

GRAND RAPIDS IS BOOKED FOR PAIR OF BATTLES HERE

"Vinegar Bill" Essick's Club to Show Its Class at Springbrook April 18 and 19 — Games in Furniture City Too

Definite arrangements for a spring series with Grand Rapids, two games in that city on April 15 and 16 and two games here on April 18 and 19, were completed by Manager Ed Smith Monday. A series with Fort Wayne is practically assured although the final arrangements have not been closed for this event as yet.

The signing of players for the coming year is proceeding rapidly. An offer from Hutch Montgomery, an outfielder from Livingston, Ind., has been received by Smith, and Montgomery will probably get a chance here this year. Montgomery was given a try-out with Indianapolis last spring and while he did not stick in that company he is probably fast enough for the South Michigan.

Reeve Murphy's Contract.
The signed contract of Joe Murphy, the Indianapolis pitcher from whom the road series is expected, was received at the club headquarters Monday. Murphy will be the mainstay of the local staff along with Smith this year, according to present plans. Smith also has his eyes on a shortstop from the Texas league and has sent a contract to Jacob Cohen, a third baseman from Chicago. The latter is admittedly an experiment, but the shortstop is of enough ability to make here almost beyond question.

An order for suits is to be signed up some time on Monday. The color of the road suits is all white, and this important detail so far. White will be worn at home.

Ladies' Days Arranged.
Mondays and Fridays of each week will be ladies' day in South Bend. The league ruling is that a ladies' day can be held during each series here, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excepted. There will be nine boys' days during the summer here, one with each of the other teams, according to plans perfected by the management here.

The South Bend fans will have no chance to see big league clubs in action here this year, according to the present outlook. The big leaguers have all been signed right up to the opening of the season before this, and South Bend did not have a team in time to get in on the schedules. There is a chance that major leaguers will disport themselves here later in the year, however.

Will Wear Mackinacs.
The Battle Creek champions will wear Mackinacs this year on the ball field, an order for a mackinac for every player having been given along with the order for uniforms. This is another of the innovations that the old South Michigan league is putting on and the Frank circuit will soon be swelling around the real major league style before long if allowed to continue.

Jackson stands a good chance of losing a good drawing card and a fine old war horse in George Upp, former big league southpaw, who was signed with the Jackson team. Upp has lung fever and may not report this year. He would probably have been turned over to Toledo in any event if Hartzel wanted him.

Hartzel Out for Pennant.
Hartzel at Toledo, is hoping for a pennant this year. If the crowd that "Topsy" has can keep the day it means big money to every one and there are other South Michigan league managers who would not be averse to seeing the rag go to the Ohio team if they cannot win it themselves. Hartzel was a member of Connie Mack's famous "board of strategy" while he was with the Athletics, and if training under a great leader makes a player a great manager, Topsy can hope for little more.

He was a sure enough member of a world's championship team and he helped materially in winning it. When he went to Toledo he took his team up to second place and the following year it did not do so well. If he can break into the limelight by finishing ahead, even in the South Michigan league, Topsy will be a much gratified minor league manager.

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THEY WENT AROUND THE WORLD BUT THEY'LL NEVER BE THE SAME.—By Goldberg.



BASEBALL IN OLD WORLD PROVIDES MANY ANECDOTES

Americans Have Wealth of Tales On One Another to Tell After Their Return From Long Jaunt.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, March 23.—John McGraw of this city, well known as a globe trotter, returned from his recent jaunt through foreign lands with this little story:

"While in Australia we took dinner one day at a hotel where they had negro waiters. The darkey who served our table seemed a bit new at the work—and also a bit flustered. I ordered thick vegetable soup. He brought it, and was just on the point of lowering it from the tray to the table when his nerves overcame him, he tilted the plate and the soup landed on the shoulder of a nice new coat I was wearing.

"The darkey immediately began mopping up my soup-smeared shoulder with a napkin, and after he had removed a certain portion of the adhering vegetable, he stooped down and whispered to me:

"Das a right Mistah McGraw. Don't you worry sah. I'll bring you some mo' soup. We's got a lot of it home."

Do Orientals Bathe?

