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Big League Clubs Prepare For Spring Training Trips

(By MONTY.)

New York, Jan. 6.—Half a dozen weeks from now the baseball campaigns of 1912 will be under way...

trades depending, and it is not unlikely that some deals will be put through before the beginning of the spring trips...

This is but human nature, however, moreover, it indicates that the love of the fan for his favorite pastime is not of the kind that is satisfied with just six months of baseball...

Hot Springs is an easy first in the race for popularity as a spring training camp. Next comes New Orleans...

Well, there is a lot of time yet for this Wall Street business before the season opens.

British Soldiers Are Good Birdmen

London, Jan. 6.—Very quietly but very surely the British army and navy are progressing in aviation despite the poor financial encouragement given by the government...

The systems of training that will be in vogue at the baseball camps this spring offer a larger variety than ever before...

One factor that will enter prominently into the spring training of 1912 is the mineral bath. This was one of the chief considerations in the selecting of Hot Springs by so many of the clubs...

Just about this time the air is a tangle with rumors of big baseball



TRIO OF RING STARS

A trio of ring stars who have been coming rapidly to the fore of late. On the left is Jim Flynn, the Denver fireman heavyweight, who has kept his position as leading white hope...

Ad Wolgast Talks Of The Future Of His Ring Craft

(By W. W. AUGHTON.)

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Seated in his bungalow at Venice by the sea, sporting a smoking jacket that was palpably a Christmas present and puffing at a cigar which also seemed to exhale the spirit of the season...

His period of enforced rest is not making Wolgast impatient. He talks calmly and philosophically of the outlook, but deplors the dearth of capable material in his class.

"Funny thing about the lightweights is that there are so many men with so little to choose between them," remarked Wolgast.

"One-Round Hogan shades all these fellows," said Wolgast, after a pause. "I believe he is going to give me more trouble than any of them."

"Among the new men, Mandot, in my opinion, ranks next to Hogan, Grover Hayes is first began boxing, but he has faded away. Anyhow he was always too big for a lightweight."

"How about Freddie Welsh," Wolgast was asked.

"I will tell you," he said. "Right now I am rather dubious about Welsh's drawing power. I feel that the showing he made with Willie Ritchie injured his reputation. Of course, I did not see the fight, but many have told me that Welsh fell short of expectations."

Wolgast looks upon Knockout Brown as a phenomenon who lasted but a short time.

"I am sorry that fellow escaped me," said Ad. "He didn't escape altogether at that, because I gave him a pretty good hammering the last time we met. Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul welterweight in the very near future."

trimming him completely, but now he has been wiped off the map. "Are you overlooking your old friend, Packey McFarland," was asked Wolgast.

"Not at all, but no one seems to take Packey seriously now," said the champion. "He is a fellow who encounters heaps of bad luck and it seems unlikely to have anything to do with him. Just look at that affair at Milwaukee. Battling Nelson used to speak of me as a cheap guy who never

made much money by fighting, but if that Milwaukee affair had gone through, I would have made more money over that one battle than Battling Nelson made with the best two of his career."

"I had \$5,000 coming to me from the small picture signs which are to be hung around the arena and \$10,000 from two beer signs that would have loomed up in the moving pictures. Is it any wonder I look upon Packey McFarland as a picture of bad luck? We may get together some day at that, but from the way things are going at present, I don't think Packey will remain solid with the public long enough to become an opponent of mine after I get well."

Wolgast spoke favorably of Jimmy Giblin, but no great weight attached to what he had to say about the fellow from Ad's own home town. It looked too much as if the wish was the father to the boost.

Wolgast also spoke in a commendatory manner of young Joe Rivers, the Los Angeles featherweight, who it is thought will develop into a 135-pound man before a year has gone by.

"This youngster knows how to box and is able to punish solidly," said Ad. "He is improving right along and, by the time he is big enough to try his luck with the lightweights, he will be able to fight in a way that will attract attention."

There will be plenty of time for Ad's rivals to ponder over what he has to say, as he will be out of the ring for fully eight months. He is going east in February to follow the football route, and some time in May he will set out with Jim Jeffries for a big game hunt in Alaska.

