MAJOR LEAGUE SOLONS GATHER

GOTHAM HOTELS BUZZ WITH BASEBALL TALK.

1913 SCHEDULE MEETING

August Herrmann and John E. Bruce Among the Early Arrivals in New York—American League Magnates on the Scene—National Commission Has Much Business Before It—Internationals Ready for Early Start.

New York, February 9.—Baseball men—magnates, managers and players—gathering for the scheduled meeting of the big leagues, which open here tomorrow, reached the city today in numbers, and the hotel corridors buzzed with baseball talk tonight. Among the early arrivals was August Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati National League Club and chairman of the National Commission, which also is to hold a session during the week, together with John E. Bruce, the commission's secretary.

On the way from Chicago is Ban Johnson, president of the American League, another member of the National Commission, expected here early tomorrow. President Lynch, of the National League, the third member of the commission, will join his colleagues in the deliberations of the baseball supreme court, scheduled for tomorrow afternoon.

May Sit More Than a Day.

The National Commission has considerable business before it, involving for the most part cases from minor leagues which piled up during the illness of John H. Farrell, secretary of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. The commission may have to sit more than one day.

First of the meetings scheduled is that of the American League, set for tomorrow morning. A number of these magnates are already in town, among them James R. McAleer, president of the Boston Club, and Robert L. Hedges, owner of the St. Louis Americans. President Charles Comiskey, of the Chicago Club, and Manager James Callahan are on the way here with Ban Johnson. Frank Chance, new manager of the New York Americans, is due tomorrow.

National League arrivals included Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago Club, and Johnny Evers, the new team manager. Murphy and Evers spent a part of the day looking over the new Ebbetts Field, the spacious home of the Brooklyn Club, which they were anxious to see in view of the tentative plans of the Chicago Club to erect a stadium. Owner James E. Gaffney and Manager George Stallings, of the Boston Club, were others to reach the city. The National League meeting opens Tuesday.

Group of World's Champions.

An interesting group was that representing the Boston Americans, the world's champions. It included "Smoky Joe" Wood, who has not yet signed a contract for the coming season. He conferred with President McAleer, trying to make terms, it was understood. Incidentally it developed that the entire star outfield of the Red Sox, Speaker, Hooper and Lewis, have not yet affixed their signatures to Boston contracts. Jake Stahl, of the champions, is on his way with the Johnson party from Chicago.

There was no tardiness among the magnates of the International League, the big minor organization, whose schedule meeting will be held tomorrow. All the club presidents were in town tonight, ready for an early start on the league's problem, a difficult one by reason of the long jumps sometimes necessary in the circuit.

PHILLIES TO KEEP DOLAN

Dooin Denies That Third Sacker Will Return to Hustlers.

Jack Quinn, former New York Yankee hurler, and now a member of the Rochester team, says that the New Yorks have a swell player in Claude Derrick, the youngster drafted from the Orioles. Quinn saw Derrick play the position with the Baltimore team last summer and he says that the youngster showed real major league caliber.

All reports that Cozy Dolan, the Phillies' able and efficient substitute third baseman, was going back to the Rochester International League club were denied by Manager Charles Dooin last night.

Connie Mack seems to be worried over the report that the Athletics' crack southpaw, Eddie Plank, may retire from baseball. Plank said a year ago that he intended to retire at the end of last season and settle down on a farm which he owns at Gettysburg, Pa. He is said to have plenty of money and doesn't have to play ball for a living. Mack has not heard from Plank, it is said, and cannot account for his silence. Plank in former years usually was among the first to sign a contract, so that his failure to line up so far this season has provided much food for gossip. If Plank doesn't pitch for the Athletics this year Mack's chances for winning the American League pennant will be materially decreased, it is believed. Plank is one of the best left-handed pitchers in the game. Last season he had all the American League teams except the White Sox on the hip.

Maurice A. Kent, the pitcher who was turned over to Toronto under an optional agreement and brought back to the Dodgers, has signed a Brooklyn contract for this season.

The already large crop of Johnsons in the big leagues is expected to be increased materially now that baseball has been taken up seriously in Sweden.

Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics, has obtained a five-year lease on the baseball park at Jacksonville, Fla., the lease to start in 1914. This indicates that Texas will be deserted for Florida as a training camp for the world's champions of 1911.

Chick Gandil, the Nationals' clever first baseman, accompanied by Mrs. Gandil and his little four-year-old daughter, arrived in Washington Saturday afternoon from Shreveport, La., and will remain until the 1913 season closes.

