UNSIGNED CONTRACT RETURNED BY MORTON

San Francisco Pitcher Wants Increase in Offer.

TRAINING QUARTERS READY

Portland Players Will Be Supplied With Tents in California Refinery City.

EV JAMES I. RICHARDSON.

Ever since the McCredies in the spring of 1917 toted their baseball players to Honolulu for their annual training trip and were comfortably domiciled in tonis at Waikiki beach the Portland magnates have had a hankering again to return to that mode of living during the conditioning period.

When C. H. Smith, president of the Crockett, Cal., boosters' club, wrote Judge McCredie that the Portland team would be housed in tents while training at Crockett it made quite a hit with the Portland club owner.

The signed agreement of the Crockett people agreeing to take care of the Portland team's expenses during the period of their sojourn in the sugar refinery town was received at baseball headquarters yesterday. C. H. Smith, who appears to be the man at the belm in the Callfornia city, says that the Portland team and those accompanying it to Crockett will be royally entertained by his townspeople. BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON.

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The players will be housed in tents adjacent to the big Crockett hotel. The tents will have wooden floors and side walls and be covered with double canvas, making them warm and absolutely rainproof. Each member of the team and the sporting writers will the team and the sporting writers will be given one month's membership in the community clubhouse situated close to the hotel, which has a plunge, shower baths, handball courts, gym-nasium and every modern convenience for the athletes. Each member of the party also will be extended the privi-leges of the Crockett boosters' club.

Mr. Smith informed Judge McCredie that the ball park would be in excellent condition for the Beavers and that the players could step right out onto the players could step right out onto the field one minute after they hopped off

field one minute after they hopped off the train and donned their uniforms.

Harry Morton, pitcher, is the first player of the Portland team's reserve list to return his contract unsigned to baseball headquarters. The big right-hander, who resides in San Francisco and whom the McCredies think will develop into a corking good pitcher if he overcomes his wildness, writes he is entitled to more money than was offered him by the McCredies in their 1919 document and, while he refuses to be classed as a holdout, suggested to the McCredies in a very nice way that they raise the ante. Looks like Morton

R. S. Richmond of Tillmore, Ill., who R. S. Richmond of Tillmore, Ill., who claims to be a pitcher of the first magnitude, has made application for a chance with the Portland team. He is a right-hander, 6 feet, and weighs 170 pounds, according to his letter received at baseball headquarters yesterday. He is 22 years old and twirled for Bloomington in the Three-Eye league for three years.

Gene Doyle of Los Angeles has come to bat with the suggestion that the coast league clubs give a benefit for Tommy Quinlan, former well-known Sait Lake outfleider who lost his left arm and left leg while fighting for the United States in France. Tommy could use a little money and it would not hurt the magnates a bit if they set aside a portion of one day's gate reason aside a portion of one day's gate re-

Del Howard is trying to again land Billy Lee for the Oakland outfield. Lee quit the Oaks in July, 1917, and went east along with First Baseman Ray Miller and Jack Sheehan. Lee is said to be a bit peeved at Howard, but they are expected to smoke the pipe of peace. spected to smoke the pipe of peace and forget whatever little difficulties they had in the past.

Here is the material from which the Oakland fram probably will be selected. Look them over.

Plichers - Krause, Kremer. Prough,
"Burn" Ariett, Schrell (San Jose sami-pro).

Leifer (also outfielder), Holling (also in-

Catchers Mine, Rehrer, Drolette, Mur-ty, Roche (alea first base). Infleders Locker, Wares, Christensen, umpf, Murphy, "Pop" Arlett (also pitch-7, Croft.

ort, Croit, Outfielders—Miller, Middleton, Lee, Lane, Le Bourveau, Smale, Hawk, Cullers (semi-pro from Stockton).

The Reach Baseball company The Reach Baseball company has cancelled its contract to supply the Pacific Coast league with baseballs this year. Each year the teams in the P. C. L. have used approximately \$600 spheres. However, that was when the horsehides were cheap, but since then they have advanced rapidly in price and the Reach people refuse to stick to the riginal price agreed to in the con-



DOUBT if anything in baseball more overdone than the practice indulged in by so many batters of stepping out of the batter's box at the slightest provocation. Tedious delays work to the detriment of the game and no one practice contributes more to the many needless delays that come up many needless delays that come up than the constant stepping out of the box on the part of the batter. The practice gets on my nerves and I know it must have a like affect on the speciator. Baseball thrives on action and delays tend to kill action, hence should be eliminated wherever possible.

