

SPORTS OF THE DAY

STANLEY KETCHEL IS BUSIEST CHAMPION

JOE GANS VICTIM OF WHITE PLAGUE

By Will J. Slattery.
San Francisco, Aug. 8.—Stanley Ketchel is one of the busiest champions who ever donned a glove. Not content with winning the title of king of the middleweights in less than a year's time, Ketchel is right on the job with two more matches which will be decided within a month's time and it is very likely that he will go right down the line and attempt to clean a few more of them just as soon as he has finished with his next two opponents, Joe Thomas and Billy Papke.

Ketchel will take on Thomas on Wednesday evening, August 18, under the auspices of Jack Gleason's "Occidental Club." It will mark the fourth meeting of the men and though it does not figure as a great pugilistic card, still there is a certain amount of interest in the event because both men are so well known here and therefore, it bids fair to draw out a fairly good house, though neither man will become rich from the proceeds.

Ketchel is going to take on Thomas at catch weights. The former prize of San Francisco, after having taken an awful beating from the Michigan giant on three different occasions, offers the excuse that he was weak from making weight each time and asked as a special favor that he be given a chance to go against Ketchel without training down. This request was granted in the time by the champion and the match was quickly made, even before Ketchel had been through with Hugo Kelly.

Thomas may think that he is getting a shade the better of the deal, but he is about the only man who looks at it in this light. It seems reasonable to figure that Ketchel will be 60 per cent better if he does not have to come down in weight. He has shown in his recent fights that the heavier he is the faster and better he can fight. Thomas probably also will be a little stronger, but the slight advantage to be gained by him in a catch weight match will more than be offset by the good it will do the champion.

Whether he wins or loses with Thomas, the champion is billed to go against Billy Papke of Chicago in a 25-round encounter before Jim Jeffries' club near Los Angeles on admission day, September 3. He will have to make 152 pounds at 9 o'clock in the morning for Papke and the pair enter the ring at 2:30 in the afternoon. About two months ago they fought a whirlwind 10-round go in Milwaukee and Ketchel had far the better of the mixup. He now believes that he can stop Papke within 25 rounds and the best judges of the sport here also believe that he will be able to turn the trick. Therefore, Ketchel promises to make a 10 to 5 or 2 to 1 choice over the fighting German from the middle west.

If he trims Papke, Ketchel will say farewell to the middleweights and go right upstairs after the big fellows. He realizes that he has a splendid chance to cop the heavyweight championship of the world and also that he can no longer make the middleweight limit and fight strong. Therefore, he is getting under the advice of his friends and admirers and making a strong bid for the title that is now in such doubt.

Ketchel's one great ambition is to get the scalp of Tommy Burns, the lemon champion, who thus far has refused to put up his dukes against anything but a soft one. Ketchel does nothing but talk Burns by day and dream Burns by night. Ever since he got the better of Papke in their recent fight Ketchel has been hurling challenges at Burns. He may be lucky enough to land and he may find himself rowing in the same boat with Jack Johnson, who sailed all the way over to England after Burns.



The above is a hitherto unpublished picture of Stanley Ketchel and the diamond belt he wears emblematic of the middleweight championship of the world. The belt is a beautiful gold affair set with jewels, and was presented the Grand Rapids fighter when he returned to the coast after his sojourn at Pine Island lake, north of his home city, a few weeks ago. The fight last Friday night, a week ago, when Hugo Kelly was put away in the third round, after giving a good tussle in the opening rounds, gives Ketchel still more reason of being classed as the best of the middleweights.

only to lose the Canadian as soon as he reached the other side.

There is a well founded story going the rounds here that Joe Gans, the fallen idol of the ring, is a victim of consumption and that the dread white plague is fast gnawing at the vitals of the poor of all lightweights in his day. Ever since his defeat at the hands of Battling Nelson more than six weeks ago, the old master has been hiding himself in the wilds of Lake County. The outside world has seen or heard practically nothing of Joe since then, but several persons who saw him within the last two weeks vouch for the statement that another strenuous battle will sign the death warrant of Joe and that he will be happier before Battling Nelson's punches.