Chance Passes Through Chicago.

Chicago, February 9.—Frank Chance, manager of the New York Americans, passed through this city today on the way to take up his new responsibilities. Chance was here but a few hours, leaving for the East at 5:30 P. M. The former leader of the Chicago Nationals said he was not planning to play this season, but that depended on how he felt after spring training started.

"I'll have to wait until I get the kinks loosened up before I will know."

American Athletic Club Formed.

The American Athletic Club has organized for the coming season and would like to hear from all of the first-class teams of the city and state. Gardenville, St. Patrick, All Stars of Locust Point, Y. M. C. A., Westbrook Athletic Club and St. Helena preferred. The lineup: J. Staylor, c.; D. Staylor, p.; Kratz, 1b.; Simms, 2b.; Scales, ss.; Lawton, 3b.; Barnes, lf.; Cole, cf.; Ahlfeldt or Kone, rf. Address R. Founds, 1925 Sherwood avenue.

DUNN LEAVES TO ATTEND MEETINGS

PLENTY OF BUSINESS BEFORE ORIOLE LEADER.

TO HAVE TALK WITH DOWNEY

King Bird Jack Hopes to Induce Former Major League Infielder to Desert Holdout Ranks, While He Intends to Tell Pitcher Banker to Call Off His Proposed Trip to Porto Rico — Will Endeavor to Grab an Outfielder.

Manager Jack Dunn, of the Orioles, left town late last night for New York to attend today's meetings of the International and American Leagues, and will remain in Gotham for tomorrow's session of the National Leaguers. Dunnie has enough work cut out for him to keep him busy from the time he hits Manhattan Isle until he beats it back to Baltimore. He has an engagement with Infielder Tom Downey this morning at 10 o'clock at the Victoria Hotel, where the International moguls are to convene, and he does not anticipate any big job in getting the former major leaguer to come to terms.

Should Downey fail to put in his appearance at the appointed hour today the date will hold good for tomorrow at the same time. Downey is interested in a moving-picture house at Bridgeport, Ct., and his business might cause him to postpone the meeting 24 hours before airing his troubles to his new boss. The money figure in the contract forwarded to the ex-Quaker was evidently not what he had expected and he at once became a full-fledged member of the Holdout Club.

Dunnie has never been classed as a tight wad with his players since he purchased the Birds, and it is believed that the manager and infielder will soon come to an amiable agreement. Downey is slated to hold down the shortfield for the Orioles during the coming campaign, and Dunn as well as other expert judges of ballplayers regard him as a very valuable acquisition to the Baltimore Club.

Not Soft, as Fans Imagine.

It has been anything but a rosy winter for the Oriole chief, and the baseball magnates do not have it as soft during the cold months as the rooters might imagine.

All baseball rooters thinking this way, and they are apparently in the majority, should get a little first-hand information on the subject from Dunnie. The Oriole chief says ballplayers are of a strange species, hard to manage and generally troublesome. Seldom a day at baseball headquarters this winter but Dunnie arrived in the morning to be greeted by a howl, a wail, a sad story, a request or some other little message from his Orioles.

Yesterday came news that Fred Banker, the promising young pitcher of New Brunswick, N. J., is anxious to accompany a team of all-stars that will invade Porto Rico next Saturday for a series of exhibition games. Dunnie will see the hurler at the baseball meetings in New York today or tomorrow and gently tell him that he cannot make the trip. Going to the little Southern island would prevent Banker's being with the Orioles in their spring training camp at Fayetteville and might also result in a serious injury to his arm. The all-stars are booked to play two days after they reach Porto Rico, and after resting all winter, it would hardly benefit the young Oriole's arm for him to go in and pitch a contest without working his salary whip into condition.

Has Other Little Troubles.

Some of the other little troubles may not be settled quite so easily as the Banker and Downey cases. First Baseman Ben Houser, it is reported, would rather play in the American Association than with Baltimore. Catcher Bill Bergen has purchased a farm up in Massachusetts and is considering retiring. Dandy Dave Danforth, southpaw pitcher, is somewhat disappointed because he must leave dental college earlier than he expected, so as to get in on the training trip. Heavy-hitting Jake Gettman, outfielder, would be tickled if sent to the Pacific Coast League. Little Lefty Smith has lost his signed contract and also his taste for dope sticks, as he terms cigarettes.

