

Mike Gibbons Is After Lumbering 'White Hopes'

St. Paul Marvel to Step Into the Heavyweight Class And Will Meet Gunboat Smith First—Hobey Baker Greatest Skater of Modern Times —Sporting News and Gossip.

By Igoe.
NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Mike Gibbons, considered the greatest middleweight since Ketchik's day, has done what the fans have been hoping for. He has announced his intention of taking on all the white hopes—yes, that's right, Mike is going into the giant killing business on a large scale. He wired to Jimmy Johnston, manager of Madison Square Garden, and proposed that Johnston select a large fat white hope for him to flatten. Jimmy didn't select a party one for Sir Michael—he picked Gunboat Smith, one of the smallest of the hopes, and asked Mike if he wanted to fight him. Mike said he did, and was going to be staged in the near future.

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Ping After the Money.
Ping Rodie who was lovingly called "the fence hunter" when he first came from California and joined the Feds. Ping is a great hitter when he is in his stride. No matter how he plays next year it would be a bitter pill for O. B. to swallow if the Feds snared him.

Can He Do It?
Kid Williams' determination to forsake the bantam class for the feather weight is welcome news to the fans. Most people like Williams and his near-Terry McGovern style. But as he has been pointed out many times, the kid is unfortunate in that he is being coming shoulder bound, and that calamity will prevent his ever being a knockout marvel. A strange thing is that most of the men whom he stops are finished while they are still atop. He never knocks anyone down. His muscle-bound shoulders won't allow for the quick delivery of a knockout punch.

James Talks Again.
Old James Gilmore, major domo of the Federal Baseball League, was in New York yesterday. Big Jim is on his way to New England where he will inaugurate a campaign that will result in the formation of a Federal Minor League. Gilmore's idea is to form this league so that they can take care

JOHNSON-WILLARD FIGHT PREPARATIONS

Both Men Getting Used to the Rarefied Air—Johnson on Mexico Side of the Border.

(By Iconoclast)
NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Plans for the Johnson-Willard, championship battle at Juarez, Mex., on March 5, are rapidly being completed. The promoters have established permanent quarters to take on a National-American League fight for fair.

Gilmore said he regretted the rumpus which the Chicago suit had stirred up, but he insisted that his league was not to blame, and that O. B. had brought the thing down on its own head. "We don't want them to molest us or our players. Any time they do we're going to fight them," said Gilmore. "I just signed Charley Deal up here. That fast youngster who took Red Smith's place at third in the last world's series, and who may be a good great style. We will make him the greatest third baseman in the world. He will play for St. Louis."

Willard will do his conditioning in the suburbs of El Paso, where the summer home of one of the league's citizens has been placed at the disposal. Located on one of the principal boulevards of the city, it will be easy of access and with the surrounding grounds and stables afford excellent facilities for both indoor and outdoor work. Johnson will remain at Juarez, the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. Training quarters were secured for him in the Juarez Opera House and accommodations for himself and staff of helpers in a nearby cottage.

Both pugilists are now at their training camps and are trying to get accustomed to the rarefied atmosphere. Both El Paso and Juarez have an altitude of close to 4,000 feet and training conditions are vastly different from those prevailing at lower levels.

This was brought out sharply in the Johnson-Jeffries contest in 1910. After spending some weeks in conditioning at close to sea level, near San Francisco, the camps were shifted to Reno, where the governor ordered the pugilists out of California. The change to the Nevada town at an altitude of approximately 4,500 feet, set back the training for fully a week while principals and helpers were adapting themselves to the lighter air.

According to plans, the ring proper is erected on the race track where the Juarez course in such a manner that a portion of the concrete stands can be utilized. Between the permanent stands and the track, the lawn will be used for other seats and boxes, while on the track side of the ring will be the bleacher seats. Prices will range from \$5 to \$50, and each coupon will entitle the holder to a numbered seat. Accommodations for about 25,000 spectators will be provided.

From the center of El Paso to the Juarez race course is a trip of about ten minutes, the spectators crossing the international bridge spanning the Rio Grande, which separates the two countries at this point. Once in Mexico the visitor will witness the novel spectacle of a prize fight under government sanction and control.

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ATHLETIC DOINGS AT WEST END "Y"

Well-Matched Teams in Business Men's Basketball League

There was great activity in the physical department the past week. The following is a summary:—Basketball—The Business Men's League games Friday proved that all of the teams are well matched if the full list of players are on the job. The two leading teams want down to defeat, which brings the league standing a little tighter. All of the players are now working hard for the Thomson and Boulton sterling silver cup. The following is the standing to date:

Won	Lost	Draw	
Lions	4	2	1
Panthers	3	4	0
Tigers	4	4	0
Leopards	2	5	0

The games for this week are: Monday, Lions v. Leopards, Tigers v. Panthers; Friday, Panthers v. Lions, Tigers v. Leopards.

