

NO MORE BIG PURSES FOR BOXERS IN LONDON

White Lost \$85,000 By Mistakes Made in Promoting Jeffries-Wells Fight—Some Funny Bits of Inside History

(Copyright, 1911, by Curtis Brown) London, Dec. 24—Recent events have raised a serious doubt as to the future of boxing in this country. The unexpected strength of public opinion which rallied to the support of the original opponents of the Johnson-Wells match, and which ultimately prevailed upon the home office to stop the proposed fight, is giving trouble to the National Sporting Club and all others interested in the game on this side of the Atlantic.

pleased for pictures of the fighters. He entered into contracts with Wells and Johnson which prevented them talking to any newspaper man for publication, and tried to sell to English and American papers the exclusive right to articles from the training camps of both men.

The Crowning Folly The crowning act of indiscretion came a few weeks before the fight, was killed

How McIntosh Succeeded Undoubtedly James White, an Englishman, who tried to promote the ill-fated Johnson-Wells contest, was himself to blame for the ultimate action of the home office. Hugh McIntosh and Jimmy Britt promoted a series of heavyweight contests in London that were much more widely advertised than the Johnson-Wells match. The English newspapers and magazines were full of the Lang-Langford fight for weeks and weeks before the meeting of the two men. The fight was between a black man and a white man, both of whom were contenders for the heavyweight championship of the world, and the press advertised was far in excess of anything that had ever before been hung up in England.



THE REV. F. B. MEYER, London Clergyman who Railed the Apologist Against the Johnson-Wells Match.

It was simply that the Australian had learned the lesson of when to keep his mouth shut. Ministers and others protested against his fight, but McIntosh ignored them, and the protests petered out. On the other hand, White, who was an absolute amateur in the fight promoting game, lost his head when the Rev. F. B. Meyer attacked the Johnson-Wells match from his pulpit, and began talking. He immediately became involved in a long controversy with the reverend protestor, who straightaway looked for the support of the rest of the ministry in his fight. Ultimately the protest became an widespread and powerful. Winston Churchill

as a financial agent of some of the biggest promoters in the Midlands and in London. Use to enormous losses as well as to enormous winnings, he takes his bad fortune in connection with the Johnson-Wells fight philosophically and is determined to see a little more of the fighting game before saying adieu in the hopes of restoring some of his losses.



'PEGGY' BETTISON, Manager of the Famous National Sporting Club in London, which will have a monopoly of first class English boxing in future.

One of the immediate effects of the stopping of the Johnson-Wells match will be the practical exclusion of outside promoters from London. One thing is certain: Hugh McIntosh will think a long time before he comes back to London next April, as he told me he intended. White, soon will tire of the game and that will leave the field absolutely at the mercy of the National Sporting Club; no more big purses for American fighters, no more repetition of the fighters' invasions of England such as we saw last spring. Instead, if the American boys want to visit England, they must be content with the "tuppence" purse being hung up by Lord Louisa and "Peggy" Bettison in the old club-house in King's Cross, Covent Garden. In other words the home office has built a ring fence about the National Sporting Club and said, "Things which are perfectly legal here are illegal elsewhere." It is hard to realize the well-nigh insurmountable opposition to an independent effort to run fights in England. When McIntosh was holding contests at Olympia the one hope of his enemies was that a public disturbance would be committed and compel the police to interfere. Gangs of professional thugs were actually hired to attend and break up the gatherings, but McIntosh, Britt and Lewis were too much for them. I have known evenings when everybody connected with the management carried knuckle-dusters, and McIntosh actually went about armed with a revolver. Alford as secured the claim of the authorities in their successful effort to stop the proposed Johnson-Wells fight, that they apprehended a breach of the peace, it is now known that the famous "Brum" gang of London, corresponding to the Paul Kelly Gang in New York, had been commissioned by some one to create a disturbance on the night of the fight. White was prepared for them, however, and in addition to about 100 professional thugs and private detectives, arrangements had been made to have 250 in plain clothes on duty with loaded sticks. Running a Johnson-Wells fight in Rome is a Sunday school picnic compared to promoting a boxing match in London, the home of law and order.

on the fiasco. I am able to state on the best authority that he dropped at least \$25,000 in actual outlay. Jack Johnson carried off \$15,000, which was paid to him in advance, a pretty fair sum for having a taste of high life in Paris at the expense of the promoter. Efforts were made to get Johnson to fight Wells in Paris under the same agreement, but, as the black would be receiving \$15,000 more, he flatly refused, declaring that he was retiring from the ring.

White is a slim, pale-faced man with short-cropped black hair, turning gray, and a black moustache. He is a North of England man and speaks with a pronounced Yorkshire accent which has survived the diluting effect of years of residence in London. Heretofore he has been known

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A Censor One of the most laughable effects of recent controversy has been the institution of a boxing match censor. sport is to have a censor, he is as the playwrights have. It is not been revealed. He is a individual in the home of

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SPORT NEWS OF A DAY, HOME AND ABROAD

Hockey Taylor Not for the East Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 8—Fried Taylor, the big defence player, will not assist Eastern Canada with his spectacular play this season. On the contrary there is a strong probability that the cyclone will finish out the season in an Ottawa uniform.

