

The Wolgast-McFarland Bout To Be Staged In Handsome Building

(By OSCAR H. MORRIS.)
Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 9.—It is not very often that the average follower of the boxing game has an opportunity of witnessing a ring contest in a building valued at \$500,000; also it is not very often that a handsome structure which is partly owned by the municipality is utilized for the game of hit and step away.

However, boxing fans from all parts of the country who will come to Milwaukee to witness the contest between Champion Ad Wolgast and Packey McFarland, will have the distinction of occupying seats in a building where Ex-President Roosevelt addressed a throng of 10,000; where the National Dairy Show was held; where a chorus of 3,400 singers rent the air with their voices and where James J. Jeffries, while champion, gave an exhibition.

That building where McFarland and Wolgast will box on Sept. 15 in this city is the auditorium—the largest building of its kind in the state of

Wisconsin. It was built with the hope that some day in the near future, there would be held in it a democratic of republican national convention; it was built to accommodate large gatherings and conventions. It is located in the downtown district—a half dozen blocks from principal streets of the city.

And that structure—which costs a trifle over a half million dollars—is expected to be the scene of cheering also some sorrow on the night of Sept. 15. The followers of that contest will cheer and applaud their champion and do it with as much ease and sincerity as if the fight were held in a barn in the outskirts of the city.

It should be known that the Milwaukee Auditorium has been in existence only a few years and was built with \$225,000 which was furnished by the city of Milwaukee. The city sold stock and hundreds of Milwaukeeans claim to a part ownership of that structure. The other \$225,000 was raised by popular subscriptions.

Throughout the country there are

numerous buildings and places where boxing contests are conducted but it is doubtful if any promoter of that sport in this country can boast of housing the fans as well as the club which stages the bout here this month.

The accompanying pictures show the Auditorium—exterior and interior. The cross shows where the elevated ring will be located. Around the ring will be opera seats and in addition there are thousands of seats in the gallery, on the stage and boxes running alongside the entire four sides of the interior of the building.

Some high prices have been paid for seats at boxing matches but at the McFarland-Wolgast contest \$10 is the highest price charged. And you can bet that every seat will be taken. In fact the progress of seat sale which has been in progress only a very short time, is evidence that the house will be sold out.

It is expected that about 10,000 persons will witness the contest and according to the figures of the promoters, the receipts will be about \$46,000.



PHIL O. PARMELEE
Phil O. Parmelee, noted Wright aviator, who is the fourth to enter in the \$50,000 cross-continent flight. He plans to start from Los Angeles September 15, with New York as his destination.

WAKE FOREST TO TURN OUT A GREAT TEAM

Wake Forest, Sept. 9.—With the largest enrollment in the history of the school and with the brightest of prospects for winning teams in all branches of athletics the 77th session of Wake Forest College bids fair to eclipse all others in every respect. Not only have a large percentage of the older classes returned but this year's freshman class is the largest in the history of the college. Work will be begun in earnest Monday and a total registration of over 425 is expected. The athletic situation is the brightest it has ever been and more candidates have signed up for the teams than in any previous year. An exceedingly large percentage of the old men are back and the freshmen class is furnishing more than ever before.

Mr. Frank Thompson, formerly coach of A & M College in Raleigh, has been secured to coach the football team and already has the team working hard on the field. The fact that Mr. Thompson has been secured will be a reassuring fact to those interested in Wake Forest that the football team will be all that any one man can make it. Over 50 candidates have already reported and more are going out daily. Coach Thompson took the men out for the first time on Wednesday and has put them through hard practice every day. The freshman class is especially showing up well on the gridiron. A large number are out practicing and among them are to be found the stars of the various high school teams of the state. Having had training before these men are taking hold rapidly, which has been the cause of the poor showing made by the team in previous years. Daily battles between the first and second teams will start in a short while and by this time more can be told as to the strength of the team.

