

WAS BAN PLAYING A DEEP GAME?

With Reference to the Statement About Grounds in New York.

IT MEANS MUCH TO LEAGUES

Probabilities Are in Favor of American Organization Landing Team in the Nation's Metropolis.

One of the big surprises of the last 10 days in the sporting world, was the dispatch published by the "News" from New York to the effect that the American league had failed to secure baseball grounds in the nation's metropolis.

Chicago team and placed him in New York as manager of the new team. That certainly would not have been done if the promoters of the club in that city were uncertain of their grounds.

Joe Vila, one of the leading sporting writers of New York, is telling his readers that he has positive assurances as to where the grounds of the new club are located.

Bowerman, who was signed for St. Louis and jumped back to New York, \$500; Mathewson, signed for St. Louis and jumped back to New York, \$500; Leach, Conroy and Smith, signed for New York and jumped back to Pittsburg, each \$1,000; Delahanty, signed by Washington and jumped back to New York, \$1,500; Willis, signed for Detroit, jumped back to Boston, \$4,200; Warner, signed for Boston, jumped back to New York, no advance money; Crawford, signed for Detroit, jumped back to Cincinnati, \$1,000; Donovan, signed for De-

NEW CLASS FOR CERTAIN PUGILISTS

Such Men as Root, Gardner, Carter, McCoy and Fitzsimmons.

RESULT OF CONTEST HERE.

The Men Are Too Heavy for Middleweights and Too Light for Heavyweights—Jack O'Brien's Opinion.

Local ring followers will doubtless remember that at the time of the Root-Gardner match at the Salt Palace last summer for the middleweight and light-weight championship of the world the question of placing such men in a distinct class was being agitated. It was claimed then that the men were both too heavy for middleweights, and too light for heavyweights.

that robs their performances of all championship value. The middleweight limit is 158. There are only two top-notchers who come fairly within this class, Tommy Ryan and Jack O'Brien. Hence, for example, Kid Carter, who cannot make 158 and is strong, wants to be champion, he must essay the impossible task of beating Jeffries. In such a fight he would have to give away at least 35 pounds and would stand no more chance than would a rowboat against a modern battleship.

It is the light heavyweights who are doing all the good work now. The recent appearances in Philadelphia of McCoy, Hart and Carter resulted in some of the best short Quaker fighters have ever seen.

Any one of half a dozen men would stand a good chance to win first honors in a championship in this class. There is a wealth of material, contrasting with the dearth of other directions. Young Corbett and McGovern have no rivals among the featherweights; Gans is supreme among the lightweights; no one approaches Walcott as a welter; Ryan and O'Brien rank alone as middleweights, and no one disputes Jeffries' pre-eminence among the biggest men.

my cut. Know anything good for today worth touching?" "I am not a tipster," came the answer. "Beg your pardon; saw you reading the Racing Calendar and thought you might know."

"Well," replied his lordship, with a quiet smile, "if I give you a straight tip will it be of service to you?" "Depends if I fancy it."

"Put your tender or pony on Lord Rosbery's Cheveron for the Welter cup?" "Not for Joseph. I never back Lord Rosbery's horses. They say he is a regular chumpkin."

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league magnates, without first knowing where he was. He certainly looked before he leaped. All last summer National league magnates said that if the American secured a foothold in Gotham it meant a death blow to them.

troit, jumped to Brooklyn, \$1,000; Seabring, signed for Detroit, jumped to Pittsburg, \$1,000 and Davis, Chicago, reported jumped to New York, no advance money. That the above players will be purchased is established goes without saying.

Jack O'Brien, who is an astute observer as well as a clever boxer, remarked one night last week in Philadelphia: "There ought to be a new class made up of fighters between 158 and 172 pounds. Men of that size are too heavy to become middleweight champions and too light to become heavy-weight champions."

their power to take limitless punishment and still remain strong, or it might be demonstrated that Fitzsimmons, despite his years, is still able to whip any man in the world save Jeffries. But in any event the contests would bring together wellmatched men.

