

CHAMPIONSHIP IS NOT SETTLED

Heavyweights Are Still in Doubt as to Who the Real Leader Is.

MELLODY HAS UPSET MIDDLEWEIGHT CLASS

Tommy Ryan Has Retired From the Ring—Herman and Gans Will Attract a Big House at Tonopah on New Year's—Sporting Chapter.

By Manhattan.

New York, Dec. 19.—There are two fighting championships still in the air. Honey Melody's decisive defeat of Joe Walcott places him firmly at the head of the welterweight division. The Attelle is undisputed champion among the featherweights, while Gans' pre-eminence in the lightweight squad can not be seriously questioned. The heavy and middleweight championships are in doubt. While Jeffries is still able to fight, of course, the heavyweight title can be held only on sufferance, but there is no one to whom even this much of a title belongs. O'Brien, Burns, Berg and Johnson all are in the list of claimants, and one's claim is about as valid as the other's.

There seems to be a disposition on the part of some sporting writers, a majority, in fact, to rate the negro, Johnson, as the best of the bunch. I am frank to say I can see no reason for this outside the fact that the white fighters seem disposed to sidestep him. Johnson has never shown any superlative merit as a fighter, so far as my reading of the records go. It would be gratifying if these claimants for heavy-weight honors would fight it out between them, and let the people decide. Jeffries to show just how good he was, the big fellow to be handicapped by having one hand tied or his legs in irons, or something of that sort. A great deal of newspaper space would be saved if this were done.

Ryan Is Out of It.

Tommy Ryan has really retired and thus leaves the middleweight championship in about the same fix as the heavyweight. Jack O'Brien, regardless of his standing as a heavy weight, can make the middleweight limit, and I believe can whip any aspirant for the honor.

There will be very general regret over the news that Terry McGovern will never recover his mind fully and probably never enter the ring again. Terry was a fighter and nobody ever went to see the little chap in a mixup who did not get the worth of his money. The next approach to a big fight will be when Joe Gans meets Kid Hermann at Tonopah, New Year's day. If Gans goes in the ring anything like the Gans who met Nelson there should be nothing to the fight but Gans, and the chances are that he will, for the Baltimore smoke knows that a lost battle means down and out for his.

A novel suggestion comes from Football Coach Warner of Cornell. He declares there should be 12 instead of eleven men in the team. He says he finds it difficult under the new rules to formulate plays with 11 men, and is convinced that a better game could be played with 12 men.

He illustrated his remarks with a diagram showing how on the offense the drawing back of a line man for a plunge revealed the purpose and weakened the line. On the defense he showed how easy it was to draw off the meager secondary defense by a fake play. An extra man in the rear, he contended, would balance the defense and make the game more a match on even terms.

Yale and Harvard.

The talk of the breaking-off of football relations between Yale and Harvard will not down. That the Yale men are still sore over the manner in which Harvard forced them to accept officials for the last game is a certainty. The indignity rankles. Whether the wound is deep enough to result in a refusal to meet Harvard again on the gridiron is a question which will get be answered for some time to come. If it does, it is not likely that Yale will take on any of the big colleges in Harvard's place. The Yale faculty think that one game of the caliber of Harvard and Princeton is about enough.

They have, however, allowed Yale tradition to go on unbroken and allowed both her ancient rivals to be met annually. Should one, however, quit her schedule, indications are that nobody would be substituted.

Since it was announced that the Harvard overseers would not vote on the retention of intercollegiate sport, rumors have sprung up that Yale would take on Pennsylvania. It is extremely likely that the Yale faculty will tell the football officials that a minor college of none at all will take Harvard's place on the football schedule.

A Few Statistics.

Here are some of the injuries received on the gridiron during the season just passed:

Ten broken collar-bones, 10 broken legs, 2 sprained ankles, 1 bad face wound, 2 fractured ankles, 1 wrenched hip, 7 twisted knees, 2 cases of concussion of the brain, 3 men kicked in the head, 1 "seriously injured," 3 arms broken, 2 broken noses, 2 broken fingers, 3 leg bruises of a minor character, 3 legs twisted, 1 injured knee, 2 backs bruised, 1 player dazed, 1 breast-bone

O. A. C.'S BASKETBALL SQUAD NOW MAKING AN EXTENSIVE TRIP.



The Players Are, Reading From Left to Right—Swann, Read, Foster, Cate, Bilyeu, Trine (Trainer). Those Reclining Are—Rooper, J. Rooper, Spires and Bennett.

fractured, 1 elbow dislocated and 1 player merely described as "laid up."

