

WILLER TO WRESTLE O'CONNELL TONIGHT

Each Is Confident He Will Win Middleweight Title of World by Contest.

BELT WILL NOT BE RISKED

Champion Declares He Had to Win One Match Before Trophy Was Put Up and He Holds Aspirant to Same Terms.

Fresh from throwing Pete Buzukos twice within four minutes at San Francisco Friday night and full of confidence as to the outcome of his match here tonight with Eddie O'Connell, Walter Miller will step on the mat tomorrow morning. With him came Charley Cutler, the celebrated Chicago heavy-weight.

Miller, the undisputed middleweight champion of the world, meets Eddie O'Connell, the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club instructor, tonight at the Eleventh-Street Playhouse for the world's championship.

The men will wrestle a straight catch-as-catch-can match, best two out of three falls with Police Gazette rules to govern. Miller will step on the mat weighing close to 154 pounds, while 148 won't miss the Winged "M" mentor's swordplay far.

Each Confident of Victory. Each man is confident of winning. "This fellow is the best middleweight in the world," said O'Connell yesterday. "I think that I can defeat him, however. Anyway, my friends here will get a run for their money."

Miller issued the following statement: "Pete Buzukos lasted three minutes on the first fall with my friend and I think I can do it on the second fall. After the match I asked him how he thought I would stack up with O'Connell. He told me that there was nothing to it and I'm going out to beat this bird quicker than I beat the Greek, if possible. O'Connell is a smart mackerel and I know it. I think that I am stronger, however, and don't expect to have much trouble in winning."

A packed house undoubtedly will greet the athletes tonight. Milton W. Seaman, manager of the Eleventh-Street Playhouse, has erected additional seats on the stage to accommodate the crowd.

Miller Not to Put Up Belt. Miller's belt, emblematic of the middleweight wrestling championship of the world, will not be staked on the contest.

"If Eddie O'Connell desires to have me put up my belt, he can put up a purse of \$1000 against it and the winner of the match will take both prizes," said the St. Paul marvel yesterday. "I won the belt from the champion of Washington, D. C., who refused to risk it in his first bout with me. I was forced to beat him and then when he demanded a return engagement I made him put up the trophy. When I also won this match the trophy came into my hands and I mean to keep it as a family heirloom."

In the foregoing statement, Miller shed a little light on the much discussed belt. Joe Turner, the crack Washington, D. C., middleweight, won the trophy, which was put up by the Police Gazette in a tournament held in his own home city about three years ago.

Trophy Not Perpetual One. This tournament was to decide the middleweight championship of the world, but the trophy was never intended to be a perpetual one. It was his own personal property and that he is in no way obliged to stake it on the result of tonight's preliminaries.

Two weight preliminaries have been arranged. Jimmy Moscow and Jack Allen will hook up for six two-minute rounds in the curtain raiser at 135 pounds. Ken Cohen, the Kewpee entertainer, will take on Leo Cross in another mid contest. They are boxing at catchweights. Joe Flanagan will referee the boxing bouts. The first match will start at 8:30.

WRESTLERS ARE LOCKED UP

Joke on Police Chief Clark Takes Unexpected Turn.

Walter Miller and Charley Cutler, famous Eastern wrestlers, sprang a good joke on Chief of Police John Clark yesterday. Shortly after their arrival from the office, a friend introduced Miller to Detective Fred Mallett.

Chief Clark was formerly Chief of Police at St. Paul, Miller's home town, and has known the St. Paul man since he was a youngster.

"The chief has been inquiring about you," said the man in the hat. "Who?" asked the puzzled Miller. When it was explained to Walter that the head of the Portland police force was the same John Clark of St. Paul, Miller was surprised that Mallett arrested himself and Cutler and took them to the Chief's office. Mallett took the pair to the office and brought in Cutler first.

"Here's a couple of bad actors that say they know you," said Mallett. Just then Miller broke into the office, and to get even Chief Clark took Walter upstairs and locked him up for 15 or 20 minutes.

OLD BUTTE DEBT ASSUMED

Northwestern League Paves Way for Entry of Team.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 28.—The Northwestern League, according to word received here today from President Blewett, will assume the old debt of \$1750 in Butte of the Union Association and pay it out of the league's sinking fund. The business men's committee, which has raised \$15,000 to get Butte into the Northwestern, refused to assume the debt of the Union Association contracted two years ago.

