

EGLIS SOCIETY GOES BOVING

Titled Lords and Ladies Give Support to Pugilistic Game in London.

M'INTOSH AND BRITT JOIN

Fight Promoters Make Money at Business—Arena Fitted in London's Biggest Building at Expenditure of \$10,000.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—William T. Stead, the famous publicist, says "The London Times" devotes a full column of its best space to a dissertation on the "Kidney punch" he thinks it is time for the authorities to consider the necessity of making further provision for the accommodation of England's lunatics. But whatever may be the views of puritans, the stamp of Mr. Stead and those who follow him there is no doubt that boxing is at the moment one of the most attractive forms of popular entertainment in England. The opera, the pantomime and the musical comedy have all taken a back seat or made room for the ropes and gloves.

McIntosh's Invasion Is Impetuous.

The invasion of Hugh D. McIntosh who may safely be described as the Bear of the boxing world has given an impetus in England such as only those on the spot can sufficiently realize. It is not that he is a great fighter, but that he is a national, up to the present, before his patrons; on the contrary his shows have been of the mediocre variety, the only man possessing the semblance of a genuine pugilistic freak and of boxers being Bill Lang, the Australian.

Pugilistic Freaks Uncarried.

Jack Burns, the California heavy weight, who was the first to go up against Lang, is one of these specimens, the much boosted Bombarider Wells is another, and Parsons and Lang himself make up a quartet of alleged heavy-weight champions who have already been put out of action as far as having any claim to championship in this or any other country is concerned.

Weight Is in Attendance.

As to the men they may be anything from clerks in department stores to Lords, Dukes and Marquises with sporting instincts. The shirt fronts adorned with sparkling diamonds give tone to the show and suggest the surroundings of unlimited wealth. No stranger witnessing the scene could for a moment realize that there is hunger, distress and misery almost in the next breath. Even clergymen patronize these boxing bouts, and altogether there is the most varied assortment of humanity that one could expect to see.

Butcher Is Hailed.

The prospects of finding a white heavyweight to contest the championship with Johnson would now be remote if it were not for the sudden discovery of a young butcher named Chase, who until a week or two ago was unheard of outside the small community who patronized his little store in a poor London suburb. He is a discovery of A. F. Bettinson, who manages the National Sporting Club and in the three or four contests he has had in the last month or two he disposed of all the heavyweights in a round or two by the knockout process.

will make good or not remains to be seen but he can, so far as seen, that he is the only undefeated heavyweight in England.

What is remarkable about this man is that no follower of boxing ever heard of him before he went in for a novices' competition at the National Sporting Club at the end of last year. He has since figured in the annual amateur contests where he would have had an opportunity of showing something of his form, which he says were always heavy superior even from his schoolboy days. The general feeling is that Chase is a stiff proposition and that he is the only man at present in the list of contenders who has any pretensions to meet the big negro.

Sullivan Is Undefeated.

Another undefeated man in the middleweight division is Jim Sullivan, who claims the title of the middleweight champion of England, which carries along with it Lord Londsdale's belt. Joseph is a title of great honor, but the champion though he has been defeated by the lightweight Freddie Welsh, Joseph is also the proud possessor of a Londoner's belt which he must defend soon or surrender it. Speaking of Freddie Welsh, there is a heated controversy at present as to the difference between the English and American styles of boxing. The whole difficulty centers around the question of whether or not the English style is a better one, and on grounds which have not hitherto been explained. Freddie feels that Corri is a bit of a sport and that Joseph is a bit of a snob, which means that a man who is a referee is not justified in having a gambling interest and contest. This fact alone is the reason of the Welsh-McFarland contest.

When Welsh was seen at Olympia on the occasion of the Wells-Moer contest he declared that he was not going to Stockyards boy anywhere for any sum, but he could not and would not allow him to assume the role of a dictator in the matter. He was, however, very ready to refuse, and on grounds which have not hitherto been explained. Freddie will draw the biggest crowd that has ever been seen at a boxing contest in England. Whether they show under the McIntosh-Britt management or not, that combination means to pursue his career of developing the best talent in British boxing in the hope that one day a man may arise who will bring back to Great Britain the title of heavy-weight champion of the world.

WASHINGTON TRACK MEN OUT Fifty Prospective Candidates Respond to Coach Maybury's Call.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Feb. 18.—The first day on the track for the opening of the Spring training season at the University of Washington brought out 50 prospective track candidates to Coach James Maybury's call. The track is being put in splendid condition for the training season and Maybury will buckle down to hard and steady training as soon as his men get into proper condition.

