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HARRY WILLS WINS FIGHT IN ROUND ONE

Towel From Johnson's Corner Stops Fight After 2 Minutes of Fighting

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Harry Wills, negro heavyweight, scored a technical knockout over Floyd Johnson of Iowa, in the first round of a 12-round match here tonight—the sudden ending leaving 9,000 spectators stunned.

Johnson received Wills' mighty left to the body and head just as the bout started and he appeared to be worried. Then a right to the head drove him to the ropes, but he withstood the attack and ventured to the center of the ring as a white towel was floated in from his corner.

Referee Harry Lewis, Wills and Johnson all gazed at the towel in seeming astonishment, and the throng rose to its feet in clamor. Lewis took Johnson by the arm, led him to his corner, and then informed the press representatives that he could do nothing other than award the fight to Wills after the towel had dropped into the arena.

As the fighters departed loud protests came from the crowd which had seen two minutes of a contest which had a championship heavyweight contender as one of its principals.

"Fake, fake," came the cry. "That's the end of boxing in New Jersey."

But as a matter of fact Johnson was not far from oblivion when the succoring towel appeared. The negro had gone at him smilingly as they tapped each other lightly when in the center of the ring. A half minute of sparring preceded the first blow of the contest, a left drive to the body by Wills. Then Wills wrestled his foe to the ropes and drove a right flush to the chin after which Johnson became cautious and broke away.

Another left found Johnson's jaw and the Iowa backed to the ropes to receive a solid shower of rights and left to head and body. Johnson, known in the past as the "bulldog of the west," continued to throw his arms before and gradually worked out to the center of the ring as his seconds went into action. Wills weighed 215 pounds, Johnson 203.

Dr. William Silverstein, physician for the state boxing commission, examined Johnson after he had reached his dressing room and pronounced him in good condition. The blow that rocked him was a left jab to the head, according to his handlers.

Wills had been a top heavy favorite to win by a knockout within five rounds, for Johnson, once in line for heavyweight honors, had deteriorated as a boxer since his defeat, three years ago by Jess Willard in 11 rounds at the Yan-

kee stadium. That was the day of Willard's comeback which eventually led to his knockout at the hands of Luis Angel Firpo.

Johnson gave Willard a hard fight, absorbing a lot of punishment early in the battle. Tonight he was a much different man, although he appeared in good condition for the battle.

"I was punch drunk," Johnson said in his dressing room after tonight's bout. "Wills' left caught me on the right side of the neck and left me dizzy. I didn't know where I was."

FRANKIE LEWIS IS READY FOR FIGHT

Salem Scrapper Denies Story He Has Left Town to Avoid Woodard Match

Frankie Lewis, Salem Indian fighter, has not run away from the city after challenging the winner of the Woodard-Jewett fight at the Armory Wednesday night, as stated in the Capital Journal.

Lewis is in training, and last night stated that he wished to re-issue his former challenge and would be glad to meet Ernie Woodard of Portland, winner of the fight, or Joe Jewett of Seattle, the loser, at any future match.

Lewis, since fighting in Salem, has won a large following among fight fans.

NOOSE CLAIMS TWO CONVICTS

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Neither of the defendants betrayed any emotion while the slip of paper that meant life or death to them was being read. Kelley, however, appeared pale and nervous when he entered the courtroom and anxiously eyed the door and the jury. While the verdict was being read he sat with his eyes down and did not move a muscle. Wills entered the room as he has during the past 10 days, swinging his shoulders boldly, apparently without a care in the world. His face, though, was flushed more highly than usual. He was chewing gum.

False hopes were aroused in the breasts of the condemned convicts at 11:30 o'clock Monday morning, when the jury, wearied from its long deliberations, appeared in the courtroom and asked for further instructions from Judge Kelley. Information was sought regarding the law and whether they would be permitted to bring in a verdict against one of the defendants and report a disagreement upon the other. They were informed by the court that they could. They then retired and again resumed baili-

Both Kelly and Wills were in the courtroom when the jury came in for instructions during the

morning, and prior to the inquiry, appeared to be in excellent spirits. Wills, talking to Deputy Sheriff Roy Bremmer, pointed to his shoes, a nearly new pair.

"Well, I hope to live long enough to wear these out," he laughed.

