

# ALL THE LATEST NEWS OF THE ATHLETIC WORLD

## FEDERALS, PLAYERS, CONTRACTS

Despite the positive assertion made in Chicago despatches that Joe Tinker and Mordecai Brown had signed three-year contracts with the Federal league to manage the Chicago and St. Louis clubs respectively, next year, there is an inclination in many baseball quarters to refrain from picturing the old Cub duo in independent garb just yet. Even without reckoning the claims of the major league magnates that under the new form of contracts the reserve rule is binding legally and will prevent Tinker and Brown from jumping, there is the business style of the modern ball player to be considered. He is not in the habit of jumping at the first big offer that comes along, but generally is wise enough to play the more profitable waiting game, playing one bid against the other until he is satisfied that the highest mark possible has been reached. For this reason it is considered doubtful by many baseball followers that Tinker, at least, actually has bound himself over to the Fed's. There may be no question in Brown's case as he is almost through as a player in the majors, and probably could get more as a manager in the Federal than he could expect to receive from the Cincinnati club this year, but there is a chance for Tinker to get a higher figure in the National, and he is not the kind of man to sell himself up while a chance remains to get a better offer from the other side.

The Federal league will be running the risk of losing a lot of money in grabbing high-priced players like Tinker and Brown unless it manages at the same time to corral a large number of classy players from the established ranks. The manager is a very important item in a ball club, of course, but he isn't the only one by any means. There must be a team on the field as well. Baseball patrons in Chicago and St. Louis cannot be expected to attend the Federal league games in those cities for the mere privilege of seeing Tinker and Brown direct their clubs. They will want to see real ball games, and unless the teams are made up of players capable of furnishing high class entertainment, the sums paid out for famous managers will be virtually thrown away.

The task before the Federal league magnates is a tough one. Their circuit is rather unwhieldy, including, as it does, Toronto in the northeast, and Kansas City in the southwest. High ball parlors have to be built, money put in the bank for a couple of years, and each club protected for three years, even if the league plays only for a week or two, and a few other minor details. If those behind the league are able to surmount these difficulties there is no doubt but that they will get recognition from the fans, as has happened in the case of the hold out until they have been shown.

## AMERICANS AS GOOD AS ENGLISHMEN

When Norman S. Taber, the American Rhodes-Scholar, finished second in the Oxford-Cambridge cross-country race at Roehampton Dec. 13, he made the following statement to a Sporting Life writer:

"I think cross-country running in this country is equally good, if not better, in the bulk of the world. Of course, it must be remembered that cross-country work has only been seriously taken up in America for the past seven or eight years, but it is now flourishing and increasing in popularity every year. In America we do, as you know, devote much more attention to track work than cross-country, but now all the larger schools that take up athletics foster cross-country work and run a team of runners.

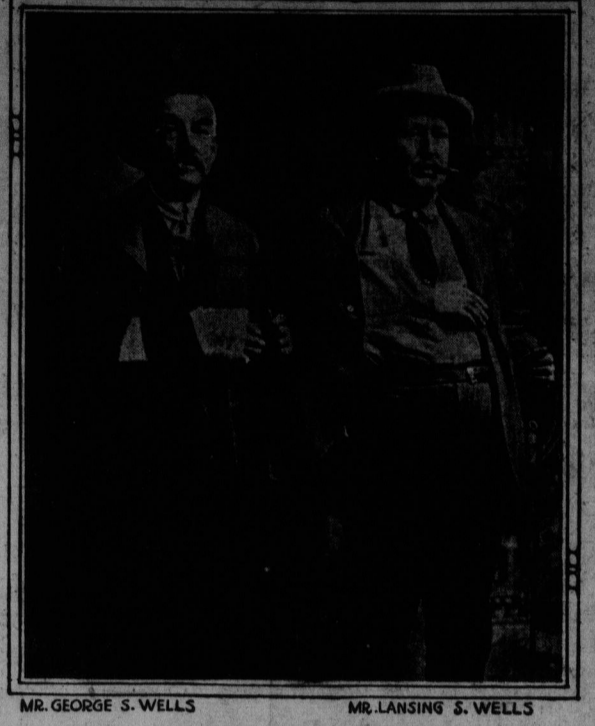
"I think, however, the English climate should make cross-country work a necessity. I find it enervating in comparison with America. Over there I could sit and study without feeling the absolute necessity for exercise, but here in England I feel I must get out in the air to do some running each day just to keep well. I think, however, we have cross-country stars in America quite the equal of those on this side of the world.

