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JOHNSON KNOCKED OUT

NEW KING IS BORN IN RING

KANSAS COWBOY APPLIES HAY-MAKER ON NEGRO IN 26TH ROUND

KNOCKOUT CLEAN AND FOLLOWS PUNISHMENT

Eleven Out of the 26 Rounds Fairly Belong to Willard, Johnson Taking Three and 11 Being Even—Crowd Greets New King with Monster Shout—Battle Considerably Late in Starting.

Ringside, Havana, April 5.—Unto the white race a new king of heavyweight prizefighters is born. The birth occurred late this afternoon in a gruelling 26 round battle when Jess Willard, a Kansas cowboy, brought back to the Caucasian race the laurels of the heavyweight title. He floored the Negro champion, Jack Johnson, in the 26th round and when the big smoke arose gorry and ashen, the Kansan shot over another terrific right to the jaw that laid the black man cold. A haymaker did it. Johnson, 38 years old, went down before a mighty swing, but he had fought a plucky fight.

After Johnson had been floored he turned ashen and his head dropped pathetically. Up to the 23rd round he was at himself most of the time, "kidding" his opponent, sticking out his stomach on occasions hoping to trap the young man.

Johnson had the best of only three rounds, eleven were even and the other eleven were clearly Willard's.

In the 26th and final round, Johnson hung on so determinedly that Referee Welsh had to force him to break. In fact from the beginning of the round Johnson showed inclination to avoid punishment. He was nearly gone before the fist terrific left swing came; when he came up Willard was on top of him and with one supreme effort landed the smash that laid the Negro cold.

A hush fell over the arena. In a few seconds it dawned upon the spectators that a new champion, a whiteman, reigned supreme and the shouting became terrific.

Heavy rains threatened throughout the day and an hour before the fight was to start the outlook was dubious. At the noon hour there were less than 3000 in the arena. At 12:30 it was apparent the fight would be late in getting underway. All the officials were at the ringside on time but the principals had not appeared at the scheduled hour. The crowd grew impatient as the weather cleared and the fighters had not appeared.

At 1:07 Willard entered the ring and 13 minutes later Johnson came up. The negro weighed 225 pounds and Willard 247. After considerable stir, the men prepared for the fight and were off at 1:32, Havana time.

Willard chose the southwest corner with the sun on his back and Johnson took the opposite without disputing. The referee then ordered the battle to begin.

Willard drew a mighty ovation when he stepped in the ring whereas the Negro got none to speak of.

The white man used great headwork. He tore into his opponent from the start and along about the 12 round when Johnson was worried and angry, the cowboy laid off for six rounds while the Negro pressed the fight. Then for two or three rounds Willard showed enough speed to make things an even break; then in the 21st he pulled ahead and with each succeeding round put the steam into his punches that finally did the business.

The fight round by round, follows:

Round One.

Johnson rushed Willard at start, forcing him into corner and clinched. Johnson smiling. Willard made Johnson lead, fighting viciously; Willard landed left to Negro's jaw; Johnson countered with a right to Willard's jaw, and they exchanged lefts to the body. Round even.

Round Two.

Willard missed left to head. Willard landed hard left, and hot hard right to Johnson's body. Spirited exchange of blows in center of the ring. Johnson landed right and Willard countered with left to the Negro's jaw. Willard's round.

Round Three.

Willard sends stiff left to body; they clinch, and Willard kept work-

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Sing Sing Turns Out Knitted Wear

TEACHING SING SING CONVICTS TO KNIT.

Mrs. Ernest Schelling

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New York, April 5.—Knitting at the opera, knitting at the fashionable dance, knitting at the more informal tango tea, has grown so common it isn't noticed any more. But the fact that the convicts up at Sing Sing are knitting for the Poles is really interesting. The idea of having those "doing time up the river" make things for the people between the German and Russian mill stones originated in the mind of Ernest Schelling, the American pianist. The credit for the application of the idea belongs to Warden Thomas Mott Osborne, the philanthropist-penologist.

