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"MYSTERIOUS BILLY" SMITH SHOWED NERVE IN GUN FIGHT

His Divorced Wife was Cause of the Trouble—Injuries are Expected to Prove Fatal

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 18.—"Mysterious Billy" Smith, once an eastern prize-fighter of considerable reputation, was shot and probably fatally injured by Capt. A. B. Loomis in Portland last night. Mrs. Loomis divorced Smith a few months ago and married Loomis. Until then Smith and Loomis were bosom friends.

Both men threatened to get the other several times. Smith was talking on the street to Mrs. Loomis yesterday, when Loomis suddenly appeared. Both men drew their weapons, but Loomis was a shade the faster and sent a bullet into Smith's abdomen.

With four shots in his body, Smith displayed the same remarkable nerve he did in notable fights against Wolcott at Coney Island. Lifting himself on one elbow, he blazed away at his vanishing assailant. He refused to go on a stretcher, but collapsed at the hospital door.

Doctors say Smith will die. Loomis surrendered himself today. Smith was born in Eastport, Me., in 1871, and christened Amos.

HOPE HELD OUT.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—"Mysterious Billy" (Amos) Smith, who was shot last night by Capt. A. B. Loomis of the river steamer We Own, is thought to have a fair chance of recovery. Four bullets lodged in Smith's body.

Loomis, whose wife is the divorced wife of the former pugilist, surrendered himself to the police several hours after the shooting. He said that he had fired in self-defence. Loomis asserted that Smith had been in a grill with Mrs. Loomis early in the evening, and that Smith for a long time had been looking for him to shoot him.

NO "HAS BEENS" FOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18.—"Has-beens" from any higher class league are not wanted in the South Atlantic League. This was decided on at a meeting tonight when it was provided that "pitchers and catchers who have played in ten games in higher class leagues, and in the case of other players twenty games, cannot be carried on the payrolls of any South Atlantic League team.

UPPER CANADIANS COMING TO LOWER PROVINCES TEAMS

An Ottawa despatch says: Joe Dennison, Edgar Dey and Billy Baird are to play in the Maritime Provinces. Dey has signed with the Halifax Socials.

A telegram from Norman, Saturday, to F. R. Sumner, Moncton, said that, although only having Povey signed, he has strings on some of the best ones. Many of those refuse to sign until they find out about the Toronto teams.

The Moncton Times says that Scott will play with New Glasgow, and that Rockett Power will also be with them at a smaller salary than he first proposed.

MONTO CROSS WILL MANAGE LYNN TEAM

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Montford ("Monte") Cross, former Philadelphia player of the manager of the Scranton team for two years, has given serious consideration to a flattering offer received by him from the management of the Lynn, Mass., team of the New England League.

The appointment of Fred Lake, whom the Lynn officials had hoped to get as manager of the Providence team, is responsible for the offer sent to Monte.

Cross will give his decision as soon as his present dicker with Coleman of the Scranton team is brought to a definite close.

Scranton, Penn., Dec. 18.—James Mullen, captain last season of the Toronto International League team and for several years prominent as an Eastern League player, tonight signed to manage the local New York State League team, to succeed Monte Cross.

EATMAN FORMERLY OF FREDERICTON IN POWDERHALL SPRINT

Colored Miner who Used to Live on Smythe Street and is Well Known here Entered in Classic Event

Professional running and sprinting is to experience a small sized boom in England from now on. Percy Smallwood and Hans Holmer have been matched to race twelve miles for \$250 a side Dec. 23 for the best purse offered.

The great annual Scottish fixture, the Powderhall sprint and marathon, will take place early in January at Edinburgh. The sprint is 130 yards handicap, and 148 entries have been received for it. The handicap is taken from Charles E. Holway, the American, who is expected back from Australia for it and who is on the two-yard mark. Eatman, the colored runner, of St. John West, and W. R. Knox, of Canada, are also back markers, the former being set at 3 1/2 yards and the latter at 7. An interesting entry is that of Bombardier Wells, England's champion boxer, who is some sprinter and has received a handicap of twelve yards.

The terms of the Smallwood-Holmer match state that they race for the club offering the best inducements the stake to be not less than \$500. The winner will receive the full amount of the money donated, while the loser must pay all expenses.

Eatman of St. John West, is none other than our old friend, Elbridge Eatman, who used to live on Smythe Street, Fredericton, in his boyhood days.

JOE HALL SLATED FOR QUEBEC SURE

Quebec, Dec. 18.—Hustling back to Quebec with great speed, Joe Hall, one of the stars of last season's team, is coming to join the blue and white for the present season. It is going to cost Quebec quite a bit of money to get him back, but when the announcement was made that Odie Cleghorn would not come here, the Quebec executive at once got busy and corralled Hall, and he is now on his way to Quebec. Hall will prove a source of strength to the team.

HOOF BEATS

Montreal offers two \$500 purses and six of \$300 for its ice meeting, Jan. 12-16.

Walter Cox plans to take in several of the Canadian ice meetings this winter.

Goshen is quite likely to be an inactive member of the Grand Circuit next year.

Norman Tallman will join the Readville training colony early in the new year.

