

WELSH OPENS FIGHT STIRS TALK

Welsh Open to Criticism, Says Harry Smith, Ringside Witness of Bout.

REFEREE'S PREJUDICE SEEN

Willie Ritchie is Picked as Boy Who Will Take Laurels From Michigan

BY HARRY SMITH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 13.—(Special.)—The Independence Day fights, both the one in Los Angeles and the affair at Las Vegas, have created quite enough gossip to keep the fans talking for many a day. Of the two, the one between Wolgast and Joe Rivers at Los Angeles was by far more important, even though the Johnson-Flynn affair was a so-called championship contest. The Los Angeles match was full of the unexpected and there was such a tangle at the close that it has called for a return bout.

Fourteenth Round Pictured.

The bout had been going along in a steady sort of fashion up to that thirteenth round. Wolgast appeared to be tiring badly, but all the same he was holding the lead. Suddenly, however, as Rivers was in his own corner, Wolgast sent in a left to the body and then a hard right.

Wolgaat was probably hit a return right by Rivers that took the ambition out of him.

Welsh Open to Criticism.

The count by Welsh seemed fair enough, but to my way of thinking the gong sounded just as the count came to a close and the two men ought to have been sent to the ring for a second round. The official timekeeper says that it is his custom to press a button that sounds a buzzer in each corner 10 seconds before the scene of action. He says that he pushed the button and that the round had not more than eight seconds to go when the knockdown came.

Wolgaat was barely able to stand up as the count was completed and he collapsed before Welsh could point to him as the winner.

Welsh's Prejudice Shown.

First of all, I don't believe that Welsh had any business to referee. He was too friendly to the Wolgast interests and when it came to a show-down, it was he who was to do the counting. Also, he lost his head in the tangle and didn't know what to do.

Rivers' Fate Was a Mystery.

The newspaper men had to ask Welsh what decision he had made and the galleries couldn't tell until they had left the arena and met some of their more fortunate friends who were closer to the scene of action. I have been asked two questions that seem to be pertinent to the issue: First—Who was winning at the time of the trouble in the 13th round? Second—Who would have won had the referee declared the round had closed?

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As to the first question, while it stuck me that Wolgast had gone back at the same time it appeared that he was winning. Rivers, while a clever boxer, seemed to lack the snap and the accuracy of action that came from the fourth round on through the 12th, he was peppering Wolgast with lefts and rights, but still the damage didn't seem to be much.

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As to the second question, Rivers, although in pain, seemed to be far the stronger of the men after what you may call the double knockdown. Wolgast was quite evidently through for some time being. Possibly his strength was waning, but at all events, he was badly hurt and showed it in his actions.

Ritchie Picked as Winner.

A good boy will beat him and the writer thinks that Willie Ritchie is the boy who will turn the trick if he gets the chance. Ritchie is due for a disappointment so far as a return match right away is concerned. Wolgast would prefer Rivers, as he feels he can whip the Mexican and take on the pride of San Francisco at some later date.

Rivers. And there were others of us wishing the same thing, especially as from San Francisco.

Flynn's Chances Nil.

Flynn had no more chance of winning than Abe Attell would have had in the same ring. He was, however, powerless and during the fight he didn't land three good punches.

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POTLACHERS TO SEE PORTLAND CUEIST IN ACTION.

Portland's Northwestern Team Arouses Seattle Fans' McDowell Is Promising Second Sacker.

BY PORTUS BAXTER.

SEATTLE, July 13.—(Special.)—With the coming of Potlatch week and the burrah-boys stuff there will be a big dose of sports scattered about from horseshoe to track and field sports, with baseball, trap shooting, boxing and billiards thrown in. Henry Solomon, of Portland, is the star attraction in billiards. He comes here to meet the local pet, Mr. Sibbald, in a three-cushion match, 150 points divided into three blocks.

BEAVERS RAISE 1911 PENNANT TUESDAY

"Happy" Hogan Will Bring Vernon Tigers to View Championship Emblem—Sam Bellah's Vanishing Disappointment—Comment.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

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FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST OF WOLGAST-RIVERS LIGHTWEIGHT IMBROGLIO AT VERNON.



L. RIVERS AT LEFT, WOLGAST AT RIGHT—2, FINISH WHEN BOTH WENT OUT IN THIRTEENTH, WOLGAST ON TOP—3, WOLGAST LANDING LEFT

for in four consecutive games is the record made by Second Baseman McDowell, of Portland, in Seattle. Bill Leonard has been setting things afloat in the Coast League this season, but it took him the greater part of a season to get the hang of things around the keystone position on the local grounds.

The loss of Mensor may affect the team somewhat on the bases, but so far as fielding and hitting goes they are just as good now as they were before. Any three of their four outfielders make a pasture trio good enough for a championship team.

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DEFEAT OF RIVERS DECISIVE ENOUGH

Difference of Opinion Exists but Weight Favors Decision of Jack Welsh.

