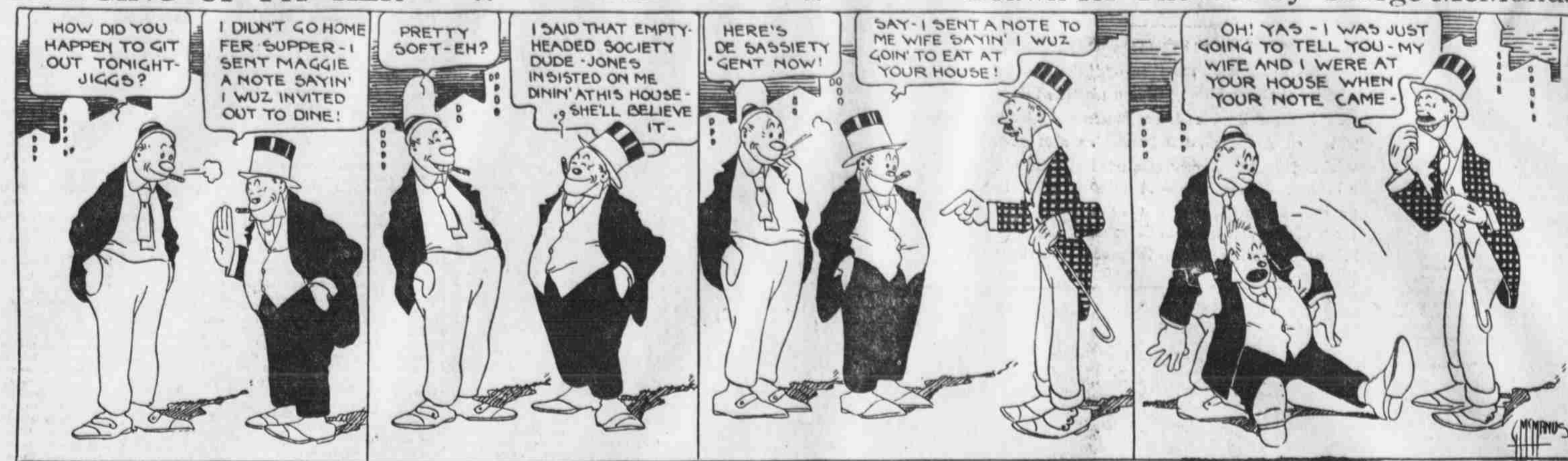


BRINGING UP FATHER



Judgments

WHILE the merry masques are patting themselves upon the back, congratulating themselves that competition is more and barking in their dreams to the sweet and musical click of the turnstile, Mr. A. Fan, the most important figure in base ball, appears in the center of the stage and indulges in a little Christmas joy for himself. For the fan can foresee an improvement in the brand of base ball which will be served him when balm and gentle April comes around. The entrance of the Federal league players into Organized Base Ball should, and in all probability will, result in a vast improvement in the playing. And that improvement should occur all along the line from the majors to the class D minor loops. In the first place the major league clubs will be strengthened by the addition of the Federal league stars to their ranks. Following these those players who last season held down jobs in the majors and the Feds, but will not be quite fast enough to hold their own with the smaller number of positions to fill, will drop to the class AA circuits. In turn the weaker members of the class AA circuits will be passed along to the class A loops and so on. Thus all of the circuits will obtain players of more pronounced ability than they had last year. In the second place the brand of ball should improve because the players will be called upon to exert themselves to their utmost to hold their jobs. Players who loaf and play horse-a-practice very prevalent last year-will find themselves parted from their jobs because the managers are now in a position to discern such pursuits. All in all, peace bids well to act as a successful tonic for professional base ball.

Since the advent of the Federal league and the subsequent battle of the dollars between the warring magnates the heads of Organized Base Ball were severely criticized for permitting financial matters to enter too largely in the business of base ball. But out of the confusion of base ball, but out of the confusion of that sportmanship and loyalty is a virtue possessed by American league club owners. That is the decision of the league to stand by Charley Somers in that manager's time of need. Mr. Somers may be compelled to give up his ball club if the committee of bankers that has him in its power insists, but there is this about it that his fellow club owners will make every effort to put him back on his feet as far as his ball interests are concerned. Truly it is only right that the American league should stand by Somers, for it was Somers who, without the slightest hesitation, spent a fortune to assist other club owners and enabled many a faltering club to weather the storm, but it must be admitted there appears to be some regard for faithfulness and loyalty among the American leagues.