"Last year, in America, I was running better than today, was in better shape in fact, yet I was beaten by a big margin. In last year's inter-collegiate championship race over a course which covered exactly six miles of stiffly country, J. F. Jones won in well under thirty-three minutes, with the others close up, and when the winter sport becomes more popular, as it is rapidly doing, America will not doubt produce as good men over the country as on the track."

**BOXING STYLES.**

The English style of boxing differs from that of the American and French style in that it is more scientific, but less aggressive. Our fellows get in lots of light blows and win on points if the contest goes the full limit. This pays among the little men, few of whom hit hard enough to knock out their rivals. When we get to the welterweight and heavyweights, however, we are dealing with men who can knock out a rival with one punch, if it lands in the right place. The result is that though the English boxer may get in plenty of taps and jabs with little power, the aggressive American often wins because of his heavy-hitting ability. He is used to "roughing it," and can take and give punishment.—A. B. George, in Montreal Gazette.

## BROKEN ARMS DON'T STOP THEIR FISHING ENJOYMENT



When George S. Wells and his cousin, Lansing S. Wells, start out for a little recreation they propose to have it if it costs a leg or breaks an arm or breaks both of their arms. And that is why the sportsmen who are in Constantine, Mich., enjoying the bass fishing season daily see the general cousins heading for the streams with their fishing requisites in their left hands and their right arms in slings.

When they arrived at Constantine not a bone was broken in either. A few days later Lansing Wells fell out of the boat and broke his arm, and two days after George Wells broke his arm, just to keep his cousin company. They met the situation by rigging up a special boat and are making some great catches.

## SPORTOGRAPHY BY "GRAVY"

### Englishman Whipped Irishman in Great Bout, 23 Years Ago.

Sunday will be the twenty-third anniversary of the great battle in New Orleans in which Bob Fitzsimmons whipped Jack Dempsey, and thus became the middleweight champion of the world.

Dempsey was born in County Kildare, Ireland, while Bob is a native of Cornwall, England. Jack came over to America at an early age, while Bob, after a youth spent in New Zealand, and Australia, eventually became a citizen of the United States.

It was an Englishman against Irishman and the former won. It must be remembered, however, that the Hibernian had reached the top of his career and was going back, while the Cornishman was just beginning to come to the front at the time of the Crescent City battle. Yet both were born in the same year, 1882, and Bob was a few months the senior of Jack. In weight Fitz had an advantage of three pounds over Dempsey.

The period of the Dempsey-Fitzsimmons fight was the most memorable in the history of the middleweight division. Before Dempsey's time, Mike Donovan had been the big man among the middleweights, although he had been held to a draw in a terrific ninety-six round battle, staged in California, by Billy McClennan. Dempsey was the first man to hold a belt emblematic of the middleweights of that golden age of pugilism. Included in the present "white hope" heavyweights are Kid McCoy came later—and what the Hoosier, in his prime, could have done to such men as the white heavyweights of today would have been a crime.

Before the Fitz-Dempsey battle Jack was a heavy favorite, but at the ring side the odds favored Fitz. Scores of California sports, with rolls big enough to choke elephants, assembled in the Crescent City, and by their heavy betting they made Fitz the favorite. The crowd had already commenced to get in its work on Dempsey, and he was wholly outclassed. In vain Bob begged the game Irishman to quit, but Dempsey didn't think the meaning of the word "quit" until the thirteenth round. Dempsey went down and out, and the middleweight crown became the property of Bob Fitz.

