WILLARD TO FIGHT TO AID RED CROSS

Champion Pugilist Declares He Will Defend Title, but Not for Own Profit.

BOUT MAY BE IN SPRING

Heavyweight Says That He Intends to Manage Affair So Funds Will Not Be Diverted-Conference to Be Held With Officials.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 .- Jess Willard, champion heavyweight prize fighter, announced tonight that he would re-enter the prize ring for the benefit of the Red Cross. He declared he would

the Red Cross. He declared he would defend his title against any person anywhere and any time, the sole provision being that all of the receipts should go to the Red Cross.

Willard said he preferred that a match be made for next Spring, so that it could be held in the open air. He also declared he would manage his end of the arrangements himself in order that no part of the proceeds could be diverted from the purpose for which he planned.

The champion will leave for Wash-

he planned.

The champion will leave for Washington at once, he said, to confer with officials of the Department of Justice to learn if there was any way in which moving pictures could be shown legally, the receipts from the pictures also being pledged to the Red Cross.

Jess Willard's announcement that he Jess Willard's announcement that he will meet any man in the world in a champlonship battle, the entire proceeds of the match to go to the American Red Cross fund, will cause a wild scramble among rival managers of the leading heavyweight boxers who have been after a bout with Willard for the

last two years. Fred Fulton, the Minnesota Giant Fred Fulton, the Minnesota Giant, without a doubt is entitled to a bout with Jess and should get the first chance at the "man mountain." Fulton has met nearly every heavyweight of prominence in the country, white and black. In some of his bouts he did not box like a coming champion, but, nevertheless, he always held his own, and in nine cases out of ten has won

In the last three months Fulton ha In the last three months Fulton has been going "like a house aftre" and has stopped all of his opposite before the scheduled distance phase been covered to the scheduled distance phase to the scheduled has stopped all of his opponents before the scheduled distance has been covered. Two weeks ago he battered "Gunboat" Smith into submission in eight rounds, and Friday night he knocked out "Porky" Flynn, of Boston, in three rounds, A year ago Flynn heid Fulton to a 20-round draw in New Orleans, so it can be seen how much he has improved.

Mike Collins, Fulton's manager, has been hot on Willard's trail for six months, and several days ago he be-

been hot on Willard's trail for six months, and several days ago he began sending broadcast a long circular letter signed by himself, stating that after December 20 he would claim the heavyweight championship of the world for Fulton, as Willard has refused repeated offers to fight, mentioning three offers of \$30,000, \$45,000 and \$50,000 that had been made to Willard by different promoters throughout the by different promoters throughout the country for a title match between Willard and Fulton.

Willard and Fulton.

If Willard backs up his statement and fights Fulton, the leading contender, he will be doing a big thing for the Red Cross. A 20-round bout between Willard and Fulton probably would draw \$100,000 and more.

Other heavyweights who have been

after a championship bout are Charley packed house of fight fans at the Co-Weinart, of New Jersey; Frank Moran, lumbia Boxing Club yesterday afterof Pittsburg; Bill Brennan, of Chicago;
Carl Morris, of Oklahoma, and Jack
Alex Trambitas and Harry Anderson. Carl Morris, of Oklahoma, and Jack Dempsey, of San Francisco.

lieves Champion Is Bluffing.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. Dec. 17.—
Mike Collins, manager of Fred Fulton.
Minnesota heavyweight, tonight characterized as insincere Jess Willard's the day of the fight will put Rivers on