EXPERIMENTS IN DESTROYING AEROPLANES

Berlin, Jan. 6.—A great future being assured for the aeroplane as a powerful instrument of warfare, the German military authorities are actively engaged with experiments that will solve the problem of dealing destruction to these machines from the land.

The German army will shortly be in possession of the necessary apparatus for judging very exactly from the earth the speed and direction of balloons, dirigibles, and aeroplanes. Preliminary experiments have proved quite satisfactory, and it is hoped after some additional trials have been made to devise an instrument which will make it possible to aim with accuracy at the warships of the air.

JUNIOR LEAGUE GAME.

Tied with one minute to play, the C. H. S. met defeat by the C. U. S. quintet, final score being 9 to 12 in favor of the C. U. S. team. Line up: C. H. S. C. U. S.

Andrews Davenport Nesbit Fore Rhyme (Capt.) Mason started for the C. U. S. with Dowd second.

For the C. H. S. Andrews starred with Rhyme second.

Marcel Moreau, who is in the United States from France where he held the middleweight title. In France Moreau has defeated all the leading lights in his class, and he is confident that he will be able to conquer the best here. He expects to meet Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul welterweight in the very near future.

Joe Turner, who is well known in this city will be matched to meet Jack Olsen in this city some time in the near future. Turner wants to come back to the Queen City for a couple of bouts if good men can be got to meet him here. Hack, as he is familiarly known here, says he likes the Queen City, and would like to wrestle here again. Hack is the most popular man who ever went on the mat here, and no doubt there are lots of wrestling fans who will be glad to see him in action here again. If a satisfactory date can be arranged no doubt the match will be held in the auditorium some time next week. The promoters say that Olsen can prove he is a good man will be secured. Hack is one of the best men in the wrestling game and is known all over America as the best middleweight in the game. Hack claims the middleweight championship of England. Anderson won the belt in his class so far who has been able to pin his shoulders to the mat in a finish. Hack has met all the best men in America and has defeated them all. He has improved a lot since he was last here and is better and faster than he ever was before. Hack says he wants to meet all the middleweights on this side of the water and defeat them all if possible, as he contemplates a tour of Europe next year and does not want the title in dispute over here. Not long ago he disposed of Henry Gerring of Cleveland, Ohio, who has a world-wide reputation in sporting circles. Hack defeated Sam Anderson, the English title holder in Washington, D. C. last fall. Anderson was the holder of the Lord Lonsdale belt of England. Anderson won the belt in competition with 45 other middleweight wrestlers held under the auspices of the National Sporting Club, of London, Eng. The American title holder at that time was Walter Willebouy of Chicago. Anderson defeated Willebouy and Hack defeated Anderson thus winning the middleweight championship of the world. He has never been defeated since he won it and says he hopes to retire from the game the undisputed champion. Hack has met and defeated Olsen once, using the terrible toe hold and half Nelson. Olsen wants another chance at Hack and wants to bar the toe hold. But it is doubtful if Hack will bar it as it is one of his most effective holds. The promoters are after this match and will make a strong effort to bring it here. If they can secure it it will be a bout worth seeing as there is no love lost between Hack and Olsen and each will do his best to win. If Hack wins he will be open to meet any other wrestler at 155 pounds whom he has not met and defeated already. If the promoters get this match no doubt there are many wrestling fans in this city who will be glad to see these men in action and wish the promoters success in securing it.

It is not improbable that the Fair Association may go into liquidation tomorrow and a new association be organized. The old association may reorganize, or a new association will organize. No one knows what the morrow has in store.

"The" Game Of The Season Tomorrow Night

JOHNSON-FLYNN BATTLE NOW AN ASSURED FACT

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Jack Johnson and Jim Flynn signed articles late this afternoon to battle to a finish for the world's heavyweight championship some time in July in the Nevada desert. Jack Curley, Flynn's manager, signed on behalf of a syndicate of Salt Lake City business men, who have formed a club to build an arena and stage the match.

Curley announced that the probable date of the battle would be Monday, July 22, but asked until May 10 to name the exact date. This brought no objection. The forfeits were not posted, as anticipated, but Curley agreed to put up \$10,000 for the club by February 15, and each fighter agreed to have up \$5,000 by the same date.

