

INMAN WINS POINT IN BILLIARD PLANS

Willie Hoppe Agrees to the Use of 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ -Inch Balls for English Match.

Melbourne Inman, the English billiard champion, and Willie Hoppe, the American champion, arranged the final details for their international championship matches in a conference yesterday. Hoppe made a big concession to the Englishman in agreeing to use 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch balls in the English game, instead of the 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch balls originally agreed upon. The size finally agreed upon is but 1-32 of an inch larger than the maximum provided in the English rules.

The first two dates have already been fixed and the dates for the third match will not be announced for some time. This third match will be divided between Toronto, Montreal, and Winnipeg, Canada.

The first match, which starts at the Hotel Astor on Sept. 28, will be played alternately in English and American billiards. On the first night, 600 points of English billiards will be played, and on the following afternoon 500 points of the American game. After that the different games will be played on alternate days, the 600 points in the evening and 500 in the afternoon.

BRITT LEAVES FOR EUROPE.

Ex-Lightweight Will Make Vaudeville Tour with Hugh D. McIntosh.

Jimmy Britt and Hugh D. McIntosh, who were associated in promoting boxing on a large scale in London several years ago, leave for Europe on the Aquitania today. The last time Britt and McIntosh went to London it was to carry out a big boxing deal, but their present trip has nothing to do with sport. Britt and McIntosh were the first to introduce boxing on a large scale in England, and they staged many big bouts while they were in charge of Olympia, which they made the biggest boxing organization in London. The foundation they laid for boxing in England made possible the staging of the Smith-Carpentier bout, which attracted one of the largest crowds that ever saw a boxing bout in Europe.

It is an interesting coincidence that both gave up their boxing interests to go into the theatrical business, McIntosh in the office and managerial end and Britt on the stage. Britt, on his present trip, will make a vaudeville tour of the large cities of Europe and Australia under McIntosh's management.

THE TIMELY HITTERS.

Those Who Have Done Most Effective Batting in Major Leagues.

Probably Heinle Zimmerman of the Chicago Cubs will be the first major league player this season to pass the half century mark in driving in runs. At the end of the eleventh week's labors O'Day's hard-hitting third baseman had hammered home 43 tallies and was in the lead for the timely hitting honors of the majors. No less than six men then were tied for second place in the Runs Batted-In League, these athletes being Baker and McInnis of the Athletics, Lewis of the Red Sox, Shanks of the Senators, Walker of the Browns, and Wheat of the Superbas. Each of these players had hit in forty counters.

The two Philadelphia teams have the best trios of timely thumpers. To July 1 Baker, McInnis and Collins of the Mack men had batted in 115 markers, and Magee, Cravath and Luderus of the Doinites 109. The Red Sox have three formidable stickers in Lewis, Speaker and Gardner, who have put the finishing touches to 99 of their team's scoring output, and so have the Cubs in Zimmerman, Saier and Leach. The Western trio's record in this respect is the same as the Eastern trio's.

Frank Leroy Chance, who is a peerless leader when things are breaking right and a cheerless leader when they are breaking wrong, must wish that he could round up a trio of able clubbers like Baker, McInnis and Collins. His three best batters—Hartzell, Williams, who has been shunted to the Western League, and Maisel—only have knocked in 49 tallies. The entire Yankee team stood credited on July 1 with only having batted in 137 counters.

Pittsburgh is another major league club sadly in need of three men who can consistently hit safely when runs are in sight. Below will be found the three best men of each club at batting in runs: