

EX-LONDONERS WERE AFTER EASTERN LEAGUE FRANCHISE

Inability to Secure Grounds Alone Prevented Transferring to London of the Fast Montreal Baseball Team.

London might have a berth in the Eastern League had not the International League's option on the Tecumseh Park grounds prevented Mr. W. J. J. Reid from leasing the grounds to Pat Powers' organization.

For some time it has been known that Montreal has not been able to raise the money to make the league a success, and President Powers has been on the still hunt for a location for Jimmy Casey's team.

Hamilton was looked upon with some favor, but it was felt that the Ambitious City could support a team for about half the season only.

Then it was decided to get London in the game, and run half the games here.

Mr. Powers got into communication with several well known Londoners, and all the information possible to obtain was sent to him. He was forcibly impressed with the prospects in London.

Mr. Hobbs Interested. A Toronto dispatch to The Advertiser in connection with the matter, says that Mr. T. S. Hobbs, of London, who has always taken a keen interest in baseball, was interested in the proposition, and that he had been in touch with leading Toronto baseball promoters, who were

John L. Sullivan Was Generous Once Gave Salvation Army \$200

One time, after he had lost the championship as well as most of the coin he had gathered, John L. Sullivan opened a cafe in Forty-second street, New York. It was the occasion of a great celebration among the men who had followed him from victory to victory during many years. Sullivan still had friends by the thousand. On the opening day his place was crowded to the outer doors. Champagne flowed in rivers, and few were allowed to buy while John was near.

Walked To Bar. During the afternoon two women dressed in Salvation Army uniform walked into the bar, proffering the War Cry for sale and soliciting contributions to a charity fund. The men in the place were not charitably inclined that afternoon, except in the matter of purchasing refreshments. Some turned their backs, some laughed. Sullivan was just returning from a trip to the room in the rear as the women turned to go out. His ears caught the laugh, and his eyes took in the situation at a glance. Stepping quickly forward he called the women back.

"Here's a hundred for you," he said, passing over a bill.

Donated \$100. The women, thanking him, had not

reached the door before he called them back again.

"Here's a hundred more," he said, diving into his pocket. "Don't thank me. It's all right. Just trot along now."

When John returned to the bar some of his friends expostulated with him over the extravagance of his donation.

"Boys," said Sullivan, "more than one of us may be glad to have some one give us a lift before we die. Give when you've got it. You may be glad to have some other fellow do as much for you."—From "Fights in Real Life," by Robert Edgren, in The Outlook Magazine for March.

THE TURF. Winners Yesterday. At New Orleans—Orlando 15 to 1, Moongold even, Ralbert 3 to 1, Marse 11 to 5, Pedro 2 to 1, Merrick 9 to 10, John McBride 10 to 1.

At Oakland—Andrew B. Cook 2 to 1, Del Crusader 11 to 10, Miss Rillie 4 to 5, Gemmell 11 to 10, Varte Nicht 21 to 1, Sugar Maid even.

At Los Angeles—Maggie D. 8 to 1, Bold 13 to 1, Parbette 3 to 1, Dominus April 13 to 20, L. C. Widrig 8 to 5, John Kyle 8 to 5.

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Young Ketchell Claims the Title Will Meet Tommy Later On

Latest Gossip of the Squared Circle—Ketchell-Mantell Bout Off.

Unless Bill Papke, the Western middleweight, changes his mind about fighting Stanley "Young" Ketchell in Milwaukee only, there will be no battle between these two great pugilists for the middleweight championship of the world. In a statement given out by Ketchell in San Francisco last night, the Montana fighter says that he will not box Papke at Milwaukee, as he does not think that a fight for the championship should only be for ten rounds, which is the limit in that city. "If Papke refuses to fight me at Colma, Cal., for twenty-five or forty-five rounds, I will claim the title and defend it against all comers. Then I will take on the light heavyweights and then go after Tommy Burns, the heavyweight champion."

Ketchell-Mantell Bout Called Off. The limited round bout between Stanley Ketchell and Frank Mantell, the Pawtucket (R. I.) middleweight, which was to have been decided at the Colma (Cal.) A. C. on March 28, has fallen through. Matchmaker Jim Croffoth came to the conclusion that he would have so much work to do in getting all preparations made for the lightweight battle between Jimmy Britt and Packey McFarland on April

11 that it would be impossible for him to hold the Ketchell-Mantell contest.

Kaufmann to Fight Again. Big Al Kaufmann, the heavyweight of California, who has not fought since he was awarded the decision over Jack "Twist" Sullivan, in a twenty-five round bout at Colma, Cal., a few months ago, is to fight again next month. He has been matched by his manager, Billy Delaney, to meet Terry Mustain, the young California heavyweight, for twenty rounds at Marysville, Cal., between April 1 and 6. Mustain knocked out George Gardner a short time ago.

Gans May Meet Robson. Joe Gans, the lightweight champion, has consented to meet "Spice" Robson, the English lightweight, in a six-round bout before the National A. C. of Philadelphia, on April 8, providing Robson defeats Matty Baldwin in their twelve-round battle before the Army A. A., of Boston, on Wednesday night. Jack McGuigan, matchmaker of the above mentioned club, secured Gans for the bout by making him a flattering offer for his services.

