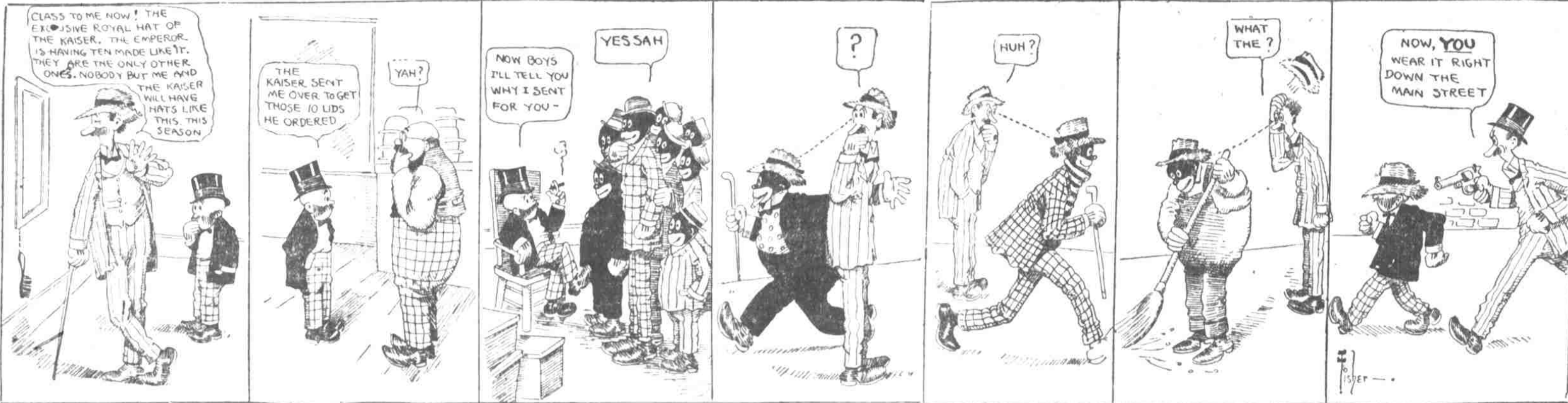


LATEST Ring : Track SPORTING Field : Diamond NEWS

MUTT BUYS AN EXCLUSIVE HAT IN THAT DEAR OLD BERLIN--By "Bud" Fisher



OTE JOHNSON WILL REPORT TO YANKEES

Splits Difference on Money Offer With Highlanders--Bushers Holding Out.

Ote Johnson will report to the New York Americans on a compromise salary, according to information tipped off by a friend of the Stinking Swede, and he will leave for the training camp in the south late this week or early next week. Ote was offered \$2000 a year by the Highlanders, having been purchased for \$4000 from Manager McFadden. Ote demurred at \$2000 for six months' work. "I'm worth \$2500 or I'm not worth a cent," said Johnson, and refused to sign the contract sent him. When he returned it, Ote made a notation that he would consider \$2500.

Gregg is Holding Out. "Rube" Gregg, the Spokane pitcher unloaded on the Cleveland club for a price said to be \$5000, is holding out for more money from the Naps. Gregg, who is a southpaw that had his first professional experience last year, says he has been offered \$250 a month, that he can make \$200 a month in a bush league or \$8 a day plastering, and further that he will not report until he has been offered \$400 a month. His transportation from Cleveland is at his home in Clarkston, Wash.

Bud Pernoll, Ditto. Bud Pernoll, who used to whizz 'em over the plate from the south side for Portland, and who was sold by Aberdeen to the Detroit Americans for \$400, wants more money. Heine hasn't given out what he was offered, but it is probably all he is worth to the Tigers. Some of these big league managers ought to get a copy of Christy Mathewson's first contract, which called for \$70 a month, and mail it out with their contracts to blossoming twirlers.

Hyatt's Hard Job. Ham Hyatt, who went from Vancouver to the Pittsburgh champions, is kicking on the pinch hitting job that Manager Clarke has laid out for him. Ham thinks he has the hardest job in the baseball business. The official averages show that Ham took part in 49 games last year, but an asterisk calls attention to a footnote which reads, "Was substituted as pinch hitter in 40 games." He admits it looks like soft money, but contends that they don't have cushions on the bench these days.

One on Ed Kennedy. Some hardhearted person perpetrated a cruel joke on Ed Kennedy. Kennedy, jokingly, remarked to an interrogator that he was going to St. Joe this year, that being the first town that came to his tongue. It got in the papers and Ed has had to do a lot of explaining. He doesn't know yet where he is going.

