SPORTING NEWS OF THE WORLD

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FIGHTER JOHNSON IS STILL SORE

COLORED BOXER RESENTS THE IMPUTATION THAT HE DID NOT FIGHT AS HARD AS HE COULD—STILL AFTER JEFFRIES AND ISSUES DEFI.

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—The Johnson-Ferguson fight is still a matter of animated conversation among lovers of fisticuffs. "Big Sandy" left Saturday evening for Chicago, where he is to box "Klondike," another colored aspirant for heavyweight honors. Before Ferguson left the city the receipts of the Colma bout were cut in two. There was not much money—only about $900 apiece to offset all expenses. Ferguson disappointed everybody, but those who have seen him fight elsewhere say that he made the poorest showing he had ever made in his life. He was considerably worked up over the caustic comments of the fight critics, and has declared that he does not care to try coast bouts again.

Johnson is especially sore because of the insinuations that he did not try to fight and could have knocked his man out in four rounds had he chosen to do so. Ferguson only had a "look-in" in the seventh round. He showed poor judgment in distance fighting and his much-talked-of right was seldom in evidence.

Johnson is still talking Jeffries and has actually sent on a defi. Johnson's friends point to his record and try to smooth over the Ferguson fall-down by showing that it is not such an extraordinary step for the colored man to take to go after the big fellow from Los Angeles. Johnson has decisions over Jack McCormick, George Lawler, Jim Scanlan, "Mexican Pete," Sam McVey, Joe Butler, Frank Childs, George Gardner, Fred Russell, Jack Jeffries of Denver, and Ed Martin. Draws have been fought with Joe Choynski, Billy Stift, "Klondike" and Hank Griffen.

Cordell and Seiger.

A ring battle that is exciting considerable interest is that which will take place some time about the middle of January, when Jack Cordell and Charlie Seiger will meet before the Reliance club of Oakland in a 15-round go. Cordell has had some talk with Jimmy Britt for a match to follow, should he prove the victor over Seiger. Cordell is a very likely man, with an inclination to improve in fast work, and those who have watched him train say that he ought to win easily from the Italian. The negotiations are also on between Frankie Neill and Abe Attell for a 20-round go about January 20. The San Francisco club will get the fight, unless Neill decides to pick up some of his eastern offers and speed away from the coast.

Herrera and Neary.

A Milwaukee correspondent writes that J. J. Taylor has completed arrangements for Aurelio Herrera to box Charlie Neary 20 rounds at 130 pounds in that city on January 28.

"The Village Blacksmith."

Bob Fitzsimmons is not the only follower of the ring who can claim to have been an honest village blacksmith, for there is a clever little lightweight in Boston named Jimmy Briggs who is known all over the bean city as a coming ring wonder and a smashing good man at the forge. Jimmy Briggs is an exceptional young man. Were it not known that he is a lover of the ring sport and a careful student of the tricks of boxing, he might be taken for a clergyman's son. His case is a good example of what can be done by a pugilist who abstains at all times from drink and tobacco. Jimmy says he is not a temperance lecturer, but he has a firm belief in good habits and lots of healthy sleep.

"I learned my trade as a blacksmith at my father's shop at Ponkapoag," writes Jimmy. "There I learned ordinary horseshoeing when 16 years of age. After that I opened a shop for myself in Chelsea and made a specialty of turning out fine work. I have found that in boxing as well as in business one must study with method; I have applied method to horseshoes and smashes, and I have had success with both."

Jimmy stands 5 feet 6 inches and weighs 128 pounds. He has met many clever men, the last among whom was Sammy Smith of Philadelphia. There was no decision, but the two men expect to meet again some time next month, and Jimmy's argumepts as to how to train and keep strong will have opportunity for demonstration.

RACING RESULTS

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Ingleside experienced several fine events yesterday in the running card. Tommy Burns made his first appearance at the local course this season, and out-finished Bullman, bringing his mount Royal Rogue under the wire a nose ahead of the latter's mount. Summary:

Six furlongs, selling—Constellator won, Dora I second, Bee Rosewater third; time, 1:15½.

