

SURPRISES BREAK
SPORTING CAMP

Sporting Writers Find It Hard to Keep Tab on Changes in Fighters' Quarters.

MUCH "KNOCKING" IS DONE

Johnson's Row With Little Result of Jealousy-Trouble Between Berger and Jeffries Is Latest Disturbance to Be Reported.

BY HARRY B. SMITH.
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 11.—(Special.)—The Jeffries-Johnson fight has reached the stage of rumors and angles, and with something like three weeks of hard work ahead, the newspaper men are finding the situation far more tense than they care for. Stories break out at all times of the day and night and when one leaves the office at midnight, it is a toss up as to whether some other paper has not secured an exclusive. It is natural for rumors to be heard on a fight of this sort, but there is something faster than would ordinarily be expected.

The Johnson-Little feud has taken up the bulk of the space for several days and now comes the story from Rowardennan that all is not well between Sam Berger and James J. Jeffries. That story has been current gossip for a week or more and the breaking of the yarn has not come with any great amount of surprise.

The real trouble is that there has been a lot of politics done. Many of those interested in one way or another have been making, revenge by rapping somebody else.

The row between Johnson and Little, for example, is a matter of petty jealousy between the women folk at the camp and George Little and Sig Hart. Little was "sore" at Hart because the latter was friendly with Johnson. Hart's "sore" at Little was a tale-bearer and one day two weeks ago knocked Hart in the leg and otherwise hounded him around. There was some horridly nasty up. Little flared again because Nolan was such a frequent visitor at the camp and when it was announced that Denny would assist in the training of the black man.

Little Proves Stubborn.
The final break came last Saturday night when there was general war as a result of which Johnson ordered Little to leave the place, never to return. Little, however, has plenty of gameness, came back Sunday morning to fight it out to the bitter end. He insisted that as long as he had a contract with Johnson he would still be the manager and to show his authority insisted that he would take the tickets at the door.

Johnson, however, by a pair of policemen, subdued Little for the time being and the show went along without an interruption. Now that Little has cooled a bit to a certain extent he is not trying to force his company upon Johnson but says that he will seek recourse through the courts if he declares first of all that he will secure the \$10,000 that he deposited for Johnson and also that he will see that he gets 25 per cent of whatever are the profits.

No one knows just what kind of a contract Little has got, but it is a merry chase before he gets through with them.

Then came the Nolan story. It was all planned to have Nolan installed as manager. When he heard the news, Tex Rickard got busy. Rickard and Nolan got into a certain extent of strange buildups. Rickard, after his experience with Nolan as manager of Battling Nelson at the Goldfield fight, hates Nolan and he is determined to stir up all sorts of trouble. Accordingly, Rickard went to Johnson and exacted its promise that he would keep out of the limelight. Johnson agreed and issued a statement that he would manage himself.

Subsequently, it is declared that Tom Flanagan, who is in his camp, would act as business manager. That is nothing more than a stall, for Johnson will continue to transact his own business until the end of the chapter.

Corbett Dominates Camp.
Under the influence of James J. Corbett, who is the dominating spirit at Rowardennan, Jeffries is far more affable to newspapermen than he had previously been. The writer spent two days this last week at the Jeffries camp and there was a decided improvement. Jeffries stood for such photographs as were desired, and he didn't growl. Everybody credits the change to Corbett, who meets Jeffries as an equal and persuades the big fellow to be decent.

About that Berger story, it is hard to say what are the real facts in the case. Those who are residents at the camp have noticed recently that the entente cordiale between the fighter and his manager seemed to be strained. Berger, in fact, has had little to say to Jeffries.

