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WEST END DAIRY

"Newy" Lalonde is living up to his reputation as being the last play on any club to sign up. Though he has agreed on terms with the Canadiens, he still hesitates about signing the contract.—Montreal Herald.

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Etc., Etc.

SYDNEY CLUB
ADMITTED TO
MARITIME P. H. L.

Iron City Team Opens League at
Moncton—Agreement With N. H.
A. Still Hangs Over

Halifax, Dec. 5.—At 2 o'clock this morning the Maritime Provincial Hockey Association was still in session and the question with regard to this association's relationship in the drafting of players to the N.H.A. had not been decided upon. Sydney has been admitted to the league and the schedule readjusted with the opening game at Moncton, with the Iron City aggregation crossing sticks with the Moncton Victorias.

The schedule provides for a total of forty games.

Rockefeller's grandson Chicago, Dec. 3.—Fowler McCormick 15 year old son of Harold P. McCormick and grandson of John D. Rockefeller began a course in baseball pitching yesterday under the tutelage of Mordecai Brown, former star hurler of the Chicago National League Club.

The boy who some day, probably, will rank with the world's wealthiest men is being trained for slab work at Princeton University. His father is a graduate of Princeton and it is his ambition some day to watch his son strike out the batsmen of Yale and Harvard, for Fowler is to enter the university as soon as he is prepared.

Brown will give his pupil two lessons each week, and when spring comes Fowler will try for a pitching berth on the team of the prep school which he now attends.

JACK BRITTON
SCORED KNOCKOUT
OVER BENNETT

Irish Lightweight Champion Almost
Went Full Ten Rounds—Britton
Forced Fighting Throughout

(Canadian Press)

New York, Dec. 6.—Jack Britton of Chicago, practically knocked out Billy Bennett, lightweight champion of Ireland, a few seconds before the end of their ten round bout in Brooklyn last night. Britton forced the fighting all through and in the tenth round twice knocked Bennett down with left and right hooks to the jaw.

After Bennett got to his feet a second time he hung over the ropes in a dazed condition and Britton refused to strike him again.

WANDERERS MAY TAKE
EUROPEAN TRIP

Montreal, Q., Dec. 5.—Europe would like to see a real top notch Canadian Hockey team in action.

Europe has seen the Oxford-Canadians and would like (some more) Canadian Hockey.

Sam E. Litchenstein announced today his willingness to take his Wanderer team on an European jaunt provided the necessary arrangements can be made. It is quite on the cards that the plans will be made.

Jersey City has secured Hugh L. the Boston Red Sox first baseman and catcher. The Skeeters are still in quest of a manager.

NEW LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION
HAD GREAT CAREER AS A "SUB"

In action and looks Willie Ritchie, the little Californian who beat Champion Ad Wolgast for the lightweight title at 'Frisco, is a pocket edition of that once marvel of the Queensbury game, "Kid" McCoy. He is much cleverer than Wolgast; in fact it is doubtful if there is a cleverer man in the ring today, not excepting "Packey" McFarland, and in addition to this Ritchie is a good two-handed man, with a right cross that is the best of the business. Unlike most fighting men, he was schooled properly. He is a new school boxer with the old school training. He stands up straight and uses straight punches instead of the swings and hooks that are now so common with the present generation of pugilists.

Ritchie is of the new type of pugilist that has done much to place the game in a whiter light, such as Mike Gibbons, Johnny Kilbane and "Packey" McFarland. He commenced boxing at seventeen years of age, when he tired of driving a sand wagon. Of all the boxers that Ritchie had has had the most picturesque and brilliant career. Willing Willie isn't a voter yet but he has made enough ring history to be known in all parts of the world where the Marquis of Queensbury rules are in use. Although Ritchie has been identified with the boxing game for less than three years, he has climbed to the championship rung.

Willie Ritchie is a native son and a product of San Francisco. It was just twenty years ago last February that Willie made his debut "south of the slot," the same neighborhood that produced Abe Attell, Eddie Hanlon and Jimmie Britt.

For seventeen years Willie was kept busy being a boy. Some job! At the end of seventeen years he had developed into a first class "sub" on a baseball team.

One night in 'Frisco town he was invited to a boxing performance. One of the fighters to appear—didn't. So a hurry call was sent out for a substitute. Now, baseball is somewhat different from boxing, but the word "substitute" is pronounced the same in both games. So Geary Steffen came to the call. Now, who is Geary Steffen? Only Willie Ritchie—yes! one and the same chap! Geary Steffen is his "right" name. Well, little Geary climbed into the ring to do some substituting. He was introduced under the name of the boy whose place he was taking. The boy's name was Willie Richards—the announcer said "Willie Ritchie"—and there you be, b'gosh!

