

The Sporting Page

SANTA AT THE "SAN"

The International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union maintains a sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis at Pressmen's Home, Tennessee. The following piece of prose poetry by one of the inmates of the institution appeared in the last issue of the American Pressman:

Santa at the "San"
On Christmas eve, here at the "San," we "T. B.s" and our little clan had just the finest, bestest time. We dined up like a brand-new dime, and merry quips and jests so gay just chased our troubles all away. The medical director said: "You fellows needn't go to bed, we'll just suspend the usual laws and go and welcome Santa Claus!" So, then, at Santa's cheery hail, we all went down and couldn't fail to see, dressed up in festive rig, the merry Christmas tree so big. Its branches reached out to the hall and, honestly, it was so tall that people viewing from afar said once or twice it brushed a star! Well, anyway, 'twas awful high. (You know we couldn't tell a lie.) We laughed at every little trick—forgot that we were ever sick—and then we gathered 'round so near and sang, "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here!" Our chief was here with smiles a yard, the bolsheviki he'd hit hard; and as these lines we duly pen there's peace on earth, good will toward men. And now we turn again once more where Santa Claus comes in the door; he gave us handkerchiefs and socks, neckties and even building blocks. The old boy surely spread himself and to us who are "on the shelf" it meant much more than just a gift, for in the clouds there came a rift and sunlight from the skies above reminded us of those we love. And when next Christmas comes around we'll be, not underneath a mound, but back at home among the folks a-singing songs and cracking jokes, and years and years from now you'll see our grandchildren upon each knee. They'll kiss us then and give us hugs; we'll tell 'em how we "beat the bugs" and how we blessed him—every man—when Santa Claus came to the "San."—Hugh Gorman.

Over 1,700 women are employed by the street railway companies of New York city.

THREE CORNERED TIE POSSIBLE IN BIG FOUR LEAGUE

Hustlers Have Made Good Record Throughout Season In Keeping Scores Low.

With the Wanderers two games in the lead, the Eskimos will go to Calgary, Friday, to play the Wanderers and should they succeed in winning this game and the next the above two teams will be tied for first place in the league. This will leave only the last game to be played which is a home and home game, the Eskimos and Hustlers playing at Edmonton and the two Calgary teams at home. The Hustlers and C.C.'s will furnish the sport at the Arena here on Friday.

It is possible for a three cornered tie to be made in the league during the last three games which same might occur through the Hustlers and the Eskimos defeating the Calgary teams in the next two games and the C.C.'s defeating the Wanderers in the last game and the Hustlers winning over the Eskimos in the last game here. Should it so turn out, the Wanderers, Eskimos and Hustlers would all three be tied for first place with seven wins and five losses. The Hustlers are gaining fast in their play and it is a good indication of their strength that not once this season have they had more than four goals scored against them in one game. In only one game have they been beaten by more than a margin of two goals and in the most of the games which they have lost the loss has been by one goal usually scored in overtime and usually in Calgary.

Rubber tire workers affiliated with the A. F. of L. have secured the eight hour day, wage increases and the right to bargain collectively, at Springfield, Ill.

The Hotel Chambermaids' Union in Mexico is opposing American armed intervention in that country.

YOUNG BOB AVOIDS MANAGERS BECAUSE OF FATHER'S WARNING

Speaking of managers, we heard a story that throws an interesting sidelight on the reason why Young Bob Fitzsimmons is doing his own managerial work. We mentioned the other day that the son of the former champion of the world ought to put himself under the careful eye of some man who knew the game, says a writer in Brooklyn Eagle. The story was responsible for a phone message from a man who knows Young Bob, and knows him well. "What you said the other day about Young Bob needing a manager," said the man at the other end of the wire, "is fine dope, but I'll tell you something you don't know."

"Bob's father is responsible," said our informant. "Before he died he warned Young Bob about managers and told him to do all his own ring business himself. Young Bob believes everything his father told him. That is the reason he won't have a manager."

This twenty-year-old youngster, is son of the former champion, heavyweight, whose recent debut in Newark has caused him to be the most sought-for boxer in the country today.

Young Fitz is a light heavyweight, and is said to be one of the cleverest big fellows ever seen in the ring.

N.Y. PRINTERS REWARDED AFTER LONG VACATION

Did Not Go On Strike; Declared a Vacation; Now Receive \$9 a Week Increase.

