# CHANCE AT LAST SIGNS CONTRACT

## NEW BOSS OF YANKS TO GET RECORD SALARY.

## $120,000 IN THREE YEARS

**While the Terms of Peerless Leader Were Not Officially Announced It Is Learned That He Is to Receive Annual Salary of $25,000 and Five Per Cent. of Club's Net Profits—Rube Vickers to Sign His Contract.**

Chicago, January 8.—The American League brought out its heaviest battalions today and captured Frank Chance. The former Chicago National League team's manager was signed to manage the New York Club at a salary and intrest which amounts to $120,000 for the three years for which he signed—the largest amount ever paid a baseball player. Of this sum $75,000 is salary and the remainder the estimated value of 5 per cent. of the net earnings of the club.

Two days of negotiation between Chance and Frank Farrell, owner of the New York Club, were brought to a climax this afternoon, when the principals quietly visited the office of B. B. Johnson, president of the league. There they came to their agreement after less than an hour's confrence and there the announcement that Chance had signed was made.

### Introduced as Manager.

"Gentlemen, let me introduce the new manager of the New York Americans," said Mr. Farrell to the reporters as he, Johnson and Manager Chance emerged from the conference.

What part the league had in concluding the negotiations was, of course, not given out. It was remarked, however, that President Johnson had remained away from the meeting of the National Commission at Cincinnati and that the announcement of the conclusion of the negotiations was given out only after the head of the organization had been consulted. Rumor therefore concluded that the Johnson circuit had decided the opportunity to get Chance must not be overlooked, and had resolved to back Farrell in any proposition he might make.

Both Farrell and Manager Chance kept secret the actual details of their conferences. Chance admitted that he had had a change of heart since he arrived in Chicago, and said he had been offered terms which no one in his right mind could refuse.

### Had Expected to Retire.

"I honestly did not expect to sign," he said tonight. "When I arrived yesterday I had fully made up my mind that my interests lay in the West and that I could not afford to leave them at least for a year. Mr. Farrell, however, offered inducements much better than I had dreamed of, and even excluding my love for the game as a factor, I could not decline them.

"I am not at liberty to give out the terms, but I can say I am to get the greatest sum anybody ever got for piloting a ball club, and I am going to come as near earning it as I can."

The terms, learned from an authoritative source, though not officially announced, include for Chance a contract to manage the club for three years at $25,000 a year and 5 per cent. of the club's net earnings for the three seasons. The latter, it is believed, will amount to $15,000 annually, perhaps more.

Chance will assume active management of the team February 11, when he will reach New York to attend the American League meeting. He will then arrange the details for the training trip. The New York Club will have its spring workout in Bermuda, where Farrell has engaged a cricket field for the diamond practice.

### Chance Day in Chicago.

Plans for "Chance Day" in Chicago already are under way. The New York team will make its first visit to Comiskey Park in May. American League leaders, including President Johnson; C. A. Comiskey, of the Chicago Club, and others, openly rejoiced at the acquisition of the former Cub star.

Farrell will leave for New York tomorrow. Chance expects to remain here until Saturday, when he will return to California for a brief stay.

The signed contract of Pitcher Rube Vickers is expected to be reposing in the safe at Oriole Park by next Saturday. After a conference with Manager Jack Dunn, the tall pitcher announced yesterday that he is satisfied with the terms offered him, and will affix his signature in a day or two. "I will go out to the grounds for another short talk with Dunnie tomorrow or Friday," declared Rube, "and expect to sign up before I leave. The clause is still in the contract saying that I must win 20 games to get the extra $200 a month, but I do not regard this as a cut, for I am confident of winning the necessary contests. I will go South with the Birds and work hard so as to be able to get off to a winning start."

### Rath Has Made Good.

Jimmy Callahan thinks he will have an infield next season that will burn up the league, and is not backward in making it known. The "come back" manager says the inner breastworks will stand the way it did when the season ended, as there does not seem to be any way of improving it.

Young Barton, who made an instantaneous hit as a first baseman during the waning days of the season, will be allowed to remain on the job unless he slumps. Rollie Zieder seems to have found the place where he is most useful, at third, while Rath, the former Oriole, will stick at second and Weaver at short. Buck has learned to bat left-handed since the season closed. He is playing on the Coast, and has notified Callahan that he will require little work in the spring.

C. W. Murphy in securing Roger Bresnahan for the Cubs believes that he not only has strengthened the team but also will quell some of the wild clamor roused by the turning out of Chance. Incidentally, Bresnahan's engagement may open the eyes of James Archer, who recently told the Cubs' owner that he wouldn't catch again unless he received $10,000 a year. Persons who enjoy predicting trouble seem to think that Murphy has cast a managerial anchor to windward in hiring Sir Roger. If Evers, the present manager of the Cubs, should fail, Bresnahan could take the job where Evers left it. Meanwhile Evers must receive credit for urging the signing of Bresnahan, who will be played in center field and will lead off for the Cubs while Archer is used behind the bat as much as possible. Roger's Chicago contract calls for a total of $30,000 for three years. He demanded a five years engagement, as told in Monday's American, but Murphy won him over by agreeing to pay $10,000 now.