The courtroom was crowded when the jury reported back with its verdict. Kelley's parents, who had attended both the Murray and the Kelley-Wills trials, were not present when the verdict was read.

The crime for which the three convicts have been condemned was for killing James Sweeney, a guard at the prison. All three were also indicted for Guard Holman's death, but were not tried on that count, although, according to District Attorney John Carson, they would have been had the jury disagreed in this case. Kelley and Wills were not accused of having actually fired the shot that ended Sweeney's life, but were held guilty of participating in a conspiracy that resulted in the killing. In this respect the case was a parallel to the trial of the men found guilty of killing Sheriff Til Taylor of Pendleton.

Murray was convicted of firing the fatal shot that killed the guard in tower No. 1, but under the Oregon statutes, all those found guilty of being parties to a conspiracy of this nature in which a death results, are liable to the death penalty. It was held by the state that Kelley and Wills, by taking part in the break and giving their assistance to Murray and Oregon Jones, aided them in the killing. It was not shown that Kelley actually fired a shot, although Wills admitted on the stand that he shot three times with a revolver.

The members of the jury that decided the fate of the two convicts are: Alfred B. W. Hughes, Central Howell farmer, the foreman of the jury; Arch Jerman, Salem, farmer; Charles L. Parmenter, Salem, carpenter; John W. Gamble, Salem, fruitman; L. W. Durant, Woodburn, street commissioner; Thomas C. White, Salem, laborer; James W. Bellamy, Salem, retired farmer; Charles Griggs, Salem, groceryman; John C. McFarlane, Quincy, retired contractor; Louise M. Hager, Salem, Nellie E. Simpson, Sydney, and Helen H. Tate, Stayton, housewives.

The jury was publicly thanked by Judge Kelly, who, although of course, not commenting on the verdict, declared that the members of the jury had well lived up to their oath in persisting in an attempt to reach a verdict.

PRISONER ESCAPES

POWELL RIVER, B. C., Oct. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Joseph A. Martin, sentenced to four years in the penitentiary on a charge of theft was still at liberty tonight after escaping from custody on board the steamship Prince Rupert here today. Martin picked the lock of the cabin in which he had been placed and mingled with the passengers who disembarked here.



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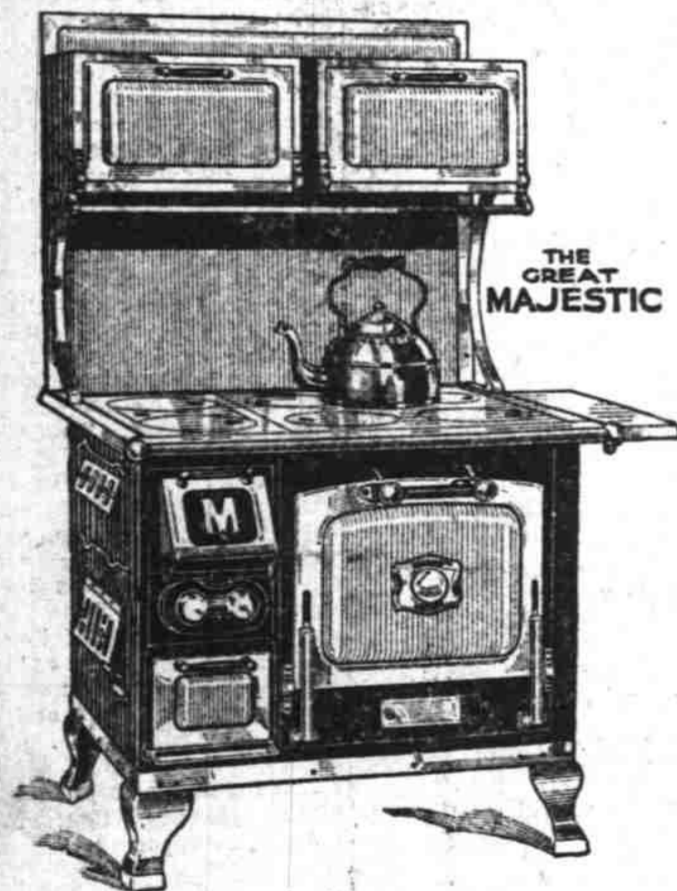
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