Even under the new rules, therefore, it may be seen that football is hardly a game for young ladies' seminaries. The University of Pennsylvania authorities are developing the minor sports as much as possible in order that there may be some form of athletics in which every student can indulge. It is on this account that Pennsylvania fosters more individual sport than any other university in the country. The following list of sports which flourish at Pennsylvania shows the extent to which the idea of some form of athletics for every student has grown: Football, baseball, rowing and track athletics for the major sports; baseball, bowling, boxing, cricket, fencing, hockey, lacrosse, swimming, water polo, tennis, racquets, wrestling, shooting and golf among the minor sports. With this array from which to choose, and an instructor for nearly every one, it is no wonder that athletic exercise at Pennsylvania is so popular and beneficial.

RUNNING OF THE NAGS ON THREE RACE TRACKS

(Journal Special Service.)

Los Angeles, Dec. 19.—Race results: First race, mile and 50 yards—Merlingo won, Elizabeth F. second, C. H. Walworth third; time, 1:45.

Second race, seven furlongs—Zeethus won, Elmer second, San Alvisio third; time, 1:29.

Fourth race, mile—Euphrides won, Ed Hall second, Merrill third; time, 1:41.

Five furlongs—Prolific won, Halton second, Commda third; time, 1:01 1/2.

Six and half furlongs—Sir Caruthers won, All Black second, Line of Life third; time, 1:18.

(At New Orleans.)

(Journal Special Service.)

New Orleans, Dec. 19.—City Park race results:

Six furlongs—Rod Ruby won, Mr. Scott second, Knight third; time, 1:20 3/4.

Five and half furlongs—Expect to See won, John Kaufman second, Billy Vertress third; time, 1:12 1-4.

Five and half furlongs, handicap—Mori Boy won, Monet second, Gild third; time, 1:19 4-8.

Five and half furlongs—Sir Toddington won, Beau Brummel second, Pompadour third; time, 1:19 3-8.

Six furlongs—Rickey won, Kleinwood second, Raibert third; time, 1:18.

Five and half furlongs—Lucky Charm won, Potheen second, Col. Bartlett third; time, 2:01 1-8.

(At Oakland.)

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Oakland race results:

Six furlongs—Mala won, Cheers second, Al Laidley third; time, 1:18.

Futurity course—Hearsay won, Belle Reed second, Marie H. third; time, 1:13 1-8.

Third race, six furlongs—Marion Rose won, Shady Lad second, Judge third; time, 1:16 3-8.

Five and half furlongs—Shot Gun won, Collector second, Fire Ball third; time, 1:08.

Five—Dorado won, Baker second, Liberto third; time, 1:42 4-8.

Five—Bolman won, Lubin second, Rightful third; time, 1:43 3-8.

Since his recent defeat at the hands of "Monk the Newboy," George Dixon, the former featherweight champion, is said to realize that his fighting days are over for good. In his prime "Little Chocolate" was without an equal.

CAUSE OF TERRY'S BREAKDOWN

Is a Victim to Overtraining and Not Building Up Proper Defense.

CONTINUED PUNISHMENT RUINS MANY BOXERS

Records Today Show That the Fighters Who Keep to the Front Are as Skillful in Defending Themselves as in Giving Blows.

Terry McGovern, strapped to a cot in a Brooklyn insane ward, is a lesson to fighters who have studied only the offensive side of their calling. The former champion of the world is still a youngster. Five years ago he ranked as the greatest little man the game had ever known.

It is not the pace that kills which pulled down Terry. His bad habits did not begin until his decline had started. Perhaps they helped to hasten the end. They did not begin it.

McGovern is a victim of overtraining and lack of a proper defense.

He came into the ring a full-fledged champion. He underwent no apprenticeship. He had a punch that none could withstand. Others might be better boxers, but the terrible punch of Terry for a time discounted all skill, and it was not until he met in Young Corbett, a youth who did not fear him, who could box and had a wallop that Terry was dropped from his pedestal.

Had No Defense.

Meantime, during four busy years, Terry had been fighting without a defense. He had never learned how to cover up his body and protect the vital parts. He won so easily that he did not think he needed to master the defensive skill that enabled a man to survive a long career and come out unharmed.

"Take a blow to give one," was Terry's motto. He acted on it literally. With lowered head, careless of what punches might be rammed into his heart and stomach, he rushed in to annihilate his men. He usually succeeded, but in every one of these fights he was hit often and hard.

This continued punishment had a cumulative effect. Terry became a nervous wreck. Moreover, he was always in training, and gave outraged nature no chance to rejuvenate itself. His finish is only what must have been expected under the circumstances.

An examination of the records will show that it is only the men who understood the art of avoiding punishment who have kept to the fore for a long time.

Joe Gans was a champion before Terry, and he is still one. He knows how to box. Tommy Ryan and Jack O'Brien illustrate the same idea. After they quit the boxing game they will still be splendid specimens of manhood in fine physical and mental trim. "Little Chocolate" was without an equal.

The slap, bang boxer who reckons

nothing of taking a punch is a hero with the public while it lasts, but he pays the price.

Case of Kid Carter.

A few years ago the public delighted to cheer Kid Carter, one of the bravest men who ever pulled on a glove. He had a terrific punch, and those who saw him give away weight to Gus Ruhlin will never forget his matchless courage in those unequal bouts.

