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Luther McCarty Has Had Remarkable Career

HIGH VALUE

PLACED ON JOHNNY

EVERS' BRAINS

Zimmerman of Brooklyn Paid Him High Compliment for His Knowledge of Baseball

(Brooklyn Eagle.)

Joe Tinker, when at the special meeting of the National League, told a bit of inside baseball about a Brooklyn game. Nap Rucker was pitching against the Cubs and had nothing except speed. Otherwise he was deficient but he was shooting them over so fast that the Cubs were looking for life insurance agents before going to the plate. Among those present was Johnny Evers, known as one of the craftiest exponents of the higher baseball. Another prominent figure was Heinie Zimmerman, whose principal weakness is that he has arm trouble which prevents him from batting more than .400. Mr. Zimmerman has no reputation whatsoever as a star at inside baseball, but we do not recall any better third base play than he furnished here last season. Evers barely dodged a high inside shot from Rucker that would have brained the earnest second baseman. Frank Chance was sitting on the bench and gasped out:

"Gee, Nap nearly scattered Evers' brains over the whole infield!"

"I wish he had," remarked Zim. "I would tear out there and get a handful for future emergencies."

Which would indicate that Zim does not think he knows it all or will resent suggestions from his new manager.

Favored Strongly for Bout New Year's Day--Tommy Burns Picked Him as Comer Two Years Ago at Calgary--His Record in the Ring

Next Thursday sporting enthusiasts throughout the world may wake up to find a new white heavyweight champion. Many a time "Jack" Johnson announced his retirement after the Reno fight in 1909 with Jeffries, but whether he likes it or not now he is rather effectively out of boxing for all time. Therefore the winner of the bout on the coast New Year's Day between Luther McCarty and "Al" Palmer will be hailed generally as the holder of the title. Because of McCarty's victory over Jim Flynn, the terror of all aspiring white hopes, and Palmer's poor showing not long ago against "Tony" Ross, there are many who figure the sensational newcomer in the ranks of the heavies already as good as victor.

REMARKABLE CAREER

McCarty has had one of the most spectacular flights into fame of any boxer who ever stepped into a ring. This young giant is not a voter so far, yet he has had a mighty varied career. He was born on a ranch thirty miles from Lincoln, Neb., March 17, 1892, so that he was celebrating his fifth birthday when Bob Fitzsimmons made the solar plexus blow famous on Jim Corbett at Carson City. When he was a youngster he worked in the Kansas cornfields and then became a messenger in Omaha, and then a transcontinental tourist to the Atlantic coast by his wits. From Boston he shipped to Buenos Ayres as an able seaman and before he returned to America he had visited China and Japan.

LEFT THE SEA

Following his deep sea career he worked in an Alabama lumber camp and followed this occupation as a dairyman and a "husky" in a bridge construction gang. A girder fell on him while he was engaged in the lat-

ter and after a six weeks' lay up he shifted to the west again, where he ranched it. In 1910 at Culbertson, Mont., he began his ring career as a sparring partner for a local celebrity and he looked so good to the natives that they urged him to go in for the game on his own hook.

BURNS FAVORS HIM

The first fighter of any account that he beat was the redoubtable Joe Grim, whom he stopped in four rounds at Calgary. Tommy Burns, formerly the champion saw him in action there and advised him to go right along the heavyweight route. He had several minor fights before he took a course of instruction in a Chicago physical culture school.

BEAT CARL MORRIS

Shortly after this he got his chance to get into the limelight by trouncing the much advertised Carl Morris, the Oklahoma giant. That was last May and the session lasted six rounds. McCarty had never been heard of in the big boxing centres up to this time, but he was able to get bouts here then. He met Jim Stewart, Jesse Willard and Jim Barry in rapid succession but did not set the world on fire. When he stopped "Al" Kaufman in two rounds October 12 in San Francisco, he was given the chance against Flynn. While the latter never proved himself a wonderful ringster, students of the game figured that the raw recruit would be an easy mark for the experienced ring craft of the Pueblo fireman. When McCarty put Flynn out of the running in the sixteenth round at Vernon, Cal., his stock soared sky high. Thus it may happen that a man who was really first heard of a little more than six months ago may be the new white champion of America.

