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JOHNSON IS ACCUSED OF FAKE BOUT AT PARIS

His Brother-in-law Said to be 'Battling Jim Johnson' Who Almost Beat Jack

New York, Dec. 24—Did Jack Johnson pull off a fake fight in Paris last Friday night.

The cable reports announced that Lil' Arthur met a negro named Battling Jim Johnson in a ten-round bout and narrowly escaped defeat. Friends of the colored champion in Chicago are laughing in their sleeves. They say that Johnson's opponent in the Paris bout was his brother-in-law, Gus Rhodes, a powerful built negro, who is something of a fighter, who accompanied Johnson when he jumped bail and fled to Canada on his way to France.

These persons insist that Johnson told them before he left Chicago that Rhodes would be his first opponent in a bout in France, for the reason that he wanted to avoid a real fight with Sam Langford as long as possible. They declare that Rhodes is a ringer for Battling Jim, and could easily be mistaken for the latter when stripped for action.

The story has been cabled to the French Federation by the Chicago men who are hostile to the champion and it is expected that there will be a thorough investigation. If it turns out that Jack Johnson's antagonist was his brother-in-law, it is believed that he will be barred from further ring contests in European countries.

TINKER SAID TO HAVE BIG OFFER FROM FEDERALS

Former Cincinnati Manager Wants to Play in Chicago—\$40,000 Promised for Three Year Contract—Announcement Expected Monday

Chicago, Dec. 24—An offer from the Federal Baseball League, promising Joseph Tinker, the former Cincinnati manager, more money as manager of the Chicago Federal Club, is holding up Tinker's agreement to his sale to Brooklyn by Cincinnati.

The offer came to Tinker from Jas. A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, and it is said promises \$40,000 for a three-year contract. Tinker intimated he was giving the Federal offer his serious consideration.

"I want to play in Chicago," he said, "and organized baseball won't let me play anywhere but Brooklyn. So if I am to remain in the game, the Federals seem to offer the only avenue by which I can play and remain in Chicago."

It was said that Gilmore is making an effort to have the deal closed so it can be announced in a statement promised for next Monday, when the Federals have said they will give out a list of former National and American League players who will join them this year.

MILLIONS RACED FOR IN STAKES ON TRACKS DURING PAST SEASON

An idea of the money raced for by harness horses of the United States and Canada during the past season is obtained from figures compiled by John Harvey in The Horse Review. Harvey has found that there were 813 stakes and purses of \$1,000 and over in value offered, the total value of which is \$1,624,032.

This table includes only a small proportion of the events contested on the half-mile tracks, where a majority of the purses are worth \$300 or \$400.

FEDERAL LEAGUE MAY HAVE TEAM IN TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 24—Cleveland did not post its forfeit and there is still a possibility of Toronto or Brooklyn getting the vacancy in the Federal Baseball League. It is understood that if the International is honored by opposition here, the same will come from St. Louis interests, which will be merely represented locally.

There are two parks available, Dufferin and Hillcrest. Mr. Orpen was asked if he had been approached as to Dufferin Park and he replied, "no more outlaw horses or outlaw baseball for me."

FRISCO BACKS "GUNBOAT" SMITH TO BEAT PELKEY

Canadian Boxer Has Firm Believer in Tommy Burns—Bout on New Year's Day

New York, Dec. 24—A San Francisco despatch to The New York American says:

"Gunboat" Smith's friends are betting ten to eight that their man will defeat Arthur Pelkey at Cofiroth's Daily City Arena on New Year's Day. The fact that the gunner encompasses a knockout at odd times has something to do with his being installed favorite, while the further fact that Pelkey is about the only white hope Smith has not earned a decision over has lent its aid in the direction named.

It is one of those cases in which San Francisco prefers to pin its faith to the man it has seen in action. Pelkey is a stranger to the local rings, and it is doubtful if the endorsement of all the experts, "rail birds" and wise heads generally of the field of pugilism would cause him to displace "Gunboat" as first choice.

The fact that Tommy Burns is singing Pelkey's praises as a fighter is not taken as reliable evidence that Arthur has any of the ear-marks of a world beater. Burns is Pelkey's manager, and it is deemed quite natural for Tommy to boost his protegee at every opportunity.

