

WILLARD TO FIGHT TO AID RED CROSS

Champion Pugilist Declares He Will Defend Title, but Not for Own Profit.

BOUT MAY BE IN SPRING

Heavyweight Says That He Intends to Manage Affair So Funds Will Not Be Diverted—Conference to Be Held With Officials.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Jess Willard, champion heavyweight prize fighter, announced tonight that he would accept the offer of the Red Cross to defend his title against any person anywhere and any time, the sole provision being that all of the receipts should go to the Red Cross.

Willard said he preferred that a match be made for next Spring, so that it could be held in the open air. He also declared he would manage his end of the arrangements himself in order that no part of the proceeds could be diverted from the purpose for which he planned.

The champion will leave for Washington at once, to confer with officials of the Department of Justice to learn if there was any way in which moving pictures could be shown legally, the receipts from the pictures also being pledged to the Red Cross.

Jess Willard's announcement that he will meet any man in the world in a championship battle, the entire proceeds of the match to go to the American Red Cross fund will cause a wild scramble among rival managers of the leading heavyweight boxers who have been after a bout with Willard for the last two years.

Fred Fulton, the Minnesota Giant, without a doubt is entitled to a bout with Jess and has been the first to offer the "man mountain." Fulton has met nearly every heavyweight of prominence in the country, white and black. In some of his bouts he did not box like a coming champion, but, nevertheless, he always held his own, and in nine cases out of ten has won his bouts.

In the last three months Fulton has been going "like a house afire" and has stopped all of his opponents before the scheduled rounds have been covered. Two weeks ago he battered "Gunboat" Smith into submission in eight rounds and Friday night he knocked out "Porky" Flynn, of Boston, in three rounds. A year ago Flynn held Fulton to a 20-round draw in New Orleans, and several days ago he began sending broadcast a long circular letter signed by himself, stating that after December 20 he would claim the heavyweight championship of the world for Fulton, as Willard has refused repeated offers to fight, mentioning three offers of \$30,000, \$45,000 and \$50,000 that had been made to Willard by different promoters throughout the country for a title match between Willard and Fulton.

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If Willard backs up his statement and fights Fulton, the leading contender, he will be doing a big thing for the Red Cross. A 20-round bout between Willard and Fulton probably would draw \$100,000 and more.

Other heavyweights who have been after a championship bout are Charley Welton, of New Jersey; Frank Moran, of Pittsburg; Bill Brennan, of Chicago; Carl Morris, of Oklahoma, and Jack Dempsey, of San Francisco.

WILLARD'S OFFER SCOUTED

Fulton's Manager Says That He Believes Champion Is Bluffing.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 17.—Mike Collins, manager of Fred Fulton, Minnesota heavyweight, tonight characterized as insincere Jess Willard's offer to defend his title against any fighter.

"Willard is only bluffing," Collins declared. "On November 29 Fulton posted \$1000 forfeit and gave notice to Willard that unless the forfeit was covered by December 20 he would forfeit his claim to the heavyweight championship. If Willard posts his money and signs articles by that time, Fulton, too, will gladly donate his share of the receipts to the Red Cross. Furthermore, if Willard signs before December 20 Fulton will send the Red Cross a check for \$1000."

Collins said Fulton would call off two pending battles for which forfeits are posted if Willard would consent to meet him.

FAST CONTESTS LOOKED FOR

Mount Angel and Christian Brothers Quintets Play Wednesday.

The annual basketball game between Christian Brothers Business College and Mount Angel College will be played Wednesday night on the local teams' gymnasium. The game should be exceptionally good this year, as both institutions claim stronger quintets than usual. Benny Brost, ex-Mount Angel star, is in the Christian Brothers' lineup this season.