### Jennings Offers Debate.

Boston, January 8.—Hughie Jennings, manager of the Detroit Tigers, and originator of "E-Yah" yell, who has been classed as unsportsmanlike by Dean Briggs, of Harvard, has challenged the dean to debate on the subject.

Maybe Joe Tinker is hoping he'll be a failure as manager of the Cincinnati Reds in 1913. It has become a common saying around baseball stamping grounds that a man who fails at Cinci is just about sure of winning an overwhelming success elsewhere. Clark Griffith, John Kanzel, Mike Donlin, Orvie Overall, Heine Steinfeldt and Hans Lobert are classic examples. Joe Tinker has a job at Cincinnati which no man should envy.

A Pittsburgh dispatch says Roger Bresnahan, the deposed leader of the Cardinals, has made no arrangements with Charles Webb Murphy to sign a Cub contract, as has been constantly reported during the last few days. Manager Fred Clark, of the Pirates, still claims he will get the former St. Louis boss and it is reported that a meeting is scheduled to take place between the two sometime during the next week.

Jack White will not do garden duty for the Syracuse team next season. He is seeking a berth as manager in the Canadian League and prospects are bright for his landing one. White played ball in this league for many seasons and had a host of friends around the circuit.

Manager Jack Dunn, of the Orioles, returned to the city yesterday afternoon after having spent two days on a gunning trip at Owings Station. The York road boss has not heard anything from the outfielder who he is after to fill the gap in center field. Dunnie denied that Doc Miller, of the Phillies, is being sought by him.

Manager Joe Kelley, of the champion Toronto Club, who resides in this city during the winter, departed for the Canadian city last night to begin the work of mailing out contracts to his players. Joe is not anticipating any trouble with holdouts and expects to get his men into the fold in a hurry.

Toronto fans are reported to be worrying over the new established salary limit of the International League. They are afraid the new rule will cause some trouble with the stars of the club, especially Big Tim Jordan and Dick Rudolph. A recent rumor was circulated to the effect that the Leafs would have to sell Jordan and Rudolph on this account, but Manager Kelley says emphatically that if he parts with his pair of shining lights it will not be on account of the salary limit.

Detroit, Mich., January 8.—Owner Navin, of the Detroit Club, this evening announced the release of Outfielder Shaller to the Providence Club, of the International League. Shaller was tried out in left field by Manager Hughey Jennings last season and though the youngster looked pretty good to the fans the Tigers' auburn-haired leader was not much impressed with his showing. Jennings thinks Shaller a splendid ballplayer, but he figures he is a bit too green for the majors yet and will send him to the Clams with a string attached.

Philadelphia, January 8.—Manager Connie Mack, of the Athletics, is greatly elated over the signing of Chance by the Highlanders. "Frank will strengthen the American League wonderfully," asserted Connie, "and I expect the Kilties to get into the first division next season with the Peerless One at the helm. The New York club has some good ballplayers and Owner Farrell has landed the man to get the stuff out of them."

# EASY FOR CITY COLLEGE

## Poly Quintet Goes Down to Defeat in Basketball Test 26 to 5.

The City College basketball team found little trouble in downing its rival, the Polytechnic Institute quintet, last night at the Central Y. M. C. A. in the first game of the series for the local interscholastic basketball championship 26 to 5. At no time during the contest did the engineers have a chance, the collegians using their team work to perfection. Judging from the performance of the Poly team last night, the City College should walk away with the series.

Rough tactics were used throughout the game by both teams. Referee Kirby cautioned the players many times for their roughness, but they paid little attention to the arbiter.

John O'Connor, at one of the forward positions, played the best game for the City College, being successful in caging the ball five times for a total of 10 points. O'Connor's passing was good, while his side shots have been no better. Sutton and Kreiger also played well for the collegians, while Voneiff, who shot the only field goal for Poly, and Constam, who registered the other three points from the foul line, performed best for the losers. In the preliminary game the City College Reserves defeated the Polytechnic Reserves 18 to 10. The lineup:

City College—P. Sutton, rf.; O'Connor, lf.; Kreiger (capt.), c.; Weston, rd.; McConnell, ld.

Polytechnic—Canu, rf.; Voneiff, lf.; Moore, c.; M. Constam (capt.), rd.; Grauling, ld.

Goals from field—P. Sutton (3), O'Connor (5), Kreiger (2), Weston, McConnell and Voneiff. Goal from foul line—Constam (3), Kreiger, (2). Goals missed from foul line—Voneiff (2), Constam (5), Kreiger (4). Time of halves—Twenty minutes. Referee—Kirby.

# SUCCEEDS GENERAL RIGGS

## Gen. Gaither Appointed to Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice.

Bureau of The Baltimore American,
1410 Pennsylvania avenue,
Washington, January 8.

