DATES OF LAWN TENNIS EVENTS

ADOPTED BY UNITED STATES ASSOCIATION.

OPENING OF EASTERN SEASON

Begins With a Tournament at the Chevy Chase Club on May 8 and Invitation Doubles at the Tuxedo, New York, on the Same Date—Women's Championship in Philadelphia June 9—Baltimore Country Club Championships.

New York, March 22.—Dates of lawn tennis events for the coming season, adopted by the executive committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, were made public tonight. The season starts on April 23 with a tournament in Southern California. The season in the East begins with the open tournament of the Chevy Chase Club, in Maryland, on May 8, and invitation doubles at Tuxedo, N. Y., on the same date. The first tournament in the Middle West is that of the University of Illinois, at Urbana, the Illinois Interscholastic, on May 16.

The woman's championship is fixed for June 9, at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, Philadelphia. The Pacific States championships are to be played on the Pacific States Lawn Tennis Association courts on June 23, and the Southern championships at New Orleans on the same date. The New England championship also is scheduled for June 23 at the Hartford Golf Club, and the Middle States championship for the same day at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club, South Orange, N. J. The Western championship occurs July 26 at the Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill., and the Pacific Northwest internationals at Tacoma on August 4.

The national championships in singles and doubles and the interscholastic singles are set for August 1, at the Newport Tennis Club, Rhode Island.

Indoor dates for 1914 announced are the indoor championship at New York February 11, and the women's indoor, New York, March 22.

The list follows:

April 24—Ojai Valley Tennis Club, Nordhoff, Southern California; eighteenth annual spring tournament.

May 5—San Benito Tennis Club, San Benito, Texas; open championship Lower Rio Grande Valley.

May 8—Chevy Chase Club, Chevy Chase, Md.; open tournament. Tuxedo Tennis and Racquet Club, Tuxedo, N. Y.; invitation doubles.

May 10—Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; Harvard interscholastic. Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.; Princeton interscholastic. Columbia University, New York city; Columbia interscholastic.

May 14—Baltimore Country Club, Baltimore, Md.; championship of Maryland.

May 16—University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.; Illinois interscholastic.

May 17—Bedford Park Lawn Tennis Club, Bedford Park, New York city; championship of the Bronx.

May 24—New York Lawn Tennis Club, New York city; Manhattan doubles and open singles.

May 26—Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia, Pa.; women's championship of Pennsylvania and Eastern States. Longwood Cricket Club, Boston, Mass.; New England intercollegiate.

May 28—Pacific States Lawn Tennis Association, Central California Championships, Sacramento, Cal.

May 29—Brae Burn Country Club, Newton, Mass.; Massachusetts doubles.

May 30—Rockaway Hunting Club, Cedarhurst, L. I., New York invitation tournament.

May 31—Marine and Field Club, Brooklyn, N. Y.; open tournament.

June 2—Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pennsylvania state championship for men. Park Club, Buffalo, N. Y.; Western New York interscholastic.

June 5—Piping Rock Club, Locust Valley, Long Island, N. Y.; invitation tournament.

June 7—Longwood Cricket Club, Boston, Mass.; Massachusetts state singles.

June 9—Sans Souci Tennis Club, Greenville, S. C.; championship of the Carolinas. Country Club of Virginia, Richmond, Va.; Old Dominion championship. Englewood Field Club, Englewood, N. J. Philadelphia Cricket Club, Philadelphia, Pa.; women's championship of United States.

June 11—County Tennis Club of Westchester, Hartsdale, N. Y.; Eastern New York state championship.

June 12—Long Beach Tennis Club, Long Island, N. Y.; invitation tournament.

June 14—Shawnee Country Club, Shawnee-on-Delaware; championship of Eastern Pennsylvania. West Side Tennis Club, New York; metropolitan championship.

June 15—Wollaston Tennis Club, Wollaston, Mass.; championship of Norfolk county.

June 16—Germantown Cricket Club, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.; Philadelphia district championship. Houston Country Club, Houston, Tex.; Texas state championship. Piedmont Driving Club, Piedmont, Va.; Georgia state championship.

June 20—Greenwich Country Club, Greenwich, Ct.; open tournament.

June 21—Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Greater Pittsburgh championships.

June 23—Pacific States Lawn Tennis Association; Pacific States championship. Powelton Club, Newburgh, N. Y.; open tournament. Kings County Tennis Club, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Long Island championship, open. New Orleans Tennis Club, New Orleans, La.; Southern championship. Wilmington Country Club, Wilmington, Del., Delaware State championship. Hartford Golf Club, Hartford, Ct.; New England championship. Orange Lawn Tennis Club, South Orange, N.J.; Middle States championship. Wannamoisett Country Club, Providence, R. I.; open tournament. Park Club, Buffalo, N. Y.; championship of Buffalo. Ivanhoe Tennis Club, Kansas City, Mo.; Missouri Valley and Central West championship for women.