Moran Now Wants to Fight Gans. Owen Moran, the little English pugilist, was offered a fight with Tommy Sullivan, the former South Brooklyn fighter, before the Pacific A. C. of San Francisco, the latter part of April, but Charley Harvey, manager of Moran, promptly refused the offer. Harvey wired Matchmaker Marisch that if Abe Attel refused to fight Gans he would let Owen meet Joe Gans if the latter would take him.

At a well attended meeting held last night in the Y. M. C. A. building a spring soccer league was organized, with seven teams on the list. The officers elected and the teams are as follows:

Hon. President—Hon. Adam Beck. President—Mr. F. A. McAspin. Vice-President—Geo. H. Long. Secretary-Treasurer—Chas. Hollins. Executive Committee—One member from each team.

The teams are: McClarys, Y. M. C. A., Wolsey Barracks, Grand Trunk car shops, North Enders, All Saints' Church, Chelsea Lodge, S. O. E., and possibly the St. John's Athletic Club. Today a committee will interview

Mr. P. B. Wreath, lessee of Tecumseh Park, with a view to securing the use of the park for a W. F. A. team prior to the opening of the baseball season.

The officials of the proposed W. F. A. team are as follows: Hon. President—Major Beattie. Hon. Vice-President—Mayor Stevely. Patrons—J. K. H. Pope, Hon. C. S. Hyman, A. H. Brener, Geo. A. O'Neill. President—John H. Smith. Vice-President—Mel Brock. Secretary-Treasurer—Chas. Hollins. Executive Committee—Mr. L. Alkenhead, Ald. Hogg, Elmer Sage and a team manager, to be appointed by the executive.

and did not do so well. Tommy Dewar's trundlers were in good shape and rolled three first class games. Tommy was king pin trundler himself, getting 560 for his three times up. The rest of the team rolled steadily. Jimmy Glad Graney, was the best of the Saints. He got one good game that helped some.

The Saints rolled themselves into first place with a score of 2,514. The best previous score was that of the Cubs on the first night of 2,475.

The second game brought Doc Sipal's Liberals and the other St. Thomas team, and in this the locals were given a beating. The Liberals were not up to form, and had to admit defeat to a better team last night. The bright particular spot in the Liberals' rolling was the score made by Jack McIntosh, who rolled 557 for three games. That is pretty close to being the best single score in the five-team games. The Saints all bowled true, Drake being the best.

The doubles high score was also beaten. Jack McIntosh and Al Fraser getting 1,121, which is very high for this tournament. They started off at a merry clip, Martell rolling 225 and Fraser 225 in the first session. They kept going steady and strong, and finished with a big lead. This score will take some beating. R. Lashbrook and G. Nightingale also had a good evening, rolling 1,061. Nightingale got 585, the best yet. Jack McMurphy and Jack McKay also got over the thousand mark, trundling 1,051, and getting into third place.

The best single score is still that of Jack Martell, 558. The best rolled last night was that of Hugh Murray who got 512.

The tournament will close tonight. The Skiddiums and Jack Abrams' team will line up together, while Vic Brook's big five from the Liberal Club will face Stratford. The singles and doubles will be finished this afternoon and evening.

The scores yesterday: St. Thomas. Bond 141 146 123—419. J. Evans 123 97 98—318. Graney 201 133 135—469. Chumy 140 112 165—417. Scott 138 164 134—436. Totals 743 652 655—2,050.

Orients. B. Smyth 132 159 175—466. K. Murray 147 127 177—451. E. Shea 171 171 171—513. G. Nightingale 203 163 158—524. T. Dewar 211 170 179—560. Totals 864 790 860—2,514.

St. Thomas. Drake 187 167 187—541. Huron 209 146 158—513. Richardson 168 164 145—477. Evans 150 152 153—455. Connolly 132 160 189—481. Totals 846 790 832—2,468.

Sipp's Robins. G. Platt 194 149 180—423. J. Oliver 164 154 128—446. J. Wilkey 106 139 161—406. J. McIntosh 194 171 192—557. F. Millson 121 160 118—399. Totals 689 773 779—2,241.

DOUBLES. London. Fraser 225 147 193—565. Martell 235 164 157—555. Totals 460 311 350—1,121.

Kerr 151 195 145—491. J. Murray 167 184 156—507. Totals 318 389 291—1,008. M. Murray 167 184 156—507.

MAN IN PEW 17 WANTED COCK-TAIL. "Speaking of hotels," says Jimmy Slagle, of the Chicago Cubs, "we hit Palmy Beach one spring to play a couple of exhibition games, and the hotel was packed. It was so crowded they doubled us all up in one room, and before night the management had to fix bunks in the church connected with the hotel and send a lot of men to sleep there. Along about 5 o'clock the next morning the church bell began to ring furiously, and finally the clerk chased one of the negro bell boys over to see what the matter was.

"What's the trouble?" asked the clerk when the coon came back. "Gentleman in pew 17 wants cocktail, sah."

