

PUGS DRAW CROWD

Five Thousand People See
Fitz and Jeff.

TWO GIANTS OF THE RING SPAR

For Six Minutes They Exchange
Blows in Exhibition—Kid Free-
man Wins From Young Mur-
ray in Preliminary.

Over 5000 admirers of the "manly art" gathered at the Exposition building last night to watch the world's two greatest fighters go through three bouts of terrific stunts and to get a face-to-face view of the two men who settled the world's championship question at San Francisco last July. Jeff and Fitz showed up according to expectations, and when the crowd went home at 10:30 it had the satisfaction of knowing that it had seen an exhibition of scientific boxing that could not be surpassed on earth.

In addition to seeing the champions the crowd saw Kid Freeman, of Oregon City, win from Young Murray, and Swede Swanson and Mike Kinney fight to a draw in a four-round go. The other preliminaries served to enliven the event, neither one of which was for a decision.

Early in the evening people from all over the city began to assemble in twos and threes in front of the big doors, and by the time the ticket-seller opened up his little box all the walk on Washington street was crowded with a swaying and surging mass of humanity, all anxious to be the first in and the first to get a glimpse of the fighters. By 8 o'clock the seats provided for the spectators were completely jammed close up around the ring. Up in the balconies the standing-room was completely occupied, and from the ring in the center all that could be seen was a vast field of black, with regular rows of white dots, the faces of the spectators.

Ethiopian Amuse the Crowd.
The first men in the ring were two Ethiopians, who were desirous of emulating Peter Jackson. They were heralded as Al Robertson, of Denver, and Kid Sawyer, of Seattle, and they went at each other for four rounds. The Seattle man was short and the Denver man tall, but the little man was there with the goods every trip, and kept his long partner guessing as to where the next bunch was going to land. The crowd howled itself hoarse as the two fellows skipped around the ring, and when the bell rang when Jack King jerked the bell wire for the close of the last round.

The second of the preliminaries was a four-round go for a decision between Swede Swanson, of Albany, and Mike Kinney, of San Francisco. Both the men were in good form, and very evenly matched, and from the first they showed the crowd that the go would be well worth the watching.

At first there was lots of sparring, with some good hard punches in between. In the other three rounds there was less of the jumping and more of the hitting, both men getting their share of the punishment. At the end of the bout Jack Day declared it to be a draw.

Probably the most interesting event on the program was a spirited mix between Fred Wyatt, of Canada, and the Kirby Kid, of Seattle, which started out for 10 rounds. The Seattle man was a backer, tall and thin, and very loosely connected. Wyatt was built like a barrel, and just landed out jobs, punches and short-arm jabs, with a lightning-like rapidity that bespoke much practice.

Kid Kirby Goes Out.
The Kirby kid got one blow in the first round, and after that he was too busy keeping out of the way of his adversary to care to try the stunt again. He danced in one foot when he was hit on one side, and on the other foot when he was hit on the other side, and the crowd howled till it was hoarse. He went to the bad in the first of the third round, and after being knocked down four times he was hit on the other side of the ring, looking for all the world like a broken jumping-jack.

Mr. Barry, of New York, was to have met Mr. Cooper, of somewhere else, but shortly after his arrival in Portland, Mr. Cooper decided that he didn't like the city, and he went off in the night. Mr. Barry will meet any middle-weight in the West, so he says.

Leaves Jail for the Ring.
Early in the afternoon, young Murray arrived from Tacoma, only to be arrested charged with misappropriating some of his employers' funds, about \$200 all. After some little negotiating with the police, he was allowed to come to the ring last night, under escort, and start a 10-round go with Kid Freeman, of Oregon City. Freeman fought on the aggressive and was too much for Murray, and was consequently awarded the decision in the sixth, after a good stiff fight.

Fitz and Jeff Meet.
The fifth and last event was the great three-round exhibition between Fitzsimmons and Jeffries. After the last of the preliminaries, there was a pause in the excitement for a few seconds, only to begin afresh when two figures were seen coming down the stairs, clad in long bathrobes. The crowd on the lower floor and in the balconies stood on their feet and craned their necks to get a glimpse of the great pugs, and the men on the stairs stood back to let them pass. There were two V-shaped ripples in the jammed mass of people on the sides of the ring as the two men worked their way to the ropes, and climbed up on the platform. When they got in full view of all the people, there was an outburst of cheering and hat-waving, and the crowd called for speeches, yelling and howling all the while.

Fitz was clad in lavender tights, with a little belt of American flags knotted round his waist. He is very spare in the legs, but above the waist he has the build of a 200-pound man. Bald, with a fringe of light brown hair on the back of his head, slightly sloped to the shoulders, with a powerful slope to his arm and shoulder muscles, and a broad, expansive back, appearing perceptibly at the waist—such is Robert Fitzsimmons, ex-champion of the world. A florid face and a projecting lower lip add to the general appearance of the Cornishman.

