

WILLARD MAY BE THROUGH WITH FIGHTING

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New York, July 13.—The pacifist heavyweight champion, Jess Willard, probably is all through with the fight game. Never a lover of the game which gave him fame and his fortune, Willard has purchased a circus, fired his managers, and now, presumably is ready to call it off.

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diction that Willard is through. He could hardly afford to risk public censure through taking on some of the lesser heavyweights, and of the few men available, there isn't a one who wouldn't be able to give King Jess the fight of his life. The action of the champion in getting rid of Tom Jones and Jack Curley is commendable in a sort of way, for it eliminates the syndicate which put the world's champion to work in a circus instead of sending him out to fight—which was expected of him by the public grateful for Willard's success in bringing back the world's title to the white race.

Willard has declared there isn't a man of sufficient ability to meet him. However, he said this before Fred Fulton succeeded in knocking out Sam Langford—something no other man ever could do. Willard long ago adopted a policy of no fights with the colored men—breaking the rule only once in order to win the world's title from Jack Johnson. It is doubtful, just the same, if his best days would have done him any good in a bout with the Boston Tarbaby, regardless of the great difference in their sizes.

If Willard yearns for a few more thousand dollars and a chance to retire gracefully from the fight game for him. Fred Fulton looms as his for all time the chance is just begging most formidable rival. Several promoters are eager to stage the bout. The public would go wild over a 20-round go between the pair. And there is no valid reason for holding it off. Willard would confer a favor by agreeing to the fight.

Trench Tales

His shrapnel wounds in arm and shoulder, though not dangerous were somewhat extensive, and he was newly back from the hottest kind of fighting; but it was not at all the fighting that this particular English

officer was most concerned to talk about.

"How are we getting on? Oh, there is nothing to worry about in that direction. The job just now is getting rid of Boches; and I can tell you it's going on at a great rate. I fancy it would startle even our people, let alone the people in Germany, if they knew the exact truth about the rate at which the Huns are being laid out. Of course I know nothing about the figures, but I do know what I've seen with my own eyes: How thick their dead lie on the ground. If their people knew the truth of it, they'd revolt and call off the whole business. But instead of the truth—Well, look at the official German casualty lists, republished in our papers from theirs. For the month of April, Prisoners 5381! And we and the French took forty thousand of them during that month. Of course, I know the list does not say that it includes all the casualties that occurred during April; but only that it's the April list. But you can guess what the people in Germany are meant to think about it. 5381 against 40,000. And the figures in killed and wounded would startle them a good deal more; especially the killed.

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Some of the officers under Secretary Daniels.



Photo by American Press Association. Rear Admiral Thomas S. Rodgers.



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MOST REMARKABLE FEAT OF MARKSMANSHIP

REMARKABLE FEAT OCCURS IN THE CONQUEST OF MT. CORNILLET.

Projectile Larger Than a Man and Weighing Over Half a Ton Lands in Ventilating Shaft of the German's Tunnel—This One Shot Made Possible the Victory—Half of German Garrison Killed.

BY HENRY WOOD.
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WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN CHAMPAGNE, June 30.—(By Mail)
—The most remarkable feat of marksmanship of the war occurred on May 20, during artillery preparation that preceded the French's final conquest of Mount Cornillet and Mount Teton and Casque. A French gun crew, manning one of the new 400 millimeter French guns, and firing at a distance of not less than ten miles, placed one of their projectiles much larger than a human being and weighing over half

a ton, in the ventilating shaft of the German's tunnel under Mount Cornillet. This one shot can actually be said to have made possible the French victory of the same day in which the final conquest was made of the northern slopes of the Moronvillier crest from Cornillet to Mount Teton. The tunnel under Mount Cornillet was one of the veritable masterpieces of defensive organization which the Germans have perfected in the hopes of maintaining an unbreakable hold on French soil. The system of tunnels underneath in which reserves could be kept safe from all bombardment was calculated to render the Mount absolutely untakable and to insure permanently the German's stranglehold on Champagne. The tunnel consisted of three galleries which were united in the center by a cross corridor. Several ventilating shafts extended upward to the top of the mountain and ventilation was assured by hand-worked ventilators.

It was this tunnel that on April 17, in the original French attack along the Moronvillier front that checked the French on the extreme left. As the victorious "pollux" swept up the Moronvillier crest, driving everything before them, three battalions of reserves, fresh and fully protected in the tunnel from the French's artillery preparation, suddenly dashed out, and delivered a counter-attack that checked the French foot soldiers already exhausted from a long vigorous attack and advance.

The latter dug in, however, before the mouth of the tunnel and were able to hold out till May 4. The Germans in the meantime having brought up fresh troops from the rearward through the tunnel and repaired their positions at the exit of the tunnel were able finally to force the French to fall back.

Two weeks later the French again undertook the capture of the Mount. Everything depended upon either the capture or the destruction of the tun-

nel, and for this some of the heaviest French artillery was brought into play.

During the artillery preparation of May 19, gas shells were rained into the mouth of the tunnel until it was practically certain that the garrison had been driven out or killed. The airplanes however were unable to report any indication of serious damage to the tunnel with the exception of the entrance, which however in view of the experience of the first attack could hardly be counted on as insuring the destruction of the tunnel. The bombardment continued with all its intensity and with an ever increasing accuracy, as every shot was controlled by aerial observation, until suddenly during the forenoon of the 20th, just

a few hours before the infantry was scheduled to dash to the assault, the big 400 millimeter shell, struck squarely in the principal ventilator shaft of the tunnel.

No doubt remained in the minds of the French commanders of the efficiency of this shot and they ordered their troops to the assault. But it was only after the mountain with its tunnel was taken that the full effects of the shot could be established.

The shell penetrating the airshaft demolished the transverse corridor which connected up the three galleries. Half of the garrison was dead and the entrances so filled up that the rest could not escape. Several hundred prisoners were taken from the interior.

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