Lincolnton appears to be filled with a feeling of apprehension regarding the future success of the University of Nebraska foot ball team because Jumbo Steinhilber is leaving the institution. It appears to us the Lincolnton are yelling before they are hurt. Without casting any doubts on the ability of Mr. Steinhilber it would seem very probable that to succeed him could be easily obtained. If Mr. Steinhilber's successor is as fortunate in getting material as Steinhilber has been during his five years of service at Nebraska, little fear need be felt, for even an ordinary coach could turn out champions very quickly with men like Owen and Ernie Frank, Jerry Warner, Shonka, Vic Halligan, Herb Potter, Dick Rutherford and Guy Chamberlain to build an attack around.

When the details of the peace treaty were published no mention of the sum Harry Sinclair was to receive was made and it looked like the oil magnate was left outside the fold. But now it seems Mr. Sinclair owns all the stars of the Federal league and will gather in his bit by placing them on the auction block.

Mr. Gaffney of Boston says the solution to the umpire question is to schedule the ump's at the start of the year just as the clubs are scheduled, and then make them at it to the schedule. Perhaps, but it would seem a more successful solution would be to employ some regular umpires.

Jack Holland will not desert the Western league in his time of need. The St. Joseph magnate will remain with the Drummers instead of going to Kansas City. The Western probably would not exist if Holland should transfer his affections.

The Browns and Cubs, according to the peace agreement, can carry as many as fifty athletes if they so wish. This appears to be a gross injustice. How can the Browns and Cubs get along with only fifty players?

Wichita declares it will have a better season next year than that. If that is true Wichita will about lead the league in attendance next year.

YANKS TO TRAIN AT MACON

New York Club Will Go to Georgia Camp Which Has Turned Out Many Champ Nines.

WEATHER IS THE BEST EVER

Unable to secure accommodations in Florida, the Yanks have decided to train next spring at Macon, Ga., whence so many world's champion teams have started their conquering careers that a loser is not permitted to play a return engagement.

Famous as Training Center.

It was at Macon that the Athletics prepared for two of their most successful seasons; at Macon that George Stallins whipped the Braves into shape for the 1914 campaign; at Macon that Stallins trained the Yankees of 1910, the only Yankee outfit since the Griffith regime, which had even an outside chance to win an American league pennant.

Stallins is passing up Macon next spring in favor of Miami, but only because the Boston club has been offered such financial inducements to train in Florida. He still considers Macon the most desirable spring rendezvous in the country, not only because of the rare salubrity of its weather during the conditioning period, but because of its splendid strategic position. A club training at Macon next spring will be too far removed from the Florida center of National league training activities to indulge in any interleague series against the Dodgers, the Cubs, the Phillies or the Braves, but in every other respect will be far more advantageously situated than it was in almost any other city in the southeast.

Atlanta, for instance, with its Southern league club, is only two hours away; Columbus, Ga., and Athens, where the University of Georgia develops a very fair ball team each year, are equally easy of access. And when it comes time to break camp there is a choice of two fine routes back to the north.

Probable Path Outlined.

One would lead through the same territory covered by the Yanks last spring; the other through Southern league country, which the Yanks have not tapped in years. Following the latter trail, the Yanks would play at Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga, and Knoxville before striking over to Richmond and Baltimore, to say nothing of a number of smaller towns which see major league clubs so seldom that they probably would richly reward any stray visitor. There is reason to believe that this is the path the club will take.

Major league managers never have spoken save in praise of Macon's weather, but heretofore the town has not been a popular one in base ball circles because of a depressing lack of good hotels. Within the last year, however, a modern hotel, twelve stories high, with Turkish baths and steam rooms and all that sort of thing, has been erected, and there the Yanks will be quartered during the month they probably will spend in Macon.

Moran and Dahlen and Bransfield to Be Made Umpires

It has been reported from time to time by such recognized authorities as John Evers, H. Zimmerman and J. J. McGraw that the National league umpiring could be improved upon. Now comes news that President John K. Tener of the National league has taken up the important task of bolstering up that department of his organization.

Mr. Tener indicated that it was with a view to this that he regarded the application of Charley Moran, former St. Louis National league catcher; Kitty Bransfield, for many years a star first baseman, and Bill Dahlen, former leader of the Brooklyn Nationals.

