

FISTIC GAME HAS ESCAPED WALLOP

Great Headwork Displayed in Canceling the Jack Dillon-Jim Flynn Match.
PROMOTER BADLY ADVISED

New York, March 17.—The much-abused boxing game undoubtedly escaped another wallop when the Jack Dillon-Jim Flynn affair at the Madison Square Garden was cancelled. That this match was ever seriously considered for a moment shows how poorly advised the promoter has been by the man who has had his eyes ever since he took over the Garden. When the syndicate, which is endeavoring to corner all the heavyweights in sight, suggested Old Man Flynn as a substitute for Les Darcy it appeared that the promoter did not even know that Flynn and Dillon had met before.

As a matter of fact, Dillon stopped Flynn in two rounds at Dewey July 4, last year, and twice held him up through ten rounds in subsequent affairs staged in this city. Both were disgraceful exhibitions, as Flynn never had the ghost of a chance to win. Such matches are as sportsmanlike as a bull fight. One contestant is not expected to win, but is in the ring merely to take punishment.

Flynn Has Stormy Career.

Flynn has had a long and stormy career as a trial horse. He began fighting sixteen years ago, and as far back as 1907, when Jack Johnson knocked him out in eleven rounds, ceased to be a contender for the title. Since then Flynn has fallen a victim to practically every prominent heavy-weight to appear.

Al Kaufman, a big California novice, was the next to flatten Flynn. Kaufman did the trick in nine rounds. Then Sam Langford took him on out in San Francisco. Sam was in a hurry that night, as he was jealous of Johnson's fame and anxious to improve on his fellow black's showing, so in the first round Langford turned loose a right uppercut without any strings attached to it, and Flynn went to sleep for several minutes.

The next time Flynn and Langford met the latter was in better humor and he allowed the fireman to go eight rounds before slipping over the C. O. D. wallop. Flynn, however, refused to be discouraged by these happenings, and having turned the tables on Al Kaufman by stopping him in ten rounds, Flynn was matched with Carl Morris.

First Important Meet.

At that time Morris was being smoked up as the most likely opponent for Jack Johnson. The bout with Flynn was the Sapulpa giant's first important trampet, and after a great flourish of trumpets the men met at Madison Square garden in one of the first fights under the Frawley law. However, this was one time when the much battered trial horse upset the dope. Although hardly up to his giant opponent's shoulder, little Flynn tore into the big fellow with as much confidence as though he never had known defeat and he battered Morris until the latter was such a pitiful sight that the crowd called upon the referee to stop the slaughter.

On the strength of this victory Flynn was matched with Jack Johnson for twenty rounds at Las Vegas by the fireman's manager, who also promoted the fight. From the very first the match was panned in the press of the country and nothing was more certain than that the match would not draw even the amount that Johnson was guaranteed for his end. However, in spite of the fact, which under ordinary circumstances would have been enough to stop further proceedings, the fight went on.

Handled Like a Doll.

Although Johnson had not taken the fight seriously and was in poor shape, he handled little Flynn like a rag doll, laughing at his attempts to land a blow. Flynn kept trying that Johnson was holding his arms and called upon the referee to award him the verdict on a foul. But that official refused to comply and eventually the police ordered the unequal struggle stopped.

Shortly after that Luther McCarty, then the leading white hope, picked out the veteran shock absorber as an easy mark and battered him down and out in sixteen rounds. Gunboat Smith was the next "comer" to use Flynn as a stepping stone. Smith scored a knockout in five rounds with a series of right uppercuts to the chin.

Jim Coffey began to loom up strongly about that time, so he, too, took a crack at the fireman. Flynn lasted four rounds on this occasion. Coffey became so excited when he found that he was winning handily that he picked little Flynn up bodily and slammed him to the canvas. The shock of the fall added to the force of Coffey's wallops was too much for Flynn and he was counted out.

Coffey lately added another knockout victory to his credit over the fireman, winning in nine rounds at Brighton Beach. Flynn might have gone the whole distance on this occasion, but he was battered considerably, and his manager chose to be more lenient than usual and threw in the sponge, much to Flynn's disgust.