Packed Up for Camp. Several enthusiastic fans intend to accompany the baseball party south to Santa Marie tomorrow night. Everybody is packed up ready for the word from the big manager. Mac gave all the suits an airing Saturday and packed the big trunk Saturday night.

When Charles Rode the Cars. Charley Ryan, who bats 300 in the theatrical press agent league, is about as enthusiastic a ball fan as Billy Fangle, who has a .567 average in the "Roofing Circuit." But they led a good story on Charley when he bade farewells to the tall meat and entrained for Portland. Charley had never ridden on a street car before, but he had read about them in the Public. He was as excited as the kid with the red top boots over the trolley and his first delight was a trip to Mount Tabor. Charley heard that it cost 5 cents for a ride, but wasn't sure about it. When the conductor first came around Charley pulled up his skirt and said, "Excuse me, but I've got a question." The conductor went through the cars with his "Fares, please." Every time he passed Charley the latter dug up a nickel. "It cost me 35 cents before I got there and as I wasn't wearing low-legged under the weight of precious metal in my pocket, I concluded it was cheaper to walk back and I did, but I'm going to collect that 30 cents sometime."

Swimmers Will Meet Later. The swimming tournament of the Multnomah club, which was held at the club has been postponed from February 23 to March 2.

World's Championship. Returns of the Nelson-Wolgast 45 round boxing contest will be given at Martin Denny's saloon, Third and Jefferson street, 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, February 22.

IN JEFF'S CORNER WILL BE--?

By C. B. Van Loan. New York, Feb. 19.—Who is going to "handle" Jim Jeffries in the big fight? The sports are beginning to ask this question because the "handling" may have an important bearing on the result. Competent advice has helped many a fighter to win his battle--had advice has nominated many a loser.

Nearly all the great managers of fighters, from Billy Madden down to Billy Nolan, have been men of quick wit and keen perspective powers. Nearly every one of them has been competent to direct the course of a battle and give advice to the man who was doing the fighting. The man who fights cannot see everything, the fellow in the corner, if he has had the requisite amount of experience, follows the trend of battle closely and knows what ought to be done, whether he can get his principal to do it or not.

Sam Can Count Money. Samuel Berger is known as Jeff's "punchline representative," yet it does not seem likely that Samuel will be in Jim's corner in an advisory capacity. Sam can count money as well as any young man of his years; he can also figure interest and discount; he can string a newspaper man sometimes and get away with it, but Sammy as chief second to a champion, will be in several men who could have dropped him with a single blow, but Jim Corbett had studied out every move of his opponent before he went into the ring, and that dangerous wallop might as well have been left in the dressing room along with the Diemola and the street shoes. They never got a chance to use it on Corbett until he met his Waterloo at Carson City.

Corbett Foxy General. It is told of Corbett that before he fought Jackson he scouted his opponents for weeks, knowing that he would be forced to block Jackson's body blows if he hoped to win. For weeks Corbett's trainers frayed away at his forearms, bruising them to the bone. On the night of the fight, Corbett's arms, from wrist to elbow, were sold as oak and just about as hard, and he stopped Jackson's smashing delivery without wincing.

Corbett is still the pre-eminent artist of the fighting game. His advice would be worth having, and Corbett is capable of mapping out a simple style of battle, easy to follow, elemental in its execution, which ought to overwhelm any thinking which will be done in Johnson's corner.

From the Queen Margherita observatory on Mount Rosa in the Alps, the highest point but one in all Europe, it is possible to see 125 miles practically in all directions.

LITTLE FIGHTERS READY FOR BATTLE

Nelson and Wolgast Below Weight and in Perfect Condition for Fight.

How the Two Fighters Compare. Nelson, 5 feet 7 1/2 inches, Height, 122 lbs. in 1909. Wolgast, 5 feet 6 1/2 inches, Height, 122 lbs. in 1909. Nelson, 67 1/2 lbs. in 1909. Wolgast, 67 1/2 lbs. in 1909. Nelson, 24 1/2 inches, Chest Normal, 36 1/2 inches, Chest Expanded, 37 1/2 inches. Wolgast, 27 inches, Waist, 29 inches. Nelson, 14 inches, Forearms, 10 1/2 inches. Wolgast, 14 inches, Forearms, 10 1/2 inches. Nelson, 16 inches, Thighs, 18 inches. Wolgast, 16 inches, Thighs, 18 inches. Nelson, 7 inches, Wrist, 6 1/2 inches. Wolgast, 7 inches, Wrist, 6 1/2 inches. Nelson, 8 inches, Ankle, 6 1/2 inches. Wolgast, 8 inches, Ankle, 6 1/2 inches.