During the National League gathering Dunnie will endeavor to land an outfielder. He was not prepared to divulge the man's name last evening, but the fly-catcher in question is a good man, and King Bird Jack will be well satisfied with his outer pasture should he be successful in bagging him.

Joe Kelley, manager of the Toronto Club, left yesterday morning for the metropolis. He is to meet President McCafferty, of the Maple Leafs, on his arrival in the big town. Joe will attend the confab and try to land a player or two to strengthen the Canucks during the 1913 struggle for the International pennant.

SCHEDULE FOR ROCK HILL

Best Ever Arranged for the Ellicott City College Team.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Ellicott City, Md., February 9.—The baseball schedule for Rock Hill College, which has just been completed, is one of the best ever arranged. Games will be played with some of the best college teams in the East. The strong clubs who will be seen here early in the season will be Holy Cross, Johns Hopkins, Richmond College, Eastern College and Maryland University. The schedule is as follows:

March 22—Johns Hopkins at Ellicott City.
March 24—Richmond College at Richmond.
March 25—William and Mary College at Williamsburg, Va.
March 28—Holy Cross at Ellicott City.
April 5—Maryland Agricultural College at Ellicott City.
April 12—Maryland University at Ellicott City.
April 18—Richmond College at Ellicott City.
April 19—Baltimore City College at Ellicott City.
April 23—Eastern College at Ellicott City.
April 25—Hebanon College at Ellicott City.
April 26—Gallaudet College at Washington.
May 3—St. John's College at Annapolis.
May 10—Mount Washington at Baltimore city.
May 14—Catholic University at Washington.
May 17—Gallaudet College at Ellicott City.
May 23—Washington College at Ellicott City.
May 24—Eastern College at Manassas, Va.
May 31—Western Maryland College at Westminster.
June 7—Washington College at Chestertown, Md.

Thirty-six Games for Cubs.

Chicago, February 9.—The Chicago National League Club yesterday added two more exhibition games to its schedule during the training trip, making 36 in all.

The new dates are March 31, at Owensboro, Ky., and April 6 at Terre Haute, Ind.

Baseball Writers Meet Tomorrow.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Philadelphia, February 9.—It was announced today by Secretary Weart that the annual meeting of the Baseball Writers' Association of America will be held at the Hotel McAlpin, New York, on Tuesday afternoon, February 11.

TO CLASH FOR SOUTHERN TITLE

GEORGE CHANEY AND YOUNG BRITT.
Well-known local featherweights who finished hard training yesterday for their fifteen-round mill in this city on Wednesday evening.

OLYMPIC MARVEL IN LOCAL GAMES

TED MEREDITH TO TAKE PART IN ARMORY MEET.

Noted Quarter-miler of the University of Pennsylvania and Winner of the 440 Yards at Stockholm Last Summer to Run Here Next Saturday — Entry List Breaks All Records.

Ted Meredith, the wonderful quarter-mile champion of the University of Pennsylvania, will come to Baltimore to participate in the Johns Hopkins-Fifth Regiment athletic games next Saturday night. This fact was made known yesterday by the joint games committee of the two organizations.

Meredith, it will be remembered, won the quarter mile from a fine field of contestants at the Olympic games in Stockholm last summer. Running against him were such men as Sheppard and Brock, the Canadian. Meredith first broke the world's record for the indoor quarter mile at the Fifth Regiment Armory here at a previous meet of the Johns Hopkins and Fifth Regiment, and he also proved the individual point winner at the interscholastic meet at Homewood last year.

With the entry list up to date already about 300 per cent. larger than last year, the committee expects the complete list to far exceed anything ever pulled off in this city before. The entries must all be in by 12 o'clock tonight and the committee is preparing to have an extra force of clerks ready to handle the avalanche of work necessary in recording the entries that will be coming in at every successive mail.

The seating arrangements at the Fifth Regiment Armory will be a big improvement over last year, inasmuch as the seats in the two end galleries built for the recent Democratic Convention will make the seating capacity about twice as large as it was last year and will give a better opportunity to see the games. The committee will have a large corps of ushers on hand to take care of the spectators.

The games committee will hold meetings every night this week, as there will be a terrible press of work during the next six days until Saturday night. The work of preparing the armory floor and other arrangements will be started in the middle of the week.

INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET

126 Entries in Event to Be Held at Princeton February 15.

Princeton, N. J., February 9.—One hundred and twenty-six entries have been received by Manager Smith for the interscholastic meet to be held at Princeton on February 15, the first of its kind under the direction of Princeton University. The list includes 18 schools, as follows: Atlantic City High, Barringer High, Boys' School of Brooklyn, Brookline (Mass.) High; Central High, of Philadelphia; West Philadelphia High, DeWitt Clinton High, Erasmus, Hall, Lawrenceville; Manual Training High, of Brooklyn; Mercersburg, Montclair Academy, Pennington Seminary, Princeton Prep., Polytechnic Prep.; St. Paul's School, of Garden City; Stuyvesant High and University School, of Brooklyn.

Because of the large entry list the preliminaries of the 50 and 100 yard swim, the first eliminating round in the plunge for distance and the required forms in the fancy dive will be held in the afternoon, and the meet will be concluded in the evening at Brokaw Pool.

The meet will correspond to the annual interscholastic cross country and track meets held by Princeton for the schoolboys of the East.

OCEAN MOTOR-BOAT RACE

To Start From Philadelphia to Bermuda on June 7.

Philadelphia, February 9.—The annual ocean motor-boat race from Philadelphia to Bermuda will start from this city on June 7, according to an announcement by officials of the Yachtmen's Club here today. Among the entries received are the Dream, owned by Commodore Charles Lagen, Philadelphia, winner of last year's race, and Kathemma, which was also a competitor in that contest.

The race will be under the auspices of the Yachtmen's Club of Philadelphia and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, of Hamilton, Bermuda. An additional prize will be offered by the Ocean City Yacht Club for a return race from Bermuda to Ocean City, N. J.

MAY CAUSE SPORT TO BE ABOLISHED

SHORT-DISTANCE RULE PUTS NAVY IN BAD FIX.

University of Pennsylvania Is Only Institution That Has Agreed to Send a First Crew to Annapolis Because of All Races by the Middies Being Limited to the Henley Distance.

Annapolis, February 9.—No subject connected with athletics is being considered more seriously at present than the future of rowing. By an order of Superintendent Gibbons, approved by the Navy Department, all races in which the Midshipmen crews engage are limited to the Henley distance of one mile and five-sixteenths, and much doubt is felt if enough races can be arranged with crews of the leading rowing institutions to keep up the interest in the sport at the academy. So far this year, the University of Pennsylvania is the only institution that has agreed to send a first crew to Annapolis. Negotiations are still pending with the managements of other important college crews, but it is quite possible that no more races will be secured.

Though a large element of officers of the Navy has in years gone by arrayed itself against rowing as a sport at the academy, the latest move is in no way an effect of any action on their part, but is more in furtherance of the well-known views of Surgeon General Stokes, who has for years opposed rowing races, or at least favors their limitation to short courses. The curtailing of the races to the Henley distance is looked upon as a compromise, though many of the advocates of the sport fear that it will be followed in a few years by the entire abolition of rowing in races as a sport at the academy.

In years gone by opposition to rowing at the Naval Academy sprang almost entirely from officers who were interested in football to the exclusion of everything else. Some of these believed that rowing had a tendency to make the oarsman slow and thus unfit him for football. Consequently pressure was put upon available men to keep them off the rowing squad, and in many cases they were advised to take up other branches of sport in the spring, such as field and track or lacrosse. Up to the last half dozen years this caused a serious handicap to the crew.

The crew, however, under the tutelage of Richard Glendon, for a number of years past has been most successful and the prejudice against rowing has been gradually overcome. Many of the stars of the football team in past years have also been crew men, and the most careful investigation cannot reveal that their football work has suffered. In the last 10 years there have been just 28 members of the football team who were during the same year members of one of the academy crews. This remarkable fact is regarded as rather an indication that the work on the crew develops the same qualities that make good football players.

It had become well demonstrated that many of the football men turned naturally to rowing in the spring, while the football coaches looked to the material developed on the rowing squad, that up to about two years ago almost nothing was heard which indicated that rowing was to be curtailed in any way. Glendon's crews kept winning a very large proportion of their races, and the service had become very proud of the showing of the academy crews. In the last two years, particularly, football lines had been practically made up of the rowing men, and while the general opposition of Surgeon General Stokes was known, it was believed that it would hardly prevail against the strong general sentiment in the service, particularly as his opposition was known to extend to most competitive sports.

The action of the authorities in limiting the races to a distance which will be sure to decrease interest in rowing was, therefore, very unexpected, and is generally regretted by those interested in rowing. It is hoped very strongly that action may soon be taken that will put rowing on the old basis.

Bayonnes Hold Meeting.

