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JEFFRIES LOOKING FOR JOHNSON

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New York, Oct. 22.—The greatest fighter that the world has ever seen is in New York today. He is looking for a fight, too, and if Champion Jack Johnson will use some of the gasoline he has wasted in San Francisco in making a record breaking automobile trip to the eastern metropolis it will be better to the liking of San Franciscans, and incidentally to Jeffries and fight fans the world over.

Looking fit and ready to do battle at the drop of the hat, big Jeff arrived here this morning on the Lusitania.

Here is what he said to the sporting writers when they gathered around him on the pier:

"I am ready to enter the ring at any time, and I also am ready to sign articles immediately with the big dingee. I tip the scales at 232 pounds and feel better than ever before. Just leave all this talk about upholding the supremacy of the white race to me. When I get this alleged Galveston cyclone in the roped arena somebody is going to get their head knocked off, and it will not be James J. Jeffries."

"Just take this tip from me: There is going to be a fight unless Johnson does the 'crawfish' act. We can't get together any too soon to suit me. I could enter the ring tomorrow and clean up this alleged champion, but I will be at my best after two months of training."

Jeffries looks too bear out his statements, too. Intimate friends of the undefeated white man, with thousands of others, gave the alfalfa farmer the greatest ovation of his life when he stepped from the steam-er today.

The crowd present to welcome the man who is expected to take the measure of the conqueror of Tommy Burns and Stanley Ketchell rivaled the one that crowded the pier when the Lusitania made her maiden trip.

When Jeffries stepped from the "Queen of the Seas" the big crowd let out a whoop that could be heard away back in the Bronx.

Cries of "Oh, you Jeff," "Where is the big smok enow?" "Are you going to fight?" were just a few of the expressions heard on all sides.

Jeff grinned, showed his molars, and smiled a smile that bespoke trouble for "Confident" Jack if he ever enters the ring with James J. Jeffries in the opposite corner.

Everybody seemed bent on grasping the "paw" of the big scrapper as he attempted to make his way down the gang-plank. They would have done it, too, had not the police been compelled to form a flying wedge and forced a way for the fighter through the crowd of enthusiastic and hysterical fight fans.

Jeff grinned through it all. There was nothing else for him to do. When he finally reached his carriage which was to carry him to the Hotel Albany, where he has engaged a suite of rooms for himself and wife, the crowd gathered around the vehicle and refused to move an inch until Jeffries had told them of his intentions concerning Johnson. It went something like this:

"The main thing you people want to know is whether I am going to fight the man who now holds the heavyweight title. I should say that I am. What do you think that I have been getting myself in condition for the last six months? To fight a battle? I should say not. All this work has been for a great big negro, hailing from Galveston, Texas, and when I get the dingee in the ring, believe me when I say, that he will pay for every ounce of exertion that I have made in getting myself in shape to meet him."

"I wish to thank you people for the great reception that you have given me today and for the confidence that you have expressed in my ability to trim this dingee. When we get in the ring I shall do my best to show you that this confidence has not been misplaced. In conclusion I wish to say that I now stand ready to make good every statement that I have made and am ready to meet Johnson any time, any place, and anywhere, and sign the final articles. I have some good American coin to bet on my chances, too, and if Johnson has not spent all of his ducats in paying fines for speeding his automobile he can get all the side bets that he is looking for. That's all."

As Jeffries drove up Broadway he was greeted on all sides by cheers. The news of his arrival had preceded him and the driver had the time of his life in getting his team to the door of the hotel. At the hotel another crowd greeted the big fighter and there he was forced to make another speech before the enthusiasts would allow him to go to his rooms.

Jeffries looks to be in excellent condition. There is no doubt about that. His eyes are clear; he has a fine color; his walk is as elastic as an 18-year-old, and he looks as fit as when he put James J. Corbett down for the count at their first meeting.

All the fight fans here now believe that Jeff intends to do battle with the negro and today he is the most popular man in New York.

There is no use talking, say the fans, Jeff means business.

Seems to Suit Johnson.

San Francisco, Oct. 22.—Champion Jack Johnson's golden smile was a little more golden than usual this morning when he was told that "Bristling" Jim Jeffries had landed in New York from the Lusitania. The negro was at the Hall of Justice, where he was waiting for his case to be called on the charge of violating the speed laws. The smile broadened when he was told that Jeff was talking nothing but fight.

"That is the very best news that I have heard," he said, "since Jeffries announced his intention of re-entering the ring and wrestling the heavyweight title from me. What a joke, and what a chance he has!"

"Will I meet him and sign the final articles? You just bet I will, and whether the scrap takes place in the north, south, east or west it makes no difference to me. Any suggestion that he may make as to the division of the purse will suit me. He can split it any way he sees fit—winner take all, or there may be a loser's end. He had better make it the latter way if he wishes to share in the division of the purse, because I am going to trim James J. Jeffries for fair if ever he sums up sufficient nerve to get into the squared arena with me."