James J. Jeffries was clad in black tights. He has a mass of curly, black hair, a flat face, with a little point at the end of his nose, and arms, back and legs that have to be seen to be appreciated. He, too, has a slight slope to the shoulder, and a short, stocky neck, every characteristic and point of a prizefighter. But a glance at Jeffries does not show his characteristics. The first thing to be seen, above and beyond all, is his size. Weighing as he does over 235 pounds, and with a back 2 feet across, Jeffries is in truth a giant.

The crowd howled continually for a talk, and finally Fitz got up and said a few words, concluding by saying: "Age must give way to youth, and I had to go down before the younger, if not a handsomer man." The spectators howled some more, just to hear themselves howl.

JAMES JEFFRIES, CHAMPION OF THE WORLD



"Still," said Jeffries, "I guess that Corbett might pick up a few dollars if he could get Fitzsimmons interrupted. 'Say,' he ex-postulated to the artist who was sketching him, 'don't make me so awful ugly as they usually do. I'm not so bad.' The artist happened to glance at the fighter's foot, which was shod with a small patent leather shoe.

"Your foot is very small," said the man who draws pictures.

"I can wear Mrs. Fitzsimmons' shoes," said the six-foot pugilist proudly, and for fear that Mrs. Fitzsimmons might suffer by the remark he explained that a number five shoe would fit his wife.

"You are very young looking for a man of 40," suggested the reporter. "Why is it?"

"I have a good wife," said Fitzsimmons.

HENRY HARRIS ON A HUNT.

San Francisco Baseball Manager Looks Over Northwest Situation.
Henry Harris, manager of the San Francisco baseball team, is now making a little tour of the Northwest on his own hook, and it is likely that before he gets back to the California city again, there will be something doing in the Pacific Northwest Baseball League. Manager Harris arrived in Portland Monday morning, and after an investigation into the local situation, he left for Seattle yesterday afternoon, where he will continue his researches for discontent among the fans and players.

Mr. Harris came to Portland and the Northwest with the idea of looking into some bowling-alley interests, but after he arrived, he found that all was not quiet in the baseball world, and that the last league meeting had not settled the expansion matter as definitely as it was thought, at the time it was held. Therefore it was decided that the matter was worth looking into, and so when Harris hit the Puget Sound cities, he will inquire into the baseball situation as well as bowling alleys, and he promises that there will be some matters of news to report when he finishes his tour of inspection.

It seems that the Coast cities, Seattle, Portland and Tacoma, are not satisfied with the way that matters were conducted at the league meeting at the close of the season, and it is now evident that the discussion at that time may be opened up again. Some of the baseball fans do not hesitate in saying that these three towns will withdraw from the Pacific Northwest League and join California, thus leaving Butte, Spokane and Helena in the cold. The inland cities would have a hard problem to face, and the only course that is apparently open to them would be to join with Salt Lake and Ogden.

With this suggestion comes the question, what are the California people going to do with a seven-team league? The answer comes without much hesitation, drop Los Angeles. There seems to be the same sort of discontent in San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento against the Southern California city, and if Los Angeles were to be dropped, the Pacific Coast League would consist of six teams. Other wiseacards have decided that Tacoma is to be the town dropped, and Seattle and Portland the only clubs to be taken into the California League.

Mr. Harris spent a good deal of time looking over the local situation, and had several consultations with Jack Marshall, and other fans. President Whitmore stated that he knows nothing of the visit, and Manager Samway also said that he had not seen Harris. When seen yesterday by an Oregonian reporter, Harris said:

"I have been looking into the situation very thoroughly, and I will not doubt be able to form some sort of an opinion as to what course I shall take after I have visited Seattle and Tacoma. I shall be back in Portland later on in the week, and I am sure that I will have made all my arrangements by that time. I hardly know of baseball when I arrived, but now I have seen some of the fans, and there may be something in the amalgamation scheme before the finish."

Just what President Lucas will do if the teams break from his control is of course unknown, but it is suggested that he will have a large bunch of forfeit money in his treasury with which to entice himself. Meantime the interested people are anxiously waiting to see what Mr. Harris will accomplish.

HORSE RACES IN THE RAIN.

Three Favorites Win—Two Jockeys Have Mishaps.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The majority of the races at Ingleside today were run in the rain, but there was some interesting sport. Three favorites won, while Ned Dennis, a 12-to-1 shot, scored in one race. Tommy Burns landed three winners. In the steeplechase Granger threw his boy, and the rider of Olintus fell off at the last jump. Duke of York won from Rainier. Matter remounted and took third money with Olintus. Summary:

"Purity" course, selling—Lounswelle won, Jim Brownell second, Elkanu third; time, 1:14.