The Bayonne Athletic Club held a special meeting yesterday afternoon and discussed baseball matters. The Bayonnes would like to arrange games with all 14 to 16 year old teams in the city or state playing Sunday and holiday ball. Address Manager Lewis Kansler, 3217 Fairmount avenue.

HOLLOW VICTORY BY OLD ROSEBUD

BEATS SMALL BAND OF COLTS IN YUCATAN STAKES.

FEATURE OF JUAREZ SPORT

Inquieta and Rake Are the Only Pronounced Favorites to Score, but All Winners Receive Generous Support—Shorty Northcut Is Beaten by a Very Close Margin in Event at a Mile and Sixteenth. Today's Card.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Juarez, Mex., February 9.—In the presence of a big Sunday gathering and over a track that was heavy and holding, Old Rosebud, carrying the colors of Frank Weir, scored a hollow victory over a small band of two-year-old colts in the Yucatan stakes at Juarez this afternoon. Blarney and Maganese finished, respectively, second and third.

Inquieta and Rake were the only pronounced favorites to score, but as all of the winners were accorded generous support, the public had a profitable day.

The finish of the race at one mile and an eighth proved to be the closest of the day. It brought the spectators to their feet when Rake, the favorite, got up in time to beat Shorty Northcut by a very narrow margin.

Summary of Events.

First Race—Three-fourth mile. Buss, 100 (Carter), 7 to 2, won; Bonnie Bard, 105 (Molesworth), 5 to 1, second; Ben Greenleaf, 105 (Burlingame), 3 to 5, third. Time 1:22 1-5. Sadie Shapiro, Green Isle, Pipe Vision, Quid Nunc and Nada Mas also ran.

Second Race—Five and one-half furlongs. Inquieta, 93 (Nathan), 9 to 5, won; Mercurium, 100 (Carter), 2 to 1, second; Mazurka, 100 (Burlingame), 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:14 1-5. Tom G., Zinkland, Ernest H., Serenade, Good Intent and Rosa Bonhar also ran.

Third Race—Three-fourth mile. Ursula Emma, 105 (Robbins), 7 to 2, won; The Fad, 110 (Gross), even, second; Royal Dolly, 101 (Groth), 4 to 5, third. Time 1:21 4-5. Eye White, Lescar and Shooting Spray also ran.

Fourth Race—Three and a half furlongs. Old Rosebud, 110 (C. Peak), 3 to 1, won; Blarney, 118 (Nicol), 8 to 5, second; Manganese, 118 (Groth), 3 to 2, third. Time, 43 seconds. Dick Dodie, Redpath and Manson also ran.

Fifth Race—Five and a half furlongs. Annual Interest, 110 (Barham), 7 to 1, won; Uncle Jimmie Gray, 113 (R. Hoffman), 3 to 2, second; Orimar Lad, 110 (McDonald), 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:14 3-5. Balronia, Pedro, Bells and Minnie F. also ran.

Sixth Race—Mile and an eighth. Rake, 97 (McDonald), 6 to 5, won; Shorty Northcut, 107 (R. Hoffman), 1 to 2, second; Whidden, 103 (Burlingame), 1 to 3, third. Time, 2.08 4-5. Sam Bernard and Don Enrique also ran.

Entries for Today.

FIRST RACE—Three and one-half furlongs; for maidens two-years-old; selling.

Della Mack	105	Corona	112
Benedict	108	Paw	112
Colonel McDougall	110	Brevity	112
Old Gotch	112	Rimifax	115
Myra Helmer	112	J. Nolan Kittie	115

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs; for three-year-olds; selling.

Mayerdale	95	Inquieta	105
Lake Van Zandt	100	Fitzgerald	107
Choctaw	105	Greencloth	110
Dr. Macias	105	Dynamo	110
Swiftsure	105	Holabird	111

THIRD RACE—Five and one-half furlongs; for three-year-olds and up; selling.

Magda B	93	Co-Ed	108
Ah Moon	99	Green Isle	108
Nadas Mas	99	Bonnie Bard	110
Baden	106	Oscuro	110

FOURTH RACE—Five and one-half furlongs; for three-year-olds and upward; selling.

M. Cambon	103	Bust Red	106
Bonanza	104	Dominion	106
Miss Jean	104	Dr. Dougherty	110
Parlor Boy	106	Furlong	117

FIFTH RACE—Five and one-half furlongs; for three-year-olds and upward; selling.

