

WORLD RECORDS IN LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ex-Champion Challenges Mike Gibbons for Welter-weight Title.

CHARLIE MILLER IS HAPPY

San Francisco Motorman Who Once Beat Willard Tells Everyone He Meets of Past Fame and Now Wants to Meet Jess Again.

BY HARRY R. SMITH. SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—(Special.)—Has Willie Ritchie come to the parting of the ways? Has the man who was lightweight champion of the world reached the conclusion that he is no longer a lightweight? That is hard to say, although from a letter just received there is an inkling.

The message that has just reached the Coast Willie says: "I write these lines to inform you that I am after a new title. Being unable to entice or force Freddie Willard to meet me, I have decided to challenge him for the welter-weight title. Packey McFarland had a chance to meet Gibbons, but although they held a conference, I have therefore decided to accept the invitation and have offered to meet Gibbons on June 19, at 10 o'clock in the morning, at the weigh-in at 142 pounds, ringside. I am at this writing appearing in a four-act film entitled 'The Man Who Beat Dan Dolan'."

Ritchie's Move May Be Clever. There is a lot of money to be made in an encounter with Mike Gibbons, but it would be a far safer proposition for Ritchie to take on the welter-weight title, if that is all he can make the poundage. That is difficult for him (and he is a growing boy) to lose his challenge. Gibbons, from what we know of him on the Coast, will be a little hard push, but if he comes in at that figure the San Francisco man should be figured as having a chance.

The film work is something new for Ritchie. He has had an itching to do something of the sort for a few years. The story, naturally enough, is one of the ring. It is a story of a man whose name is unknown, beats Dan Dolan, who is thought invincible, and wins the love of the lady fair, who in this case happens to be a Miss Brown. Whether Ritchie will be a success as a moving picture actor remains to be seen when the picture comes out. If he is worth while as an actor, he may find that a side line which will bring him in a goodly revenue.

Charlie Miller Sees Title Go. Charlie Miller, the clown of all San Francisco, is going the rounds telling his friends that he ought to be champion of the world instead of Jess Willard. Miller is a motorman in the employ of the United Railroads. You have to keep the pot boiling, you know, even when there is no fire. Charlie Miller has retired from the game after the blow to boxing came in California.

Before that, and when Willard was champion all around, Miller had Charlie been of a more serious nature he might have stopped Willard, who was at his poorest. Conditions Undergo Change. Since then conditions have changed. Miller has never amounted to anything, while Willard has gone up the ladder. Nowdays Miller carries around in his pocket clippings of the High School papers to show how he bested Willard. He produces the notices whenever he meets anyone who will listen to him, and will talk at length, providing you don't interrupt him.

Also Miller is all enthusiasm for another contest with Willard. The latter, by the way, has a reputation for being in some of the papers, declared the other day that he considered the Miller fight one of the toughest of his career. All of which is more glory for Miller.

An inquiry came in the other day from Bremerton, Wash., as to the whereabouts of Billy Jordan, the boxer and announcer. "Is he still alive?" was the question. Of course, he's very much alive, but the question has brought to the sporting mind the fact that Jordan is no longer a boxer.

Jordan Gets Real Money. When Clarence Kolb and Max Dill decided to open in "This Way Out" in a local theater, a boxing scene was introduced in which the two German comedians do a fighting stunt. They wanted to add as much realism as possible, and it was suggested Billy Jordan might be secured as the announcer. Billy was interviewed, and it wasn't hard to persuade him to accept. Although he is 32 years of age, he has none too much to show for it, and was glad to get the money. As an announcer of real fights Jordan was accustomed to receive from \$25 to \$50 for his services. He put this up to Jordan, who is the financier of the company, but Clarence explained the difference and the fact that he would have to show every receipt to him.

Really, he makes quite a bit and it is as realistic as could be. You could see your eyes when you hear the tones of the announcer. The two comedians were at the ringside waiting for one of Jimmy Coffroth's big championship affairs to start. Jordan takes himself seriously, and it goes with a flourish with Kolb and Dill doing the clown stuff.