There is one point that those who are sceptical of Pelkey's ability want to keep in mind, however. Both Pelkey and Burns, well knowing that "Gunboat" Smith is the king-pin of all the white hopes at present, and a terrific puncher to boot, bent all their energies toward bringing about a Smith-Pelkey match.

Had Pelkey wished he might have arranged a score of bouts with no-account heavies on the strength of the advertising he received through the unfortunate affair with Luther McCarthy. He did nothing of the kind.

He set his cap at "Gunboat," the most formidable man in sight, and throughout the arranging of terms for the event, acted the part of a man earnestly desiring the match.

This is proof that Pelkey thinks he can defeat Smith, no matter what others think. It is also proof that Tommy Burns is of the same way of thinking.

VICE-PRESIDENT LEADS OVER PRESIDENT'S RINK

The curling season opened in Fredericton on Christmas Day, when the match President vs Vice-President was begun. Unfortunately the ice was soft and but two rinks a side could play in the morning. The match will be continued New Year's Day. The scores by skips were as follows:

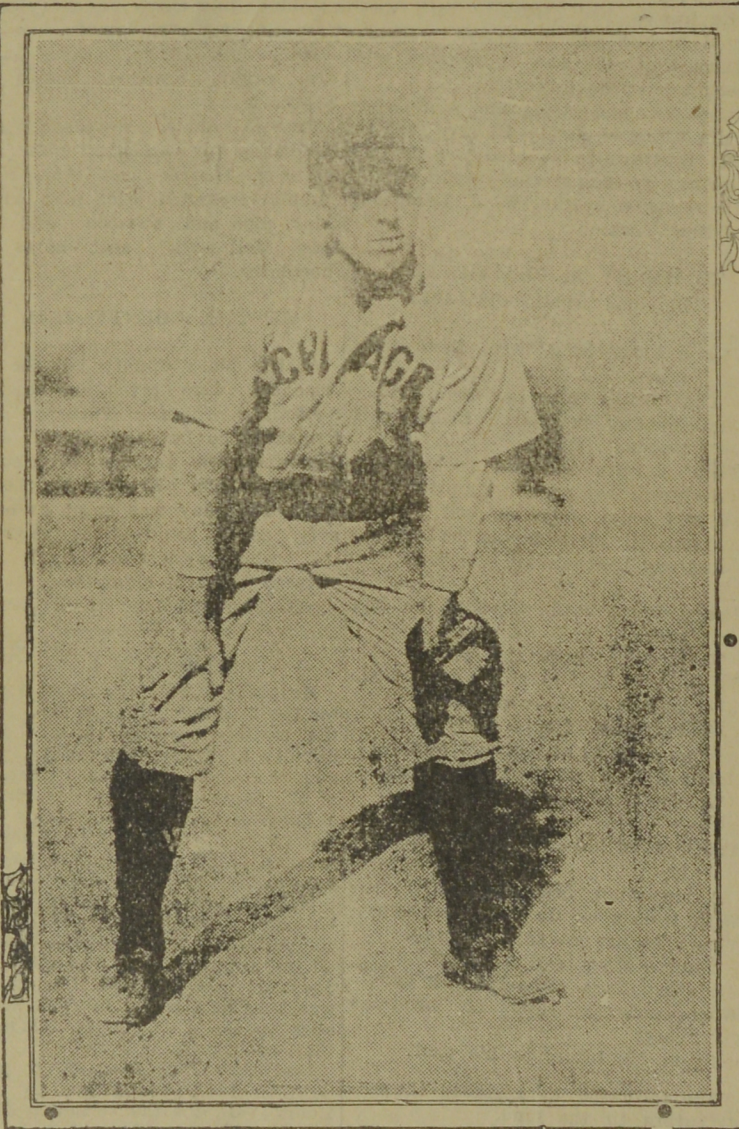
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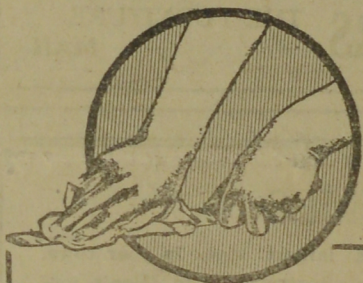
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