Five and a half furlongs, purse—Lord Wardsworth won, Ebony second, Andrew B. Cook third; time, 1:08.

One mile and a furlong, purse—Cougar won, Veterano second, Dupont third; time, 1:55.

Seven furlongs, purse—Epicure won, Ahumada second, Leader third; time, 1:27.

Handicap, six and a half furlongs—Royal Rogue won, Beau Ormonde second, Arabo third; time, 1:21.

One mile, selling—Caronal won, Illowaho second, Forest King third; time, 1:41¾.

At New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—Crescent City summary:

Seven furlongs—Hands Across won, Badger second, Anti-Trust third; time, 1:30 1-5.

Six furlongs—Foxy Kane won, Floyd M. second, Vanness third; time, 1:15 2-5.

Five furlongs—Little Jack Horner won, Sea Shark second, Demurrer third; time, 1:02 3-5.

Handicap, one mile—Levi Dorsey won, Dan McKenna second, Huzzah third; time, 1:42 3-5.

Mile and five-eighths, selling—Siddons won, Little Elkin second, Trocadero third; time, 2:54.

Five furlongs—King Croker won, Myrondale second, Mordella third; time, 1:02 3-5.

DUDE NYE.
Splendid English Setter, Owned by J. B. Nye of This City, That Will Enter at the Salem Kennel Show Tomorrow.

AUTO DOGS LATEST IN POLITE VEHICLES

"I admit that I was pretty sore on automobiles when they first came out," confessed the red-faced man with the horseshoe pin in his scarf. "But since our friend Stone of Chicago has explained their infinite superiority over—well, I don't see how on earth I've managed to be content with horses all these years, 'deed I don't.

"Why, just think, you don't have to feed automobiles or exercise 'em or shoe 'em or anything. While, as for speed, you can make an ordinary passenger locomotive hide its headlight in shame.

"Of course the smell of some of 'em is a bit overpowering at first, but if you go fast enough you can generally manage to keep in front of it. As I said, I don't see how I've managed to get along without one."

The red-faced man paused and seemed lost in thought.

"Say," he continued in a few minutes, "isn't it funny that no one has ever thought of having auto dogs? Now that they've solved the horse problem, why don't they try the dog problem?

"No, no, I don't mean like those little mechanical toys you see on Washington street. I mean a sure enough gasoline dog with a steam bark attachment. Something that could be regulated by a rubber tube leash with a bulb on the end.

"Just think of it. You could regulate his speed and direction, and there'd never be any danger of his getting in fights. You wouldn't even have to feed him. And during the summer, if you didn't want to take him to the country, you could store him with some furrier who would be only too glad to insure him against fleas and moths.

"Great, isn't it? I expect 'most any day now to read in my morning paper that 'Willie Lightweight was seen on the street yesterday with his new racing auto-terrier, the Purple Towser,' or that 'Miss Dolly Dimpletoe was noticed in the park exercising her recently imported motor-poodle, the Pink Fido.'

"Of course, there'll be accidents at first, just as there were with automobiles. I shouldn't be a bit surprised to hear 'most any minute that 'while nine-year-old Lizzie Schlitz was playing with her 16 pup power gasoline greyhound the dog exploded, inflicting slight wounds about the face. Lizzie's face was cauterized and the pieces of the dog were gathered up and taken to the junk pound.'

"There are naturally bound to be some accidents, but think of the great good that will eventually—what? No, thanks, old man. I'm going down to look at a horse this afternoon and wouldn't dare."