WELSH GRILLED BY CRITIC

Jack Curley in Hard Luck—Receipts Less Than \$30,000, Which, After Settlement, Left Nothing but Trouble for Promoter.

BY JAMES H. CASSELL.

Out of the chaotic turmoil of Independence day festivities have emerged two facts—Ad Wolgast decisively defeated Joe Rivers at Vernon, Cal., and Jack Johnson was easily the master of Jim Flynn at Las Vegas, N. M.

Opinions differ in both instances, many contending that Joe Rivers was mugged of a championship at Vernon, and no less an authority than W. W. Naughton holding that Flynn had his bout well in hand and would have won had he held his head, but the consensus of opinion subscribes to the truth of the first paragraph.

One man, the individual who "covered" the lightweight battle for the Associated Press, was responsible for the widely quoted report that Rivers was a victimized pugilist. Referee Jack Welsh after worsting Champion Wolgast from the opening bell until the climax in the 13th round.

But the aftermath, with the moving picture evidence and the preponderance of testimony given by the critics at the ringside, have wiped out that impression and Wolgast stands out, not the Wolgast of old, but still the legitimate lightweight champion of the world.

True, the unusual spectacle of two big chances McDowell has been a ring was presented to the pro-Rivers crowd, but the challenger reacted that position through a terrific blow to the stomach and smash to the jaw, which Wolgast was crumpled up when he stumbled and fell upon the upturned knee of the challenger.

That Rivers outboxed the champion and had the better of the first seven rounds is conceded by all. But the majority contend that hereafter Wolgast turned the tide, waded into Rivers like the "Michigan Wildcat" of old, had him all but out in one round, and scored a clean knockout in the 13th round.

Out of the mass of "dope" submitted on the Flynn-Johnson mill, that of W. W. Naughton, who saw the San Francisco fight critics, stands out as an oddity. Naughton was at the ringside, watched the affair closely from the moment of the opening bell until he put a stop to "Goat" Flynn's biting in the ninth, and declared without qualification that Flynn was the better pugilist.

Smith interviewed himself to the effect that Flynn was not so good when he met Johnson before, that his weight hurt him, and that the effort to add boxing skill to his pugilistic repertoire robbed him of much of his natural fighting strength. He made him an easy mark for the dusky champion.

T. F. Magilligan, the versatile boxing critic of the San Francisco Bulletin, took advantage of the Vernon incident to unburden himself of one of the most vitriolic "roasts" ever heaped upon a ring arbitrator.

"You're a big Jack Welsh as incompetent, a referee who has played in with the 'sure thing' bettors, and styles him a 'big prognathous-jawed, overbearing man, who gets away with lots of stuff that a man with less physical ferocity would fall down on."

Magilligan says that he always considered the Wolgast-Jones-Welsh combination unbeatable, the champion wisely choosing Welsh for bouts which appeared to hold forth any danger for the Michiganan.

Jack Curley's luck seems to have deserted him. Instead of reaping a golden harvest at Las Vegas, the promoter-manager left New Mexico poorer than when he invaded that state. The receipts were not more than \$30,000, which, after Johnson had been lifted and the promotional end was taken care of, left little for Jim Flynn, and less for Curley.

B. F. Ufer, ex-manager of Carl Morris, attacked what little coin Flynn had coming and the personal effects of the loser, to secure a loan of several hundred dollars made two months ago on the strength of the Las Vegas receipts.

ATTACKING PRIEST FREED

Superior Snatches Away Knife and Delivers Lecture.

In the lawn tennis singles final today. He defeated William J. Clothier, of Philadelphia, twice holder of the Achilles cup. He took the cup on the default of Melville L. Long, of California, who won it last season.

Mantell and Hansen to Fight.

SALT LAKE CITY, July 13.—(Frank Mantell, of Pawtucket, R. I., and Vic Hansen, of Coalinga, Cal., middleweights, signed articles tonight for a 20-round match here July 15.

Salem Defeats "Glants."

SALEM, Or., July 13.—(Special.)—Salem defeated the Hopewell Glants in a loose uninteresting game here today, 16 to 2.

ULSTER MEN BEHAVE WELL

Presbyterian Assembly Avoids All Chance of Home Rule Friction.

DUBLIN, July 6.—(Special.)—All who desire happier relations between the people of Northern Ireland and the rest of Ireland have reason to take fresh "heart of grace" from what occurred in the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland last Friday.

The report of an assembly committee which was to be dealt with on that day contained an emphatic pronouncement against home rule. It is so man of the committee announced that, after consultation with various members of the assembly, it had been agreed to propose the omission of the paragraph relating to home rule, and in place thereof to substitute a statement to the effect that in view of the decisions made at the Presbyterian convention held at Belfast, February 11, it was not necessary for the general assembly to make any pronouncement on the subject of home rule at present.

This decision was unexpected. Friday morning the galleries were packed with spectators, who were looking for a great display of dogmatism for those who demurred to the findings of the report. In seeking the reason why the occasion was not seized for a demonstration against home rule, it is necessary to refer back to a thing which happened the previous Monday. That day the assembly had before it a proposition in connection with the Irish mission. This was strongly opposed by one of the younger ministers, on the ground that the requirements of the department were not sufficiently met.