"Far be it from me to say that folks in the Orient, Australia and Europe don't bathe," remarked Tris Speaker, Boston outfielder and another touring person, "but I will say they don't bathe as often as we do—that's a cinch. We lingered at the best hotels in the places we visited, yet in only a few of them were any of the rooms equipped with private baths. On each floor in these hotels there was a public bath-room, but when this room had to serve the bathing desires of all the persons located on that floor—numbers ranging from 50 to 500—you might imagine with wild scramble that used to take place for the bathing privilege.

"Some persons who visit these hotels object to bathing in a public tub and so the hotel manager fixes them up with a bucket of hot water which they use in their rooms giving themselves a sponge bath."

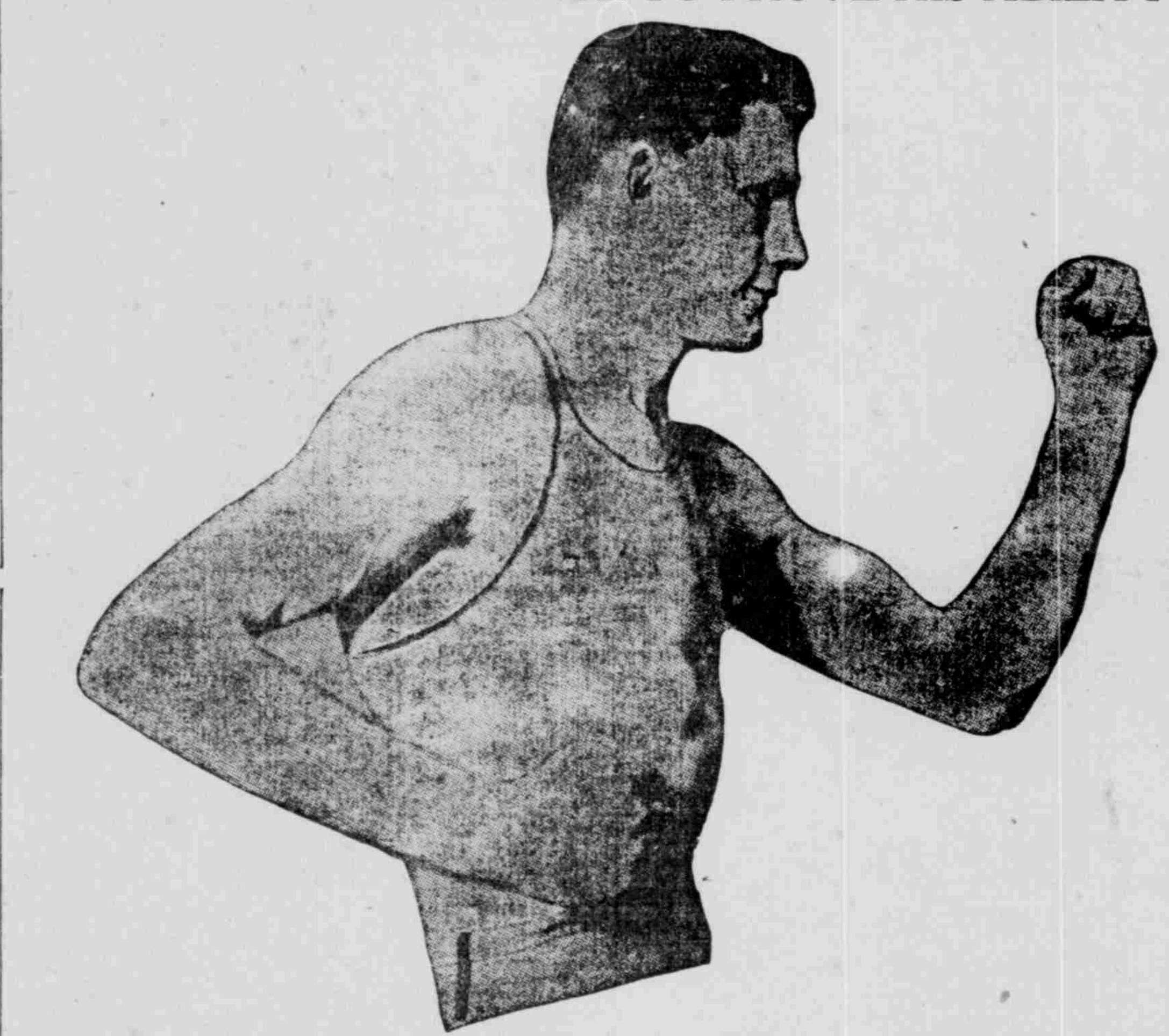
Ivory a la Merkle.

