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MAKES PREDICTION THAT CONNIE MACK WILL REPEAT

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—That the Philadelphia Athletics would be invincible for another year, and possibly twice the belief of Frank Chance, winner of four National League pennants and two world's championship cups, subscribes to this belief. His statement today was unique in that so far as known he is the first National League manager to voluntarily recognize the superiority of the American League.

This, however, is as far as Chance is willing to acknowledge the superiority of the younger organization. He does not believe that the results of the several post-season contests, aside from the world's series, served to give a true line on the actual strength of the competing clubs. In his opinion, it is questionable as to whether it is right to give a certain extent. For instance, not ever the veteran Ivo believes that the St. Louis Browns are the equals of the St. Louis Cardinals, and yet the former won in the post-season series between these clubs.

Viewing the question from another angle, a majority of baseball experts agree that Cincinnati, while really having one of the best clubs in the league as far as individual ability is concerned, really did not figure to win from Cleveland in the Ohio state championship series on the form which the Reds displayed in the National League race, and yet Griffith's men turned the trick.

Laying aside prejudice and professional bias, the dope would seem to indicate that the American league is a shade faster than the National, but the difference would be rarely perceptible in a full season's play, and in all probability the conditions will be exactly reversed two or three years hence.

Chance is sincere in his estimate of the Athletics, and gave his opinion regarding them freely. He has not the slightest intention of leaving Mack and his dauntless pastimers despite the decisive trouncing which the Cubs experienced at their hands in 1910.

"You ask wherein lies the great strength of the Athletics," said Chance, repeating the question which was put to him. "This may best be answered by saying that the Mack machine really has no glaringly weak place in its line-up. First base is the only position that is open to question, and I am not qualified to pass on that for the simple reason that I did not have an opportunity to see McInnis in action. If he is as good as claimed, the Athletic infield practically is without a flaw. Davis, of course,

McVEY DIDN'T DESERVE TO GET DECISION

Melbourne, Dec. 28.—Tommy Burns was greatly surprised at the referee's verdict in favor of McVey. Burns declared Langford did all the foreing and fighting, and he is determined that Baker shall referee the Lester-Smith fight.

WHAT SOME OF BOXERS ARE DOING

Billy Allen and Billy Ryan, the rival lightweights, are to meet again at Syracuse Jan. 15.

Bob Mohr, the Milwaukee middleweight, has signed to box Jack Dillon at Pittsburgh, Jan. 10.

John Connolly, the Scotch lightweight, has been signed to box Kid Fleming in Augusta, Me., Jan. 1.

Frank Buras, the Jersey City bantam, is to be married, but he has promised his manager not to make the party until after he has met Johnny Coulon, which probably will be soon.

The Quincey A. A. will hold another amateur boxing tournament at West Quincey Jan. 8. The open classes will be at 115, 125, 135 and 145 pounds.

Entries will close Jan. 8 with P. J. Duggan, 15 Holmes street, Quincey, and Jimmy DeForest, manager of Pat Moore, writes that the reports sent out from Philadelphia last Monday night about Charles Turner defeating Moore were wrong. DeForest says that Moore outpointed Turner.

Pal Moore, the Philadelphia lightweight, who recently got married, need not box again if he does not want to, as he has a bankroll that he saved out of his earnings in the ring, and his wife also has a big bank account.

Johnny Connolly, lightweight champion of Scotland, has been matched by Eddie Mack to box B. Wood on New Year's Day before the New Bedford Athletic Club. Connolly is now in training and has two other matches on. He boxes Young Dorasue Jan. 8 at the American Club and Kid Fleming in Augusta Jan. 11.

The American A. C. will hold its meeting this evening, and the sports should witness a good bout when Young Nicom and Gilbert Gallant clash in the feature contest. In the preliminaries Patsy DeLuca will meet Young Mitchell, Tommy Carson will box Mike Brown and Young Carlos will clash with "Spider" Murphy.

MGILL WINS SLOW GAME IN BOSTON

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—In a game so closely contested that an extra period was necessary, McGill University of Montreal, defeated the Intercollegiate hockey team of Boston at the Arena tonight, 4 to 2. In the extra period McGill caged the puck twice, and successfully prevented the Bostonians from scoring.

Mrs. Nag—Henry, why don't you get up and look for a job? You know, you never get much without struggling for it. Mr. Nag—(sarcastically)—I know it, didn't I get you without a struggle?