declared. Willard that unless the forfeit was willard that unless the forfeit was covered by December 20 he would forthwith claim the heavyweight championship. If Willard posts his money and signs articles by that time, Fulton, too, will gladly donate his share of the receipts to the Red Cross. Furthermore, if Willard signs before December 20 Fulton will send the Red Cross. The meets a boxer, for his opponent. If he meets a boxer, for his opponent. If he meets a fighter he cannot be controlled in the money and signs articles by that time, whole weight of his shoulder and if he connects, which is rather the rule burdled are sure they can do better than the exception, it means "curtains" than New York in anything the East-please for his opponent. If he meets a boxer, for his opponent. If he meets a fighter he cannot be controlled in the connection of the controlled in the conditions in New York with much success, and such well-known Chicago tennis stars as Walter Hayes and Ralph Burdlek are sure they can do better than the exception, it means "curtains" than New York in anything the East-please the controlled in the connection of the controlled in the connection of the controlled in the connection of the connection of the controlled in the connection of the connec Furthermore, if Willard signs before than the exception, it means "curtains" December 20 Fulton will send the Red Cross a check for \$1000."

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Collins said Fulton would call off two pending battles for which forfeits as his opponent wants to. are posted if Willard would consent to

FAST CONTESTS LOOKED FOR

Mount Angel and Christian Brothers Quintets Play Wednesday.

The annual basketball game between Christian Brothers' Business College and Mount Angel College will be played Wednesday night on the local team's floor. The game should be exceptionally good this year, as both institutions stronger quintets than usual.

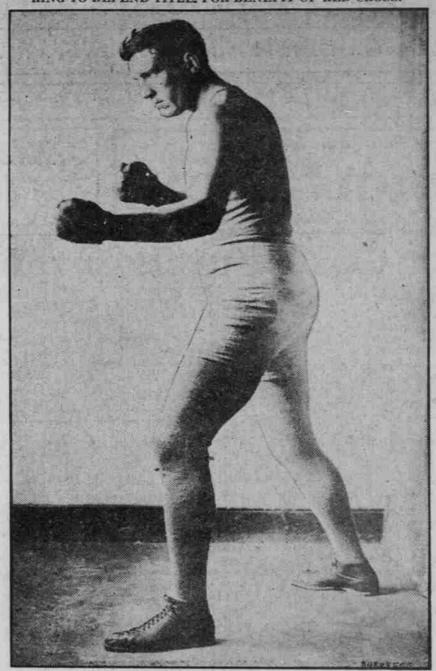
Brost, ex-Mount Angel star, is in the Christian Brothers' lineup this

Preliminary to the big game St. Andrews will play the Sacred Heart Court on the Christian Brothers' floor. The latter team has already played a tie game with the Christian Brothers' quintet itself, so this game also should be

The first game will be called at 7:45. Admission for both games will be 25



CHAMPION HEAVYWEIGHT PUGILIST, WHO WILL RE-ENTER RING TO DEFEND TITLE, FOR BENEFIT OF RED CROSS



JESS WILLARD

With Trambitas and Anderson, Displays Style All His Own. Laga Confident of Outcome.

Joe Rivers, the battling Mexican Dempsey, of San Francisco.

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Fulton's Manager Says That He Be
Rivers boxed like a champion and is the real goods when it comes to hitting and cleverness. He has a style of milling all his own and combines boxing with fighting. In his session with Alex Trambitas he stuck out his face and took some hefty ones on the chin without batting an eye.

fer to defend his title against any edge for his six-round tilt with Joe ghter.
"Willard is only bluffing." Collins clared. "On November 20 Fuiton sted \$1000 forfeit and gave notice to that Rivers is a mountain, but he is

that Rivers is a mountain, but he is scarcely an inch taller than Billy Mas-

Welsh Steadily Outboxed.

Freddie Welsh, former lightweight champion, could not do a thing with Rivers in their 20-round battle in Los Angeles, the Mexican outboxing him in nearly every round of the 20. When he met Ad Wolgast, a fighter pure and simple, for the lightweight champion-ship of the world, he waded right in and fought Wolgast off his feet for 13 rounds. The fight bout ended in a turmoil, Rivers being robbed of the championship.

Benjamin, the lanky Portland lightweight, whom Rivers will meet here Friday night, is a good boxer and in some of his bouts has shown streaks of fighting ability. He has an excep-

of fighting ability. He has an exceptionally good straight left and uses it to good advantage.

