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JACK JOHNSON

BOUT IN PARIS CALLED A FAKE

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Fight fans who witnessed the eight-round clash here last night between Jack Johnson and Jim Johnson were convinced today that Jack would have been knocked out if the fight had gone a few more rounds.

The newspapers were bitter today in their denunciation of the fight. "It was one of the worst fakes ever attempted in Paris," was the way the Excelsior referred to the affair.

Jack claimed that his miserable poor showing was due to a broken left forearm, sustained in the third round, and a physician today corroborated his assertion.

Referee Maitrot called the bout a draw.

CHARLIE WHITE BESTS WOLGAST, TEN ROUNDS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 20.—Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, admitted today that he "had gone back a little," but he still insisted that he is the best man of his weight in the world, despite the trimming he received here last night at the hands of Charlie White of Chicago.

The contest went ten rounds, with nine belonging to White.

The only round the former champion took was the sixth, and this was won by him by a mile. He nailed White time and again with a left to the face that brought streams of blood from both mouth and nose.

White appeared tired when the round closed, but he came back rarin' and easily led throughout the rest of the milling.

MONA LISA STARTS JANUARY TO ROME

FLORENCE, Dec. 20.—The "Mona Lisa" was started today on its journey to Rome.

The authorities admitted that many Italians opposed sending the famous painting, part of the first Napoleon's loot from Italy, back to the Paris Louvre. So strong was this feeling that it was feared an attempt might be made to seize it forcibly and hide it, as the only means of keeping it in the country.

As a precaution against such a thing the train was accompanied by a strong guard of carabinieri and detachments were on duty at all railroad stations to prevent any attempt at a rush.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor: The piece in the paper about J. C. Buckmaster is absolutely false. I had nothing to do with the rocks in any way. I reported the matter to the Southern Pacific company and was arrested, but was turned loose afterwards on a plea of not guilty.

It was also false about the hold-up last fall. I put nothing in the paper, nor spoke to no reporter of the matter in any way, although I was struck senseless one evening while riding, and the same can be proven by inquiring at the Nash livery. There was no money or valuables taken. A report of the affair came out in the Sun, but I never saw it. As it proved afterwards, it wasn't done with intention to rob, but was a personal affair. Please publish this. Respectfully,

J. C. BUCKMASTER, Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 17.

THE CURRENCY BILL

THE currency bill that passed the senate Friday night and will be signed by the president early in the week is probably the most important piece of financial legislation enacted since the civil war. Its primary object is to provide a more elastic currency to prevent panics, to stabilize financial conditions and free the nation from the domination of the money trust.

The passage of the bill is the crowning act of the Wilson administration and proves the president's capacity as a party leader and administrator. While bitterly fought, even by members of his own party, and vigorously opposed by Wall street and its big business allies, the administration succeeded after months of patient and persistent effort in forcing its passage by a narrow margin.

That the bill will be a relief to the business world is universally admitted, though it will be some months before its effects are felt. Meanwhile, with the tariff and the currency settled, there is no reason why business conditions should not speedily revive. It is uncertainty, more than anything else that checks prosperity—and the uncertainty is now removed.

That the present financial stringency is wholly artificial and the result of a Wall street conspiracy is indicated by conditions. Banks never had more money and never loaned less. Crops throughout the nation have been good and prices high. Railroads show increases in earnings of ten per cent, yet are reducing expenses in a concerted effort to force higher rates. The tariff reduction has been in effect for months and no one crippled thereby. Big business evidently seeks by creating financial stringency in times of plenty to secure a return to political power and privilege. Development projects have been denied funds, even ordinary enterprises curtailed by refusal of loans. Never was there less excuse for business depression in the nation at large.

That the currency bill will go a long way towards remedying conditions and effectually destroy the control the money power now possesses on the business interests of the nation is the claim of the administration. The measure is thus summarized by Senator Owen, one of its sponsors:

"It provides a plan for concentrating the reserves of 25,000 banks into the greatest banking association in the world. It provides for mobilization of these reserves and for keeping them liquid and quickly available in the form of cash.

"It provides for the issuance of an elastic currency through federal reserve notes which may be put out on the security of commercial bills of short maturity.

"It establishes an open discount market which America has never had before—a market wherein commercial bills and paper may be discounted at all times at low interest rates.

"It safeguards two per cent bonds.

"It will stabilize commercial, financial and industrial conditions in America.

"It establishes foreign branch banks to care for our foreign commerce.

"It extends a strong helping hand to the country's farmers and producers and will be invaluable to business men as well as to bankers themselves.

"The system is under the supervisory control of the government through a federal reserve board, with full power to fix interest rates, to control the elastic currency or federal reserve notes, to examine banks and to remove officers and directors of any federal reserve bank.

