

STIRRIN'
the DOPE
By VEDDER GARD

Dear Santa Claus:

Kindly leave a real gymnasium and basketball floor in our sweat socks and oblige.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

We would like to have the State final basketball tourney this year.

FOUR INDIANA SCHOOLS.

I want a good arm and plenty of spectators at the football games. Don't give me any more managers.

RED GRANGE.

Bring me plenty of under the basket shots that go through the hoop and I'll be satisfied.

PAT PAGE.

All we want is the State basketball championship.

INDIANA HIGH SCHOOLS.

Would it be too much trouble to give us a whistle that blows only at the proper moment?

BASKETBALL OFFICIALS.

Deliver me a promoter with about \$2,000,000 he doesn't know what to do with.

JACK DEMPSEY.

We want six new typewriters apiece and one tennis racquet for each of us.

TILDEN AND RICHARDS.

I don't need a thing.

TEX RICKARD.

A dozen more trains to bring the northern investors to Florida.

BALL PLAYER REALTORS.

Please give President Hickey a heart.

OWNIE BUSH.

This is a year ahead, but I'd like to remind you that my contract as baseball commissioner expires in 1927.

JUDGE LANDIS.

Another championship would not be turned down. Bucky Harri took your place last year.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES.

Plenty of action—that's all I want. Bring on anything you got in the way of fighters.

HARRY GREB.

Inform your agents, the boxers are coming, we want passes for everybody.

CITY BOXING COMMISSION.

We would like to have the best Derby money can buy. We use it only one day, but are particular.

KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB.

Bring us the wisdom of a dozen Solomons. More than 700 high schools and twice as many referees give us more problems than a hound dog has fleas.

A. L. TRESTER AND BOAR.

Better get me a job, Santa. It begins to look as though I can't wrestle or box. Either that or a set of side boards for the ring, so I can't be thrown out or knocked out.

BIG MUNN.

We want a bigger and better football stadium.

EVERY COLLEGE.

Please put a couple Red Granges in next year's freshman stockings.

EVERY COACH.

We need a few more expense account blanks. A. A. U.

Will it be possible to get us a few new rules restricting the forward pass?

EASTERN GRID MENTORS.

Will it be possible to get us a few new rules that will "open up" football even more than it is now?

WESTERN GRID MENTORS.

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EVERYBODY.

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BOXING FANS.

Bring us a mutual machine that always "pays off."

HORSE RACE FANS.

To whom it may concern: I want some new whisks. Mine were burned off last night.

SANTA CLAUS.

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FLOWERS PROBABLY WILL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE IN TITLE

WEATHER BOTHERS HUSKIES

Washington Grididers Handicapped in Training for Fray With Alabama.

By Times Special

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Hampered by bad weather, which has prevented thorough practice for the New Year's day game at Pasadena against the University of Alabama, Coach Bagshaw's Washington huskies are none too confident of defeating the Southerners in the feature intersectional football contest.

Injuries have crippled the Washington squad, but aside from Bill Wright, star guard, all the huskies will be ready for Alabama next week.

GRANGE WORKS OUT

Red and Other Bears in Florida for Christmas Game.

By Times Special

MIAMI, Dec. 24.—The Chicago Bears, pro grididers, arrived here Wednesday and worked out at the local ball park. Red Grange was the big attraction and football fans crowded the rail station when he arrived with the Windy City outfit.

The Bears play an all-star aggregation at Coral Gables Christmas day. Tickets for the fray sold rapidly and a huge crowd is expected to be present.

INGRAM'S TEAM ARRIVES

All-Star Eastern Grididers Welcomed by San Francisco Shriners.

By Times Special

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Navy Bill Ingram's all-star eastern grid team, trained at Indiana University, arrived here Wednesday and received a great ovation. The local Shrine Band and patrol escorted the visiting grididers during a short parade.

Ingram's team plays an all-star Coast aggregation here Saturday in a benefit game for the Shriners' crippled children hospital.

HOME CALLS

La Barba Spurns Offers and Speeds Westward.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"I'm going back home at once. I've been away long enough now and I don't like to spend the holidays away from home," Fidel La Barba, world's flyweight champion, said today.

George Blake, his manager, said he was sending the youngster back to Los Angeles on the first train he could get despite a flock of offers that poured in from every big boxing city in the East.

It was reported Tex Rickard wanted to sign La Barba for three big fights for a fabulous sum, but the youngster wouldn't consider them.

"I want to go home," he insisted, and—he's going.

Basketball Notes

The Red Hawk team defeated the fast Green Hawk five to one yesterday at 28 to 22. The Red Hawk Club will play the Indianapolis Ramblers next Tuesday at 28 to 24. The Red Hawk Club has some open dates for some fast State club and would like to hear from Birmingham, Muncie, Hoosier and the South Side Club. For games at the Red Hawk Club 1114 S. Illinois, the Red Hawk Club 1114 S. Illinois.

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To Compete Abroad



Rickard Expected to Use Tiger Against Berlenbach—McTigue Gets Fluke Decision Over Georgia Boxer.

By Henry L. Farrell

United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Two of New York's leading citizens probably will be placed on the inactive list as boxing judges as a result of the most mistaken decision that has been heard of since the fight game was restored in New York.

