

FALL OF CHAMPIONS FOOD FOR RING FANS

Speculation Over Future Keeps Tongues Busy.

AGE GAINS ON SEVERAL

Mike Gibbons and Jack Britton Are Still Good Despite Years—Benny Leonard Is Puzzle.

"Who is the next mitt champion to be knocked off the championship pedestal?"

That was the question spilled a few days ago and it provided plenty of food for gossip. The fans began wondering what was going to happen to other titleholders just as soon as Jack Dempsey took the fight from Jess Willard at Toledo on July 4, and they are still talking along these lines.

Some followers of the fistie game are brassknackers in the sense that they believe the year 1919 will go down in ring history as one in which more champions have been dethroned than any other. It seems that Dempsey's defeat of Willard has started the ball rolling and when one considers the length of time that several of the other titleholders have stood at the top in their classes there seems to be reason for this argument.

However, reason doesn't always work out. At least it doesn't hold any more than the dope at times, in pugilism.

Take the champion one, but try to figure out their possibilities of defeat. In the middleweight class, Mike Gibbons of St. Paul, who has been on top for years, stands out as a favorite to his challengers. Mike hasn't been doing much flatly for a long time, principally because he's been beaten most all of the other middleweights.

Mike Going Abroad. Mike, with his brother Tommy, is going to Europe to exhibit shortly, but those who know Mike Gibbons' skill can't figure where any of the scrappers on the other side have any great chance of beating him.

Jack Britton, the old Chicago boy who now makes New York his home, is acknowledged as the leader of the welterweights. He got that recognition when he knocked out Ted Lewis, the Britisher, with whom he has fought no less than 17 times. Britton is a regular fighter of the welterweights, for he is 37 years old.

Age is popularly supposed to be a handicap to the fighter, but in the case of Britton it doesn't seem to work, for when a scrapper at 37 can knock out a fellow 24 years old, who is possessed of the class of the welterweight, is some performance. Britton is a master of cleverness and that is why he stands at the top today. He is going to show up in his speed and cleverness and then, like many fighters of the past, he will be easy picking for some younger fighter.

Britton Still Supreme. Just when he is going to slow up cannot be told, but it is doubtful if Britton will lose his honors this year, especially against the welterweights now operating. In addition to Lewis, there are Bryan Downey of Columbus, Ohio; Jack Nelson of St. Paul; Johnny Griffiths of Akron, and Johnny Tillman of St. Paul, leading others of the lesser class as challengers for the title in this division.

A hard one to figure out is how Benny Leonard, lightweight titleholder, is going to be doing this year, especially against the welterweights now operating. Benny is one of the greatest fighters this division ever knew. He is so good that he does not hesitate to give away his title, and he has done so in the welterweight class. He's fought these bigger boys and held his own in a nice way. He has trimmed the most promising of his rivals in this own class with the exception of a couple—Charley White and Joe Wellington.

Leonard Looks Good. At present Leonard is matched to try conclusions with Wellington, but if this match were fought on a level playing field, all in favor of the champion. As for White, he seems unable to land a match with Benny, but if he did, the chances would be long odds, just as they do Leonard versus Wellington.

Featherweight Champion Johnny Kilbane has led the list so long that he seems to own the title. He hasn't been overbusy in recent months and few boys of real ability are knocking at his door. Perhaps the best of the recent developments is Benny Valzer. Benny at the present time is in a position to have a match. If he gets it it seems certain that the betting would favor the Cleveland titleholder.

That brings it down to the bantams. Pete Herman is the kingpin of this brigade, and those supposed to know what they are talking about, by long in standing their opinion that Pete isn't the class champion bantam that others before him. Herman is a mighty tough boy to beat on the canvas, but when it comes to knocking him out that is another matter.

Joe Lynch, the New Yorker, recently was credited with a shade victory over Pete, and there are a few others who might achieve the same result. Lynch is the Pal Moore and Jack Sharkey, but in these days it doesn't damage a champ to be outpointed.

NOTRE DAME AFTER TRIP

Successful Football Season Means Journey for College.

NOTRE DAME, Ind., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Notre Dame has an additional incentive to spur its football team to great efforts this season. Providing the gold and blue eleven makes a good showing through particularly on the schedule plans are being made for it to play the University of California on Christmas day or New Year's day in California. Negotiations have been opened by Knute K. Rockne, athletic director, and Andy Smith, coach, for such a contest. The game is arranged it will mean that Notre Dame will have three long trips this season. The eleven is scheduled to play the cadets at West Point on November 1 and to meet Nebraska at Lincoln, Neb., on October 18.

Efforts to arrange a game between Notre Dame and Florida in the latter part of last season, but were abandoned when most of the gold and blue players entered different branches of service as soon as the regular schedule was completed. Possibilities of a game on the coast this fall recall the trip made by Notre Dame in 1918, when its eleven played in Austin and Houston, Texas.

Football Practice Under Way.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Washington and Jefferson's football practice got under way this week with prospects brighter than they have been for many years. While the nucleus of old players is not exceptionally large, it presents a sufficient number of veterans to give the team stability and steady down the youngsters, many of whom have come up from the preparatory schools with exceptional reputations.

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REED ADOPTS FOOTBALL

STUDENTS RECEIVE PERMISSION FOR OUTSIDE GAMES.

Daydodgers and Dorm Factions Are Busy Rustling Material for Gridiron Campaign.

For the first time in the history of Reed college athletics a football team will be allowed to compete with outside teams. It is true that Reed played outside games last year under the S. A. T. C., but this is the first time the college is formally permitted to do so.

The victory chess congress, which was held at Hastings, England, has closed with a score of 10-10. The American team, which was led by the late Captain, won 10 1/2 games out of a possible 11.

Checks. E. H. BRYANT, Editor. Contributions of games, endings, problems or items of interest, criticisms, etc., are solicited. Send direct to 143 East Thirty-fifth street, New York, N. Y.

PROBLEM NO. 846. By Dr. W. R. I. Dalton, Seattle, Wash. The doctor writes that these are easy ones on the whole, and we are confident will please the editor and his solvers. This black mover is not as easy as it looks. The tries are very tricky.

BLACK, TEN PIECES. White to play and mate in three moves. White king on K4, queen on Q4, rook on Q5 and Q8, pawns on K3, K2, K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7, K8, K9, K10, K11, K12, K13, K14, K15, K16, K17, K18, K19, K20, K21, K22, K23, K24, K25, K26, K27, K28, K29, K30, K31, K32, K33, K34, K35, K36, K37, K38, K39, K40, K41, K42, K43, K44, K45, K46, K47, K48, K49, K50, K51, K52, K53, K54, K55, K56, K57, K58, K59, K60, K61, K62, K63, K64, K65, K66, K67, K68, K69, K70, K71, K72, K73, K74, K75, K76, K77, K78, K79, K80, K81, K82, K83, K84, K85, K86, K87, K88, K89, K90, K91, K92, K93, K94, K95, K96, K97, K98, K99, K100, K101, K102, K103, K104, K105, K106, K107, K108, K109, K110, K111, K112, K113, K114, K115, K116, K117, K118, K119, K120, K121, K122, K123, K124, K125, K126, K127, K128, K129, K130, K131, K132, K133, K134, K135, K136, K137, K138, K139, K140, K141, K142, K143, K144, K145, K146, K147, K148, K149, K150, K151, K152, K153, K154, K155, K156, K157, K158, K159, K160, K161, K162, K163, K164, K165, K166, K167, K168, K169, K170, K171, K172, K173, 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