At a recent meeting of the trustees of the college Mr. H. A. Jones was made professor of mathematics and has just returned from Chicago, where he has been taking a course during the past summer. Mr. Hubert Potat was also elected to the chair of Latin, and Professor Paschal was elected to the chair of Greek. Miss Louise Hynde formerly of the University of Pennsylvania has also been secured as librarian for the present session.

The fountain which was presented to the college by the class of '11 has been installed and is certainly an ornament to the college campus.

Wake Forest against bids fair to have one of the best basketball teams in the state. The record of the teams for the last few years is an enviable one and one that every one should be proud of. Only one college has made the team taste defeat on the local floor in the last five years, and that was the University of Virginia, which cleaned up everything in the state. All of last year's men are back, besides Carriek and Cox, of the team of the year before. Practice will start next Monday and with last year's team as a nucleus there should be little in Wake Forest's making a great record.

Coach Crozier, of the basketball team, has been away all summer, taking a course in Harvard, and is very enthusiastic over the prospects of all the teams, especially the basketball situation. "You can expect a team that, for steady passing and all-around good playing will not be matched in the South," is the way he put it in a talk to the athletic association last night.

The record of the law class which went up before the supreme court last August is also something to be proud of. Eighty-one men took the examination but only about 70 of them passed. Of this number Wake Forest sent up 33 or nearly half and of the 31, 31 passed. It will thus be seen that not only did Wake Forest send up a large part of them but a larger per cent passed than from any other law school.

Several visitors are on the hill and the classes will have elected their officers Monday. The boys are being examined by the school physicians before being allowed to take part in any kind of athletics and a few are being ruled out on this account. Work will begin Monday in earnest and the greatest year in the history of the college is looked forward to.

A. B. Hepburn Named Director.
Houston, Texas, Sept. 9.—A. B. Hepburn, president of the Chase National Bank of New York, was today elected a director and member of the executive committee of the Texas Company, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John W. Gates.

Bobby Wallace The Best Defensive Ball Player In Ban Johnsons Circle

By W. S. FARNSWORTH.
New York, Sept. 9.—A few weeks ago a baseball fan in Philadelphia wrote and asked me who I thought the most finished infielder, second or third baseman or shortstop—in the American League. This fan and his friend had wagered, one selecting Collins, of the Athletics, while the other picked Lord, of the White Sox. It is pretty hard to find a man who has anything on either of these two.

But, on the last trip of the New York Yankees through the west, I often thought of my Philadelphia baseball brothers and took especial interest in watching the infielders of the Tigers, Naps, White Sox, Browns and Yankees. And I came to the conclusion that Bobby Wallace, Manager-captain-shortstop of the Browns, is without any doubt the best defensive fielder in Ban Johnson's circuit.

Here is a veteran, nearly 37 years old, who has done duty in fast company for eighteen years, but here is why he is still one of the greatest players that ever wore a glove.

He is a student; he studies every batter and is always playing in the right spot. For one man you may find him playing over near second, while for another he is almost in back of the third baseman. For some he plays deep, for others he is way in on the grass.

He is the best man in the league taking a throw from the catcher and in getting it on the runner. It is almost impossible for a would-be pilferer to hook a slide around him, as he rides with his man.

He is the surest man on grounders but either direct at him or to either side, although he is better going after wets to his left than to his right. He

never digs deep into the dirt for the ball and seldom does it get away from him. Line drives are his specialty. Although he is only five feet 8 1/2 inches tall, he can go up in the air the proverbial mile and freeze to the pilet. He simply eats up Texas League clouts to short left or center and on half-deep fouls he can tear around back of third in ten seconds time.

And what an arm this veteran possesses. He can peg 'em across from a deep field to first on a dead line and it matters little what position he is in when he makes his throw. He is lightning fast in getting the ball away from him too.