Henry Seig defies emphatically that Joe is suffering from the dread lung disease, but he is not borne out by the other wise followers of the game who made it their business to go up to the mountain resort and look Joe over carefully. They claim that Gans is weak looking, hollow chested and dull of mind, and that he is constantly racking his entire frame. They aver that he is but a shadow of his former self and that instead of picking up the weight which he is slowly rusting away, though battling hard to overcome the fatal malady which is alleged to have him fast in its grip.

It is funny how the great sometimes fall. Take the case of Charley Hochette for instance. Hochette was the first man to meet Joe Gans in California 12 years ago, and he gave the ex-champion an awful beating. The other night, Hochette made a sorry showing against a boxer in a four-round go at the Reinecke club, Oakland. This is remarkable when you figure out that Gans has been a headliner during those 12 years. Hochette is no older than Gans, but he has been a dead one for a number of years, while the black boy has been very live as many of those who fell before his awful wallop will testify to.

From present indications, the championship featherweight battle between Owen Moran, the British champion, and Abe Attell, the American holder of the title, will not be fought before Jim Coffroth's club on Labor day. Just at present the men are in a deadlock over the selection of a referee and now Attell refuses to take anybody but Jack Welch. It would appear that he will be told to go on his way very soon.

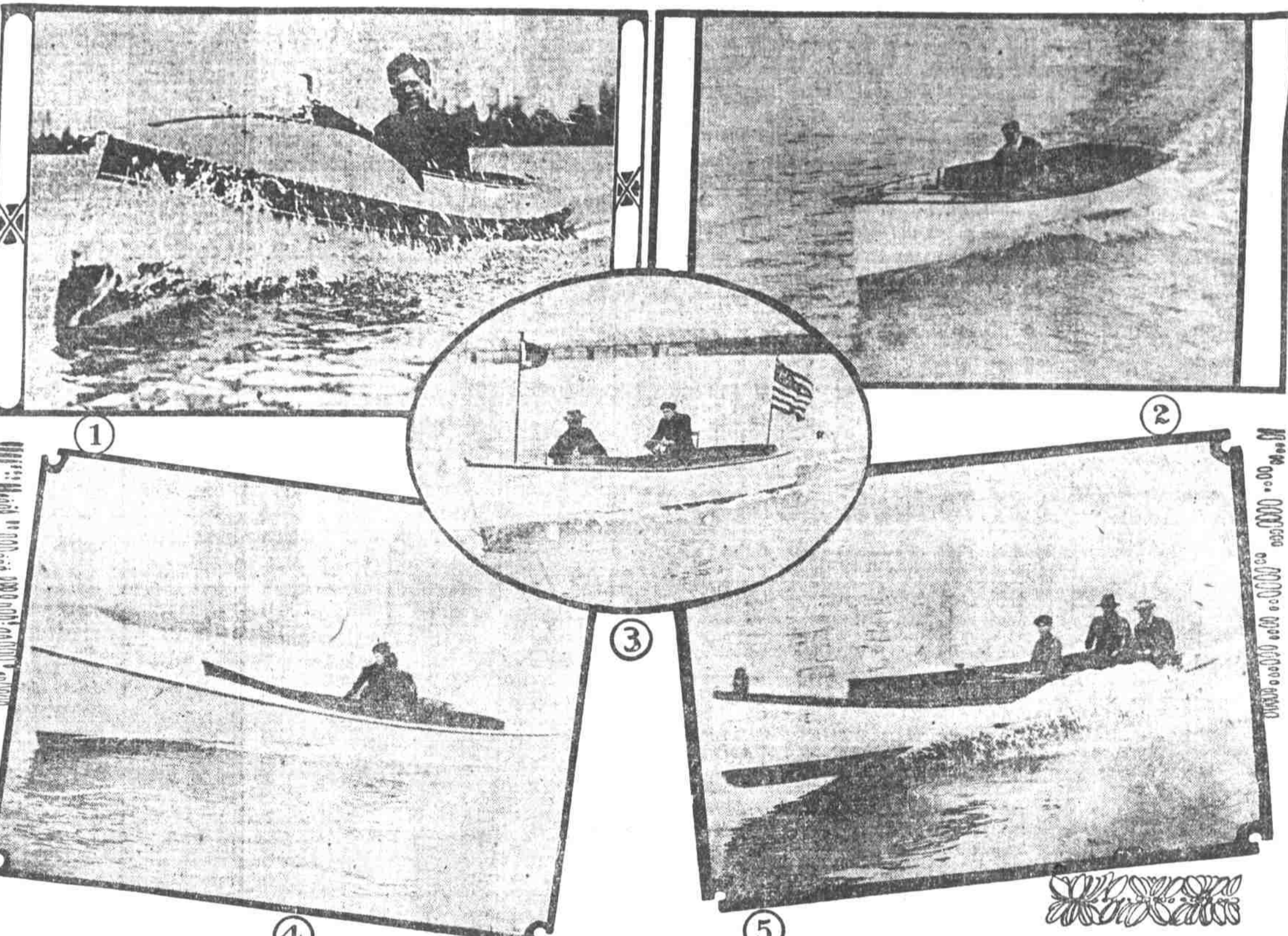
Moran claims that he is not being fairly treated. After coming 5,000 miles for a chance to mix it with Attell, he claims that the latter is now trying to give him the worst of it by dictating as to who shall be the third man in the ring. Moran wanted to be allowed to name a few men and then get together with Attell and choose one of them, but the little Hebrew would listen to nothing like this. He came out flat-footed and announced that it was Welch for him or nobody else. Finally, Promoter Jim Coffroth got sore and told Attell that if he did not change his mind by next Friday night, he would cast him aside and put Eddie Hanlon on in his place.