CLUB VETERANS TO DINE ORIGINAL MULTNOMAH MEN TO TALK OVER OLD TIMES.

Twelfth Annual Dinner at Commercial Club Next Saturday Promises to Be Most Interesting.

Forty members of that corps who guided the destinies of the now great Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club when it was a straggling institution located in a back room on Second street in the early '90s, will gather around the banquet board at the Portland Commercial Club next Saturday night to live over again the club days of old. These veterans who started, aided and saw the Multnomah Club grow from a society of athletic manhood, almost glomphood, have linked themselves together in a little club within its parent organization and call it the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club Veterans. The society's function will be the twelfth annual dinner. In the intervening years since the first dinner was given in 1899, the club has gradually dwindled until now there are but two score left to honor the struggle for existence of one of the greatest athletic institutions in the United States.

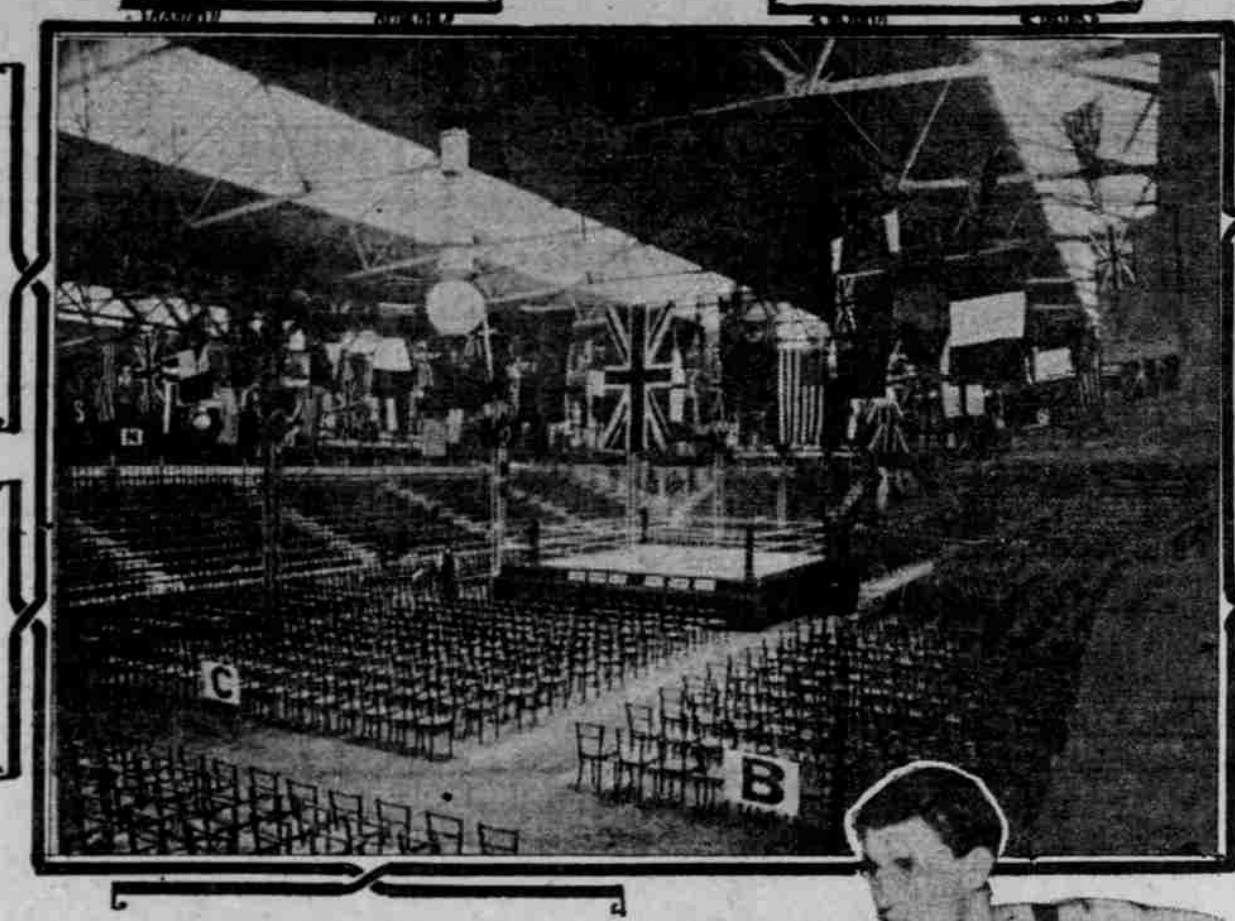
Through their own little circle the Veterans have accomplished great good for their own body. They are a power for good; their sentiments are generally taken up by the younger clubmen and their spirit is as hot as when they were in the club. The Veterans are always present at every official meeting of the club and a ready response is brought from them when suggestions are requested.

