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## COFFROTH CHARGES NO-DECISION BOUTS IN EAST ARE CROOKED

Famous Pacific Coast Promoter Exposes Agreements of Fighters.

### RING NEEDS REJUVENATION

Willard Is Only One Who Can Save Sport Now, as Other Champions Are Very Much in Bad.

By Ring Side.  
New York, Feb. 12.—Boxing is in a moribund state just now, and this condition will persist until Jess Willard consents to defend his heavyweight championship. It is more than 10 months since the noted showman has appeared in the ring, and the public is clamoring for his return.  
The game is in the doldrums at present, no question about that. And rejuvenation depends wholly upon Mr. Willard. Boxing enthusiasts are heartily sick of witnessing such sham fights as Freddie Welsh, Al McCoy and even Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion, Welsh can fight, but won't; McCoy would fight, but can't; while Kilbane really fights only on occasion.  
Here we have named the recognized leaders of three divisions; and if they fail to interest, what can be expected of the other fighters in their respective classes.

**East Does Not Explain.**  
Nobody in the east has attempted to answer the question of why interest is so fast waning in the boxing game. It remained for Jimmy Coffroth, premier pug promoter of the west and handler of many championship contests, to furnish a logical reason for the existing conditions.

Coffroth has done perhaps more than any man in the world to foster boxing and put it on the high plane it has enjoyed for many years. Yet, in a letter to the writer, Coffroth is bold enough to take a rap at the game he loves more than anything else, in the hope of rectifying matters and thus revive interest in the sport.

Coffroth writes as follows: "I don't like to befool my own nest, but I don't believe there is ever a six-round bout pulled off in Philadelphia between men of class that was on the level. I will go further and say that I question very seriously whether champions or near champions ever go into six or 10 round contests in the east without a definite understanding as to just what is to happen. Can Produce the Papers."

"I am not talking from hearsay, and if necessary I can produce incriminating letters from many of the uncrowned heads of fistiana. One reads a great deal in the papers nowadays of this fighter or that being scheduled in a 10 round contest. It makes me smile, from what I know of the inner workings of the game.

"To be frank with the public, I haven't much faith in these contests as to what they really mean in the way of comparison. The man up in the ranks figures on being the most he can with the least possible damage to himself.

"I don't believe it is going too far to say that there never was a straight six round fight between two boxers of glass in Philadelphia. Also I doubt whether the more important matches in either New York or Milwaukee are allowed to proceed on their merits.

**Two Towns Responsible.**  
"As long as New York and Milwaukee promoters continue to give the talent fancy guarantees it is natural they will not be disposed to accept smaller purses for longer fights. Men like Welsh, Kilbane, Gibson will continue in short distance bouts until they have lost their drawing powers and find themselves forced to rehabilitate themselves. Then, as your Leach Cross did on several occasions, they will be willing to accept 20 round fights for smaller money.

"Boxing was in the same condition 20 years ago as it is now. Jim Corbett had beaten John L. Sullivan, and devoted all his time to stage work. A match with Bob Fitzsimmons was broached, but Corbett was too engrossed in uplifting the stage. Finally Fitz matched with Steve O'Donnell, who had been proclaimed by Corbett as the best sparring partner he had ever had. Fitz flattened O'Donnell in a hurry.

**Case of Corbett and Fitz.**  
"Even then Corbett refused to be inveigled in a match with Fitz. Jim came west and boxed a four round draw with Sharkey. Fitz six months later defeated the sailor and forced Corbett into the match at Carson.

"That meeting revived boxing. If it had not been for that there is no telling what interest would have come up again. Unfortunately just now we have no heavyweights worthy of notice. If we had, it might be possible to bring about a rejuvenation of the game."

That isn't all Coffroth writes, either. He adds that New York is a "snoker" town for tolerating long draw decisionless contests. To his mind, decisions by referees would improve the game here; at least it would help materially by keeping the "snokers" and "hangovers" away from this town. There is more or less logic in what Coffroth writes.

