

these being chalked up to one man, Rivera, Meralco's third baseman.

If Cavite and Meralco continue to dish out the same brand of baseball that featured their second game, and the Eagles and Scouts show some more improvement as it is logical to presume that they will, the season may be fairly successful.

With the exception of the arrival of Pete Sarmiento from the roped arenas of the United States, nothing startling has happened in the fistie spotlight.

Shortly after his arrival Sarmiento startled the Stadium management as well as the ring-worms by refusing to meet Kid Johnson, feather-weight champion of the Orient, the man originally selected as his first opponent. Pete was brought back to the Philippines with an offer of P5,000 to meet the king of Far Eastern feathers and not until December 6 did he change his stand and definitely sign papers to fight. The bout has been scheduled for Christmas Eve.

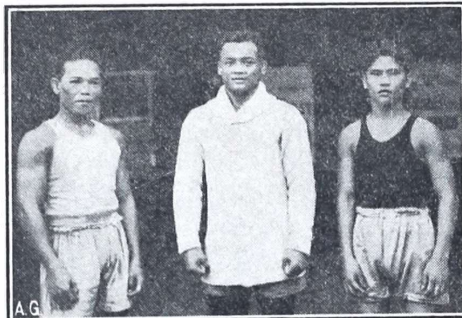
It is the opinion of the writer that a good big man can beat a good little man nine times out of ten. Johnson is one of the stiffest punchers that the islands have produced in the feather division, and he is outgrowing that class. Sarmiento is a legitimate bantam and he demanded, as any bantam would, that Johnson make 124 pounds for him. Naturally Johnson can't reduce to 124 pounds and fight his customary battle; as matters now stand, Pete has agreed to meet the champion at 126.

Pete has, during his hectic career in the United States, fought men at 126 pounds, and in one or two instances even more. That he was handicapped goes without saying, and he will be in a similar position when he boxes Johnson. The fact remains that the bout has been billed and Sarmiento should have a few good fights left in him. If he has, he may weather the storm with Johnson and emerge victorious. That is doubtful, but if he does lose it will be no disgrace.

It is not likely that Sarmiento will return to the United States without making more than one appearance in the local ring. A bout between the former pride of the Churchill stables and Little Moro, flyweight champion and claimant to the bantam title, is being encouraged and is on the verge of being signed. It will probably be staged during January and it should be as good if not better than the proposed Johnson-Sarmiento mix.

The visit of Arthur McQueen, representative of the Stadiums Ltd., of Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne, Australia, was responsible for the expression of a desire by some of the tin alley fraternity to visit the Antipodes. Mr. McQueen took four promising boys back with him under contract for three fights each. Little Cowboy, Young Alde, featherweights; Young Pepe, bantamweight, and Fighting Mendez made the trip and, with the exception of Cowboy, they may return to Manila as big cards for the Stadium which has usually been the history following tours of Australia by local fighters.

Fernandez was hardly more than a preliminary boy when he visited the Antipodes. He returned a big card and a well developed fighter. The same was true of de Leon and a number of others. Cowboy probably won't advance enough to keep the tradition alive for he has already fought 150 battles and, although in his early



**TRIO OF MANILA RING FAVORITES**

A champion who missed the title, a champion who won, and a coming champion. —From left to right: Rough Dumaguillas, who can hit harder with his left hand than any Filipino brawler now in the ring; Kid Johnson, hard hitting featherweight champion, and Little Pancho, flashy brother of the late flyweight champion of the world, Pancho Villa.

twenties, he is an old man in the age of the arena. The fights at the Stadium during November were not exceptional. Young Harry Wills, a youth of African lineage, won a close contest from Irineo Flores on November 5. The fight was slow at the start and improved slowly.

Georges Montañez and Joe Alexander, fly-weights, fought 12 rounds to a draw on November 12. The fight was not a great battle although it was a moral victory for Alexander. Tiny DeBolt, heavyweight champion of the Asiatic Fleet, made his first return appearance in Manila after a summer in China waters by kayoing Al Konze, of the army, in five rounds. Ceferino Garcia, lightweight, brought an abrupt end to any designs that Joe Sacramento might have on the local crown by dealing that eminent member of the Shanghai boxing clique a sleeping potion in the fourth round of their scheduled 12 round feature event on the evening of Nov. 28.

Like the month of November, the present month promises to hold some interesting sport events for Manila fans. The championship track and field games are scheduled to be run off during the Anti-Tuberculosis charity fair. Boxing should show a bit of improvement over November while baseball will hold out strong and possibly improve. Yachting will continue to play an important part in the sport curriculum with weekly races while a number of lesser events in the amateur world are on tap.

**PRESIDENT BACKS KIESS BILL**

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 6.—The expenditure by congress through its appropriating power of all or part of the customs revenues now turned over to the Philippine treasury, a move which is advocated by Chairman Kiess, of the house committee on insular affairs, was recommended today by President Coolidge in his message to congress. The change was recommended as a means to greater progress and increased administrative efficiency in the islands.

As regards a greater degree of autonomy for the islands, the President said that self-government there would be hastened if the Filipino people would show desire and ability to execute cordially and efficiently the provisions of the present organic act. He suggested that a congressional committee visit the islands biennially.

He said that the powers of the insular auditor needed revision and clarification.

The text of that part of the President's message touching upon the Philippines follows:

*The Message*

"Conditions in the Philippine Islands have been steadily improved. Contentment and order prevail. Roads, irrigation works, harbor improvements and public buildings are being constructed. Public education and sanitation have been advanced. The government is in a sound financial condition. These immediate results were especially due to the administration of Governor-General Leonard Wood. The six years of his governorship marked distinct improvement in the islands and rank as one of the outstanding accomplishments this distinguished man has left. His death was a loss to the nation and to the islands. Greater progress could be made and more efficiency could be put into the administration if congress would undertake to expend through its appropriating power all or part of the customs revenues which are now turned over to the Philippine treasury. Powers of the auditor also need revision and clarification. The government of the islands is about 98 per cent in the hands of Filipinos. In the extension of this policy, self-government will be hastened by a demonstration on their part of their desire and their ability to carry out cordially and efficiently the provisions of the organic act enacted by congress for the government of the islands. It would be well for a committee of congress to visit the islands every two years."

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