June 26—Essex County Country Club, Manchester, Mass.; invitation tournament.

June 28—Ohio Lawn Tennis Association, Cincinnati, O.; tristate tournament. St. Louis Amateur Athletic Association, Missouri; Central States championship.

June 30—Augusta Country Club, Augusta, Ga.; South Atlantic States championship. Country Club of Springfield, Mass.; Connecticut River championship.

July 1—Los Angeles Country Club, Beverly Hills, Cal.; Pacific States doubles. Central Iowa Tennis Association, Toledo, Ia.; Central Iowa tournament.

July 6—Knickerbock Field Club, Brooklyn, N. Y.; open tournament.

July 7—Kentucky-Ohio bistate championship, Louisville, Ky. Seabright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club, Seabright, N. J.; invitation tournament. Litchfield Lawn Club, Litchfield, Ct.; Connecticut state championship. Nashville Country Club, Nashville, Tenn.; Tennessee championship. Iowa Lawn Tennis Association, Des Moines, Ia.; Iowa state championship, open.

July 12—Siwanoy Country Club, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; open tournament. Minnesota Lawn Tennis Association, Minnesota; state championship. Aztec Tennis Club, Chicago, Ill.; Illinois state championship.

July 14—Spring Lake Casino, Spring Lake, N. J., open tournament. Kansas City Athletic Club, Kansas City, Mo.; Missouri Valley championship for men. Yahnundasis Golf Club, Utica, N. Y.; Central New York state championship. Multnomah Amateur Athletic Association, Portland, Ore.; Oregon state championship. Westchester Country Club, Westchester, N. Y.; invitation doubles.

July 19—Westchester County Lawn Tennis Association, Westchester, N. Y.; county championship of Westchester. Niagara Falls Tennis Club, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; championship of Niagara Falls. Westmont Tennis Club, Westmost, Pa.; Southwestern Pennsylvania championship.

July 21—Omaha Field Club, Omaha, Neb.; Clay Court championship. Longwood Cricket Club, Boston, Mass.; Longwood singles and Eastern doubles.

July 24—Edgemere Tennis Club, Edgemere, L. I.; New York invitation tournament.

July 26—Point Judith Country Club, Narragansett Pier, R. I.; invitation tournament. Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill.; Western championship. Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Pittsburgh, Pa.; novice and junior championship of Western Pennsylvania.

July 28—Crawford House Tennis Club, Crawford Notch, N. H.; New Hampshire State White Mountains championship.

July 31—Crescent Athletic Club, Brooklyn, N. Y.; New York State championship.

August 2—Agawam Hunt, Providence, R. I.; Rhode Island State championship (open).

August 4—Minnetonka Yacht Club, Lake Minnetonka, Minn.; Northwestern championship. Detroit Tennis Club, Detroit, Mich.; Michigan State championship. Dallas Lawn Tennis Club, Dallas, Texas; open championship, Southwestern district. Tacoma Lawn Tennis Club, Tacoma, Wash.; Pacific Northwest International championships. Elmira Tennis Club, Elmira, N. Y.; open tournament.

August 5—Norfolk Country Club, Norfolk, Ct.; open tournament. Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill.; sectional doubles. Swimming Club, Bar Harbor, Me.; championship of Maine.

August 7—Woodmere Country Club, Woodmere, Long Island, N. Y.; open tournament.

August 9—Bedford Springs Tennis Club, Bedford Spring, Pa.; Southern Pennsylvania championship.

August 10—Merriewold Tennis Club, Merriewold, Sullivan county, N. Y.; Sullivan county championship.

August 11—Meadow Club, Southampton, N. Y.; annual invitation tournament. Parkersburg Country Club, Parkersburg, W. Va.; West Virginia state championship.

August 18—Newport Tennis Club, Newport, R. I.; national championships in singles, doubles and interscholastic singles. Eaglesmere Athletic Association, Eaglesmere, Pa.; championship of Eaglesmere. Potomac Club, Cumberland, Md.; championship of Allegheny Mountains, open. Ivanhoe Tenis Club, Kansas City, Mo.; Central West mixed doubles.

August 23—Squirrel Island Athletic Association, Squirrel Island, Me.; Southern Maine championship.

August 23—Kenwood Country Club, Chicago, Ill.; North Central States championship. Pittsburgh Field Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Allegheny county championship.

August 25—Niagara Lawn Tennis Club, Niagara-on-Lake, N. Y.; international open tournament. Bay Head Yacht Club, Bay Head, N. J.; championship of Jersey Coast. Denver Country Club, Denver, Col.; Colorado state championship. Nyack Country Club, Nyack, N. Y.; open tournament. Altoona Cricket Club, Altoona, Pa.; Western Pennsylvania doubles. Toy Town Tavern, Winchendon, Mass.; open tournament.

