

BIG BANK ROLLS LURE RING STARS DOWN TO DEFEAT

Money Madness Causes Many Top Notch Boxers to Fade Away in Relatively Short Time.

By JACK SKELLY. This is certainly the rapid age in pugilism, as in other affairs of American speedy life. Bright, brilliant boxing stars loom up moon after moon on the fistic firmament, dazzle and shine for a while in all their fascinating glory, and then "blow up" or fall gradually into obscurity.

When Kid Williams knocked out that clever, artistic boxer, Johnny Coulton, in the third round of a scheduled 20-round combat at Los Angeles in 1914, he was not only proclaimed the undisputed bantam champion but a wonderful little fighter indeed.

Bows to Pete Herman. The next year, however, he lost his title to Johnny Ertle on a foul in a no decision bout, and he soon after began to slow down a bit, until he finally ran up against Pete (Kid) Herman at New Orleans and lost the decision in a 20-round mill. Herman's victory over Williams did not help the latter any, and he relinquished all claims to the bantam crown.

The other night over in Philadelphia Williams hit the crushing downfall of his flashy ring career. Joe Lynch, a fairly clever local New York boy, knocked the once supposedly unbeatable Kid out in the fourth round.

This was indeed a big surprise to the close followers of the game. But it only goes to show how a rushing, flashy, aggressive fighter like Williams will battle his way up to a championship by terrific speed and hitting, and then in a short while fall back step by step when his steam and vigor leaves him.

Stars Fall Without Science. It also goes to prove the old argument regarding the lack of science on the part of so many young boxers. If Williams and many other young ringsters only acquired the rudiments and some of the fine classic tactics of the manly art they would not only last much longer as topnotchers but would become far more brilliant boxers.

Oh, but this is the slam bang, helter skelter, rapid age, when nobody has any time to learn anything thoroughly. Watch the youngsters in the ring today; slashing, swinging, mauling, wrestling, hugging and bullying their way through 10 decision rounds like a pack of raw amateurs.

Slug Away Under Checkers. Most of them have not the slightest conception of the manly art. But as long as their youthful vigor and stamina last they manage to slug and fool the public and many of the incompetent referees, who don't dare to disqualify them.

Think of such great fistic champions and stars as Terry McGovern, Young Corbett, Knockout Brown, Johnny Coulton, Young Ahearn, Johnny Ertle, Leach Cross, Jack Dillon, Bob Moha and many others, hitting the toboggan or falling back in their prowess before they have reached the prime of their manhood. McGovern was only 22 years of age when he lost his featherweight title to Young Corbett, and many more were under the age of 25.

It is the rapid, unnatural, abnormal existence that most of the high rolling topnotchers lead that causes them to deteriorate so early in life and fall by the wayside. Most of them box too often and do not train properly. They become money mad, as it were. With this commercial idea foremost in their brains they sacrifice everything for the hustling hunt after dollars. Big bank rolls and high lure them to defeat.

B. Miske Lets Out a Wail; Hot on Dempsey's Trail From St. Paul comes a wail. It emanates from Bill Miske and his manager, Pearl Smith, who want to know "how can Dempsey go ahead and cop honors without giving Miske consideration? They claim Miske's record is far superior to the Californian's, and that Jack has refused to meet Billy.

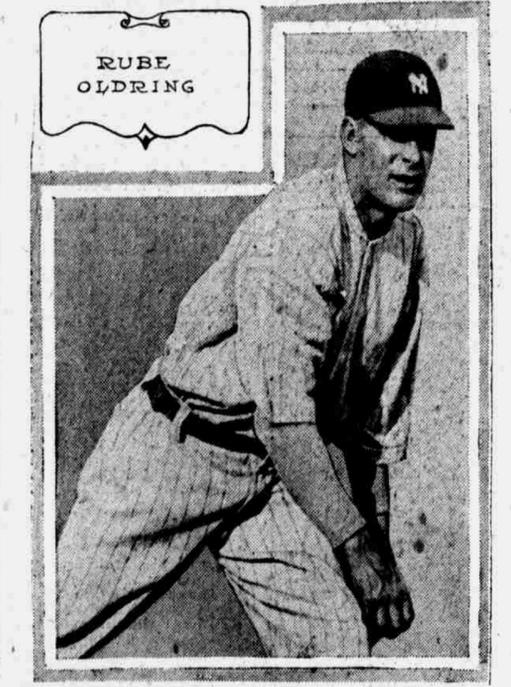
Smith says he will put up \$2,000 for a side bet if Dempsey will match with Miske. Looks like more business ahead for Dempsey.

College Aviators Learn How to Use the Shotgun College aviators are to be taught the use of the shotgun in connection with their other instructions, so that once in an aeroplane they can use that weapon to good advantage against foes. The government has established a military school of aeronautics at the University of California and part of the instruction is that of blunderbuss shooting. Each recruit shoots at something like 60 targets each week.