This was seconded by another member, who declared that their aim ought to be to promote feelings of amity and mutual good will between Ulster and the rest of Ireland. They followed the original proposal was defeated by 305 to 198.

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IRISH CRIME ON INCREASE

Police Report 2591 Cases to Dublin Grand Jury.

DUBLIN, July 6.—(Special.)—Justice Gibson, addressing the grand jury at the Dublin Assizes today, stated that there was a substantial increase in the number of offenses reported by the police for the period since the last Assizes in Ireland were held. He pointed out that there was an increase in the number of offenses reported by the police for the period since the last Assizes in Ireland were held.

Line Must Stay Tight.

When the spinner reaches the end of his line, he should keep his rod tip well down toward the water, and let your line sink. When you think it is down far enough, pull the line in with your left hand, and then with your right hand, during the operation, otherwise a good fish may strike on a slack line at just the wrong moment.

Fish to Be Planted.

Arrangements for the big fish-planting day in the smaller creeks of the Multnomah Anglers' Club has a committee in charge of the work, and at a meeting held during the week a plan of distribution was adopted. The plan is to plant as many fish as possible in the streams nearest Portland, in order that the greatest number of local anglers might have a better chance of catching them.

Fishing Art Improves.

Fishing is improving almost everywhere, especially in the Coast country. A few salmon trout have made their appearance in the Necanicum River at Seaside, and from now on the weekend fishermen there will have plenty to do. A run of big fish has also appeared in the Necanicum River at Seaside, and from now on the weekend fishermen there will have plenty to do.

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Superior Snatches Away Knife and Delivers Lecture.

ROME, July 6.—(Special.)—On Sunday the parish priest of San Pietro, in Lama, who had recently been suspended from saying mass, called on his superior, Monsignor Genaro Trama, Bishop of Lecce, and asked for a private audience.

As soon as the priest was shown into the bishop's private study he snatched up a revolver and aimed it at the superior. Fortunately the latter is a strong man, and was able to throw aside his assailant.

WHEAT FLIES FALL SPONSORS PURE FISH

Backus Reveals Tricks of Fishing Art to Make Wily Trout "Behave."

Various Colors of Blades Serve to Attract Finicky Members of Finny Tribe—Streams Near City to Be Planted.

BY WALTER F. BACKUS.

Sometimes you will fish a real good stretch of water without getting a rise to your flies. It may be a first-class trout pool, and you are sure that at least a score of gray fish are hiding somewhere in its depths, but they simply will not show themselves. You try every fly in your book, with all the skill at your command, until you feel like throwing in the whole feathered collection and letting them take their choice.

When you take yourself up against a proposition like this, just sit down for a few minutes' rest, and replace the apparently useless flies with a small trout spinner. You may be most agreeably surprised of the result, for very often a fish which ignored your pet flies will give you a rise when you put on a trout spinner.

Spoon fishing for trout can hardly be put in the same class with fly fishing. But it is a mighty clean way of catching trout, and one which requires almost as much skill as the use of the feathered hooks.

The trout spinner can be used in two ways, either by hand or by machine. On a large stream a properly rigged casting outfit is the only thing.

In strip casting, use your regular trout fly rod, which should have standing guides to permit of shooting the line. Almost any style of reel will do, as it is used but very little and the line can be a trial lighter than the heavy fly line. Use a heavy three-foot gut leader, attach your spinner with a small metal connecting link, and pinch a few split bucktail feathers to your strip, and you are ready to go.

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This all may seem a little hard, but it is nothing difficult about it, as the little practice will soon give you the knack of it. An important point is to use an enameled bucket to hold your flies, and to be sure to keep them dry before trying to cast. If your line is stiff and inclined to wind itself into kinky little coils, give it a thorough rubbing down with some petroleum jelly. This will take all the stiffness out of it, and make it behave much better.

The size and color of your spoon must be chosen largely by the class of water in which you expect to fish. The general rule is small spinners for the little creeks and larger blades for the rivers and big pools.

Spoons can be had with nickel, copper or brass blades and as the trout are almost as finicky about spinners as they are about flies, it is well to have all colors. It will frequently happen that you fish a good pool with a brass spoon and get nothing, when you switch to a copper spoon of the same size, and the first cast brings out a two-pounder. Fish are certainly the limit.

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Such streams as Clear Creek, Eagle Creek, Deep Creek, Gales Creek and Necanicum are all equally good for trout. The angler who can only get out for a day's trip, and who has to keep one eye on his expense account, and these streams will be taken care of first.

The fish now on the Bonneville Hatchery are about two inches long, and should be planted in the smaller creeks in order to give them a good start. In some instances it will be necessary to haul the cans some distance from the nearest railroad station. The rest-eager for their supply of baby trout, and have completed all arrangements for handling their allotment, some portions of which must be hauled 15 miles over mountain roads.

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