TOM SHARKEY'S ARM.

Sailor Tells What He Will Do With It to Monroe.

The "News" will not vouch for the truthfulness of the following story from New York: Tommy Sharkey, just at the present time, is gaining much notoriety by challenging Monroe, the Butte miner.

"Look at that left arm of mine. If ever I sweat Monroe with it he will dive back under ground and commence digging himself again. I am a bet that man today than I ever was. If you don't believe it go ask me friend, 'Spider' Kelly."

Just about this time someone in the crowd was rude enough to remark, "Back, back!" The sailor's eyes flashed.

"Back, back is it?" shouted he. "Tis not back wid me. I kin lick a dozen men like Monroe. When I was at sea I used to beat 50 cannibals on a deserted island every week."

"Chop, Tom, chop!" again came a voice. "The gang is on to you." "On t' nothin'," responded the sailor. "I'm the d—dest best man in the world. I can whip—"

"Come have a drink, Tom," interrupted a friend. "As I was sayin, I can whip any—"

"Oh, Tom, under the table with you," came a voice from the crowd. "Who said that?" angrily asked the sailor.

"To the tall and uncut," said another. "Back to the embalming fluid," added a third.

By this time the sailor was red in the face. He was ready to fight and did not care much who his opponent might be. The crowd took in the situation at a glance and only kept teasing Tom.

"Ye are a lot of scalpins," retorted Tom. "I whipped better men than ye are long before I ever left Ireland."

By this time the crowd got Tom cooled down and again asked him concerning his good left arm.

"That arm," said Tom, "belongs to the best man in the world. It's the strongest that was ever hung to a man's shoulder, and that's t' arm that will do Monroe. Why, I'm so strong in that arm that when I was at sea I could pull a shark's jaws apart."

"To the screw room in the bug joint with you," came the answer. "This was more than Tom could stand. He left the place in disgust and while walking down the street he heard to say: 'That is the strongest arm in the world,' etc., while a contra-tenor shouted after him, 'Oh, fudge; this is my busy day.'"

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PILLSBURY TO PLAY LASKER?



Chess enthusiasts are striving hard to effect a series of matches between Pillsbury, the American champion, and Lasker, the world famous European expert, to definitely decide who is the master.

In this fight Jeffries' weight was undoubtedly his salvation. And when Fitz failed to do it is scarcely likely that any of the other fighters can accomplish. Therefore, Jeffries will remain champion until there is developed some other man of equal bulk who can take as fast.

Since that outcome of fights for the heavyweight championship seems likely to be a foregone conclusion, for some time at least, to stimulate interest in the boxing game it would be a good plan for some enthusiast to offer a belt for the new class to be fought for by pugilists weighing between 158 and 172 pounds.

ABOUT LORD ROSBERY.

Singular Democratic Devotee of the English Turf—A Wager. Lord Rosbery is undoubtedly one of the most genuine devotees of the English turf, and the owner of the Derby winner Ladak is usually very free and easy.

"I am going as far as Ayr," came the calm reply. "Fifty young snells get fleeced by blackies. Some noblemen, I hear, drop fortunes on the turf. Do a bit yourself sometimes? A tanner or a pony is about

SHARKEY BREAKS LOOSE.

He is Determined to Get Monroe's Scalp Soon.

Tom Sharkey, the young man now sailing "schooners" over his New York bar, is certainly anxious to break into the ring again. Yesterday he wired his friend, Lou Garbey, to come to New York immediately for a consultation.

Garbey will leave for New York this evening and will advise Tom to make the match. All indications as to where the contest will take place are but guesses at this time. It is rumored, however, that Sharkey will insist that they fight under water with snow balls.

Sunny Jim will be selected as referee, as Tom thinks he has something on that individual. This will be an awful blow to Jim Dandy, who has all along been aspiring for that position.

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