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He hardly stirred as the camera men planted the tripods of their machines in the back yard of the Jeffries private establishment and it took all the persua-sive powers of Jack Gleason and Sam Berger to induce him to forsake the shade and pose while innumerable friends and acquaintances passed in front of him and shook him by the hand. Names were secured by the score, names that are familiar to the reading public and the followers of the sporting game.

picture that the film operators d most of all was a galaxy of stars. With Jim Jeffries, Corbett and Sam Berger standing as a reception committee, the long list of honor was called and in rapid succession, champion and ex-champions, personal friends, newspaper writers and cartoonists known from ocean to ocean, passed the line and had themselves photographed in action.

## Jeff's Humor Good.

Somebody remarked that the excitement may not have been the best thing in the world for Jeffries, but he apparently did not mind it in the least. If anything, he was in the best possible humor and joked with friends and photographers who were after him for more

At the Johnson camp it was also a day of rest and recreation and amusement, if you except the road work in the after-noon. The black champion spent the forenoon on the veranda listening to his phonograph and occasionally dabbling in a game of dice which was always under way

"Battling" Nelson and Young Peter Jackson were among the visitors who showed up at the quarters for the after-noon's sension but the bulk of the talent spent their time with Jeffries. Jack Root has evolved a new line of

argument and after considering the pros and cons, I don't know but what he is right. At all events, the man who lost the championship title to Marvin Hart has Jim Corbett as a strong supporter in what he terms the advanced science.

#### Root Has Theory.

Briefly speaking, Root says that a stomach blow, or a body blow delivered in the high altitude around Reno, is far more effective than the same punch de-livered, say, in a ring pitched in San

it is because the altitude affects our wind more or less when we have not been living in the mountain country. However that may be, you watch out for body punches in this coming fight." Whether the change will benefit Johnson or Jeffries, Root refused to say.

RENO, Nev., July 1.-(Speical)-Well, as I told The Oregonian readers yester-day, I paid a visit to the camp of Jack Johnson this morning. The champion has always been very friendly with me and today he was especially cordial. He invited me up to his room and we had a long talk.

was little in sight to repay the ever-vigilant war correspondents who trav-eled out to his camp. Johnson was in his most sunny humor all day. He was repeatedly at-tacked by his sparring partners and trainers in the playful mock assaults popular at the resort and never lost an opportunity to set things going on Of course. Johnson knows how I feel about this fight and I haven't made any bones of it to him that I think Jeffries is the winner. For all that, the black is fair to me. He said that he expected his own account. When asked, as he is about every hour of every day, how he felt, the champion's big black face beamed with win, but these were his very words: "If Jeffries beats me I will be t amusement. "Just look me over," he answered. "If I ever felt any better I would not the very first man to shake hands with him and I will bear him no malice. I never know how to stand it. I think it would have had any malice as regards this probably hurt me." fight, for it is all a matter of business with me. ing up in the gymnasium is the cham-

### Friends Not Asked to Bet.

ing up in the gymnastum is the cham-plon's plan of campaign for tomorrow and Sunday. What he will do Monday morning he has not said. None of his trainers was able to give any outline of his advance programme, as Johnson "So far as betting is concerned, I "So far as betting is concerned, i am going to have a bet on myself, but I never ask my friends to bet on me. I don't want them to bet on me if they think that I cannot win the fight." Then I left Johnson. I didn't see him "stripped, but so far as I can see he is in excellent shape and it ought to be a great fight to watch. He told me that he was going on the road i nthe after-noon, as he wants to keep down his weight and be as right as possible. acts, as a rule, on the spur of the oment The battle tension is noticeable about the camp, that is, among the cham-plon's followers, but Johnson displays not the least sign that he thinks of the near approach of the Fourth of July,

except when some questioner compels him to turn his mind to it. weight and be as right as possible. In the afternoon I went out to the Jeffries camp again with Dr. Loomis. I DELANEY TO START FOR RENO found the retired champion in the bes possible spirits. He was playing cards when I arrived, but he greeted us pleas-antiy. At this stage of the game I have not expected to see him in such good spirits. When they called upon him to

pose for the moving pictures he did so with good grace, and must have shaken hands with 100 people. He didn't box, and it is just as well that he didn't, for is no use taking any chances with his hand.