By Thieringier. San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Both being below the required weight of 125 pounds, Nelson and Wolgast are resting the day before the battle and until they are called into the ring they will do nothing more than is necessary to keep their muscles from stiffening. Wolgast went out for a long walk this morning and upon his return he announced that he was through. Nelson also took a walk and this afternoon played a game of handball.

Late today Wolgast will go to Point Richmond and remain in one of the hotels until fight time. Nelson will spend the night at the Sultan bath, leaving there at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and board a launch which will convey him to Point Richmond immediately after the battle, win or lose. He will board the overland limited, as he has a number of theatrical engagements to fill in the middle west.

Nelson Enthusiastic. Nelson is enthusiastic over the showing he made at Recreation Park yesterday as compared with Wolgast's. The morning after his return he announced that he is the better boy and declares that if Wolgast does not show any better in the ring tomorrow than he did against Jeff Perry yesterday, the battle will not last long. Wolgast's remarkable show of confidence seems to grow stronger as the hour of battle approaches. That he is in great shape there can be no denying and he is most positive in his assertion that he is in condition to go as long and fast as Nelson or any other lightweight can.

Advance Sale Heavy. The advance sale continues to be heavy. Between \$11,000 and \$12,000 was in the box when the sale was resumed today and before nightfall it is expected the \$18,000 mark will have been reached. The majority of the tickets sold were the higher priced ones, and with the lower priced reserved seats remaining, Promoter Hester now is figuring on a \$35,000 take. The betting remains unchanged, but with the appearance of more Wolgast money the odds are expected to go from 10 to 6 to 10 to 7. Even money is offered that Wolgast will stay 25 rounds. The fight is scheduled to start at 2:15 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

CALIFORNIA SEES JEFF IMPROVEMENT

Big Fighter Shows Old Friends He's Hundred Per Cent Better Than Year Ago.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Public opinion here today seemed to have it that James J. Jeffries had improved. It was better judgment than he was when he appeared at a local theatre a year ago, when he began his tour.

A good sized crowd watched the big holdmaker at Jack Gleason's show at Recreation Park yesterday. Jeff was hopped the rope as nimbly as of old, and the way he danced around for 10 minutes of fast shadow boxing filled his admirers with glee.

The big fellow boxed three rounds with Sam Berger. He showed that his theatrical tour at least has polished him off a bit in the more showy side of the ring art, but wise fans hinted that Jeffries and Berger have done the stunt together so many times that each apparently knew what head was coming next. However, his work made an excellent impression upon the crowd.

Nelson and Wolgast, who fight for the lightweight title at Point Richmond tomorrow, each boxed several rounds at the park. Owen Moran and Tommy Murphy, who will fight late this month, also appeared.

Students in this country of the new universal language, 140 say it is easier to master than any of its competitors.

BOWLING SPORT IS REVIVED

By Louis F. Schutte, IX President of the United Bowlers Club of New York and Founder and Publisher of the Bowlers' Journal.

New York, Feb. 21.—All eyes in the bowling world are centered on Detroit where the tenth international tournament of the American Bowling Congress will be held from February 28 to March 15. From present indications the tournament promises to be one of the most successful ever conducted by that association, and it is estimated that 400 teams from all over the United States and Canada will participate. Of course, the majority of the teams will come from the middle west, as the eastern teams will have their material for the National Bowling Association tournament to be held in Baltimore, April 9 to 19, the latter organization being a strictly eastern one, and including the teams of eastern Canada.

The Detroit program is an interesting one and includes five men four men team, and individual contests, which will be held in Wayne Garden, where 14 new alleys have been laid for the tournament proper, and six alleys for practice.

Much Money is Spent. The enormous amount of money expended in this undertaking, and the great crowds which will undoubtedly be present throughout the tournament, is a slight indication of the amount of interest that is being taken all over the country in this greatest of indoor sports. In every city in the country--and even in the smaller towns--the public alleys are crowded nightly, and in some of the more popular resorts in New York it is impossible to bowl unless you engage alleys weeks ahead. Fortunes have been made by sharp proprietors, who have converted their billiard rooms into bowling alleys, recognizing the greater popularity of this more strenuous sport.

Women as well as men have become bowling enthusiasts, and in Greater New York, as well as in other cities, there are many ladies' teams. What has caused this astonishing revival of an old time sport is a question that is likely to be asked. In answer to this, I would say that a greater part of the credit is due to the United Bowling Club of New York, an organization which dates back to 1885, and which includes in its membership some of the greatest individual bowlers and bowling teams in the country.