He took terrible beatings from Peter Maher, whom he knocked out, Marvin Hart and Jack O'Brien, yet he never flinched. Finally all of a sudden he collapsed and went back so pitifully that men who at one time would have run from him for their lives were able to knock him out. Had Carter first learned how to ward off punishment, he might have been a star today.

Tom Sharkey was as brave as any of them. He could slug, but not box. The awful lacing Jim Jeffries visited on the sailor put him out of the fighting game. He came back once and took on Jack Munroe, but he was no longer the Sharkey of old.

Kid Broad was a similar case in the ranks of the smaller men. So was game little Eddie Hanlon, a lionhearted youngster who was fighting champions while in his teens. Eddie was a bulldog, a fighter who did not fear him, who could box and had a wallop that Terry was dropped from his pedestal.

Al Weing had a wallop, but no guard and his light went out. Yet Jimmy Gardner, a welter, who can box, ought to be good for 10 years.

George Gardner's clumsy style and ruggedness went for a while, then the effect of the poundings began to tell, until eventually he lost his courage and became eventually the worst lemon in the ring.

In football the coaches always teach a team how to defend its goal before imparting the art of mauling touchdowns. It should be so in boxing.

The man with the punch, who forgets the laws of self-defense, can have but short-lived success in the ring, and that only at a terrible risk.

SPORTING COSSIP

If the reports from California are true Manager Frank Chance, of the Chicago Cubs, has signed several coast league players for next season.

President Garry Hermann, of Cincinnati, doubtless will be selected chairman of the national commission. No other name is mentioned and it looks very much as though no one else wants the job.

There will be four or five new managers in the Central league the coming season.

Both the National and American league meetings were pretty little love feasts. It seemed to be the general inclination to wipe out the old scores and start a new name.

The New Orleans Midwinter baseball league has opened its season and games are played every Saturday. Sounds good to the fan.

The Hamilton Tigers are the Rugby football champions of Canada for 1906.

Jack Johnson, the colored heavy-weight pugilist, is booked to sail for Australia next week.

Boston followers of the green cloth probably will witness a billiard match in the near future between Harry Cline, of Philadelphia, and Albert Cutler, the new shortstop champion.

With polo, races and carnivals, the roller skating rink is in great favor this winter. Now they want six-day races on the little wheels.

Nearly all the American jockeys who raced in Europe this year have signed contracts to return to the other side next season.

Honey Melody, the welterweight champion, has received an offer to meet Joe Thomas, the California fighter, in a 20-round bout at Colma next month. The two met once before, on which occasion Thomas gained a decision over Melody.

John L. Sullivan was one of the first to volunteer his services for the proposed Terry McGovern benefit, to be given in New York.

Nearly every city and town in the country has a local king of the fans or rooters, but in Mike Reagan, Boston claims the prize. And the claim certainly looks good. Reagan is not interested financially in baseball. He loves the game solely for the enjoyment it affords him and not only attends the opening games in the several cities of the American and National leagues and in the Eastern, New England and other minor leagues, but he makes it a rule to attend their annual meetings during the winter. The distance is never too far

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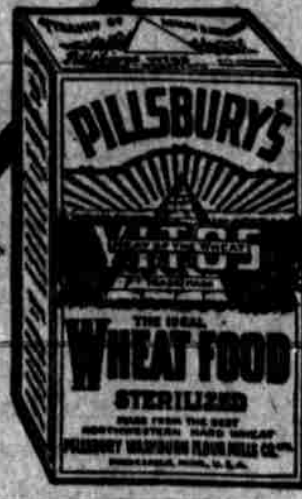
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Sam Murbarger, the champion wrestler of Indiana, has got back into the game after several months of idleness.

Lucius Horatio Bigelow, the new captain of the Yale football team, played right tackle during the season just closed.

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(Journal Special Service.)

London, Dec. 19.—The wedding of Miss Hermione Schenley, daughter of Mrs. Mary Schenley of Pittsburgh, and Lord Ellenborough, which took place at the fashionable St. Peter's church, in Eaton square, proved one of the brilliant social events of the present week. The festivities following the ceremony at the church were held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Gore, in Rutland Gate.

The bride belongs to the well-known millionaire Schenley family of Pittsburgh. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Schenley, left a will dividing property amounting to \$45,000,000 that was situated in the United States, France and England. She left one son and several daughters, the youngest being Miss Hermione, who has spent the greater part of her life on this side of the Atlantic.

Lord Ellenborough was born in 1841 and is the fifth holder of the title, which was created in 1867 for Sir Edward Law, Lord Chief Justice of England, who was the last of his rank to sit in the house of lords. The second Baron Ellenborough served as governor-general of India. The present Lord Ellenborough succeeded to the title only a few years ago, but has had a brilliant career in the English navy, from which he is now retired.

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