**Angel Mascot, Aged 6, Paid \$100 Month**  
Los Angeles, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Kelly Powers, 6 years and 10 months old, claims to be the youngest person in America to be signed by an organized baseball club. The boy signed a contract with the Los Angeles Coast league club today and will receive \$100 a month for acting as mascot.

Kelly was signed by Frank Chance, vice president of the Angels and gravely printed his name to the legal form. He inquired when Chance would want him to report.

The newest Angel will be fitted out with a regular uniform. Kelly Powers is the son of John Powers, principal stockholder in the Angels, and will be a millionaire when he reaches his majority.

## WASHINGTON TO HAVE VETERANS IN VARSITY BOAT

Ed Leader of Portland Pulling Oar After Three Years' Absence.

University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., Feb. 12.—Crew practice has been resumed since the cold weather has subsided, and the prospects for a first class crew are exceptionally bright. Coach Conlue has the best material for his varsity boat that he has had since the crew made its first eastern invasion, three years ago.

Ed Leader, of Portland, Or., is again out for a seat in the varsity boat. Leader pulled an oar three years ago, but has not been turning out since, devoting his time to baseball instead. There are five other letter men out for seats this year, and many good second string men.

Washington has the heaviest rowing schedule this year that they have ever had. The first race will be staged in California, when they meet the crews from Stanford and the University of California on the Oakland estuary. Later on the same colleges will meet on Lake Washington. The University of Washington is also planning a race with the Portland Rowing club on the Willamette river.

The letter men who are turning out this year are: Captain Brokaw, 7; "Shorty" Harr, 6; Kumm, stroke; Walke, 5; McConihe, 5, and Leader, 2. Eberight, for three years understudy to the cox, is again on the job, and has a clear field for the seat.

There were 228 actual participants in the last grand American trapshooting handicap.

## LEADING PIN SMASHERS IN PORTLAND'S AUTOMOBILE BOWLING LEAGUE



The Mitchell, Lewis & Staver bowling five, leaders in the Automobile league on the Portland alley. The players, from left to right, are: Front seat—Bill Broadway and Earl Smith. Tonneau—Cain George Beyer, Chester Metzger and Harold Bull.

## Vincent Monpier to Retire From Boxing

Vincent Monpier, the lightweight boxer of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club, is going to retire from the squared circle. During the past year he has won more or less trouble with his nose, and upon consulting a specialist was advised to give up boxing. He will have an operation on his nose in the near future, and next fall he plans to enter the mat game.

Monpier's rise in the local amateur ranks was meteoric. He started as a 115-pounder three years ago. In 1914 he appeared in the 125-pound class, and last season in the lightweight division. He was winner in a large majority of the bouts in which he appeared, and Instructor Tommy Tracey looked upon him as a comer.

### Lush Accepts Terms.

Pitcher Johnny Lush yesterday accepted terms tendered him this year by the Portland Beavers, in a letter from Los Angeles, while Fred Carisch asked the McCredies to confirm the telegram that he was to be released. It is presumed Carisch has something else in view.

## Chief Bender Asked Vernon \$600 Month

Los Angeles, Feb. 12.—(P. N. S.)—Now that Chief Bender, athletic star, has signed to pitch for the Philadelphia Athletics, Ed Maier gives out a perfectly ad alibi for not signing the Indian to the Vernon club.

"Bender was willing to sign with us," said Maier, "but all he was asking was \$600 a month and transportation both ways, which is about 15 per cent of the monthly salary limit. Outside of that his demands were reasonable enough."

## RYAN IS SERAPH AND ARIZONA IS LOSER OF GUNNER

Charley Arbogast Welcome to Seal Players, Says H. Wolverton.

Los Angeles, Feb. 12.—(P. N. S.)—Jack Ryan, star Angel twirler, today accepted his contract for 1916 and says he will sign it Monday.