Champion Johnson was given his \$30,000 guarantee, \$1,100 for training and traveling expenses and one-third of the moving picture rights. Flynn and the club are gambling on a percentage share of what is left after Johnson is paid off. The taking and handling of the moving pictures is to be mutually agreed on by all the parties concerned.

Johnson and Flynn agreed in the articles not to fight after May 1. The champion also announced that he would ask Hugh McIntosh to postpone his fight with Sam McVey in Paris from June 23 until fall. The May 1 limit on fights before the Nevada go, will permit Flynn to fight for Kubak in Toronto January 17, and Al Palzer in New York February 15, if he wishes.

Tim Sullivan, of New York, who acted as stake holder in the Johnson-Jeffries fight, will hold the forfeits in this case. The referee will be named later.

JOE TURNER WILL PROBABLY MEET OLSEN

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Asheville's Strong Five to Try Local Association Quintette

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Asheville Team Strongest City Has Had in Years—Charlotte is Counting on Her Tall Men and Strong Men to Reach the Goal.

Tomorrow night "the" basketball game of the season will be played at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, when the local association quintet have as their opponents the strong five of the Asheville Y. M. C. A.

The locals are displaying some excellent passing and team work of late, and all they will have to do tomorrow night is play their game and score all of the points but three at Asheville, will be at the one forward with Allison at the other. Allison "found himself" in the second Washington and Lee game, and the way he is going now will rather surprise the opponents' guards. At center will be found either Averett or Carr. Both are mighty hard to best when it comes to goal shooting and jumping. The local's guards are the lightest and fastest that have ever played on a representative team of the association. Page in the Washington and Lee games showed what he was capable of taking care of, and in Rose and Alexander the locals have two that are capable of taking care of a forward who is a foot taller and weighing 40 or 50 pounds more.

A new feature to the basketball game, will be the playing of the boys' orchestra before and between the halves of the game. They will render several selections which will doubtless be enjoyed by the large number of people who are expected to be on hand for these games.

The game Monday night will certainly be in capable hands. Dr. E. B. T. Foster, an International secretary has consented to referee the game and with a man such as he, who knows the game from A to Z, the game will in all probability run off smoothly.



Mlle. Helene Dutrieu, the French aviator, who made exhibit flights in the United States last summer who won the Femina Cup of France for making a flight of 41 miles in two hours and fifty-five minutes beating all women's records for distance.



New York, Jan. 6.—James E. Sullivan, secretary of the American Olympic committee and of the Amateur Athletic Union is seriously ill, and his condition is causing his friends much concern. Friends of the athletic head declare that his present illness is a sequel to the railroad accident in which he was hurt last summer.

Over Two Million on Baseball Plants

New York, Jan. 6.—More than \$2,500,000 is being spent on new baseball plants for the fans of Greater New York. New stadiums are either under way or under contemplation for the Giants, the Yankees and the Brooklyn Superbas. These and their cost are: Giants' stadium, \$1,000,000.

Yankees' new park, \$750,000. Brooklyn's new park, \$750,000.

Within a year the three fields in New York will be able to seat 110,000 fans in one afternoon. The Polo grounds will seat 50,000; the Yankees' new park will seat 30,000 and the great stadium to be erected in Brooklyn will accommodate 30,000.

Should the United States League get into operation in 1912 and invade New York two more big stadiums will be erected; one in New York proper and the other in Brooklyn. However, the paths of new baseball leagues are filled with trials and tribulations.

MARY'S NAUGHTY SKIRT.

Garden Has to Use Both Hands to Make it Do Its Duty.

Mary Garden was dying as Carmen. And as she herself admits, she'd like to have died "way in advance of her croak cue." What mere person of the chorus wouldn't, to say nothing of a prima donna who realized that that just when she had to be most tragically impressive, when she should, per rehearsal, have one hand clutched at her heart, have to use both hands to keep her skirt up? Miss Garden really had a most narrow escape from ending the opera in bifurcations. But she never faltered. She turned and twisted and the skirt balanced on another kept her fall till she could properly take her hand off her heart and grab it. She did it so skillfully only half the audience realized the predicament she had been in. The half that did kept politely quiet. And Miss Garden was highly pleased.—New York World.