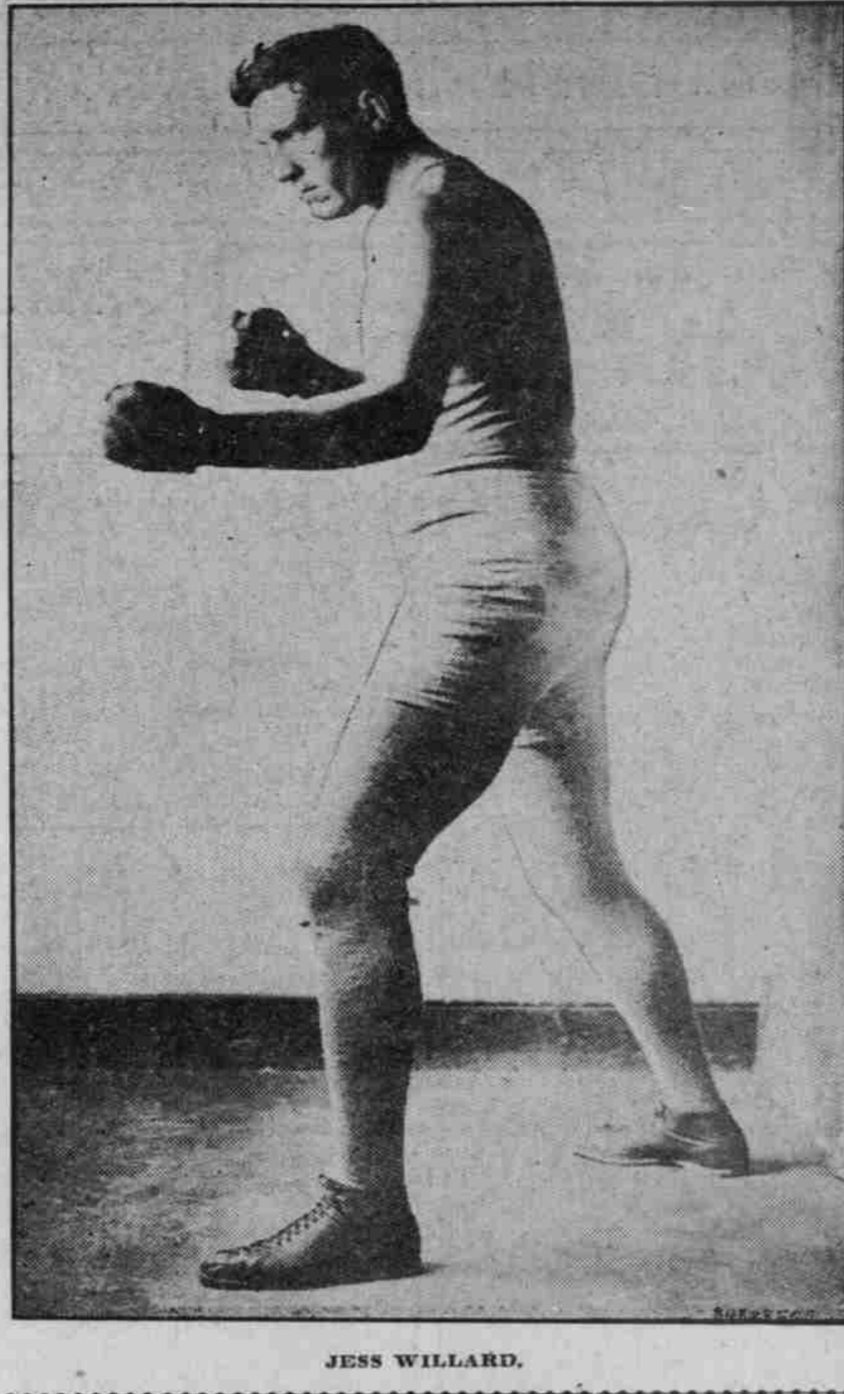
Preliminary to the big game St. Andrews will play the Sacred Heart Court on the Christian Brothers' floor. The latter team has already played a tie game with the Christian Brothers' quintet itself, so this game also should be fast.

The first game will be called at 7:45. Admission for both games will be 25 cents.

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CHAMPION HEAVYWEIGHT PUGILIST, WHO WILL RE-ENTER RING TO DEFEND TITLE, FOR BENEFIT OF RED CROSS.



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RIVERS IN FINE FORM

Mexican Appears in Workout at Columbia Club.

FIGHT FANS PACK HOUSE

Lightweight, in Three Rounds Each

With Trambitas and Anderson, Displays Style All His Own. Laga Confident of Outcome.

Joe Rivers, the battling Mexican lightweight, worked out before a packed house of fight fans at the Columbia Boxing Club yesterday afternoon, boxing three rounds apiece with Alex Trambitas and Harry Anderson.

Rivers boxed like a champion and in the real good when it comes to hitting and cleverness. He has a style of milling all his own and combines boxing with fighting. In his session with Trambitas he stuck out his face and took some hefty ones on the chin without batting an eye.