Brig. Gen. Charles D. Gaither, of the Maryland National Guard, has been appointed by the Secretary of War to be a member of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. General Gaither succeeds Gen. Lawrason Riggs, who has resigned. The Maryland officer is now a trustee of the National Rifle Association.

Lieut. Gen. John C. Bates, retiring president of the association, in an address at the annual meeting here tonight of the board of directors of the association, made vigorous answer to critics who, he said, charged that the organization in its efforts to foster rifle practice among school boys were "in reality trying in an underhand way to promote the so-called 'militaryism,' that great bugaboo to peace advocates." He denied that such was the purpose of the association and declared that none of its members wish for war.

General Bates spoke of the vast benefit to be derived to the country from a military standpoint from rifle training and expressed the belief that it should be encouraged in the schools "if only for the fact that it is a clean, healthy sport." He doubted if any great measure of success in promoting rifle practice would be gained until Congress passes the bill now pending providing for necessary appropriations.

# SMITH OUT AFTER RECORD

## Runner Says He Will Smash Ten-mile Mark in Race With Kramer.

New York, January 8.—Athletic history probably will be made when Harry Smith, the 10-mile champion of America, clashes with Billy Kramer, the cross-country king, in the special three-mile race that will be the feature of the Xavier Athletic Association games at the Twenty-second Regiment Armory Saturday night. Smith has taken the scalps of all of the crack distancers with the exception of Kramer and he hopes to add Kramer to his list of victims. Judging from the way Kramer has been moving in practice, however, Smith may have his own scalp lifted.

In his last start Smith lapped a field which included Lewis Scott, the four-mile record holder, and Tom Collins, the former five-mile indoor champion. Harry simply walked over the field and made the rest of the runners look like selling platers. He won under double wraps in 14:45 2-5 and experts said that had Smith been extended he certainly would have knocked the props from under George Bonhag's world's indoor three-mile record. He says he will do it next Saturday.

# CHANCE TO LOOK AFTER PITCHERS

## THIS WILL BE FIRST JOB OF NEW YANKEE BOSS.

**Former Leader of Cubs Has Fairly Good Nucleus in Ford, McConnell, Warhop and Caldwell—Former Rochester Mound Man Is Expected to Be a Star in the American League Next Season.**

Frank Chance has intimated that his first step toward building a pennant winner will be to develop three first-class pitchers. Whether the material on hand is of sufficiently high caliber to satisfy the ex-Cub leader will not be known until after he has sorted the wheat from the chaff in the spring grind; but it does not seem probable, from the present outlook, that he will have to look around for new men. There appear to be enough veterans and promising youngsters on hand to produce the needed three big guns.

All told, Frank Farrell has an even dozen hurlers under contract—or, rather, will have before the start is made for the spring camp. Of this number, five are veterans of two or more years' experience in the big league, while five of the recruits had a little experience in fast company last season.

Last year the Yankees started out with a twirling staff rated with the best. They finished with about the worst records of any set of hurlers in the circuit, but baseball men who predicted great things for them last season, as well as others, are still of the opinion that they will be able to hold their own with the best. The most skilful boxman cannot deliver a good record when hampered by obstacles such as confronted the Yanks.

### All Had Poor Season.

Ford, with the rest, put in the worst season of his career. Russ thinks it was an off season for him, aside from the poor support, and believes he can come back to his 1910 form if given a chance. Figuring on Ford as the mainstay of the staff, there remain Warhop, McConnell and Caldwell from whom to pick helpmates.

There is every reason to believe that both Warhop and McConnell would have made a good record with a winning outfit last year. McConnell was slow to get started. He did not have a chance to show his mettle until the season was half spent, but he pitched some wonderful games, most of which were kicked away by his teammates. The former Rochester spitballer is getting on in years as a ballplayer, being about as old as Mathewson, but there is every reason to believe that he can still pitch good ball for years to come.

The work of Tot Warhop will be watched with interest. The old sobriquet will be a misnomer when the former little hurler returns, for since he has gone back to the West Jack picked up so much in weight that he has entered the heavyweight class, and it will be Tot no longer. He weighs 170 pounds now, while formerly he scaled around 140, and the added weight is expected to give him added ability, of which he displayed quite a little last season.

Caldwell should also be able to do better than last year. Ray did not try his best at all times in 1912, and also was out of condition part of the season. Then there is Ray Fisher, of whom little can be predicted. He did not show anything under Wolverton. It may be that his late start affected him, for he did not join the team until June, not having been South with the team.

### Three Coming Youngsters.

Among the youngsters who may show something are Keating, Green and Hoff. A great future is predicted for Keating upon the strength of his New England League record, while Hoff also did well in that circuit last season when the Yanks farmed him to Brockton. He is a little fellow, with a puzzling southpaw slant. The forkhand tribe became almost extinct in the Yankee camp under Wolverton, so he has a chance to stick if he delivers the goods.