Steve Evans Shows How to Put Skids Under Windy Politicians

How Steve Evans squelched a windy politician at a banquet and made base ball the order of the evening is told in a story by Ed Konetchy. Evans was visiting Konetchy at the latter's home in Wisconsin along with other ball players and the diamond athletes were invited to a banquet given by some lodge or order.

Though the ball players were the principal curiosities, a state senator, who was a candidate for governor, was the principal speaker. He was wound up and stayed on his feet so long that everybody almost went to sleep.

When the senator sat down the political issue was canned and the toastmaster invited Steve to talk base ball. He began by relating some yarns of the world tour. Finally he pulled that one about Jim Thorpe grabbing the Panama off an Englishman's head and running for a touchdown. The senator was peeved because the lightning had been switched away from him and at this point he interrupted Steve with a remark calculated to make the outfielder sit down.

REFEREE GOES IN FOR ART

Charley White Judges Prize Fights and Then Goes Out to Collect Old Masters.

ALSO DIPS INTO POLITICS

All three of them had ringside seats at a recent fight in New York. One, a born New Yorker, had brought the man from Herkimer county and the other from the fashionable section of Fifth avenue as his guests to a boxing club. Neither of the visitors had ever witnessed a boxing match.

When the main bout was announced the man from Fifth avenue evinced an unusual interest in the referee. "What is this to be-some sort of a joke?" he asked of his host. "No, what do you mean-joke?" "Why the referee," he said. "That isn't a regular referee. He isn't the same man that was refereeing a while ago. I know that fellow. He's my art commissioner-bought most of my collection for me."

"No," spoke up the man from Herkimer. "You must be wrong. I know that man is not a referee, but he isn't an art agent, either. He's the member of the democratic state committee who makes a visit up to our country every summer on political business. I've seen him there lots of times."

"You fellows must be blinded by the smoke," laughed the host. "That's Charley White, the best known boxing referee in America. He is not an art commissioner and he is not the politician that goes to Herkimer."

Who Loves Bet?

Through the aid of a newspaper man the trio met Charley White after the bout was over and they are still in doubt as to who shall pay for the meal. "There was a time when it might have been all right, but I would hate to depend upon the refereeing of boxing matches nowadays for my livelihood."

At an art exhibition there is nothing suggestive of the prize ring about him and he discusses the various pictures with all the technical thoroughness of a European critic. Among those who know, it is said that Charley White is one of the best appraisers of paintings, both as to financial and artistic worth, in this country. He has acted as the purchasing agent for the greater part of many of the best individual collections in New York. Any time there is a sale of fine paintings you can rest assured that Charley White will be present. If there is a bargain in sight some big collector will reap the benefit of his astuteness. He gets a commission for making these purchases and occasionally he steps out and buys an old master on his own hook for speculative purposes.

HERZOG WINS ONE FIGHT FROM CINCY DIRECTORS

Buck Herzog seems to have won one point in his contentions with the board of directors-the number of exhibition games to be played by the Reds between Alexandria and Cincinnati has been cut down almost to nothing, so far as wandering jumps and performances on horrible grounds are concerned. The club is to play where the college team at Lafayette, La., is placed where there is an excellent field, sojourn a few days in New Orleans, and, when stopping off at Memphis for a cup of coffee take on the Memphians.

Two hundred and fifty dollars per game has been Thorpe's fixed price, and he has been getting it in Saturday and Sunday games through Ohio and Indiana, which are about the only states in which professional foot ball proves really profitable.

Never Been Hurt.

Foot ball generally is counted much rougher and more dangerous than base ball, but Thorpe has escaped without a sprain, much less a fracture, whereas, Molwitz, Cincinnati's first baseman, is suffering from a broken collar bone sustained in a barnstorming base ball game at Versailles, Ky.

The fact that the "set" jarr'd loose while Molwitz was on his way home to Milwaukee, following the accident, made the break more serious.

GRIF AND GERMANY HAVE FUSS AND SPEAKETH NOT

Clark Griffith and Herman Schaefer, friends of years, have fallen out. Griff let Schaefer go to enlist as pleased his fancy and the German joined the Feds. That was all right, so long as he got some of Sinclair's easy money, but the other day Schaefer told a story about Al Smith and Gandil getting the worst of it from Griffith and about how they were going to jump to the Federal league. It made Griffith sore and the two are friends no longer.

Busch is Candidate.

Henry Busch, who managed Petersburg in the Virginia league for a time last season, is a candidate for the job of managing the Terre Haute Central league team.

