SMITH-DILLON FIGHT MARCH 16; BOUT MAY PROVE FAST BATTLE

Dillon Has Been Fighting Light Heavyweights, While "Gunboat" Smith Has Beaten Best of the Heavies, It Is Claimed; Sailor Ed Petroskey, Apparently About Through, Is Now Resting a While.

BY T. S. ANDREWS.

MILWAUKEE, Mis., March 6.—A match that should prove one of the best between the big fellows and which seems to have been passed up in the rush by most of the promoters, has been arranged by the Cream City A. C. of Milwaukee for the evening of March 16 at the big Auditorium building. The contest will bring together "Gunboat" Smith and Jack Dillon, the Hoosier fighter, whom all the middleweights have been anxious to greet anywhere but in the ring.

Of late Dillon has been fighting the light heavyweights and when the occasion demanded he has fought middleweights at the 160 pound mark. During the past month the Indiana whirlwind has been having a busy time of it, meeting all comers in the east. He has fought such men as Young Alvarn, who claims the middleweight championship of Europe, "Porky" Flynn of Boston, who is a husky heavyweight, and Charlie Weinert, considered one of the most promising light heavyweights in the country, and who recently defeated Tommy McCarty, the veteran heavyweight.

"Gunboat" has defeated most of the heavyweights in the country among the whites. He met Sam Langford twice, winning a point decision at Boston the first meeting and losing to the foxy Samuel the second time. On May 20, 1912, Smith defeated Jess Willard in a 20 round contest at San Francisco and really has the best claim to the white heavyweight championship of this country since the death of Luther McCarty. Smith lost to Georges Carpentier, the French champion, on a foul, in London, but he still retains his claim to the title in this country, even though Jess Willard is matched for the world's title with Jack Johnson.

Dillon Posts Forfeit.

Dillon has been recognized as one of the greatest middleweights in the country for the past three or four years, but for some reason or other Jack has not been able to get into a real title match with some of the contenders over the marathon route, although he has tried hard enough to do so. He had a forfeit of $1000 posted with the writer to make 158 pounds at 2 o'clock for any of the contenders, the same to go as a side bet with another $1000 added, but none of them have ever seen fit to take it up. Dillon fought two battles in the east the past week or two around the 175 pound mark, which is only nine pounds under "Gunboat" Smith's weight of 184 pounds. Dillon is a hard hitter and so is "Gunboat", so there should be some real doings when they meet. Smith depends mostly on his long right swings to put his man away, but he will find Jack pretty active and harder to catch with the swings than some of the men he has been up against. Dillon is a straight puncher with either hand and he has plenty of steam back of his punches. The match looks like an even thing despite the difference of nearly ten pounds in weight and the chances are that there will be a decisive winner one way or the other. Dillon will do his training at Indianapolis and Chicago; while Smith, if his match with Jim Flynn at Juarez, Mexico, goes through, will finish his training in Milwaukee and Chicago.

Petroskey is About Through.

Sailor Edward Petrosky, the California middleweight who looked as though he might develop into a champion at one time, is about through with the game for all time, according to his manager, Jack Barnes, who handled him in his match with Dick Gilbert at Denver recently. It is said that the sailor has been affected with snow blindness and that in his last snow blindness and that in his last match he was obliged to use glasses to read before the contest, which made his judgment of distance very bad indeed. Petroskey thinks a long rest will bring him round again, but his most intimate friends think otherwise and do not expect to see him in the ring again. He has gone to his ranch in California to rest up for a time and determine just what to do.

The Sailor started boxing in 1910 and has met all the stars of the game, including two 20 round battles with Jim Clabby, losing both decisions. He has fought contests with Terry Keller, Willie Mehan, Bob McAllister, Fritz Holland (now in Australia), Knockout Brown, Frank Klaus, Jack Dillon and others. He never picked the easy ones, but took the best in the field, and was considered a most promising hope for a time. His last two battles were with Billy Murray, who stopped him in two rounds at San Francisco, and Dick Gilbert, who won a 20 round point decision over him at Denver.

Crouse and Chip Come Back.