One mile, selling—Byrondale won, Stuyves second, Eschertine third; time, 1:44.

Future course, selling—Ned Dennis won, Malaspina second, Filbuster third; time, 1:14.

Handicap steeplechase, short course—

ROBERT FITZSIMMONS



EX-CHAMPION WHO WANTS TO RE-ENTER THE RING.

Duke of York II won, Rainier second, Olintus third; time, 3:40.
Five and one-half furlongs, purse—Gold-bell won, Deutschland second, The Fox third; time, 1:09.

Six furlongs, selling—Sad Sam won, Golden Light second, Glendenning third; time, 1:12.

RACES AT NEW ORLEANS.
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8.—Crescent City race results:

Five furlongs—Latuka won, Athana second, Pride of Galore third; time, 1:34 1/2.

Selling, one mile—Chickadee won, Commissioner Forster second, Athala third; time, 1:48.

Six furlongs—Scorpio won, Ordund second, Wealth third; time, 1:14 1/2.

Selling, seven furlongs—Moroni won, Pierce J. second, Deponan third; time, 1:24 1/2.

Five and one-half furlongs—Glennville won, Harry second, Canyon third; time, 1:12.

Selling, 1 1/4 miles—Barrack won, Compass second, Marcos third; time, 2:47.

Commissions on California Races.
Accepted, Portland Club Cafe, 130 Fifth street. Direct from the tracks.

WANTS CHRISTMAS GAMES.

Multnomah Anxious to Meet Oregon Varsity and Alumni.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Manager Wright, of the University of Oregon football team, received a communication this evening from George McMillan, manager of the Multnomah eleven, stating that the club desires a Christmas game with Eugene, the University team to consist of the present varsity eleven and old players from the Oregon alumni. The proposition meets with the approval of the students concerned, provided that an equitable division of the gate receipts could be secured for the university. The matter will have to go before the faculty athletic committee before anything definite can be decided upon.

WISCONSIN WILL NOT COME.

Athletic Council of University Decides Against Western Trip.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—A special to the Tribune from Madison, Wis., says: The athletic council of Wisconsin University has decided that the proposed trip of the football team to the Pacific Coast should be given up. The faculty members of the school were opposed to playing any other games than those first scheduled with the University of California and Leland Stanford. The reason for this was the members of the faculty were that the games with the Utah and the Paris Indian team would not help Wisconsin's reputation in the West, especially after the team had been out of training for two weeks.

NATIONAL LEAGUE MEETING.

Bent on Being First in Field With Playing Schedule.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The annual meeting of the National Baseball League was begun here today. At the opening of the session the league committee announced that a draft of the playing schedule for the year was ready for presentation. The action of the National men in preparing a playing schedule at this time is said to be a declaration of the renewal of war upon the American League. Last year the Americans were first in the field with their playing dates, and the National was forced to revise its schedule in order to avoid as much as possible conflicting dates.

IS UNEVENTFUL BICYCLE RACE.

But for a Bad Spill When Every Rider Went Down.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—But for one bad spill in the afternoon, in which every rider on the track went down, Julian Beckett, being picked up unconscious, the bicycle race today was without exciting features. The men continued to drop steadily behind the record. The midnight score was: Berton-Harragon, McFarland-Maya, Stinson-Moran, Bedell-Bedell, Newkirk-Jacobson, Butler-Turville, Leander-Floyd Krebs, 200 miles; 2 laps; Barclay-Franz Krebs, Keegan-Peterson, Galvin-Root, 150 miles; 1 lap; Doerflinger-Helley, 80 miles; 2 laps; record, 590 miles 8 laps.

Corbett After Jeffries.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—James J. Corbett, through his brother, Harry Corbett, tonight made a deposit of \$500 with Sam Thall, as temporary stakeholder, to secure a fight with James Jeffries before the club offering the best inducements. The fight is to be pulled off next May or June.

Not All Running Races.
Robert Leighton, secretary of the Vancouver Jockey Club, who is engineering the proposed Portland Speed and Fair Associa-

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Half Million Dollars Lost and Old Landmarks Destroyed.
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 9.—Fire early today destroyed nearly a block of buildings in the heart of the city. The loss is estimated at \$500,000. The fire broke out in the furniture store of the Snook & Austin Company, on Whitehall street. A strong northwest wind sent showers of sparks to the Norcross building, at Marietta, and destroyed the store of the large drugstore of the Jacobs Company on Marietta street, the liquor store of the P. M. Rose Company and the Williams hotel. There was no loss of life so far as known.

There was considerable excitement among the guests of the Kimball House, half a block away, as the sparks and flames were blowing in that direction, but the iron windows were closed, and the guests suffered little inconvenience because the smoke in the building. The windows of the 10-story Peters' building, completed less than six months ago, were cracked by the heat and other damage done the structure. The Norcross building was filled with the offices of professional men, and the entire sixth floor was used as a restaurant.