McCary Through as Promoter. Kid McCoy, who has just returned from a Los Angeles trip, brings a lot of news about Tom McCary. McCoy is at home from New Orleans, where he tried to break into the fight-promoting game along with Dominick Tortorich. Tom failed and, quite naturally, he is sore at New Orleans. "McCary is through for keeps, so that part of the United States is concerned," said McCoy. "Also he is dead sore on New Orleans and the people. He thinks they are a narrow minded set and that they are looking at the outside butinsky. I think that McCary is through with promoting contests. He seems to have quite a little money and would prefer to live in Los Angeles."

That is natural. McCary was made much of in Los Angeles and came to be more or less of a public character. In New Orleans the papers give com-

paratively little space to boxing and when McCary was there he was not featured at all. The sport of boxing would tend to create a spirit of antagonism. Even in little old Los Angeles, McCary is going to discover that things are different. There is no more fighting and he cannot claim as much newspaper space as was his custom. He is living in a new age and will have to take his bitter with the sweet.

Jeffries Really Glad. McCoy says what surprised him was the evident pleasure of Jeffries at the history of the white man. As the kid explains, it is not as if he expected that Jeffries would exhibit a sort of grinch at Willard since he himself was beaten so decisively a few years ago. To the contrary, Jeffries looks the part of the fellow who is glad to hear of the overthrow of the black title-holder, even though it was another man who turned the trick.

Joe Azevedo, the Sacramento lightweight, who achieved the most of his fame by a 10-round win over Adolph White, has been in this city and the capital for a few weeks but will shortly be headed for New Orleans once again. Under the management of his brother John, Joe Azevedo spent four months in the South boxing, chiefly in Memphis. He beat Frankie Callahan, who was a knockout winner over Joe Rivers. Then he held Johnny Dundee to better than an even break and it all being he had six matches and all, while the intake was not particularly large, it was encouraging and all the time he has been building up a reputation. Joe came home ostensibly for a short rest, but although they held a conference with his wife during his absence, the middle of the month will see them headed for New Orleans. Tortorich has made him a offer for a fight with Joe Mandot, who is one of the big drawing cards in Louisiana and Azevedo will likely accept. Even with the small purses, he can make more than he could in the ordinary line of business.

AXACTIM IS CONSCIOUS. MRS. MOON, HOWEVER, CAN GIVE NO DETAILS OF TRAGEDY. No Further Arrests Have Been Made in La Grande Case, but Father-in-Law Is Held in Custody.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. W. Moon, who early Saturday was attacked with an ax, has recovered full consciousness at the hospital today. Physicians believe that if the skull has not fractured they see a chance for recovery, but they are not positive as to the base wound's extent. Although Mrs. Moon is fully conscious she asserts she knows nothing of the attack, either having forgotten the details of how her head was cut open in three places by an ax, or preferring not to give details at this time. The father-in-law is still in custody. It develops that Mrs. Moon's two-month-old babe slept in a crib in the Moon home and during the bloody assault and during the time intervening until the unconscious body was found on the bed. Mrs. Underwood, the attending physician, found the little one and placed it in the hands of neighbors for safe keeping. That Mrs. Moon has some slight brain trouble is indicated by the fact that she has been shown by tests applied this afternoon at the hospital. She recognized and smiled at her husband when he appeared in the room, and called him by name, but when a similar test was placed on Mrs. Moon's sister, the injured woman was unable to recall her brother's name. She has been in the friends gathered at the bed that she could not recall either the first or last name, though she knew she was her sister.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL CHOSEN. C. W. White, of Lebam, Will Have Charge at Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—Professor C. W. White, of Lebam, has been selected as principal of the Centralia High School for the coming year. The local school board Friday night was selected principal of the Centralia High School, and called him by name, but when a similar test was placed on Mrs. Moon's sister, the injured woman was unable to recall her brother's name. She has been in the friends gathered at the bed that she could not recall either the first or last name, though she knew she was her sister.