Buck Crouse, the Pittsburg middleweight, and George Chip, the husky miner who was near championship honors in the middleweight ranks, and who were both considered on the down grade, staged a real comeback in Pittsburg last week. Buck has been an in and outer for some time, but now he says he is on the road to the top again. The boy certainly looked good at times, but just when about to climb the last rung of the ladder has had the misfortune to tumble down. It was the same with Chip, Jimmy Clabby being the one to shatter his championship aspirations. Crouse and Chip created some of the old time enthusiasm in Pittsburg and had the fans on their feet most of the time. The game needs a few such matches in the once smoky city to bring back the real enthusiasm. Crouse, in this match, showed his old time cleverness and George Engel, who managed him, stated after the match that he considered him ready to take Frank Klaus's place. However, Buck will have to travel some to fill Klaus's shoes, for when Frank was good he was very good.

Welsh Criticises White.

Freddy Welsh, the world's champion lightweight, thinks Charlie White, the Chicago 122 pounder, will have to learn more about footwork in the ring before he can hope to annex the title. After his match with White before the Cream City A. C. in Milwaukee, last week, Welsh said to me:

"White has a very strong punch and is liable to put a man out at any time if he can put it over to the point of the jaw, but to my mind he will never be able to accomplish much against a clever man while he stands so flat-footed before an opponent. He gives a clever man too much chance to beat him to the punch and he is also liable to be caught off his balance and put down. If he had better foot action in the ring he would be in position to take advantage of his opponent's misses, etc., but it is a hard matter to do so while having both feet solid on the canvas.

"I like Charlie and think he is a great little fighter, but he can advance much by paying strict attention to the finer points of boxing inside the ring. Many of the fans criticise me for not standing up and exchanging punches with my opponents. Why should I do so against boys like White and Ritchie, who would be liable to put me out at any time if they landed a full blow to the jaw. I worked too hard to get my cleverness to waste it now by doing the same thing the other fellow does. Not for Freddy.

Can't Train Too Fine.

"It is the same thing with training. You know the boy who keeps himself down in weight all the time is liable to go into tuberculosis. That is one reason why I refuse to make the weight for limited round matches. It would tear me to pieces in no time if I were to fight as often as I have been doing and make the weight every time. I would have no reserve force. I will make weight any time for a title match, but it must be worth while. I hope to retire within a year or two, unless some one should happen to put over a sleep producer and take my title away. There is one man I would rather meet than any other and that is Packey McFarland. Packey has stated many times that his one ambition is to win the title back for the Americans. He claims also he has beaten me before, although the records do not show it, except in the 10 round bout in Milwaukee when he was awarded the decision, but it was shown after the bout that it had been fouled. I fought him a 25 and 20 round draw afterwards. He admits now he cannot make even the English lightweight limit—135 at 2 o'clock—so why discuss that part of it? But just the same I would like to give him the chance to show his speed and if he will agree to make anything within reason in the weight line he need not bother about going after a match with Mike Gibbons. Let Packey do 142 pounds, just to show that he is able to make the welterweight mark, and I will agree to meet him in a 10 or 20 round battle. That should be fair to him. I made 135 at 2 o'clock for White and you can gamble that if it is necessary I can make better than that."

Welsh may not please the boxing fans the same as such mixers as Ritchie, Wolgast and boys of that style, but he surely does give the fans about the cleverest exhibition of real boxing since the days of the wonderful Young Griffo.

Gilmore Challenges Welterweights.

Fred Gilmore, son of the famous lightweight, Harry Gilmore, of bare knuckle days, is out with a challenge to all welterweights and at the same time claims the welterweight title. Fred is a clever boxer and puncher, but he has been out of the ring practically the past two years and before he can lay claim to any title he will have to show his wares in the ring and convince such boys as "Kid" Graves, Mike Glover, Harry Stone and Ray Bronson that he classes above them. Fred is willing to meet any of the above named welterweights and it is up to some of the clubs to get them together. If Fred can wade through such lads as Graves and Glover, not forgetting Jack Britton, he will surely have a claim to the welterweight championship.

No "Wood Be Stars From the Bush" Worry Bill; Gussy's Appetite Is the Only Thing He Fears

Writes Steve: "It's a Good Thing Wear Liveing on the American Plans and Not All the Cart or Gussy Would Have Me in the Poor House in a Wk."

BY RING W. LARDNER.

TAMPA, Fla., March 6.—Steve. Well Steve here we are in the trancing camp and we been here pretty near a wk. now and I aint seen no wood be stars from the bushs thats got a chanct to beat me out of a reglar job and you can bet all you can lay your hands on that I will be out there in center field when the season opens up.