CHARLEY BENNETT. Charles Bennett, one of the greatest baseball catchers the world ever knew until he lost both legs in a railroad accident in the winter of 1893, is now making a comfortable living in Detroit as a china decorator. His work finds a ready market at good prices. It seems odd that Bennett should take up the painting of china, inasmuch as his hands were badly injured at the time he lost his legs, some of his fingers being permanently crippled. But he evidently has enough serviceable ones left.—Crockery and Glass Journal.

\$1,200 TOO HIGH. "Knotty" Lee and Chaucer Elliott are both of the opinion that the salary limit of \$1,200 is too big for Western Ontario. And they ought to know, for both have had the experience. Lee was manager, and Elliott, his lieutenant, in the Brantford team a few seasons ago, and it wasn't necessary to purchase a strong box to cart the money away at the end of the season.—Exchange.

WAGNER A TEACHER. That "Hans" Wagner, of the Pittsburgh club, has been captured by Andrew Carnegie, the steel king, is an

assertion made in the Carnegie Union, a weekly paper printed by Gus A. Beard, a business partner of Wagner at Carnegie, Pa.

The Union always has been considered the official mouthpiece of Wagner when he has anything to say. The issue reaching Pittsburgh readers today says Wagner has been approached by William P. Field, of the Carnegie Technical School at Pittsburgh and has promised to instruct the pupils the proper way to play baseball.

The deal was closed last Friday morning, when Wagner, in his automobile, went to the school and had a two-hour conference. "Hans" is to lecture on baseball twice a week, according to the publication.

THE SHOP FOR MEN. "The Shop for Men" is a new and stylish establishment located at 197-199 Dundas Street, London, Ontario. It specializes in men's clothing, including suits, overcoats, and accessories. The shop is managed by Mike Foley and offers a wide selection of fashionable garments for men.

BOUGHNER. Boughner is a well-known brand of men's clothing, offering high-quality suits and overcoats. The shop, located at 197-199 Dundas Street, is a popular destination for men looking for stylish and durable clothing.

THE NATIONAL. The National is a prominent brand of cigars, known for its quality and flavor. It is available at various retailers, including The Shop for Men and Boughner.

NOTES OF THE CANADIAN TURF. The Canadian spring and summer circuit will be inaugurated in Chatham, May 26-28; then, comes, London, June 2-5; Wingham, June 9-11; Seaforth, June 16-18; Listowel, June 23-25; Stratford, June 29-July 2; Preston, July 7-9; Orangeville, July 15-16; Windsor, week of July 20, preceding the Grand Circuit races in Detroit.

HOW TOMMY BURNS WINS HIS FIGHTS. Tommy Burns, whose 56th fight, with Palmer, has left him in the undisputed heavyweight championship of the world, differs from most English prizefighters in his method of training. Instead of putting himself unreservedly into the hands of a trainer and following implicitly the orders he receives for the various exercises as well as diet, he dispenses altogether with such assistance and trains himself. In this he follows the course adopted by some of the more modern American pugilists who argue that no trainer can so accurately gauge a man's capabilities for work on any given day as the man himself. For this reason, Burns often takes much less exercise than a trainer would give him, for he feels at all state he "takes things easy," shortening his hours of work in the gymnasium and the distance he walks and runs, while on occasions he will do no work at all for a day. As a matter of fact, when he was training at Hampstead for the fight with Palmer, two days went by without his working, for he had hurt his leg and he was not willing to take any chances. As everyone knows, it is his extraordinary quickness on his feet which is one of his strong points and he has developed this by much practice. Not that he has neglected the use of his hands, for many experts say he is the cleverest man with his hands now before the public.

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TOURNAMENT WEEK SEE The Games 195 KING ST. The Ideal Bowling & Billiard Parlors

NORTH END JUNIORS FORM BALL LEAGUE

The North End Junior Baseball League was organized for the season last night, and the following officers elected:

President—T. F. Kingsmill. Secretary-Treasurer—J. Woolley. Executive Committee—D. Omond, A. Callahan, O. Culbert, F. Arscott. The teams represented were: St. George's Athletic Club, Talbot Street Baptist Sunday School, Pirates, Shamrocks, and St. John's Athletic Club.

BURNS FIGHTS IN PARIS

Match Arranged With Two English Heavyweights.

London, March 25.—Tommy Burns has deposited the 500 connected with the proposed 20-round contests with two of the best English heavyweights in Paris in April.

LAUNCHED AT LAST

The International Baseball League Organizes and Elects Officers.

Hamilton, March 26.—The International Baseball League was officially launched yesterday at a meeting held at the Waldorf Hotel.

The league will comprise, London, Guelph, Hamilton and Niagara Falls. The officers elected were: G. Long, London, president; Wm. K. Murray, Niagara Falls, secretary-treasurer; P. B. Wreath, London; F. Paige, Hamilton; J. E. Murray, Guelph, and W. K. Murray, Niagara Falls, will act as a board of directors.

The salary limit of the league will be \$1,200, and protection will be asked for under the national agreement. The schedule will probably be completed some time today.