Bernard Gimbel of the big department store and Peter J. Brady, president of the Federation Bank, called Mike McTigue, former world's light heavyweight champion, the winner over Tiger Flowers, Atlanta negro, after ten rounds before a crowd of 12,000 Wednesday night in Rickard's Garden.

The round score at the very least was 7 to 3 in favor of Flowers and the walls of the new Garden were left standing chiefly, because the fans, even those who had bet the other way, knew it was an honest error.

"Winner" Surprised

McTigue was as stunned as any of the spectators when the announcer called the decision and Jimmy Johnston, his manager, ducked to the dressing room, trying to regain his speech.

Flowers, who rarely had been out-pointed in only two rounds and even in a third, took the decision like a good scout and shed a broad Southern grin. The Tiger apparently cared little about the record that will have to go in the book as long as 12,000 first class fight fans knew he had won.

There were a few competent critics who thought the judges were right. First among them was Leo Flynn.

"The referee was to blame," Flynn said. "Flowers should have been disqualified in the fourth round for hitting continually with the open hand and for punching low a half dozen times. Points cannot be given to a foul fighter. McTigue fought cleanly until he saw it was an alley fight."

Tiger Cuts Loose

Flowers, learning almost from the start on the fact that McTigue had no punch in his gloves, fought with a recklessness abandon. He swarmed all over the former champion and used every punch, fair and otherwise, that has been known to the game.

The winner was promised a match with Paul Berlenbach, the current champion for Feb. 5, in the Garden, but Tex Rickard intimated yesterday that Flowers would get the call. That was as near as Rickard would commit himself about the decision.

The card was arranged as a benefit for the New York Christmas Fund.

"Fly" Champ Pleases

The only bright spot on the prelim program was the six-round semi-final between Fidel La Barba, the good-looking little flyweight champion of the world, and Lew Perfetti, New York bantamweight. It was a beautiful thing.

La Barba made a tremendous hit with the crowd and he received a standing ovation when he left the ring. He convinced the skeptics that his victory over Frankie Genaro on the Pacific coast certainly could not have been a fluke.

Weights for the Flowers-McTigue scrap Wednesday night were as follows: Flowers, 165½; McTigue, 171½.

George Godfrey, negro heavyweight.

With Mike McTigue in New York Wednesday, recently was out-pointed by Wiggins. The New Year's show here calls for six bouts—thirty-eight rounds in all. Tickets go on sale Friday.

Training



6 TEAM IN NEW LEAGUE
Industrial Basket Flag Winner to Enter National
A. A. U. Turnney.

Six basketball teams, evenly matched and containing some of the best amateur talent in the city, have organized the Industrial Basketball League. The six teams will play one round at the Hoosier A. C. gym, beginning Jan. 6. Games will be played each Wednesday night.

When the referee's whistle calls time on the final league battle, the winners of the pennant will journey to Kansas City, to represent the league in the National Amateur Athletic Union tournament.

The teams which will play represent Fairbanks-Morse Company, Pennsylvania Railroad, Hoosier Athletic Club, Central Y. M. C. A., Real Silk Hosiery Company and the Diamond Chain Manufacturing Company.

Ed Knox of the Pennsylvania Railroad was elected president of the league. M. Brown of Real Silk Hosiery Company, was selected vice president; H. J. Schnitzius of the Diamond Chain, secretary; F. Holzhauser of the H. A. C. treasurer. Max Goldsmith of the Y. M. C. A. chairman of schedule committee, and H. B. Land of the Y. M. C. A., chairman of the rules committee.

COOLER BEATS BOSSON
Harry Coaler defeated Bud Basso Wednesday in the State three-round meet, 50 to 45 at Coaler's parlor. Much "oil" was spread, each player shooting a number of deliberate safeties. It was Coaler's four straight victory after a bad start in the meet. The tourney is suspended until next week because of the holdup.

MOTION PICTURES
LIBERTY MAGAZINE \$30,000
Prize Story
BY FANNIE HURST
"MANNEQUIN"
A James Cruze Production
CHARLIE DAVIS ORCHESTRA

ROADWAY
Burlesque as You Like It
Stella Morrisey's CHICK-CHICK CHICKENS WITH RED HOT FLOZIE DEVERE CIRCUS OF THE ILLUMINATED SUNWAY SPECIAL MID-NIGHT SHOW NEW YEAR'S EVE

MONTRÉAL WINS
MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The Montreal Maroons retained second place in the National Hockey League by beating Pittsburgh, 1 to 0.

AMUSEMENTS
TIGER C. L. P.
A MERRY CHRISTMAS SHOW
WILLIS & McFARLANE
AND THEIR "DANCING PIRATES"
MARIO & SMITH & SAWYER
LAUREL & H硬Y
ALICE JOYCE
WARNER BAXTER
DOLORES COSTELLO
ZAUZ PITTS

COLONIAL
TONIGHT CHARLESTON CONTEST
WINNERS TO APPEAR IN GRAND FINAL FRIDAY NIGHT
JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD'S Melodramatic Triumph
"When the Door Opened"
Starring Jacqueline Logan, COMEDY—NEWS—FABLE
10—AMERICAN HARMONISTS—10
FRANK OWENS SOLOISTS BOB JONES

APOLLO