The knitting at Sing Sing is, of course, entirely voluntary. But two hundred men ply the needles all the time they are not in the shops, the mess hall, or sleeping. The knitted bands, mufflers, socks and such are sent down to Mrs. Schelling, both the famous pianist and his wife being leading members of the American Polish Relief Committee, and by them are shipped to Poland.

Schelling knows how hard the Poles are hit, for he owns, or did own before the war, a deal of Polish property.

EASTER GIVEN DUE OVATIONS

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLD IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

Whole City Enjoys Parade of Easter Bonnets and Gowns.

Devoutly, with close adherance to ritualistic form, 41 Knights Templar, all members of the commandery in this city which has jurisdiction in this and Wallowa counties, observed Easter yesterday. The plan was a departure from the old custom of uniting all Eastern Oregon commanderies for Easter service. The program began with an informal buffet luncheon at the commandery asylum in the Masonic hall at noon. At 2:30 the Knights, in full regalia, marched to the Presbyterian church where one of their members, Rev. S. W. Seemann, D. D., formerly a pastor in this city, now located at Montavilla, delivered to the Knights the Easter address. The Presbyterian choir supplied the necessary music in a creditable manner.

After the rutialistic exercises at the church Rev. Seemann addressed the assemblage which taxed the capacity of the church. "Immortality" was his theme. Conclusviely, concisely and logically Dr. Seemann, cored the many arguments supporting the theory of immortality. "The highest and the lowest in all ages of the past," said the speaker, "believe in immortality in some form. Scientists have long since learned that matter and force are indestructible—they change only in form. So with the soul and body. A piano may be smashed up and destroyed, but the player lives on; so with the soul and brain. They are not one, for the

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SUN SPOTS VISIBLE.

La Grande Savant Finds Very Marked Presence of Spots.

While toying with the telescope purchased by a group of men in this city during the Halley comet episode, Perry Oliver Sunday found several well-defined sun-spots. One of the spots is about four times as big, apparently, as the largest of the troup during Halley's comet reign of excitement. Customarily sun-spots indicate electrical disturbances and storms in general.

ROOF FIRE CONQUERED

George H. Currey Residence Occupied by Pierce Family, Afire.

A blaze that started under the roof of the kitchen to the George H. Currey residence on Main street occupied by the Pierce family called out the fire department today. It was noticed early and neighborhood ladies applied a garden hose with good effect.

The need of directing the fire department carefully was seen again in this instance, though in the excitement that follows a telephone call in case of fire, this is generally overlooked. The street number was misunderstood over the telephone. It is expedient that when a fire is announced, the parties doing so await the coming of the fire department if possible. In this way where fires are still confined to the building and are not visible from the street, the department will have accurate guide to the whereabouts of the trouble.

HURT IN LION TRAP

Hunting Mountain Lions Proves Undoing of Idaho Man.

A. J. Bishop, of this city, has returned from a visit with his brother, Pete Bishop, in Idaho, who was seriously injured by a mountain lion last month. The lion was caught in a trap and in the fight Pete's left arm was broken and he also had three large gashes torn in his side, and his left eye was put out by the wild animal. Mr. Bishop says the sport of hunting mountain lion is not always a pleasant one.

SEVENTY-FIVE DIE IN STORM OVER ATLANTIC

LINER JEFFERSON HAS SEEMINGLY BEEN LOST IN THE STORM.

CRAFT OF ALL KIND IN DIRE DISTRESS

Storm Along the Atlantic Coast Drives All Kinds of Craft on Rocks—Reports Are Discouraging but Precise Details not Known—Nothing Heard from Several Big Ships Reported Down.

New York, April 5.—It was feared this morning that the liner Jefferson had gone down in the terrific storm which sunk a score of vessels and doing damage estimated at several million. Seventy are believed to have perished in the various disasters Easter day and night. The Prinz Maurits is believed to have foundered with a loss of 49. The tug Edward Luckenbach was pounded to pieces and sunk with a crew of 14. Three schooners are reported to be pounding to pieces on iDamond Shoals. Ten more lives are reported to have been lost when coal barges were beached off Delaware capes.

Supreme Court Reconvenes.