The senior Tuesday night league will be of added interest when the fact becomes known that G. W. W. has presented a silver shield for this league. The following is the standing:

Won	Lost	
Mars	3	1
Venus	2	2
Saturn	3	2
Jupiter	0	0

The games for Tuesday, Venus v. Mars, Saturn v. Jupiter.

The senior league games last week proved beyond a doubt that the members know the game and are interested. The team standing is:

Won	Lost	
Rusholme	3	1
All-Stars	2	1
Federals	2	1
Rovers	1	1
Wesleys	1	1
Outlaws	0	0

The games for this week are: Tuesday, Rovers v. Outlaws; Wednesday, Rusholme v. Wesleys; Friday, Federals v. Outlaws.

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Riversdale Club of the I.O.O.F. League, played at the I.O.O.F. alley on Feb. 5, 1915.

Webber	153	157	165	475
Wise	141	149	157	447
Hadley	131	139	147	417
Low	122	129	137	388
Nelson	118	124	130	372

Totals	785	813	784	2382
Central Club-1	2	3	3	7
Oakley	101	101	104	306
Nuttrell	141	177	135	453
Butchort	134	153	133	420
Calver	148	154	143	445
Minty	130	137	139	406

Totals	704	788	720	2200
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W	L	D	T	
Phillips	1	2	3	7
Syme	1	2	3	7
Grham	1	2	3	7
Milner	1	2	3	7

Totals	463	476	542	1500
Beaches	1	2	3	7
Cowdy	172	138	136	446
Rows	102	104	173	387

Totals	572	484	596	1652
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W	L	D	T	
Victorias	1	2	3	7
Hawkes	1	2	3	7
J. Logan	1	2	3	7
T. Logan	1	2	3	7
Minty	1	2	3	7
Ferguson	1	2	3	7

Totals	815	893	935	2643
Havelocks	1	2	3	7
Armstrong	1	2	3	7
Taylor	1	2	3	7
Webster	1	2	3	7
Connors	1	2	3	7
Hartman	1	2	3	7

Totals	844	809	884	2537
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POKER by BRURY UNDERWOOD

How the Piker Recovered.

FARO is the game," observed the veteran, Bill, after a snore of cards. "For one thing, poker is too slow for the man who wants quick action. You have to wait for a hand at poker, but in playing the bank—well, the chances to gamble your head-off stare you in the face all the time. The reason for this is that you are not playing for a stack after the days of the public layout games passed. Of course, it was possible to freeze a player on the other hand. It was with poker, but if you were caught playing faro it cost you ten times as much in court as it did if you were pinned at the other game.

"For the life of me I can't see why faro is more immoral than poker, but the police court judges decided that it was. When you play faro you are playing for a case of \$200 and costs and \$18 and costs. I mean that the heavy fine was planned for the poker player. You played the chips, and the dealer handled the deck from his hand, instead of from a box. Money, from a 50-cent piece up, supplied the chips.

"At the dealer's elbow were a bowl of water, a sponge, and a towel, so if the dealer broke in we could wipe off the layout, dry the table top, and be engaged in a pitch game in no time at all.

"This game was manned by volunteers. If one fellow wanted to deal he would put up a bank roll and be ready to stand a cap. If he went broke we would give him the chance to sit in for pay as case keeper the next night—that is, if the copper want on the job.

"Now, I want to tell you how a piker tried to beat this bank, but before I start maybe it is necessary for some of your readers to know the main technicalities of faro. The first card exposed loses and the second wins. If a pair comes out together the dealer takes half of the bet. Thus, if the six is the first card out and you have played a bet on it you lose, unless you have played it to lose by placing a copper on the chips.

"With the games not in danger of ruin the cards came out of box face up. In dealing out of the hand the cards were face down. Now, we were set around to the piker's table. The game had progressed for a couple of hours and he had never bet more than half a dollar in that time, when suddenly he asked the dealer: "How much can I bet on this turn?"

"Tap it," was the answer. "After searching him thoroughly he dug up \$18.50, which he put on the line. The dealer looked at the pack a minute and turned. The card came nine-jack.

"O, I meant to copper the nine," exclaimed the sure-thing player. "Here I have set for two hours waiting for that nine to show on top. I pegged it because it had a little bit of one corner torn off."

"It was on," said the dealer, "and if you had coppered it I wouldn't have dealt for you."

"But I must have my money back," said the piker. "It was rent money and I'm clean. I can't go home and face my wife."

"After a wait of an hour, during which play went on, the dealer told the piker that if he had fallen as a cheat, and sent her around in person the next day the money would be returned. And it was."

What a Piker Means.
A LAWYER suit against a telegraph company had this curious beginning. A widely known bookmaker of the middle west went east to back a man or a filly named Dolly. He took a sample roll with him. His wife was fully conversant with his affairs and he told her before his departure that he would wire her on the result of the day.

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