BILLY WOODS KNOCKS OUT TOMMY REILLY

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The Sequoia Athletic club of Oakland succeeded in giving its patrons one of the best boxing exhibitions that has been pulled off in this vicinity in some time. The principals, Tommy Reilly and Billy Woods, colored, of Los Angeles, battled for the middeweight supremacy of the Pacific coast. Woods and Reilly mixed it from the start and kept the crowd worked up to an enthusiastic pitch, by their cleverness and the fierceness of the contest. The colored man had all the best of it, as he proved the stronger man, and in every round he put Reilly to the floor from one to six times, and in the sixth, after being sent to the floor repeatedly, Reilly received a blow square on the jaw which sent him down for the count. Reilly and Woods have battled several times previously for the honors and last evening was the first time in which either man gained a clear-cut victory. Reilly displayed his old-time cleverness in only one round, the fourth, when he had the better of it, but Woods counterbalanced that with his work throughout the contest.

AUTOMOBILE NOTES.

Fire Chief Sullivan of San Francisco has replaced the horse and buggy he formerly used in going to fires with an electric automobile. The vehicle arrived a short time ago, and is now in commission.

Mayor Low of New York has approved a resolution authorizing Street Cleaning Commissioner Woodbury to expend $4,000 for two automobiles. These were asked for by the commissioner on the ground that they will assist in the better inspection of the department in Manhattan and the Bronx.

An automobile express service between Homestead and Pittsburg has just been inaugurated, with one large vehicle, capable of carrying a considerable amount of freight. Two regular trips each way daily is the schedule, and if the scheme proves successful other cars will be added to the equipment as the growth of the business may require.

Barney Oldfield says that on his present Western racing trip he has earned $6,000 in prize money.

MUNROE DEFEATS LIMERICK.

(Journal Special Service.)

Boston, Dec. 16.—The seconds of Al Limerick of Buffalo threw up the sponge in the fourth round of what was scheduled to be a 15-round contest between Limerick and Jack Munroe. Munroe had decidedly the best of the contest, having Limerick nearly finished when his seconds saved him.

HERRERA QUITS BISHOP.

Biddy Bishop has split with Aurelio Herrera, the Mexican fighter, and it is now the question among the sportsmen what the latter will do. It is believed that had he quit Bishop before his recent defeat he would have been a good drawing card in the East. However, Herrera says he is through with Bishop for good and will attend to his own business in the future.

SPORTING NEWS OF VARIOUS KINDS

POOL ROOMS MAY BE OPENED IN NEW YORK CITY ON THE FIRST OF THE YEAR—BRITISH GOLFER PRAISES AMERICAN PLAYERS—BICYCLE NOTE.

Mr. I. Hackleberger of the Metropolitan Turf association of New York says that the belief existing in New York that the pool rooms will be reopened there has hurt the California racing game some. The turf followers have made a strong play to have the rooms in play by New Year, but from present indications they are going to be disappointed. If by the end of December the law is made known to be operative there will be a big crowd of Eastern sports on the coast by the first of the year.

Bicycle Note.

The city of Waltham has an odd bicycle club. It is composed of three old gentlemen and is named the Zimmerman club after the famous rider. The club members are William Rogers, aged 76; John Harris, aged 83, and John Clark, aged 81. John Harris is known on this coast. He has frequently visited Pacific coast cities and enjoyed long rides over our country roads. He was for years superintendent of construction of the Waltham Watch company. Almost every day the Zimmerman club starts out for a run and always accomplishes at least 20 miles each ride. They will not enter for the century but they claim they can do a run with most amateurs of the wheel who have the advantage of a lesser burden of years.

Golf Note.

In her "Impressions of American Golf" Miss Rhona Adair, the champion woman golfer of Great Britain says: "Never in all of my experience have I seen such universal grit as is displayed by every woman golfer in America. I have been astonished at the excellence of the links, which I have been told are only three or four years old, for we believe that a course must have been played over several years before links can reach their greatest perfection. Should some of the links I have seen improve as much in the next few years as they have in the past they will be the best in the world."

Miss Adair will bring over a team of British women players in 1905. A team of American women will visit Great Britain next year and a team of American women will visit Canada next fall.

Fitzgerald and Canole.

Willie Fitzgerald, the lightweight, who won in four successive contests, is scheduled to box Martin Canole 15 rounds before the Criterion club of Boston on the 22d inst.

