

## BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL KINDS—BOXING

Eddie Pitts, Denver fight promoter, deservedly peeved, is about ready to leave for home, having accomplished nothing in six days toward matching Lightweight Champion Freddie Welsh and Charlie White for a twenty-round battle in the mile-high city.

Pitts was on the level. He had a bonafide offer of \$12,500 for Welsh and carried a certified check of \$5,000 in real money to bind the match. And for his trouble he was given the dizzy whirl, put off first by one manager and then the other.

Since Pitts bobbed up with a legitimate offer there have been several better ones—on paper—which the fight managers say must have consideration. It is strange that none of these wealthy offers were heard of until the coming of Pitts.

Tia Juana, Mexico, is said to be after the fight, with Jimmy Coffroth forming a syndicate to handle it. This comes from Pollok, who received a telegram from the Mexican wing. Just how hard it would be to stage a fight in Mexico can be realized when the difficulties attending the Johnson-Willard preliminaries are remembered.

And matters are even more in a jam down there now. Villa and Carranza are having a battle of their own and the promoters would never know when they were safe from interference.

By not accepting the Denver match Welsh shows very plainly that he does not hunger for a meeting with White or any other good lightweight over the 20-round distance at Denver or any other city.

Once more in ring togs was enough for Jimmy Kilroy, the North Side fight manager and ring veteran. Jimmy fought Otto Sieloff ten rounds to a draw and then decided he had enough. If he could not put out an old-timer like Sieloff, Jimmy figured he would have little chance with the younger and tougher men of the

game. If there were a few more fighters as wise as Jimmy the game would be better.

Kilroy has three good fighters in his stable, K. O. Banner, Young Herman and Abe the Newsboy. Banner is the best of the three and Jimmy wants to match him with the winner of the Phil Harrison-O'Keefe bout. Banner has also been offered fights before a New Orleans club, but Jimmy prefers to stick around home for a time.

Jimmy is different from many fight managers in that he talks cold turkey from the outset and does not cry wildly in stage money figures. He can be reached at 1208 Wrightwood av., Lincoln 8542.

Noble efforts are being made to get the winter league dope pot boiling, but a few simmers are the best that have shown so far. Clark Griffith of Washington bids for a bit of publicity with a plan to value all American league players at the same figure when sales are to be made. His kicks are based on the activities of Connie Mack last season.

Griff's idea is about the silliest that has hopped up for some time. Imagine the howl the old fox would make if he tried to dispose of Walter Johnson and had him valued the same as Ray Morgan, Washington's second baseman. Like a good many baseball dreams, this is a good one so long as no effort is made to carry it out.

Red Jackson, right tackle, has been elected captain of the 1916 University of Chicago football team.

De Paul academy football team, 14 strong, started east at noon today to meet the Beverly high school eleven in Boston Saturday. Several students may make the trip on a later train. Coach Paupan decided that only three substitutes were necessary, causing disappointment among the other candidates.

Chief Bender, former Athletic pitcher, with Baltimore Feds for part