## PICKED

Cambridge University Rugby back division contains internationalists of England, Scotland, Wales and South Africa.

Boxing wields an admirable influence on the development of character, says Bombardier Wells in the Christmas Pearson's Magazine.

Middlesex County Cricket Club had a profit of £469 on last season's work. That looks well against Lancashire's loss of nearly £1,000.

Leonard J. Wall, the Manchester City half-back has been transferred to Dundee. The fee is said to be the biggest ever paid by Dundee.

Peter McBride, the famous Scottish international goalkeeper, who played so long for Preston North End, has signed on for Fulwood Garrison.

The hockey men of St. Andrews University have in turn beaten the students of Glasgow, Aberdeen and Edinburgh. That makes them champions of the season.

The Aston Villa directors have signed on Boyer, a New Zealand player with a great reputation. In eleven matches this season he has scored twenty-seven goals. He stands six feet high and weighs over thirteen stone at the age of twenty-two.

If we were running the Federal league we should put a team in Brooklyn, where the fans are not particular about the brand of baseball they see.

Cincinnati may be responsible for some startling baseball tales this winter, but Chicago furnished the sensation of the season when Charles W. Murphy said: "I have nothing to say."

Baseball now is a question of the survival of the fittest. If the Federal league has enough money to survive it will survive, unless it develops the internal strife that has made the National league the recipient of so many bricks.

## MOULTON IN CHARGE.

If it is true, as reported, that "Dad" Moulton who has recently set in his resignation as coach and trainer at Leland Stanford University, is to have charge of the Stadium track and athletic field in connection with the Panama-Pacific Exposition, James E. Sullivan, will have a competent and experienced man on his staff in directing things athletic which are to play such an important part in the attraction of the exposition. It is said Sullivan will recommend Moulton, when he goes to the Coast this month.

## FOR BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

New York, Jan. 2.—Four American golfers—Jerome D. Travers, Fred Herreshoff, Francis Outmet and Heinrich Schmidt—have decided to try for the British amateur golf championship of 1914, according to announcement here. They will leave for England early in the spring, the present understanding is. Outmet was quoted here today as saying: "I may never get another opportunity, and I intend to make the most of it. I am planning to start for England early in April in order to get used to conditions and surroundings."

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## JACK McLEAN BITES JUST IN HARLEM

New York, Jan. 2.—Long Larry McLean, the Giants' erratic catcher, lost a decision in a thrilling scrap with Cy Seymour, the veteran ball player, in a Harlem hotel Saturday night. McLean, who has repeatedly declared that he can whip Jack Johnson, received rough handling in a barroom and was nursing several bruises on Sunday, while Seymour didn't show a scratch.

It appears from the story told by several eyewitnesses of the encounter that the trouble started over Long Larry's recent appearance at a Harlem moving picture theatre. The big catcher and his brother Bert, it is said, got a week's engagement for \$225, and they agreed to pay their manager, Joe Lyons, 25 per cent of this sum, until challenge Jack Johnson novel ended Long Larry collected the money and handed \$30 to Lyons, who became quite peevisk.

Lyons met Larry Saturday night and there was instant ruction. McLean had been quenching his thirst rather freely and was in no mood to receive a rebuke, as accordingly, when Lyons called him a "big faker," the big backstop responded with a flying wallop that sent his manager to the floor. Upstepped Seymour, at sober as a judge, with a strong protest.

"If you want to fight why don't you take somebody of your own size?" queried Seymour, as a crowd in the barroom gathered.

"Are you looking for trouble?" shouted McLean, laying aside his hat.

"Sure!" said Seymour, laying aside his hat.

"Bam!" McLean's big fist shot out and landed squarely on Seymour's face. It was a stunning blow, but Seymour leaped forward and grabbed McLean by the collar. They fell to the floor and tumbled in a fashion, while the lunch counter was upset and the spectators fled to the sidewalk.

