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In The World Of Sport

Sporting Notes

Hugh Jennings and George Burns are exchanging left-handed compliments. Jennings says Burns was an in-and-outer, while Burns says Jennings was unfair and unreasonable and that he is glad to get away from the Tigers and to the Athletics because conditions on the Detroit team were intolerable.

There will be one less Catcher Snyder in the National League this year. Jack of Brooklyn has announced his retirement and President Ebbetts, taking him at his word, has had his name placed on the voluntary retired list, thus leaving room for the addition of a more willing player to the Brooklyn roster.

Jack Dempsey's real name is William Harrison Dempsey. The clever heavyweight boxer is 22 years of age, married, and his home town is Salt Lake City. He took the name "Jack" in honor of the original Jack Dempsey. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Dempsey, and has several brothers and sisters. Mrs. William Harrison Dempsey lives at the Dempsey home in Salt Lake City. "Jack" was born in Mananasa, Colo., and began boxing in Salt Lake City in 1915.

Mike Hogan, a right-hander, has joined the Giants. Mike's principal claim to fame rests on the achievement of striking out Johnny Evers' brother Joe three times in one game. Looks bad for the 300 hitters. Mike Hogan is entitled to all the credit for striking out Johnny Evers' brother Joe. It wasn't Mike's fault that it wasn't Johnny instead of Joe.

Harvard athletes want to win the "H." The decision by the athletic council not to award the varsity letter to men who play against Yale and Princeton until after the war has met with opposition. The Harvard illustrated magazines says: "Insight plays an important part in college sport. For a letter man will slave in practice, starve in training, suffer in playing. For a letter they will give their time to their college that she may become famous through their efforts. The letter is their reward. It is the climax of the athletic season."

Jack Coombs, who has just reported to Manager Robinson of the Dodgers, has declared that this will be his last season in baseball. "I have decided to retire at the close of this season, when my contract with the Brooklyn club expires," he declared. Coombs has an interest in two banks at Palestine, Texas, and stated that they require his attention.

A forlorn New York scribe has picked Miller Huggins' batting order for him. It runs: Gilhooley, Marsans, Pratt, Pipp, Baker, Bodie, Peckinpugh, catcher and pitcher. The same scribe has put Bodie in left, Marsans in centre and Gilhooley in right. Al. Waiters has been picked to do all the catching. Huggins' pitchers will be picked for him from day to day.

Petey Kilduff pulled an Alexander on the Chicago Cubs by starting his trip to California unshipped, but the train had not gone half-way to the coast before Pete was convinced he had better behave and he signed his papers en route, somewhere between the water tanks in New Mexico. Maybe Mitchell threatened to put him off in the desert.

John Miller, former second baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, was an expert trap shot before he joined the Marines. Since then he has been doing tricks with the rifle as a result of which he has won a medal for his marksmanship and he's prouder of it than he would be of a world's series memento in the shape of an eight-cornered watch.

The Cincinnati club lets one infielder go in Bill McKelvie and takes on another. The new one is Sam Crane, who had trials with both Washington and the Athletics without cutting much of a sensation. He could field, but not hit. However, in trips to the minors he always managed to swat the ball so

that some major club has been willing to bring him back.

Clarence Rowland is hoping that Musser, the new pitcher of the Chicago White Sox, will keep up his reputation as a strikeout specialist, reputation he gained with the minors. Musser is counted upon as one of the moundsmen who will keep on with the club through the season.

PLAYERS FOR TORONTO.

Several of Royals Purchased by President McCaffrey. Just before the International Baseball League blew up in New York, James McCaffrey, the Toronto president, realized that his city would have a team this year and that with the sale of players announced during the winter some new talent was needed.

President McCaffrey had a conference with Sam Lichtenhein of Montreal, and put a deal through for several players. Sam has retired from the summer game and has no further use for hired men. Hersche, who went on the barn-storming trip with the champion Toronto last fall, is one of the men secured. Hersche is a reliable pitcher. Reid Holden is another two secured and Herbie Moran, formerly an outfielder with the Boston Braves, will also wear a Leaf uniform. Slattery, the first-sacker, and Purtell, the infielder, were the last to be secured. These men will go a long way through for several of the local club.