IN QUAKER CITY.

Lajoie, the great baseball player, is spending the winter in Philadelphia, which is quite a treat for the great second baseman. Larry was kept out of that town last year by the courts.

FINE DESCRIPTION OF HENRY HARRIS

The following description to a faithful picture of Uncle Henry Harris, popular baseball magnate, was recently published in the Bulletin, and any one knowing Mr. Harris would see at once that the artist was strongly acquainted with his subject:

"This is Hank. He does not sell assorted snowballs or gold bricks, though he buys a few. The gent, in his business, who has not purchased an occasional golden brick is a human wonder. Hank is the Chadwick of baseball of the Pacific coast. His identity with baseball dates back to the old Haight street grounds when Jim McDonald, Buck Gagus, Rube Levy, Hughey Smith and Jake Meckeley were colts. The game was an infant, and Hank took pity on it, and sacrificed his job in a shoe house to father it. It proved a good father, and the game grew up to be a healthy man, though it had a few sick spells in the meantime. The central figure in Tad's cartoon is Hank sitting on the bench. It is his favorite pose. Legs crossed, long cigar slowly burning between his teeth, and lead pencil and score card in hand. When a game is in progress he is silent as the tomb, which is not the attitude of most managers. Once in a great while he will address a player, and when he does the player deserves all he gets, and a lot more. Hank is a good loser as managers go. If players show him that they are trying and use an ounce of head work in the bargain they will never hear from him except on pay day. While baseball is his favorite sport, there are amusements he likes, some of which cost him dearly. During the long winter season Hank enjoys dallying with the ponies at the local race tracks, and it is no telling how many good things have been passed to him in his lifetime. He was lucky one winter, and the racing game looked so awfully easy that he tried his hand making book. The talent made one mad rush at him, knocked him off the block and he never went back. He is also fond of playing cards, and will back raise when holding fours at least twice. Opera Hank is passionately fond of, but he does not go much on tragedy. Hank will bet on prize fights, but will not go far to see one. In politics he is a Republican, but will back a Democrat if he looks like a winner. He says he can see none who can beat Teddy. Hank also says you can have a bet on his team when it starts for the pennant next year. He has promised to bring out the finest bunch of stars money can buy. We shall see."

FITZGERALD AND WARD TO MEET.

(Journal Special Service.)

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 16.—Willie Fitzgerald, the Brooklyn lightweight, and Mike Ward of Sarnia, who are slated to engage in a 10-round bout here tonight under the auspices of the Metropolitan Athletic club, appear to be in splendid shape as a result of their steady training. The contest has excited a lively interest in sporting circles owing to the excellent showing both men have made in their recent fights.

JEFFRIES GOOD FOR TEN YEARS MORE

(Journal Special Service.)

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 16.—In the opinion of Dr. Dudley A. Sargent, Harvard's famous physical expert and authority, Jim Jeffries, the pugilist, has 10 years before him of active service in the ring. Jeffries, in company with Joe Kennedy, his sparring partner, and Kid Egan, his trainer, visited Dr. Sargent in the Hemenway gymnasium last week and was examined carefully by the crimson authority.

Dr. Sargent noted two peculiar things, the first that Jeffries' right arm has decreased in measurement from 16.5 inches three years ago to 15.9 inches, and that his "terrible left" has grown to a crooked position which it is impossible to straighten out. The cause of the first of these changes is a puzzling one, for Jeffries is stronger than ever so far as his right arm hitting capacity is concerned.

The cause of the latter is easier, resulting from the knitting together of the tissues about the elbow, due to the fact that the left arm always leads. Its curved rigidity, however, has a most beneficial use, for it enables the big giant to get all the force of a straight blow into a hooked drive.

Dr. Sargent today was much impressed with Jeffries' general condition and pronounced him "a marvelous man." In his opinion the fighter's greatest danger is a tendency to corpulence. Within the last three years he has gained noticeably, weighing 247 pounds now, against 228 at that time. His height (six feet and half an inch) and his chest measurement (44.9 inches), however, remain the same.