"As soon as I get away from here, and I hope that will be inside of two hours, I am going to start east to meet him."

"If Jeffries has left New York before I get there I will follow him about until this fight meeting question is settled."

SPANISH CABINET

(Continued from page 1)

ler of Spain, and his liberal cabinet, are today considering plans looking to the modification of government representation in Barcelona, which, under Premier Maura's regime, became almost unbearable to the Spanish nation.

How far the new premier will go with the reform movement is not known, but it is understood that the repressive policy will be lightened only as much as is absolutely necessary to pacify the country.

Premier Moret was nominated by the liberals, but he is the most reactionary member of the party, and no radical reform is expected. It is generally believed that the life of the present cabinet will be short.

While he will attempt to conciliate the several factions, he is not expected to meet with any great degree of success. Moret already has proven a failure as an administrator.

His management while occupying the office of colonial secretary is blamed for Spain's loss of Cuba and the Philippines, and the disastrous events of its war with the United States.

The resignation of the cabinet came about today on the express demand of King Alfonso. Immediately following the acceptance of their resignation Alfonso entered into a conference with his advisors with the view of selecting another new premier who will be able to assemble another cabinet.

Upon the choice to be made depends the future of the Spanish throne. The appointment of a conservative would be a signal for the liberals and radicals to continue the anti-clerical and anti-military demonstrations, which have nearly caused an open revolution already.

It is a known fact that Alfonso does not want to appoint a liberal to the premiership. It is also decided to do so, however. "Butcher" Weyler, who has been extremely active in the liberal ranks, probably will be the man.

The country is in a state bordering on chaos, and the sudden resignations of the cabinet members, notwithstanding that the actions were expected, has nearly shrilled shrilled expected, has merely intensified the situation.

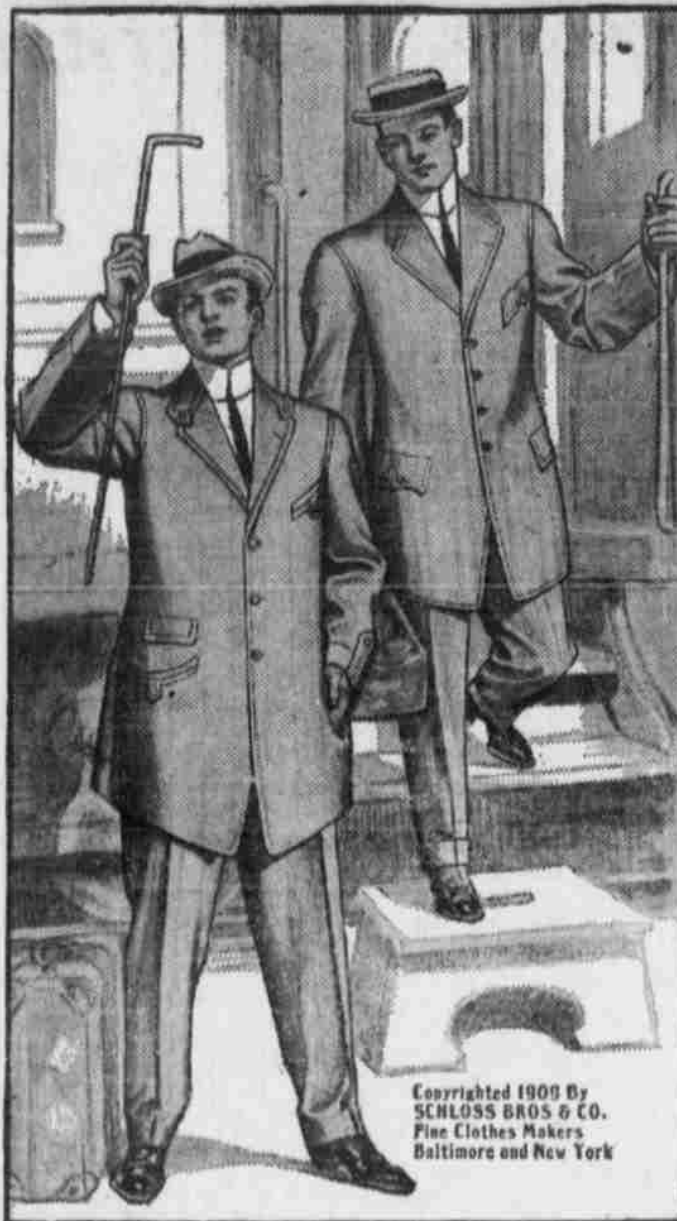
It is openly acknowledged that Spain now faces a crisis as acute as the one brought on by the execution of Prof. Francisco Ferrer at Barcelona.

Prominent diplomatists express the opinion that the appointment of the premier to succeed Maurer will probably be Weyler.

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