Hal Chase, the Yankees' manager and great first baseman says Wallace is the best infield thrower in the league. A few weeks ago a benefit game was played in Cleveland for the widow of the late Addie Joss. An all-star team played the Cleveland team. The all-star infield was made up as follows: Chase, first base; Collins, second base; Wallace, shortstop; Baker, third base.

An infield with some arms! I asked Chase which one was the best thrower. In a flash he said Wallace. "He is not only the hardest peger but by far the most accurate. And he throws a 'light ball' besides. It is a pleasure to catch his heaves."

If Wallace had made good as manager of the Browns he would be the most talked of man in baseball this year. But he failed simply because he wasn't given the material to work with. No other man could have done any better with the St. Louis club. They are without any doubt the poorest aggregation of ball tossers that ever held a berth in the American League. They couldn't win an Eastern League or American Association pennant.

There is no reason why Wallace shouldn't make a successful manager. He is well-acquainted with baseball—

no one knows it better—and he is an excellent judge of a player. Give him the proper material and I am sure he would put St. Louis back on the American League map.

But just the same, I believe this will be his last year as manager of the New York Americans and now Browns. On my last visit in the city of Mound City, I was given some inside information which was to the effect that Clark Griffith, ex-leader of the New York Americans and now manager of the Cincinnati National League club, has already accepted terms from Colonel Bob Hedger, to occupy the managerial berth in St. Louis next season.

It has been known for some time that this would be Griffith's last year in Cincinnati, as things broke badly for him there. As for Wallace the only quality he is lacking in to be a great manager is aggressiveness. He does not get out and fight enough.

Bobby, or rather Rhoderick J. Wallace—for that is his Christian name—was born in Pittsburg, Pa., on November 4, 1874. He started playing baseball in Clarion in 1893 and the following year was with Franklin. In the fall of 1894 he was sold to Cleveland, joining that club in the fall of 1895. He played third base. He remained there throughout the seasons of 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898, when he went to St. Louis. The Robisons owned both the Cleveland and St. Louis clubs broke at the time and made wholesale transfers. Bobby was with the Cardinals in 1899, 1900 and 1901, jumping to the St. Louis American League club in 1902, with which he has played ever since.

Wallace is a crack billiard player and devotes most of his spare time especially during the winter months with the ivories. He is a quiet character but a poor mixer, although well-liked by all who really know him. He was married last spring to a St. Louis belle.



THE WOLGAST-MCFARLAND FIGHT

Where the Wolgast-McFarland fight will take place and pictures of the two principals. The picture shows exterior and interior of the Milwaukee coliseum. At right Packey McFarland; at left Ed. Wolgast.

Sports Approve "No Decision"

By W. W. NAUGHTON.
San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 9.—The recently appointed boxing commissioners of New York have decided not to allow decisions rendered in connection with the glove contest held under the Frawley law. As far as can be learned, this determination on the part of the gentlemen in authority meets with the approval of the majority of the sporting men.

Some of the sporting writers appear to think that "no decision" means no betting, but it is hard to see how they figure it out. That betting cannot be indulged in to the same extent as would be the case if decisions were allowed, is plainly to be seen, but that wagering will be squelched entirely, does not appear to that passion for gambling which is deeply rooted in the human race, and it will be easy enough to find some method of backing one boxer against another, even if no verdict is rendered from the ringside. For instance, men to whom boxing without speculation is as void and uninteresting as horse racing without book makers or pool boxes, will surely contrive to back their opinions, even though it taxes their ingenuity to do so.

One way of getting around the difficulty will be to induce some sporting man of good standing and sound judgment to act as an unofficial referee. He can sit unconcerned, apparently, among the throng of spectators. He will not have to wear a tuxedo or split the combatsants out of the clinch, but when it is all over he can give a decision that will cause thousands of dollars to change hands.

And that is only one way. There is never a law or rule yet that some smart individual could not devise some way of circumventing. Nay, brothers of the sporting press, betting on glove contests has not been stopped by any means.

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champion would be able to retain his prestige and his money making abilities if public opinion decides that some other fellow has outboxed him.