It might be impossible to enforce it It might be impossible to enforce it, yet it wouldn't be a bad idea to have a rule which stated that the battsman after getfing into the batter's box must remain there, unless the umpire suspends play. I recall one game last summer where a batter stepped out of the box four times before a ball was pitched to him. There was a runner on first base and there was an understanding between batter and runner as to what was on. The runner on first to what was on. The runner on first was a fast man, always able to get a big lead, so the pitcher drove him back to first three times on throws trying to catch him napping. The batsman in the batter's box became annoyed at the failure of the pitcher to deliver th ball, and, believing his chances to hit the ball had been weakened by the long delay, caused by the throwing to first, asked that time be called, stepped out of the box, walked around in a

circle and then stepped back in. Looking toward first base, the pitcher noted the runner still insisted on getting his big lead. He threw over five more times, and, although he falled to get the runner, he made him slide back into the base each time, and undoubtedly tended to tire him. While being driven back to first base the runner was unable to give

the batter any attention. The batsman, believing that possibly the runner was too tired to go through with the original play, stepped out of the batter's box, as the pitcher threw to first for the fifth time, so that he might fix up a new deal with the runner, if such was desired. The throwing to first base so many times had in a way thrown the pitcher off his stride. After the batsman had again stopped into the box, ready to resume. stepped into the box, ready to resume, the pitcher took so much time getting on the rubber that the batsman again stepped out. Just when it seemed things were once more set for action, a breeze that was sweeping the field caused so much during the reinforcement of the much dust in the neighborhood of the batter's box that both catcher and batter requested that play be suspended.

While this case is a trifle unusual, yet similar happenings come up time and again during the summer. I will wager that at least five minutes were wager that at least five minutes were consumed by the pitcher throwing to first and the batter stepping out of the box without a ball having been pitched. This is all wrong in a way, but whether such incidents can be corrected without destroying the rights of someone concerned there is a doubt. Perhaps it would be asking too much to compet the batsman to remain in the box ready to hit when the pitcher was ready to pitch, yet that is one way in which the delay might be curtailed. It would be impossible to limit the pitcher to the number of times he could throw to first base because the moment he had reached his limitations the baserunner would be able to take liberties, knowing there was no danger that he would be caught napping.

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would be able to take liberties, knowing there was no danger that he would be caught napping.

The umpires could hasten things if they would all decide to give the pitcher the right to pitch. regardless of whether the batsman was in the box unless the umpire himself decided there was enough reason to suspend play. If the batsman was made to realize he couldn't step out of the box without having the pitcher deliver he hall, even though he was out of the ball, even though he will put on some excellent fistic attractions. Evans left yesterday for Seattle with Joe Gorman, Billy Mas-

Attempt Made to Show Plaintiff Didn't Break With Husband.

LOS ANGELES.-Mrs. Mary Griffith's LOS ANGELES.—Mrs. Mary Griffith's
\$19,000 allenation-of-affection suit
against Mrs. Georgiana Gardner took a
sensational turn in Judge McCormick's
court when Attorney Joseph Ford began to question Mrs. Griffith regarding various occasions she had been in
the company of her husband, William
D. Griffith, since the suit was filed.
Another element in the case is the
presence of Milton Carlson, handwriting
expert, who will pass on a note said
Morris

recuperate.

local hotel. Dr. W. W. Gardner, husband of the

she asked. "Yes, ma'am," said the boy "Is it the motion going down?"

"No, ma'am."
"The motion going up?" "No. ma'am."
"Is it the stopping that does it?"

No. ma'am. Then what is it?"

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AFTER

MONTHS

ICE PALACE MAY BE SCENE OF NEXT SHOW

Heilig Theater Not Available Until Late in March.

CARD IS BEING ARRANGED

Bobby Evans May Become Promoter of Fistic Attractions in Vancouver, Wash.

With no possible chance of staging a boxing show at the Hellig theater until late next month, owing to previously booked attractions, the Portland boxing commissioners are endeavoring to secure permission to put on the next smoker at the ice hippodrome, better known as the ice paince, Twentieth and Marshall streets.