Ancient History of Bowling. To go back into the ancient history

JIMMY CARROLL IS HERE FOR J. COULON

Little California Bantam Is in Great Shape for Coming Boxing Exhibition.

Jimmy Carroll, the clever little California bantam who meets Johnny Coulon in a 10 round exhibition here in the middle of March, arrived in Portland last night and will get into shape for his coming engagement. Jimmy came down from Houlihan where he has been with a theatrical company. I realize that I have a chance of a lifetime in being pitted against Johnny Coulon, who is generally accepted as the bantam champion. I can make 115 pounds ringable for Coulon six or seven. I will have plenty of work from now until then and expect to be in the best condition of my life. I have never gone in for boxing as I should, looking on my trade of electrician as the means of my livelihood. In fact I have never worked over a week for any of my hours and the California cities are of the belief that I would be champion if I gave over all my time to boxing.

I have never met anybody who could outbox me. The fans here say what I did against Atwell when it came to boxing, and Monte is considered a very clever boxer. I understand that Coulon is an unusually clever boxer. Maybe he will be better than I. If he is then the crowd will see a good exhibition. Jimmy's task is really, in fact his friends never saw him looking healthier. When he was here last his soft fronted face was the cause of much worry. That face has given way to a healthy brownness tinged with red.

Jimmy's brother, Joe, will come north from Salinas, to train with him and will probably be seen by the second main event. Joe Carroll is one of the cleverest lightweighters in the south and none of them is willing to mix things with him. A number of tournaments were held from time to time under their auspices, and in 1892, in response to an invitation from the United Bowling Club of Germany, they made a trip to that country.

Held Great Tournament. It was in July, 1899, that a great international tournament was held in London Hill, N. J., under the auspices of this organization. Bowlers from all over the world gathered at this meet, and besides the teppin championships, there were contests for the duck and candlepin championships, crooked ball and other games. This great meet was really responsible for the enormous interest now taken in bowling throughout the country. Here, for the first time, alleys were laid side by side, and the proprietors of many dance and billiard halls, quickly recognized the enormous financial possibilities of this scheme. With the establishment of these alleys, bowling became more popular than ever until now it is regarded as the "King of Indoor Sports."

The break between the eastern and western bowlers started in 1901, when the first tournament of the American Bowling Congress was held in Chicago. The eastern contestants entered a protest, claiming that some of the western bowlers used "loaded" balls, thereby increasing the weight of the balls above that called for in the rules, which ranges from 16 to 20 pounds. No open break occurred, however, until 1902, when the eastern delegates withdrew from the congress, which was being held in Buffalo.

Cemented Again. The following year they sent a half hearted delegation to Indianapolis, and this state of affairs continued until 1903, when some representative bowlers in the east gathered in New York and launched the National Bowling Association. The first meeting was held in September, 1903, and the first tournament was held in Atlantic City for two weeks beginning March 25, 1907, and proved highly successful. The 1908 tournament was held in Rochester, and in 1909 New York secured the prize and a monster tournament was held in Madison Square Garden.

The slight differences which exist between these two representative bodies, however, have not injured the growth of the sport to any extent, as it possesses too high a commercial value, but it is hoped that even this trouble will soon be settled, and a meet arranged, where bowling teams from every section will be represented.

Washougal Piles Big Score. In a basketball contest played at Washougal Saturday the Washougal Athletic Club team defeated the Stevenson Athletic team by a score of 25 to 22. Kyle Harford, forward on the Washougal team scoring 26 points Saturday, February 26, the Washougal team will meet the Albina Athletic club team at Washougal.

Mt. Angel Defeats Columbia. Mt. Angel, Or., Feb. 21.—In a one-sided basketball game Saturday, the crack Mt. Angel college team slaughtered Columbia, the score being 39 to 15. At no time did Columbia show itself to be in the college class. The game was a fair sample of clean sport and fighting occurred to mar the pleasant features of the game.

A big Pennsylvania anthracite mining company is turning its accumulations of coal dust for years into briquettes.

FAMOUS CATCHER IN ACTION



Johnny Kling, the former backstop of the Cubs, who will be in the game again this year. President Murphy of Chicago interceded with the national commission for Kling's return to the organized fold. The Chicago fans insist that Johnny shall play no place else but Chicago.

FAMOUS ENGLISH FIGHTER NOW ON COAST



Owen Moran, the British lightweight, who is now in California for the purpose of challenging the winner of the Nelson-Wolgast fight.