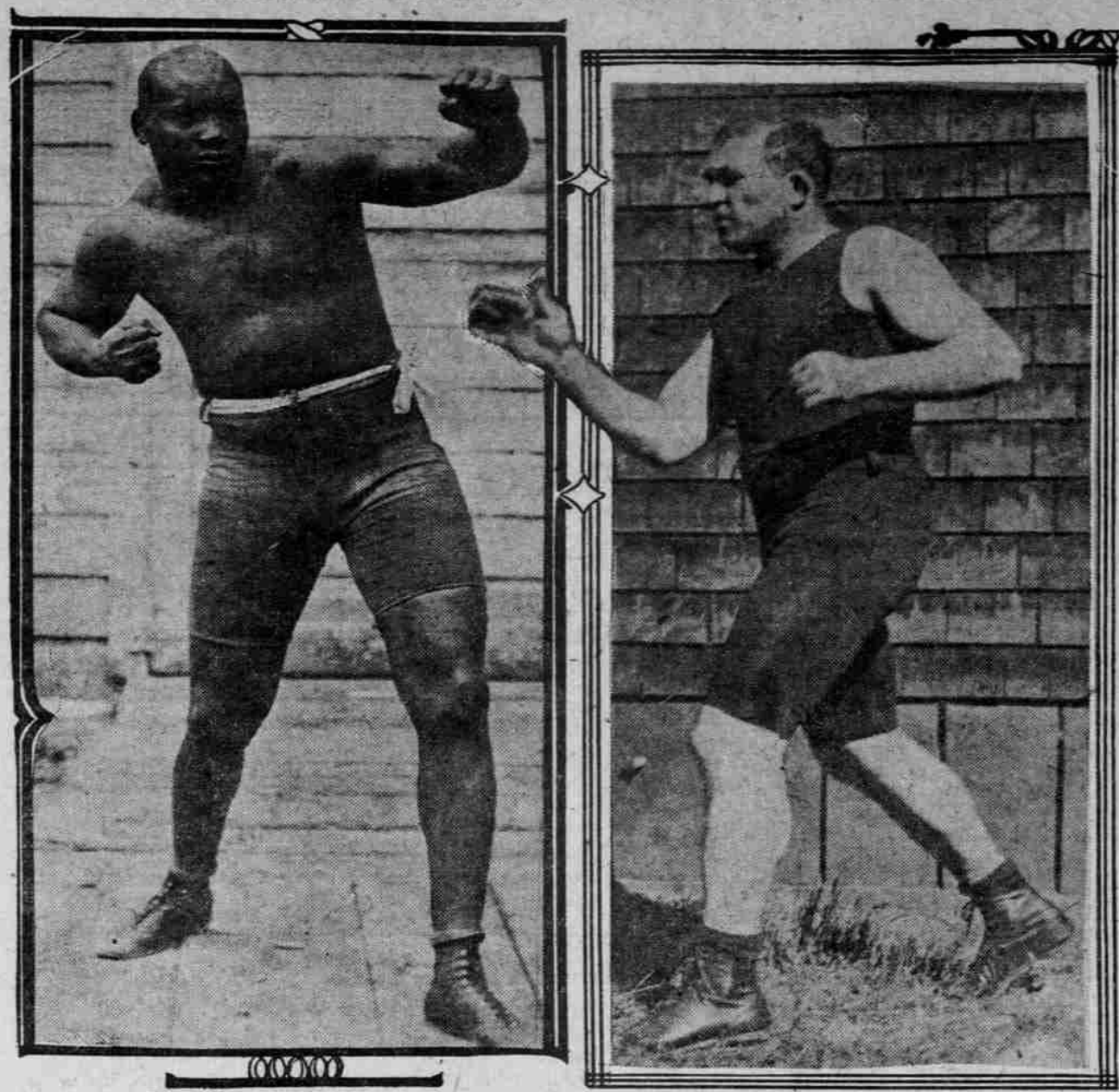
The gossip is that Jeffries blames on Berger the sentiment that has been aroused in the newspapers over the country and that many of Jeffries' close friends have taken the same tack. Jack Gleason made a hurried trip to the middle of the week to Rowardennan and it is believed he went there to straighten out the row.

There is a lot of interest, I suppose, in the condition of Jeffries. On the surface he looks good. He has taken off the weight about the stomach that was so noticeable and appears to be fairly fast. He has a healthy color and a good eye. That is about as far as you can get in sizing the man up. Whether he will be able to stand the pace of the fight is something that the fight itself will have to determine.

Jeffries Gains Confidence.
Jeffries, himself, seems to have a world of confidence in his ability to win. He says very little on the subject, but from two or three remarks that he dropped it is evident that he is satisfied with his condition and that he can win. The only one thing that has been lacking in Jeffries, and his trainers had the change with delight. There is one thing that most of us would like to see more of, and Jeffries has done little or no boxing. He has done enough of the other kind of work, but what he needs is to put on the gloves and get the judgment of distance and the quickness that can only come with sparring.