Some big league cast-offs will be found in Toronto and the Leafs will be ready for action when the league opens about the 1st of May.

President McCaffrey will stay in New York until the new league meets on Wednesday. Bill O'Hara, the ex-Leaf, has turned down the offer to manage the club.

GOWDY IS POPULAR.

Former Boston Catcher, First Player to Enlist.

According to an American correspondent with General Pershing's army in France, "Hank" Gowdy, formerly star catcher of the Boston Braves and now fighting with the forces of civilization to overcome the Hun, is one of the most popular United States soldiers in the Allied armies.

"Next to General Pershing himself," he writes, "Hank" is about the most popular American soldier in France. When his regiment comes swarming down the pike the sidelines are jammed with other soldiers, who crane their necks to get a peep at him. Gowdy is an excellent soldier from all accounts. His artillery company from Ohio may have been engaged in checking the Boches in their present drive."

The Lajoie Case.

That Larry Lajoie will not be with the Toronto Club in a managerial capacity this summer is a matter of regret for most of the fans. The whole trouble has arisen out of the uncertainty of the operation of the International League, and Lajoie's misconception of the application of a rule governing a player of his status. The major rule refers to players who after ten years' service in the majors can be declared free agents should they so desire. Lajoie, having spent ten years in the majors, was able to secure his own position with Toronto, but as that was with a minor league club, and as he signed a player's contract, he is under baseball law still the property of this club. In spite of this Larry entered into a tentative agreement to manage the Indianapolis club. President James McGill, of that club, had no right to do business with Lajoie—and the National Commission will likely be requested to take some action in his case.

Sunday Baseball Dead.

The Sunday Baseball Bill, by a vote of 50 to 37, was laid on the table in the Lower House of the Maryland Legislature. This kills all hope for legalizing Sunday baseball in this state for at least two years, as the Legislature adjourned sine die on Monday. The bill had already passed the State Senate, but the pressure of organized reform elements was too great for advocates of a liberal Sunday to over-

ENGLISH BOXER DEAD

Burge Was Well-Known On This Side of the Ocean.

Dick Burge is dead. The former lightweight champion of England, who in a more or less passive way proved of great service to American boxing, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia in London last week, at the age of 53. Burge best will be remembered in this country as the man who was knocked out by George Lavigne in the seventeenth round of the National Sporting club in London on June 1, 1896, and made possible the crowning of the first world's champion in the lightweight class. Lavigne had gained general recognition as the American title holder on Jack McAuliffe's retirement in 1893, and Burge had knocked out Clem Carney, the British champion in the eleventh round in 1891. Burge's victory over Carney was no mean feat, for Jim had proved himself a great fighter in his seventy-four round battle with McAuliffe at Revere, Mass., on November 16th, 1887. The referee called it a draw after McAuliffe's partisans had cut the ropes while Jack sat in his corner apparently unable to continue.

They tell a rather funny story of an American travelling man's experiences at the ringside. The Yankee came chuck full of confidence in Lavigne's ability to take the measure of Burge, and he was anxious to place a modest wager. One of the monocolled nobility turned to the American and said: "I say, old chap, you like the American, don't you? Very well, I'll wager a 'monkey' on Burge. Done?" "Righto," replied the Yankee, and sat back to watch Lavigne turn the trick. Another American near by whispered to the travelling man: "Say, do you know what a 'monkey' is?" "Hang me if I do—what is it?" "Oh, a mere \$2,500."

The travelling man lost no time in reaching the Englishman and calling the bet off. It was a sad American who left the hall after the seventeenth round.

Burge's activities since his retirement from the ring had been rather varied and not always satisfactory. In recent years he promoted boxing events. He had a hand in the Welsh-Ritchie and Gunboat Smith-Carpenter bouts in London.

To Develop Trotters.

Telegrams from Lexington announce that Joseph W. Bailey, former United States Senator from Texas, will establish a breeding farm there for the development of thoroughbred trotting horses. Mr. Bailey sold his plant near Lexington several months ago, and announced that he would retire from the business because of the pressure of other affairs. As a producer of 2.10 performers he stands sixth in the list.

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