Green did so well at Holyoke that Manager McGraw thought it worth his while to sign him, but the Yankees had a claim that held under protest.

Besides the aforementioned there are George Davis, the Williams College star; Carl Thompson, a product of Georgia University; Al Shultz, the Southern Ironman, who thinks it child's play to pitch a double-header, and Pat Martin, the Brooklyn semiprofessional, discovered by Business-Manager-Scout Irwin.

Chance will at least find a quantity of pitching material, if not quality, awaiting him. But there appears to be quite a little class in the lot.

### Louisville Gets Pitcher Salmon.

Philadelphia, Pa., January 8.—The Philadelphia American League Baseball Club today announced the release of Roger Salmon, pitcher, to the Louisville Club, on an optional agreement by which he can be returned to the local team.

### Ready for Billiard Match.

Pittsburgh, Pa., January 8.—George Sutton, the Chicago cue expert, who lost the world's championship at 18.1 balkline billiards to Ora Morningstar last spring, will seek to regain the title in a match to be played with Morningstar in this city tomorrow night. The game will be at 500 points, and the winner will receive the title, a gold trophy emblematic of the championship, a share of the gate receipts and a purse of $1,000. In addition, each man has wagered $500 on the result, or a dollar a point. For several weeks each of the principals has been training for the big strain he will have to undergo, and both have been playing in excellent form.

### Three-cornered Rowing Race.

Cambridge, Mass., January 8.—Harvard, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania will meet in a three-cornered rowing race on the Charles River early in May, according to plans announced today. The date has not been set, but the race will probably take place about two weeks before Harvard meets Cornell at Ithaca. The event will mark Pennsylvania's first rowing appearance at Harvard for many years and the second visit of the Tiger crew.

In a triangular race last year Cornell won and Harvard finished second, a bare quarter of a boat length ahead of Princeton. The course is one and seven-eights miles in length.

### Annual Trip of McGill Swimmers.

Montreal, January 8.—The McGill University Swimming Club has completed arrangements for the annual trip on which it will compete with several of the larger universities of the United States. The club will leave Montreal January 24, and will swim against Pennsylvania January 25 and Yale January 27, and the Brooklin Swimming Club probably on January 28. Negotiations are being carried on with Columbia and several other institutions, but the dates have not been settled.

### Catcher Henry Resting Easy.

Washington, January 8.—John Henry, the Washington Americans' mainstay behind the bat, is resting easy in a local hospital today after a serious operation on his knee for the removal of a bit of loose cartilage. The surgeons are hopeful that the operation will be successful and say that, unless blood poisoning develops, the Senators' premier backstop should soon be in condition to report for spring training.

# MEMBER OF GIANTS IN TROUBLE

Fred Merkle, who, in company with three other players of the New York Nationals, is being sued. He is charged with having beaten up a bartender.

# WORK FOR SPRING SPORTS

## Princeton Baseball, Rowing and Track Men Start Things.

Princeton, January 8.—Candidates for the varsity teams in the three spring major sports—baseball, track and crew—got their first workouts yesterday. Only battery candidates whom Coach Bill Clark, of the Tiger nine, wants to develop before the opening of the regular practice in February were called out. These men, four pitchers and three catchers, will work in the cage every afternoon until the beginning of outdoor practice.

Clark will be assisted by Sterrett, last year's captain and now with the Yankees, who is in the university faculty. The development of a battery to take the place of the Lear-Sterrett combination, which worked in all the Tigers' big games last season, is the hardest problem with which Clark will have to wrestle. The four pitchers are J. F. Simons, '13, famed as a long-distance walker; R. B. Williams, '13; W. O. Turtle, '13, and B. E. Barnes, '13. The catchers are A. T. Wall, '14; H. H. Beyer, '14, and O. B. Carter, '15.

Of this number only Wall and Beyer were on the squad last year. Clark watched the pitchers closely in the interclass series, and feels that he should be able to develop at least two first-class twirlers out of the bunch.

Three eights of varsity candidates and three of freshman candidates reported, and were put through a drill on the machines by Dr. J. Duncan Spaeth, the director of rowing. Dr. Spaeth will be in town only once a week from now until February, and he will not assume charge of the oarsmen until that time.

For the present the men will be under the direction of R. Roche, captain of the 1911 eight, and Rudolf Rauch, '13, this year's leader.

# MAY CLASH IN DUAL MEET

## Negotiations for Affair Are on Between Virginia and Vanderbilt.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Charlottesville, Va., January 8.—Negotiations for a dual track meet with Vanderbilt the coming spring have been begun by the University of Virginia. Such a contest, whether staged in Charlottesville or Nashville, would create as much interest as the Southern Intercollegiates, held annually on Lambeth Field, and the S. I. A. A. meet, which is to be held at Clemson, on account of the keen rivalry that has existed between Virginia and Vanderbilt for many years.