Rivers looks to be in fine condition and his manager, Bob Laga, says several days' training between now and the day of the fight will put Rivers on a par with the best in the world.

Some of the fans who got the idea that Rivers is a mountain, but he is scarcely an inch taller than Billy Mascott. Joe's legs are very small, all of his weight being in his chest and shoulders, where it should be.

When Rivers hits he hits with the whole weight of his shoulder and if he connects, which is rather the rule than the exception, it means "curtains" for his opponent. If he meets a boxer, Rivers boxes; if he meets a fighter, he fights back just as hard and fast as his opponent wants to.

Welsh Steadily Outboxed.

Freddie Welsh, former lightweight champion, could not do a thing with Rivers in their 20-round battle in Los Angeles. The Mexican outboxing him in nearly every round of the 20. When he met Ad Wolgast, a fighter pure and simple, for the lightweight championship of the world, he waded right in and fought Wolgast off his feet for 10 rounds. The fight bout ended in a technical knockout with Welsh being robbed of the championship.

Joe Benjamin, the lanky Portland here Friday night, is a good boxer and in some of his bouts has shown streaks of fighting ability. He has an exceptional height and left and uses it to good advantage.

Since he was graduated from the featherweight ranks and has been taking on lightweights Benjamin has not lost a fight, meeting nearly every good boy on the Coast at his weight. In eight fights Benjamin has placed himself on the top rung of the lightweight ladder.

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SACRAMENTO TO JOIN COAST LEAGUE

Directors Take Action Ousting Portland, Giving Franchise for Nothing.

McCREDIE MAY GUIDE BEES

Double System of Arbiters Done Away With by Magnates—'Spider' Baum Is Being Sought to Direct Senators' Club.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Admission to Pacific Coast League baseball games next season will cost just what it did last season, with the addition of the Government war tax. The league directors at their annual meeting here today decided against an increase of admission fees, voted Sacramento into the league in place of Portland, and adopted a system of umpire instead of double, as at present, and granted clubs permission to play as many pre-season exhibition games as they see fit.

Persons who have had the idea that the Coast League magnates were suffering from muscle-bound pocketbooks and that they would take no more than the above acts testify to genuine optimism and sound business judgment, which calls for eliminating useless expenditures.

Soldiers to Get Some Aid.

Other matters taken up included the setting of January 3 as the date for the scheduled meeting to be held at San Francisco, the appointment of E. P. Cook, J. C. Sewell and J. Baum as a committee to draft a suitable resolution to Judge McCredie on his retirement from the league, and the decision to set aside one day during the season upon which 25 per cent of the gross receipts shall go to Clarke Griffith's hat and ball fund for the soldiers in England.

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The representatives were: President Alexander Graham, of the Angels; Tom Darmody, of the Tigers; Cal Ewing, of the Oaks; Hen Berry, of the Seals; Bill Lane, of the Bees; Walter Ewing, of the Beavers; and Charlie Graham, of the Sacramento crew. Apparently the first thing taken up at the meeting was the matter of the Portland franchise.

This practically was a mere matter of form, as Judge McCredie had already announced his intention to resign as director and had secured for himself a Northwestern League berth.

Charlie Graham presented the claims of Sacramento to be admitted to the league. The rumors of retrenchment which had been floating around the lobby previous to the meeting were dispelled by the fact that the league was to be run on a one-man umpire system, which until recently was in vogue in the Coast League. The cutting off of three umpires will reduce the running expenses of the league to some extent.

The question of a reduced player limit was also discussed. Several large investors, before retiring to the secret conclave, gave vent to a number of pointed utterances on this subject. The manager wants to see the number of players and wants them younger.

He was loudly in favor of a bumper rule calling for a 30 per cent reduction in the number of players in a league of Class AA caliber.

Despite the presence of a number of players, it was decided to carry with it any of the Beaver players, as the Sacramento men have not yet incorporated. It was gossip that the former Beavers' manager will be at the helm of the Salt Lake team this year.

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AQUATIC GIRL STAR INJURED

Charlotte Boyle May Be Counted Out of Competition for Good.

A promising career in swimming may be cut off almost at its inception through a serious accident sustained by Charlotte Boyle, New York's champion girl swimmer. At a Manhattan pool recently Miss Boyle slipped on a springboard and sustained a severe gash on the instep of her right foot from a protruding nail, and it is possible that some of the ligaments have been torn, which may result in a stiffening of the foot. Until the result of an X-ray photograph is made known the exact extent of the injury is a matter of conjecture.