Running Champion Coes Into Navy as Draft Looms Mike Devanney, holder of the national half-mile championship, and one of the leading middle-distance runners in the country, has entered as a second-class seaman at the Boston navy yard. Devanney was placed in Class 1 of the draft, but he preferred the navy to the army and received the necessary permission from the exemption board to enlist as a second-class seaman.

McCredie Passes Up Siglin As Portland Leader—Draft President Judge McCredie of the Portland Pacific Coast International League (Northwest) has decided to pass up Paddy Siglin as his manager, because Siglin's draft status makes him so doubtful, and is now looking about for another man to lead his team in the coming race. Nick Williams may be the selection.

Rube Oldring Sells Farm and Signs to Play with Old Boss



Rube Oldring, former Mackman and Yankee, after selling his farm at Marlboro, N. J., purchased a home in West Philadelphia and is to return to the Mackmen. He has confided this information to a friend. Connie Mack is reticent about discussing Oldring's return to the Athletics. "I know he has purchased a home here," says Connie, "but whether or not he will play with the Athletics I cannot discuss."

Oldring retired at the end of 1915. He joined the Yankees in 1916 with Mack's consent. He played 83 games to help the Yankees out of a bad hole. Then he retired again.

NATIONALS END OLD SQUABBLE WITH FEDERAL

Check for \$55,000 Given to Defunct Ball Organization Settles Controversy on Old Agreement.

New York, Feb. 23.—John C. Toole, attorney for the National Base Ball league, today handed over a check for \$55,000 to James Hindman, attorney for former Federal league clubs, settling the National league's account up to date with the Federal league clubs under the terms of the agreement of two years ago.

Of the amount \$25,000 goes to the Pittsburgh Trust company, receivers of the former Pittsburgh Federal league club, which settles in full the National league's obligation to that club; \$20,000 goes to the Robert B. Ward estate for two years' rental of the Brooklyn Federal league ball park; and \$10,000 to Harry Sinclair for two years' rental of the Newark Federal league grounds.

It also was announced that the National league has 18 more annual payments of \$10,000 each to be made to the Ward estate and eight additional payments of \$5,000 to Sinclair.

President B. B. Johnson of the American league, it was said, also will send a check for \$55,000 to the Federal league attorney in the near future as the American league share of the Federal league peace indemnity.

John K. Tener, president of the National league, will make all future payments for his league without further action by that body.

Cards Sign Kid Who Cuts Wide Swathe in Mound City The St. Louis Cardinals announce the signing of another youngster from educational circles, in Robert Larimore, a player who has made a great reputation at St. Louis High school base ball. He is an infielder. He does not report until school closes. St. Louis comment indicates that he is a wonderful all around athlete.

Egan Lauds Catcher From Cincy for Milwaukee Team Manager Ned Egan is rapidly building up a team for Milwaukee. One of his late purchases is that of Catcher Emil Huhn from the Cincinnati Reds. Huhn, who fell to the lot of Cincinnati when the Federals disbanded, has not done much for two seasons past, but he should be a valuable man in the American association.

Cubs Sign Youngster. William Johnson, the Kansas City youngster who has been signed by the Chicago Cubs for a trial, is a nephew of Frank Houseman, a great Chicago fan. Johnson is a southpaw pitcher, who has shown a lot of class in the Kansas City independent field.

Quite Different Today, is That Cub Training Jaunt to California Chicago, Feb. 23.—The transportation of a major league ball club with all of its accoutrements, from the middle west to the Pacific coast, will be under far different conditions from former years, officials of the Chicago National league club learned today.

A year ago the Chicago club made the journey to the coast in a special train of eight cars, including a diner, a buffet and an observation car. The party consisted of more than 75 persons and stops were made at two points from which side trips were taken.

This year the club management has been notified that "when the party is ready to depart for California there will be at its service two sleeping cars and an observation car. There will be no dining car service over one road no dining car service over one road and no longer route, which would have dining car service."

Business Manager Craighead of the club was of the opinion today that the offer of two sleepers and an observation car attached to a mail train would be accepted.

WAR-TIME MEDALS FOR WINNERS OF ILLINOIS EVENT

Bronze Medals to Take Place of Costly Watches and Pins at Western Relay Carnival.

Champaign, Ill., Feb. 21.—Patriotism in all its phases will feature the University of Illinois' second annual indoor relay carnival which is to be held on Saturday, March 2. Proceeds of the meet will be devoted to the army Young Men's Christian association.

In order to insure a profit and to cut down all unnecessary expense, bronze medals will replace the costly watches, pins and medals which have been awarded in former Illinois meets. All point winners will receive the same kind of bronze rewards, while relay teams will also be given the same prizes. For winning schools silk banners will replace the shields presented hitherto. A loving cup, the gift of Ma-Wao-Da senior honorary society, will be the trophy for the all-round championship.