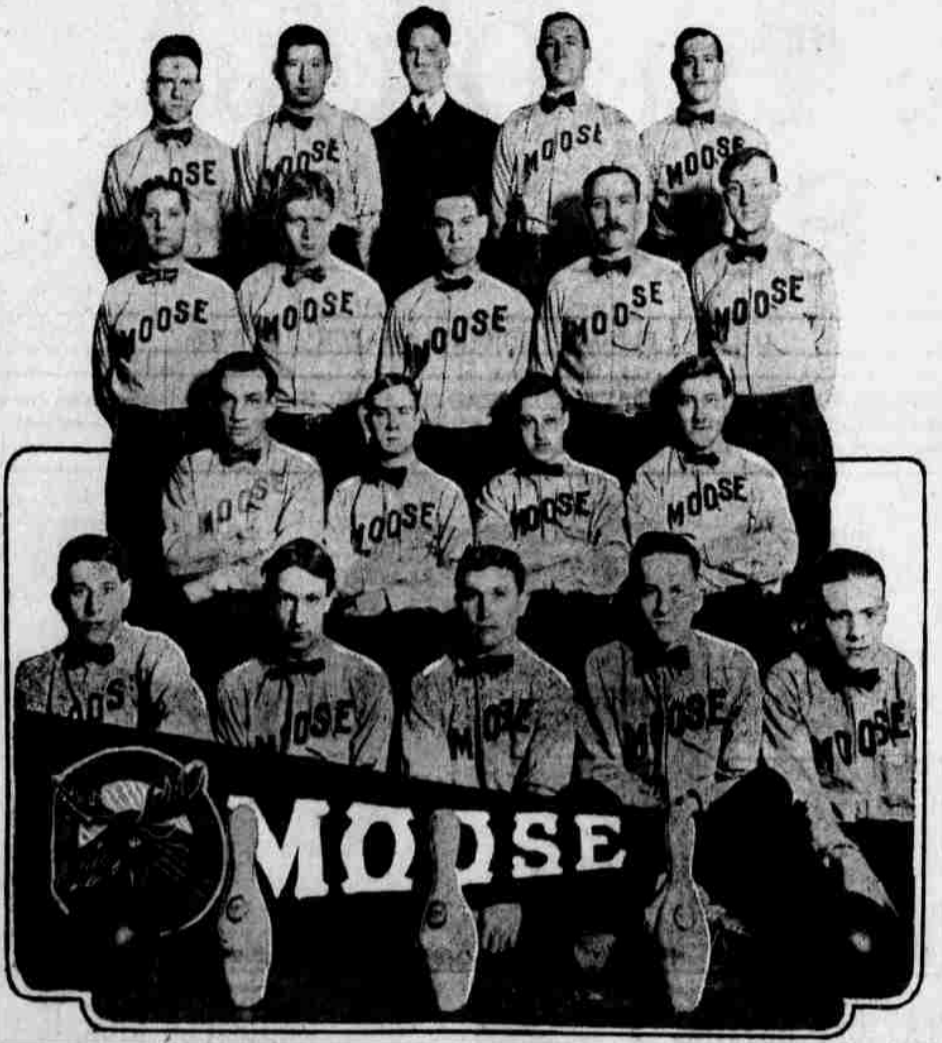
Despite his many defeats, Flynn has worn remarkably well, but he is now getting on in years and the chances of something serious happening to him if he is allowed to take more beatings are much greater. Matched with men of his own class, there would be no reason to object to Flynn, who is a remarkably game and earnest fighter. But because of their greed Flynn's handlers have persistently overmatched him. With men of his own caliber he would be no card, so he has been offered up to be slaughtered by the stars of the ring at every opportunity.

Kid Herman Is Spoiling for Fight With Some Bantam

New York, March 17.—Kid Herman, the New Orleans bantam, who recently obtained a referee's decision over Kid Williams, is in town looking for matches and claiming the bantam title. The bantam situation is rather confused at present.

When Johnny Ertle won on a foul from Kid Williams the St. Paul Herald claimed the title and his claim has been recognized as valid in many quarters.

MOOSE BOWLERS OF THE SOUTH SIDE—First row, left to right: W. Wittig, F. Weiss, I. Denison, B. Altman, F. Meegan; second row, E. Kasner, E. Cederholm, Max Kopple, E. Burkhardt; third row, C. Denison, Charles Zemanek, Walker, Skow J. Trummer; fourth row, J. McGuire, F. Pichal, C. H. Mickalls, J. Ostronic, C. Pichal.