If Jeffries wins, so comes the statement, he will take his entire training camp with him on a tour of the United States and the world. That will include Joe Choyneki, Farmer Burns, Frank Gotch, who is due very soon,

NEW PHOTOGRAPHS OF HEAVYWEIGHTS WHO WILL FIGHT JULY 4 NEXT.



JACK JOHNSON.

JAMES J. JEFFRIES.

JOHNSON IS JOLLY

Negro Puts Plenty of Vim Into 11 Rounds of Boxing.

CROWD IS KEPT AMUSED

Rickard and Eastern Newspaper Men Watch Champion and Eddie Graney Declares He Has Improved Greatly.

Negro in Jolly Humor.

Rickard Lacks Experience.

These Popular Writers Will Report the Jeffries-Johnson Fight for The Oregonian



JACK LONDON.

BAY CITY FIGHT IS
OUT IN BAD LIGHT

Naming of Rickard as Referee and Gillett's Alleged Words Suggest Frame-Up.

NEGRO'S RECORD DUBIOUS

Johnson's Disagreement With Manager Also Casts Shade of Suspicion—Jeffries Probably Free From Any Crookedness.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

As the date of the Jeffries-Johnson ring battle approaches, the many thousands of people interested in the match continue to speculate more than ever on the result.

Both principals have long had a large following, with the Jeffries enthusiasts far exceeding those who pick the colored man, but in the last few weeks there have been several incidents that have served to cast the shadow of suspicion on the match.

Rumors of fixing the selection of an inexperienced man to referee, the Governor of California's alleged statement and Jack Johnson's quarrel with George Little, his erstwhile manager, have given rise to countless doubts as to the squareness of the mill.

Johnson's Record Bad.
Johnson's reputation in the past has been so unsavory that no one would doubt his willingness to "frame" a match, especially with a man like Jeffries. It is well to be made aware of this while, as a matter of fact, the loser's end of the \$10,000 purse would ordinarily be enough to satisfy a fellow of Johnson's caliber, but this event will be worth more to him than that.

Johnson Shows Improvement.
"Johnson is a wonderful fighter," said Kaufman. "He has improved since the day I fought ten rounds with him at Colma. Of course he has gained in weight and while it is hard to tell about a punch with these gloves, I know he can hit harder. I expect to see him beat Jeffries and I don't think the retired champion will be able to lay a glove on the negro."

Eddie Graney was another enthusiastic spectator.
"That man Johnson has improved 10 per cent since the middle of the week," declared the "honest blacksmith" to several friends of his. "In fact I never saw Johnson work as hard as he is working right now. He punches the bag harder and is more aggressive in the ring than I expected he would be. Don't let anybody talk you into thinking that he is loafing on the job. I have watched Johnson train for many of his fights and he surprised me every time that I visited his camp."

There was a spirit of good nature pervading the afternoon's programme and half the time the crowd was in an uproar. Johnson evidently was in high spirits and when he tossed the medicine ball around he tried to knock down his helpers and threw the ball so that it would land in some part of the crowd.

After the boxing with Kaufman, Johnson finished with some speedy work with Cotton and Mills. At the same time Kaufman was boxing in the same ring with Walter Monohan, so there was a satisfying show for the spectators.

Tex Rickard, accompanied by several Eastern newspaper men, was on hand to watch the boxing.

Johnson will box again tomorrow afternoon with Al Kaufman but will not put the gloves on Monday. He weighed 214 pounds today.

CORBETT SAYS HE
IS 'WINDING' NEGRO

Ex-Champion, However, Would Really Welcome Chance at Johnson, He Declares.

JEFF'S CONDITION PRAISED

Prediction Is Made That White Slugger Will Be Best-Trained Fighter Who Ever Stepped Into a Prizing.

BY JAMES J. CORBETT.

JEFFRIES' TRAINING CAMP. Rowardennan, Cal., June 11.—(Special Correspondence.)—Well, the first week is over and everything is far above my anticipations. This is a beautiful place and Jeffries' wonderful improvement can partially be attributed to his environment here.