It is rumored that several people who were sleeping in the Norcross building have not been seen since the fire broke out, but this lacks confirmation. It was definitely learned later that there had been no loss of life. The Snook & Austin Company sustained the largest individual loss, their stock of furniture having been extensive.

Among the other losses are: Jacobs Pharmacy Company, Guarantee Clothing Company, Viaduct lunchrooms, Ham-mack Drug Company, Alonzo Nernuton, barber; Hub Haberdashery Company, Daniels Bros. and Hughes & McClelland.

WISCONSIN TOWN BURNED UP.
LYNCHBURG, Wis., Dec. 9.—A lumbering town with a population of 125, on the Soo Railroad, has been destroyed by fire, according to a message received here today.

Pain in the side nearly always comes from a disordered liver, and is promptly relieved by Carter's Little Liver Pills. Don't forget this.

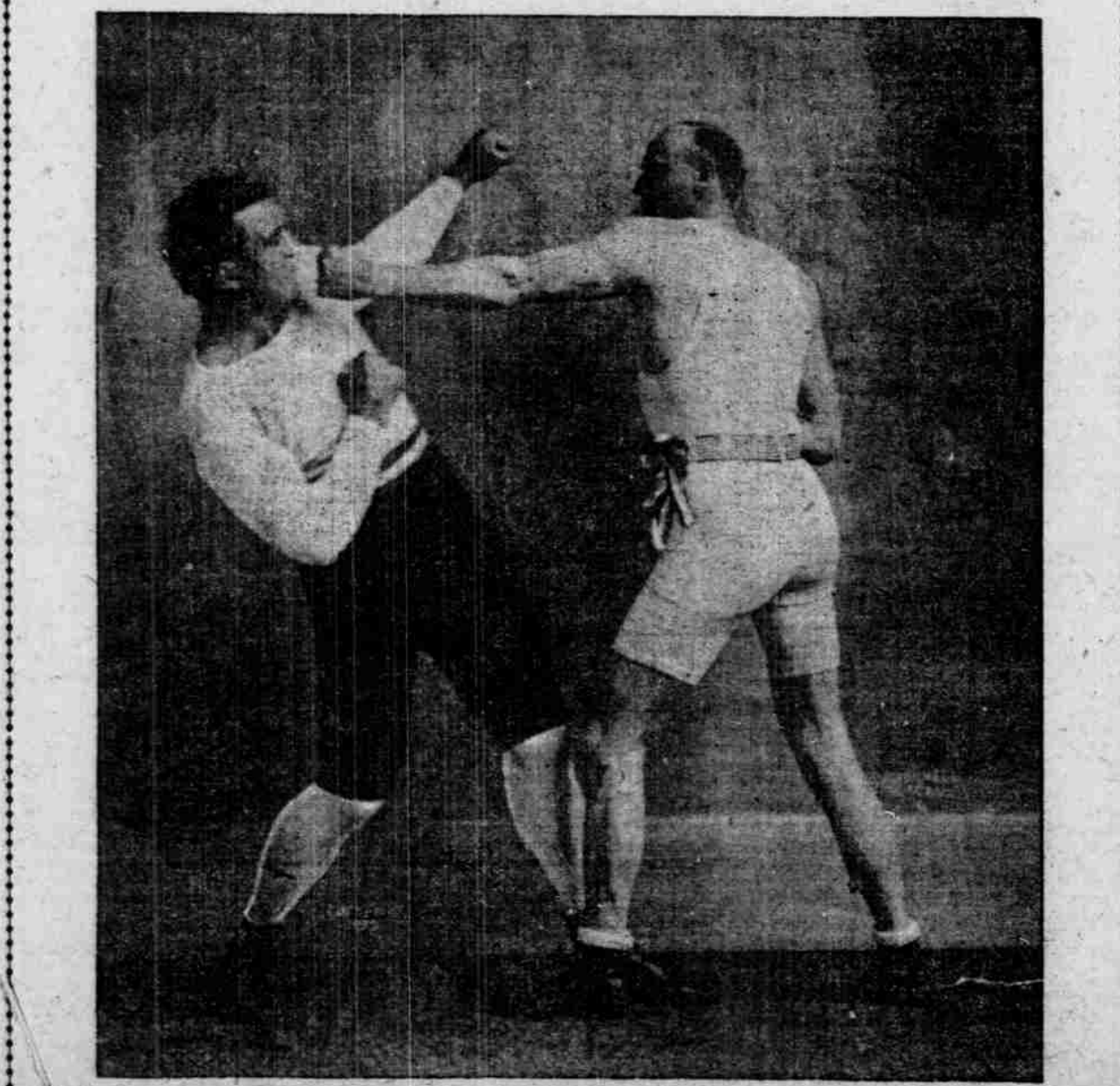
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