Some of the Champions of 1911



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CRESCENTS AND ATHLETICS TOP Y. M. A. LEAGUE

Two games of basketball were played in the Portland Methodist Y. M. A. league last evening. In the first game the Athletics lost to the Tigers by 35 points to 32. In the second game the Crescents won the Maple Leaves 26 to 19.

The lineup: Athletics: Forwards, M. Kirk, J. Kelly; Center, M. Thorne; Guards, C. Cunningham, M. Thorne, J. Fowler; Referee, Walter Brown.

Maple Leaves: Forwards, McNeil, Harishorn; Center, Folkins; Guards, Folkins, Lingley; Referee, F. Thorne.

The league standing is as follows: Athletics... 5; Crescents... 5; Tigers... 2; Maple Leaves... 4.

\$2,500 OFFERED FOR BOUT BETWEEN LANG AND GIBBONS

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Manager George P. Hickey, of the Personal club, tossed a bombshell into the camp of boxing promoters here when he bungled up a \$2,500 price for a bout between Hilliard Lang, the Canadian welterweight champion, and Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, acclaimed by the Personal club executive as legitimate champion of the world on the head of his defeat of Willie Lewis, of New York.

The marked check for this amount is in the hands of Lou Marsh, of the Toronto Star, and there isn't any string on it except that boys make 145 pounds ragside, or at 3 o'clock, as may be mutually agreeable, and that they box 10, 12, or 15 rounds, as the Personal club executive may direct, when they say where the bout is to be contested in January.

Few boxing fans who saw the Lang-Lewis bout at Toronto realize how close the affair came to being a bloom over the weight question. Lewis made the Personal club executive at the Olympic club, but Charlie Conkle, Lang's manager, insisted that the scales were used two pounds out, and proved it, when the boys weighed at Cook's Turkish baths at 3.20. Now, once Lewis made weight on the Olympic scales at 3 o'clock he had a right to box at that weight being accepted, but failed to do so. After the second weighing Lewis and his manager, Dan McKitterick, decided they would not pay their weight forfeit, because of this contingency, and decided to hustle back to New York. Imagine the stew Manager Ryan was in. He got boxers and managers together again, but Charlie Conkle would not even guarantee that Lang would box Lewis, even if the weight forfeit were paid. He demanded the weight forfeit, without any conditions. McKitterick refused to surrender, and things were at a deadlock until Ryan volunteered to pay half the forfeit, and Conkle got the \$150. Then he agreed to let Lang box. Today Ryan invested \$2,500 in a scale of his own, and all weights must be made by it and it alone. 'Tis a fine job handling boxes—not!

All this yarn about Hilliard Lang going to ditch his manager, Charlie Conkle, of Hamilton, in favor of Tom Bird, his former manager, is so much moonshine. It is not that Bird is not competent to handle the fair-haired boy, but the Toronto lad is satisfied with the way Conkle has handled his affairs, and just to show that he is not a sucker, he has accepted a contract with Conkle. Conkle is now negotiating with New York promoters, and is said to have been offered \$2,000 for his end of a bout with Mike Gibbons of St. Paul.

Do you know who the Olympics are negotiating with? Not Mike Gibbons' next opponent? Mike Gibbons? No! Guess again. Can't you tell, then, it is Young Ernie of Philadelphia, who beat Gibbons in "Pitt" a week ago. Lewis says that Young Ernie is a marvel and the fastest thing wearing mitts for six rounds in America. He says, too, that when he beat Gibbons the result was not a draw, magnified into a win by partisan papers, but a real defeat. Lewis should know, for he has boxed them both. At that, Ernie is a lightweight. What a bout he and Lang would make!

Tables are Turned. Buffalo, Dec. 28.—Hilliard Lang, the champion Canadian boxer, has turned the tables on his manager, Charlie Conkle, who is to meet Joe Matuskiewicz at Mellinger's Hall, Sweet avenue and Broadway, New Year's afternoon, and is training Conkle for his coming match.

Lang will second Conkle New Year's and says he is 18 better than ever in his life. He will have some tough time with Matty, as the Pole is no doubt the toughest grapple of his parts and is out to show his Polish friends that he is a champion, as he surely will be if he beats Conkle. He is training with the Polish club and will be in best trim. First class prelims are being arranged by the matchmaker.

VOLUNTEERS EAGER TO JOIN THE RANKS OF OTTOMAN ARMY

Marseilles, Dec. 28.—A special despatch from a correspondent with the Ottoman army at Azizia in the Hinterland of Tripoli, says that thousands of volunteers are being enrolled daily. The army, he says, is in excellent condition and possesses ample arms and ammunition, most of which have been captured from the Italians.