Well, the contest ended with a K. O. victory for Ritchie. That was the start, and a start. For the next two years he whipped amateurs at four rounds a piece.

Last year he went fifteen rounds with Mally Baldwin and beat Jack Britton in a four-round go.

Thanksgiving of 1911 Ritchie heard

another call. Champion Ad Wolgast was stricken with appendicitis on the eve of his battle with Freddy Welsh at Los Angeles.

A substitute! Oh! joyful sound!

Willie was on hand like a hanger. He bought his own ticket from San Francisco and rode all night in a crowded car unable to sleep and arrived in Los Angeles at 10.30 o'clock on Thanksgiving Day—the day of the scheduled fight. Ritchie hunted up Promoter Tom Carey, but he had decided to put some one else on in Wolgast's stead.

Discouraged, Ritchie hopelessly bought his own way into the fight.

He sat in the bleachers and watched the preliminaries. As the ring was cleared for the main event Ritchie was sent for. Carey had changed his mind. So with five minutes' notice and no training Ritchie jumped into the ring and gave Welsh a terrific battle—nearly knocking him out. That bit of substituting "made" the little 'Frisco boy.

Emil Thiry, "Packey's" manager, took Willie east, allowing him to box and beat Koehler, "Young" Saylor, "Yankee" Schwartz and Harry Treadwell.

But it was time for substituting, so "Packey" got his first and only black eye and Ritchie was hurried from New York to box "Young" Erne in his stead.

He arrived in Philadelphia just in time to climb into the ring and give clever "Young" Erne the trouncing of his life.

Great stuff—this substituting.

On May 11th Ad Wolgast thought he needed a little workout so he took on Ritchie in 'Frisco. What Willie did to poor Ad during those four rounds was a crime. Suffice it to say that Ad received the worst beating of his career.

Soon after he made that victory sincere by beating Joe Mandot in New Orleans right in front of his own folks. Then came Wednesday night and Ritchie evidently had Wolgast where he wanted him when the champion fouled.

WOLGAST'S ARM HAS
STIFFENED, BOUT IS OFF

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—Chances of former lightweight champion Ad Wolgast appearing in a local ring New Year's day, were dimmed yesterday by the receipt by Promoter Coffroth, from Wolgast's manager of a telegram stating that Wolgast's left arm and hand had stiffened up badly and that he did not box again soon.

Practically every local union of butchers in the State of California has affiliated with the international union within the last fortnight.

DAUBERT SIGNS WITH
SUPERBAS FOR THREE YEARSTWO GOOD OFFERS
FOR BOUTS MADE
TO TOMMY BURNS

Calgary, Dec. 5.—Tommy Burns has received two good offers to return to the ring. He has taken them under consideration and will announce his decision soon. Gene Corri, the noted English referee wants Burns to box Bombardier Wells in London and offers the local man \$25,000 win, lose or draw. Tom McCarey, the Los Angeles promoter is after Burns to box the winner of the white hope tournament in that city and it is likely he will offer \$25,000 to Tommy if he will agree to consider the matter.

The proposal is that Tommy shall meet the winner of the elimination contest being conducted by Tom McCarey between Jim Flynn, Al Palzer and Luther McCarthy. McCarey has offered a diamond studded belt, which is to be emblematic of the white championship of the world.

BROCK FAMILY TO
RETAIN ITS CONTROL

The lineup of the Boast teams are practically settled, with the exception of one vacancy on the Westminster team, and this will be filled within the next few days. There is several players working out who would fill the position, but the Coast moguls want to lift an Eastern player and are negotiating with players. The probable lineups of the teams follow:

Vancouver—Goal, Parr; point, F. Patrick; coverpoint, Griffiths; rover, Taylor; centre, Kendall; right wing, Jack McDonald; left wing, Harris; spares, Ulrick, Nichols, Tobin.

Westminster—Goal, Lehman; point, Progers; coverpoint, to be filled; rover, Oatman; centre, Mallen; right wing, Gardner; left wing, Ran McDonald; spare, Treherne.

Victoria—Goal, Lindsay; point, L. Patrick; coverpoint, Small; rover, Dunderdale; centre, Walsh; left wing, Kerr; right wing, Rowe or 'oulin.—Vancouver New-Advertiser.