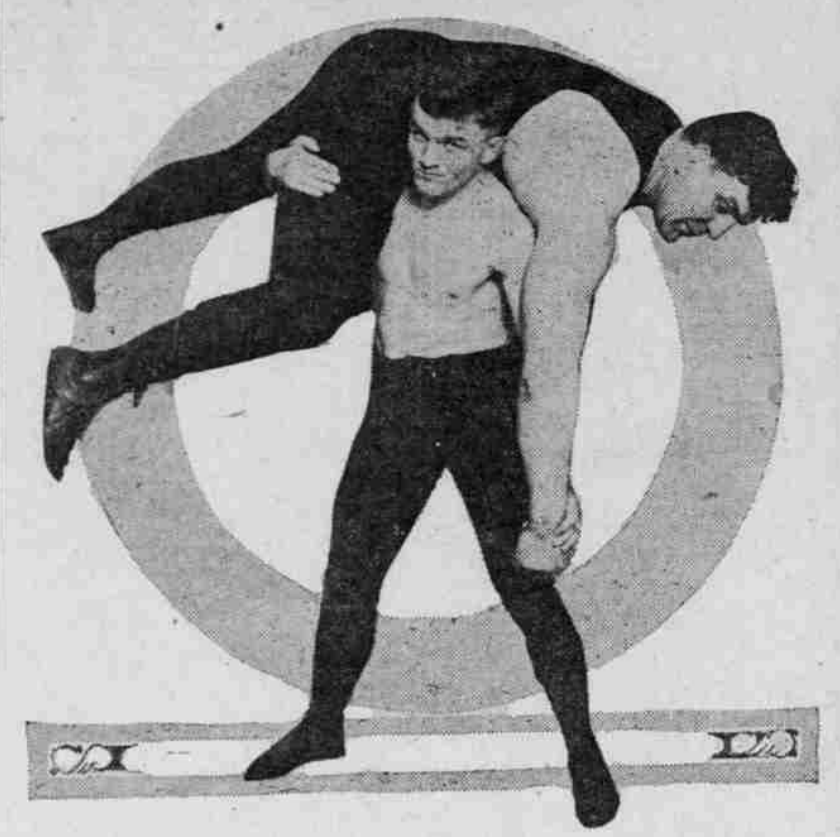
Joe McGinnity, of Tacoma, is expected here this week to become manager. His proposition has been accepted. The committee now expects to go to Great Falls to get that city into the Northwestern League.

Willard Bout Conference Held.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Tex Rickard and others connected with the promotion of the Willard-Moran bout here conferred today with the New York State Athletic Commission and agreed to comply with all the rules of the Commission. A manifest of the tickets for the match shows that 13,000 have been printed. Twelve thousand are for seats ranging from \$3 to \$35, while the remainder are for standing room.

Brooklyn Buys Outfielder Hickman. NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—President Ebbets of the Brooklyn National League baseball club, announced today the purchase of Outfielder Hickman, who played with the Baltimore Federals last year.

WILL HE BE ABLE TO HANDLE EDDIE O'CONNELL AS EASILY?



Walter Miller Tossing Charley Cutler, 230-Pound Giant, as If He Were a Lightweight. This Marked Miller's Final Workout Before Tonight's Fight.

GALVESTON IS AIDED

Commission Rules for Club in Unconditional Release Case.

HURRICANE BURDEN LIFTED

'Extraordinary Consideration' Is Advised and Application of Smith to Be Free Agent Because of 60-Day Delay in Pay Denied.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 28.—On the ground that the Galveston baseball club was entitled to "extraordinary consideration" because of last summer's ruinous hurricane, the National baseball commission today refused the application of Tony Smith, of the Galveston club, to be declared a free agent. With the permission of the National board the Galveston club suspended operations August 21, 1915, with the intention of reserving its players for the following season.

The commission said the most Smith suffered was the temporary inconvenience of being required to wait 60 days for six days' salary due him.

The commission issued the following statement to the new rule on players receiving unconditional release by the Federal League:

"In all cases in which a player has reverted to a National agreement club, as the result of his unconditional release by the Federal League or any of its clubs, it is the duty of the club to which he returns to contract promptly with such player, transfer him to the club or waive all claim to him in writing."

"Major league clubs are instructed to notify the president of their respective leagues what action, if any, has been taken relative to players who have reverted to them."

"Minor league clubs are required to file similar reports with Secretary Farrell. In all instances in which the interested National agreement club does not use ordinary diligence in signing or disposing of the player, its right to him will not be recognized."

The Sportlight

THE Chicago Cubs need one more lefthander. This is the reason Manager Tinker wants to get Gene Packard. With the additional southpaw he says that he will be prepared for the opposition's sluggers. The leading National League teams seem to be all overstocked with port-side hitters.

Ad Wolgast boxes Freddie Welsh 10 rounds in Milwaukee on March 6. He is preparing himself for the bout at the Arcade Gymnasium, Chicago.

Bat. We laughed at you, we kidded you, we called you a fat man. We said your tousel head was larger than your hat. But all the same you have been game for 20 long years, Fat.

On Washington's birthday Bat Nelson celebrated the 29th anniversary of his entrance into the ring. For all his knocks he has received in and out of the hempen square, Bat has done fairly well and should be congratulated for his success.

Just when Russia was puzzling over what to do with the 260,000,000 gallons of vodka in storage there, Eddie Collins announces booze and baseball won't mix, so there is no excuse to ship it over here, where everybody plays the game.

The average person gets along, the Russell Sage foundation tells us, with a vocabulary of 542 words. Charlie Murphy, who is a little over the average, used up about \$42,999 a day while president of the Cubs.

If it were worth while Ragnar Omtvedt must take a trip through the East and tell them how to spell his name. After worrying along with Cutvedt for a month or so, several large newspaper men are calling the world's greatest ski jumper Ragnar Motvedt.

Spring Poom. I like to have the Spring roll round and have the teams go away; I like to know they're training; I like to see them in the ring; But I refuse to pick the line-up for opening day.

If one was locked up in a dungeon dark and cold, and hadn't even a pair of fetters to polish, he might occupy his leisure with picking a lineup for the first game of the season, but it would be poor entertainment even then.

Joe Mandot, the New Orleans baker boy, is one of the oddities of the prize ring. He will defeat several top-notchers and just before being matched with the lightweight champ some unknown novice will flatten him for the count. When Bud Anderson was in California on his second trip there he turned the trick and more recently Benny Leonard stopped Joe in New

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