"The system starts with \$53,000,000 capital and in two years it will have more than \$400,000,000 reserves and probably \$200,000,000 in government funds distributed among eight to ten banks adjusted to serve conveniently and sympathetically every section of the country."

Parents Responsible for Children

By Lady Cook, nee Tennessee Claffin NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Parents may be assured that the welfare of their children and the future of the race lie to a large extent in their hands. Their actions and habits and beliefs will govern those to come. If they fail, so will the others. If they do their duty wisely the children will follow their example. Parents not only mold their own children, but the children's children to many generations. It therefore is the first duty of parents to strive diligently, earnestly and heartfully to devise the best methods of instructing their children in the care of their bodies and the proper and God-given uses of their faculties. Naturally, one system of instruction would not do for all children, for some children mature more quickly than others. The teacher of spelling or algebra has to grade the children so that the children more advanced, or quicker to grasp, will not be retarded by those who are slower to learn. So should the teaching of sciences exercise discretion in instructing the child. After the age of 10 or 12 the full detail of the wonders of our conception and growth should be taught.

If all parents followed this method it would do more to stamp out evils among children of tender years, and the opportunities for older children taking advantage of younger ones than any other one thing. Let a child be mystified and it will be curious. Adopt an attitude of mystery and refusal to explain, and the child will gain from other children as ignorant of the truth as itself, the knowledge which the parent wrongly withholds. Ignorance of eugenic truths, I am happy to say, does not always result in loss of virtue. In fact, it is an astounding fact that

there is as much virtue in the world as there is, considering the eugenic ignorance of the majority of the children and youths. But bringing a child up to maturity without loss of virtue is not all of a parent's duty. The parent is far from blameless if the son or daughter, after marriage, makes the mistake so frequent in the life of the young married couple—mistakes that are due solely to ignorance of the most important matters, and mistakes which sometimes result in so much misery and so many broken marriage ties.

The human passions have been found to be terrible forces, like steam or fire, and instead of studying them in order to regulate them in accordance with their own true laws and their adaptation to the world's well-being, they have been feared merely, fought down and suppressed. There can be no argument sensibly made against full and complete instructions for young people about to be married. When one enters into a business as an employe or a partner, he first makes a study of that business. And yet how few are the young couples who are going into a life partnership in the business of life and souls, who know the details of the "business." It is either that their parents do not realize what this ignorance may cost, or that the parents are too prudish—too replete with that false, mock modesty which is nothing short of criminal. By all means, the couple should be taught the use and regulation of the functions of the body, and the instruction should be as complete and full as the instruction accorded the student who is to become a nurse or a doctor or a clerk or a lawyer.

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Tell Children the Truth Pleads Titled Eugenist

The trust of a child in its first natural and implicit. Parents lose this trust by being the first to deceive. The pious answer, "God made you," to the usual question, "mother who made me?" is a pious subterfuge. One might as well say, when the child has eaten too much, "God gave you indigestion."

The truth, told so the child could understand, would draw the child close to the parent in affection and understanding and trust. By Lady Cook (Nee Tennessee Claffin) NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—There should be complete confidence between mothers and daughters and fathers and sons. The trust of a child is at first natural and implicit, but it quickly forfeited by deceit. Parents usually lose their children's trust by being the first to deceive. They practice upon their infantile simplicity, and both subsequently suffer for the fraud. It is the nature of confidence that, when once gone, it seldom returns. At a time when a child's imagination is so strong that it cannot discriminate between fact and fiction, and is at the same time thirsting for knowledge, everything should be presented to it truthfully. Fairy tales, unless clearly explained to be "made up," should never be told. The fooleries of Santa Claus should be avoided, unless the child can be made clearly to understand Santa Claus as an allegorical personage.

And when the little one, wondering whence do children come, asks, "Mother, who made me. Where did I come from?" the usual pious answer is a silly falsehood about a gooseberry bush or the pious subterfuge: "God made you my dear." One might as well tell a child after it has eaten too much, that God gave it indigestion.

tion. Would it not be wiser and better for the mother to say at once: "My darling, you came from your father and mother. We made you from our own bodies, so that you are part of us. You grew as the seed grows within the fig, and for many weary months I carried you beneath my heart, where you were fashioned and remained until you were fit to be born, then I brought you into the world with much pain; and so I am called your mother, because the word mother means labor and you cost me much."

A little later, when the child could understand more and more the real meaning of this answer, would not its heart be drawn nearer to the parent? Would not this answer, when understood better, prevent the child from later learning the real truth of its birth from bad companions on the street corner or in the school cloak-room, and when discovered in this way to be kept a guilty secret from its parents? The child mind would argue, as it does most logically, that the mother or the father had to put it off with a foolish explanation, and that therefore to real truth was bad.