McLean struggled vainly to regain his feet, but Seymour was on top, hammering away with one hand, while he held Larry's throat with the other. Soon waiters, porters and bellboys were fighting ball players apart, and McLean was dragged to the street. When Seymour came out a few moments later Long Larry had some things to say about the evening's encounter. It has Saturday night's liveliest event in Harlem and was a leading topic on the street corners.

It is not known whether or not McLean declared Seymour with a broad grin when asked to tell his side of the story. McLean could not be found.

## A PIRATE AT TORONTO AS LEADER

Toronto, Jan. 1.—President Gilmore of the Federal League and Dick Carroll, one of the promoters of the club for Toronto, interviewed R. J. Fleming of the Toronto street racing this morning in regard to securing the grounds at Scarborough Beach for Federal League baseball next summer. "It appears to be the best grounds available in Toronto for immediate service," said Mr. Gilmore.

J. Miller, former first baseman of the Pittsburgh team, has been mentioned as the probable local manager although it is said that Gill Bradley has better than an outside chance of getting the job if he wants it.

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## SOME SWIMMER.

One of the fastest short distance swimmers in Ontario has been uncovered in the person of Lloyd Verity, the 16-year-old son of Charles F. Verity, a prominent manufacturer of Brantford, in trials within the last few weeks the youngster has covered 40 yards in 21 seconds flat, and outdistanced all the representatives from Hamilton in a dual swimming meet held recently in the Telephone City Y. The boy's time is dangerously near to the Dominion record of 19.45 seconds for the 40-yard swim. With a little more speed, he should develop more speed, and Verity will be lucky to secure him to round out the blue and white swimming team next year.

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## DARING AVIATORS THAT THRILLED ENGLAND WITH AERIAL ACROBATICS IN MIDST OF GALE



In spite of a gale blowing sixty miles an hour, two aviators looped the loop in England recently. Mr. Chanteloup and Mr. Gustav Hamel, at Hendon, accomplished the feat. Mr. Chanteloup daringly executed his loops from heights of 1,000 feet and 1,200 feet, and made a backward loop of 1,000 feet. He received a great ovation.

Mr. Hamel described three single loops within a minute of each other, and subsequently two more loops. He also flew upside down. He damaged his monoplane in landing, but was extricated uninjured.

## FRED MERKLE MUST WORK TO HOLD PLACE

New York, Jan. 2.—Although Edward Konetchy did not land with the Giants in the shift of National league players last week, it is by no means certain that Fred Merkle will continue to play first base for the Giants. It is again reported that Manager McGraw is grooming Snodgrass to play that position. Merkle is not likely to be sold or traded before next season, but his fate depends largely on his hitting next spring.

Snodgrass is no stranger to infield play, and during his career with the Giants has often acted as doorknocker of the base-running circuit. A year ago last spring he played first base for about a month and gave general satisfaction. At various times he acted as an understudy to Merkle.

McGraw frankly admits that he wants more "noise" in his infield. Fletcher and Herzog were the only ones who exercised their vocal chords, and Shafer seldom last season. Merkle and Shafer seldom lifted their voices in encouragement to a pitcher and Doyle was not much of an orator either. Now Herzog has departed, and rumor has it that Snodgrass will be placed upon first base to "pepper up" the infield.

The acquaintances of Bob Bescher probably means the displacement of Snodgrass as centre fielder. Undoubtedly Burns will continue in left field. Though he failed to shine in the world series, Burns gave an excellent account of himself during the championship season and should improve in his second season as a regular. It is not McGraw's way to pick his team from world's series form. As there is no better man in sight, Jack Murray expected to patrol right again.

Murray is available only as an outfielder, but Snodgrass can play either first or second base. In Dave Robertson's opinion, the southerner is said to be a better pitcher than the former baseman, so Merkle will have plenty of competition. The return of Robertson will go to complicate the outfield position. The southerner is said to have developed into a great hitter. If he can maul big league pitching as he pounded Southern league hurlers last season, McGraw will find a place for him.