Virginia's prospects for a good track team the approaching season are only fair, but there is no better way to attract candidates for the various events than to assure them that their efforts will not be wasted. Were a dual meet with Vanderbilt announced for this spring it is probable there would be a far bigger number of candidates to choose from when the season opened than there has been in several years.

# JUAREZ CARD FOR TODAY

FIRST RACE—Selling; four-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

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| Nadamas | 102 | Tallow Dip | 112 |
| *Virginia Linder | 105 | The Peer | 112 |
| Buss | 107 | John Patterson | 112 |
| Gift | 109 | Ziokanl | 117 |
| Baron | 109 | Pedro | 112 |
| Helen Scott | 110 | Delmas | 112 |
| Lily Paxton | 110 | Originator | 115 |
| Crex | 112 | | |

SECOND RACE—Selling; three-year olds; five and a half furlongs.

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| Camia | 93 | Kiva | 104 |
| King Stalwart | 100 | Kenneth | 109 |
| Don Ramon | 100 | Rooster | 109 |

THIRD RACE—Four-year-olds and up; mile.

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| *Ah Moon | 103 | Lotta | 103 |
| Lehigh | 100 | After Math | 105 |
| *Flying | 100 | Jim Cafferty | 100 |
| *Ben Uncas | 103 | Little Marchmont | 110 |

FOURTH RACE—Selling; four-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

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| Lady Young | 107 | Billy Myer | 112 |
| Mary Emily | 107 | Edmond Adams | 112 |
| Justice | 109 | Acumen | 112 |
| Chanticler | 110 | Lee Harrison II | 112 |
| Venetian | 110 | Highland Chief | 115 |
| Minnolette | 110 | | |

FIFTH RACE—Selling; four-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

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| *Golden Agnes | 98 | Annual Interest | 105 |
| *S. V. Hoegh | 100 | Bob Lynch | 107 |
| Quid Nunc | 102 | Lescar | 108 |
| Orperth | 104 | Parlor Boy | 110 |

SIXTH RACE—Selling; four-year-olds and up; mile.

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| Rose O'Neil | 97 | Zoroaster | 105 |
| Miss Korn | 103 | Setback | 108 |
| Shorty Northcut | 105 | | |

*Apprentice allowance claimed.
Weather clear. Track slow.

### Working on New Rules.

New York, January 8.—The governors of the New York Stock Exchange today received reports from various committees which have been charged with the duty of evolving new rules respecting manipulation and other forms of trading which have recently occasioned much comment. It is expected that some definite statement answering the charges made by the Pujo committee will be issued before long.

# MURPHY TO COACH AGAIN

## Improved in Health, Famous Trainer to Return to Penn.

Philadelphia: Pa., January 8.—Track athletics at the University of Pennsylvania took a decided brace when it was announced that Mike Murphy, the red and blue's famous trafner, would be back on Franklin Field in time to take charge of the track athletics by the spring.

Mike's health has been improving so steadily since his advent in Thomasville, Ga., that he already is feeling his natural self. Recent messages sent to the authorities at Penn from Thomasville have been exceedingly optimistic and yesterday J. West Frazier, manager of the track team, received a letter from Mike, in which he said he was confident that he would be able to take up the coaching reins in the spring.

Mr. Murphy writes that the climate in Thomasville seems to be just the proper thing for him, and that he is feeling better now than he has for some time.

"By the spring," writes the famous Mike, "I ought to have recovered entirely, and you can depend on me turning up on Franklin Field any time after the cold weather begins to wane."

This news naturally was received with rejoicing by both the track men and students alike. With Mike once more in charge another intercollegiate title should be brought to Old Penn next spring.

Manager Frazier repudiated all the rumors that have been in the air relative to the hiring of Nate Cartmell as track coach.

"No one negotiated with Cartmell," said Frazier. "Our hopes for Mike's return were too high to even think of getting a substitute. He himself assured us when he left that he would coach the Pennsylvania track team in 1913—and from present indications he will."

# CASE HINGES ON 50 CENTS

## Patrolmen and Sergeant Charged With Taking Money From Negro.

One of the most complicated cases with which the present Board of Police Commissioners has had to deal was tried yesterday, when two patrolmen and a sergeant of the Northeastern district were arraigned on the charge of taking 50 cents from a negro after he had been arrested. The money was never turned in at the station-house.

Sergeant Marcy B. Phillips and Patrolmen Henry C. Otto and Frederick Korn, of the Northeastern district, were the accused. The charges were preferred by Oliver Roden, colored, who gave his address as 1005 Linden avenue. The case was held under advisement.