Well Steve this is some Hotel where wear steping at and I havent dast ask how much as it per the day and of corse it dont cost me nothing because the clubs paying my bord and logging but i got to pay for Gussys on acct. of her old man being a cheap skiff and it cant be no more then $2.00 dollar per the day but thats plenty and if they charge me that mean they should ought to be arrested for high way & robbery.

Good Thing Its Not All The Cart.

But its a good thing wear liveing on the America plans where you eat all they's feten you & not all the cart where you got to pay seprit for evry thing you eat whatever the price of it is on the Bill affair or Gussy would have me in the poor House in alde of a wk. & I wouldbe there all ready & I all ways herd that girls dident have no appetite but if Gussys a life eater I would hate to of married a hog or something, what she eit for breakfast this A. M. woul of sume to a bout $1.35 if they was chargeing us for evry thing we eit and she come in for lunch a long a bout noon like it was her 1st. meal for a day and I says where do you get that there aptite & soe says she was takeing a long walk while we was working out & the exersize & fresh air give her the aptite so I says all right go a head & eat your self to deth but I bet if we was liveing all the cart I would tell her the rodes a round here was full of rattle snakes & Wolfs so as to scare her from walking

Bill Also Has Some Apetite.

I & her have been having our supper late so you cant hardly blame her from being hungery for supper but I dont want to eat my supper while Bresnahan and them is eating theres because Bresnahan acts like I was a baby or some thing & is all ways after me to not eat to much & I says to him the other day I guess Im big enough to know whats good for me & he says yes thats the trouble your to big & if you dont get down 30 or 40 lbs we will half to get rid of you or the B. R. Cox. would put us out of business paing access hagire on you. So I says I aint no baby & he says No not unles your a baby elefant so I says no & I aint no elefant nether & he dident have no come back so he walked a way.

Bill Thinks Florida Is Great.

Well Steve I Wisht you could be down here with us because its just like summer & I got a nosion to move down here next winter & keep out of the cold & af corse if I move down here I wont stay in the Hotel where wear at & get robbed all winter but rent a house may be not here in Tampa but some wheres else & they say it dont hardlly cost a man nothing to live because you can shoot game & catch fish for your meals & no wood or cole to buy because its hot all the wile & you might say thers nothing to buy accept cream for the coffey & may be we could horry a cow for the winter some wheres.

I sat Gussy how would she like to live in a house down here by the ocean some wheres & she says it would be O. K. if they was a nickle show & a dance hall some wheres clost so I ast some of the boys that stays down here where could we find a good, live place that dont cost you a hole lot to live in it & they says Palm beech was just the kind of a place that would suite me & maybe before we start up North we will have a chanct to run over to Palm beech & see if theys some thing going to be for rent next winter & a man should ought to get a small house for say $10.00 per Mo. because they aint no heat & we would pay for our own lites & I guess we wouldent burn no million dollars worth of lite because we would be a way from the house to a nickle show or dance evry night because the boys says theys some thing doing evry minut at Palm beech, in the day times there playing Golf & long Tennus all the wile.

Bill May Tackle "Long Tennus."

I guess they wouldent be none of them Willie boys that could hit a Golf or long Tennus ball harder then me eh Steve & I wouldent never miss a long Tennus ball because the bat you hit them with is as big a round as a wash tub & I guess if they left me use a bat like that in base ball the league would bust up because pitchers has a hard enough time geting I passed me with a regular bat & besides all the Tennus parks I ever seen has short fences & after I catched on to the hack I could drive 9 out of erry 10 out of the pk.

Well Steve Bresnahans been working us pretty hard & has been watching me pretty clost all the wile & it looks like I would be the guy out there in Leaches place if I dont brake a leg or some thing. All as I want is a fare deel & they wont none of them keep me on the bench & you will probly see me a bout No. 4 in the batting order bet, Zimmerman & Saier & I guess that wont be some combine nation eh Steve.

Reapy. BILL.

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FANS MAY BUY STOCK IN CLUB

Ebbets Throws Gates Open to Brooklynites; O'Day to Umpire in West.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Charles H. Ebbets, president of the Brooklyn club has made known a plan whereby Brooklyn fans may become part owners of the club. He has offered for sale $100,000 worth of preferred stock, this being two fifths of the total preferred stock. Mr. Ebbets and the McKeever brothers will retain the remaining portion.

The stock will be sold at the par value of $100 a share and practically on the instalment plan, for only a part payment will be required. If the purchaser so desires, the balance being arranged for at a later time. The stock carries a guarantees eight per cent, the backers of this guarantee being Charles H. Ebbets and Edward J. and Stephen W. McKeever.