HALF-LICENSE IS DENIED. Opinion Is That Washington Liquor Men Must Pay All for 6 Months.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—The liquor license for 1915 must pay the full annual liquor license fee of \$25 this year, although licenses, which are dated from July 1, will allow them to do business only for a few months prior to January 1, 1915, when Washington goes dry. The Attorney-General's office has ruled in an official opinion. The State Tax Commission has ruled that it would be legal to charge the liquor men only \$12.50 for a six-months' license. The Attorney-General's office holds that County Commissioners granting licenses outside of incorporated cities also must charge for a full year's license.

Absent Man Accused of Speeding. ROSEBURG, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—A. A. Wilder, a local merchant, today received a letter from the Chief of Police at West Linn, Clackamas County, in which the writer warned Mr. Wilder against future speeding through the streets of that town. "I detected you speeding through our streets four times last week," said the letter, "and repetition of your conduct will have the effect of bringing you before the Recorder." Mr. Wilder says he has not been in West Linn for more than a year.

Man and Woman Prisoners. MARSHFIELD, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—James Campbell, held to the Federal grand jury on a charge of white slavery, and Milla Azevedo, who is taken as a witness, left here today for Portland in charge of United States Deputy Marshal W. T. Harrmann. Campbell had a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner A. K. Peck. Special Officer Ben Fisher prosecuted the case. Campbell is about 35 years old and the woman nearly 50.

Candidate and Steakman. Atchison Globe. A candidate, if elected, is confident he will be a statesman.

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EDITORIAL. This issue marks the end of our Crawfordian year and the beginning of a new volume. It has been a year of growth for the Crawfordian, in which we have accomplished much. For example, look how the situation in Europe has changed. The Crawfordian has not filled its niche in the commonwealth and filled it well in these troublous times.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL. Mr. Three Bears and Joe. Mr. Three Bears, the hardware man at MacMaster & Co's store, was recently buying potatoes. This is our first anniversary.

Laying in Stock. Mr. Dodson is plowing his share in the valley. Intensive Farming. Mr. Dodson is plowing his share in the valley.

50 WEEKS AGO TODAY. Sig Unander started to grow a moustache. Frank Brorne Riley found some fish worms while digging garden and that reminded him of fishing.

REAR END RACES ON CLEAN-UP GRIPS HILLSBORO. Situation Clears and Last of Minors Get Busy Soon.

COAST SEASON IS LONGEST. Prosperous Year Is Expected All Along Line—About 20 Leagues' Schedules Given Out and Most Run Till Fall.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Before the end of the month is reached the last of the minor leagues will have swung into action for the season of 1915, and the baseball campaign will be under way. The late-starters are few, for most of the leagues already have begun their seasons. More than the usual amount of uncertainty and financial difficulties have beset the managers of all classes this Spring, and for that reason there have been several readjustments in circuits and playing dates.

WEDDING SECRET IS OUT. Bert Staats and Miss Louise Weber, of Oregon City, Married April 24.

Table showing League Dates. Columns: League, Opens, Closes. Includes National, American, International, Pacific Coast, etc.

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PANTAGES. MATINEE DAILY 2:30. THE GARDEN OF THE RAJAH. Striking musical dramatic spectacle, with 1000 feet of scenery.

CARS MEET AT MOUNT. WOMAN AMONG AUTO DRIVERS TO PROVE ROUTE PASSABLE. Parties From Four Towns Reach Top of Steep Grade of Blewett Pass on Test Trip.

CLE ELUM, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—To demonstrate to automobile owners that the Blewett Pass is a feasible, trans-state highway, parties from Roslyn and Cle Elum, from Kittitas County, Wenatchee in Chelan and Coulee City in Douglas met today on the summit. Despite the heavy rains which fell all morning, all out of the cars from Cle Elum and Roslyn reached the summit. Not a breakdown was reported.

UNWRITTEN LAW HELD LIKELY TO BE DEFENSE OF LACEY SLAYER. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—Eight Rev. Frederic W. Keator, Bishop of the Episcopal Church, arrived today on his annual visitation. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church he confirmed a class of 150 Missions, including Miss Gladys Lynch, of Lacey, Wash., who is the subject of a jury composed largely of women.

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