Since he was graduated from the featherweight ranks and has been taking on lightweights Benjamin has not lost a fight, meeting nearly every good boy on the Coast at his weight. In height Benjamin is a physical freak. boy on the Coast at his weight. In height Benjamin is a physical freak, hitting the beam at nearly six feet, and weighs, when in the best of condition, only 133 pounds. His advantage in height over his opponents enables him to send in his lightning lefthand jabs which, if landed often enough, worry a boxer more than a hard, solid punch.

Bobby Evans, who looks after Ben

Bobby Evans, who looks after Bena doubt Benjamin is the best boy on the Coast at his weight and has a good chance with Rivers. He will certainly have his hands full with Rivers and will have to be a pretty good boy to shade the Californian, or even get a draw with him. a draw with him.

High Up Among Lightweights. Joe Rivers is an unassuming chap out of the ring and has an individual personality, which, along with his won-derful fighting qualities, has placed him on the top rung of the lightweight

Rivers has, in the person of Bob Laga, one of the best managers in the

Laga, one of the best managers in the business, who has done a great deal to-ward putting Rivers to the front. Rivers brought his famous collection of diamonds to Portland with him and he will not know what a lightless night is while here.

Bobby Evans, matchmaker of the Pacific Athletic Club, has lined up a real all-star card of preliminaries to back up the Rivers-Benjamin bout. A match of the caliber of Rivers and Benjamin does not need a great amount of backing, but Evans has gone right ahead

and lined up the best bouts available in the Northwest for his card.

Harry Anderson, one of the cleverest boys on the Coast and holder of the lightweight title of Canada, is training hard for his six-round go with Jack Wagner, the rugged Portland lightweight, in the semi-windup. Wagner hits like a triphammer with either mitt and is bound to make things interesting for the clever Canadian. Anderson is well aware of the fact that he has no cinch in Wagner and is working harder and taking better care of himself than ever before.

Good Bantam Bout Expected. George Brandon, the bantamweight battler, will tangle with Danny Ed-wards, the Oakland colored flash, in wards, the Oakland colored flash, in the special event and this match should abound with thrills. Edwards is a classy boxer, whie Brandon fights from the word go and he has not met a boxer yet whom he could not reach. In his last bout before the local fans he flattened Sammy Gordon in two rounds and he will be out to finish Danny up in a hurry, if possible.

Jack Allen will meet Roscoe Taylor and Ted Hoke will mince matters with Joe Hoff in the other two bouts. Both

Joe Hoff in the other two bouts. Both of the above contests will be slambang affairs.

NEW YORK AND CHICAGO PLAY-ERS TALK UP SPORT. Regularly Marked Court and Red Balls

Used in Benefit Games for Banquet Stars in Service. Tennis on ice made its debut in Chi-

cago recently and was a huge success So much-so that it might be played at the local ice palace during the morning hours when skating is not pro-

Bowling Alley.

Former Champion of Prize Ring Discovered in Obscurity at Bos-

667 WAS bowling with a pal of mine up in Boston last week," said a New York sport recently returned from the Hub, "and I spots a colored fellow down at the end of the alley setting

remembered his battles with the big men-Jack Bonner, George Gardner, Dick O'Brien, Australian Jimmy Ryan

INTO COAST LEAGUE

Directors Take Action Ousting Portland, Giving Franchise for Nothing.

McCREDIE MAY GUIDE BEES

Double System of Arbiters Done Away With by Magnates-"Spider" Baum Is Being Sought to Direct Senators' Club.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17 .- (Spe cial.) - Admission to Pacific Coast League baseball games next season will cost just what it did last season, with the addition of the Government war tax. The league directors at their annual meeting here today decided against an increase of admission fees, voted Sacramento into the league in place of Portland, adopted a system of single umpire instead of double, as at present, and granted clubs permission to play as many pre-season exhibition games as they see fit.