ROWLAND'S CHANCE TO MAKE HIS NAME

One Big League Manager Who Never Played Base Ball in Any Fast Company.

WORRED BRUSH LEAGUES

New York, March 17.—Clarence Rowland of the Chicago White Sox is the only present big league manager who never played ball in fast company. Owner Comiskey took Rowland from a minor league club ten years ago in spite of the fact that, as a team leader, the latter was practically unknown. But inexperience on the ball field does not mean that Rowland cannot produce a championship team.

After the National league was organized in 1876 pennant winners were developed by four men who never figured as star players. They were Frank Bancroft, who handled the Providence team in 1884; W. H. Watkins, manager of the Detroit in 1887; James Mutrie, the pilot of the Giants in 1888 and 1889, and the late Frank C. Selee, leader of the Boston, who finished on top in 1891, 1892, 1893, 1897 and 1898.

If Rowland scores a triumph this year he will be the first nonplayer manager to accomplish the feat in the American league.

Rowland, like Bancroft, Watkins, Mutrie and Selee, is a theorist. He knows base ball and how it should be played. He is fortunate in having Comiskey, a practical base ball man behind him. Comiskey, once a star first baseman, is familiar with the duties of a team manager inasmuch as he won fame as the leader of the four time champion Browns in the American association and, after managing the Cincinnati Reds, he captured the first American league pennant with the White Sox in 1906. It is safe to say, therefore, that Rowland will receive much valuable advice, if he needs it.

Others in Big League.

Outside of Rowland all of the other fifteen major league managers once played in the big circuits. Six were catchers, four were pitchers, four covered infield positions and one was an outfielder. The former backstops are Mack of the Athletics, Stallings of the Braves, Mitchell of the Cubs, Robinson of the Brooklyn, Fohl of the Cleveland and Moran of the Phillies. The former boxmen are Mathewson of the Reds, Donovan of the Yankees, Callahan of the Pirates and Griffith of the Washingtons. Barry of the Red Sox, who will cover second base, is the only playing manager in the big show.

Chick Evans Is to Enter Druid Hills Golf Tourney

New York, March 17.—Chick Evans, amateur and open champion, has written the tournament committee of the Druid Hills Golf club, Atlanta, Ga., that he will not only enter this tournament, but that, in addition, he will try to bring Ned Sawyer and one or two other western stars.

The committee is still expecting Nelson Whitney and Reuben Rush from New Orleans, as both will make every effort to get away to round out the southern team.

Three additional entries expected are Hamilton Kerr, Henry Topping and Phil Carter, now at Balfaire, Fla. So, when the entire roll call is completed, the field will embrace the names of a majority of the leading golfers of the country.

Miss Gertrude Artelt Wins Another Record in Swimming

Philadelphia, Pa., March 17.—Miss Gertrude Artelt, the 14-year-old swimming prodigy of the Philadelphia Turngemeinde, who created a sensation a couple of weeks ago by pressing hard upon her champion team mate, Miss Olga Dorfner, when the latter lowered the fifty-yard world's indoor record for women to twenty-nine seconds, has herself bested the sixty-yard national figure held by Miss Dorfner at 36.25 seconds.

HONUS WAGNER IS ABLE TO COME BACK

After Twenty-Six Years Pittsburgh Pirate Loves Diamond as in Days of Yore.

GIVES BOYS SOME POINTS

A few years ago it was thought wonderful when Cy Young started on his twenty-fourth year in base ball, but old Cy didn't finish. It was also thought that Matty was going to last forever, but his pitching years were limited to sixteen. Now Honus Wagner of the Pittsburgh Pirates steps out on his twenty-sixth with the same spryness that characterized his playing ten years ago. He wins, pulled up.

Honus Wagner is the athletic wonder of the base ball world and is fully entitled to the honor of having that monument erected to him in the historical building in Pittsburgh.

To repeat Wagner's record would be like calling attention to the fact that Christmas comes on December 25. Everybody knows it. Instead of trying to fix these figures in your head, just remember that he is the best hitter and the best infielder that the game has ever known and that will be sufficient. He led the league in hitting so often that it became a habit.

