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MUTT HELPS GERMANY CELEBRATE LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY—By Bud Fisher.



BALL PLAYERS OFF FOR SOUTH TONIGHT

McCredie's Crew Plans Strenuous Season to Prepare for League's Opening.

Manager McCredie and his ambitious little batch of Beavers will leave tonight at 1:30 o'clock for Santa Maria, Cal., where the Portland training camp will be pitched for the next three weeks. They will be joined there by other members of the furry tribe from the east for the preliminary training prior to going on the road for a series of nearly a score of games with teams of the bush towns, state league and Chicago White Sox.

When the Beavers finish up their preliminary games they will be better fit to open the season than any other team that has represented Portland. After several seasons of experimenting, the big manager believes he has worked out the proper method of preparing for the opening of the season.

All of the men are in good health and in fine spirits. They have kept themselves in prime condition during the winter and it will take only a few days to straighten the remaining kinks out of their muscles.

McCredie will be accompanied by Captain Pearl Casey, Eustace Armbruster, Jesse Garrett, Howard Gups, Roger Cornell, Joe Smith, Al Lodel and "Baron" Turk.

Tom Raftery to K. C.
Tom Raftery, who decorated the center garden for Cleveland in 1908, and who was sold to Cleveland, has been disposed of to the Kansas City club. Pletcher Rhodes went with him. Rhodes has been a regular pitcher for Cleveland since 1903, while Raftery spent part of last year with Toledo, a Cleveland farm.

They All Fall for It.
The good old game of baseball is getting attractive. Here's the latest one. Rev. Schroder, who forgot to name his denomination but says he is in good standing in the ministry, has made application to President Blain of the Illinois-Missouri league, for an umpire's berth next season. He says he is well posted and believes he can give satisfaction.

Much Flashing of Tears.
It's a safe bet that there will be a generous saline optical precipitation this evening. Several of the McCredie party are married and they will get their usual quota of tears. Others are still single, but that makes no difference so far as tears are concerned.

Great Athletes to Meet.
The records made by J. H. Gillis, the Canadian all round champion, compare favorably with Sheridan's and the proposed meeting between the two next July should produce a close and interesting contest. The records of both are: 100 yards—Sheridan, 10.2-5 seconds; Gillis, 11 seconds; putting 16 pound shot—Sheridan, 43 feet 1 1/4 inches; Gillis, 42 feet 1 inch; running high jump, Sheridan, 5 feet, 7 inches; Gillis, 5 feet, 11 inches; half mile walk, Sheridan, 3, 48; Gillis, 4, 02; throwing 16 pound hammer, Sheridan, 125 feet, 10 inches; Gillis, 141 feet, 5 inches; 120 yard hurdlie, Sheridan, 17:1-5 seconds; Gillis, 16:5-5; running broad jump, Sheridan, 20 feet, 7 1/2 inches; Gillis, 20 feet, 8 1/2 inches; throwing 56 pound weight (long), Sheridan, 29 feet, 1 1/2 inches; Gillis, 28 feet, 7 1/2 inches; one mile run, Sheridan, 6, 05; Gillis, 6, 08.

BETTING EVEN FOR CONLEY AND ATTELL

Forty-five Round Fight for Bantam Championship Decided at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Feb. 22.—With the betting even, Monte Attell and Frankie Conley are ready for the first gong at Vernon at 8 o'clock this afternoon when they meet for a scheduled 15 round bout to decide the world's championship in the bantamweight division. As indicated by the no odds wagering, the fight promises to be a tough one.

Both boys are in perfect condition according to their respective managers. Today they weighed in at the Pacific Athletic club, and each made the required weight, 116 pounds.

Conley had more trouble making weight than did Attell. It was necessary for him to "dry out" to tip the beam, he declared, however, that this process had not weakened him.

Fans Favor Conley.
Fight fans, while not willing to give odds, seemingly favor Conley. They point out that he put Danny Webster away in 10 rounds, while the best Monte could do was to draw with Danny twice, and suffer defeat once. This, they state, indicates that Conley is the better man.

At Vernon arena Tom McCarey had carpenters working all day yesterday getting the place in shape for the bout today, following a sudden foreclosure of mortgage which was secured by the chairs and furnishings of the arena. Every movable thing was taken away in carts. The mortgage was held by W. R. Clune. McCarey stated today that everything would be in readiness for the fight, and no one would be compelled to stand.

