

News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

FITZ IS THE LAST OF THE OLD GUARD

Fighters Who Were Prominent at The Time of the Horton Law.

HAVE ALL BEEN DEFEATED.

Old Faces Have Departed and New Ones Will Have to Appear to Make Things Interesting.

By the defeat of Fitzsimmons recently, at San Francisco, the last of the pugilists who were a part of the more famous boxers that made New York their headquarters when the Horton law was in force, is retired permanently from the ring.

Fitzsimmons' wonderful endurance and splendid physique kept him longer in the harness than any of his contemporaries, and until age insisted that the limit had been reached he has been able to make his appearance on the mat.

His friends, now that he has lost and is out of fighting for good, express a great sense of gratification that he was not knocked out in his last battle, but counted out from exhaustion.

The total list of fights and limited round matches in which he has engaged is more than 350. No other boxer in the history of sport ever has boxed that number and none has been a participant in so many matches of so important a nature. He has been at times, middleweight champion and heavy-weight champion, and has clearly earned his title to each record of prominence by whipping a man of recognized ability to obtain it.

Had he been able to beat O'Brien a record would have been made that might have stood for years, and had he been in his prime there is little reason to doubt that he would have won the match.

His training was rather deceptive. In the preliminary work, which he did in California, he seemed to have come back to the old condition which made him so dreaded by his opponents. The only noticeable failing was a shortness of breath which was not typical of his condition in his best days. His muscles were hard and firm, he covered ground with about the same agility which he always displayed—and he was ever an awkward man at that sort of thing—and his feet, which had troubled him in a previous fight, seemed healed and fit for a 20-round go.

Perhaps he was not tried out as thoroughly as he had been for some of his previous battles, and it is that which may have deluded his friends into believing that he was in better condition than proved to be the case.

Corbett is out of the ring for good. Jeffries has retired because there is no match with him. Maher was laid on the shelf long ago. McCoy announced, when he was married, that he had got through with pugilism; Sharkey is better satisfied with being a landlady than he was with being an aspirant for championship honors, and now Fitzsimmons' career is over.

A new crop of fighters must come to the surface to make things interesting. The old faces have departed. O'Brien for the moment becomes the most conspicuous figure in the ring and the time broke just right for his money-making inclination.

It is very doubtful if he will be drawn into another match in a hurry. Bent on making the most of his temporary prestige he will cast about for the most advantageous offer from some theatrical

manager that he can find. Then he will be prepared to devote himself to the accumulation of a bank account.

O'Brien happens to be the type of fighter that is well adapted to the exigencies of a stage career. He is a clean cut, fine looking young chap, with a pleasing manner, a cordial address and an affable way which goes far in the world which he now seeks to prospect. He dresses in good taste, being conservative as to the choice of his garments, and his outward bearing is that of the sedate business man rather than the flashiness of one who follows the ring for what there is in it.

There is room for men to take the places of the old favorites whose careers have been snuffed out by the lapse of time, and it is going to be an interesting study on the part of those inclined toward pugilism to watch the development of the men who must attract the most public attention in the heavier classes.

BOSTON WANTS "RUBE"

Famous and Queer Southpaw May be Landed by Collins.

According to the Chicago Record-Herald, "Rube" Waddell, the famous pitcher of the champion Philadelphia Athletics, may be sold or traded to the Boston team before the beginning of the next championship campaign. Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics, was here today in conference with Manager Collins of the Boston, and the deal whereby Waddell will become a member of the Puritans may be announced soon.

One of the reasons assigned for Mack's willingness to let Waddell go is the coldness of the Philadelphia fans toward "Rube." When the big twirler broke down last fall part of the quaker fans thought his ailment was not genuine, although the management was thoroughly convinced that the famous "southpaw" was "all in" at the finish of the season. On account of Waddell's eccentricities and desire to stand high in the estimation of the rosters, Manager Mack is afraid that Waddell would not be at his best if the fans were indifferent about his work.