Over 6,000 job and book printers of New York City were last week granted an increase of \$9 a week by the board of arbitration. The scale under the award will be \$45 a week.

This closes the story of one of the most remarkable labor disputes which has occurred in the United States. The printers, asking for an increased wage, were not given the sanction of the international union to strike and no strike was declared but thousands of them announced they would take a vacation, and many national publications were tied up for a period of more than two months in the late fall.

Any member of the Typographical Union could work in the shops without being penalized by the union, but none could be found to take the place of those on "vacation." An attempt to send some of the work to other cities failed when Typographical men elsewhere announced they would refuse to handle it.

The National Federation of Postal Employees reports nearly 10,000 more members in December than in November, and 1,100 more in November than in any other month in the history of that organization.

In Spokane, barbers have raised wages after a short strike. The employers believed they could enforce the non-union shop idea which they formerly referred to as the "open shop," but which they now call the "American" plan.

In New York, a city-wide strike that menaced the ladies' garment industry has been averted by both sides referring the matter to an arbitration board. The workers ask for higher wages to meet the increased living costs.

Four thousand women are included in the membership of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association.

JEM SMITH WAS ENGLAND'S MOST ACTIVE RINGMAN

Battled With Bare Knuckles and Established a Wonderful Record.

(By James J. Corbett.)

Of all the ringmen that England ever produced few were more active than Jem Smith, who held the championship in the various divisions from welter-weight to heavyweight.

Smith assembled a splendid record as a ringman, but the crowning achievement of his career was his terrific encounter with Jake Kilrain on French soil in 1886, the last real battle of Smith's career, and certainly the most spectacular. That fight took so much out of Smith that it virtually ended his fighting days.

Smith began his career in a rather unusual way. As a youth he had made quite a reputation as a fighter among the neighborhood boys. He always was fond of pugilism and whenever contests were staged in his vicinity he usually could be counted to be on hand.

A boxing competition open to 140 pounds was put on in London in 1882. Smith went there as a spectator and after the first battle had been staged his boy friends said to him:

"Jem, you're a whole lot better than those fellows. Why don't you get into the tournament?"

Smith jumped up from his seat, hunted up the managers of the show and asked to be entered. He was accommodated. Smith jumped into the ring wearing most of his street clothes, but before he climbed out of the place he had whipped every man who faced him and had won the 140-pound championship of London.

Some months later Smith beat Bob Preston in a bare knuckle fight near London for a purse of \$200, the first real money that Smith ever received as a reward for his ring efforts.

Late in 1882 London boxing enthusiasts put on a competition for 154-pound fighters. Smith beamed only 145 at the time, but he entered the tournament, defeated all his foes and won the championship. Two days later he met a fighter named Liddard, who weighed 160 pounds, and knocked him out in six rounds. Two weeks afterward it required only four rounds for Smith to beat Snavey, a 170-pounder.

Along in 1883 a boxing competition for middleweights, staged in Shore-ditch, was won by Smith. He had to defeat three men to insure victory for himself. A fight followed with Bill Davis, whom Smith knocked out after one hour of battling.

After defeating Henry Arnold with gloves in fourteen rounds, Smith who then weighed only about 150 pounds, matched himself to battle James Skidmore, one of the giants of the English prize ring. Skidmore, far over six feet tall, weighed 224 pounds and towered over Smith like a mountain over a mole-hill.

Smith, a terrific puncher and a fast and aggressive fighter, tore in at Skidmore at the first call of time and knocked him cold in the third round, an accomplishment that awakened England to the greatness of Jem Smith.

On December 17, 1884, Smith took on Wolff Bendoff in a glove match to a finish for a \$100 side bet. Smith broke his left arm in the third round and had to fight from then on with his right. But it was good enough to win for him and he knocked out Bendoff in the twelfth.

Smith entered a tournament in 1885. The Marquis of Queensbury rules gov-

FOOTBALL DEEDS OF CARLISLE INDIANS ONLY A MEMORY

The Carlisle Indians, one of the greatest drawing cards in football, have passed and their football deeds are only a memory now. The game which produced such stars as Thorpe, Benum Pierce, Guyon, Metoxen, Mount Pleasant and Hudson, is lost forever at Carlisle, and the football world grieves.

TEACHERS ARRANGE SERIES MEETINGS DURING SEASON

Organization and Salary Questions Over Will Now Inject Some Social Interest.

