

SVEN JOHNSON'S BID HIGHEST FOR FIGHT

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AWARD WELT UNTIL TODAY

Picture Rights Estimated to Be Worth Half Million—Promoter Offers \$110,000 to Be Divided as Contestants Wish It.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—No decision announcing the successful bidder for the world's championship heavyweight prize fight between J. J. Jeffries, retired and undefeated champion, and Jack Johnson, negro title-holder, was made in New York tonight, because the promoters wished to avoid any possible clash with the police authorities. The decision will be made known in Hoboken, N. J., at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Sporting men gathered here were keenly disappointed for what many considered a puritanical interpretation of the anti-prizefight laws in this state, but Police Commissioner Baker had served notice that no such entertainment would be made in New York with propriety. Accordingly, it was decided to press the New Jersey city, and the fight was scheduled to be opened this morning, in service again tomorrow for the final award.

Alliance May Win.

Gossip in sporting circles tonight picked as the winning bidder James Coffroth, of the Colma Athletic Club, San Francisco; Jack Gleason, the California baseball magnate, and "Tex" Rickard, a former boomer, who apparently have formed a triple alliance to get the fight. Coffroth is commonly credited with a close alliance with the persons controlling the two basic patents of the moving picture machine. Gleason is known as a close personal friend of Hornet, manager for Jeffries. Thus, the talk among sporting men is that Gleason and Coffroth hoodled the interests, but that at the last moment Rickard, who pulled off the Gans-Nelson fight, came in with a threat to bid such an enormous sum that it would not be denied.

Cards Stacked, Says McCarey.

This result, according to general belief, was that Gleason, Rickard, and Coffroth in one bid for "Colma, Oceanview, or San Francisco," also united with Rickard in the offer for "Utah, Nevada or California" reporters, who give decisions in that city. Webster's friends believe he has been given the worst of it and that he can whip Monte in a 20-round battle. Attell is a far better boxer, but Webster is a husky lad and a very hard hitter. The cards have been stacked against Attell's great improvement during the last year.

College Will Enter League

Whitworth Coach and Faculty Favor Conference.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 1.—It has practically been decided by the athletic management at Whitworth College that the Presbyterian institution will apply for admission into the Northwest intercollegiate conference at the next meeting of the league. Coach George Case favors this plan, and he is supported by the faculty.

Hunt Club Meets Saturday

Riding Organization Will Elect Officers for Coming Year.

All members of the Portland Hunt Club, the representative riding organization of the city, are urged to attend the annual meeting of the club at the rooms of William Wood, in the Oregonian building, tonight, at 8 o'clock, to elect officers for the coming year.

Combine Bids \$125,000.

John J. Gleason, of San Francisco, in combination with James W. Coffroth, submitted a bid of \$125,000 for a fight on July 4 at either the Colma Athletic Club or Ocean View or San Francisco, reserving full rights in the picture. Gleason agreed if the bid was accepted immediately to deposit a check for \$20,000. Coffroth made a similar offer, offering a purse of \$75,000 and 66 2-3 per cent of the picture receipts.

Australian Makes Offer.

A cablegram was received from Hugh McIntosh, of Australia, offering \$75,000 to each of the fighters for a contest in this country, \$40,000 to each fighter for a contest in either England or France, and \$60,000 to each fighter for a contest in Australia. No check accompanied the offer, and McIntosh's bid was not considered.

Demarest Wins First Game

Breaks Tie in Billiard Match by Defeat of Cline.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The first game of the triple tie between Demarest, Cline and Sutton in the international professional 18-ball billiard championship was won tonight at Madison Square Garden by preliminary Demarest, of Chicago, from Harry P. Cline, of Philadelphia, by a score of 3-0 to 3-83.

More Football Matches in Sight.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—The Pennsylvania football team will offer Michigan a two-year contract for annual matches and Michigan is expected to accept. The teams have played four times and Michigan won once.

Spears Heads Auto Association.

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Fighters Give Exhibition.

Both Jeffries and Johnson appeared in a ring at the Madison-Square Garden tonight at what is probably their last similar display before the public prior to the fight, but, contrary to expectations, the garden was not well filled.

Johnson came on first and sparred with a white opponent in a mild manner.

RESTRICT PEERS' IS LIBERAL PEA

Manifesto Says Lords Have Cast Constitution Into Melting Pot.

ROSEBERY WARNS AGAIN

Asquith to Move in Commons That Upper Body Has Usurped Rights.

Cabinet Prepares Its Own Warfare.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The National Liberal Federation tonight issued a manifesto to the country, which may be regarded as a party rally for the elections. It concentrates attention entirely on the constitutional struggle between the House of Lords and the House of Commons. It says:

"If the present action of the peers is not repudiated swiftly by the people, rights and privileges won so dearly by our forefathers in the great struggle for freedom are all surrendered."

The manifesto declares the peers' power must be restricted so that the last word on legislation and finance will rest with the public. Otherwise, no Liberal party can assume again the responsibilities of office.

Electors Must Decide.

"In the fight forced upon us," the manifesto continues, "the electors will have to decide whether they wish to govern themselves or be governed at second hand by a few hundred hereditary peers who have thrown the constitution into the melting pot in order to shift the burden of taxation on wealthy land and liquor interests to food and the necessities of life."

Lord Rosebery, in a letter to the press tonight, repudiates the charge made by Lord Curzon that he led an army to the walls of a fortress and then abandoned it. Lord Rosebery reiterates that throughout he has opposed and warned against the course the Lords have taken as one calculated to injure and to affect the House of Lords itself and to enhance what popularity the budget may possess.

Asquith Opens Fight.

Premier Asquith announced today in the House of Commons that tomorrow he would move a resolution that the action of the House of Lords in refusing to pass the budget was a breach of the constitution and an usurpation of the rights of the House of Commons.

Former Premier Balfour, leader of the opposition in the Commons, will reply, setting forth the view that the new and important departure in public policy represented by the budget bill should be submitted to the people. John Redmond, head of the Irish party, and another representative of the Labor party, will follow with speeches.

The Chamberlain, which had already determined on the policy it would pursue in the event of Lord Lansdowne's amendment being carried, met early today to consider the decision and to consider the wording of the motion which Premier Asquith will submit to the House of Commons.

The election campaign will open in earnest on Friday, when David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, will deliver speeches and, with the exception of a brief respite at Christmas, will continue the fight until election day.

HELPLESS WOMAN SLAIN

GRAY-HAIRED SPINSTER ACCUSED OF DROWNING NIECE.

Body Found in Deserted House in New Jersey—Life Insurance Furnishes Motive.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Virginia Wardlaw, a gray-haired spinster, was charged with the murder of her young niece, Mrs. Cecy W. N. Snead, whose body was found in a bathhouse in a deserted house in East Orange Monday.

Death, according to the coroner, was due to drowning in less than a foot of water. In view of many features of the case—the young woman's detention in deserted houses, while having a \$40,000 insurance policy on her life, the fact that she owned property in Brooklyn worth \$15,000 and her apparent helplessness for months—Miss Wardlaw was held without bail. Two other women, said to have been associated with the victim, are under surveillance.

The police theory is that Mrs. Snead had been in a helpless condition for months, unable to direct her own affairs, and was at the mercy of whoever acted as her guardian.

SENATORS SCORE REPORT

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