FARLEY TO LEAD MIDDIES.

(Journal Special Service.)

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 16.—At a recent meeting of the members of the naval academy football team, Midshipman Louis C. Farley of Rowe, Mass., was unanimously chosen captain of the navy team for 1904, to succeed Midshipman C. C. Soule, Jr., of Brookline, Mass., who will be graduated next February.

OXFORD VICTORIOUS.

(Journal Special Service.)

London, Dec. 16.—In the annual football match between Oxford and Cambridge held yesterday at the Queens club, the victory went to the Oxford players in a hard fought contest. A large crowd was present.

O'KEEFE GETS DECISION.

(Journal Special Service.)

Chicago, Dec. 16.—After six rounds of tame fighting, during which neither man was hurt, Jack O'Keefe of this city was given the decision over Gus Gardner of Philadelphia last evening.

The Horseless Carriage.

The old woman, who, centuries ago, predicted the horseless carriage, wasn't such a fool after all. First came the steam railroad, then the electric railway, and last, still more wonderful, the automobile. This wonderful machine is made in many styles, but the favorite and most used style in this city is "The White Automobile." The Portland agent, J. B. Kelley, 74 Grand avenue, is selling the 1904 model for $500 less than you can buy it January 1. It might be well to investigate this offer as well as the White Automobile.

TIGERS WILL NOT PLAY RED AND BLUE

When interviewed in regard to the statement published in several Philadelphia papers recently to the effect that Princeton was to resume football relations with Pennsylvania next fall, Assistant Manager Coughlin, of the Princeton football team, stated that the report was absolutely without foundation. He also announced definitely that the Tigers would not play football with the Philadelphia team during the next season. While the sentiment which prevails among the Princeton undergraduates is not in the least antagonistic to Pennsylvania, it is thought to be unwise to overload the football schedule with a game as hard as the proposed contest would undoubtedly be. The arrangement of games this year was an ideal one, and next season's list of contests will be patterned after it as closely as possible. It was stated by the Princeton baseball management that two baseball games would be played with Pennsylvania next spring, one to be held in Philadelphia and the other on the home grounds.

NEW YORK BREEDERS MEET.

(Journal Special Service.)

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Syracuse is just now the Mecca for breeders of fancy stock throughout the state. The occasion is the annual meeting of the New York State Breeder's association, which is a federation of the various state organizations of sheep breeders and of the growers of Shropshire, Holstein-Frisian, Jersey and other fancy breeds of cattle. The meeting of the state association, which opened in the city hall this afternoon, was preceded this morning by meetings of the State Merino Sheep Breeders' association and the New York State Shropshire Breeders' association. Features of the opening session of the general convention were the annual address of the president, Frank D. Ward, of Batavia, and an address on "Sheep Breeding" by John Campbell of Woodville, Ont. The general convention and the meetings of the various affiliated organizations will continue through tomorrow.

BOXED A DRAW AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 16.—A. Short of the Twenty-sixth battery and M. Friedle of this city fought an eight-round draw last evening. Both men fought cleverly.

Well Known.

Markell. We wonder if there's a wee small child on the east side that don't know Markell? If there is let the mother enlighten the little one at once. The headquarters on the east side for Santa Claus is at Markell's, the prince of good merchants of the east side. Chock full of toys and holiday goods is this big department store—not only holiday goods, but many useful articles suitable for Christmas presents. Thursday's Journal will contain some remarkable low prices quoted on goods on sale at this store Friday and Saturday for Christmas shoppers.

CAN DINE AT HOME.

Before Taking the "Spokane Flyer" for Eastern Washington Points.

By the new O. R. & N. time card, persons desiring to take the Spokane Flyer for Spokane, Coeur d'Alene and other Eastern Washington points can now dine at home (train leaves at 7:45 p. m.) before leaving. The "Portland-Chicago Special" now leaves at 8:50 a. m.