Commissioner Henry has tentatively arranged his next fisite programme but

bex in no position to hit it, he would be more careful as to his attitude.

SEPARATION IN QUESTION

Attempt Made to Show Plaintiff

metropolis. Evans promises more news on the subject upon his return.
Georgie Adams, Chicago bantamweight, who arrived in Portland from San Francisco with Morris Lux last week, worked out at Bobby Evans' boxing academy yesterday, and is one of the most accurate and hardest-hitting youngsters seen around here for some time. Adams stepped into San Francisco and knocked off most of the best men of his weight, and was going so good that the promoters forced him to take on boys weighing 125 and 130 pounds.

presence of Milton Carlson, handwriting expert, who will pass on a note said to have been written by Mrs. Griffith to her husband to call at the office for keys. The intent is to show they were friendly. Because Mr. Griffith was not present in court a bench warrant was issued for him.

Mrs. Gardner also was not 'n court. Her attorneys explained that her condition is such, after Mr. Griffith is alleged to have given her liquor, that she was with relatives in Riverside to recuperate.

Morris Lux, who has not participated in a bout since he met Lee Morrissey here a few weeks ago, says his hand is getting in shape and he will soon be able to use it. Lux hurt his hand in Scattle while boxing Frank Wolgast, and tried to fight Lee Norrissey here a few nights afterwards with one hand. Lux is a big booster for Adams, who may be seen in action against Billy Mascott in his first start.

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Gardner was in Mr. Griffith's company, but declares he posed as a single man, representing himself as a Government Inspector. As such he took Mrs. Gardner to a Venice cafe and gave her liquor, it is said: It was in evidence that Mr. Griffith called on her also at a local hotel.

Johnny Cashill has arrived in Oakland and challenged any boxer his weight to a duel with fists. Cashill wants to take a fling at Jimmy Dundee in his first start. Cashill's manager, who accompanied Johnny south, says Cashill ner to a Venice cafe and gave her liquor, it is said: It was in evidence that Mr. Griffith called on her also at a local hotel.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND-BY BRIGGS

friend whose husband was in the Army and the following conversation ensued "An' hab yo' heard f'um Jim lately?" "Yas, jes had a lettah yestuddy." "An' whah is he now?"

PRINCE ALBERT

CRIMP CUT

Peace Defensive Is Launched.

Willie Ritchie is training at the Olympic club in San Francisco for his four-round fight with Benny Leonard, world's lightweight champion, next would's lightweight champion, next would be no decision given and the boys kitchen door with his wife's voluble will step into the ring at catchweights.

Willie Ritchie is training at the Olympic club in San Francisco for his four-round fight with Benny Leonard, the last words were usually very rough and bitter. One morning, as Bastus came out of the morning of me to morning of me to morning, as Bastus came out of the morning, as Bastus came out of the morning, as Bastus came out of the morning of me to morning o An old colored woman met a younger fight dis heah wah in peace.

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With Lens Reduced to Stones,

gilist, Born in 1894, Is Auxious to Get Back Into Ring.

French boxer, in answer to a query as to his plans for the future. My hopes, my plans for the future you would have? My hopes are many, the yare high. My programme is not yet shaped, only is it being made by my faithful Descamps, now a very prosperous manufacturer.

But if I cannot tell you definitely erated from the Germans I received.

prosperous manufacturer.

But if I cannot tell you definitely who my first opponent will be so soon as I am permitted by the army of my country to re-enter the ring. I can say that the chances are that it will be my old friend and opponent, your "Bombardier" billy Wells.

Thus, as I write for you, there has just returned from Paris a gentleman well known in your boxing world who has received from Descamps on my behalf an option by which I have agreed in the event of that option being reduced to a contract and my terms being granted, to fight your big "Bombardier" or any other British boxer that may be selected.

Of course, the option may not be exercised that if I can a first they would know no want in the winter of their lives—I was as a man who could have cried but couldn't.

When Lens, my home, was lib—reacted from the Germans I received a few days' leave and made for the place. You English writers said that I am a Frenchman, all phlegm—a contraction.