August 29—Oldtown Country Club, Oldtown, Mass.; championship of Essex county, open.

August 30—New Rochelle Tennis Club, New Rochelle, N. Y.; open tournament.

September 1—Fairmont Country Club, Fairmont, W. Va.; annual tournament. Park Club, Buffalo, N. Y.; championship of the Great Lakes.

September 2—Sagamore Tennis Club, Sagamore, N. Y.; Lake George championship.

September 3—Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia, Pa.; intercollegiate championship.

September 5—Nassau Country Club, Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y.; invitation tournament.

September 6—Oakland Country Club, Oakland, Cal.; open tournament.

September 8—Morristown Field Club, Morristown, N. J.; New Jersey state championship. Edgewood Country Club, Charleston, W. Va.; open tournament.

September 15—Montclair Athletic Club, Montclair, N. J., annual women's tournament. Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Western Pittsburgh championship in singles.

September 22—Longwood Cricket Club, Boston, Mass.; women's open tournament.

February 11—Seventh Regiment Tennis Club, New York, N. Y.; indoor championship.

March 2—Palm Beach Tennis Club, Palm Beach, Fla.; winter championship of Florida.

March 22—Seventh Regiment Tennis Club, New York, N. Y.; women's indoor championship.

WALKING AROUND WORLD

Ralph Brown, an Englishman, Calls on Mayor Preston.

Walking round the world in five years to win a wager of $25,000, offered by the South African Sporting Club, Ralph Brown, an Englishman, and Londoner by birth, called on Mayor Preston yesterday to pay his respects. Mr. Brown is making a collection of seals of high officials as well as their autographs, and Mayor Preston added the seal of Baltimore and his autograph to the collection. In his collection Mr. Brown has the signatures of the late Emperor of China, the Mikado of Japan, a number of the royal and noble personages of Europe and of the governors of various states of the Union. On Thursday Mr. Brown will call on President Wilson.

Mr. Brown has digressed somewhat to deliver lectures in West Chester, Wilmington and Havre de Grace and coming down to Baltimore has put aside his rule of walking. After going to Washington, however, he says that he intends to ride to Philadelphia and from thence will walk to New York. Mr. Brown began his long walk about four years and ten months ago. He was formerly a theatrical manager in South Africa and had theaters in Johannesburg and Cape Town. He first went to New Zealand, then to Australia, then through Africa, India, Ceylon, China, Russia, Japan, across the Pacific and down the California Coast to Mexico, through Arizona and across the Continent. He is due in London in June.

TO HOLD THREE-MILE RUN

Newly Organized Arcade Club Preparing for Outdoor Season.

The Arcade Athletic Club, of North Baltimore, which made its debut in local running circles during the past week, will hold a closed three-mile street run next Tuesday evening, starting from its clubrooms, Twenty-second and Boone streets, at 8 o'clock.

President John Wilson has announced the route as follows: Start Twenty-second and Boone streets, west on Twenty-second street to St. Paul street; south on St. Paul street to North avenue, east on North avenue to Greenmount, south on Greenmount to Hoffman street, east on Hoffman to Ensor street, north on Ensor to North avenue, west on North avenue to St. Paul street, north on St. Paul to Twenty-second and east on Twenty-second to the starting point, which is a full three miles.

Some of the members who will participate in Tuesday's run are Joseph Lynch, Raymond Hoyle, Walter James, Tom Brown, H. Brown, G. Bacon, Frank Weldefield and Roy Fields.

During the past week the club promoted a 1200-yard race and a one and a quarter mile run, and the lads all showed good form for novices. It is the plans of the organization to secure a coach for the coming outdoor season, and weekly track and field meets will be held probably at Clifton Park, the dates and events to be announced shortly.

Can Lay Claim to Championship.