Washington, April 5.—The long-waited decision upon the appeal of Leo M. Frank of Atlanta from conviction of alleged murder of Mary Phagan, 14-year-old factory girl, was expected today when the Supreme Court resumed its sittings after a fortnight's Easter recess. Since it recessed March 29 the court has been preparing opinions exclusively and many other important decisions were expected today.

COYOTE REIGNS ABOUT FRUITDALE

THREE FARM HOMES VISITED BY MAD BEAST.

Terror Spread Among Residents—Poultry Bitten—Many Shots Fired at Animal.

A coyote, to all appearances rabid, this morning terrorized Fruitdale, a La Grande suburb. The beast was finally killed by Warren Wright after it had bitten an unknown number of chickens in the Will Hawkins barnyard, and driven Mr. Lovett, a nearby resident, into a barn, a prisoner. Mr. Hawkins was milking this morning when the beast appeared in the barnyard, dashing through a flock of chickens biting right and left. Hawkins knocked the beast down with a board and then when it returned for the fight, used a pitchfork upon him, but the coyote got away and went to the Lovett fruit ranch. There Mr. Lovett used the only shell he had in his gun to good advantage, but the beast again returned to the attack. Mr. Lovett was driven into a barn but was able to shout a call for help to Warren Wright, who lives next door. Bringing his shot gun, Wright knocked the animal down with one load, but again he came at him, and was killed only when a load of shot fired at close ange put Mr. Coyote out of commission. The carcass was brought to La Grande today.

ROBBERS GET BAKER GOLD

STAGE HELD UP AND BIG SUM TAKEN.

Stage Running Between Rainbow Mine and Durkee is Loser.

Baker, Ore., April 5.—Two masked bandits held up a stage between the Rainbow mine and Durkee today and escaped with $7000 in gold bullion. A posse is pursuing.

There was one passenger and a guard with the driver.

Yale Nine Meets Holy Cross.

Baltimore, M. D., April 5.—Heading the list of an Easter Monday sport program was the game this afternoon between Yale and Holy Cross.

TURKS SINK ALLIED SHIP

MANY VESSELS GO DOWN IN VARIOUS WAYS DURING PAST 24 HOURS

TURKS LOSE BATTLE SHIP OFF ODESSA RUS.

Turks Vessel Sinks When She Hits Her Own Mine and is Torpodoed to Save Allies from Capture— Two German Submarines Destroyed by Recent Aerial Attack on Belgium Base.

Berlin, April 5.—The British battleship Lord Nelson was destroyed by fire from Turkish forts defending the Dardanelles, Athens dispatches declare. The Nelson was an allied warship engaged in the bombardment. The dispatches declare she became stranded inside the straight and was pounded to pieces by Turkish guns. She carried a crew of 875.

Constantinople, April 5.—Loss of the Turkish armored cruiser Medjidieh in Sunday's engagement off Odessa, is officially admitted. The cruiser's crew of 320 was saved by other Turkish warships. Two small Russian vessels were sunk and the crews captured in the same engagement.

The Medjidieh was struck by a mine while the Turkish squadron was chasing a flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers and minesweepers. When it was seen the Medjidieh was seriously injured the Turks torpedoed her so there would be no chance of the enemy refloating her.

Russians Advance Steady

Petrograd, April 5.—Steady advance by Russians in the Uszoke pass is reported. Austriaps and Germans are defending the pass.

Aviators Raid Naval Base.

Paris, April 5.—Two German submarines were destroyed and a third badly damages by a raid on the German naval base at Hoboken, Belgian, by allied aviators March 26, the war office has announced. The shipyards were gutted by fire caused by the explosion of the bombs dropped by the aviators, the statement declares, inflicting heavy damage. Forty German workmen were killed and 62 wounded.

Two More Vessels Sink.

London, April 5.—Sinking of two more vessels by submarines has become known. It was announced the British steamer Olivine was torpedoed. From Portsmouth came reports that the Russian vessel Hermes was sunk. The Hermes was a three-masted ship. The news of her being sent to the bottom Sunday was learned when the crew landed at Portsmouth.