If you hide these things from your children, they will hide similar things from you for it must be the parents who first approach such subjects. But if you discuss with the child frankly and in terms of knowledge, the child, in turn, will make a confident of you.

Of course, it must depend upon the child, how these true explanations are made, just as it must depend upon the child when it will be put into the nursery alone to sleep or at what age it will be permitted to go to school. It is up to the parent to study the child, and decide the proper time and the proper method for the detailed lessons.

The Call of the Recall

(By Thomas Niman, in the San Francisco Examiner.)

The Poets' club held a special meeting yesterday to consider a report published in the morning paper that Comeback Jones, the aviator, an honorary member of the club, had arrived at the planet Mars. This alleged feat, it was declared, surpassed in importance any previous record of human accomplishment in the scientific world, not excepting the journey made by Mr. Jones to the planet Venus.

Some doubt arose as to the authenticity of the newly published report, however, owing to the following communication which Mrs. Jones had received from southern Oregon:

"Medford, Or., Dec. 15, 1913. "Mrs. Comeback Jones, care the Poets' club, 222 Hearst building, San Francisco.

"Dear Madam: Knowing that you would like to have your husband home for the holidays, I beg to offer you some information. "Very truly yours,

"O. S. ELTNA."

Since Comeback Jones has disappeared upon his aeroplane, the people of the whole world fear he'll not come back again. Rewards are offered, great and small, and searching parties are endeavoring to get the cash for Comeback and his car. A million dollars the reward for Comeback and his car!

They've searched throughout the city and the country, but in vain; The sleuths have covered many states in thorough search, that's plain. But there's one secluded section they

have overlooked, somehow; And I have earned that million—you may send it to me now. Yes, I've located Comeback Jones, so send the million now!

You well remember Comeback Jones does much excitement crave; To be in action almost any danger he would brave.

And so he came to Medford, where the recall, he had heard, Was in effect and he could get what office he preferred.

You see, in Medford he could take such place as he preferred.

And that's where I discovered him, in all his splendor grand; He's the high and mighty Mogul in the politician band.

At present he is councilman in two wards, and surveyor, City attorney, street commissioner, recorder—and I'll swear That now they're talking earnestly of Comeback Jones for mayor.

Upon the reading of this poem, the club decided to resolve itself into a Copenhagen committee and examine into the proofs of the expedition to Mars before bestowing any further praise on the birdman. The Oregon correspondent seemed to be trustworthy, his communication being entirely in verse and in regular rhyme up to the second line from the end, where a break was held to be justifiable under the circumstances. Mrs. Jones had sent her detectives to Medford, but up to the time of the club's adjournment no word had been received from them. Poet Eltna was unanimously elected a member of the club.

False Shame of Pitiful American

(Sacramento Bee) Some time ago at a dinner in Philadelphia, Francis Hopkinson Smith, a novelist who claims to be an American, said:

I have been ashamed, as I sat in the clubs of London, to hear America discussed and ridiculed because of the Wilson Mexican policy. Wilson and Bryan have made this country the laughing stock of all Europe. It is an outrage that America should be humiliated and made a buffoon before the eyes of the world by this administration of theorists at Washington.

Undoubtedly, Abraham Lincoln was ridiculed in London clubs during the Rebellion even more than F. Hopkinson Smith heard Wilson impenoned the other day.

And doubtless some Americans of that day—lacking intestines, like F. Hopkinson Smith—instead of standing up like men for their country, for their president, for the truth and for humanity—also hung their recreant heads in humiliation.

F. Hopkinson Smith—the denatured American who parts his name and his mentality in the middle—

probably would have the United States conduct its "negotiations" with weaker nations as Great Britain did with Ireland, India, Afghanistan, and the Transvaal.

F. Hopkinson Smith might have been humiliated also had he heard Lord Haldane—at the American Thanksgiving Day in London—speak in the highest terms of this same Wilson-Bryan Mexican policy.

F. Hopkinson Smith had better change his brand of Americanism and use some of the good old Joseph Choate stuff.

Choate is not a Wilson man; he is an old-line republican. But this ex-Ambassador to the court of St. James said at the recent Chamber of Commerce dinner in New York:

I should like very much to discuss

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the policy of the United States in regard to Mexico. I think I could occupy the whole evening with it—if only I knew what that policy was. But there is only one man who knows that policy and he very wisely keeps his own counsel. It is a very trying situation; it is a very dangerous situation, but one thing I know and for one thing I appeal to the heart and the head of every gentleman present in this chamber tonight. That in this trying situation there is but one duty for all of us, and that is to stand by the president of the United States. He knows what is aiming at. We must stand by our President through thick and through thin, and we shall come out right in the end.

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