No doubt you have noticed in the papers that Johnson and myself have been having quite a war of words. I'm "adding" the big smokes along and having a little fun with him. He got hot and invited me out to the training quarters to spar with him, but he didn't stop to think that I've been in the business a long, long time, and I know he wouldn't take any chance sparring with me in his training quarters or any other place.

I just to "kick" him a little bit, however, I defied him to bet me \$5000 that I wouldn't go out and box with him. This, of course, I knew he would not accept, so it was a good chance for me to show the public out here that he is somewhat of a "bluffer" himself. Nothing would please me more than to put the gloves on with Johnson, because no matter what might happen, I would be sure to get a line on his so-called skill and I might also discover a few weak points that may have been overlooked in his previous fights.

Will Continue to Talk.
However, he is taking me seriously and that's just what I want. I want him to pay attention to everything I say, and I promise you it won't do him any good if he hoods what I'm going to say about him from now until the fight is decided.

Well, everybody anticipated that there was going to be a lot of knocking, squabbling and jealousy in the training camp before I arrived, but they were all wrong, and I am glad to state that in Jeffries' training quarters everything is in harmony and it is just like one big happy family. It amuses everybody out here to see Choyneki and I off in some corner "chewing the rag" about our many old fights and to the surprise of everyone, I asked Joe in the gymnasium yesterday to put on the gloves, and there we stood facing each other for the first time in 22 years.

If any one thinks that fighters' souls are devoid of sentiment he is certainly wrong, for I can't remember when I was more pleased and happy than when we two veterans stood there ready to box, and I believe Joe felt the same way about it.

Tomorrow my troubles begin. I start boxing with Jeffries and from what I see of his condition I don't look upon the event as a source of enjoyable entertainment. This is the best of us, a bull and has endurance to burn, and, no matter what you might read to the contrary, I can't see any difference in Jeffries than when he was at Coney Island and in San Francisco.

Jeff Still at Best.
His face has the same youthful look and while his neck is naturally a little shy of hair, which makes his pictures look badly, take my word for it, he's just as "nifty" a performer now as when he was fighting the best of us. I've noticed a lot of people who talk of Johnson's going to win. There seems to be a great many of them, but I haven't seen one that will give me such as 10 cents that the negro wins.

Anyone that says this fight is a "tramp-up" (and there is some of that sort going around) all I can say to these poor unfortunates who may make assertions of that kind without any foundation is, however, the place is in some humane asylum, for they should not be permitted to run around loose.

As I told my readers that I would give them the correct dope on the fight, I see, I never saw a man in my life, including myself, training as hard as Jeffries is now. I have walked with him and talked with him. I never saw a man who was so anxious to win a fight before. At this stage, I will predict who is going to win the fight. But I hereby put myself on record, and I know what I'm talking about, that if Jeffries does not win, Johnson will have defeated the best-trained man that ever stepped into a prizing.

MATCH WANTED FOR JAPANESE

Eddie Robinson Says He Has Jiu-Jitsu Expert in Training.

Eddie Robinson, one of the best-known instructors of physical culture on the Pacific Coast, who is handling Young Togo, a Japanese wrestler, issues a sweeping deft on behalf of his entry to all Jiu-jitsu experts on the Coast.

Robinson would like to match Togo against any Jiu-jitsu wrestler, either white or Oriental, but is especially anxious to pit him against a catch-as-catch-can wrestler or a boxer, using the Japanese style against the other systems on the same night and in the same arena.

This feat has never yet been attempted by a Japanese wrestler, and he asserts that Young Togo is ready to take on the boxer and the wrestler at any time, and agrees to prove that Jiu-jitsu is the most scientific of the three sports. Efforts are now being arranged to match a well known featherweight boxer and a wrestler of considerable note with the little Jap.

HARNESS MEET IS POSTPONED
Rain Softens Track—Contests to Be Given Next Saturday.

Owing to the heavy track caused by the rain of the morning, the scheduled harness meet to be held by the Riverside Driving Club at the track of the Portland Fair & Livestock Association yesterday was postponed until next Saturday.

TRIP UP VALLEY PLANNED

Fast Hop Goals Seeking Outside Worlds to Conquer.

Big Auto Race Postponed.

Southern Golf Championship Won.

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