The enthusiasm of a few of these members at Tuesday night's annual meeting made it possible for the club to raise \$50,000 among the members, the club having personal notes when the club was destroyed by fire last July the Veterans were the first to respond to the call for aid.

The committee in charge of the dinner arrangements is composed of T. H. McCallis, George L. Bickel and Dr. A. E. Mackay. Many veterans being that of 1892-3, will also be present, in fact, most of the club's early officers are numbered among those 40 survivors of the fire.

Champion Wolgast Benefited. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 18.—Ad Wolgast, lightweight champion pugilist, was married here today to Miss Mildred Foster, 18 years old. The bride was a schoolmate of Wolgast. The honeymoon will be a trip to New York, where the champion fights with "Knockout" Brown on March 3.

SCENE OF BRITISH PUGILISTIC REVIVAL, AND TWO FIGHTERS WHO APPEAR THERE.



The Ring at the Olympia in London.

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WOLGAST FALLS TO DUKE PAPPE

Champion Does Not Show to Advantage as Boxer With "K. O." Brown.

ROUTE NOT LONG ENOUGH

James J. Corbett Regrets Lack of Real Science in Leading Lightweights of Present Day—Reviews Pugilists of Present.

BY JAMES J. CORBETT. BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Adolph Wolgast, champion lightweight, did not add materially to his laurels in the six-round encounter with "Knockout" Brown, the pride of Gotham. On the other hand, he was by no means disgraced, as some few reports would have it. Fair minded critics appear unanimous on the point that while Ad did not show to advantage during the early stages of the contest, he was going at full speed in the last two rounds.

Brown's peculiar style seemed to puzzle the champion as a fighter, and it took some time before he could get on to the New Yorker's pitching. Which is no boast for Adolph. If ever a boy was arrested during a fight, it was Adolph. Ad never has made any extravagant claims as a clever boxer. His forte is supposed to be what in these days is termed "fighting," and which consists mainly of the rough-house methods that have become so popular with later-day pugilists.

A majority of the Gotham critics who journeyed to Philadelphia gave the decision to Brown without question, but the more fair-minded and unbiased judges called it a draw. It was expected that Ad would not have any of the better of it at the hands of the New York newspaper men, who apparently cannot figure the champion as a fighter, and the prejudice against the little Michigan underdog must have influenced the verdicts; and then, again, Wolgast, like his predecessor, Nelson, is no six-round fighter. The fact is he was forcing the fight in the last two rounds and had a shade the better of the going would indicate that the champion's style is not to his taste and had solved the New Yorker's style. At any rate, his work toward the finish of the bout earned him a draw in the eyes of the unprejudiced.

Lightweight Crop Is Poor.

As an exhibition of boxing such as would be expected from champion Wolgast, it was a rank disappointment and emphasizes the point that we are sadly lacking in material when a boy of Wolgast's caliber is called upon to fight a root. One has not to look far back to bring home the truth of this. When one tries to compare the present bunch with those marvels of speed and cleverness that were the champions of the past, the picture is not a very flattering one. The fact is that the present crop of lightweight pugilists is not as good as the crop of the past. The fact is that the present crop of lightweight pugilists is not as good as the crop of the past.

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HERRMANN'S RULING HURTS

San Francisco Writers Have Mistaken Idea Decision of League President Is Not Subject to Change by Baseball Heads.

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CLARK CALLS RENO FIGHT FAKE

Future Speaker Rejoices at Growth of Restrictive Laws.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Speaker-to-be Champ Clark, in an address at Calvary Baptist Church of this city, last night, alluded to the Jeffries-Johnson fight as "that fake prizefighting affair of July last."

"None of us thinks prizefighting a very agreeable pastime or a thing to be fostered by an enlightened people," he said, "yet 25 years ago prizefighting could be carried on in every state of the Union. Today, it is against the law in nearly every state. Nevada was the last to get in line, and it is a pity that she did not enact prohibitive laws against the brutal sport before that great and scandalous fake was pulled off in Reno last July."

Clark declared that the recent activity of laymen in religious affairs had done much good and that more good was to be expected from this co-operation of the laity with the clergy. He declared that President Taft, Colonel Roosevelt and William Jennings Bryan were qualified to go into the pulpit and preach sermons. He would not be surprised, he said, if Colonel Roosevelt and Mr. Bryan ended as preachers.

Good "Middles" in the East.