Fred Merkle of the Giants, known as "The Man With the Ivory Dome," and who also was in the party, tells this story on himself:

"Just as our boat was about to sail from Japan for Australia, and most of us were in our bunks, a commotion was heard outside. Pretty soon some Japanese officers began hammering on the door of my room. I asked them what they wanted, and in broken English they told me they had been told I had taken a billiard ball away with me and that they wanted it back—that the ship couldn't sail until I did turn it over.

"I couldn't figure out what they were driving at, and finally referred them to McGraw. He was pulled at first and then the joke dawned on

GUNBOAT SMITH WILL GIVE SAM LANGFORD ANOTHER CHANCE TO PROVE HIS ABILITY



GUNBOAT SMITH.

Generally considered the best white heavyweight fighter in America, who has signed to fight Sam Langford, the Boston Tar Baby, in a 20-round bout in the Olympic Sporting Club, London, on June 1. Gunboat won a decision over Langford in a 12-round bout in Boston several months ago, but the Black Demon was not in condition to fight a man of Smith's calibre.

him, and he finally pacified the Japanese officers and the ship sailed away.

"But where's the joke?" asked a young reporter person who had horned his way in on Merkle's recital. Merkle gave the youth the up and down a couple of times and then, as he started to walk away, said:

"Find it."

A Little British Humor.

Jimmy Callahan, manager of the White Sox, took his nine-year-old son, Dan, along on the world's tour in act as mascot, and got himself severely criticized thereby.

Danny, serving as mascot, of course, wore a tiny uniform, hustled bats back and forth for the benefit of the players, and during the practice sessions often donned a big mitt and "warmed-up" some of the pitchers. "Horrible, quite horrible," remarked some Britishers, when they saw the diminutive Danny laboring like a regular ball player. "The very idea of setting ever the little children to work at the game so early. Why the child ought to be in school. The H'Americans ought to be ashamed of themselves and the father of the child ought to have a 'ore-whipping for makin' the child work so 'e 'ad."

While on the subject of world touring one might point out the startling fact that during the tour that embraced something like 70 days on the water every one of the tourists was sea-sick—and not one of them was sea-sick. And there you are.

Everyone who was approached on the subject "were you seasick?" immediately assured the anxious questioners that "I wasn't, but everybody else was. I was the only one in the whole party who didn't get sea-sick at one time or another during the trip."

Ananias, where art thou?

REACH BALL GUIDE OUT.

The 1914 Reach American league baseball guide will make its appearance on the news and book stands on March 25 this year. The 1914 guide contains exhaustive articles on the world's series of 1913, complete records, a long article on the world's greatest pitchers, and special chapters dealing with great pitching feats on 1913 in either league.

TRY NEWS-TIMES WANT AD.

HARRY MARTIN WILL PILOT WAYNE TEAM

Central Leaguers Will Report This Week—Terre Haute Question Still a Muddle.

TERRE HAUTE, March 23.—This week the first Central league players will report. Seventeen of them are coming to Terre Haute, and a squad also will report at Ft. Wayne. No other towns in the circuit are to have practice before the first of the month.

The idea of the early start is to try out and be rid of the discarded rookies, so that the regular lineup might play some games before the pennant race is on.

Terre Haute is now the only club whose management is in doubt. When Owner Wagner went south, two weeks ago, it was reported he had given an option on the club to Rufus (Lefty) Gilbert, who had bought his own release from Denver. Gilbert has been busy since then forming a stock company. Prior to that he had been getting as manager in so far as considering prospective players was concerned.

Last week Larry Quinlan, signed as manager by A. W. Wagner, came in from his home in New York city. He talks as if there is no doubt he is to be manager. It had been supposed that Gilbert would be manager if Wagner sold his club, but it is possible that though the sale goes through Quinlan will be manager.