Charlie Valentine is wintering Independence Boy, 2:01 1/2, at the Columbus track.

Marigold, 2:12 1/2, is attracting the attention of men looking for grand circuit horses.

Major Mallow, 2:03 1/2, has paced 43 miles in 2:10 or better, over half-mile tracks.

The \$7500 yearling Belwin McKinney will be in Billy Andrews' stable next season.

Sister Florentine, 2:09 1/2, is now owned at Walnut Hall Farm and will be bred to Moko.

Scott McCoy says that Valadin, the brother to Grace and Ozareva, is futurity timber.

Most of the colts sired by Argot Hal, 2:07 1/2, are like their strictly pacing-bred sire, trotters.

Burdett Tappan with \$40,000, heads the winning drivers' list in Austria for the year just closing.

Lon McDonald has signed to train for David M. Look, the new owner of Castleton Farm.

The Spy, sire of Evelyn W, 2:01 1/2, is dead. He was owned by Ed Geers and Chaffin Brothers.

BASEBALL NOTES

President Murphy of the Ubs, says that he is going to engage a corps of "virile" scouts next season. We don't know what he means but the minor leagues have enough trouble without having this "virile" thing tacked at them.

Bill Abstein and "Rube" Missinger two old Eastern Leaguers have been sold by Tersey City to Memphis.

A new league may be formed in Western Pennsylvania to include Butler, Franklin, Beaver Falls, New Castle, Oil City and Meadville.

Umpire Bob Emslie has won another trap-shooting championship. And for several years players have been yelling that Bob couldn't see and should wear a pair of "cheaters"

TORONTO CLUBS KNIFED AND FINED IN ADDITION

"Pud" Glass May go Back to Montreal Says the Herald—Players to be Formed Out

(Montreal Herald)

The axe fell on the Toronto clubs at the meeting of the National Hockey Association on Saturday.

A close investigation of the affairs of the Toronto clubs at the rink revealed the fact that the league would be taking a big chance in relying on the Toronto clubs to fill their dates on the home ice, even after February 15. It was also found to be impossible to transfer the dates to Boston, only two suitable dates being available there.

After looking the situation over from all corners it was finally decided that the two Toronto clubs would be dropped for this year at least, and that a triple schedule for the four remaining clubs would be drawn up.

The work of drawing up the schedule has been left to President Emmott Quinn, and it is said that the season will not open until January 3.

Players who were under contract to Toronto and Tecumseh will be farmed out among the other clubs, and it is quite on "the cards" that "Pud" Glass may come "Back to Montreal."

In addition to getting the knife for this season the Hockey clubs also lose the money they have already paid into the league—\$500 each—and get a stiff fine in addition.

The amount of the fine will be settled later on. The league, in the meantime, will endeavor to ascertain whether the Toronto clubs really made any efforts to obtain suitable rink accommodation. The Toronto clubs, it is stated, will fall back on the rink contractors for reimbursement of the amounts they have already expended.

RING NOTES

Frank Klaus and Ed. McGoorty have been matched to box in Pittsburgh, Dec. 27.

Mike (Twin) Sullivan and Bill Hurley will meet in Fall River New Year's Day.

Jim Smith and Griff Jones have been matched to box in New York next Thursday night.

Jack Curley, manager of Jim Flynn says Flynn is matched to box Al Kaufman in San Francisco, Jan. 29 although Flynn says he is not matched.

Harry Lewis, who was defeated the other night in Paris by the French boxer, Carpentier, cables that he was given a raw deal and that he won all the way.

Gene McGovern of Milwaukee, who was around Boston for several weeks and failed to get a match, has been signed to meet Louis de Ponthieu in Buffalo, New Year's Day.

Matt Wells, the lightweight champion of England, who has been laid up for several weeks with erysipelas, is well again and has planned to sail for this country in three weeks.

Battling Nelson, who is out to get the coin no matter how hard or often he has to box, has agreed to take Abe Attell's place and meet One Round Hogan in New York next Friday night.

Jack ("Twin") Sullivan and Tony Ross will clash in Pittsburgh Dec. 29.

Jim Smith and Tom McMahon will meet in Albany Jan. 4.

Joe Choyinski is still proclaiming himself a come-back, but the promoters do not fear him, for none has offered to give him a match.

Bob Moha, the Milwaukee middleweight, who planned to return to the ring soon, again will have to postpone his return, as he has once more injured his hand which has kept him idle.

Tommy Dixon and Johnny Kilbane will meet in Cleveland New Year's Day, and according to the Cleveland promoter, Kilbane will also meet Charley White in that city Christmas afternoon.

"Denver Ed" Martin evidently figures he can no longer expect to make good money in the boxing game, and so has taken up wrestling. The other night at Tacoma he defeated big Jack Leon in two straight falls.

Tommy Burns, the ex-world's champion, who hurried to Australia to force Jack Lester, his protégé, to give up half what he made in the ring and on the stage, as per contract he had with Lester, lost out. The case was taken to court in Sydney, where it was ruled that Burns' contract was so good in Australia.

Chaucer Elliott is in the city and has actively taken over the management of the Toronto N.H.A. team.—Toronto Globe.

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