Not only is Honus Wagner still enthusiastic about professional base ball, but he has never got over his inclination to step into a game played by small boys on a town lot.

One day last summer a crowd of kids were playing near Schenley park, Pittsburgh, and for an hour they had Wagner playing with them. And he was just as eager to win among those little shavers as any man on the club. The name of this club, by the way, was the "Sighttown Yellow Jackets."

Date Set for First of the Chicago Automobile Races

Chicago, March 17.—Awakened from winter lethargy by the spring harbinger notes of an Italian's hurdy-burdy, the directors of the Chicago Speedway association have formulated plans for the first of three professional automobile races to be held on the two-mile Tamarack course this season. The inaugural event will be run on the afternoon of June 9, the distance being 250 miles and the prize money totaling \$20,000. Entry blanks will be sent out within the next few weeks.

The Chicago race of June 9 will be the third speedway event on the 1917 calendar, New York opening the season with a meet on May 19, when the second annual 150-mile contest for the Metropolitan trophy will be the feature of the card, and Indianapolis, after a year's hiatus, reviving its 500-mile motor marathon on May 30.

In deciding to stage a middle-distance race in June President David F. Reid aims to give variety to the early season events and will run another classic in the fall at a time when the interest of automobile race followers and drivers in the battle for the 1917 American Automobile association championship is keener. Title points will not be given in the auto Derby, as this year only one championship race is awarded to each speedway.

Morningstar and Jap Wiz To Play Matches in Omaha

Ora Morningstar, formerly the national champion, and Koji Yamada, the Japanese wizard, will meet at Charley Cannam's room, Fifteenth and Harney streets, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in a four-game exhibition at billiard billiards. The players will oppose each other in a 300-point match at the 18.2 restricted game, after which Yamada will execute some of his fancy shots. Morningstar gives an instructive lecture on billiards, during which Yamada demonstrates the salient points of the talk.

CENTRAL DIAMOND LADS READY TO GO

Five Regular Remain From Last Year and New Talent Is Heavy.

SPINNING WILL COACH

Base ball will be undertaken in earnest at Central High school this spring and indications point to one of the best teams ever turned out.

Five regulars remain from last year's team, enough to build another successful nine around. Fred Spinning will once more take charge of the coaching. The athletic board has purchased supplies for the season and is ready to come forward with additional money if needed. A strong schedule will be undertaken with nearby high schools and the team will also become a member of an inter-city high school league if such a league is formed this year.

Several high school team of recognized ability will be brought to Omaha this year.

There is little worry by that Omaha will have an outfield that would do justice to any high school team. Eddie Hazen and Joe Wolfe are veterans of last year's machine. Hazen will probably be used in left and Wolfe will occupy his old position in the middle pasture. John Peterson, utility outfielder and catcher last year, will probably be seen in right field.

Two veterans are left out of the infield combination. Captain High Carson at shortstop and Pete Keiner at second base. Grove and Curtis, who were used at third last season, have graduated. Daugherty, at first base, is now attending a prep school in the east. George Yardley, who starred behind the bat last year in such a sensational manner, has also left school.

"Hap" Pearson, who is said to have considerable ability along the base ball line, will try to fill in at first base. Paul Konecky, who played a guard position on the basket ball five this season, has had experience in catching and is a likely candidate for a first team position. Floyd Gilfray, who just entered high school this fall, is counted on for one of the infield positions. Not one of the regular moundmen remains. Eddie Hasen was used frequently last year, but he is a more valuable man in the outfield and will probably be seldom used in the box.

A large squad is counted on to turn out for the first practice, which will be held the latter part of this week if the weather permits.

Afton High Wins Floor Tourney Held at Tabor

Tabor, Ia., March 17.—(Special.)—The first annual inter-high school basketball tournament for this section was held here Thursday and Friday. Afton High school was the winning team, with a score of 23 to 5 over Modale.

Twelve teams were entered, but several failed to show up and Glenwood came in late. Scores were:

Indoor Broad Jumping of Worthington Astonishes Many

New York, March 17.—The greatest indoor performance at broad jumping was accomplished by Harry Worthington, the Dartmouth track captain, in an exhibition March 3 at the interscholastic games at Haverd. They measured his jump at twenty-three feet, two and one-quarter inches.