Roden testified that he was arrested by Sergeant Phillips and Patrolman Otto on December 29 for shooting craps. He was caught, after a chase, at the corner of Central avenue and Jefferson street. He said that Phillips and Otto forced his hands open and took a quarter from each before sending him to the station-house. After he was released on collateral he said he asked for the money, but it had not been turned in. He made several other attempts to get it, but it was not at the station. Finally he reported the matter to Captain Zellers, who began an investigation. Lieutenant Crate said Otto told him he took both of the quarters and gave one of them to Sergeant Phillips. This statement was made in the station-house on the Tuesday following the arrest, which was New Year's Eve. The Lieutenant said he did not ask for the information, but while talking Otto volunteered it. He also said Otto told him he split his quarter with Patrolman Korn, giving him 10 cents for carfare.

Captain Zellers testified that Otto told him that he took one quarter and that Phillips took the other, but that he (Otto) later on turned his quarter over to Phillips and that the Sergeant told him to divide with Korn. Korn, on the stand, admitted getting 10 cents from Otto for carfare, but said he did not know where it came from. When Captain Zellers questioned Otto on New Year's Eve he turned over the 15 cents he had taken as his share. In a statement to Captain Zellers, during which Lieutenants Crate and Lastner and Sergeant Phillips were present, Zellers said Otto exonerated Phillips from any part of the charges. "He told me that he had taken a quarter and shared it with Korn, but said that he did not think Sergeant Phillips had got any of it," said the Captain. Later on Otto was asked by Captain Zellers to make a report, and when he (Captain Zellers) read it he found that Otto had accused Sergeant Phillips. Otto denied exonerating Sergeant Phillips before Captain Zellers, but the Captain's statement was borne out by Lieutenant Lastner. Otto also said that Korn had heard Sergeant Phillips tell him to split a quarter with him, but this Korn emphatically denied.

Sergeant Phillips testified that the first he knew of the charges was when Korn told him, and he laughed. Sergeant Phillips declared to the board that the whole case was a conspiracy and wanted the matter threshed out thoroughly. He declared that the negroes around that neighborhood were after him, and that none of them would hesitate to make short work of him. This was also the statement of Patrolman Korn. A number of character witnesses appeared for Sergeant Phillips and gave him a good name. They all declared him to be one of the most efficient men in the department. Captain Zellers said all of the accused men had excellent reputations and were efficient and faithful policemen.

# JABS AND JOLTS OF RING ARTISTS

## CALIFORNIA HAS TURNED OUT SEVEN CHAMPIONS.

**When Ritchie Was Awarded Decision Over Ad Wolgast, Golden State Had Distinction of Having Had Titleholder in Every Division of Pugilism—Kilbane Says Abe Attell Is Not All In.**

### CALIFORNIA FIGHTERS.

Heavyweight—James J. Corbett and James J. Jeffries.
Middleweight—Joe Thomas.
Welterweight—Dixie Kid.
Lightweight—Willie Ritchie.
Featherweight—Abe Attell.
Bantamweight—Frank Neil.

When Willie Ritchie was awarded the decision over Ad Wolgast in their Thanksgiving Day fight California had the distinction of having had a champion in every division of pugilism—heavyweight, middleweight, welterweight, lightweight, featherweight and bantamweight.

Jim Corbett brought the first championship to California when he stopped John L. Sullivan for the heavyweight title in 21 rounds in New Orleans on September 7, 1892. That memorable victory gave boxing a tremendous boom in California, and from that time virtually dates the development of many high-class lovers in all divisions. Corbett lost the championship on March 17, 1897, to Bob Fitzsimmons, but it was quickly restored to California when Jim Jeffries beat Bob Fitzsimmons on June 8, 1899.

Frankie Neil grabbed the next title for the state by beating Harry Forbes in two rounds in San Francisco on August 13, 1903. He lost it to Jem Bowker in London about one year later.

While Dixie Kid was never recognized as the legitimate welterweight champion, the title, nevertheless, went to him when he defeated Joe Walcott at Colma on April 30, 1904. Dixie Kid was given the decision in the twentieth round, although all present at the battle agreed that Walcott had been the victim of a downright robbery when Duck Sullivan pointed to Dixie Kid as the winner. Sullivan was mobbed and barely got away with his life.

### When Abe Won Title.

Abe Attell was the next titleholder, claiming the featherweight crown early in 1904, when Terry McGovern and Young Corbett had outgrown that class. Attell successfully defended the title for eight years, losing it to Johnny Kilbane.

The middleweight title was the next to come to California. Joe Thomas claiming it after he had cleaned up the best boys in his division following the retirement of Tommy Ryan. His claim was never questioned, and when he and Stanley Ketchel had their sensational battle at Colma, on September 2, 1907, it was understood throughout the boxing world as a match for the middleweight championship. Ketchel won after 32 rounds of the most wonderful fighting ever seen in a modern ring, and thereafter until his death was hailed as the middleweight champion of the world.

Ritchie completed the list when he took the lightweight title away from Wolgast.

St. Louis, January 8.—That Abe Attell is not all in, down and out, through as a fighter for good, and that with proper training he would defeat any featherweight in the world, with the exception of one, is the opinion of Johnny Kilbane.