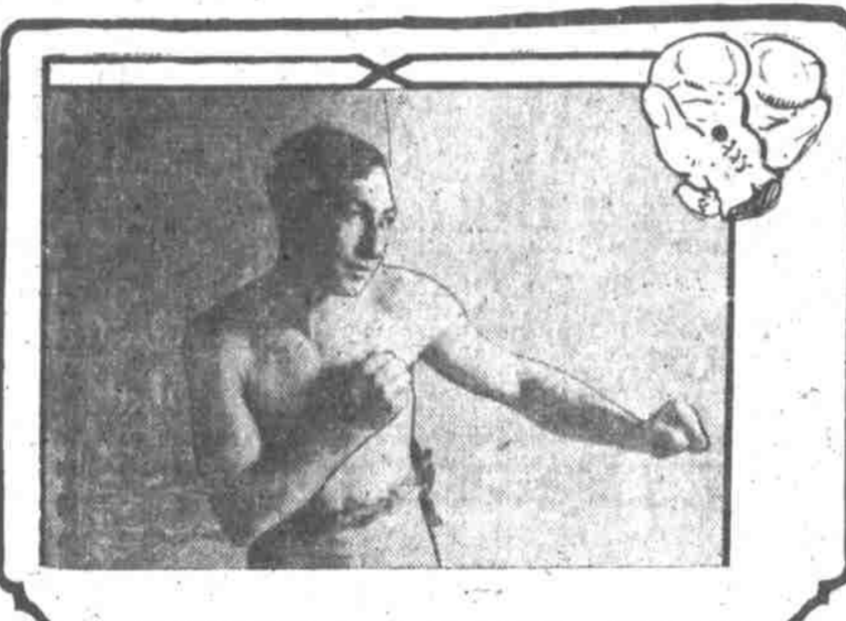
Attell gave out an interview to a Los Angeles paper in which he said he would clean up all the rest of the bantams after he walloped Conley.

Here's Conley's answer to Attell: "I whipped Danny Webster so thoroughly in Portland that he hasn't chirped since. I did everything but knock Webster out; in fact I would have dropped him in two more rounds. Attell has fought Webster three times, and the best Monte ever got was a draw—a pretty shaky draw it was, too, for Attell."

Says Monte Has Talk.
"This is the fellow that says that I'm not a finished fighter and that he will stop me. I'll hand it to Attell for one thing. He's surely there with the river front nerve."
"I'll just ask Monte and the public to remember one thing, I whipped Webster, a trick that Attell failed to turn in forty rounds. Have I said something?"
There is such a thing as a fighter saying too little or too much. Conley has resorted to exactly the right point. When Frankie calls attention to his decisive victory over Webster he throws a shell of sarcasm into the Attell camp and at the same time places himself in a snug position before the public.

PORTLAND CUE ARTIST WINS FIRST BILLIARDS
Wilkie Dunaway drew first blood in the 14.1 balkline billiard match for the championship of the northwest at the Waldorf parlors last night when he defeated W. G. Johnson of Seattle, 200 to 256. The billiardists will play the second leg of 200 points tomorrow night

QUARTET OF FAMOUS FIGHTERS WHO MEET IN RING TODAY



Monte Attell, Battling Nelson.

Ad Wolgast.

HAZEL HOTCHKISS IS VICTOR OVER FLORENCE

and the third leg of 400 Friday night, making 1000 in all. Dunaway made a high run of 41 points in the 33d inning and Johnson's best run was 20 points in the 13th inning. Sixty-five innings in all were required. The average per inning last night was, Dunaway, 4.40-65 and Johnson, 4.66-55.

Long Beach, Cal., Feb. 22.—Following Hazel Hotchkiss' easy victory over Miss Florence Sutton, the sister of May Sutton, the champion, in the semi-finals of the Southern California lawn tennis tournament here today, followers of the game are anxiously awaiting the game tomorrow when Miss Hotchkiss and Miss May Sutton meet in the finals of the ladies' singles. Half a thousand people witnessed Miss Hotchkiss' splendid game and many expressed the opinion

that Miss May Sutton would find it harder to defeat her opponent tomorrow than heretofore. Miss Hotchkiss won by a score of 6-2, 6-0.

Arthur Duffey, speaking about Alfred Schrubbs' great records, says he thinks the little Englishman's best mark was his 9 minutes and 23.5 seconds for two miles and his 50 minutes and 40 seconds for 10 miles.

The Broncho 2:00 1/2 will be bred to Minor Heir 1:59 1/4.



Frankie Conley.

OVERCAST SKIES FOR GREAT MILL

Wolgast Will Fight If He Has Nelson, Weatherer of Storms, to Wear an Overcoat to Keep Warm.