Hanlon is again basking in the limelight after a two years' sleep in the pugilistic graveyard. His recent few bouts with Johnny Murphy, in which he had all the best of the milling, made Eddie out a live one again and now his friends believe that he will be capable of making a great fight against the little Britisher. Abe's enemies believe that he is afraid of losing his title to Moran and that he is looking for an ace in the hole in the hope that he will either gain his point or else have the match called off at the last moment and still be in possession of a reasonable excuse to offer to his friends when it comes to a showdown.

It begins to look as though that Los Angeles team is going to center right home with the pennant unless some of their players show a big flash of speed within the next few weeks. The way the Angels have been playing around here for the last month stamps them as the class of the league, though a month before that time, the local fans had the Heavers sized up as the real track rollers.

Captain Frank Dillon of the leaders has experienced practically no hard luck this season and every now and then he has grabbed turned out to be a find. Dillon was lucky enough to get off well and from the moment his team received its first start, nothing cropped up to mar its progress, though every other nine in the league had its troubles. With plenty of pitchers on his staff, a good catcher always on the bench ready to jump in at a moment's notice and a great utility man in Wheeler, Dillon has managed to drill his crew right up to the point of perfection till at the present time he is entrenched in a place at the head of the list and it will be hard indeed to oust him, especially if things break so well as they have been.

CRACK MOTOR BOATS ENTERED IN LABOR DAY REGATTA ON THE WILLAMETTE



(1) Allen Burdick's "Silver Heels." (2) P. Van Datta's "Van." (3) Ray Jamison's "Lonesome." (4) C. W. Garow's "Barb." (5) Joe Mathott's "Kittie."

Officers of Motor Boat Club.
Commodore—George J. Kelly.
Vice-Commodore—E. Von de Worth.
General Manager and Treasurer—James H. Welch.
Fleet Captain—August Fleming.

Fourth of July and also to have more boats that have come out since the Fourth of July.
The club now boasts the fastest aggregation of boats on the Pacific coast, from its little Silverheels, the champion of the canoe class up to the Wolf, the acknowledged fastest boat on the coast, and several boats are now being constructed in local waters with the avowed intention of lowering the colors of the Wolf. High horsepower engines and speed lines are the chief topics of conversation at the clubhouse. Many boats are being planned and many are now under construction which are designed to reel off many a mile on the turn of the hour glass. The boat that obtains the championship next year will be one worthy of its title.

The Barb, built by Von de Worth Bros, has just been equipped with a new motor and will make her first appearance in the races Labor day against the Happy Heine, Alamo and the Viceroy. These boats should make a very pretty race, as they all run along about 23 miles an hour. There is a new sheet-iron boat being built at Von de Worth's which is expected to make good speed and which will also be entered in the race.

