FIGHT GAME HAS POOR YEAR BASE BALL CANNOT RETURN

Ringside Takes Hammer to Champs Game Will Recover a Bit, But Good Who Combine to Make 1915

Poor Year for Boxing.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 .- Greetings! Here's hoping the New Year will prove more seficial for the boxing game than the last one. But for Jess Willard's victory | Feds dead and buried there will be ever Jack Johnson back in April the year of 1915 would have been the most disastrous in the history of fistiana.

Beveral circumstances combined to make hope 1915 a poor boxing year. These circumstances were Freddy Welsh and Johnny Kilbane, Mike Gibbons, the crafty, and Al McCoy might also be added to the circumstances. But the two named first were chiefly responsible for the almost decadent state of ring affairs throughout

For champions Welsh and Kilbane performed miserably all year. Welsh did not put up one commendable fight, while Kilbane showed championship form in only one battle, that with Kid Williams. It was a six-round affair and Kilbane showed all his wares in these eighteen

These eighteen minutes were the sum total of his fighting energies for 1915. In all his other bouts Kilbane stalled and etherwise betrayed the confidence of fight devotees. He has been debarred from boxing in Wisconsin and came near being suspended from further competition in this state.

Kilbane Won't Fight. What aggravates the feeling against Kilbane is the fact that he can fight, but won't. In Weish's case it must be borne in mind that the lightweight champion can't do much better. He is the champion among the lightweights, even though he lacks the fighting qualifications of a real champion; and Frederick is parleying that fact into a fortune. He refers boxing "suckers" at \$1,000 per bout to gathering in \$10,000 at one time for taking on a contender.

Mike Gibbons' showing in his match with Packy McFarland left a stench that is not readily forgotten. Since that fiasco there has been little or no demand for libbons' services in this country. Despite Mike's plausible excuse for his performance against Packey, local fight fans are not so quick to forgive him. It was a disappointing bout, to say the least, and several thousand ctators vowed that night never to attend another bout until there is a deided uplift in the boxing game. Which leaves Al McCoy to pick on. We

think it advisable to leave Al McCoy just where he is, refuse to disturb him. For supposed champion he is-awful; that word best describes his fighting. He has yet to win even a popular decision over mediocre middleweight. The mere ancement that Al McCoy is going to fight serves as a warning to the boxing ms, and they show their good sense by staying away. Those who attend do so in the hope that they will see McCoy knocked out. He is absolutely the poorest ogy for a champion the ring has er been inflicted with.

Now, all the circumstances mentioned retarded the urogress of boxing during the year of 1915, Only such a feat as acished by Willard in winning the heavyweight championship from Johnson could have saved the situation. Willard's victory did just that. The memory of Johnson's downfall makes one forget the shortcomings of the greedy tangoing boxers—for the time being at least. So here's hoping that 1916 will find box-

on the high plane it deserves. Heavies Battle Again. perdreadnaughts of the heavyweight division-barring Willard, of course-will de again at Madison Square Garden ext Friday night, January 7. A pleasant evening is anticipated by all who

expect to be present. In their previous meeting several weeks Moran scored a technical knockout over Coffey in three rounds. Moran hopes days. But after that the players will to do better this time; he promises to atter Big Jim into a comatose state sefore the fifth round is reached.

sion of his faculties when their last st was stopped and that he might have ome back and knocked Moran out had the referee not interceded. To back this latter statement Coffey cites a number of instances where a beaten fighter recovered sufficiently in the late rounds to knock out the apparent winner. However, here is Coffey's chance. He

starts again on an even basis with Moran and only by flattening blend Frank for the doleful "ten" can Coffey blish himself as a contender for fillard's laurels.

The experience gained in the first fight with Moran should be of material assistince to Coffey. It is quite unlikely that will stop Moran. He may outbox Frank in the ten rounds. Coffey has been training with clever heavyweights and this would seem to indicate that he is planning to outpoint Moran. Coffey can-not afford to make a rushing battle of it, or it was while boring into Moran that Geffey bumped into the right jolt that laid him low a few weeks ago.

To Play in Three Thousand Games is Desire of Wagner

Honus Wagner has this ambition-to wing on four more years until he is 45bits. At first notice this seems to be beit, after all, not impossible.

Wagner last season, in his forty-first rear, played through 156 games, not missing a battle. He led the shortstops in fielding and ranked second among the portstope of his league in batting.

He was not quite the Wagner of ten pours ago, but he still was far from era?"
being through. Three more seasons will "The best I can think of are Barry
put him over the 2,000-game mark, but of the Red Sox and Eddie Collins of the here is little chance that he ever will pite a 4,000-hit total. It would be beyone il reason, if Wagner wasn't Wagner.