VALLEY OVER A MILLION RICHER

Intrinsic value of the rains that have fallen in Union county the past week cannot be estimated, further than to say that what now looks like a 2,000,000 bushel wheat crop would have fizzled had rain delayed much longer. As it now is, the crops are green and growing nicely everywhere in the county. Contrary to other sections of the state, no damage was done by the showers. Farmers all agree that the slow, soaking rain means more than a million dollars to Union county—assuming that there will be no catastrophe or drought later on in the year.

Rain Does Damage.

Pendleton, April 3.—What was nothing more nor less than a cloudburst last evening gave Pendleton and Umatilla county the worst drenching it has had in years and undoubtedly did more damage than any rain storm in a long time. Considerable grain on hillsides was washed out, county roads were made almost impassable, basements were flooded, sidewalks were put afloat, deep gullies cut in hillsdie streets, lawns washed out and a great deal of other minor damage done.

The storm began shortly before 6:30 with a sudden piccipitation of hail stones. This was followed by a torrential downpour of rain that lasted without any decrease in violence for a period of a half hour. Accompanying it were terrific volleys of thunder and vivid flashes of lightning. Though the official instrument shows that the total rainfall was only .58 of an inch, to some it seemed that it could only be measured in feet.

Soon every street in the city was a coursing stream of muddy water and everything that was floatable was being swept away. Those living at the bottoms of the hills suffered the most, the water pouring down upon and flooding their premises. Householders with shovels were soon out in the storm trying to divert the waters into the streets, some without avail.

Many of the streets are in need of improvement today as a result of the storm. The south Main street hill is cut into gullies and ditches, one of which is three feet deep, and all of the dirt was washed away, leaving the gravel base clean and bare. The Franklin street grade is in similar condidtion. In the flats at the base of the hills mud several inches deep was deposited on streets and sidewalks alike, and the O.-W. R. & N. yards were turned into a perfect lake of mud.

Over on the north side of the river a private storm sewer which Will Moore and James Johns have put in to carry off the surface waters that came down a gully, became clogged up and spouted water and mud five feet in the air. Considerable damage was done to the Eggers lot from this source.

Grain Washed Out.

Reports coming in from the farm sections indicate that in some localities considerable damage was done to the grain. On the hillsides particularly where the waters cut deep gullies, the grain was washed out. The many canyons became full-running stream carrying big volumes of water to the river which was raised to a point much higher than it has been all season. Local grain men declare that the damage done to the grain will not be as serious as some think.

Trestle Washed Away.

There is no traffic over the Pilot Rock branch of the O.-W. R. & N. today, the waters having washed out the second trestle to be encountered from the junction. The train started out this morning but was forced to return. Workmen are busy repairing the damage today. There were other washes along the railroad lines, but not enough to interfere with traffic.

County Roads Impassable.

Many of the county roads were so cut and muddied by the rains that they were impassable, as more than one auto party found to their sorrow. Caught away from home by the storm, some auto parties abandoned their machines by the roadside while others stuck with their cars through the night. Reports come in that a number of culverts were washed away and great ruts cut in the roads at many places.

TAXES HALF IN.

Total Collections to Date About $200,000 Show Totals.

Just about half of the total moneys to be collected this year in Union county have been paid into the county coffers, show totals struck since the first half period ended. While there are still some checks coming in under date prior to the penalty period, the figures will run close to $200,000 to date.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY

Knight's Ferry, Ore., April 5.—Blacksmith Sam Baugh has had a little Wall street experience but nevertheless has learned to eschew the bulls and bears. He went to Postmaster Collins' corral to look at the new Collins' bull, forgetting to doff his red shirt. When the bull charged at his shirt, Baugh ducked into a cave on the river bank, only to scramble out again. The bull charged again and, he dived back into the grotto, and then back and forth on several round trips.

'Stay in," yelled Collins from a tree.

"Won't; there's a bear inside."

Finally watching his chance, Baugh grabbed the bull by the tail and threw him. Later the men invaded the cave with guns and got a mother bear and two cubs.