May Be Regular Muckman. Pitcher Rube Schaner, the Giant castoff who starred with the Louisville team last season, is showing genuine big show character in the Athletics and stands an excellent chance of becoming a regular with the Muckman.

The Missouri Pacific Railway St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern R.R.

B. F. BUSH, Receiver

St. Louis, Mo., March, 1917.

To the Public and All Officers and Employees:—

We have been advised by the Conference Committee of the General Managers' Association that at Six o'Clock, P. M., Monday, March 19th, 1917, all Enginemen and Trainmen on the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain Railways will refuse to run our trains.

You are familiar with the issues which have culminated in this strike order, being the same which resulted in the strike order last September. The Representatives of the National Orders of the Engine and Trainmen demanded an increase in wages of approximately Twenty-five per cent by insisting upon the same wage for the so-called Eight-hour day that they had been receiving for a ten-hour day under existing contracts, with overtime at increased rates, which demand they are unwilling to submit to any impartial tribunal.

To Avert the strike last September upon the same issues, the Adamson Act was passed by Congress, which, in effect, placed upon the carriers of the country the increased wages demanded by the men. The Procedure by which this Legislation was secured from the legislative branch of our National Government is now a part of the History of this Strike movement.

The only recourse left to the Carriers under our existing form of government, unless as trustees for the Public and the properties which they represented and they yielded to the demands made by the representatives of the enginemen and trainmen for increased wages without a hearing as to the Justice of such demands was to submit the question of the validity of this law to the only forum provided—I. E., the courts.

Unless the arbitrary demands of the employes of the carriers, either for increased wages, for shorter hours or for other concessions which, under our form of government, are illegitimate subjects of contract and agreement between employer and employe are to be acceded to without dispute whenever presented, the issues presented to the courts in an orderly way by the carriers should have been permitted to proceed to a final decision before the representatives of the employes attempted to again take the issues into their own hands.

Upon any legitimate issue concerning life or property the framers of our constitution intended that a hearing should be had in a court of competent jurisdiction unless the issues by our agreement are submitted to arbitration, and, unless force instead of law, is to control the rights of property this principle of our government should be strictly adhered to.

Before the promulgation of the present strike order, the General Managers' Association for the Railroads again offered to submit the issues to the Goethals committee, named by the President under the Adamson Act, and to abide by the decision of that committee, which proposition the National Representatives of the Engine and Trainmen have again flatly refused.

Under the arrangements made last fall, if the Adamson Law is upheld by the courts the Railways agreed to pay the increases in wages established by that law from the 1st of January, 1917. This agreement is also ignored in the present strike order as are the existing agreements establishing a ten-hour day as the Unit of service and the provisions in existing contracts that thirty days' notice shall be given of any termination of the contract relation existing between the Railroads and these employes.

No notice has yet been given by the Chairmen of these organizations to our officers as provided in the contracts they should have done. But all these contracts have been rated by the National Representatives of these employes as holding the carriers as by a log chain, but not binding the employes by so much as a silken cord. Since connection with the properties of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain Companies, in return for my efforts to render the Public efficient service, I have at all times received the Loyal Co-operation and support of our officers and employes without the skill and co-operation of the officers and employes the rails, cars and locomotives would have been useless mechanical devices in the service of the public.

I have always believed the great majority of our citizenship believed in a government by law as distinguished from a government by force have in the past believed, and shall always believe that the enginemen and trainmen in the service of our companies are as patriotic and law-abiding as any other class of citizens in our country. But just at this critical period, tying up the transportation facilities of the country will do more injury to our national defense than any aid that could be furnished our country's enemies. As the receiver of these properties appointed by the United States District Court, it is my bounden duty to attempt to continue to serve the Public by the operation of our lines. In the performance of this duty both the public and the employes who are ready and willing to assist me are entitled to the protection of all law-abiding citizens, because of the grave problems now confronting the Administration, our country needs the loyal support of all citizens engaged in interstate commerce as never before. The president of our country has appealed to our people to support the government. In this time of need I appeal to our employes, not only for the property which in the past has furnished the means of Sustainance for the families of our officials and employes, but for the benefit of the public, the injured innocent party in this struggle, and in the name of our country, to which our allegiance is paramount to perform the full measure of their duty in this crisis,

B. F. BUSH, Receiver.