Yale Rowing Squad Starts Work Soon

NEW YORK, Jan L-The Yele rowing squad will take up spring practice under the supervision of Assistant Coach Wiman on February 15. The machines in the gynmanium will be used until Coach vickally returns from England about farch 1, when the crews will probably at out on the river. A race has been granged during the Easter recess with manylyania, in which both the universally d the second and freshmen crews to he American Henley in May.

Old Days of Prosperity Will Never "Come Back."

WELSH AND KILBANE ON FIRE OTHER SPORTS CUTTING IN

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.-Base ball probably never will do a real "come-back." There are some who feel that with the brought about a return of prosperous days of 1911, 1912 and 1913. But those who hope along those lines nourish a barren

It wasn't the existence of the Federal league that was the real cause in the general stump in base ball attendance. This will be proven in 1916 when there will be no Federal league. Times have changed Men who used to find their only recreation in watching base ball have found other forms of pleasure.

The cheapening of the automobile prices which has placed the possession of a benzine chariot almost within the price of all, has dealth base ball a terrific blow. The one time "fan" who now owns an automobile devotes his Saturday and Sunday afternoons to taking out his family for a ride. He passes up the ball parks where he used to be a regular Saturday and Sunday afternoon attendant.

Golf and Tennis Cut in. And then there are golf and tennis mak ing greater inroads each year in the base ball attendance.

At the present time there are close t 1,000,000 golf and tennis players in the United States. Five years ago there were ess than 1.000,000. These extra 3,000,000 have been drawn for the most part from among the men who used to find their only recreation in watching a ball game. Very few men enjoy watching an ath letic contest as much as they enjoy being one of the participants in that contest. Professional base ball affordes only a chance of witnessing the game. Golf and tennis give men a chance to play it themselvec; it gives them the excitement of contest and it brings them out into the

open, with the added benefit of exercise, Of course, the millions of men who now

Coffey, quite naturally, thinks other- \$2,000 per season. The players can ob-

two years, and now for the next two years they will work for me for \$1,000 iess than they are really worth. That will even up things."

Sullivan Tips Ira Thomas Off to Some Swell Infield Men

Ira Thomas, former Athletic catcher, acted as secut for Connie Mack this last summer. On one of his trips he happened to strike Minneapolis. After the game he got hold of Billy Sullivan, the Miller catcher. The two men are old pals, and, in fact, Thomas states he swing on four more years until he is 45— learned more about backstopping from to play in 2,000 games and to make 4,000 Sullivan than any other three men. "Well, Bill, I'm looking around for a good catcher and a couple of star infield-

ers," said Thomas, "Can you give me any tipa?" "Well, you saw me behind the bat," remarked Billy. "How did I look?" "As good as ever. Haven't slowed up

bit so I could notice. But where can I find a couple of likely looking infield-

"The best I can think of are Barry White Sex." replied Sullivan. "Have you forgotten them so soon?"

Norse Girl Will Make U.S. Her Home

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1 .- According to Dr. Sumner Hardy, president of the Pacific Tennis association, it is likely that Miss Molla Bjurstedt will locate permanently in this country. This wonderful tennis player has been a mewhat of a globe-trotter. After beating all the men and women in Norway, she spent three or four years in England. Then she came

here to give tennis circles a joit.
"In another year, says Dr. Hardy, "there will not be a women player in the world who can beat Miss Spurstedt. y and the second eights will compete. the world who can beat Miss Bourstedt. Is hoped that it will be possible to She is picking up pointers right along. and is the strongest woman player !



Minneapolis After National Open Golf Tourney This Year

NEW YORK, Jan. L-The executive ommittee of the United States Golf association can do a great deal toward awarding the national championship tournaments to places desired. This is shown in the reports of the nine courses selected for submission at the La Salle, Chicago, on Friday, January 14.

Putting the matter in brief form here is how the United States Golf association executive has arranged the links

NATIONAL AMATEUR.

Merion Cricket club, Philadelphia, Pa.
Nasaau Country club, Glen, Cove, L. I.
Piping Rock club, Locust Valley, L. I.
NATIONAL OPEN.

Minnekahda Country club, Minneapolia Country club of Detroit Detroit Mich. Englewood Country club, Englewood, N. J.