Persons who have had the idea that the Coast League magnates were suf-fering from muscle-bound pockstbooks and frosted toes will please take note that the above acts testify to genuine optimism and sound business judgment, which calls for eliminating useless ex-

Soldiers to Get Some Aid.

Other matters taken up included the setting of January 3 as the date for the scheduled meeting to be held at San Francisco, the appointment of J. P. Cook, J. Cal. Ewing and Al. Baum as a committee to draft a suitable resolution to Judge McCredie on his retirement from the leasue, and the decision to set aside one day during the season upon which 25 per cent of the gross receipts shall go to Clarke Griffith's bat and ball fund for the soldiers in France.

The Moguis hung around the hotel lobby until a little after 11 o'clock before they finally decided that it was time to start business. President Lane, of the Salt Lake club, was introduced by Secretary Jack Cook, and Charley Graham, representing the Sacramento interests, engaged in shaking hands with a lot of folks who hadn't seen him since Wolverton was managing the Senators. Prexy Baum finally Soldiers to Get Some Aid. ing the Senators. Prexy Baum finally counted noses and decided that it was time to get down to business, so they said good-by to loving friends and newspaper men and filed silently into

The representatives were: President Al Baum, John Powers, of the Angels; Tom Darmody, of the Tigers; Cal Ewing, of the Oaks; Hen Berry, of the Seals; Bill Lane, of the Bees; Wall-ter McCredie, of the Beavers, and Charlie Graham, of the Sacramento crew. Apparently the first thing taken up by the Moguls was the matter of the Portland franchise.

HUMBOLDT, Ia., Dec. 17.—Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Frank Gotch, retired world's wrestling champion, who died at his home here yesterday. The services will be conducted by Rev. Alexander Bennett, of Salina, Kan., a friend of the Gotch family.

Sheridan Defeats Independence. the elevator. the Portland franchise.

This practically was a mere matter of form, as Judge McCredie had already turned the franchise back to the di-rectors and had secured for himself a Northwestern League berth.

Graham Is Welcomed.

Charlie Graham presented the claims of Sacramento and was welcomed to the league. The rumors of retrenchment which had been floating around the lobby previous to the meeting were well born out by the decision to cut down to the one-man umpire system, which until recently was in vogue in the Coast League. The cutting off of three umpires will reduce the running expenses of the league to some extent.

The question of a reduced player limit agitated the league moguls. Cal

Ewing, before retiring to the secret conclave, gave vent to a number of pointed utterances on this subject. The Oakland boy wants a smaller number of players and wants them younger. He was loudly in favor of a busher

rule calling for a 50 per cent repre-sentation of players never before in a league of Class AA caliber. Despite the presence of a number of managers and players, not to mention some three or four American Associa-

tion moguls, no startling announce-ment in the way of trades or sales were made. Walter McCredie stood around with a list of Portland players in one hand and a receipt book in the other, but reported no deals. Several large ru-

mitted that the magnates got busy and knocked down more actual business in the course of the first day's meeting than they usually do in the whole ses-sion. With two-thirds of the leagues in the country hoisting the white flag. the Coast owners proved themselves a bunch of optimists and hustlers.

RULES COMMITTEE IS TO MEET Basketball Schedule for Collegiate Title to Be Given Out.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The annual meeting of the National basketball rules committee will be held in city December 21, at which time it is expected that the intercollegiate championship schedule will be announced.

The preparation of the schedule has gave me. Joe Walcott, one of the greatest fighters that ever lived. I sat down at one of the tables after the past. I remembered seeing him in that great fight with Lavigne at Maspeth. I remembered his hattles with the hig.

Anson Cornell Visits.