O'Day Will Umpire.

Henry O'Day known as "Hank", said he believed the climate of the Pacific coast will suit him exactly. He therefore has resigned from all connection with the two major leagues and will, if nothing goes awry, umpire in California.

The last year manager of the Chicago Cubs has officially advised president John K. Tener, president of the National league, that he is not even a receptive candidate for his old job of big league "dump."

Lajoie is Only Survivor.

Because of the outright release of Billy Sullivan, veteran catcher, by the Chicago White Sox, Nap Lajoie is the only American league survivor of 1901 who still is an active player.

In fact, there are mighty few American leaguers of 1901 who are still in the big leagues, or, for that matter, are playing baseball at all. Harry Davis continues to put on a uniform and assist in coaching and morning practice.

Clark Griffith and fielder Jones are two others who find themselves able to work out, but as players they are through. Eddie Plank is the only other American league 1901 man, and he is now enroled with the Feds.

BRITISH GOLF CONTEST CANCELED AFTER 29 YEARS

London, Eng., March 6.—The British Amateur Golf association has announced the cancelation of the golf championship contest for 1915. The competition has been yearly for the last 29 years. It is open to foreign players and in 1906 was won by Walter J. Travis, of New York.

HAYES BEATS CONLEE.

Newcastle, Ind., March 6.—"Chick" Hayes of Indianapolis was given a newspaper decision over Frankie Conlee at the end of a ten round boxing contest here Friday night. They are bantamweights.

Athey cloth-lined weather strip keeps out the cold. Hallahan-Mix Co.—Adv.

Delmont Knocks Out Silverberg Easily

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Hope for Johnson-Willard Bout Fades

By "BECK."

LESS than 200 fight fans made the trip over to the Juarez arena Friday night, for the Silverberg-Delmont bout. They saw one fair preliminary bout and the start of the 20 round bout. It never got beyond a start, for Delmont put Silverberg out of commission in the second round. In the preliminary, Solly Burns was given a decision over Dave Smith after ten rounds.

Phil Silverberg should never have been allowed in the ring Friday night, he was away out of condition and it looked very much as though a manager, over anxious for the coin of the country, had sent him into the ring with no thought of the fighter. Delmont was in grand shape and simply tore into Silverberg from the start. On Thursday afternoon, Silverberg admitted to the writer that he was not in good condition, but believed he could stop Delmont in the early rounds. When the boys faced each other in the ring, the poor condition of Silverberg was at once evident.

Delmont went after Silverberg's head basket in the first round and Phil was a bit tired when he went to his corner. Gene came back strong in the second round and, still playing for the stomach, he sent Silverberg down in the first 20 rounds. Phil took the count of seven and came up again. Gene then sailed in and hooked a right to the head and Silverberg dropped again. Looking very sick and tired, he got up at the tek of eight, but an uppercut sent him down for the third time. He tried to get up when referee Jim Flynn counted seven, but rolled back to the canvas and was counted out.

The preliminary was between a boxer and a fighter. The boxer, Solly Burns, got the decision. Dave Smith is a tough youngster and was in much better condition than Burns. He was the aggressor throughout the ten rounds, and though he repeatedly missed with hard swings, he landed some ferocious clouts, and in the fourth sound he had Mr. Burns looking weary. The eighth was also Smith's.

Burns had all the tricks of the boxer at his command and pecked away at his opponent's face with a straight left. It didn't seem to bother Smith at all, but it helped roll up the points for Burns. Smith blocked practically all of Burns's body blows, but couldn't solve the left jab.

Tex O'Rourke shivered throughout the bout as referee. Tex worked in sparred silk shirt with rolled-up sleeves. He figured that Burns had a margin and gave him the decision. Some fans thought a draw would not have hurt either man.

Jim Flynn refereed the main bout, and, after consulting O'Rourke about the climatic conditions in the ring, decided to referee in full clothes. Incidentally, he kept his hands in his pockets, for it surely was cold.

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Hope that the Johnson-Willard bout will be staged at Juarez is fast fading. Jack Curley does not appear to be making much progress in Havana with the negro. No cables were received Friday from the chief promotor, and even those closely connected with the fight are losing hope that it will be held here. In fact, the impression is growing that Johnson and Willard will not meet at all, particularly in the near future. They can't fight at Juarez and it is becoming more and more evident that Johnson has no intention of coming to Juarez.