With Cooper, Robertson, Thorpe and possibly Mike Donlin on the payroll this spring, McGraw will have a wealth of outfield material, and can spare Snodgrass for infield roles. Fred was originally a catcher, and could be pressed into service behind the bat, if necessary. However, the Giants should be well fortified with maskmen, as Meyers, McLean, Wilson and Johnson will be on the job. Johnson is a big husky from Omaha. Scout Dick Kossella captured this bird, and states that Johnson, while big and slow, is a fine thrower and a splendid batsman. "He's just as good as Meyers was when McGraw picked up the Indian," declares Richard, the Ivory hunter.

## NO TROUBLE LIKELY OVER BISLEY RULES

London, Jan. 2.—A commandant of the territorial forces occupying an advisory position writing a subject of the war office Bisleys proposal, declares the rumors that open war may arise between the war office and the N.R.A. about what might be called the royal of The Two Little Girls in Blue, the Siamese Twins and the Two Orphans.

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The war office has now defined its views with perfect clearness, but this need not lead to a breach. An open quarrel could only arise between the territorial forces and the N.R.A. at an annual general meeting in February were to take up an uncompromising attitude, which it is not likely to do. The N.R.A. is, he thinks, wise in allowing a wide latitude as regards rifles and ammunition in the competitions for weapons of other kinds, but the Bisleys men, service rifles should be something quite different from what the service rifle really is, seems hardly the best way to connect the territorial commanding officers and their military superiors. It is understood the new army rifle is still in an experimental stage and is likely to be fitted with an aperture sight as is already the Ross rifle used by the Canadians, but at the best some years must elapse before the territorial units will use such a sight in battle. Arrangements for a meeting for the rifle clubs is in progress.

## HOCKEY FANS MAY EXPECT FAST GAMES

The first game in the Interprovincial Hockey League will be played tonight, when Sackville meets Amherst in the Nova Scotia town. Great interest is being taken in St. John in this match and the outcome will be watched with interest.

The candidates for the St. John team will practice in the Queen's Rink tonight. Several practices have already taken place and the players have rounded into pretty good form.

It is very important that all players should attend practice tonight.

The first game in St. John will take place on Friday night, when Amherst will be the attraction here.

## MORE BOWLING.

A special match will be played on Black's alleys beginning at 2 o'clock this afternoon, between the Tigers, the leaders in the City League, and the old team which brought the trophy from Calais some years ago.

The line-up will be as follows:  
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## FITZSIMMONS' COME-BACK ACT WELL PLANNED

At a glance you might not suppose there was anything to think about in this subject. We must put you wise. There are so many things worthy of a mental work-out that we can take up but one in detail. This will be the high-power thinking of the modern boxing promoter.

Napoleon once told one of his marshals that he didn't want to hear anything about the victory of yesterday—he wanted to know how many guys were going to be licked tomorrow. This only shows what an intellectual lummiix Napoleon was. The fight promoter of today is his mental Wellington. He knows that Fitzsimmons' victories of twenty years ago are really what count. Fitz has been barred from appearing in New York state on account of his age, but probably he will get away with it elsewhere.

It is true that the poor old man can hardly stand up without a crutch, that his feet were so bad when he fought Gardner about fifteen years back that he could barely wobble around the ring—but that makes nothing out, as the Germans say. Fitz will be helped into the ring with a tramp named Soldier Kearns, or some other dud, who will only have to lean on him to crack his spine, but the promoter will grab a wad of kolo that would block the subway. He is entitled to it. He thought it out.

Encouraged by this success he is already arranging a great card for the following week. The main event will be a rattling ten-round go between Uncle Tom and Old Black Joe. Kid Muthuselah and Young Noah, little known, but likely youngsters, are signed up for the preliminary and there will be a great curtain-raiser, a royal of The Two Little Girls in Blue, the Siamese Twins and the Two Orphans.

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