Up to the present time the High School Teachers' Alliance have devoted their time to the matters of organization and salary. The work of organization being pretty well in hand and the salary question practically arranged to their satisfaction, the association has taken up matters of educational and social interest.

A series of meetings of educational and social nature has been arranged for during the season, the first of which was held at the Victoria High School Saturday evening. Superintendent of Schools, W. G. Carpenter, addressed the meeting on the subject of "The Problem of the High School," after which a discussion took place particularly concerning the curriculum. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the discussion, and a pleasant social time was spent. The wives of the members were the guests of the Alliance for the evening.

erned the fight. Smith knocked out all of his opponents and won the title. He then set claim to the heavyweight championship of England. This was disputed by Jack Davis. The result was a match on December 16, 1885, in Godstone, for a \$1,000 side bet. The men fought with bare knuckles and Smith knocked out Davis in four rounds.

Alf Greenfield then challenged Smith. The fight which followed took place in Paris on February 16, 1886, for a side bet of \$1,500. Smith had all the best of it up to the thirteenth round when Greenfield's partisans, realizing that they were about to lose their wagers, broke into the ring and stopped further battling. Jem Mace, the referee, declared the fight a draw, a decision which created a storm of criticism throughout pugilistic circles.

After two fights with Jack Knifton, each of which was broken up by the police, Smith remained in idleness for a while. But when Jake Kilrain, the great American bare knuckle warrior, arrived in Europe, Smith lost no time in challenging him. Kilrain accepted and the battle which followed ranks as one of the greatest in ring history.

The men fought under London prize ring rules for a \$5,000 side bet and the diamond belt, signifying the world's championship. The battle took place December 19, 1887, on Isle St. Pierre, France, before a sizeable crowd. Kilrain and Smith were almost matched in size, as Smith by that time had taken on weight and beamed well beyond 200 in fighting condition.

The men started battling at a furious clip and through nearly fifty rounds they fought desperately. But honors continued even. From then on until the 105th round the fighting was featured only by occasional rallies. Both men were in a fearful condition and each was near exhaustion as the 106th round began.

As the fighter stood the scratch for that session they clinched, held a whispered conversation and then, breaking from it, and without consulting the referee, they announced that the fight was a draw.

Smith went into retirement soon afterward.

INTER-PROVINCIAL BASKETBALL AT UNIVERSITY SAT.

First of Annual Interprovincial Games Between U. of A. and U. of Saskatchewan

The first of the annual inter-provincial basketball games will be played at the University Saturday night, between the University of Saskatchewan and University of Alberta teams. Last year the University of Saskatchewan won both games, however, this year the Alberta boys feel that there will be a different story.

The University is credited with having one of the strongest teams that ever played in Alberta and have been practicing every night this week and regularly all winter. The yhave speed and their team play is almost perfect. The larry all winter. They have speed and are also in good shape having practised all season and defeated nearly every team they have come up against.

RACING COLORS OF MAJ. BELMONT WILL BE SEEN ON N.Y. TRACKS

The maroon and red racing colors of Major August Belmont will be seen on the New York tracks once more in 1920. Among others who will race under the silks of the chairman of the jockey club is a coming 2-year-old named All Hours. He is a brown son of Negofol and Hour Glass II and therefore full brother to the great Hourless, who won a majority of the stakes on the New York tracks while racing for the Belmont stable and is now in the stud with a prospect of having winners of his get racing during the coming season.

The intention of Major Belmont to resume racing of thoroughbreds of his own breeding was made known when he entered All Hours in the juvenile and Keene memorial stakes for 2-year-olds to be run during the spring meetings at Belmont park.

President Wilson has nominated Miss Florence M. West to be receiver of public moneys at Pueblo, Col.

"SNAKE" AMES, FORMER FOOTBALL PLAYER HAS CHANGED TO GOLF

Old-timers remember "Snake" Ames, who was one of the slipperiest football players of his day. When he was playing with Princeton he was a terror. Today he is golfing and quite a bog. At Onwentsia he is one of the top-notchers. He was the winner of the annual pow-wow tournament on those links.

In St. Louis, in thanking delegates to the central trades and labor union for his re-election as recording secretary, David Kreyling said: "If you make progress slowly and get things gradually they'll stay with you. Watch your step and be sure you are right before you go ahead."

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