CHAMPIONS
IN MANY LINES
HAD BAD YEAR

Large Number of Ring Artists on Both Sides of Atlantic Forced to Relinquish Titles

New York, Dec. 27—This has surely been an unlucky year for champions so far, as many of them have had the misfortune to either lose their titles or have decisions rendered against them. Those who have lost their titles are Ad. Wolgast, the lightweight champion of America; Abe Attell, featherweight champion of America; George Carpentier, the French middleweight champion; Matt Wells, the English middleweight champion, and Johnny Evernden, the English welterweight champion. The champions who have been defeated, but still hold the title of their respective countries, are Bombardier Wells, the English heavyweight champion; Jack Harrison, the English middleweight champion; Dave Smith, the Australian middleweight champion and Digger Stanley, the English bantamweight champion. Carpentier has relinquished his claim to the title, as he cannot make the weight any more.

TOMMY BURNS MATCHED
WITH BOMBARDIER WELLS

Calgary, Dec. 27—Arrangements were completed this afternoon for a 15-round bout between Bombardier Wells, English heavyweight champion and Tommy Burns, who claims the championship of the world, the bill to be held in Calgary, March 14, for a purse of \$37,000. A local syndicate will finance the affair and the money will be posted in a local bank on Jan. 2.

Burns had intended to start training the first of the year for the purpose of challenging the winner of the Palmer-McCarty match but the offer of the local syndicate is better than any he could expect from American promoters. In case Burns wins over Wells, he will defend the title against any white heavyweight.

SPORTS OF ALL KINDS

Frank Chance has been talked of so much as manager of the New York Highlanders it seems now as if he was almost a necessity. Of course, nothing is sure in this world outside of those famous exceptions, death and taxes, but it may be said that Frank Farrell, owner of the New York Club, is not worrying about the deal, and he is one of the most concerned. In all probability it will be two weeks before the contract is signed, sealed and delivered, but if a letter to a close friend of Chance counts for anything, he will be in the East and ready to begin the task of building up a penant winning team for the Highlanders by January 20.

Welcome the name of climbers for the Washington American League team. Senators did not suit the Washington public and Nationals did not suit anybody else.

Eddie Burns, Montreal catcher, now playing in the California winter league has signed a contract to coach the St. Mary's College team in California. This college has turned out some shining lights in baseball and the position of coacher is no mean honor.

Marty O'Toole will be married on December 30 and will take his bride to the Bermudas on a honeymoon trip.

Infielder Roxie Roach has been so by Washington to Buffalo, Baltimore having canceled an option it had on him. The price was \$1,500.

Manager Jack Hendricks of Denver announces the signing of a Chicago semi-pro pitcher named Motan, a left-hander, aged 19, height 5 feet and 11 inches.

Ty Cobb has come to the front with an exceedingly sensible declaration. Ty has been pictured as holding out for \$15,000, a sum which he was undoubtedly worth when he was with a championship team but that he is worth it he now doubts. The difference between a winner and a non-winner of championship is around \$20,000, counting the world's series money. Cobb was with a winner for three seasons. Since then he has been with a club that was only fair to middling. He has been manly enough to do his best under all conditions but the fates have been against him and he has not been, as far as can be learned, making extravagant demands.

Manager John McGraw of the Giants, is at home and says that while he does not want Outfielder Beals Becker next season, he has no intention of sending him out of the league. Two clubs have refused to waive on the lad and both could use him. One is Pittsburgh, which was disappointed when it got Artie Hoffman in the trade with Chicago in 1912, and the other is Cincinnati, which is in a bad humor to give anybody a chance. Brooklyn is fairly equipped in the suburbs and Becker is not likely to go there.

KEARNS KNOCKED OUT

New York, Dec. 27—Jesse Williams knocked out "Soldier" Kearns in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight.