Against Ollie Kirk here a month ago the marvel of marvelous fighters declared he had reached the end of his career, tossed away his gloves and said: "Boys, I'm through."

"If Abe will come with me, train with my manager, Jimmy Dunn, and myself for two months, I'll bet $10,000 that he can beat any boy his weight in the world."

That was the brisk statement Kilbane issued in his dressing-room at the Future City Athletic Club after Wednesday's battle with Kirk.

"I'll tell you the trouble with Attell—he won't train. A dozen years in the game is enough to tire any fighter of the training days, and that's why Attell couldn't stand up with Kirk after six rounds.

### Wonderful Fight With Murphy.

"But, listen—don't try to tell me Kirk was too good for Abe, and that his punches, his tapping jabs, weakened Abe so that he couldn't fight. I know Abe. I fought him twice—once in 10 rounds, when he beat me, and in 20 rounds, when I won the title from him. That wasn't so long ago, either, and in this short length of time he hasn't gone back enough to be down and out.

"Then I saw Abe fight those 20 rounds with Harlem Tommy Murphy. It was one of the greatest toe-to-toe fights I ever saw in my life. Here was Abe, outweighed by a dozen pounds, supposed to be a boxer, slugging every second with the lightweight. And then they try to tell me that a fellow like Kirk put the quietus on Abe. No, that doesn't go for me.

"Abe can beat 'em all, but me. You have to be in shape to be a fighter. You can't knock about, and then go in a gymnasium for a few days, spar, punch the bag, do other work, and then think you are ready for a tough match.

"When Attell was training for me the promoters were on his trail every day. Several times Abe tried to get away from the work, but they caught him and made him train. Abe did it because he was being watched. And while I admit that I won, I didn't have a cinch.

"Before taking on Attell in that championship fight I fought Rivers a 20-round draw, knocked him out in 16 rounds, beat Frankie Couley in 20, and let me tell you that they didn't give me as hard a fight as Abe. And Rivers and Couley are supposed to be tougher boys than Abe.

"As I have said, I'll bet $10,000 that Abe Attell can beat any featherweight in the world if he'll come and join Dunn and myself and work hard for two months."

# THESE BOXERS USE FEET

## Kicking Champs of France and Italy to Introduce New Method.

Two new boxing champions, the titleholders of France and Italy, arrived in New York on board the storm-tossed La Savoie on Monday. They are M. Ducasse, who holds the premier honors in the land of the tricolor, and M. Jeanniot, who hails from the country made famous by spaghetti and the fleet-footed Dorando. These two topnotchers expect to startle the talent here and carry off many a victory, and they are going to do it without putting on a boxing glove.

No, they are not bare knuckle fighters. Messrs. Ducasse and Jeanniot have literally "kicked" their way into fame and fortune, for be it known that they are past masters in the famous, honorable and ancient art of La Savate. This is the science of "boxing with the feet," and from a spectacular standpoint it has fist fighting or boxing shaded down to a whisper.

This art has never been demonstrated here, and these titleholders of France and Italy are going to show the American public just how it is possible to substitute a gentle tap with the toe into the mid section for the Fitzsimmons solar plexus, and a rap on the jaw with the heel for a right-hand swing to that delicate point of attack.

# RAY BRONSON IS BUSY

## Three Contests in Twenty Days for Welterweight Boxer.

Indianapolis, Ind., January 8.—Ray Bronson, claimant of the welterweight champion, is one of the busiest of American pugilists, with three matches staring him in the face during the next 20 days. He meets Spike Kelly in an eight-round bout at Memphis January 13, then takes on Hilliard Land; the Canadian welter titleholder, at Indianapolis January 15, and Tommy Howell for 10 rounds at Kansas City January 22.

Immediately after the 1st of February Bronson is planning another trip around the world. He has made tentative arrangements to meet Johnny Sommers, the English welter champion, in London before the National Sporting Club for the English championship, and probably will have one or two other battles in England and France before starting to Australia, where he is wanted for three or four bouts.

Snowy Baker, successor to Hugh McIntosh, the Australian fight impressario, has cabled asking Bronson to come to that country for a series of welter title bouts. Bronson made a trip round the world in 1910, and has proved to be a great drawing card in foreign lands.

# CHANEY MAKING GOOD

## Local Lad Wading Through Feathers at a Rapid Gait.

New York, January 8.—George Chaney, the little featherweight cyclone of Baltimore, has two bouts on this week. Chaney is tearing through the "feathers" like Terrible Terry did in the days of the Horton law. Chaney on Saturday night, in Philadelphia, scored knockout No. 14. This is his record for several months and most of these K. O.'s were earned at the Fairmont A. C. He will change his stamping grounds on Thursday, when he shows in the elimination tournament at the Forty-fourth Street Sporting Club against Reddy Moore, of the Quaker City. Moore is a brother of Pal.