Secretary Lawrence Weber of the promotion syndicate was confined to his room at the Paso del Norte Friday with a bad cold. He seemed rather discouraged.

Jess Willard left Friday for Los Angeles. He said he was merely going on a visit to his folks. Tom Jones says Willard will be back Monday.

Ed. Smith, the Chicago critic, who has been pretty close to Curley, left for home Friday, after receiving several wires, all of which inclined to the belief that the fight is off for keeps.

Billy Roeun, the Philadelphia writer, declares he will leave by Sunday night. He does not think the fight will take place.

Several other special writers sent here to cover the fight, have also pulled stakes and departed for home.

COURCHESNE TEAM BEATS SHERMAN FIVE

Courchesne had one good game in Friday night's bowling on the Wigwam alleys. He dropped 251 in the second game between his team and that of Sherman, but fell off terribly in the third when he chalked up only 118. At that, he was able to land in the aggregate with 632. Courchesne's team took two of the three games.

Bogue's team was in fine form in the second game with the Watson five and rolled up 932 for the game. Springer's 225, the high single for the match, and Davis's 215 materially assisted; Davis had the high aggregate with 556.

A couple of postponed matches will be played on the Wigwam alleys Tuesday evening when the Bogue team will meet the Watsons and Courchesne's men go against the Shermans.

Friday night's scores follow:

Courchesne.				Tls.
Gomez	125	145	154	427
Courchesne	172	251	118	539
Rodriguez	131	161	179	471
Jones	179	149	116	444
Barela	168	156	177	502
Totals	792	862	844	2171
Sherman.				Tls.
Fuentes	145	154	193	492
Deephauser	145	159	181	485
Hooge	160	117	163	440
Sherman	144	151	163	458
Campbell	141	179	175	495
Totals	735	760	874	2369
Bogue.				Tls.
Dillard	155	165	178	498
Springer	152	225	142	519
McHold	160	178	150	489
Bogue	169	157	127	453
Davis	181	213	162	556
Totals	829	932	769	2781
Watson.				Tls.
McLaren	147	152	157	456
Splawn	153	144	154	451
Grieg	127	157	162	446
Nancy	156	157	169	541
Hamilton	135	157	153	431
Totals	697	851	871	2429

JOCKEY CLUB PLANS LONG RACE SEASON

New York, March 6.—Nearly four months of racing on tracks in the Metropolitan district and Saratoga was provided for by the Jockey club at a meeting of the stewards here today. The Jamaica track is to be reopened and meets will be held there and at Aqueduct and at the Empire City race track in Yonkers as well as at Belmont Park, to which last both spring and fall dates have been assigned.

As usual, the entire month of August is given over to Saratoga. The program for the season is longer and more diversified than at any time since the passage of the anti-betting legislation in this state five years ago. The dates allotted by the Jockey club are:

Westchester Racing association, Belmont park, Queens, Long Island—Thursday, May 20, to Wednesday, June 9.

Metropolitan Jockey club, Jamaica, Long Island—Thursday, June 10, to Friday, June 25.

Queens County Jockey club, Aqueduct, Long Island—Saturday, June 26 to Tuesday, July 13.

Empire City Racing association, Yonkers—Wednesday, July 14 to Saturday, July 31.

Saratoga association, Saratoga Springs—Monday, Aug. 2 to Tuesday, Aug. 31.

Westchester Racing association, Belmont park, Queens, Long Island—Wednesday, Sept. 1 to Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Piping Rock Racing association, Locust valley—Wednesday, June 2 to Saturday, June 5.

FLEMING OUTFIGHTS SCHIFF.

Montreal, Canada, March 6.—Frankie Fleming, of Montreal, the Canadian featherweight champion, outfought Johnny Schiff of California all the way in a ten round bout here Friday night.

Club Owners Plan to Prune Salaries

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Players Are Released Whenever Possible

NEW YORK, March 6.—The financial side of baseball promises to be one of the most important factors of the professional game during the coming season. Recent readjustments in the sport has confronted the magnates with problems which can only be answered at the expiration of the 1915 pennant races. Far from the least of these is the question of the player's salary. A large majority of the club owners in both major and minor league circuits are convinced that the limit has been reached in this direction and curtailment is necessary. Just how and when to put this economy into effect is a proposition over which there is a wide variengo of opinion.