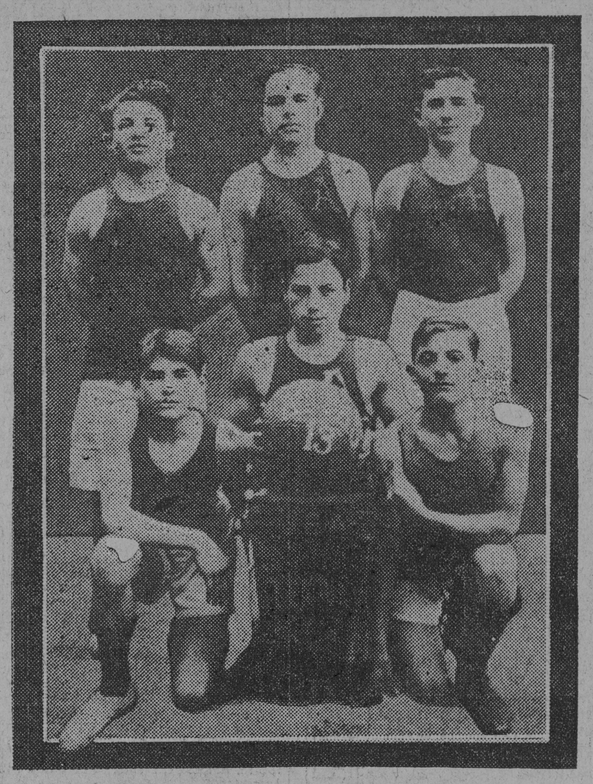
Chicago, March 22.—Northwestern University students declared today that the victory of the school's swimming team over the Yale squad last night gave the purple natalors the best claim to the American college swimming championship that any team ever had. Yale's superiority among the Eastern colleges had already been proven, according to Coach Robinson, of Northwestern, and the Evanston team had won the championship among the Big Nine colleges, defeating Chicago, Illinois and Wisconsin. Princeton's defeat by Illinois last night makes the Northwestern title even stronger, according to Robinson.

Halpin May Go to Australia.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Boston, March 22.—Tom Halpin, the national quarter mile sprinting champion and captain of the New England track team, may make the long journey to Australia to show his wares to the folk on the other side of the world some time this summer. The Boston flyer has received an invitation from Richard Coombs, leading spirit of the Australian Athletic Union, and there is little doubt but that the A. A. U. of this country will sanction the trip.

THE ATLAS CLUB OF BALTIMORE



Many of the young men in the above picture are sons of prominent merchants of this city. The Atlas Club is a branch of the Jewish Educational Alliance, and its purpose is to discuss political, social and industrial questions, as well as hold debates on various subjects. The club meets once a week at 1204 East Baltimore street and the officers are: David Greenfeld, president; Bernard Buckhantz, vice president; Henry Tucker, secretary; Samuel Skurnick, treasurer, and Meyer Brown, adviser.

BLETZER PASSES UP YOUNG BRITT

INTENDS TO MATCH A GOOD BOY WITH CHANEY.

East Baltimore Featherweight's Mentor Throws a Few Hot Shots at West End Scrapper's Manager, Joe Tipman, for Failure to Display Inclination to Make Match. Not Afraid of Ty Cobb.

Because of the dilatory attitude of his manager, Joe Tipman, Young Britt will lose a chance for the present to clean up a little pile of coin by fighting George Chaney. Henry Bletzer, who is Chaney's tutor, was all fussed up over the tactics employed by Tipman of late, and he stated last night that if he did not feel positive that the contest would be a big money-maker, he would play quits with Tipman and Britt for good when it came to talking business regarding a match.

Bletzer charges Tipman with having made an appointment with him to discuss terms, but he failed to put in his appearance, and by his continual inclination to remain in the background, Chaney's mentor has about reached the conclusion that Britt would rather not take a chance with Chaney. "In the future," declared Bletzer last night, "Tipman will have to come to see me. I intend to taboo the old challenging stuff from now on. Britt ought to be tickled to death to get on with Chaney. Both he and Tipman have surely been in the game long enough to know that Chaney is the only boxer with whom he could get any kind of money worth while battling for. I don't want to be styled as a knocker. Let him dig down in his jeans and run a show with some other boy, and he will certainly be convinced just what kind of a card he has on his hands. From what I have learned, his protege's popularity has long been on the wane."

Bletzer wound up his hot shot at Tipman by adding that he did not intend to fool with Tipman any longer, and within the next 24 hours he would have Chaney hooked up with one of the best featherweights in this section, and he felt certain that the contest he had in view would draw a big gate. Bletzer has no less than four offers for Chaney to box in Philadelphia and New York, but he entertains the idea that he could draw down more money here with Chaney, as he believes that the town is just ripe for an attractive mill. The fans, too, he argues, have been wanting to see Chaney go ever since he returned from the last Northern campaign, on which he won seven bouts without a solitary defeat, most of the contests terminating in knockouts for the East Baltimore battler, who is there with the old sleep-producing steam behind his punches. Bletzer avers that the talk of Chaney being afraid to meet Ty Cobb or Kid Egan is all tommyrot, and if either the Philadelphia or the Washingtonian really wants to fight Chaney, let him come across with a forfeit and he will be ready to talk in reference to the terms, etc.

Chaney, according to his manager, has been working out right along with Jimmy Dougherty, and his injured thumb, which caused a postponement of his proposed 15-round mill with Britt in January, is in better shape.

Getting back to Britt, Bletzer said he would again like to remind Tipman that if Chaney and Britt ever did get together, it would be for a winner and loser end and not an equal division of the money, as the January articles stipulated. The fact that Tipman took down his forfeit when Chaney was hurt and now refuses to make a match, has stirred Bletzer's wrath to a boiling point, and it promises to be a gay old time if the two managers chance to get together for the purpose of signing agreements for a battle between their respective charges.

