

Late Gossip Of The Sporting World At Home And Abroad

CHOYNSKI'S GREAT PUNCH MADE HIM REAL RING DEMON

It is just fourteen years since the Californian, Joe Choyanski in three rounds knocked out Jack Johnson in Galveston, Texas, and as a result Choyanski was arrested for breaking the law.

In speaking about the fight Johnson said that he wasn't the least bit sorry when the sheriff jumped into the ring, because he thought the top of his brain had been knocked clean off. Choyanski was born in San Francisco, November 8, 1888, and although he fought the biggest and best men of his time, was never lucky enough to grab a title. He was a bit shy on weight, always scaling 165 or thereabouts, and often fighting men such as Jeffries, who tipped the beam at 220.

Choyanski started his career in the burg by the Golden Gate, and was amateur champion at the time Jim Corbett was teaching the boys at the Olympic Club the trick of hitting and getting away. The pair lived in Hayes Valley, a part of Frisco, and were rivals, both having plenty of brothers who helped the thing along. Corbett and Choyanski fought four times, Corbett winning three of the events. Their third contest was a private affair, which was stopped by the sheriff.

The best of the quartet of battles, and, according to Billy Delaney, the best fight he ever saw, was the one on a barge at Benicia, some miles from Frisco. It was a grudge affair and on the side each man backed himself for \$1,000. Corbett wore two ounce bag-punching gloves, while Choyanski, whose gloves had been lost in some mysterious manner, wore ordinary driving gloves.

For 27 rounds they fought as no bulldogs ever tore at one another. Both were cut and bruised, and Choyanski had been fighting with a broken nose since early in the battle. Corbett broke both his hands in the fifteenth round, and from then on fought with his palms, hitting as well as he could with the heel of his mitts.

In the twenty-seventh round Choyanski was so weak from loss of blood that Corbett with his "Wreck of the Hesperus" left pushed rather than hit his opponent on the chin and Joe dropped for the fatal ten.

Choyanski was far from through with the game then, though, and came back and fought the best there was.

Jim Jeffries declared in New York that it was Joe who nailed him with the hardest punch he ever felt. The blow hit Jeff in the mouth and drove his lips between his teeth. Billy Delaney, his manager, had to cut the

lips away from the teeth with his knife between rounds. That was in a twenty-round affair in Frisco, which was refereed by Jim McDonald, a well-known baseball umpire.

In telling of the bout Choyanski said that at one time during the fight, thinking that Jeff might break his hands if he hit him on the head, Joe deliberately walked into a 42-inch howitzer left. But instead of Jeff's lands breaking, Joe hit the floor for a count of eight.

McDonald figured that the knock-down won the fight for Jeffries, and at the end of the twentieth round held up the bottlemaker's saw. Choyanski asked McDonald if the only thing he could see was a home run. Choyanski was one of the first men who ever attempted to stop Tom Sharkey. The sailor had just arrived in San Francisco and was some .id. Joe agreed to stop the tar in eight rounds. He failed, but he handed the old deck scrubber a neat lacing. The posts of the ring at that time were thinly padded and after beating Sharkey up and seeing that the wallop had little effect, Joe figured out a new scheme. He would feint Tom around until he backed him up near a post, and then bounce a left off his chin, sending the tar's head back against the post with a bang. Groggy but too game to know that he was being beaten, the sailor fought like a wild-cat and finished up even with tricky Choyanski.

Old freckled Bob Fitzsimmons was another man who never stopped talking about the wonderful kick packed by Choyanski. He fought Joe a six-round thing once in Boston and barely weathered the storm. In the fifth round Choyanski nailed the Cornishman on the chin with his right and the air was immediately filled with freckles, while their opponent reported on the canvas. Fitz was so dazed that he says he thought up was down and down was up, and kept trying to push his bald knob through the bottom of the ring.

He was certain also that the batter had fallen in. At the count of nine he was on his feet and got away with it, but he couldn't tell pepper from salt for three weeks.

Choyanski finished up his career in Philadelphia when he boxed Jack Williams, a newcomer. Joe was very wild, but earnest. That was all that could be said. He knew then that when he couldn't handle a new hick he was through as a fighter.

He helped condition Jim Jeffries for that Reno thing and since then has been conducting a boxing school in Pittsburgh.

HOLD-UP FEARED BY JOHNSON

El Paso, Texas, March 6.—An entirely different angle was put on Jack Johnson's present attitude regarding the Havana-Juarez-El Paso controversy by a private letter received from Johnson never at any time was worried about the means that were selected to get him into Mexico and try. What he was chiefly concerned in was how he was to get out of Mexico with his \$30,000 after the fight with Jess Willard.

The champion is a long way from being a fool, and while he was in a mad quest for that 30,000 pesos, he was not blind to all the details. He felt satisfied, he said in his letter, which was dated at the Barbadoes, B. W. I., that he could get into Mexico without anything but a loss of a lot of time.

But it appears that a lot of people have told him things about conditions in the northern section of the republic. This got him to thinking. He figured that if he was paid off on the Mexican side he would either have to send the money into the United States through some trusted friend or run a big risk of being held up on his way out. And Johnson could not fathom it. That's why he did not come to Juarez and battle Willard. At least, this is the intimation in his letter.