The leading spirit in the Turkish and Arabian company continues to be Ali Pethi Bey, who was formerly Turkish Military Attache in Paris, and who was reported killed by the Italians.

REVISION OF STEEL TARIFF EXPECTED TO REDUCE DUTY

Washington, Dec. 28.—Representative Underwood, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, announced today that the first tariff legislation to be taken up by the house would be the steel schedule. The committee will draft a revised steel schedule contemplating reductions of from thirty to forty per cent.

ITALIAN STEAMER ARRIVES WITH CREW OF LOST SCHOONER

Barry, Wales, Dec. 28.—The Italian steamer Savi arrived here today with the crew of the British schooner "Charley" from Sagres, Portugal, which foundered off Sagres. Portugal. The schooner was on a voyage from Gibraltar for Harbor Grace, Nfld., owned by J. McRae, of St. John's, Nfld. She registered 100 tons.

THIS WAR WILL BE A HUMMER

New York, Dec. 27.—Promoters of the "new" baseball league came out with a startling statement today. In it they announced that the league will shortly be incorporated in New Jersey, after which a baseball war will follow "that will make all previous ructions in baseball look like skirmishes."

"The Brotherhood fight will become a memory, and the fight between the American and National Leagues will become a small-sized affair in comparison," the statement continues. "Not only has sufficient capital to finance all eight clubs been procured, but grounds have been secured in all but one of the cities to be invaded. And in that case there is plenty of land available where a park can be located, and the sites are so many and the real estate owners are so anxious to rent, that no combinations of the older leagues can shut the new one out."

The promoters go on to say that the agents of the league in formation "are in possession of the Winter addresses of practically every baseball player in the United States and at the proper time, which is now only a few days distant, players of the American and National Leagues will be given a chance to join the clubs in the new organizations on terms such as the older league never offered the players."

The circuit of the new league is to consist of the cities of New York, Brooklyn, Washington, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Indianapolis and Kansas City. The New York grounds are to be located on Long Island, close to a subway extension, more easily reached from the heart of the city than either the Polo Grounds or the American League Park.

The Brooklyn grounds will also be close to the subway in a location that will be as good as or better than Washington Park. In Baltimore the league is to have the choice of two ball parks. For the Pittsburgh club option has been obtained on a plot in a neighborhood far from Forbes Field, where the Pirates play. In Chicago the park will be located in the North Side and will be easily reached from all parts of the city.

In Indianapolis it is announced that the site of an old cemetery has been selected for the park and the property is in the hands of the promoters of the new league. This announcement will probably cause smiles among the managers in organization, baseball-wise. While the site in Washington has not yet been selected, the promoters announce there are so many plots available that the obtaining of an option in advance has not been necessary.

Sentiment in Favor of Soccer. The discussion of summer baseball brought out varying opinions as to whether the amateur law should and could be strictly enforced. Chancelor Samuel McCormick, of the University of Pittsburgh, discussing the general subject of enrollment for college athletes, said that he did not believe it was any more wrong for a student, if his object is education, to succeed in his athletic career by athletics in getting an education, than to use his skill on the typewriter or as a stenographer, or a waiter, or a number of laws, for the same laudable purpose.

WARWICK'S DEFEAT THE M. R. ALTD.

In a postponed game in the commercial bowling league on Black's alleys, last evening the O. H. Warwick team took three points from M. R. A. Ltd. The scores follow:

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Warwick: Howard... 73, 87, 79, 203-79; Coram... 79, 82, 76, 237-79; Ward... 82, 88, 96, 266-88; Henderson... 100, 87, 87, 274-87; Mortyree... 73, 84, 70, 227-76. M. R. A. Ltd.: Burton... 88, 84, 84, 266-88; Prest... 86, 72, 73, 231-77; Ramsey... 80, 79, 80, 239-79; Furlong... 71, 89, 73, 233-74; McLeod... 116, 98, 76, 279-93.

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GERMAIN STREET BAPTIST CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

In the schoolroom of the Germain street Baptist church last evening the pupils gathered for their annual Christmas tree and treat. Each of the pupils had brought food for the poor and the platform was piled high with their generous offerings.

During the evening a short and enjoyable concert programme was given by the children as follows: Piano Duet, Mildred Parker and Marian Reed; recitation, Mignon Barker; mandolin selection, A. G. Ingelson; A potato race and a wheelbarrow race were also held.

Freda Davis won the first event and Mildred and Charlie Morrison the latter. The boys secured a trophy for their bush camps look.

The whole affair was very enjoyable and before the children returned home they were presented with bags of candy.

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