Cowler Still Pegging Away at the Heavies



Tom Cowler, the English heavyweight and protégé of Jim Corbett, after a few disastrous encounters in the ring, is still pegging away and is matched for several bouts with some of the leading big men. Cowler's record so far shows twenty knockouts in thirty-two fights and in these nineteen were in succession following his fifteen-round win over Bob Scanlon in London.

Moran and Gunboat Smith both hold decisions over Cowler, who fought in Australia, after leaving England and finally drifted to Canada and then to Tacoma, where Jim Corbett took him under his wing. In Australia Cowler secured three knockouts to his credit. In his first fights in New York Cowler did not show to advantage, but he has been coming on lately, and if the statement that he is but 23 years of age is true he has a brilliant future before him.

FOOT BALL PAYS FOR THORPE

Indian Jim Charges \$250 a Game and Plays Regularly on Saturdays and Sundays.

HAS NEVER SUFFERED INJURY

While a number of major league base ball players were picking up extra pin money in barnstorming exhibitions since the season's close, Jim Thorpe selected professional foot ball as a means for the enlarging of his bank-roll. This isn't surprising, for in his Carlisle days, Thorpe was one of the best gridiron artists in the game.

Big Pay for Services.

Two hundred and fifty dollars per game has been Thorpe's fixed price, and he has been getting it in Saturday and Sunday games through Ohio and Indiana, which are about the only states in which professional foot ball proves really profitable.

Never Been Hurt.

Foot ball generally is counted much rougher and more dangerous than base ball, but Thorpe has escaped without a sprain, much less a fracture, whereas, Molwitz, Cincinnati's first baseman, is suffering from a broken collar bone sustained in a barnstorming base ball game at Versailles, Ky.

The fact that the "set" jarr'd loose while Molwitz was on his way home to Milwaukee, following the accident, made the break more serious.

GRIF AND GERMANY HAVE FUSS AND SPEAKETH NOT

Clark Griffith and Herman Schaefer, friends of years, have fallen out. Griff let Schaefer go to enlist as pleased his fancy and the German joined the Feds. That was all right, so long as he got some of Sinclair's easy money, but the other day Schaefer told a story about Al Smith and Gandil getting the worst of it from Griffith and about how they were going to jump to the Federal league. It made Griffith sore and the two are friends no longer.

Busch is Candidate.

Henry Busch, who managed Petersburg in the Virginia league for a time last season, is a candidate for the job of managing the Terre Haute Central league team.

FAVOR NUMBERING GRID MEN

Leading Foot Ball Men of the East Approve of System to Number Players.

ARE AID TO THE SPECTATORS

One by one the leaders in foot ball throughout the country are realizing that the numbering of foot ball players is a perfectly logical result of the development of the game. Few of the big colleges still hold out against the practice, among them being Yale and Harvard. Princeton, Penn. Cornell and the western colleges are all using this method of making the game more attractive to the spectators. Below will be found the opinions of many of the leading former players and some coaches, among them a star group of Harvard and Yale men, who heartily favor the numbering. This can be taken as an indication that these two colleges will soon fall into line:

By Edgy N. Wrightington, Harvard Captain of 1909: "I approve of the system of numbering players. It makes the game much more interesting to the spectators. If we were going to build big bowls and stadia and have elaborate scoreboard information, all for the benefit of the spectators, why not make the system complete and identify the players accurately, so we can see what they are doing."

By Daniel J. Hurley, Harvard Captain of 1908 and 1909: "The innovation of numbering players during the foot ball contests will be a great help to the game. This innovation makes errors more obvious and therefore more easily eradicated. By this means the player, the play and the team will be improved."

By Hamilton Fish, Harvard Captain of 1905: "I believe it pleases the spectators consequently look on it favorably. Certainly the numbering of the players does no harm to the game so far as I am concerned."

By Percy L. Wendell, Harvard Captain of 1911: "I heartily concur with the theory that the public is entitled to identify foot ball players. The colossal size of modern arenas renders the players more indistinguishable even to their best friends."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Falls, N. H. Football star: "I am in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to spectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The captain should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

HEROES OF SPORT IN WAR

Big Conflict in Europe Draws Many of World's Leading Figures of Sport in Net.

CARPENTIER IS DECORATED

The European war has cut it heavily on the realm of sport, drawing men prominent in athletics, automobile, boxing, wrestling, hockey, tennis, aviation, base ball and golf from their chosen fields to the trenches or some other field of the international strife. Scores of notables already have fallen. Hundreds remain with the fighting forces.