New Haven Country club, New Haven, Belment Spring Country club, Waverly, Greenwich Country club, Greenwich,

KING GEORGE'S JOCKEY **GOES TO WAR FOR ENGLAND**

Herbert Jones, King George's leading jockey, has deserted the saddle for the trenches. He recently enrolled at an English recruiting station with the renark: "I rode the king's first wirmer and now I have ridden his last winner to date. Now I am going to enlist and fight for him as hard as ever I rode for

GIBSON TIRES OF THE FARM AND MOVES BACK TO TOWN

Catcher George Gibson of the Pittsburgh Pirates, has tired of a farmer's life, and it is again the bis city for his. Gibby has disposed of his farm near Mount Brydges, Ont., and has purchased a house in London, Ont., where he make his home in the off-season

Three Leading Auto Race Drivers of Year



The Hypodermic Needle

Philadelphia, Penn., is often referred to Chicago. And that is why you hear such is the unconscious city. The inspired a waiting and gnashing of teeth from the person who evolved the aptly descriptive city of climate. adjective is an unidentified genius, but certainly did the world a favor for that one word tells the story of Philadelphia as completely, perfectly, totally, entirely and thoroughly as Bil Stake thete" until he was reminded that Clevespeare could with his entire vocaculary, land once knocked 'em off their seats and as you all know, Wildam had some

When visiting Ph ladelph's always go there on sunday. They call it the Sas-but once a year, bath in Philly and they are right. Philadelphia is the acme of liveliness on Sunday. There is almost as much doing as there is at Forest Lawn cemetery. A traveler who is not wise to the ropes

may drop into Fhilly for Sunday belleving it would be better to spend he o y in a big city than some hick Pannsylvama minio, town, is he uses he a spind six years of his life on that one day. Even the re t mants close up, Philiaceiphia is owned by John Wanamaker. Mr. Wanamaker is proprietor of

a large mercantile establishment. Street cars stop in the middle of the block on all four sides of the store and the conductor 'yells "Wanamaker's." The conductor says it very plainly and dis-When yelling any stret he musaes and chokes the words like conductors in all other cities. But "Wanamaker's" is spoken very clearly so the public can hear and understand.

The widest street in the world is in Philadelphia. That is Broad street, The narrowest street in the world is also in Philadelphia, That is Vine street. Vine street is about the same rize as the alley in back of The Bee building and whenever a three-horse truck essays to place Vine street on its itinerary, the traffic is Llocked for a couple of

The chief United States mint is located in Philadelphia. This is of no advantage to Philadelphia, though, as a flock of embryo Wiliaros are constantly on guard.

There are several historic buildings in

Buttling with Webster.

T. R. thought he had pulled some real big city stuff by coining "Byzantine logowith "innocuous desuctude."

Fortunately, New Year's eve comes

JOE, YOU'RE GETTING TO BE TOO POPULAR. Feminine voice, on the telephone. Can you tell me, please, if Joe Stecher is mar-

We see by the papers that Jumbo Stiehm will have a big advantage at Indiana. Yeb, Indiana just turned down an offer to play with Harvard.

> THUS DO WE WRITE TO ALIEL OURSELVES JUST LIKE A WRESTLER, PRIZE FIGHTER, BALL PLAYER, OR UMPIRE.

We tried to write a poem That would give variet-y. And make the hypo breezy, And brenk monoton-y/

But as we seen the morning sheet, To get a bit of news, We couldn't make a decent rhyme, For our muse just wouldn't muse

Biggest Sport Event of Year

INTERNATIONAL

January 3 to 9

Admission, 50 Cents



Again the land the la 7th Semi-Annual Clearance Sale of Men's Fine Clothing and Furnishings

in the sale and get the choice selections. Sale starts Monday morning, Jan. 3d.

SUITS

Not a winter suit is reserved, Our fine Kensington and Society Brand suits, in blues and fancy patterns are included. We give the same careful attention to fit as at any time. Alterations free.

OVERCOATS

The overcoats embrace our entire winter stock. Silk lined Meltons, Kerseys and Vicunas; short, loose coats with velvet collars and warm ulsters are offered at these attractive prices. It will pay you to make an early



Suits and Overcoats worth up to \$20, now\$13.75 Suits and Overcoats worth up to \$25, now\$16.75 Suits and Overcoats worth up to \$30, now\$18.75 Suits and Overcoats worth up to \$35, now\$23.75 Suits and Overcoats worth up to \$40, now\$26.75

Reductions in Men's Furnishings

Arrow Shirts, Regular \$1.50 Shirts, now \$1.15

Arrow and Magee's Shirts, Lewis and Cooper's heavy ribbed wool and cotton union suits, Spaulding's and Bradley's sweaters, Faultless night robes and pajamas, winter caps, fur and wool lined gloves and mittens, neckwear, etc., are reduced from 25% to 331/3%. This is a rare opportunity to secure choice furnishings at a very low