Fast and Clever Boxing.

The Newsboys' Club, 612 East Baltimore street, held its weekly boxing show, which resulted in fast and clever milling. Harry Smith and Harry Cohen gave a six-round exhibition. It was a hummer throughout. Both boys tried hard for a knockout and pleased the fans until the sound of the gong.

In the semiwindup Young Henry Smith, brother of Henry Smith, won from Kid Reads. Young Smith is desirous of becoming a boxer. He is a hard hitter. The prelims were also interesting. All newsboys are invited to attend. Frank King, the oldest newsboy in Baltimore, refereed.

Packey Willing to Cross Pond.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Chicago, March 22.—Packey McFarland asserts he is willing to make the long trip across the Atlantic to box Freddie Welch, the English lightweight champion, at the Olympia, in London, but he insists on a guarantee of $10,000 and $500 expenses, and also that he name the date. He has already received an offer of $7,500 and $500, but hopes to make the English promoters come across with an additional $2,500.

JOE SHERMAN TO RETURN TO CITY

SEEKS BATTLE BEFORE SOME LOCAL CLUB.

Local Youngster, Who Has Fought With Success in the Lightweight Division, Coming Back to Show Fans How Much He Has Improved—Has Defeated Some of the Best in His Class.

Kid Williams, who at present seems to be monopolizing the spotlight in the bantamweight division, is not the only fighter who has wandered away from Baltimore to rise to a dizzy height in pugilism. Though Joe Sherman, who is at home when in this city, has been cutting up capers for a year or two in the class headed by Willie Ritchie, he has received little praise or mention in the local papers. Three years ago Joe's only way of getting out of this city was by hopping a freight, but he returns in several weeks in a Pullman car and a little spare change jingling in his pockets.

Ike Goldberg peddled The American and The Star on the streets of Baltimore when Sammy Harris' prize battler was working at the same trade. He got his chance to mingle with the preliminary boys, but his showing was not as impressive as it might have been. After having been rocked to sleep on his first outing, local promoters could not see how they would be helping their show by putting Goldberg on. This disheartened the lad, who had his mind set on becoming a boxer, so he beat it for the railroad yards; and, when he peeped out of a side-door sleeper some hours later he was in North Carolina. Here he picked up the name of Joe Sherman, and made good from the offset. He drifted farther South, boxing in Charleston, S. C., Savannah, Ga., and several other Southern cities. Finally Joe went to New Orleans and jumped into popular favor by going 10 rounds to a draw with Joe Mandot, who holds a 20-round decision over Joe Rivers, the Mexican. After this he found little trouble in getting bouts. Only last week he beat Jack Redmond in St. Louis, and the week before that knocked out Jack Sheldon. Some of the boys he has defeated are Young Saylor, Jack McHenry, Joe Thomas, Danny Goodman and Johnny Dohan, who won from Terry McGraw in this city.

Sherman is coming back to Baltimore to show the fistic fans just how much he has improved since he made his departure. He wants to meet the best 133-pounder obtainable before some local club.

Welch Is After Ritchie.

Special Cablegram to The American.

London, March 22.—Before sailing for New York Freddie Welch declared his sole purpose for going to America was to fill a list of theatrical engagements and then induce Willie Ritchie, the American champion, to meet him in a 20-round go in California. Welch refused to discuss the possibility of a match with Packey McFarland.

Welsh Sails for New York.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Liverpool, March 22.—Freddie Welsh, the champion lightweight boxer of England, sailed on the Mauretania today for New York, where he hopes to arrange a match with Willie Ritchie, of San Francisco.

DATE MUST BE SELECTED

Only Thing Lacking to Insure International Track Meet.

Cambridge, Mass., March 22.—All that is lacking to insure an international track meet with Oxford and Cambridge pitted against Yale and Harvard is an agreement as to the date of the proposed meeting in the stadium.

The English athletes have expressed a desire to visit this country during the early summer and next week the Yale and Harvard management will send them a formal invitation. The invitation will name dates acceptable to the American intercollegiate team and quick action is expected to follow.

It is the expressed hope of Yale and Harvard athletes that the proposed meet this summer will become a fixed international event to take place every three years.

Evans Wrests Western Title.

Chicago, March 22.—Charles Evans, Jr., of the Edgewater Golf Club, Western amateur champion, today wrested the Western indoor golf title from Warren K. Wood, runner-up in the Western tournament at Denver last summer, defeating him 3 to 2 in the final match. The match was played over distances representing the Homewood Country Club course.

CHAMP'S FRIENDS DRIFTING AWAY

RITCHIE'S TACTICS DISGUST HIS WELL WISHERS.