Ernest H	95	Bobby Cook	110
Venetian	103	Ben Greenleaf	110
Tallow Dip	110	Abe Slupsky	110
Good Intent	110		

SIXTH RACE—Five and one-half furlongs; for four-year-olds and upward; selling.

Gold Point	97	Zinkand	108
Salesia	102	Tim Judge	108
Auto Girl	102	Edmond Adams	108
Rosenta	106	Servicence	110
Mike Molett	108	The Fad	112

Weather cloudy; tracy heavy.

TODAY'S CHARLESTON CARD

FIRST RACE—Purse $300; three-year-olds and up; selling; six furlongs.

Mattie L	90	*Dipper	104
Folly Worth	95	Blanche Frances	106
*Pendant	97	Ossabar	106
Voneta Strome	113	*Rose Queen	108
Gagnant	102	Edith Inez	104
Elma	102	Winifred D	109

SECOND RACE—Purse $300; four-year-olds and up; selling; five and a half furlongs.

Good Dove	103	*Frog	105
Garden of Roses	103	Cynosure	105
Commoner's Touch	103	*Steal Away	105
Camelia	103	Berkeley	109
Monkey	103	Bertis	112
*Tiny Tim	104		

THIRD RACE—Purse $350; three-year-olds and up; conditions; one mile.

Busy	109	Lochiel	111
Jawbone	109	Merry Lad	114
John Furlong	111	Carlton G	114

FOURTH RACE—Purse $350; three-year-olds and up; selling handicap; six furlongs.

Royal Tea	100	Col. Ashmeade	109
Mack B. Eubanks	101	Gold Cap	110
Samuel R. Meyer	101	Spohn	113
Coppertown	105	Amoret	120

FIFTH RACE—Purse $300; four-year-olds and up; selling; five and a half furlongs.

Viley	105	Sylvestris	115
Fatherola	105	Corropsis	113
Madman	112	Silicic	117
Incision	112	Veneta Strome	115
Maltine	115		

SIXTH RACE—Purse $300; four-year-olds and up; selling; mile and seventy yards.

*Bad News II	98	Husky Lad	110
Lucky George	101	Colonel Cook	112
Henry Hutchinson	106	Haldeman	113
Wander	109		

*Apprentice allowance claimed.
Weather cloudy; track heavy.

ROBBIE PRAISES COLTS

Says Giants Have a Fine Bunch of Young Moundmen.

BY HARRY GLASER.

New York, February 9.—Wilbert Robinson is in town. The veteran catcher came up from Baltimore to talk over training plans with McGraw, and incidentally wax enthusiastic about the squad of recruit pitchers he will have in his care a few weeks hence at Marlin. Robbie thinks the rookies he will instruct are just about the finest collection of future greats in the league, and doesn't hesitate to say so.

Robbie will be one of the advance guard that will congregate at St. Louis on February 17, from where the journey will be continued to the Texas camp, and from the time the boys set foot on Emerson field until they start their homeward journey the all-around backstop will devote his time and attention exclusively to the brood of fledglings who aspire to big league pitching berths.

Al Demaree is looked upon as the most probable to be initiated into the circle of twice-a-week workers, he having shown excellent ability in the minors and also having more experience than the others. It is likely that Robbie will devote particular attention to this newcomer. There does not seem to be much that he lacks to make him the winner in the big show. He was in the bush circuits, but whatever he may be in need of there is no one better qualified to discover it and apply a remedy than Robbie, as his work with Tesreau and Marquard will attest.

Besides Demaree, Robbie will have under his wing Big Ed Perryman, Boulait, Bader, Kirby, Smith and Dave Robertson, and he expects to have a very busy six weeks before the opening of the season.

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BRITT FAVORED TO BEAT CHANEY

SOUTHERN TITLEHOLDER IS CHOICE IN BETTING.

10 to 8 Offered on the West Baltimorean to Win from Henry Bletzer's Charge in Wednesday Evening's Championship Bout—Eastend Crowd, However, Has Faith in Representative.

Despite George Chaney's terrific punching ability, Young Britt is the choice in the betting to defend his Southern featherweight laurels in Wednesday evening's important boxing event of the American Athletic Association at Albaugh's Theater. According to the latest reports most of the wagers have been placed in Britt's favor at 10 to 8, though there seems to be plenty of Chaney money out for speculation, especially in the eastern section of the city, from where Henry Bletzer's championship aspirant hails.

