

# MR. DEMPSEY IS GRIEVED BY HIS UNCOUTH FRIENDS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Being heavyweight champion isn't solely a business of socking contenders. Jack Dempsey is having the hardest fight of his life, he says, ridding himself of the parasites who would pitch their training camps in the carpeted halls of his Barbara hotel. All of his spare time now is taken up with his hostelry tasting flet of boeuf, bisque Richelieu, approving menus and signing pay checks. Six months ago Jack took over the affairs of the Barbara in a split up of holdings with Jack Kearns, then his manager. He found his hotel was really a training quarters for box-eared palookas. Cuspidors were scattered about the lobby with an eye to careless abandon. There were other things wrong with the hotel.

"When I first took hold," Jack said, "I found a gang of preliminary pug shadow boxing in the hotel halls. After every fight the gang would congregate in the lobby and punch holes in the air, demonstrating how certain battles were won and lost.

"That was fine business, but it didn't belong in my hotel.

"I explained to the boys that if they were looking for training quarters they would have to register somewhere else. Some of them took it in the right spirit; others spread the news about that I was high hating the crowd.

# MONTREAL WINS AT ICE HOCKEY

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—With a strong finish in the final period, the Montreal Maroons defeated the New York hockey team here tonight by a score of 4 to 1.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Surviving the injuries of a train wreck at Altoona, Pa., the New York Americans appeared here tonight against the Montreal Maroons in their second home game of the national professional hockey league season.

The game was witnessed by a crowd of 6,000.

Montreal led at the end of the first period by a score of 1 to 0. Noble, the Canadian right defense, scored the single goal after 14 minutes of play.

Montreal gained a lead of two to one in the second period.

Billy Burch, the New York captain, scored the first goal for the Americans after three minutes and 20 seconds of the second period.

Diebert, the Montreal right wing, broke the tie later when he bounced the puck off the shoulder of Jakey Forbes.

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# ANDY SMITH IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Famous Coach Stricken With Pneumonia Taken To U. Infirmary

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Andy Smith, football coach of the University of California, was taken to the University of Pennsylvania here this afternoon, suffering from pneumonia.

Tonight his condition was reported as little changed since afternoon, but was said to be "favorable."

Smith, who has gained fame through many years of successful coaching at California, was in the east to attend the recent football conference and late season games in Chicago.

He was visiting the University of Pennsylvania when stricken.

# KID KAPLAN MAY GO LIGHTWEIGHT

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Kid Kaplan, featherweight champion, who successfully defended his title against Babe Herman of California last night, may soon start campaigning for the lightweight title.

Scarcity of opponents in the featherweight class, and the possibility of Benny Leonard, retired lightweight champion, returning to the ring next year, have caused Kaplan to cast his gaze toward the lightweight field.

Scotty Monteith, Kaplan's manager, discussing the situation tonight, told the United Press that Kaplan, he believed, would have no difficulty in making the weight required of a lightweight champion, and would be in good fighting trim at such a poundage.

"We hear that Leonard is coming back into the ring next summer," Monteith said, "and propose to go after a match with him. There's very little worth-while competition for Kaplan in the featherweight class."

Almost at the same moment that Monteith was discussing Kaplan's plans to see a match with Leonard, Dan Rogers, manager of Rocky Kansas, the Buffalo fighter, spoke up with words to the same effect.

Rogers said he also had heard that Leonard would be in fighting clothes next summer, and that he was out for a fight for Kansas with the retired champion.

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# KEELER WANTS TO MEET GOOD HEAVY

Winner of Last Main Event Signs for Chance on Next Card

Hope that Matchmaker Sylvester would pick him "a big boy" was expressed Saturday night by Sugar Willie Keeler, victor in the main event on Thursday's boxing card. Keeler signed a contract yesterday to fight here on the next card, and left it to Sylvester to pick his opponent.

Sylvester announced also that he had signed up Jim Fleming and Knockout Hogan for a six-round semi-final, a sequel to their last fight, which was a draw.

"Kid Short," son of Burrell Short, county commissioner, and Buck Weaver, local transfer man, both of them weighing over 200, have also signed.

# "Biff" Jones May Coach Army Team

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 19.—(United News)—Captain "Biff" Jones, line coach at the United States military academy for several years, probably will succeed Captain Jack McEwan as head football coach for the cadets, it was reported today.

Captain McEwan, who was on his way to Porto Rico, resigned his commission to accept a three-year contract to coach the University of Oregon team.

Unlike the naval academy, the army officials depend on graduate coaching, and McEwan's successor will be picked from the service.

# FIGHTER'S NOM DE PLUME PASSE

California Boxing Com. Decides Pugs Must Use Right Name

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Stage names will no longer be tolerated by the California boxing commission.

The dictators of California pugilism met here today and decided that every boxer must use his right name in all future fistie engagements.

Even those who have built up a reputation under an assumed nom de plume, must revert to their given names, the boxing arbiters decreed.

Many fighters have taken assumed names because they did not want their parents to know they were fighting, it was explained. The commission does not desire to be a party to any such acts.

It is expected the courts of the state will be rushed by the cauliflower entertainers who wish to continue their pugilistic careers under an assumed name. Mushy Callahan, nationally known lightweight, whose real name is Morris Scher, recently applied to a local court and had his fighting name legalized.

# WIN TITLE GAME

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Tearing through its opposition almost at will the Bakersfield Drillers today defeated the Salinas Cowboys by a score of 38 to 0, thereby winning the right to meet Covina next Saturday in Los Angeles for the state high school championship.

# OPENS MARCH FIRST

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The Chicago American league baseball team will open its spring training trip with exhibition games against Shreveport March 1, it was announced today. The Shreveport games will be followed by exhibitions against Fort Worth.

# HASKELL INDIANS BEAT L. A. TEAM

Indians Come Up from Behind and Take Game 12 to 10

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Staging a brilliant rally in the final half, the Haskell Indians defeated the Los Angeles Athletic club eleven, composed of former college stars, 12 to 10 here this afternoon.

A 30-yard place kick by Norman Anderson, former Southern California tackle, and a touchdown by Bill Blewett, former California star, which was converted, gave the Mercury team a 10 to 9 lead at the end of the first half.

The Indians opened up in the second half and scored two touchdowns. George Levi, halfback, went over in the third period after a series of line bucks. Ward, Indian quarterback, intercepted a pass shortly before the game ended and raced sixty yards to a touchdown and victory.

# CHICAGO BEARS OFF FOR SUNNY FLORIDA

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Harold "Red" Grange and the Chicago Bears will entrain for Florida Monday to play a series of games. Grange is believed to have recovered sufficiently from his injured arm to take his place in the line-up.

Dr. E. B. Cooley, Danville, Ill., Grange's personal physician, will accompany the Bears on the trip to see that the red-head does not over-exert himself again.

According to Dr. Cooley, Grange, aside from his ailing arm, is in excellent physical condition.

# PIRATES WOULD TRADE E. SMITH

Both Pittsburgh Catchers Bat From Port Side Of the Plate

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Officials of the world champion Pirates have offered to trade "OH" Smith, their hard

hitting catcher, to the Phillies for Jimmy Williams, catcher, it was reported.

The Pirates have, in addition to Smith, two other catchers who bat from the left side of the plate.

The Phillies, it was reported, were willing to swap Smith, but Bill McKechnie of the Pirates, would prefer a trade.

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