It will be interesting to watch how the no-decisions system works out. In the face of it, it looks as though clever boxers will be able to do a lot of slapstick work and get away with it. A good deal, of course, will depend upon the astuteness of the referees. Even if there are no decisions and consequently no winners, ends to strive for, the men of the ring should not be allowed to play fast and loose with the public.

Billy Papke is no doubt chewing the cud of reflection. It was dinned on him by this time that he is in the indubitable club of every critic in the land. The chances are that when he fights he will try as he never tried before.

Papke has been called the champion sand-bagger and there is no getting away from the fact that his record is a mixture of good and bad performances. The strange part of it is that Papke has furnished wretched fights and sensational fights when opposed to the same man.

When he knocked Ketchell out at Los Angeles, the sporting world was astounded. He nailed the Michigan assassin in the first round and then took his time about defeating him. What Ketchell did in later fights is a matter of ring history.

With Hugo Kelly, Papke fought several contests which made it appear as though there wasn't a thing to choose between them. In San Francisco one time Papke laid Kelly low with two punches, and those who saw the bout wondered how Kelly ever managed to wade through twenty rounds with the Thunderbolt.

STEAMER RETURNS IN A LEAKING CONDITION
Hamburg, Sept. 9.—The German steamer Hudiksvall, which collided with the Hamburg American liner Kaiserin Auguste Victoria off Cuxhaven this morning returned to this port late this afternoon in a leaking condition. The stem of the Hudiksvall was stove in and several plates of the ocean greyhound were smashed. The latter vessel proceeded to Cherbourg.

Ty Cobb the Best Batsman in League

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Detroit, with an average of 297 and Philadelphia with 293, are leading the American League in club batting.

Ty Cobb is the best batsman in the American League, with an average of .420. Also he is the best base stealer, run getter and heavy slugger. As a base stealer he averages .57, while Calhoun, of Chicago, with .39 is second.

Cobb's average as an extra base stealer is .616. Joe Jackson's of Cleveland, is second, with .607.

In the National League Jackson, of Boston, formerly of Memphis, leads the batsmen with an average of .365, with Hans Wagner second, with .350. Schulte, of Chicago, is the champion extra base hitter. He has twenty-four doubles, seventeen triples and twenty-one home runs to his credit. Wagner of Pittsburg, is second.

WARNED AGAINST UMPIRE.
New York, Sept. 9.—What is looked upon as a remarkable warning from one baseball magnate to another, was received this afternoon by Manager John McGraw, of the Giants.

What purports to be a telegram from Frank Bancroft, business manager of the Cincinnati Red Legs, notified McGraw to make it his business to have Umpire O'Day barred from officiating at the Giants-Cubs series, in Chicago, within the next two weeks. The telegram read:

"Have Brush request Lynch to keep O'Day away from Chicago or your chance is hopeless. He robbed us shamefully yesterday."

The receipt of this message stirred up a great deal of excitement in the Giants ranks, and the matter is sure to be investigated.

Bancroft is one of the oldest, best known and dependable officials connected with the game.

McGraw refused to comment on the news, but said he would put the matter squarely up to President Brush tomorrow.

Friends of O'Day ridiculed the warning, as they pointed out that he was one of the best arbitrators in the National League.