"Rube" has got to be the whole show wherever he is," said Mack, "and if the Philadelphia people failed next spring to warm up to his pitching and rave over his actions on the ball field he might soon lose heart in his work, and so I think he would do better work with some other team, but the deal is by no means consummated."

President Johnson of the American league was with Mack. He announced his staff of umpires for the coming season. The name of Jack Sheridan heads the list, although that veteran has not yet signed his contract. If he signs, the staff will include Sheridan, Connolly, O'Loughlin, Hurst, Connor, Evans and Conahan. Jack McCarthy is not to be retained next season, probably on account of the numerous rows he had with players.

NEW PLAYERS FOR MACK

Manager of Philadelphia American Team Has Secured 13 New Ones.

Manager Connie Mack has secured 13 new players in an effort to further strengthen the Philadelphia club, the American league champions. While he has a fine team, Manager Mack wants to make it faster and stronger, and says that he will be satisfied if he secures one good one out of his bunch. Most of the men are third basemen or shortstops. The list follows:

Zimmerman, of Coatesville, Pa.; Brothers of Montgomery, Ala.; Noyes, Hartford, and Wheeler of St. Paul. All of these men covered the third sack on their former teams.

Oldring, shortstop, drafted from Montgomery, Ala. Oldring finished the season with the New York Americans. Clark Griffith wanted this fellow, but Connie beat him out.

Hanifan, shortstop, from Norwich, Conn., the same club which produced Murphy and Hoffman, is one of Connie's finds.

Riggs, shortstop from the Peoria club, also champion hitter of the Three Eye league.

Williams, second baseman, drafted from New Orleans.

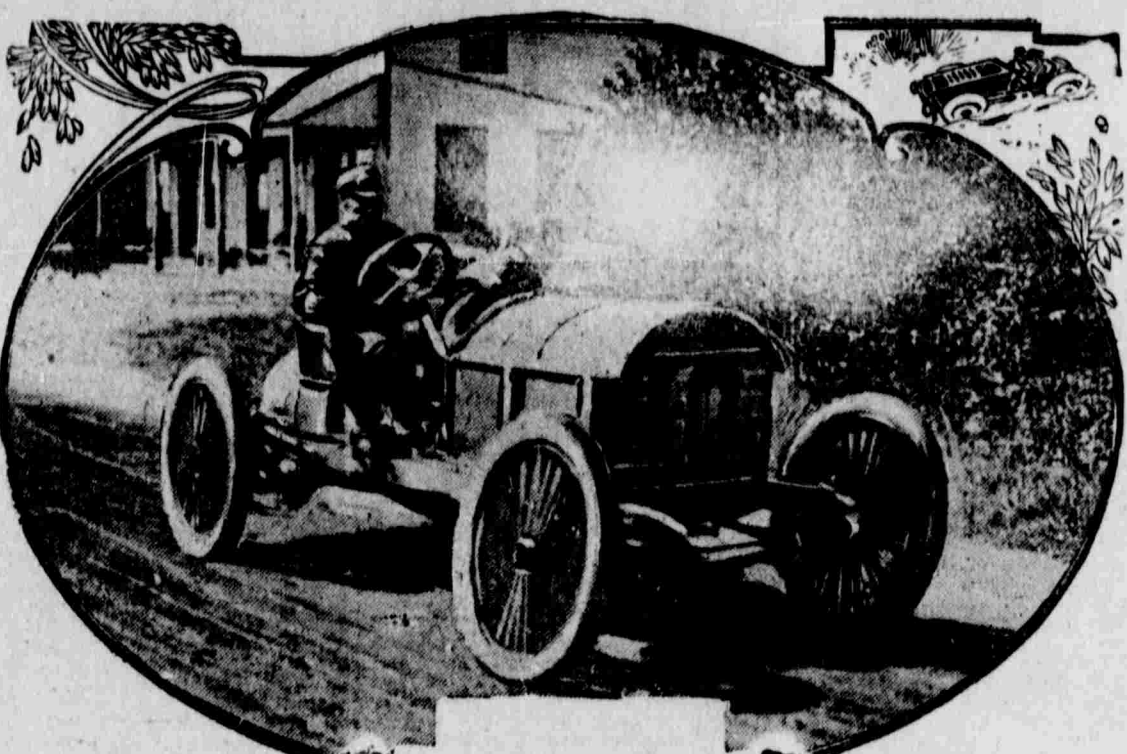
Justice, shortstop, drafted from Hartford.