Miss Boyle first broke into fame when she captured the metropolitan championship honors during Splash week at the New York municipal pools, capturing five first places during that week. Her remarkable performance at the Winter pool, Brighton Beach, four weeks ago against Claire Galligan, National champion, and world's record holder, in a hundred-yard dash created a furore among Eastern swimming enthusiasts.

In this race Miss Boyle was defeated by a few inches and forced the champion to hang up a new metropolitan record of 1 minute 34.5 seconds for the century. Two weeks later in the same pool Miss Boyle, matched against Elizabeth Ryan, of the First Regiment swimming team of Philadelphia, shattered Miss Galligan's record, when she defeated Miss Ryan in the new metropolitan record time of 1 minute 71.5 seconds.

It will be a severe loss to the sport if its ranks are permanently depleted by the absence of Miss Boyle, as all swimming experts conceded the coming National championship to Miss Boyle in all the short distances, as she is unquestionably the fastest girl swimmer in 100 yards that has yet appeared in competition.

PLAYER LIMIT CUT TO 16 MEN

American Association Also in Favor of Playing 140 Games.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Decision to open the 1918 season either May 1 or 2 and to reduce the player limit from 17 to 16, exclusive of a manager, was reached at the meeting here today of the American Association club owners.

While no definite action was taken in regard to playing 140-game schedule instead of 134, President Hickey said tonight that the sentiment was strong in favor of the short season. The issue will be settled at a meeting of club presidents to be held in February.

The "spit ball," "shine ball," "emery ball" and other similar deliveries were legislated out of the league by a unanimous vote.

Gotch Funeral Tomorrow.

HUMBOLDT, Ia., Dec. 17.—Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Frank Gotch, retired world's wrestling champion, who died at his home here yesterday. The services will be conducted by Rev. Alexander Bennett, of Salt Lake, Kan., a friend of the Gotch family.

Sheridan Defeats Independence.

SHERIDAN, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Sheridan High school defeated Independence, 32 to 27, Saturday. It was the first intercollegiate game of the season and marked Sheridan's first success in an effort to capture the Valley championship.

Squirrel Food.

WLADEK ZBYSKO and "Strangler" Lewis are now leading the list in the international wrestling tournament at New York. Each has won four matches without being defeated.

Grantland Rice, considered the greatest sporting paragrapher in America, has enlisted in the service.

People who think of Woodrow Wilson only as the scholar and thinker have been surprised to learn that the President of the United States once coached the Wesleyan football team to a 19-2 victory over the University of Pennsylvania. The game was played in New York City on Thanksgiving day, 1899.

Meadowbrook Club, Philadelphia, probably will stage the 1918 meet of the Amateur Athletic Union.

The Cuban government has voted a life pension of \$150 a month to Alfredo de Oro, world's champion billiardist.

"Cupid" Black, former Yale football captain, is now an ensign in the United States Navy.

Among the big leaguers who are over there are Marvynne, of the Braves; Ed Sweney, of the Yankees; Shore, of the Red Sox; Barry, of the Red Sox; Morton, of the Indians; Bigbee, of the Pirates; Gowdy, of the Braves; Cadore, of the Dodgers; Joe Evans, of Cleveland; Brainard, of the Giants; Lewis, of the Red Sox; Scott, of the White Sox; Smith, of the Dodgers; and Mann, of the Cubs.

Let's see; where'll we hang that Northwestern League pennant?

One thing about printing a newspaper in the country, when you set up type on the weather forecast, alone about the first of December you don't have to change it again till some time in April.

A railroad 46 miles long in Colorado has just been abandoned because it cannot meet expenses.

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KECK LOSES PLACE. Ex-O. A. C. Star Is Eliminated From Camp Lewis Eleven.

STERN MEASURES TAKEN. Coach Stanton Announces That No Matter if Player Is Star, He Cannot Make Team Unless He Is Willing to Practice.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.) Failure to report at two blackboard meetings without first notifying Chief Coach Lieutenant W. L. Stanton last week has cost Lieutenant Walter M. Keck, a member of the ninety-first division football squad, and former Oregon Agricultural College star, the opportunity of playing against the Marines at Pasadena, Cal., New Year's day. Keck has been notified that his name has been stricken from the list of those who will make the trip.

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