There are several promising middles around this neck of the wood, and I find the New York papers full of praise for Frank Klaus, the Pittsburgh boxer, who stood off the late champion in a two-round fight with Houck. He was stopped by Willie Lewis in six rounds, and if that is the scrap on which the scribes are boosting him for the championship, he will have to show something better than that to establish his claim as a challenger for the title. Lewis could not beat a second-rate fighter like Houck, and the Dixie Kid a few months ago, and was a joke in the hands of Papke in Paris last winter.

On the dope Jimmy Gardner and Leo Houck will be the best in this part of the country, with the former a veteran and on the down grade, which will give the meeting a certain interest. It is coming in the time. Leo was unlucky enough to break one of the small bones of his hand a short while back and the accident kept him from fighting until he was so good as dead. His last bout was with a boy named Williams, whom he easily outpointed. Willie Houck has not taken a fight since he was so badly beaten by Billy Papke appears to be, still the Lancaster boy has met the best in the East and the west he got the best of. The winner of the bout between Gardner, Klaus, and Houck would seem to be the logical opponent for Papke upon his return.

Guests we will have to look forward to some one or other of the budding "white hopes," as the veterans among the heavyweights are gradually dropping out of the game. There has been announced for the 'seventh time that under no circumstances will he ever engage in another contest, and Tommy Burns related that he had seen the injured knee will keep him out of the squared circle for all time and has therefore cancelled the engagement with Billy Lang in England. In April, Jeff has been known to make the same declaration of intentions before, only to change his mind and re-enter the game, but I guess he is not so good as he was.

Al Kaufman is on the road with a show and challenges Johnson in every town, or at least his press agent, the detestable Al Kaufman, who wants to box Johnson over a long route and will not listen to Jack O'Brien's six round proposition. He argues that he wants to win the title, and that the only chance is in a long affair and wants Jack to accommodate him in the matter. Kaufman suggests next Labor day as a favorable date for the bout, but intimates that the champion can have a side bet of any amount up to \$20,000 if he wishes. He would "listen" more like the real thing and a side bet of weight if the mention of a big side bet were omitted.

Champion Johnson Sidestepping.

Johnson sidesteps every direct attempt to clinch a match, and in doing the dodging stunts tries to work in a little of his comedy. In speaking of Kaufman's desire to meet him Jack says he will back his sparring partner, Walter Morahan, and his own particular "chick" against the artist, and will be as much as Al on the result. This sort of guff does not interest the sporting public in the least and Jack would do well to can the comedy. An answer one way or the other from the champion as to his intentions would be more to the point.

TRACK MEET DATE IS MAY 13

Washington's Interscholastic Affair to Be Held on Denny Field.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Feb. 18.—Acting Manager Herbert H. Sells of the Associated Student body has secured an understanding yesterday with the Interscholastic committee and says that the University of Washington sixth annual interscholastic meet will be held on Denny field next week. The meet is to be held in the Tacoma High School stadium.

The university having held several successful meets in the past, attracted much attention. The Tacoma citizens deemed it wise not to interfere too strongly with the Washington meet. "We expect to make this interscholastic meet the largest and most successful of years. We hope to make our medals more attractive as well as our accommodations. The interscholastic meet will realize that as fraternities cannot pledge high school students who have not finished their courses, they will not be so numerous as in the past. The student body will plan for equally as good accommodations for the high school athletes."

SLOW BALL PITCHER TO PASS Mathewson Declares Speed Is Essential Qualification Now.

Christy Mathewson is of the opinion that the day of the slow ball pitcher in fast company is a thing of the past. "When I broke into the big leagues," said Christy the other day, "Win Mercer, Clarke Griffith, Red Donohue and other pitchers were getting away with their games and each one was depending upon a slow ball to large extent. Billy Rely and Dusty Rhoades followed them, but look over the list of pitchers in the two big leagues today and you will find that the slow ball pitcher who is noted for his slow ball. There may be some who have a floater in their repertory, but they do not depend upon it. Today the big league pitcher must have speed. The majority of the big league pitchers are large men, but large or small they must be able to get steam on the ball or they go back to the minors. In fact, when a big league scout reports the minor league to his employer, the first question that the latter asks is, 'Has he any smother?'"

"I have reasoned it out that the slow ball pitcher scarcely ever won his games by small scores and the clubs in the days when slow ball pitchers thrived generally had a lot of batters who won their games by big scores. It did not cause much damage if five of six runs were scored against a club that owned a slow-ball pitcher if that team was able to go out and score seven or eight runs. But nowadays the scores are small and a pitcher who with the slower find it difficult to stand the pace."