The result of the last meeting of the two boys is doubtless the cause of the local fistic public liking the chances of Britt, but it must be considered by the conservative bettors that Chaney is a remarkably improved boxer and that it has been almost two years since their memorable clash at Ford's. Both boys practically finished the hard part of their training yesterday and are reported at weight. Chaney entertained a large party of followers at Doyle's, while quite a few supporters of Britt assembled at Joe Tipman's gym to watch Britt go through his paces.

Each feather has been going through his work with an air of supreme confidence, and the battle points to be of the hair-raising variety as long as it lasts. A good many of the local ring fans are inclined to think Chaney is easy picking for Britt, but Chaney avows that he will upset their dope early in the fray.

Jimmy Dougherty and Young Herman Miller have proven useful sparring partners for Chaney during the past few days and have rounded him into superb form. Miller will be matched with some good welter for six rounds in the semi-windup to Wednesday evening's clash between Britt and Chaney. Miller made a sensational fight with Kid Tuths at the recent meeting of the Broadway Athletic Club, getting the benefit of a close decision.

Manager Bletzer announced last night that Walter B. McAtee, the well-known baseball umpire, would again act as the official timekeeper of the American Athletic Association.

GARDNER AND MUNGER

To Meet in Feature of Locust Point Boxing Card Tonight.

Shanky Gardner, the Washington lightweight, arrived in the city last night and looks to be in good condition for his 10-round go with Ford Munger, which will feature the inaugural card of the Locust Point Athletic Association this evening at Malone's Hall. He was accompanied by his manager, Danny O'Brien, who will act as his chief adviser. Gardner recently fought Kid Tuths at the Baltimore Athletic Club and made a most favorable impression. The Senator is clever and can hit, so it is likely that Munger will have to extend himself to the limit to leave the ring with a victory. Munger has trained conscientiously for the setto, and is not booking on having an easy time of it. They will meet at catchweights.

Manager Malone announced last night that he would give the fans plenty of action in the preliminaries, having arranged no less than four six-round affairs and two of four rounds duration. The bouts announced last night will be as follows: Cy Berger vs. Young Goldy, Dummy Ketchel vs. Dummy Burke, Sauers and Young Daly, Kid Tyson vs. Young Muggsy McGraw, Young Dolan and Johnny Smith and Battling Webb and Jimmy Marto.

SONS DEFEATED AT WASHINGTON

BALTIMOREANS LOSE SOCCER GAME 3 TO 2.

Association Team Victorious in Probably the Hardest Fought Contest Ever Seen in the Capital City—Score 2 to 0 Against Home Aggregation at End of the First Half—Blake Stars.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, February 9.—The Sons of St. George soccer team, of Baltimore, met defeat this afternoon for the second time of the season, the Washington Association football team being victorious in probably the hardest fought game ever seen in the capital. The final tally, 3 to 2, tells the tale. The visitors started off with a rush, the score after 45 minutes of fast play being 2 to 0 in the Baltimore team's favor. In the second half Washington came back with a rush and with the defense holding the Baltimore forwards safe, the locals' forward line started to play real soccer, and the Monumental City team was left behind. Morton, Wright and Steadman starred on the defense for the locals, while Brown and Foster lead on the offense. Blake played the best game for the visitors.

FOR RACQUET CHAMPIONSHIP

Thorne Victorious Over Hewitt in Tuxedo Park Match.

Tuxedo Park, N. Y., February 9.—The second day's play for the championship in racquets at the Tuxedo Club brought together some of the cracks of the country today. The match between Erskine Hewitt and George Thorne was stubbornly contested. Thorne finally winning by the score of 11-15, 15-3, 15-7, 12-15, 15-10.

Harold F. McCormick, the Chicago player, defeated Grenville Clark, of New York; Edward Greenshields, Jr., of Montreal, won from William P. Burden, of New York, and C. C. Pell won from F. F. Freilinghuysen, all in straight sets. George C. Clark, Jr., did not appear and G. M. Hecksher won his way to the first round by default. Joshua Crane also won from Cyril Hatch by default.

Tomorrow Robert D. Wrenn, of New York, will meet Thorne and Pell will be pitted against McCormick. Greenshields will meet Crane and Hecksher will meet S. G. Mortimer.

Chester Cubs Issue Challenge.