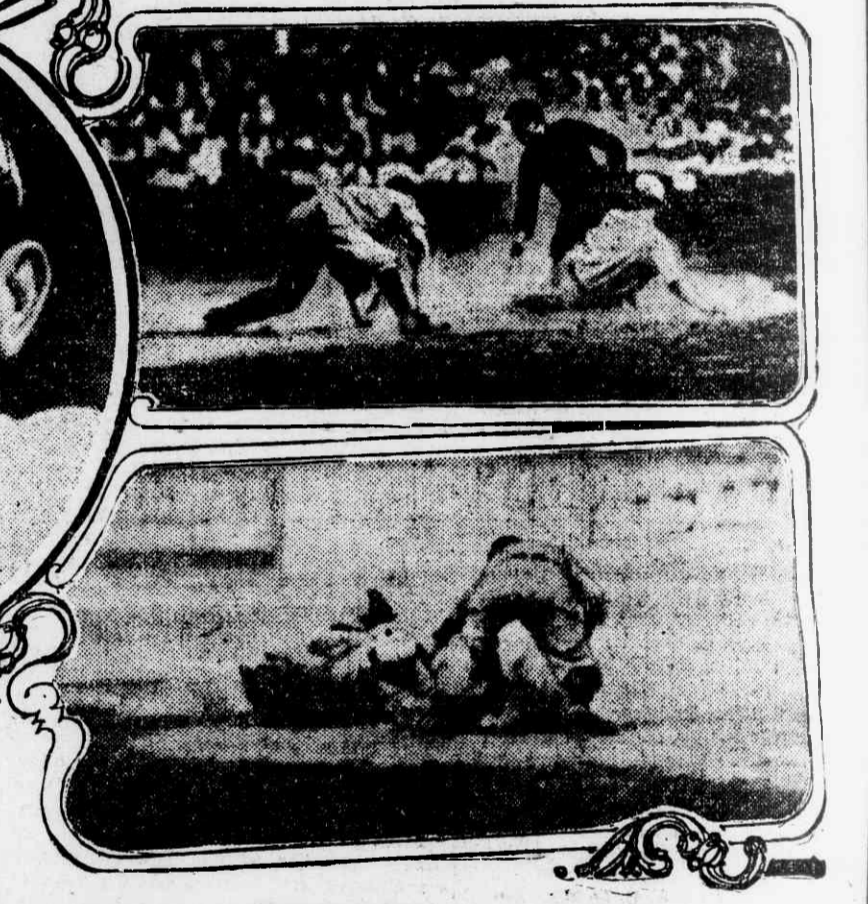
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BOBBY WALLACE THE BEST

Bobby Wallace, great little shortstop-manager of the St. Louis Browns—a portrait and two action pictures showing him in sensational plays. The upper one shows Wallace sliding home on catcher Ira Thomas, of the Athletics. It has been said that Wallace lacks aggressiveness. Exact fact is that he performs leisurely except when there is something immediately to be gained by strenuousness—and then he is there with a rush, as is shown in this fearless slide that won one of the few victories chalked up by the Browns this year.

The lower picture illustrates his cat-like swiftness in slapping the ball onto the runner. Ty Cobb is the man sliding, on an attempted steal of second. It is an unusual spectacle to see Cobb slide head-first. He usually goes in with his flying spikes in front of him, to intimidate the baseman. He doesn't do that against St. Louis though. He realizes that Wallace is one man he cannot frighten, and also that the lightning-speed midget has the best aim when he comes feet first, as he can watch him as well as with his face aimed forward. In this picture, the dread Cobb is wriggling for all he is worth to get out of reach of Wallace, but it is no use. The little Scotchman is putting the ball to him for a well-earned put-out.



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More Wales People Marry

London, Sept. 9.—Fewer people than ever, in proportion to the population, are getting married in England and Wales. In his quarterly return, issued yesterday, the registrar-general states that in the first three months of this year the marriages of 89,506 persons were registered, being equal to an annual rate of 10.0 persons married per 1,000 of the estimated population, against an average rate of 11.4 per 1,000 in the first quarter of the ten years 1901-10. Of countries with populations exceeding 100,000 Buckinghamshire, with 7.2, had the lowest rate, and Northumberland, with 11.8, the highest. London's rate was 11.5.

The births dealt with in the report are those for the second quarter of the year. They numbered 225,777, and were in the proportion of 25.0 annually per 1,000 of the population.