Point Richmond, Cal., Feb. 22.—"My boy will fight Nelson in any kind of weather and under any conditions. If Pat shows up in the ring today, there will be a fight if both boys have to wear overcoats and have their seconds hold umbrellas over their heads."

In the foregoing words Tom Jones, manager for Ad Wolgast, affirmed Hester's declaration that the Nelson-Wolgast battle would take place as scheduled this afternoon.

The rain ceased falling here early today, and the dark sky cleared just a trifle. This much, however, was sufficient to fill the hearts of the Richmond fans with joy.

Wolgast slept late today. After he awoke he indulged in a bit of horse play in his room with Jones, and then demanded breakfast. The challenger was in the best of spirits, and possessed every whit of the remarkable confidence he has displayed since he started training for the biggest fight of his career.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Fistic Promoter Sid Hester announced today that rain or shine Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast would battle at Point Richmond this afternoon for the world's lightweight title.

Despite lowering clouds and prediction of a heavy downpour, Hester stated his lightweight would fight. Whether or not he lost money on the venture, he declared he would stage the mill as announced to the public.

Jack Robinson, the champion's manager, when he saw the overcast sky stated he declares that the batter had weathered more storms than any six fighters in the game today. He said that Nelson would fight if both he and Wolgast stood up to their necks in water.

Always the most confident of fighters, Nelson stated today that he was never more sanguine over the result of a fight than the one against Wolgast. Nelson said he stood the broiling sun at Goldfields and a little rain won't affect him.

JIM JEFFRIES HOME FROM LONG TOUR

Alfalfa Farmer Cuts Proposed Hunting Trip Into Mexican Mountains.

Los Angeles, Feb. 22.—James J. Jeffries, retired heavyweight champion, who is matched to meet Jack Johnson for the title July 4, arrived here today, after an absence of a year. Included in his party was Mrs. Jeffries and Mrs. Jack Kipper.

A large delegation of friends and newspaper men at the station were waiting to greet the undefeated champion. With characteristic modesty he eluded them by slipping off the train before it had reached the depot. He went directly to his home on Cypress avenue. At his home he said that he intended to do only light training until April when he goes into active training for the big fight. Included in his stunts until then will be handball and gymnasium work.

The proposed hunting trip to Mexico, he said, had been called off. However, he intends to pass much of his time in the mountains in southern California. Jeffries said that his training camp will be as near as possible to the scene of the proposed fight.

"I will be in better trim when I step into the ring than the people of the coast have ever seen me," he said.

POWELL MAY MEET MEMSIC HERE SOON

Jack Grant Has Lines Out for Two Clever Lightweights for Next Month.

Jack Grant of the Rose City Athletic club is angling after Lew Powell and George Memsic for a 10 round exhibition here the latter part of March or the start of April. Powell and Memsic recently met in Los Angeles, in which Tom Headed Lew secured a 2 to 1 newspaper decision. It was said to have been one of the most interesting mills seen down here in years between a pair of lightweights.

With Johnny Coulon and Jimmy Carroll furnishing the fistic dessert for March and the Powell-Memsic argument following, the fans have two of the best cards that can be produced in store for them next month.

Added to this will be the Tracey smoker March 4, in which Jean West and Danny O'Brien, who have each scored a knockout, will be rematched. West is in training all the time and says he will demonstrate to the fans that his punch in the second round the other night was no fluke.

O'Brien will be in good condition for the return match. If he trims West when they meet again he will go south to join Roger Cornell at Santa Maria, where the ball club trains.

Joe Carroll is expected here in a day or two to begin working with his brother Jimmy Carroll in preparation for his bout with Coulon. It might not be a bad idea to match Joe Carroll and Ted Whitman in one of the second main events.

Athlete Better Student.
From statistics compiled by Colonel George C. Edwards of the University of California, who for years has taken the deepest interest in athletics of that institution, the athlete is a better student than the collegian who eschews the track, the gridiron and the diamond. Colonel Edwards' statistics show that of all the men who entered the university with the freshmen class for the last 15 years only 35 per cent of those who did not go in for athletics graduated, while 65 per cent of the athletically inclined students won their sheepskins. Professor Walter E. Magee has also prepared statistics showing that the brawny man is also the brainy man.

JAMES O'ROURKE



James H. O'Rourke, the dean of the baseball stars, who retires after 38 consecutive years of service on the diamond. A few days ago he sold his Bridgeport, Conn., club and announced his retirement. He was one of the idols of New York in 1885. He played with the Boston, Providence and Washington clubs in his day, and was a mighty batsman.

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