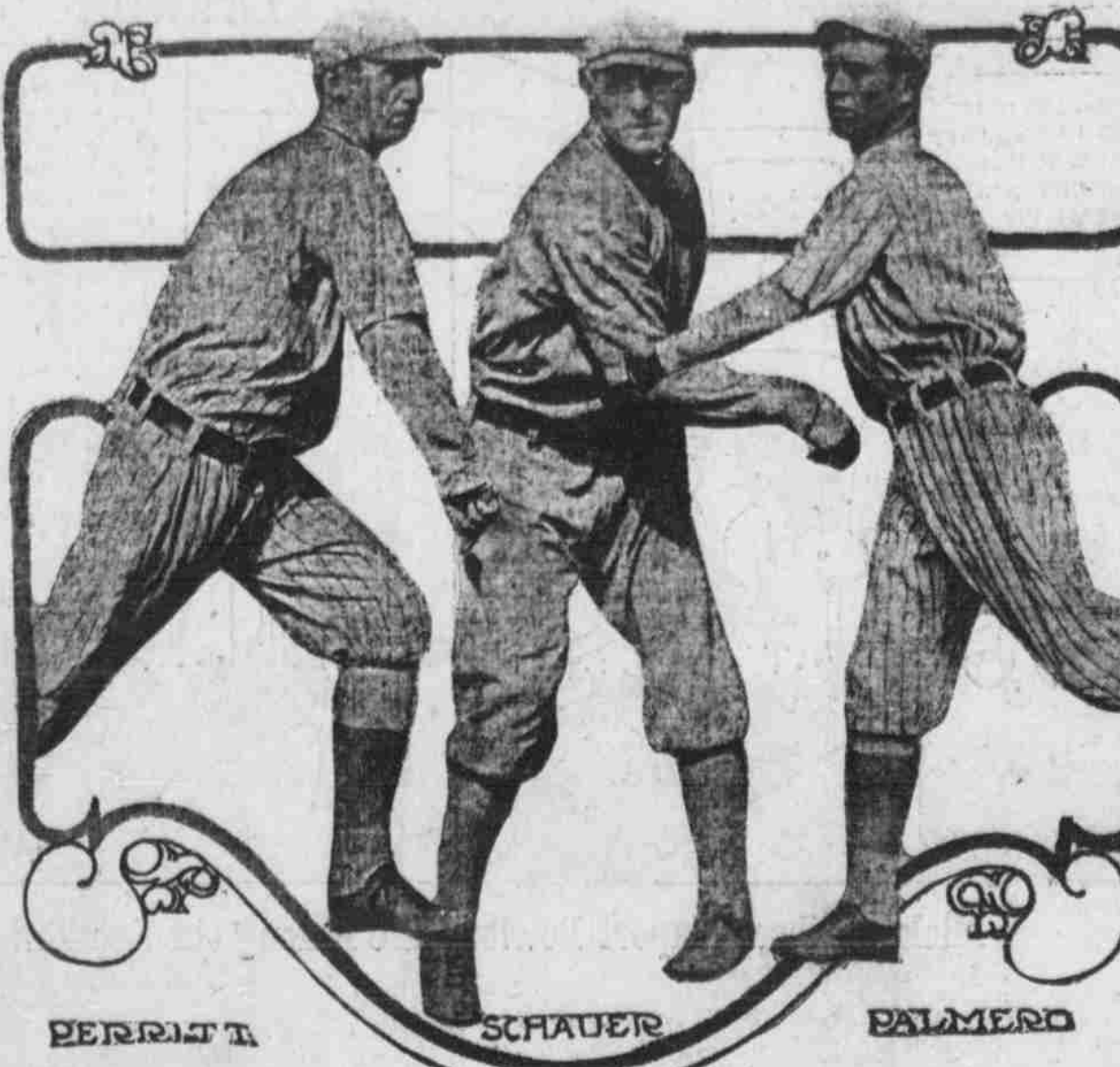
Big Trap Shoot at Exeter in April

A two-day registered trap shoot will be held at Exeter, Neb., April 14 and 15 by the Exeter Gun club. One hundred targets will be shot each day under the back rabbit system with the prize money split under the Belkiss system.

LUXUS and RAMBLERS TO PLAY BALL GAME TODAY

The Luxus will play the Ramblers a practice game today at Twenty-fourth and Vinton. Manager Dennison has twenty-eight players to try out and is sure to get a winner.

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



PERRITT SCHAUER PALMERO

MARLIN, Tex., March 26.—Jeff Tereau is expected to be the best year he ever has pitched. "Old Reliable Matt" is of course a mainstay, and Rube Marquard says he feels better than he ever did before. Counting that way, McGraw has three regulars on whom he can depend.