Among the present and former day greats of the boxing realm now on duty with the allies are Georges Carpentier, heavyweight champion of France; Bombarde, Walls of London; Jack Munroe of Canada; and Jimmy Britt, former American lightweight champion. Word comes from Paris to the effect that Carpentier, who is attached to the French aviation corps, has been decorated with the military cross for daring work in an aeroplane.

Carpentier joined the French army at the outbreak of war and has since been in the thickest of the fighting. At one time he was in the signal service, and twice had his apparatus blown away by German shells. Munroe, who sprung a surprise on Jim Jeffries in a four-round combat, lost a hand recently in battle, while filling a vascoville assignment in Sydney, got the war spirit, enlisted with an Australian detachment and last reports had him in the field along the Dardanelles.

Speed kings of the automobile speedway headed by Rene Thomas, a derby winner on the Indianapolis oval, and Jean Corporato, who finished among the leaders in the 500-mile grind at Maywood last June, are returning to the colors. Among the flyers now battling for his country is Jules Vedrine, who has appeared in zero meets in Chicago.

The call to arms sounded the disbandment of the famous Victoria seven, champions of the Ontario Hockey association. Captain Jack Gooch has received a commission as lieutenant in the Canadian field battery and is on his way to the front. Hugh Aird, the sensational wing, has joined the Royal naval flying corps and now is on duty in France.

Back Held Prisoner.

The one-time monarch of the mat, George Hackenschmidt, according to dispatches, is a prisoner of war. Billy O'Hara, one-time outfielder of the St. Louis Cardinals and New York Giants, recently quit the Yankees and was granted a commission in the Royal navy. He is now in England undergoing a course of training.

An echo of the days of the bare-knuckle fighting is heard in the announcement in the London (England) Sport Life that Frank P. Slavin is soon to make his appearance in London as a soldier.

Slavin has joined a regiment just formed in Victoria, B. C., and composed principally of engineers and frontiersmen. This organization is known as the Sixty-seventh Western Scots and Slavin holds the rank of sergeant. Slavin was at the height of his ring fame almost a generation ago, and there is no doubt that a cordial greeting will be extended to him in England.

His great battle in London with Peter Jackson twenty-three years ago is still fresh in field memory, and Slavin always held a warm spot in the heart of the English ring enthusiast.

Box Fighters Use Stick-Up Methods on New York Clubs

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.-The old Bowery thug of Tony Pastor's melodrama, who thus of Tony Pastor's melodrama, who would murder his grandnephew for a dime didn't have much on the prize fight who are raking in the coin in New York these days-if you take the promoter's word for it.

The plush-vested gentry who stage the scraps hereabouts are causing more heartily every day. "Little money doesn't tempt 'em a-tall," said one of the gentry. "Look at Willie Ritchie. He's champion, all right, and understand, I'm not comparing him to a holdup, but see what he wants, and gets."

"Thirty-five hundred dollars for a little ten-round mill with Young Brown! He's not going to get hurt, and the bout won't even endanger his reputation. "It's a gay, gay life. Even the lads who work in the prelims are getting pep to the game. A two-dollar note won't satisfy them any more. They want five. "It'll be a hard, hard winter."

The fight for Sunday base ball in Massachusetts has not dawned and a petition has been filed before the state legislature permitting base ball games on Sunday.

Ministers Reorganize Volley Ball League Started Last Year

The Ministers' Volley Ball league has been reorganized at the Young Men's Christian association and every Monday afternoon during the remainder of the winter will find the "Y" volley ball courts occupied by a dozen or two of Omaha's most prominent ministers.

The league was organized last year by Rev. Titus Lowe of the First Methodist church and Rev. Charles Cobble of the First Christian church. These ministers induced about twenty of their colleagues to take up the sport last year and when spring came around every man who took up the game was enthusiastic about it.

So last Monday Mr. Lowe announced the league would be reorganized and pronto the ministers dug up their old gym suits and started to work. It is expected that thirty and perhaps forty will enter the Monday afternoon league this year.

In addition to Mr. Lowe and Mr. Cobble, Rev. George L. Peters of the North Christian church, Rev. Hugh B. Speer of the Central United Presbyterian church and A. C. Douglas of the First United Presbyterian church are ministers who were on hand for the first meeting of the league last year and were back on the job this year.

But the gross receipts were \$188.