It is understood that Charles Arbogast, manager of the Hayden, Ariz., ball team, who tried to get Ryan, will leave here today for San Francisco, where he will try to get several northern players.

Arbogast seeks Rube Gardner and Jerry Downs especially and said today he has already signed Art Guest of the Oaks.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—"If Arbogast can snare any of my players he is welcome to them," Harry Wolverton, Seal manager, said today when told that the former Los Angeles and Oakland catcher was en route to San Francisco to sign as many Seal and Oak players as possible for his Hayden, Ariz., team.

"Personally, I don't think he has a chance," continued Wolverton, "but I will not stand in his way."

**Gotch in Hard Training.**  
Los Angeles, Feb. 12.—(P. N. S.)—Frank Gotch, world's heavyweight wrestling champion, took no recess in his training campaign today. Gotch claims to be only four or five pounds overweight and says he will be in perfect physical condition for his match with Ad Santelli at San Francisco February 22.

## MONEY EXPENDED FOR A PUBLIC COURSE IS THOUGHT WELL SPENT

Eastern Cities Find That Populace Takes to Game and Gets Real Enjoyment.

### NOT RICH MAN'S SPORT

Chicago Park Commissioners Entertain Over 200,000 Players During Year—Arguments Collected for Council

Reports of park commissioners of various eastern cities, which have provided municipal links for the residents, show that the money expended in constructing and maintaining the links is money well spent. In most of the cities no fees are charged at all, while in others a small fee is charged. In cities where small fees are charged the courses are self-sustaining.

New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo, Rochester, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, De Moines, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and a large number of other cities already have, or are considering the installation of, municipal courses. Chicago has four courses; and it is estimated that over 200,000 people played over the links last summer. Backers of the municipal golf course movement here are busy gathering

data, which will be presented to the city council at some future date. A great amount of land is not needed for a public course. The Jefferson park course at Seattle practically occupies 100 acres. The course of the Seattle Golf and Country club, which is considered one of the best on the Pacific slope, contains 101 acres.

Upon the topography of the land depends the number of acres necessary for a course. A 9-hole course would require about 75 acres, and an 18-hole course between 100 and 125 acres.

There are several tracts in Portland which could be converted into excellent courses. The man behind the movement, in their efforts to have the city commissioners consider the municipal links proposition, have left the securing of grounds out of the question. This could be considered after the city council has sanctioned the building of a course.

Golf is a game for all. Up to a few years ago it was considered a game for the rich, old men; but now all classes of workers are being interested in the game. There are a great many clerks and stenographers—who are unable to play baseball or tennis, but would find much enjoyment in the royal and ancient pastime. A number of them would join one of the local clubs if their means were such that they could. Several local men who do not play golf are interested in having a municipal course constructed; and before long it is expected that some definite action on the question, one way or the other, will be taken by the city council.

**Gleason to Join Olympic Club.**  
Seattle, Wash., Feb. 12.—(P. N. S.)—Henry Gleason, who won the national 125 pound amateur boxing championship at tournaments held in San Francisco last year, will forsake the Seattle Athletic club and hereafter fight under the colors of the Olympic club of San Francisco. Gleason has accepted a position in San Francisco and expects to make his debut there in the Olympic club tournament of February 25.

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# Interesting New Things for Spring Are Now on Exhibition

## The New Spring Suits

Garment Salons, Second Floor—You will be fascinated with these New Suits, for the styles are decidedly smart, and varied enough to suit every fancy. Our present showing is most complete—there are models for street wear and more fancy styles for dress occasions. Coats are shown in the shorter lengths, principally, and skirts are fuller than ever—many of them trimmed with silks, braids and buttons. Materials include novelty checks, fancy stripes, chevrons, serges, gabardines, etc. Also beautiful models in combinations of silks and wool materials.