The Chester Cubs want games with 17-year-old teams of the city or state playing Saturday, Sunday and holiday ball. The Evergreen Lawn Country Club, Cherokee Athletic Club, Lawton Athletic Club, National Junior Republic, Bayonne Athletic Club, Maryland Boys, Reisterstown Juniors, Montford Athletic Club, Original Belford Yanigans, Keystone Athletic Club, Monitor Athletic Club, Whetstone Athletic Club, Oriental Athletic Club, Hampden Boys' Club, Gilmor Athletic Club, Washington Athletic Club, Harvard Athletic Club, Pembrook Athletic Club, Carpathian Athletic Club, Eron Athletic Club, Rossville Juniors, Peerless Combinations and teams of like caliber are preferred. The Chester Cubs' lineup will be as follows: Knudsen and Kaufmann, c.; Bradley and Gardiner, p.; Jack Rose, 1b.; Smith, 2b.; Gardiner, ss.; Senner, 3b.; Bender, utility infielder, and Stemler, Rasch, Hunt, Wilson and Hoppe, outfielders. Address Andrew Knudsen, care of National Sporting Goods Company, 309 East Baltimore street.

Lafayette A. C. Organizes.

The Lafayette Athletic Club has reorganized for the coming season and would like to arrange games with strong uniformed teams in the city or state having grounds. R. S. Woods, last year's manager, was temporarily re-elected. The team will be picked from Knorr, Arnold, Gerwig, Steinback, Diehl, Green, Askins, Messmeringer, Evans, Atwell, G. Woods, Weist, MacMillan, and R. Woods. Address R. S. Woods, 1906 Harlem avenue, or call St. Paul 7500, betwen 8:30 A. M. and 5:30 P. M.

O'ROURKE SUES SPORTING PAPER

HE AND AL PALZER ARRIVE IN LONDON.

Case of Well-known Manager of Pugilists Takes Place on Tuesday—Charges Veteran With Being Implicated in Several Questionable Battles — Hopes to Arrange Match With Johnson.

London, February 9.—Tom O'Rourke, the well-known American fighting promoter and manager, and Al Palzer, his White Hope, arrived in London today. O'Rourke declared that he intends to make an effort to complete arrangements for a match between Palzer and Jack Johnson, to take place at the Cirquee de Paris, in Paris, before returning to America, but he admitted that his real purpose for coming across the Atlantic was to personally prosecute his suit for libel against the weekly sporting paper called Boxing.

The case comes to trial next Tuesday, February 11. The alleged libel charges the veteran fight manager with being implicated in a number of questionable transactions having to do with the deciding as to who would be the winner of a big boxing contest, in which one of his fighters was to be a principal, before the battle was fought, often sacrificing his own man to the betterment of his, O'Rourke's pocketbook.

O'Rourke indignantly denies all these charges, declaring that if they were true he would not be fit to associate with honorable sporting men.

Boxing enthusiasts on both sides of the Atlantic are watching the case with interest. O'Rourke has been known as a handler of champions for years, and for that reason alone, is one of the biggest figures in the game. At one time or another duirng his long career O'Rourke has managed such men as George Dixon, Joe Wolcott, Kid Lavigne and Tom Sharkey.

The defendants assert that the words complained of are true in substance and fact. They cite the following cases of O'Rourke's alleged dishonest dealings:

"When Joe Wolcott fought Kid Lavigue at the National Sporting Club of San Francisco, in October, 1897, the plaintiff made a secret agreement with the referee whereby Wolcott was to lose and the plaintiff placed his bets against Wolcott. O'Rourke, acting as manager for Tom Sharkey, in November, 1898, made an arrangement, unknown to Sharkey, whereby the later was to win his bout with Jim Corbett, and O'Rourke bet heavily on Sharkey. He made a similar arrangement in the Sharkey-Kid McCoy fight at the Lenox Club, New York, 1899.

O'Rourke contends that unless the defendants can prove these charges he is entitled to heavy damages for defamation of character.

TO PLAY FOR $2,500 A SIDE

Charles Williams Accepts Challenge of Jack Soutar at Racquets.

Philadelphia, February 9.—Charles Williams, of London, champion racquet player of the world, has accepted the challenge of Jack Soutar, of this city, according to an announcement made tonight by W. T. Huhn, chairman of the Racquet Club's athletic committee. Mr. Huhn has received a letter from Williams agreeing to meet Soutar in a series of matches for $2,500 a side and the title. As titleholder Williams insists that the first match be played in London, but will play the second contest at the Racquet Club in this city. Members of the Racquet Club who are backing Soutar, the club's professional, are willing to abide by those conditions. Efforts will be made to fix upon the date in the near future.

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