### Camps Will Be Quiet.

For the balance of the time it is going to be very quiet around the camps. Both men are naturally going to rest. They have trained good and

"Din" at Jeffries Camp Gets Tickets Francisco. "You watch this fight," he said this morning, "and you will see what I mean. I knew that I was beating Hart right along until he delivered a hard body punch and that stopped me. I was all right when I recovered a few moments later, but it struck me all in a heap. I have had a long talk with Jim Corbett about this very same thing and he agrees with me. "You watch this fight," he said this up together than, James J. Corbett, James J. Jeffries and Tommy Burns. I guess that we will see more sport-ing celebrities here for this fight than any event of its kind that has ever taken place. The Australian contin-gent arrived this morning and they are a fine looking lot. Frank Gotch also came in and will be one of the strongest Jeffries supporters. RENO, Nev., July 1.--(Special.)-In the excitement and crowding that took place during the taking of the moving pletures at Jeffries camp today. Charles Waldron, a showman from New York, lost \$500 and a showman from New York, lost save and two tickets for the big fight through the work of a pickpocket. Waldrom felt the man going through his pockets, but there was so much noise at the time that the crock made his escape. Jeffries expressed his sincere re-gret to Waldron, when he heard of the showman's loss.

also came in and will be one of the strongest Jeffries supporters. The beeting remains at 10 to 5½, ac-cording to the announcement of Tom Corbett, and that is where I expect the price will stand, although there may be a slight change in favor of Johnson. Tonight there is a wild runnor around that Jeffries will box tomorrow morning

Light road work and a little limber-

Veteran Trainer Will Be in John-

son's Corner, if Health Permits.

OAKLAND, July 1 .- Billy Delaney

will be in Johnson's corner July 4, If

and \$500 From Showman.

some 200 men and nearly everyone of the lot bears a name known to the sporting world from one end of the country to the other. The thronging adherents of the white champion passed before him as he stood in front of the moving-picture machine and every smile or change of expression that crossed the big fellow's face was re-introduction to the "hattle of July 4." There were fighters, promoters, sporting writers and just mere men in the procession that etraneed become

the procession that streamed between the eye of the camera and the pugilist.

Among them John L. Sull'van, George Harting, Tommy Burns, Abe Attell, Sam Langford, Battling Nelson, Bill Lang and Hugh McIntosh figured prominent-ly. To each Jeffries extended his hand in greeting, and to each he accorded his rare smile.

## Jeff Talks With Abe.

After the picture-taking was over, Jeffries strolled spart with Abe Attell. The two were in conference for an hour. Jeffries bent over the little fighter, listening intently to every word he uttered. It was an important talk for Jeffries. Abe Attell was in Jack for Jeffries. Abe Attell was in Jack O'Brien's corner when the latter met Jack Johnson in Philadeiphia less than a year ago. The lightweight told the undefeated heavyweight today that O'Brien made Johnson "look foolish" on many occasions during that fight. He said that Jeffries should use the same methods O'Brien employed against the black fighter. Attell illustrated with his own fists the blows he would have Jeffries deliver and Jeffries watched with his attention concentrated

After the talk Abe declared that he After the talk Abe declared that he was utterly taken by surprise at Jef-fries' appearance. He said that he had been misled by pictures of the former champion and before seeing that fighter in the flesh had thought Johnson a 2 to 1 favorite. "Now," Abe declared. "I think there is nothing to it but Jeffries." Tommy Burns, from whom Johnson took the championship, expressed as-tonishment at Jeffries' appearance. "Take it from me," he said, "Johnson hasn't got a chance." Sam Langford had a few words to say on the subject. "Jeffries is the greatest of them all."

say on the subject. "Jeffries is the greatest of them all," he declared. "He's the only man I don't want to fight. I'd think it a cinch to get into the ring with Jack Johnson tomorrow, but it would take a heap of money to get me up in front of Jeffries. I know he would knock me out. He's the only one I'm afraid of. Johnson don't count in this game at all." at all.