Dick O'Brien, Australian Jimmy Ryan,
Dan Creedon, Sandy Ferguson, Fred
Russell, Kid Carter and Joe Choynski.
I recalled that neither Tommy Ryan
nor Kid McCoy cared to mingle with
line of the greatest gridiron
nor Kid McCoy cared to mingle with
the still sever produced, is a Portland visitor for
the days.

the St. Louis National baseball team since 1914, and who, it had been rumored, might be elected to manage the team in place of Miller Huggins, enlisted here today in the United States Marine Corps.

AQUATIC GIRL STAR INJURED

Charlotte Boyle May Be Counted Out of Competition for Good.

A promising career in swimming may be cut off almost at its inception may be cut off almost at its inception through a serious accident sustained by Charlotte Boyle, New York's champion girl swimmer. At a Manhattan pool recently Miss Boyle slipped on a springboard and sustained a severe gash on the instep of her right foot from a protruding nail, and it is possible that some of the ligaments have been torn, which may result in a stiffening of the foot. Until the result of an X-ray photograph is made known the exact extent of the injury is a matter of conjecture.

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Miss Boyle first broke into fame
when she captured the metropolitan championship honors during Splast week at the New York municipal pools capturing five first places during that week. Her remarkable performances at the Winter pool, Brighton Beach, four weeks ago against Claire Galli-gan, National champion and world's record holder, in a hundred-yard dash created a furore among Eastern swim-ming enthusiasts

ming enthusiasts. In this race Miss Boyle was defeated by a few inches and forced the cham-pion to hang up a new metropolitan record of 1 minute 8 4-5 seconds for the record of 1 minute 84-5 seconds for the century. Two weeks later in the same pool Miss Boyle, matched against Elizabeth Ryan, of the First Regiment swimming team, of Philadelphia, shattered Miss Galligan's record, when she defeated Miss Ryan in the new metropolitan record time of 1 minute 71-5 seconds.

It will be a severe loss to the sport if its ranks are permanently depleted by the absence of Miss Boyle, as all swimming experts conceded the coming National championship to Miss Boyle in all the short distances, as she is unquestionably the fastest girl is unquestionably the fastest gir swimmer in 100 yards that has yet ap peared in competition.

PLAYER LIMIT CUT TO 16 MEN American Association Also in Favor

of Playing 140 Games. CHICAGO, Dec. 17 .- Decision to ope the 1918 season either May 1 or 2 and to reduce the player limit from 17 to 16, exclusive of a manager, was reached at the meeting here today of the American Association club

owners. While po definite action was taken in regard to playing 140-game schedule instead of 154, President Hickey said tonight that the sentiment was strong in favor of the short season. The issue will be settled at a meeting of the eight club presidents at a meeting to be held in February.

The "spit ball." "shine ball," "emery ball" and other similar deliveries were legislated out of the league by

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SHERIDAN, Or., Dec. 17 .- (Special.) The Sheridan High School defeated the Independence quintet, 22 to 27, Saturday. It was the first interscholastic game of the season and marked Sheridan's first success in an effort to capture the Valley championship.

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Squirrel Food.

WLADEK ZBYSZKO and "Strangler" Lewis are now leading the list in the international wrestling tournamatches without being defeated.

Grantland Rice, considered the greatest sporting paragrapher in America, has enlisted in the service.

People who think of Woodrow Wil-son only as the scholar and thinker son only as the scholar and thinker will be quite surprised to learn that the President of the United States once coached the Wesleyan football team to a 10-2 victory over the University of Pennsylvania. The game was played in New York City on Thanksgiving day, 1889.

Meadowbrook Club, Philadelphia, probably will stage the 1918 meet of the Amateur Athletic Union.

The Cuban government has voted life pension of \$150 a month to Al-fredo de Oro, world's champion billiardist.

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and soft in the war.

The indoor game is played on a regularly marked court, the lines being painted on the ice in the same manner as in a hockey match. The nets and equipment are as usual, but the balls are painted red, to allow the players to follow one another's cuts and mashes and lobs on the white back-round of ice.

When the tennis stars first started in acticing on ice they acquired sundry aped shins, bruises and bumps in the cess.