Armbruster, outfielder, from Manchester, N. H. He led the New England league in batting and run-getting and is prized by his teammates.

Brynes, catcher, drafted from Oakland, Cal.

Bartley, pitcher, a right-hander from Shreveport, who made an excellent impression against the Athletics last spring.

Myers, pitcher, from Wilmington.



MILE-A-MINUTE AUTO THAT IS NOT FAST ENOUGH FOR ALFRED G. VANDERBILT.

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt has taken up the automobile racing craze where his cousin, W. K. Jr., left it off, and he has made up his mind to break the record. With all his wealth and time to offer manufacturers, speed marks will be shattered.

This member of the Vanderbilt family is having a car built secretly which he hopes will be the fastest automobile in the world. It is to develop 152 miles an hour with 250-horse power, an unheard-of speed, which would be equivalent to 215 feet for every clock tick. That means a mile in 23.2 seconds. The present mile record is 32.4 seconds, made by H. L. Bowden, at Ormond Beach, Florida, last February.

Deaths in the Sporting World.

Following is a list of death's harvest during 1905. It does not include those killed on the football field:

BASEBALL.

March 15—Peter Meegan, one of the famous old-time pitchers, died at San Francisco, aged 42.

March 15—Dick Wigham, a veteran professional baseball player, died at Chicago, aged 53.

April 8—Eugene Harris, killed by a batted ball during progress of game at Asheville, N. C., aged 15.

July 8—Peter Dowling, formerly a successful pitcher, killed by a train near Granada, Or.

July 10—A. E. Harner, first baseman of Altoona, died of heart disease during a game.

July 28—Harry von der Horst, formerly president of Baltimore ball club, died in New York, aged 54.

Sept. 19—Peter Browning, leading batter of old American association, died at Louisville, aged 44.

TURF MEN.

Jan. 25—Captain William Carter, wealthy track patron, died at New York of apoplexy, aged 68.

Jan. 27—T. R. Carter, a trainer, committed suicide in Paris while temporarily demented.

Feb. 1—George E. Smith, plunger known as "Pittsburgh Phil," died at Asheville, N. C., aged 42.

Feb. 17—Jockey Edward Wenrick died at Hot Springs as a result of accident at Oaklawn track.

March 24—Jockey Charles McCafferty, son of A. C. McCafferty, killed in race at New Orleans.

March 24—Phillip Grenell, American trainer for Richard Croker, died in Switzerland.

April 2—Jockey Otto Wenderly died at Memphis from injuries received in race at Montgomery park.

April 21—"Virginia" Carroll, bookmaker and not a character, died at New Orleans, aged 47.

April 28—R. W. Walden, trainer and owner, died at Bowling Brook farm, near Baltimore, aged 76.

June 13—Jockey Hector was thrown in a race at Union park, St. Louis, and fatally injured.

Aug. 15—Joseph Cotton, famous on the turf many years ago, died at New York, aged 70.

Sept. 25—John Lamley, trainer and former successful jockey, died at Sheephead Bay.

Dec. 11—Capt. S. S. Brown, one of the wealthiest men on the turf, died at Pittsburgh.

HARNESS HORSEMAN.

Feb. 20—Cleora J. Hamlin, founder of grand circuit and of village farm, died at Buffalo, aged 86.

PUGILISTS.

Jan. 16—A. Niedzinska died from injuries received in fight with George Kulsak at Millmont, Pa.