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Manager Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics has shown Spartan qualities by pruning his former world's championship team by sale and release until Coombs, Bender, Plank and Collins are no longer Athletics and Baker's connection with the club is uncertain. President Edward Barrow, of the International league, has notified the various club owners in his circuit that reductions in player's salaries were in order. Other league executives and club owners favor similar moves but are deterred by long term contracts which cannot be violated. The move toward economy can be seen, however, in the unconditional release of players wherever possible. Not in many years has there been the number of unconditional releases recorded since the close of the 1914 season.

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A prominent baseball official said recently that the average follower of the game did not realize the increased cost of the game due to the advancement in players' salaries. Various angles in the business side of the sport made it necessary, including the increasing popularity of basketball, independent opposition and the banding together of the players themselves.

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It has been estimated that the average salary paid by major league clubs has been doubled in the last ten years. In the case of a majority of the players the increase is less than $100 a year but when the contracts of stars like Eddie Collins, Tris Speaker, Walter Johnson, Jake Daubert and Sam Crawford are figured in, the general advance reaches a surprising amount. The salary limit of the National league was $2,400 fifteen years ago. Today the salary of the mediocre player exceeds these figures and there is no limit for the stars.

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Baseball authorities who have studied the situation carefully point out that under the conditions that prevailed in the early nineties a star infield and outfield containing such players as Delehanty, Lajoie, Cross, Flick, and Thomas, could be secured for an annual outlay of approximately $17,000. Today a similar combination would require a yearly expenditure of five to seven times that amount. Yet the gate receipts prove that attendance has not increased in anything like the same ratio. Eddie Collins' acquisition and contract is said to represent an outlay of more than $100,000 during the next five years. A Chicago statistician has figured that he will have to draw well over a quarter million extra attendance to the White Sox park if he is to individually repay the investment.

The ordinary cost of a Want Ad in The El Paso Herald is 25 cents. It reaches an average of about 85,000 readers each issue.

THEIR ONE BEST GAME

AS VIEWED BY MODERN PITCHING STARS

BY BILLY EVANS

Written Especially for This Paper by the Famous American League Umpire.

JEAN CREGG, star southpaw of the Boston Americans, came through with his greatest pitching effort at a time when he was supposed to be out of the running with a sore arm. Throughout the 1912 season, Gregg was of little use to the Cleveland club, being a member of the Naps at that time. When an interclty series was arranged with the Pittsburg team of the National league manager Birmingham did not figure on Gregg to play much of a part in the affair. Injuries to other members of the staff made it necessary that Gregg be used if the Naps were to make a creditable showing.

How The Play Came Up.

The big southpaw was sent against the Pirates in the second game of the series, October 7, 1912. Falkenberg had humbled the National league entry in the opening game 2 to 0. After a thrilling struggle with that sterling southpaw "Hank" Robinson, then a member of the Pirates, Gregg triumphed 2 to 1 after 11 innings of play. He allowed only seven hits and struck out the same number of men. This performance gave much encouragement to both Birmingham and Gregg. With two games to their credit, it looked like easy sailing for the Naps, but Pittsburg came back strong, winning the next three games. With the series standing 3 to 2 in favor of the Pirates, Birmingham put it up to Gregg to even up the series.

Gregg Hit Winning Run.

The fans who saw that pitching duel between Gregg and Hendrix will have something to talk about as long as baseball is played. Gregg scored a 1 to 0 victory after 13 innings of brilliant pastiming. He allowed only five hits, three of them being secured by McCarthy, a supposedly weak hitter, while Mike Mitchell made the other two. The sensational part of Gregg's pitching was his great number of strikeouts. In the first nine innings he retired 14 men on strikes, and in the 12 innings caused 19 to retire over the same route. To cap the climax to one of the greatest pitching efforts in the history of the game, Gregg scored the winning run on his two base hit and a single by Liebold.

End Lots of Stuff.

Bob Emslie, one of the greatest umpires the game ever produced, umpired the plate in both the games that Gregg pitched in that series. For 25 years Emslie has seen the greatest pitchers in the game perform. At the close of the 13 inning game he remarked: "Never in my life did I see a left hander show more stuff." The Pittsburg players to a man expressed the opinion that if Gregg had that much stuff with a sore arm, they had no desire to face him when he was right.

