

Deal For Sal Yvars Cancelled

ST. LOUIS, May 7—(AP)—New York Giants Tuesday agreed to deal with Chicago White Sox for Sal Yvars, New York's No. 2 catcher and then had to call it off because the front office failed to obtain the waivers on Yvars in the American League.

The original announcement made by manager Leo Durocher revealed Yvars had been traded to the White Sox for outfielder George Wilson and cash. Shortly afterward, Durocher said that the deal was cancelled.

"It's a mistake of the club," said Durocher. "We have had waivers on Yvars from the National League since December, and we thought we had them from the American League, too. But two clubs in that league claimed him.

Ring Reminiscences

— Fights and Fighters —
(By James Fendergast)

In the perusal of this effusion, some readers may have become bored and nauseated with so much past and latter-day history of boxing. The next phase will be to take them, in perspective to the great wide open spaces — plains, mountains and rivers — with a few personal experiences interspersed.

I came home to Prince Edward Island in the fall of 1905, after spending four years in Boston and New York. A little later, a gentleman named James Higgins, with his wife and small son, came back to visit with his family at Kensington. They came from Seattle, Washington. He had quite recently come out of the Klondike where he was part owner in No. 11 claim on Eldorado Creek. His folks were nearby neighbors and friends. We became close friends and spent much time together. One evening after a particularly successful fishing trip, we got to talking about the future. He said, "Why don't you come to the Klondike?" I told him I didn't have enough cash to make that long a trip. He said, "Don't worry about that, I'll see you through." Thus it was arranged that I should go West with him and family in early spring. We went via Boston, where we stopped over for about two weeks. We left here (P.E.I.) on Feb. 2, 1906. Communication with the mainland at that time was by ice-breakers on the Georgetown-Pictou route. We experienced many varieties of climate and weather on the long trip. There was very little snowfall here. Glare ice covered the rivers and bays, but the ice was very thin on the harbors. In fact Georgetown harbor was ice free. I remember hearing the short choppy little waves slapping against the side of the wharf where the Earl Grey was tied up. When we arrived in Pictou, N.S., dust was flying in the streets. We ran into heavily snow-covered country again in the trip through the higher parts of the state of Maine. Boston was clear of snow, with weather as mild as is usual in March or April. On the run from Boston to Montreal there was heavy snow from New Hampshire to Montreal and on through Ottawa to Winnipeg.

When we arrived in Boston, I called in to see Billy Hamilton, one of the sport editors of the Boston Traveller who was my prospective manager. There was a big bout to take place at the Chelsea Boxing Club some time during the next week. The principals were the extremely clever Abe Attell and Jimmie Walsh — another clever lightweight. I had no thought of boxing, but Bill got busy and wangled a chance for me in one of the prelims with Philadelphia Billy Payne. It was my first appearance in the glaring light that beats upon a prize ring. I suppose every one in a similar position experiences nearly the same sensation. One must do his best according to his ability and the "light within him." Billy came at me with fierce determination flashing from his eyes, but he was wide open for a hard straight left, which he got "coming in". It gave a jar to the arm such as one might feel after hitting a post. He walked right into another within the next minute. The first didn't take him off his feet but the second did. He was very limp and groggy in the second round and there wasn't much trouble putting him away. It seemed to be a weakness of most of the latter-day class of boxers, to be quite vulnerable for a quick left. I had a friendly "go" in Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mat Allen whom I was told at that time was the first trial horse to be put up against Bob Fitzsimmons when he came to America from Australia. He had no allibi for a straight left either. The clever Ruby Robert must have made a chopping block of him. He was on the shady side of forty then and showed the effects of many "hooks" on both ears. I think the first man who developed a real lethal straight left was

Jeffries. Tommy Ryan, his trainer and preceptor, taught him patiently for many months. Jim Corbett most likely had the "left" in his repertoire — he had most everything.

While the semi-final was in progress, Payne came and sat next to me for a few minutes. He told me that he had fought Philadelphia Jack O'Brien six times and that those two lefts were the hardest he ever got. The bout with Payne was only incidental. Had no intention or ambition of pursuing the dazzling ignis fatuus of the "squared circle" any farther, but there are many times when environment and circumstances often interfere with our "destined end or way". It was a great chance to get away from the crowded centres. The course to the Yukon was already set. "The hand was to the plough", so to speak. My brother, who was a motorman on the Boston Elevated Street Railway at the time, took a sudden notion to go West too. We bought our tickets at the C.P.R. office on Washington Street. The C.P.R. had agents and offices in all American cities, then and likely has them now. It was mostly Van Horne's and other American money which financed the building of the Canadian Pacific. There happened to be a regular spring excursion on, and the fares were very low — somewhere between fifty and sixty dollars to Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco, and even as far as Los Angeles. The Northern and Western Ontario towns passed through looked somewhat raw and pioneerish looking, but they showed evidences of industry — immense piles of sawn lumber were visible at nearly every stopping place. There was plenty snow on the broad streets of Winnipeg, but the tang of spring was in the air. It was near the end of February. Progress westward was marked by absence of snow. At Regina and Moose Jaw there was none. The run from Winnipeg to Calgary (880 miles) took quite a time. There was a two or three hour wait at Moose Jaw for a "Soo" train from Minneapolis. Regina at that time was a nice little prairie city of ten or twelve thousand people. It was the capital of Saskatchewan. (Saskatchewan and Alberta were given provincial status in 1905). Moose Jaw was a sprawling pioneer town with gumbo streets and wood sidewalks and poor lighting facilities. Swift Current, Sask. was a small