March 24—John Hill, colored, died at Philadelphia from the effects of a fight with Kid Dorsey.

April 1—John Gorman, a lightweight of former years, died at Long Island City of paralysis.

May 13—Joe Macias, former manager of Kid Broad and other pugilists, died at Philadelphia.

July 5—Fred Ross died at Tacoma from a knock-out blow by Jack Donnelly at Aberdeen, Wash.

July 10—Edward McConnell, a former pugilist, committed suicide at Wilmington, Del.

Dec. 7—Jack McDonald, a laborer, died at Yreka, Cal., from effects of fight with Sid Roberts.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Jan. 7—George W. Van Cleal, a successful amateur swimmer, died at New York.

Jan. 22—Joseph Converse, one of the leading athletes of Harvard university died at Boston.

Feb. 16—William Cottrill, official measurer of the Chicago yachting clubs, died at Chicago.

Feb. 20—Stimpy P. Johnston, a well known authority on chess, died at Chicago, aged 35.

June 28—H. S. Mahoney, the British tennis expert killed while coasting on a bicycle in Ireland.

Dec. 22—B. R. Kieran, holder of many world's swimming records, died at Brisbane, aged 19.

THOROUGHBRED HORSES.

March 13—Commando, futurity winner and famous race horse, died of lockjaw at Castleton stud.

April 16—Inez dropped dead during the running of the Tennessee Oaks at Memphis.

May 8—Trapper kicked by King Pepper at Belmont park; his leg was broken and was destroyed.

Aug. 28—Loretta M was so badly injured by falling in a race at Sheephead she was destroyed.

Nov. 18—George C. Bennett, one of the best 2-year-olds of the year, died at Louisville.

HARNESS HORSES.

March 2—Robert J. for two or three years the pacing champion, died at the Village farm.

March 15—Direct, noted pacer and successful sire, died at Eastview farm, New York.

Sept. 5—Sadie Mae dropped dead during the fourth heat of the Charter Oak stakes at Hartford.

National League Teams Improved.

For the first time since the American league raided the National league and captured the stars of a few years ago, the old league gives promise of beginning a season with eight teams more evenly balanced than any field since 1901.

Boston, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and St. Louis have been the weak sisters. In the last two years the Phillies developed first division speed, but the three others have been lamentably weak and unable to put up an article of ball that classes with that played by New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

There is much promise in the coming season. The trades and deals put through last week have benefited all of the weak teams. Fred Tenney secured some good men from the Chicago and Pittsburgh clubs; the Brooklyn club certainly benefited by the Sheppard trade, and if St. Louis gets Frank Seice for a manager the Cardinals may be a factor in the next race.

At any rate, these teams should be able to win more than an occasional game from the leaders. Close races and evenly balanced teams have been responsible in a great measure for the success of the American league.

The Boston club needs still more repairing. In Brain the club gets a hardy and hard-hitting third baseman. Jack O'Neill will put some life into the team, for he is a hustler, and hustlers have been scarce in Boston of late.

Brain, Abbatichio, Tenney and a new second baseman will make up the Boston infield, for Raymer has been released to the Rochester club. Tenney will use Del Howard in the outfield, for he is a good hitter.

Joe Pfeffer is a good young pitcher, whose misfortune it was last season to be with a team that had plenty of tried material. Lots of work will make a better man of him. Lindemann is a valuable recruit, for he led the Eastern league pitchers last season. Tenney should get rid of "Boots" Cannell, who lost so many games for the Beaneaters last year. Wolverton has appar-

ently outlived his usefulness in the major leagues. Pfeffer, Lindemann, Frazer, Young and Wilhelm make up a fairly strong staff of pitchers.

As the Brooklyn team now stands it needs the addition of only a few men to make it formidable. A stronger catching staff and a first-class first baseman are among the needs that Pat Donovan should supply. Casey is the best third baseman Brooklyn has had since the days of Lave Cross and Charley Weaver. He played that position once before for the Superbas several seasons ago.