Harry Tracey is another of the Philadelphia stars that will show in this journey. Tracey comes here touted as a fine boxer, and he will have to be to live up to his reputation, for he meets Kid Herman, a boy who has been making good of late. The third 10-round affair will be between Kid Black and Young Fitzsimmons. These youngsters are rivals on the West Side.

### Williams Sure Going Some.

Kid Williams, the Baltimore bantam, is going the pace that kills—the other fellow. His career dates back to last October 18, and since then he has not taken the short end of a purse. First he shaded Johnny Coulon, the champion, in a 10-round bout in New York. Early in November he trounced Johnny Hughes, claimant of the British bantam title. A little later he beat up Billy Fitzsimmons at New York and followed this up with a point victory over Harry Smith after six rounds at Philadelphia. His next big achievement was a clean cut decision over Charley Ledoux, the highly boasted French champion now in this country, while he followed this up by beating Frankie Conway in Philadelphia on Saturday evening.—Newark Star.

### Hooker Club Five After Game.

The Hooker Club quintet would like to arrange a game for Saturday evening in their gymnasium, Hampden Recreation Building, West Park. The team averages 125 pounds. The Hooker five has January 22 and February 22 open. The lineup follows: Misal, center; Smith, Shamer and Waxter, guards; Barnes, Reynolds and Mitchell, forwards. Address H. P. Waxter, Hampden Recreation Building, or Phone Mt. Vernon 546.

### To Encourage Endurance Tests.

Chicago, January 8.—In order that greater attention may be paid to long-distance running among athletes at the University of Chicago, Coach A. A. Stagg has offered silver loving cups to the 48 athletes who show most ability in endurance tests. The track team has been weak in long-distance events for years.

### Jolt for Michigan Team.

Ann Arbor, Mich., January 8.—With the announcement that Hub Huebel, quarterback on the 1912 varsity, would not return to school, Michigan's 1913 football outlook received its first jolt.

# BOXER M'CARTY IS QUEER CHAP

## HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION HAS FREAK TEMPERAMENT.

## WANTS TO HAVE MENAGERIE

**Conqueror of Al Palzer Is Also Planning to Buy a Long Prince Albert Coat, Grow a Van Dyke Beard and Wear a Different Color Artificial Flower in His Buttonhole Every Day—Purchases a Parrot—Childish Schemes.**

Luther McCarty, the champion white heavyweight, is the most eccentric of all the big fellows who have come into prominence. Each had his peculiar traits, but Luther overtops anything the ring has ever known. Baseball has seen a few of these freakish temperaments, but even these have scarcely approached McCarty's.

In his way Luther is a simple savage. He fills to perfection Kipling's description of the savage—"half devil and half child." Part of McCarty's forbears were Indian, part Irish, all adventurers of one sort or another.

He comes lawfully by his love of dressing up, his craving for excitement and his fondness for doing odd things, such as accumulating a small menagerie, dashing about on horseback, hobnobbing with sideshow performers and trying to imitate their feats.

His mind is a strange jumble. Brilliant and intelligent, essentially a man of action, he is constantly coming upon queer ideas, putting them into action or starting out upon them and dropping them midway, half completed.

### Buys a Parrot.

The other day at Venice he saw a picture of a girl on a magazine cover. She was kissing a parrot which she held on her fingers. Passing a bird store, the big cow-puncher reached excitedly into a cage and yanked out a green parrot, which he placed on his finger and hurried down the street in search of a photographer.

Half way down the block he saw a bunch of artificial flowers made of feathers and promptly bought out the entire stock. The idea—as he explained in a gust of enthusiasm—had popped into his head of buying a long Prince Albert coat and growing a Van Dyke beard; then he would wear a different color artificial flower in his buttonhole every day.

### Childish Schemes.

Before he got home he had conceived the idea for disposing of the fortune he would win when he defeated Palzer. He said he intended to buy a place back of Venice and build an enormous barn to house his amateur menagerie. He was so worked up over the idea that he had to rush away at once to ascertain the price of the place. He was favorably received; but the man next door, whose place he also needed for his scheme, would not sell.

Thereupon he invented an elaborate scheme to force the rebel property-owner into submission. He said he would buy a big barn very close to the man's house. In this barn he planned to place four or five bronchos of a violent disposition. He said they would kick and bite and scream all night long and the man would be glad to sell to him in a short time.

Then something else came into his head and the notion was dropped, never to be taken up again.

### Overall Fears Murphy.

Los Angeles, January 8.—Ovie Overall, the veteran Cub pitcher, fears C. Webb Murphy may block his return to the game.

"My baseball work here this winter shows me that my arm is as good as ever," declared Overall today, "and I want to get back. Murphy refused an offer of $5,000 made for me by Hap Hogan, and he'll try to keep me from playing. I won't play with Chicago, that's certain, but I want to go elsewhere, and I'm going to demand that the National Commission force Murphy to accept terms for me or permit me to play."

Overall denied that he has received an offer to go to New York with Frank Chance, but close friends say that if he plays again he likely will be a Highlander.


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