Joe Rivers, the Mexican, has signed to box Leach Cross in New York, Jan. 8, for a \$4,000 guarantee.

FOOTBALL TERMS

FOUND IN SHAKESPEARE

"Down! Down!"—Henry V.
"Well placed."—Henry V.
"An excellent pass."—The Tempest.
"A touch, a touch, I do confess."—Hamlet.
"I do commend you to their backs."—Macbeth.
"More rushes! More rushes."—Henry IV.
"Fell me down with them!"—Love Labor Lost.
"This shouldering of each other."—Henry VI.
"Being down I have the placing."—Cymbeline.
"Let him not pass but kill him rather."—Othello.
"Tis sport to maul a runner."—Antony and Cleopatra.
"I'll catch it ere it come to ground."—Macbeth.
"We must have bloody noses and cracked crowns."—Henry IV.
"Worthy sir, thou bleedest; the exercise hath been too violent."—Coriolanus.
"It's the first time that ever I heard breaking of ribs was sport."—As You Like It.

MONCTON'S IMPORTED
HOCKEY PLAYERS ARRIVED

Moncton, Dec. 27—Capt. Doherty and four other players for the Moncton professional hockey team, arrived here this afternoon. Those who came with Doherty are Walker, Mallen, McGregor and Kyle. Cross, the goal tender, is expected tomorrow but the exact line-up has not yet been decided upon. Three local men, Crockett, Sweetman and Carroll will be given a chance before the team is completed.

JERRY LaFLAMME

MAY TURN PROFESSIONAL

Montreal, Dec. 27—It is announced that Jerry LaFlamme, the well known Toronto amateur hockey player and dentist who has been the object of the desire of nearly every professional hockey team in Canada will turn pro. after all, and that he will be seen on the Toronto line-up, when that team arrives here Saturday to play the Canadiens.

LaFlamme has in his desk now all sorts of offers from hockey and lacrosse clubs all over Canada, and if he turns pro. now, it will be because he desires to help his city to make a good showing in the new field of sport which she has entered.

DIAMOND DUST

Manager "Kid" Elberfeld, of the Chattanooga club, has announced that he will play shortstop for his team next season.

Youngstown and Erie are out to cop the franchises now held by South Bend and Terre Haute in the Central League.

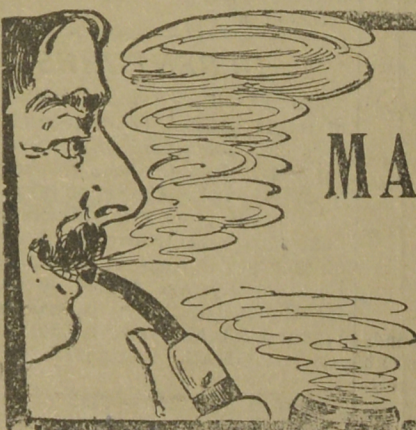
The Pittsburgh Pirates and the Boston Red Sox will play a series of games at Hot Springs, Ark., during the training season next spring. Nine of the Phillies already are under contract. The 1st includes Manager Doolin, Alexander, Paskert, Robert, Moore, Knabe, Doolan, Ludens and Magee.

President Corrick plans to enlarge his Chicago White Sox park, to seat, 45,000. The "Old Roman" has purchased a large block of land adjoining the park, where 15,000 new seats will be erected.

It is said that Frank Chance will play first base for the Highlanders and that Hal Chase will be placed at third. As Chase is considered the greatest first baseman in the game, the dope doesn't look right.

If the Pittsburgh Pirates are successful in landing Roger Bresnahan and Ed Konetchy, of the Cardinals, the other National League teams will certainly know they have been playing ball when they tackle the Clarke crew.

The Boston Red Sox have signed outfielder Walsh, of the Fall River team. With Speaker, Lewis and Hooper on the job, and Henriksen ready to jump in at any time, Walsh has a fat chance to perform with the champions.



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