The veteran will do much to steady an infield otherwise composed of youngsters. He should be of much aid to Phil Lewis. Donovan thinks well of Hummel, who played second base toward the close of the season. If Lewis develops at a hitting Donovan's infield will be good hitting combination.

The outfield sizes up better than any Brooklyn has had since Willie Keeler played there. Out in Chicago they think Brooklyn would have made a good deal to secure Maloney alone on exchange for Sheppard. He is a most promising player. McCarthy is a clever all-around man, and Donovan is one of the best right fielders in the business. Out of the bunch of outfielders under reserve, Donovan should be able to pick three who will average close to .300 in their hitting.

The most encouraging fact is Seice will manage the Cardinals should put new life in the game at St. Louis. He has never been identified with a consistent lover, and if he is given free rein he will make the St. Louis team play ball or not some players who will.

Team factions have been responsible for several failures in the mound city.

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"Cy" and "Rube's" Great Pitching Duel.

It will be a long time before that great 20-inning pitching duel between "Cy" Young of the Boston Americans and "Rube" Waddell of the Philadelphia Athletics at Boston last summer will be forgotten. Young, the veteran of many campaigns, considers it the greatest game he ever pitched, notwithstanding the fact that he lost.

Contrary to the general idea, pitchers, who subject their arms to the strain of many extra innings do not, as a rule, suffer any ill effects from it. Charley Mathewson displayed great endurance in the post-season games toward the end of the series, he reported for practice, and when asked about his arm said:

"I feel fine and am ready to go in this afternoon if they call on me."

A long game is wearing on a pitcher, but not necessarily upon his arm. It is the long, nervous strain that tells on the pitcher—the strain of watching bases, of pulling out of tight places and the ever-recurring task of fooling each batter, that exhausts a pitcher more than the strain on his arm for a pitcher who is able to go nine innings without faltering gets warmed to his work and forgets himself when facing the possibility of sudden defeat every time he

takes another turn on the firing line. Two or three seasons ago, Joe McGinnity could pitch two games in one afternoon with apparently no extra effort. He has pitched and won both games on more than one occasion.

Ed Fudelsch, the clever young pitcher of the Chicago Nationals, beat Jack Taylor in an 18-inning game at St. Louis and won a 20-inning battle from Frank Sparks at Philadelphia last season. He suffered no ill effects from either of these games.

"Cy" Young, in telling of his slub duel with Waddell, said that he did not average four pitched balls to each batter. His arm was a bit sore after the game, but after it was rubbed he felt no ill effects and could have pitched the next day.

Waddell pitched about 250 balls, and the following day was hurling them over in practice just as if he had not pitched for a week.

"One thing that helped me," says "Rube," "was leaving the umpire alone. Many a game is lost by a pitcher who argues angrily over some decision and goes back to the box all upset."

Young did not allow anything to ruffle his temper, though it is generally an easy matter for pitchers are irritable when passing through an ordeal. "Cy" thought that the umpire did not call more than two "bad ones" on him during the whole game, but it is unlikely that the indicator man was so perfect.



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BATTILING NELSON WHO IS TO FIGHT MCGOVERN.

Terry McGovern and "Battling" Nelson will box six rounds early in January in the Second Regiment armory in Philadelphia. The match was arranged by Bob Deady, a Quaker City fight promoter. He succeeded in convincing Joe Humphreys, manager for McGovern, that the bout would draw at least \$20,000. The boxers are to receive 75 per cent of the gross receipts, to be divided equally between them in accordance with the law in Pennsylvania, where no decisions are given.

The articles call for the principals to weigh in at 133 pounds at 9 o'clock on the night of the fight. This will make the bout at practically the lightweight limit, as the men will enter the ring at about 10:30 p. m.

Sam Harris, in behalf of McGovern, posted \$1,000 with Deady to guarantee Terry's appearance. Billy Rocap, of Philadelphia, was named to referee the bout.