Of course Art Fromme will always be on the side lines to go to the mound after the pitcher has been derrikked to make way for a pinch hitter. And of course there are a dozen more recruits who are fighting for a regular job in the box.

Frank Bacon won a twenty-four-hour roller-skating race in New York. Barnum was all wrong, there is one born every second.

PICKINGS IN AUSTRALIA

But Native Son Boxers Try Holdup Game and Results in Kicks from Promoters.

AMERICANS ENTER THE FIELD

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 27.—"Snowy" Baker's monthly letter from Australia tells of the harvest being reaped by boxers in that part of the world.

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July 6—Wanderers club, Chicago; Illinois state championship.

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July 8—Country Club of Birmingham, Birmingham, Ala.; cotton states championship.

July 9—Deep Haven, Lake Minnetonka, Minn.; northwestern championship.

TENNIS DATES ARE GARDED

Central States Tourney at St. Louis, Western at Chicago and Missouri Valley at Kansas City.

NO TOURNAMENT FOR OMAHA

NEW YORK, March 27.—The schedule of tournament dates officially sanctioned by the United States National Lawn Tennis association for 1915-16, as given out tonight by Robert D. Wrens, president, included the following:

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LAVIGNE WAS REAL CHAMP

He Fought Hard and Long Battles and He Carried the Kick Which Fans Like to See.

KNEW LITTLE OF THE TANGO

NEW YORK, March 27.—Gray-haired sporting men who have seen all the big prize fights since John L. Sullivan whipped Paddy Ryan in a bare knuckle scrap of 1862 will tell you that the greatest lightweight champion of the world was George Lavigne, the Saginaw Kid.

George Lavigne, the Saginaw Kid, Freddie 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 Lavigne at his best win two of the most sensational ring battles recorded in history. The Kid whipped Joe Walcott in fifteen rounds at Masepath after much blood had been spilled and later he knocked out Jack Everhardt in twenty-four rounds at a New York club, though Everhardt administered a terrific beating up to the time he received a powerful ledge 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 half a dozen times by Walcott in that memorable Masepath 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 weight he had to make, but he was much heavier than Lavigne when they entered the ring. It was in the thirteenth round Lavigne was hit, bled, continued his boring tactics until he caught the Black Demon on the chin with a fearful uppercut. Down went Walcott in a heap, but he quickly jumped up and clinched. In the last two rounds Lavigne had the dangerous negro on the verge of a knockout, and when the fifteenth session ended the lightweight champion was the winner according to the conditions of the match. Walcott having failed to put him away. If this battle had gone five rounds more Lavigne would have been a decisive winner."

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The Hypodermic Needle

By the Has-Been. There's a time that I remember And shall think of till I die, In my days of youth and dreaming, 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.

Frank Bacon won a twenty-four-hour roller-skating race in New York. Barnum was all wrong, there is one born every second.

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

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

Julius 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.

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 Wrestlers' union.

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

How surprising. Franklin Baker says a \$10,000 a year salary would revive his interest in base ball. That much coin would revive an Egyptian mummy.

John Johnson's favorite blow has lost its 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 Klein and others of his clan.

Speaking of that floating Fed franchise reminds us of them, fatal words, "All dressed up and no place to go."

Ben Johnson says base ball is in a critical condition and may drop over the brink. Who has been putting Ben wise?

The way things look now, the well known hot carrier will soon look like a millionaire alongside the festive athlete.

How can Wild Bill Donovan expect to manage the Tanks if he can't even run his wife?

The press agent for the Willard-Johnson bout says, in speaking of Johnson's trainer, "Collin Bell is a fast boxer." You remember Mr. Bell lusted 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.

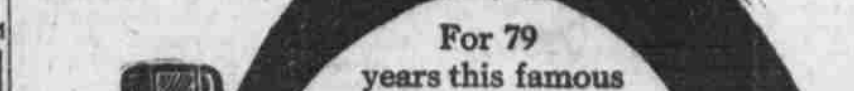
BY BRANCH RICKY. Our training was a great success. Both to rookies and to vets. I cured 'em all of smoking. These nasty cigarettes. And though they all are all bunged up. From playing in the rain. I put the blink on poker. And the "shoot a dime" refrain.

FOR FIRST TIME IN ELEVEN YEARS PHILLIPS SIGNS UP

For the first time in eleven years Manager Bill Phillips of the Indianapolis Federals, has signed a contract with a ball club. In 1904, when Phillips was a pitcher with the Indianapolis club, he signed his last base ball contract, but since then he has been actively engaged in base ball every season. This year he actually signed, at a handsome advance in salary.

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