W. W. Naughton Says If the Lightweight Titleholder Is Given to Thinking at All It Is High Time for Him to Hunt Up His Considering Cap—Is Playing in Hands of Enemies.

BY W. W. NAUGHTON.

San Francisco, March 22.—If Willie Ritchie is given to thinking at all it is high time for him to hunt his considering cap. For Willie's friends are drifting away from him in carload lots, and if the desertion continues at its present rate it will not be long before Ritchie will find himself the most lonesome world's champion that ever sported the laurel wreath.

It is Ritchie's treatment of recent offers and his attitude generally toward the boxing game that has disgusted his well-wishers. He is condemned particularly for the studiously vague way in which he refers to the probable date of his return to the ring. He appears to be fencing with the question, in fact. There isn't a glimmer of promise in anything he has to say in this connection. He is playing squarely into the hands of his enemies, who have contended all along that he would make the most of an accident which enabled him to grab the title from the youngster who won it by dint of hard fighting and who risked it and defended it as often as an opportunity arose.

Ritchie has himself to blame if a suspicion of this kind attaches to him. He hasn't accomplished sufficient to warrant him playing fast and loose with the boys of his class and with the sporting public generally in the way he is doing. He knows that even those who took his side of the argument when a question arose as to whether Referee Jim Griffin was justified in depriving Wolgast of his crown on a technicality were unanimous in declaring that the circumstances called for a return match at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Footlight Harvest.

Ritchie pleaded a right to garner a little of the footlight harvest, as others similarly situated had done before him, and no one said him nay. He took the road with the tacit understanding that he would face Wolgast or some other worthy lad on the Fourth of July, if not before. He is talking now of continuing and crossing the ocean for a worldwide theatrical tour, and if there is anything in his treatment of various fight proposals made to him that a promoter can stick a pin in, the writer, for one, has not come across it.

Either Ritchie is timorous about facing this issue or he overestimated his own standing in the boxing world. The pretentious program he has mapped out would be all right for a man who had proved beyond chance or argument that he is the best of his weight in the United Staes, but it smacks of assurance in this particular case. The average British music hall patron has a keen sense of humor and a sarcastic tongue and if Ritchie made a bid for the sixpences and shillings of the English vaudeville circuit and it leaked out that it was a punch from the other man that made him champion and not a punch delivered by himself his nightly receptions might lack cordiality.

The chances are the British trip will not be taken, at least uutil Ritchie's record has been enhanced sufficiently to warrant a triumphal tour. This talk of flattering offers is buncombe of the worst description for the stage earnings of American celebrities or the other side are always ridiculously small.

Corbett Tells a Story.

A story told recently by Jim Corbett has bearing on this matter, seeing as how it makes evident that the best-advertised pugilists of this country are sometimes scarcely known in England.

Corbett was biled to start his British stage whirl at Bristol—it may have been Birmingham—and when he appeared to do his monologue he was visibly discouraged by the lack of effervescence in the crowd and the calm-eyed manner in which he was viewed.

"From the look on their faces I think some of them were wondering whether I was a ventriloquist or was going to give imitations of famous actors. It wasn't until I told them I was the fellow Fitzsimmons licked that they took a mild interest in me," said Jim.

Now if Corbett, conqueror of John L. Sullivan and Charlie Mitchell, had to go to such extreme to make himself known how will poor, little one-fight Willie Ritchie fare in that strange land?

One of the things that is putting Ritchie "in bad" with practical sporting in which Manager Nolan keeps harping on the prospect of a contest with Packey McFarland to the exclusion of other and more legitimate matches.

"We want McFarland and we will sign with him the moment he agrees to do 133 pounds a few hours before, as he agreed to do at Milwaukee." This is Nolan's battle cry.

Can't Make the Weight.

Why the veriest ignoramus in sporting matters knows that McFarland cannot make 133 pounds for boxing purposes at any time of the day. If Packey agreed to any such thing, the match would be one to view with suspicion.

Jimmy Britt once declared that there are no ethics in pugilism and the chances are he was right. It is for each boxer to lay out the course he thinks best and judge of the correctness of his judgment by the measure of success met with.

It is Willie Ritchie's power to dodge a Fourth of July meeting with one of our willing American lightweights and go junketing across the pond if he feels that way about it. But it would be as well for him to remember that so far he has done nothing to perpetuate his fame as a pugilist.

When a fighter with a weak record yanks himself out of the limelight he has a deuce of a time working back to the place where the glare is. It pays to advertise and the best kind of advertising for a man like Willie Ritchie is to be up and doing in his particular field of endeavor.

Minor League Decisions.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Auburn, March 22.—The minor baseball league decisions of the National Board of Arbitration were announced today by Secretary Farrell, of the National Association.

The franchises of the Newark, Ohio, and Mansfield, Ohio, clubs were forfeited to the Ohio State League; the franchise and players of the Lima Club, in Ohio, were transferred to Hamilton, Ohio.