cluster of buildings — didn't look to be more than a dozen. Those Western towns built up very fast in the years following 1900. There was heavy immigration from Europe, especially from the British Isles. Every train was crowded with immigrants. Calgary was a snug little city of perhaps 15,000 population at that time, with considerable growing pains. The distance across the mountains from Calgary to Vancouver is about 750 miles. The potential underground wealth of the province of Alberta is among the imponderables — it can't be weighed or measured. Only estimations can be made by geologists and mining engineers. It stands to reason that they cannot always be right. Nobody is infallible. That was the experience of the Yukon pioneers in the Klondike placer gold diggings. When the old time prospectors sunk shafts in the eternally frozen ground, the panoramas of "pay" dirt presenting itself exceeded their most glamorous dreams of wealth. Alberta appears to have an enormous amount of gas, coal and oil in its subterranean vaults. The enormous deposits of "tar sand" (bitumen) extending for hundreds of miles near the headwaters of the McKenzie are calculated to contain 350,000,000,000 (three hundred and fifty billion) barrels of oil in a heterogeneous mixture of tar, sand, oil and many other elements. Chemists and research men are constantly experimenting to devise an economical method of extracting the oil from the other ingredients. If that can be accomplished, the British Commonwealth and the United States will be assured of an adequate supply of oil until atomic energy is sufficiently harnessed to produce driving power, heat, light etc. It is possible that the province of Alberta has greater potentialities for riches and power than any of the other provinces. Great industrial revolutions and revelations are taking place in our day and generation. Great changes are taking place, and most of us are partially or totally oblivious of it. The world is going by us and we don't see it — in pursuing the even tenor of our way. Barren wastes, howling wilderness, of mountain, stream and forest are being changed into thriving centres of industry, principally through the agency of hydro and diesel electric powers. The foothills and "Rookies" are visible from Calgary in clear weather. It is quite a long ride to the well marked "Great Divide" in the Kicking Horse Pass where the descent to the Pacific begins. One is surprised at the number of small lakes right close to the "height of land". They must have been fed by underground streams caused by snow and ice melting in the moun-

City Entry To Miss First Meel

HALIFAX, May 7 —(CP)—New Waterford All-Stars, champs of the Sydney City Bowling League, loom as a strong threat in the Nova Scotia-Prince Edward Island tournament, opening here next Monday with 13 teams, seven from Halifax.

Halifax Conn-Martel is the defending champion. Others in the race are Sydney, New Glasgow, Bedford, Halifax Imperials, Halifax Police, Springhill, Halifax Independents, Dartmouth Beazleys, Truro, Yarmouth and Halifax Y.M.C.A., a new entry.

FAMOUS STATESMAN
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RUSSIAN FINNS
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usually led by Dave Grant and Frank Uhren.
Joey MacDonald's Charlottetown entry will miss its first meet.

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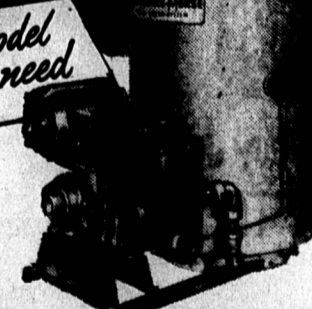
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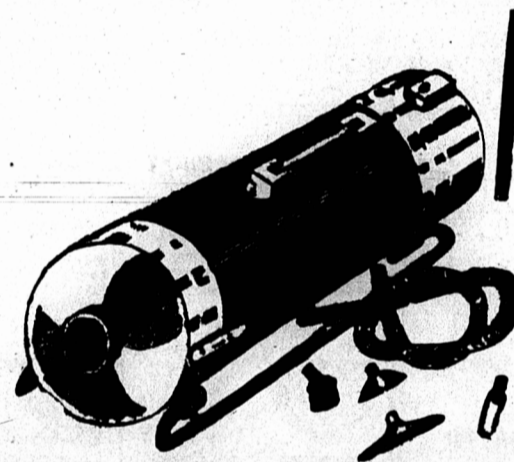
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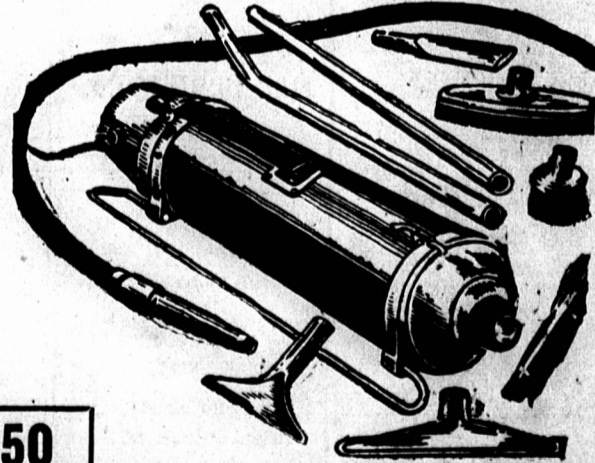
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