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WHITNEY WILL RACE 22 HORSES IN MARYLAND RACE

Baltimore, Md., March 6.—The colors of Harry Payne Whitney, the New York millionaire, will be very much in the limelight during the meeting of the Southern Maryland association which will be held at Bowie, Md., April 1 to 14, inclusive.

Whitney's trainer has made application for stable room for 22 horses at the track. Among the other owners who have engaged stalls are John Whelan, William Martin, Sam Louis, Mike Daly, Jule Garson, W. P. Pine, A. L. Aste, G. Cochran, Jimmy McLaughlin, J. Fitzsimmons and W. P. Anderson.

FAMOUS SCANDALS IN SPORTS, NO. 5

The Gold Cup Scandal

By ARTHUR R. KLING.

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"LOU DILLON STARTED AWAY LIKE A STREAK"

IN THE entire history of the trotting turf probably no event more disastrous to its advancement ever happened than the Gold cup race of Oct. 18, 1904 at Billings Park, in Memphis. Meant to be a supreme event in the participation of wealthy amateurs in the promotion of the standard bred of horses, its scandalous climax not only eliminated the two most nearly concerned but undoubtedly discouraged the entry of others in the breeding of the American trotter for other than commercial reasons.

This race has been pointed to as the great "black eye" of harness horse racing. The sport certainly withstood the scandals attendant upon professional racing. Authenticated cases of wrong doing among the professionals have arisen from time to time, albeit they have been of remarkable infrequency, but this gold cup quarrel between millionaires is held by many to have been absolutely without excuse and harmful beyond measure.

All Believed They Were Right.

The baneful effect of the fuss is not lessened by the fact that all the parties to it believed absolutely that they were right. It is possible that no one deliberately misstated facts except perhaps a few stable boys who swore to statements of which they apparently had no definite knowledge and whose desire to play in strong with their employers led them to make affidavits that were much better left unmade. The greatest damage, however, was done by the exhibition of poor sportsmanship which the judgment of recent years has come to apply to both sides of the controversy. For sportmanship has long been held to be the saving grace of harness racing and many notable examples of it are to be found among the professionals.

For this reason the exhibition of a petty spirit preceded the practical retirement from the trotting turf of two men whose interest promised to raise it to a point never before reached.

It will be recalled that the gold cup was a trophy offered for amateur drivers and was designed to become a classic. So great was the interest in it and the publicity attendant upon it that two wealthy Americans, C. K. G. Billings and E. E. Smathers began to desire its possession.

Buys Lou Dillon.

Probably to this end Billings bought the Stanley Dillon mare Lou Dillon, a nervous but tremendously speedy little trick, and employed Millard Sanders to train her. Smathers bought the speedy gelding Major Delmar and shortly after these animals came into the hands of their respective owners a rivalry was started which had known no parallel in years. Sanders carefully nursed Lou Dillon along and at Boston with the aid of a windshield was able to trot a mile under two minutes, a record never before attained.

In the meanwhile Major Delmar was winning race after race and in the early course of the season of 1904 these two trotters came to be in a class by themselves. Naturally the prospect of a match race arose. It was discussed by journals all over the country. Mr. Billings and Mr. Smathers were each excellent reasons and to each of them the possession of the gold cup meant more than fabulous purses.

So a match race was arranged to take place at the annual fall meeting at Memphis. It was to be an event to wagon and each owner was to drive his own horse. Partisans of the two horses everywhere were intensely interested. It was predicted that the event would put harness racing on a much higher plane than it ever had attained. The highest degree of sportsmanship was expected.

How It Was Done.

A recital of the manner in which the race was trotted would serve no useful purpose at this time. It will be recalled that Major Delmar won the first heat in 2:07. Lou Dillon started away like a streak but visibly slowed down in the last half of the journey and the victory of Major Delmar appeared to have been attained in rather hollow fashion.

Now comes the interesting part of the story. When Lou Dillon was led out for the second heat her attendants reported to Mr. Billings that she had a case of the thumps and it was questionable whether it would be wise to start her or not. The owner examined her and decided for the sake of the race to start her but obviously made no attempt to win and Major Delmar took the second heat and the race in 2:08, Lou Dillon finishing in leisurely fashion.

The race was over but the argument was about to begin. Billings of course had quite properly claimed that his mount was sick and not up to her best performance. Smathers retaliated with the statement that the race was won on its merits and claimed that it proved that Major Delmar was the better trotter.