Boards the fast boat races the mosquito fleet of the club will have a chance to show what it can do.
The club has now nearly 75 members and new members are coming every day, as they see that it is a benefit to them to join such an association, whose objects is to promote motor boating on the river by reducing the expense of operation and by furnishing all the conveniences that add to the pleasure of same. It is the duty of each member to lend a helping hand to any other member in distress by giving him a tow when the engine is broken down, as evidenced by the way the Sterling pulled one of Kellogg's boats off the rocks at a very dangerous place at Oregon City a few days ago.

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May Race at Astoria.
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McFarland Wins From Brock.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Aug. 8.—Referee Egan stopped the fight between Patsy McFarland and Phil Brock in the sixth round last night and awarded the decision to McFarland when Brock was all but out. McFarland had all the better of the fight, knocking Brock down in the second round.

The members of the Willamette Motor Boat club are making great preparations for their next races, which will be held on Labor day. Every member of the club has appointed himself a committee of one to help make it a big success. The club intends to have an even better program than was held on the

Barb in Maiden Race.
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FOND MOTHER AND LITTER OF BLUEBLOODED BULL TERRIERS.



Lottie C., the proud parent of this huddling mass of canine aristocracy, viewed with wondering suspicion the work of the camera man as he snapped her and her young family. Lottie C. and the new puppies are owned by J. F. Keller and they have been the wonderment of the neighborhood for the past four weeks. They were a month old yesterday. Their father is Willamette Defender, a well known prize winner. The seven little fellows are extremely frisky and together with their mother comprise a pretty picture.

The other day the Cincinnati club tried to buy Catcher Easterly from Los Angeles and incidentally offered a swell price for him. But Manager Ewing turned the offer down and now something happened that is likely to do the league a lot of good in the future.
President Ewing got hold of all the managers on the ground and wired McClellan. He told them all that he would like them to promise that none of them would dispose of any of their players for delivery to the big leagues while the present pennant race is on in this league. This was rather a hard pill for a couple of them to swallow, but they realized that it would be to their own interests and for the good of the game in this league, they did as Ewing requested and now the big leagues can whistle their heads off in vain for players from this league till the season is at an end.

VANCOUVER TEAM TO MEET ALL-STAR NINE
Sunday afternoon Archie Parrott's "all-star" aggregation, chosen from the several teams of the Tri-City league, will line up against Jack Heien's victorious Vancouver "Pioneers" at Vaughn street. The game will be called at 2 o'clock. That the contest will be a fierce one goes without saying. The teams will line up about as follows:
Vancouver—Concepcion and Pender, pitchers; King, catcher; Lodell, first base; McCannell, second base; Brown, shortstop; Turk, third base; Hatch, left field; Briggs, center field; Chapin, right field.
All-Stars—Hurlburt of east side and Howard of west side, pitchers; Heyner of Falcon and Moore of St. Johns, catchers; A. Parrott of west side, first base; Drennan of west side and Fleming of St. Johns, second base; Fay of Wood Burr, shortstop; McGilwain of west side, third base; Oliver of St. Johns left field; Tauscher of east side, center field; Lorch of east side, right field.

This date in Sport Annals.
1795—One of the first cricket games recorded, between the Garrison of Dublin and the All Ireland eleven.
1873—At Saratoga, Hubbard, 4 years

SPOKANE WOULD GIVE \$25,000 CUP FOR RACE
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Spokane, Wash., Aug. 8.—The Spokane chamber of commerce today offered a purse of \$25,000 for a race between J. C. Carpenter of Cornell and Lieutenant Halwell of the British army to take place at the state fair here October 5. It is proposed that the men run 400 meters the same distance they were matched for at London, when Halwell defeated Carpenter fouled him. The chamber also offers to pay all expenses of the runners to this city.
Cleveland fans have organized a rooters' association which will start work at once trying to cheer that noted "blue slump" that comes around each season before the bell rings.
Willie Keeler of the New York Highlanders is not playing like a man who is all in. Bill is fretting to everybody in the field and as that he is still the great little "chopper."