Aside from his early-morning fishing trip and the levee, Jeffries did nothing today. He slept for some time after his return to camp and arose only when the ploture men were ready. From that time on he chatted with his friends and greeted new arrivals without an indication of anything but the utmost good natur-

world, there has never been so amazing a gathering. Almost every champion and ex-champion of every class will Springs, Nev., July 1.-Jeffries held a levee today. He shook hands with some 200 men and nearly everyone of

middleweights.

#### Both Cool and Terrible.

Johnson, the fighting boxer, will go up against Jeffries, the boxing fighter, Both are cool, both are experienced, both are terrible. It will not be a short fight. It will be a great fight. And so I may say again to all you men who love the game, have the price, and are within striking distance of Reno- come. It is the fight of fights, the crowning fight of the whole ring, and perhaps the last great fight that will ever be held. Also, to you lovers of the manly art, who desire to see in flesh and blood the celebrities of the game, I say come. It would take years game, I say come. It would take years of traveling and fight following to see all the figures of sportdom that can be seen here in Reno in one day and no

seen here in Reno in one day and no admission charged. I, for one, hope for a toothless old age, when nothing is left but to mum-ble reminiscences, and in that time one of my greatest joys will be to maunder over all the wonderful details of the great fight at Reno: "Yes, sir: in 1916, at Reno, July the Fourth. I was there and sat by the ringside."

# HARTING WILL BE TIMEKEEPER

# Selection of Veteran Official Is

Satisfactory to Fighters.

Bathsfactory to Fighters. RENO, Nev., July 1.—When Jeffries and Johnson spring to their feet at the first tap of the gong Monday afternoon, the watch that will tick off the fateful seconds as the fight progresses will be that of George F. Harting, whose history as a timekeeper dates back to fights when Jeffries and Johnson had never been heard of. For Harting, It will be the greatest battle at which he has ever of-ficiated and its number in his personal record book will be 1101. To the sporting world at large, the an-

To the sporting world at large, the an-nouncement that George Harting would hold the watch at any contest has been hold the watch at any contest has been almost a bond that the fight was fair and square. His name recalls to those associated with the fighting game the ploture of a quiet, modest, eminently business-like official against whose in-tagrity as a ring official there has never been a breath of suspicion. Timekeeping at any fight is vitally important to both fighters and spectators. To Harting's appointment Jeffries and Johnson gave the same reply: "I am satisfied." George Harting came to this country from New Zealand. Peter Jackson, John-son's forerunner for championship hon-

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ors among dusky fighters, came on the the two great battles between Jim Corsame steamer. That was nearly 25 years ago and Harting was even then a time-keeper. His experience hegan in New Zealand and since his watch measured the passing minutes at his first fight, he has not known a year in which he was not called upon to act in a similar capac- tonight.

ity. When Peter Jackson and Joe Godfrey clashed before the old California Athletic Club 23 years ago it signalized Hart-ing's appearance as timekeeper in this

bett and Joe Choynski, which were de-cided on a barge near Benicia, Cal., two decades ago. "I expect this to be my fast appear-ance in timing a championship fight."

said the veteran to the Associated Press Harting has no opinion to offer of

Harting has no opinion to other of Monday's battle. "I am an official," he said, "and have no opinion, at least, for the public." "I will say, however," he added, "that after seeing Jeffries this afternoon and ing's appearance is timekeeper in this country. Since that time he has offi-clated at fights, big and little. It was he who held the watch at the famous Jackson-Corbett 61-round "no decision" battle in 1891. His record also includes



his physicians will permit him to act as the champion's second. This was the substance of a statement made tonight by Delaney to the Associated Press. The veteran trainer will leave for Reno tomorrow night and will go at once to Johnson's camp. Delaney has been in ill health for some time and he

said tonight that he may be too ill to second Johnson, but that he will be in the champion's corner unless prevented by actual physical disability. hard for this fight and there is too much at stake for them to take any chances. However, I will visit both of the camps again and will keep myself posted on enditions PICKPOCKETS WORK AT RENO

posted on conditions. There was one thing I saw at the Jeffries camp that I never expect to see again. That was the sight of four holders of the heavyweight title lined