For weeks the argument continued, becoming bitterer all the time. Major Delmar was given a mark without a windshield and on Nov. 5, following the Gold Cup race Sanders drove Lou Dillon a mile in 2:01¼ in a trial against time and without a windshield. Smathers claimed that the trial was not timed properly and a few days later Sanders drove the little trick a mile in 2:01 flat and again it was claimed by men who timed the trial for Smathers that a little cheating had been done.

Charge Horse "Doped."

Upon evidence which he undoubtedly believed to be accurate Mr. Billings entered the charge that Lou Dillon had been "doped" in the Gold Cup race and that this accounted for her poor performance. An investigation was started on Mr. Billings's account and a mass of alleged evidence was accumulated which eventually involved Sanders who had always been known as one of the most accomplished trifgers and drivers of the American trotting turf.

These charges were a tremendous shock to the followers of the harness horse. Through the affidavits of stable hands they purported to show how "dope" was administered to Lou Dillon in her feed, although a motive for any such action never was brought out. The case was tried, the evidence was rehashed and the charges were not officially substantiated although thousands of dollars were spent on the prosecution and the defence.

Billings was greatly disgusted with the outcome of the race and his activities for the trotter were undoubtedly greatly curtailed. Smathers shortly after sold his valuable stable and retired from the harness game to devote his activities to the thoroughbred.

Sanders's Defence.

Millard Sanders confined himself in his defence to just such statements as were necessary to protect his good name but the publicity undoubtedly hurt him. He maintained that Lou Dillon was not drugged and that there was no chance for her to be drugged. The man who had driven the first two minute trotter took the inevitable and unenviable publicity like a man and uttered no charges against Mr. Billings.

After the passion of the trials had cooled he gave his own version of the event and his recital undoubtedly was softened and tempered by the fact that it took so much from the harness racing world and meant practically the end of great trotting racing in Memphis.

"At the time the gold cup race was trotted I have never had any doubt that Lou Dillon was able to defeat Major Delmar," Sanders told the writer in 1907 while he was training other Dillon colts in Indianapolis. "That Lou Dillon had the thumps there is no question and that she was unable to compete in the second heat is beyond question. But that she was doped was absolutely untrue. There never was a more unjust charge made against a man than that charge against me.

His Alibi.

"If people could understand the character of Lou Dillon they would understand the predicament in which Mr. Billings found her when he brought her out for the second heat at Memphis. You must understand that I had trained her for a long time. I had driven her to a world's record. I had given her the best attention I verily believe, that a trotter ever had.

"Lou Dillon was as game a trotter as ever lived. She was as strong hearted a mare as I ever want to sit behind and the thing that hurts me as much as anything else is that a charge that she was yellow was made as soon as she was defeated. She was not yellow, but she had peculiarities that Mr. Billings did not understand, even after I had cautioned him about them.

"To understand these peculiarities you must know that she was extensively nervous and never coul endure a strong pull on the reins. Working with her day after day I understood this perfectly and when I drove her to a world's record in Boston and made her the first two minute trotter I never had more than one finger on a rein. Careful as I was I was afraid of pulling too tightly and choking her down.

Says He Explained.

"Before the start of the Gold Cup race I explained this thoroughly to Mr. Billings and impressed upon him the necessity of driving with a light rein. Without a doubt he thought he carried out these instructions, but without a doubt also, he must, in the course of the first mile, have taken a pull at the reins of which he was not conscious and thereby precipitated the illumps which led to her defeat. I can explain her action in no other way and best proof that she was not seriously impaired with was that a very short time afterward I drove her to a mark that beat Major Delmar's."

The Gold Cup has never since been contested for. The lengthy trials, charges and counter charges caused great disgust among followers of the trotting turf and the partisans to each side of the controversy have aired their views. Sanders ceased to be head of the Billing stable—a stable that promised to be the greatest the world ever had known.

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ALL EASTERN TRACK MEN MAY ENGAGE IN TRYOUT

New York March 6.—All eastern tryouts are suggested as the best means of determining the men to be sent to the Pacific coast for the A. A. U. track and field championship to be held at San Francisco next August.

Fred W. Rubien, president of the Metropolitan association of the A. A. U., says it would be impossible to consider the proposition of sending all the winners of the Metropolitan championships on such a long and expensive trip. He said that no definite move had been made as yet to insure the representation of the east, but that the matter would be taken up soon.

The matter was discussed informally at the annual meeting of the A. A. U. and of that time president Lill suggested that it might be possible to obtain the use of the Harvard stadium