This is 3.0 per 1,000 below the mean birth rate in the ten preceding second quarters, and, in the words of the report, which are becoming stereotyped, "it is the lowest birth rate recorded in any second quarter since the establishment of civil registration." Sussex has the lowest birth rate, 18.6, and Durham the highest at 32.9.

The death rate was 1.3 per 1,000 below the mean rate in the ten preceding second quarters. The natural increase of population last quarter by excess of births over deaths was 105,793, against 122,782, 111,987, and 119,161, in the second quarter of 1908, 1909 and 1910 respectively.

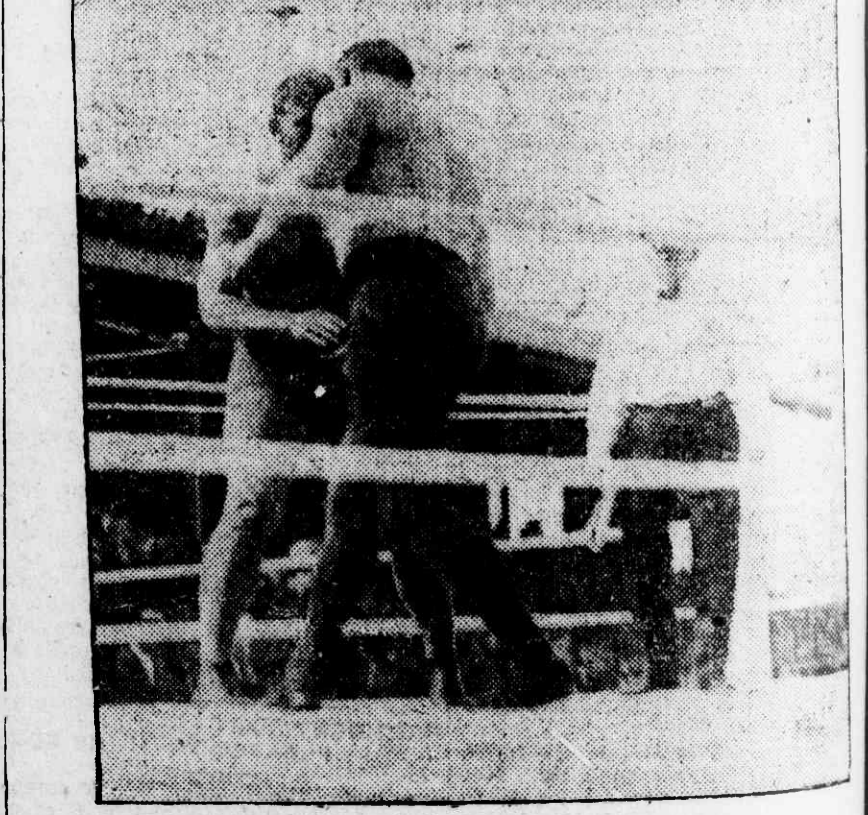
While the natural increase of population declines, emigration grows in the three months ending June 30, of the passengers stated to be of British nationality, the departures exceeded the arrival by 75,354 persons, an increase of 6.4 per cent as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year.

WHITNEY WON TENNIS INTER-COLLEGIATE HONORS.

Philadelphia, Sept. 9.—E. H. Whitney, of Harvard, today won the inter-collegiate lawn tennis championship in singles by defeating in the final round A. H. Man, Jr., of Yale, on the courts of the Merion Cricket Club at Haverford.

The scores were 6-1, 6-2, 6-2. Whitney's win makes Harvard a 14 with Pennsylvania, with six points each, for the championship trophy. It takes seven points to gain permanent possession.

A really great man is known by three signs—generosity in the desert, humanity in the execution and moderation in success.—Bismarck.



GOTCH-HACKENSCHMIDT MATCH

During much of the brief time that Gotch and Hackenschmidt were in the ring they were standing apparently waiting for an opening to force the other down. Gotch almost invariably fell on top of Hack. The picture shows Hack, with his back to the camera and Gotch just looking over his shoulder.