The territory of Ypsilanti was added to the Border League.

The territory of North Yakima, Wash., and Baker, Oregon, was added to the Western Tristate League.

The individual claims of players were adjudged as follows: Allowed—Calderhead against Madison, Wis.; Urselak against Superior, Wis. Disallowed—Channell against Denver. Applications to be free agents granted Harding, from Lexington, Ky.; Welday, Providence, R. I.; Madigan, Wilmington, Del. Services awarded—Kellher, Petersburg, Va.; J. P. Lisy, to Seward, Neb.; James Allen, to Ardmore, Okla.

Play Tie Game at Soccer.

Philadelphia, March 22.—The Innisfail Stars, of St. Louis, Western soccer champions, today played a tie game with the Hibernian eleven, champions of the Pennsylvania League. Each team scored one goal.

107 N. Howard Street

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The Landlord Says, "Go!"

Just as we were getting ready for the coming rainy spell and had bought enormous stocks in anticipation of a prosperous season we received this notice to vacate. Nothing can be plainer than this letter. **No "buts"—no "ifs"—the doors must be closed and the keys surrendered by April 5.** With the tremendous stock on hand, there is only one thing to do, and **we will do it.**

Baltimore, Feb. 28th.

Gentlemen:—

This is to advise you that your lease on 107 N. Howard St. will terminate on April 4th, 1913, and that no further extension will be given, as the property has been leased for a term of years, commencing from that date.

You will please, therefore, vacate the premises and return the keys to this office on or before the date in question.

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TELLS OF CLIMB TO TOP OF HEAP

RITCHIE SAYS HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AMBITIOUS.

Lightweight Champion of the World Talks on How He Fought His Way to the Head of the Procession—Was Always a Great Admirer of Jimmy Britt, Who Once Held the Title.

BY WILLIE RITCHIE.

It's a hard task to try to tell 1,000,000 readers how you managed to get to the top of the heap, for it's hard to imagine that they are very much interested in your career. Of course, wearing the lightweight title must have some weight, for there is no doubt that millions are interested in boxing.

My success in my particular line is due to the fact that I was always ambitious. From my limited view I studied the horizon and figured that boxing was as good as any other profession to follow. The stories of fortunes being made by Sullivan, Corbett, Nelson and others roused me up.

Some of the stars allowed the money to slip through their fingers. That impressed me greatly. "Give me a chance," I always murmured, "and the wrecks will teach me a lesson."

I was fortunate enough to get an opportunity. And you can rest assured that when my star sets I will be able to look any man in the face and not be forced to beg and borrow on lost laurels.

Drove Team for Father.

When I was 15 years old I worked for my father driving a team. As a teamster I realized that my future was not very bright, so I immediately looked to where I could improve.

In 1900 I determined to learn a trade. I worked in the factory of an automobile concern; became acquainted with the machinery of a car and gradually worked up until I became a demonstrator and salesman. So when my star wanes I can go back to that business.

My fondness for boxing dates back to my youthful days. I was always athletically inclined and at every spare moment had the gloves on with some of my kid companions. I never cared for the brutal part of the sport, but developed a strong liking for skill. Little, did I dream in those days that by that careful practice of cleverness I was to win the championship.

Like all youngsters, I had my particular idol and he was Jimmy Britt. Every time the papers printed a story of Britt I read every line and always wished that the day would arrive when I would be as popular as he. Jimmy was certainly clever and I made it a steady practice to imitate every one of his blows in the gymnasium.

Begged Job as Usher.

Whenever he fought I was present. Many times I was forced to beg a job as usher to get a view of my idol in action. I will never forget the day Nelson knocked him out in Colma.

It was impossible for me to get my usher job and I was forlorn. There was only one thing for me to do. I was determined to see that fight, and I did. The arena was outdoors and close by were a number of telegraph poles. I selected the nearest one, shinned up and rested on a crosspost. It was not what you would call comfortable, but that never worried me in the slightest.

The fight was delayed two hours and lasted nearly an hour and a half, so you can imagine how cramped my poor limbs were. Strange to relate, I paid close attention to my present manager, Billy Nolan, who was handling Nelson at that time.

During my experience as an auto salesman I took up boxing as a livelihood. In three and a half years I engaged in close to 50 contests, and in many cases had to take a good licking with a small purse. The last year of my battling in the so-called amateur clubs I had improved so much that it was the case of taking all comers, no matter how heavy. Seldom I received less than $500 a bout.

Decided to Take Chance.

I then decided to take a chance and branch out as a real professional boxer. Success followed me in the new venture, but I never let it turn my head. Just 18 months ago after my good showings with Freddie Welsh, Joe Mandot, Young Erne and others I decided to camp on the trail of Wolgast.