Salcott Humble Employs:

Bowling A¹¹

Salta and it seemed pretty manager who are diverged a from the Salt Lake team this year.

Manning the big leaguers who are over the Yankees; Shore, of the Red Sox; Morton, of the Indians; Big-bee, of the Pirates; Gowdy, of the Saramento men have not yet incorporated. It was gossiped around the hotel, not not come other than the revered "Spider" and Mann. of the Cubs.

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Among the big leaguers who are over there' are Maranville, of the Braves; Ed Sweeney, of the Xankees; Shore, of the Pirates; Gowdy, of the Beaver players, as the Sactane and the team of the Beaver players, as the Sactane and the team of the Beaver players, as the Sactane and the same manner and franchise did not carry with it any of the Beaver players, as the Sactane and the Porton, of the Dodgers, Joe Braves; Cadore, of the Pirates; Gowdy, of the Sant Anders, Joe Braves; Cadore, of the Pirates; Gowdy, of the Sant Anders, Joe Braves; Cadore, of the Pirates; Gowdy, of the Sant Anders, Joe Braves; Cadore, of the Pirates; Gowdy, of the Sant Anders, Joe Braves; Cadore, of the Dodgers, as the Sactane and Late Braves; Cadore and Sant Anders and Joe Braves; Cadore, of the Dodgers, and Sant Anders a

A railroad 46 miles long in Colorado has just been abandoned because it cannot meet expenses.



PERFECTION OIL HEATER

Ex-O. A. C. Star Is Eliminated From Camp Lewis Eleven.

STERN MEASURES TAKEN

Coach Stanton Announces That No Matter if Player Is Star, He Cannot Make Team Unless He Is Willing to Practice.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.) Failure to report at two blackboard meetings without first notifying Chief Coach Lieutenant W. L. Stanton last week has cost Lieutenant Walter M. Keck, a member of the ninety-first division football squad, and former Oregon Agricultural College star, the opportunity of playing against the Marines at Pasadena, Cal., New Year's

more players whose names were not disclosed because they were second and third string men, also suffered the same fate as Lieutenant Keck.

Men Must Be Faithful.

In this action of Coach Stanton's he ber of the team, regardless of his abil-ity, that violations of orders laid down by him will result as did the case of Keck. Stanton says he cannot afford Keck. Stanton says he cannot afford to have the spirit of the team killed by a few men, no matter who they are. There also are two more players who have been notified in Portland by telegram, where they went on a furlough that unless they show up at once for practice when the real hard work be-gins they need not bother further about turning out. These men, whose names are kept secret, are considered two of the most valuable players on the team. They were notified by other members of the team who had talked with Coach Stanton and have received his ultima-

sick list, but will be ready for the big

game.
Turner, star end, is ill in bed. His attending physician refuses to permit him to leave the indoors in the inclement weather. Montieth is in none too good condition, it is said, but is working hard and is expected to be in fine shape in time for the big game. He is one of the most rugged and nashing players on the team

ATHLETIC MEET IS POSTPONED

Event Scheduled for Y. M. C. A. to Take Place After Holidays.

Owing to conflicting dates, the amateur athletic meet scheduled for Friday night in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium has been postponed until after the holidays. The exact date has not been set, but it is understood that the meet probably will be held on the first Friday after New Years.

The newsboys are going to held a Christmas banquet in the "Y" auditorium Friday and as it is especially desired to hear the vomesters present.

desired to have the youngsters present at the meet, Professor Garlock, who is arranging the programme, has decided to postpone it until the first of the year. Another factor in the post-ponement was that the Benjamin-Rivers bout at the Eleventh-Street Playhouse also will be held Friday

night "The extra time will aid us in getting the boys in shape for the meet," said Professor Garlock last night, "and we will be able to present a more con plete programme. More time also wi be given to advertise the affair. W want to have a big crowd, as all the receipts will be turned over to the fund for soldiers' and sailors' dependents."

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