Billy Clymer, Buffalo's new manager, will attend the major league meeting in questing of players. If talking will get them, "Derby Day" will get as many as he wants.

SPORTS OF ALL KINDS

G. S. Jackson, New Glasgow, has sold his trotting mare Monachille to W. Grant Fraser, of Sydney Mines.

WHEN IS A CONTRACT?

Q.—When is a contract not a contract? Ans.—When it is a hockey contract.

They're after Tommy Burns again, and with Johnson out of the way. It's only a question of how much that will bring Thomas out of the dry goods business in Calgary.

After all the whirlwind in pro hockey circles this fall wouldn't it be awful if the public fancy—always fickle—turned to the amateurs for their hockey sustenance during the winter. Stranger things have happened.

St. John and Fredericton probably will be the only clubs represented at the annual meeting of the New Brunswick and Maine League to be held at the Queen Hotel, Monday. There are various rumors as to what clubs will form the league in 1913 and that probably will be decided at a later meeting.

The shipment of horses bought at the Old Glory sale at New York for local parties was routed wrong and landed at Sherbrooke, Quebec. The mistake has delayed the arrival of the horses and also may have other results which will not be pleasant for those responsible for the error.

Frank Heffernan, the Toronto Rugby Club's star wing man, was fined \$50 and costs, or thirty days imprisonment in the Toronto police court, for contravening the quarantine regulations of the Health Act, by leaving a house under quarantine for smallpox to play in the Toronto Albert game two weeks ago Saturday. It's pretty hard on a man to have to pay to play.

Booklyn Now Has Mak-
ings of Good Team—
Will Train at Columbus
or Augusta Georgia—
Bad Bill Dohlan to go
South on Trip of In-
spection

Brooklyn, Dec. 4.—President Charles H. Ebbets of the Brooklyn Baseball Club, has started early on the task of lining up his talent for next season. Judging from the fact that he has ten of his best men already under contract, he cannot be the hard-hearted boss he has been painted by some of those who have roasted him in the past. As far as can be learned there was no trouble in getting the signatures and he already has the nucleus of a team that should play much better ball than the Superbas of 1912.

The big piece of news is that Jake Daubert, champion first baseman of the National League, if not of all leagues, has signed a contract for three years. That insures no holding out or other contention with the field captain for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915. This will be welcomed by the fans, who admire Daubert not only on but off the field.

Those who have already signed are: Jacob E. Daubert, first baseman. George W. ("Al") Cutshaw, second baseman.

John T. Hummel, second baseman and outfielder.

Herbert Moran, center fielder.

Zack D. Wheat, left fielder.

Hub Northern, right fielder.

Frank L. Allen, pitcher.

G. Napoleon Rucker, pitcher.

Don Carlos Patrick Ragan, pitcher.

Clifton G. Curtis, pitcher.

Manager Bill Dahlen of the Superbas, is expected back in town today or tomorrow and will have a conference with President Ebbets about the spring training plans. The towns which have the best chance are Columbus and Augusta, Ga., both of which have been the scene of the preparation of other major league teams in years gone by, but neither may be selected. After the National League meeting in New York next week Dahlen will start south on a tour of inspection. He has his own ideas and the matter has been placed entirely in his hands. The three conditions to be considered are weather, grounds and hotels, and the picking of a place that fulfills them all acceptably is no boy's size job.

George Stallings will take with his Boston Nationals to Athens, Ga., next spring a whole fleet from the Northwestern League. They will include five pitchers, two catchers and a first baseman. The twirlers are: Winfield C. Noyes of Spokane; William James of Seattle; Cecil Thompson of Seattle; Lucien E. Gervais, of Vancouver; Paul Strand of Spokane. The catchers are Bert Whaling of Seattle; Rex Devogt of Spokane. The first base is "Hap" Myers of Spokane.

James and Noyes are figured as about the most likely of Stallings' collection of recruits coming up from the minors next spring. The former led the Northwestern League. Of James, Fielder Jones made the prediction that the man's future would be brilliant. The fans of the Northwestern League are fond of referring to him as a second Christy Mathewson. James won 29 games and lost 7, there being 265 hits. He struck out 212 and passed 94. Noyes' record is 6 victories, 8 defeats, 207 hits, 51 passes, 142 strikeouts.

The battery which will be of the greatest interest to the Boston National League fans will be that composed of Bill James and Bert Whaling. This husky catcher is said to resemble Forrest Gady of the Red Sox in build having a fine throwing arm and a sure eye. He holds a very high average that of .992. He caught 133 games making 10 errors in handling 765 putouts with 189 assists.