Owner Varnell of Ft. Wayne, fell back on Catcher Harry Martin for manager last week. It is the first time that Varnell has made a manager out of his lineup. He has had a variety of managers most of them players, who had experience in that position before they took charge at Ft. Wayne.

Three of the six managers come over from last year. Knoll of Evansville, Nee at Dayton, and Stanley at Springfield, who was new to the league last season. George Hughes, who comes from Wichita to be manager at Grand Rapids, is the only new face this year.

BASKETBALL PLAYERS END SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Holy Name Society Juniors are Given Banquet at St. Patrick's Hall.

As a reward for a successful basketball season in which they lost only three games out of 30, the Holy Name Society Juniors were banqueted by the Catholic club of St. Patrick's Sunday afternoon in the society rooms.

After the banquet Donald Lower, president of the society, acted as toastmaster and called on the following for remarks: Father Lavin, the sponsor; Mrs. C. M. Butterworth, Mrs. Flora Guthrie and Mrs. H. M. Crockett of the Catholic club; John Woodworth, secretary of the society, who entertained with a monologue; Francis Butler, captain of the basketball team; William Fernandez, vice president; George McCarthy, William Butterworth, who also gave a monologue, and Carl Schubert, who gave a piano solo.

The only teams to down the Juniors during the season were the Brownson hall seconds, the First Baptist church five, afterwards beaten by the Juniors, and the Mishawaka high school second team, while the Turners, the high school All Stars, the Sophomores, Niles Independents, Walsh hall seconds, Mizpah church, Carroll hall, M. A. C. and Belgian Holy Name society quintets bowed before the Juniors.

WELCH TO MEET CROSS

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PIN LEAGUE AVERAGES

STUDEBAKER LEAGUE.	
Reaches	28 17 .622
Spokes	28 17 .622
Skelins	26 19 .578
Tongues	25 20 .556
Hubs	23 22 .511
Axles	21 24 .467
Rims	20 25 .444
Studebakers	19 26 .422
Hounds	19 26 .422
Bolsters	18 29 .386

ANTLERS LEAGUE.	
Antlers	20 10 .667
Prongs	18 12 .600
Teeth	17 13 .567
Fawns	16 14 .533
Tails	16 14 .533
Tusks	15 15 .500
Bucks	14 16 .467
Bucktails	12 18 .400
Elks	12 18 .400
Toasts	9 21 .300

C. A. CLUB LEAGUE.	
Singers	20 10 .667
Stars	19 11 .633
Athletes	18 12 .600
C. A. C's	14 16 .467
Giants	14 16 .467
Cubs	12 18 .400
Tigers	12 18 .400
Colts	11 19 .367

ELKS LEAGUE.	
Hoofs	20 10 .667
Charms	17 13 .567
Tylers	17 13 .567
Hairs	16 14 .533
Horns	16 14 .533
Bills	14 16 .467
Deers	9 18 .333
Stags	8 19 .300

WATLIER LEAGUE.	
Standards	42 27 .609
Juniors	37 32 .536
Interstate	34 35 .493
Seniors	24 35 .493
Ramblers	21 38 .449
Neversweats	20 40 .420

FACTORY LEAGUE.	
Singers	12 12 .500
Studebakers	16 14 .533
Ball Bands	15 15 .500
Dodges	15 15 .500
Olivers	13 17 .433
Watch Co.	13 17 .433

GAMES THIS WEEK

Studebaker League.
Monday—Rims vs. Reaches.
Tuesday—Axles vs. Hubs.
Wednesday—Bolsters vs. Spokes.
Thursday—Studebakers vs. Tongues.
Friday—Skins vs. Hounds.

Antlers League.
Tuesday—Elks vs. Fawns; Bucktails vs. Tusks.
Wednesday—Bucks vs. Prongs.
Friday—Teeth vs. Tails; Toasts vs. Antlers.

Elks League.
Tuesday—Bills vs. Horns.
Wednesday—Deers vs. Hairs; Stags vs. Tylers.
Friday—Charms vs. Hoofs.