As a distinctly patriotic feature, efforts are being made to enter enough relay teams from military and naval encampments to stage one or more races. Several neighboring camps have signified their interest and will be represented, provided the time is sufficient for them to train their teams. The length of the races will be left for the teams to decide, as many of the encampments possess athletes who are proficient in one distance, which others are strong in different lengths.

High School Relay. A high school relay race will also be added to the card. University high school of Chicago, Oak Park high school, Champaign, and several Springfield and Peoria schools have already mailed their entries, while others have signified their intentions of doing so.

The usual events for Western Conference, college and all-round teams will also be staged. The conference schools that have already mailed in their entries are Michigan, Wisconsin, Purdue, Chicago, Michigan Aggies, Ohio State, Indiana, Minnesota and Iowa State. Notre Dame, Millikin and Knox are a few of the smaller colleges that expect to be represented.

As usual, the huge Armory, the largest indoor track in the country, will be used for the meet. Covering nearly two blocks in length, this building offers an admirable place to stage a meet on a large scale.

Hockey Teams on Coast Are Composed of Women San Francisco boasts of two hockey teams made up entirely of women. They are the "Princess Pats" and the "Wanderers." These women are enthusiasts over the game and are regular in the matter of practice with the result that they play an excellent game. The captain of the "Wanderers" team is Miss Helen Joyner, a swimmer, who has been a competitor in the swim across the Golden Gate. She placed fourth in the last contest of this kind held.

Dick Rudolph Anxious To Shake Dust of Boston Dick Rudolph, sturdy pitcher of the Boston Braves, is anxious to make a change. Rudolph turned down a contract offered him by the Boston club for the reason that it called for a \$3,000 cut. He informed the Boston management that he would rather retire from the game than accept the contract offered him. Rudolph received President Percy Haughton's permission to trade himself to any club in the league, provided, of course, that the trade be agreeable to the Boston club.

Cincy Shortstop Leads Majors in Errors Made Shortstop Billie Kopf of the Cincinnati Reds, made more fielding misplays than any other major leaguer in the game last year. Kopf made 68 errors, but was kept in the game by Manager Mathewson because of his heavy stickwork. Kopf was not much to blame for the amount of errors he made, because there was nothing he would not go after and he often tore off plays that brought the fans to their feet.

Bob Bescher May Go to Columbus Club, Is Report Report from Milwaukee has it that Outfielder Bob Bescher may be swapped to Columbus. Bescher, after being transferred from the St. Louis Cardinals to Milwaukee, played a high class brand of base ball and had hoped he might be given another chance in the big show. Joe Tinker will have made a good deal if he lands him for his Columbus team.

Owen Moran Tells of Good Boxers in British Forces Owen Moran, clever English lightweight, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the British army. He writes a friend in America that England will be able to show up with a bunch of good boxers when the war is over, that is, if they are not killed or wounded before then.

Braves Sign Hurler Who Made Record at College John E. Murray, a pitcher who made a reputation with the Georgetown university base ball team, has been signed by the Boston Nationals for a trial. He is said to have won 21 straight games in his three years of college and independent base ball.

Lake Erie Trot Circuit To Pay \$250,000 Stakes The Lake Erie circuit of light harness racing this summer will distribute close to \$250,000 in purses and stakes. The season will start June 3 at Cranwood and conclude September 27 at the Erie, Pa., fair.

Here's Way Red Sox Infield Will Look When April Arrives



Dick Hoblitzel at first, "Stuffy" McInnis at second, Everett Scott at short and Walley Schang at the third corner will be the makeup of the Boston Red Sox infield when the American league season opens in April. Ed Barrow, the new manager of the Red Sox, made this announcement recently. Barrow believes McInnis can be developed into another Eddie Collins at the midway, and he is also confident that Schang, rated by many experts to be the best catcher in either league, will prove equally as valuable at third as behind the bat. With this infield combination the Red Sox will have one of the hardest hitting quartets in base ball.

Tip O'Neill May Purchase Frisco Club From Berry Among possible purchasers of the San Francisco club from Hen Berry, whose retention of the club is strongly opposed, are Norris L. O'Neill, former president of the Western league, and Danny Long, former manager of the San Francisco team. O'Neill's former home was in Oakland and he has amassed wealth in oil and real estate sufficient to make him well able to finance the club.

Bridwell Wants Trial. Al Bridwell, veteran infielder, wants to come back and has written Joe Tinker asking for a trial with the Columbus association team.

Lawry to Retire. Otis Lawry, former University of Maine athlete, who had a trial with Connie Mack and then was shipped to Baltimore, has announced that he is done with professional base ball. He is teaching school in Maine this winter.

"Tom" Patterson to Give His Brother a Trial William Patterson, who will get a trial with Dallas in the Texas league this spring, is a brother of Manager Ham Patterson. Last year he played ball under the name of Gene Murphy, first in a tryout with Dallas and then in the Western association, but this year intends to drop the camouflage.

Canadian Yacht Club Has 65 Men in the War Sixty-five of the 158 members of the National Yacht club of Toronto are in the service of the Canadian war forces.



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