It is true that in the ring I know in excitement, but when I went to Lens a few weeks ago and found it reduced to sones, when the town was no more, when it did not exist, when there was not a brick left of the Cafe for the cafe of the c

And you know Charles Ledoux, of course. Well, his affairs, like my own, are in the hands of Descamps, and the little fellow, who, instead of having been killed, as has been so aften said, has come through the war without a scratch, has agreed to sign a contract to meet Jimmy Wilde, or Pal Moore, the American. And this fight will also take place in London. Both Ledoux and myself, like every other fighter, will be glad to begin big boxing again. Neither of us has put a glove on for money since 1914.

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may venture to say that I we never in better shape in my life.

am bigger and stronger than ever. In the gymnasium when I have boxed I have felt that my sense of distance is as good and as sure as at any time BY GEORGES CARPENTIER.

(The following article was written for a ondo naper by Carpentier, the famous teach boxer, in answer to a query as to plans for the future.)

In my life,

I am as good a Carpentier as in 1914; at least, that I must believe because the fighter who doubts himself must lose and pass away; he must be plans for the future.) in my life.

of course, the option may not be exercised; that is, the gentleman, who is acting for a syndicate of English sportsmen and whose credentials were approved by Descamps, may not make a contract, and naturally there will be nothing doing.

Bombardier Is Preferred.

But I have every reason to believe that in a month's time I will have signed up to have my first big fight, when I am free to do so, with Wells. Personally, I have not inquired too closely as to the rendezvous, but if I remember rightly Olympia was mentioned.

And you know Charles Ledoux, of loned.

And you know Charles Ledoux, of began boxing for money in 190s. ourse. Well, his affairs, like my have never stopped fighting since.

SHOCK MYSTERY SOLVED

Steam Choked by Snow in Rainier Causes Explosions.

TACOMA, Wash.—Year after year during the winter time there have been reports of earth shocks felt from big boxing again. Neither of us has put a glove on for money since 1914. Mount Rainier, in the Rainier national we should never have thought of doing so until it was all over.

There was an occasion when I was offered a sure \$10,000 to go to America when I got my discharge, but I intend to leave the States alone for a careful observation made by winter future data. I have share for their careful observation made by winter careful observation.

intend to leave the States alone for a future date. I have always felt that my first big fight would be in London, where I have always been treated so generously, and it may not he news to you, but it is a fact that more than a year ago the directors of your Holborn stadium took up an option on me to meet Wells. But for reasons of their own they did not go on with it.

Now another syndicate has come along, as I have said. places ejected with such force that

When will I be demobilized? That I cannot teil. May be a year at least will go by hefore I get back to civil life, for it is thus—I am one of the youngest class, and as such I will be the last to be freed by the military authorities.

But we are not at war now, and if I have a match made I believe that I shall be permitted to fight, though I will then be still a soldier.

So if all goes well you may see me in the ring again in June, perhaps at olympia. If it be so it will be strange, for it was at Olympia in June in 1914 that I fought Gunboat Smith in that building.

Carpentier in Best of Shape.

It would be unbecoming of me to

twas discovered, according to park officials, in a very natural way. The new snow of thestorms was forced by terrific winds into crater vents until these openings were completely closed. In that way steam ejection was temporarily stopped. Once the vents were closed, the snow and ice packed rapidly upon the top and effectively shut in the gases of the old volcane for a time. Gradually the increasing steam pressure became self increasing steam pressure became its great enough to force open the old crater vents through thesnow cap. Itsears and full-fledged earthquake level, which is of just one-third the height of the mountains.

tain.

Park officials have said nothing of the earth shocks, waiting their explanation. But with the solving of the mystery this winter, confirming previous observations, they felt that a load had been taken off their minds—relieving a fear that possibly the mountain snoring meant to convey a meaning than they cared

FOCH LEARNING TO SMOKE French Marshal Has Acquired Habit

of Using Pipe.

LONDON .- Marshal Foch has acquired the habit of smoking the pipe. The French do not smoke pipes. Day by day Marshal Foch saw Field Marshal Haig and other British generals in the vortex of the war calmly doing their work behind good, big-bowled briar

pipes.
Foch asked Haig what it was like
to smoke a pipe. He bought one. He
filled it under careful British military instruction. He began the attempt with energy and purposeful determination, but at first smoked more matches than tobacco. Now, however, he has mas-tered it, and he thoroughly enjoys a good briar which he has bought from a British firm.



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