C. A. Club League.
Monday—C. A. C's vs. Giants.
Tuesday—Athletes vs. Singers.
Wednesday—Stars vs. Cubs.
Thursday—Tigers vs. Colts.

Watlher League.
Monday—Standards vs. Seniors.
Thursday—Juniors vs. Ramblers.
Friday—Neversweats vs. Interstate.

Factory League.
Tuesday—Ball Bands vs. Olivers; Singers vs. Watch Co.; Studebakers vs. Dodges.

BIG CHIEF MEYERS IS HANDLING RECRUITS

Chief Meyers, the husky Indian catcher of the New York Giants, who is in charge of the squad of recruit twirlers at the Marlin Springs training camp, Meyers works out with the youngsters daily and expects to have several phenoms developed by the time the season starts.

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ANOTHER STRIKE NEEDED TO PUT IN NEW LEADERS

Topnotchers at Buffalo Tournament Have Close Call But Contestants Fall Down in Tenth Frames.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 23.—One more strike in the tenth frame would have displaced any of the three leaders of the A. B. C. tournament here Sunday when picked men from Chicago, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh went on the drives. Late on Saturday night the Dimlings No. 2 of Pittsburgh rolled 2,931, thirteen pins behind the Monkos of New Haven, a 4-7 railroad to their anchor when he was working on a strike leaving the east on top.

The feature Sunday dropped up in the work of Jerry Ameling, one of St. Louis' star bowlers. Ameling showed up a sick man and he stopped at a drug store on the way to the alleys. On the alleys he warned to the work and took the lead when two splits dropped up and left him with 653 for third place.

John Nealey and Dewar Vonnoss, the Newark two-man leaders, were given the closest call of the day when L. Schenkel and E. Smith of Pittsburgh shot 1,242, three pins below them. A strike in either of the two last frames for Smith would have deprived New Jersey of the lead.

Five-Men Event.
Monkos, New Haven, 2944.
Dimlings, No. 2, Pittsburgh, 2931.
White Elephants, Philadelphia, 2897.
Mineralites, Chicago, 2896.
Howard Majors, Chicago, 2881.
Centlives, Ft. Wayne, 2877.
Clarks, Peoria, 2871.
Athenatium, Toronto, 2863.
Maltoos, Rochester, 2854.
Wooster Lambers, St. Louis, 2853.

Doubles.
Nealey-Van Ness, Newark, 1245.
Schnkel-Smith, Pittsburgh, 1242.
Raiston-Miller, Detroit, 1238.
Owen-Futton, Louisville, 1230.
Schmidt-Williams, Chicago, 1229.
Hradek-Danek, Chicago, 1227.
Hagerty-Ehgart, Toledo, 1220.
Gerston-Miner, Chicago, 1208.
Emblem-Ennis, Wheeling, 1207.
Cooke-Price, Philadelphia, 1196.

Singles.
W. Miller, Detroit, 675.
Nelson Owen, Louisville, 659.
C. Krampe, Louisville, 658.
Wm. Knox, Philadelphia, 647.
Otto Kalusch, Rochester, 645.
Ed Hess, Chicago, 642.
R. Erler, Newark, 639.
Tony Riemer, Chicago, 638.
Frank Bush, San Francisco, 637.
Napoleon Labelle, Montreal, 635.

BOXING EXHIBITION TO BE STAGED HERE

Battle Royal For a Chicken Will be Feature of Events at the Magyar Hall.

A battle royal, with a chicken as the prize, will be staged between five of the city's huskiest Negroes at Magyar hall next Friday night. The battle will be the feature of a boxing exhibition put on by James D. Watts, the local Negro pugilist. The boys have all said that they were "Gwine t' git dat chicken if dey had to bust a head," and the battle promises to provide fun galore.

Watts will box with Thunderbolt Jackson, another local pugilist, and a preliminary bout will be staged by other Negro boxers. The exhibition is a benefit for Watts planned by the waiters of the Oliver dining room, where Watts is employed.

DAWSON REMOVED.
HUNTINGTON, W. Va., March 23.—Former Gov. William O. Dawson, was removed as a member of the national progressive committee at the meeting of the progressive state executive committee here Friday night. No successor has been appointed.

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