I met him in a four-round bout and defeated him. For that I received no more than when I was an alleged amateur. Nor did I receive due credit. It dawned upon me that though I could handle small bouts alone it was necessary to have some real live manager in the country seeking to handle me, but I considered Billy Nolan the smartest, and we joined forces. That the firm was a success is now history. Nolan secured for me the fight with Wolgast, which gave me the chance to win the championship.

Today I am happy because my ambition has been realized. I am champion of the world. None can criticise my mode of living. Liquor and tobacco are strangers to me. I am in a position to earn a lot of money, which will be used properly. And during my career as title-holder I will defend the championship honorably. When defeat comes my way my friends will have no reason to regret their support when I was on top of the heap.

International Hockey Match.

New York, March 22.—An international amateur hockey match between the Winnipeg team, champions of Canada, and the Hockey Club of New York, winners of the amateur league championship in this city, will take place here Wednesday night. Arrangements for the game were effected today. The Canadians recently defeated the Victorias, of Winnipeg, and won the Sir Montague Allan trophy, emblematic of the Dominion championship, after which they made a tour of Eastern Canada and beat all the best hockey teams in that section. They have been anxious to meet representative teams on this side of the border, and the game announced for Wednesday night was arranged at their request.

Some Local Auto Gossip.

L. A. Woodland, sales manager of the Cole Sales Company, has returned from a visit to the Eastern Shore.

William L. Colt, president of the Colt-Stratton Company, of New York, Eastern distributors of the Cole Motor Car Company, of Indianapolis, Ind., yesterday paid a visit to the local agents—the Cole Sales Company, 1020 Morton street.

The Club Garage, West Eager street, near Charles street, reports the sale of a Mercer runabout, series K, four-cylinder, 30-horsepower, to O. Howard Harvey, of this city.

THIRTY-ONE MEN ENTERED IN RACE

ATHENIAN CLUB'S OPEN HANDICAP TEN-MILE EVENT.

Washington Will Be Well Represented in Street Contest Which Is to Start at Patterson Park Avenue and Jefferson Street Tomorrow Afternoon—Bobby Williams Fancied to Win.

The Athenian Club of East Baltimore will promote its first open handicap 10-mile street race tomorrow afternoon, starting at 2:30 o'clock from the corner of Patterson Park avenue and Jefferson street. Thirty-one athletes of this city and Washington have entered, and the race from the spectators' viewpoint is certain to be exciting. The men have been handicapped by Joseph Townsend England, of the South Atlantic Association, and there is every evidence of a great struggle when the men line up on their marks.

The list of officials will be as follows:

Referee—Martin Joseph Boland McDonagh, Johns Hopkins University.

Handicapper—Joseph Townsend England, South Atlantic Association.

Starter—Charles E. Lustnauer, Public Athletic League.

Judges—F. D. Ballantyne, J. F. Zopf and Dr. G. J. France.

Timers—James G. McCallister, Allie McCallister and Gregory I. Johnson.

Clerk of Course—Thomas Baker, Crescent Bicycle Club.

Inspectors — G. J. Dougherty, John Wallman, Conrad Lorenz, Paul Vogel, Lawrence Lutz, George H. Miller and J. F. Nicholson.

The race tomorrow will be the first distance event of any importance in this city this year and the athletes who are training for the coming intercity Marathon, from Laurel to Washington, will have a chance to get into good shape.

Baltimore and Washington will have teams running, and the rivalry existing insures a keen competitive event. The Cross Country Club, the Athenian Club and the Carroll Institute have squads entered for the team cup, and it is a matter for conjecture as to which organization will land the honors.

Bobbie Williams, of Washington Athletic Association, is being figured prominently by the fans as the most likely winner of the race, while Baltimore will depend upon Ike Ruth, John Callan and John Kelley, of the Cross Country Club, and McKenna, Idlewild Club, to uphold local reputation.

The entry list follows:

Idlewild—Irving B. Thawley, Ignatius L. McKenna.

St. Martin's Athletic Association—F. R. Sturm, William P. Kinsey.

Elmwoods—Austin B. Pritchard, Albert Matthews.

Washington Athletic Association—Robert E. Williams, J. W. Holland.

C. Y. M. C. A.—Raymond Glaser.

Carroll Institute—John P. Sullivan, William B. Cover, D. M. Healey, P. J. Gallagher, M. J. Lynch, John D. Bolac.

Cross Country Club—D. Schmenner, Thomas George, D. K. Younger, Fred Baer, John D. Callan, Frank A. Ruth, John Kelly.

Athenian Club—John Spengler, Edward M. Eichhorn, George Smith, J. A. Forrest, J. A. Schaffner, X. H. F. Wahl, Henry C. Eichhorn, Walter Otto, G. Andrew Miller and Francis T. Heronemus.

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