Martin Rosenthal had instructions to represent D'Arcy McGee at the N. H. A. meeting which was to have taken place on Saturday, and if it had materialized, it is certain that Ottawa would have made a big bid for Taylor. Their recent games have revealed a surprising weakness on the Ottawa defence, and the team committee are more determined than ever to secure the Lawsoned man. Taylor will probably go to Quebec with the Ottawa for Wednesday's match. Now that Roberts has developed into a star, the Wanderers are likely to relinquish their claim on Taylor.

Upper Canada Matches The Montreal Canadiens defeated the Quebec hockey team in Quebec on Saturday night. The Montreal Wanderers defeated the Ottawa team 9 to 2 in Montreal. To Play With Montreal. F. Doherty, who played with the Galt team last year, has been signed by the Montreal team, and will report at once.

The Victoria Leave. The farewell to the visiting Scottish curlers on Saturday evening was quite a memorable event. After the last game the curlers had their last dinner here at the Victoria Hotel, the dining-room of which was practically given over to them. An appropriate menu card was presented to each as a souvenir of the occasion. Accompanied by a large number of St. John friends, the party drove to the station at six o'clock and were given a rousing send off as they left on the Quebec express.

The results of the afternoon games were as follows: Thistle . . . . . 22 Opposite's . . . . . 10 Scotch . . . . . 10 Gordon's rink . . . . . 10 Seely's rink . . . . . 10 St. Andrew's . . . . . 13 McKenna's rink . . . . . 13 Campbellton . . . . . 13 Lanarkshire . . . . . 13 Carleton . . . . . 9 Restrevoure . . . . . 7

The bowling team from the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co. wish to challenge that of Barnes & Co. to a game on Black's Alley any night suitable next week. Please answer through this paper.

The Ring Useful to Sporting Men. The Times has received from James M. Power of 15 Baskinham street, Halifax, a neat booklet containing records of the world's sporting events for 1911. All kinds of sports are included in its pages, and the dates, results and participants in various matches of interest are given, in addition to pictures of many of the better known in the sporting world.

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fighters and Curley began the discussion of the article, Johnson made a thirty-minute speech, criticizing a newspaper man who had intimated the match would be a fake.

The newspapers are going to continue to say such untrue things I'll refuse to show," said Johnson. At the conclusion of the speech the crowd cheered and Johnson smiled his "golden smile."

Won On Points. Paris, Jan. 6—The American fighter, Mike Glover, of Boston, defeated the Englishman "Young" Johnston on points in ten rounds at the Cirque De Paris tonight. Frank Bernstein, a Frenchman, defeated Jack O'Donnell of Brooklyn also in ten rounds on points.

Rapidity Comes Here. Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 7—Drawing for the home Rapidity, which was campaigned by J. E. Sullivan, of the Queen hotel, on the Maritime Circuit, last season, took place last night. John T. Gibney, of the public works department, St. John, was the holder of the winning ticket. Rapidity was imported from Detroit some time ago.

AMUSEMENTS IN ST. JOHN; WHAT THE PLAYHOUSES OFFER. OPERA HOUSE. No musical comedy of recent years has won the praise of the New York critics in such unqualified measure as has "Madame Sherry," which Woods, Franz and Lederer are now presenting in New York, at the New Amsterdam, and which will be seen here in all its beauty and completeness at the Opera House for three nights, starting tonight.

Adapted from a French original, which has charmed Paris, Berlin, Vienna and London for the last three years, "Madame Sherry" has been revised for the American stage by Otto Haubach, and given a most enchanting musical setting by Karl Moschinsky.

"Madame Sherry" sparkles like champagne and its twenty-two musical numbers are positively infectious in their ingratiating quality. It is a distinct novelty in theme, idea and manner of construction, its cast numbers musical comedy celebrities, and the wonderful chorus which has been the talk of Manhattan ever since the opening night. A special orchestra and massive scenic production further add to the attractiveness of "Madame Sherry."

STAR'S POETRY FEAT. Three years old this week the "Star" theatre in the north end enters upon its fourth year as a motion picture theatre. Their programme of pictures for Monday and Tuesday as advertised in tonight's issue, contains two of the strongest dramas of recent release and two funny comedies. In a week or ten days the Star expects to have placed in position one of the latest improved 1912 model picture machines. This new improvement is another step in the direction to please its patrons and be up to date in every particular. They promise big features for their anniversary week.

MORNING LOCALS. H. Price Webber and wife passed through the city on Saturday upon his way to their home in Augusta, Me., after having closed a very successful sixty-four weeks' trip through Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. They expect to open their next season on March 17.

Rev. W. R. Robinson delivered a temperance address to the sailors Seamen's Mission on Saturday night. Rev. R. Armes.

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OTHER FINE PICTURES OF WORLD INTEREST LONDON—Crows gathering to see Champion Jack Johnson. PARIS—Great Bicycle Championship on Sancerre Track. ITALY—Loyal Outburst when Troops Depart for Tripoli. UNITED STATES—Life-Saving in a Burning Coal Mine. GERMANY—Crack Regiment Honors Departed Empire. Four Other Pictures of Special Note

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