**New Suit of Gabardine**  
**\$57.50**

Second Floor—This attractive model has belted-back coat, very full below belt, and shawl collar. Developed in fine quality of wool gabardine with rose-color broadcloth shawl collar, covered with hemstitched voile with plaid edge. Coat lined with rose-color satin. Extra full skirt with yoke. Button trimmed. Moderately priced at only **\$57.50**

**Suit of Black Taffeta**  
**At \$75.00**

Second Floor—Fancy gathered back, with silver braid ornament, ending in sash effect. Full skirt. High-back collar, with plaited revers. Skirt cut extra full. Coat lined with heavy quality figured satin. Ask to see this new model. Priced at only **\$75.00**

**New Suit Blue Serge**  
**\$35.00**

Second Floor—Women's new Spring Suit of navy blue serge. Combined with black taffeta silk. 36-inch coat with belted back, deep yoke back and front, convertible collar and full flare below belt. Coat lined with white messaline silk. Skirt is of black taffeta with gathered waistline and trim'd with wide band of serge and serge belt. Priced at **\$35.00**

## Millinery for Early Spring Wear

Smart Models for Wear With New Spring Suits  
Millinery Salons, Second Floor—Come to the store tomorrow and see these charming new Spring Hats which have just arrived. Smart models of leather in various colors—small, close-fitting styles. Also clever Hats of satins and the new straw braids in black, white and colors. Effectively trimmed with ribbons, fruits and various other novelties. PRICES RANGE FROM \$5.00 UP TO \$15.00.

## The New Spring Coats

Garment Salons, Second Floor—Spring styles in Women's and Misses' Coats are now on display. Detail description of the various models is, of course, out of the question. Suffice to say, the season's correct modes are represented in a most pleasing array. Belted and full-flare styles in a wide range of materials, including velours, poplins, serges, gabardines, duvetyne, polo cloth, tweeds, etc. Plain colors, novelty checks, plaids and stripes. Trimmings include silks, embossed leather, velvets, buttons, etc. Short and three-fourth-length styles. Prices range from \$15.00 on up to \$52.50.

**New Coat of Gabardine**  
**\$22.50**

Second Floor—This attractive Coat is made from wool gabardine, in black, blue and tan. Styled with semi-fitted yoke back, and belt in front. High or low collar, English raglan sleeves and deep cuffs, trimmed with large buttons. Lined with fine grade messaline silk. New full hip flare effects. At **\$22.50** A very smart model at **\$22.50**

**New Coat of Velour**  
**\$40.00**

Second Floor—Very stylish, dressy model for all occasions. Developed in splendid quality French velour, styled with detachable shoulder cape and military collar. New bell-shape cuffs and trimmed with covered buttons and loops of self-material. Lined with peau de cygne. Very full flared skirt. Shown in tan shade. At **\$40.00** Moderately priced at only **\$40.00**

**New Polo Sport Coats**  
**At \$17.50**

Second Floor—The newest models for early Spring wear. Styled with belt all round and high or low collars. Shown in the latest colors—such as Boling green, British pink, new blue, grays and maize. Made of Angora cloth. These **\$17.50** new Coats priced at **\$17.50**



**New Lace Boots For Women**  
**Price \$7.00**

Main Floor—New 8-inch Boots, ¾ foxed, straight top. Made of lustrous kid, with leather half-Louis heels and close-edge welted soles. Tipless. Full line of sizes. **\$7.00** Priced at the pair, only **\$7.00**

**White Spats of Washable Kid**  
**At \$2.50 Pair**

Main Floor—Women's 10-button white washable Kid Spats—the very newest novelty. Will wash perfectly in soap and water. They **\$2.50** are priced at the pair, only **\$2.50**

## Correct Styles Men's Spring Hats

Model as Shown in All the Wanted Colors, Priced at **\$3**

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**\$35 Hair Switches For \$18.50**

Second Floor—First quality Wavy Hair Switches, 26 to 30 inches long. \$28.50, \$30, \$32.50 **\$18.50** and \$35.00 grades at **\$18.50**

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