JOHNSON-WILLARD FIGHT

Havana, March 7.—According to Jack Curley, the prize fight promoter, all doubts concerning the holding of a championship battle in Havana between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard have virtually been eliminated by an agreement of all the conflicting interests. The only possible obstacle to the fight taking place here, according to Curley, is the acceptance of terms by Willard, and this Curley said he expected to receive.

The arrangements, as perfected, contemplate the battle being fought the first week of April. The fullest assurances of financial support have been granted.

Los Angeles, March 7.—Jess Willard who arrived here yesterday, said he was perfectly willing to accept arrangements to meet Jack Johnson in Havana, but that his manager was one who would make the binding arrangements.

Willard said he had no doubt everything could be arranged satisfactorily.

ENGLISH CRICKETER.

London, March 6.—Thom Forester, the brilliant Derbyshire cricket batsman, who joined the Sherwood Foresters at the outbreak of the war, became so efficient that he has now been given a commission in the Eleventh South Lancashire Regiment, which is shortly going on active service.

H. E. Hippisley, the Somersetshire

A TRULY ALL-AMERICAN HOCKEY TEAM.



ST. NICHOLAS HOCKEY TEAM.

During the play of this season the St. Nicholas hockey team has proved itself one of the sturdiest, one of the fastest and one of the best all around teams that has ever represented a club in America. The showing it has made against Canadian amateur septets, including some of the best from across the border, as well as against the other clubs in the Amateur Hockey League, have been particularly pleasing to followers of the game, if for no other reason than that the seven is composed entirely of American players. The Santa Claus and the Boston A.A. teams are the only ones in the league, or for that matter, the only known club teams—exclusive of college, university and school teams—which have not at least one Canadian player enrolled on their roster. Practically all of their players were formerly college players, and all that they know about the game they have learned on the American side of the border. These teams stand as glowing examples of the strides Americans have made in the Canadian game. The St. Nicks have won the championship of the A.H.L. for the last two years and are among the leaders for this season's title. The players as shown in the picture are: Top Row (Left to Right)—Tilney, Von Bernuth, Gordon, coach; Pax, Carochan, Trimble. Bottom Row—Kilmer, Baker, Ellis, captain; Cox.

A GREAT AUTO RACE ON SATURDAY

San Francisco, March 7.—D. Resta, driving car No. 9 in which he won the Grand Prix on February 27, yesterday captured the 300.30 mile Vanderbilt Cup race over the course of the Panama Pacific Exposition, in what is said to have been one of the most thrilling contests ever run in this American automobile classic. His time was 4 hours, 27 minutes and 37 seconds. He maintained an average of 67.12 miles. Howard Wilcox, No. 26, was second in 4 hours, 34 minutes and 36 seconds; Eddie Pullen, third, 4 hours, 39 minutes, 37 seconds; and Ralph De Palma, No. 22, fourth, 4 hours, 39 minutes, 7 seconds.

It was a gruelling, heart-breaking race from start to finish.

cricketer and crack hockey player, has been killed in action at Langemark in Egypt.

Alfred Lorimer, the well-known member of the Burnley Soccer Club, which won the English cup last year, met with an accident which resulted in his death while on active service with the East Lancashire Field Ambulance in Egypt.

LEAP-FROGGING.

Paso Robles, Cal., March 6.—Leap-frog will be introduced into major league training by Manager Rowland. The first day the field is unfit for play he will take men on a long hike, and when about 500 yards from the hotel he will start them leap-frogging. The fellows will not be allowed to squat way down, but will have hands on knees and make it a real stunt for the jumper to leap over. Rowland considers this one of the best forms of exercise, bringing every muscle into play. He started it in the minors and found it worked great.

BRITISH FOOTBALL RESULTS

Fourth Round English Cup Saturday

London Results
Bolton 4, Hull 2.
Bradford City 0, Everton 2.

First Division, English League
Burnley 2, Bradford 0.
Manchester 2, Sunderland 0.
Sheffield Wednesday 0, Notts County 0.
Tottenham 1, Liverpool 1.
West Bromwich 0, Blackburn 0.

Second Division
Birmingham 1, Clapton 0.
Blackpool 2, Derby 1.
Bristol 0, Stockport 2.
Bury 1, Fulham 0.
Grimmsby 2, Leeds 5.
Leicester 0, Barnsley 1.
Lincoln 1, Arsenal 0.
Notts Forest 1, Glossop 0.
Preston 5, Wolverhampton 2.

Southern League
Gillingham 0, Millwall 0.
Brighton 1, Queens Park Rangers 0.
Cardiff 3, South End 0.
Exeter 0, Swindon 1.
Luton 0, Portsmouth 2.
Plymouth 0, Reading 1.
Norwich 5, Bristol 1.
West Ham 1, Croydon 0.
Watford 3, Southampton 1.
Crystal Palace 1, Northampton 1.

Scottish League
Hearts 4, Dunbarton 1.
Celtic 5, Hibernians 1.
Ayr 1, Falkirk 2.
Rangers 2, Dundee 0.
Queens 1, Third Lanark 2.
Aberdeen 0, Partick 0.
Kilmarnock 2, Motherwell 2.
Hamilton 0, Airdrie 1.
Morton 3, St. Mirren 3.
Raith Rovers 2, Clyde 0.

ST. ANDREWS CURLERS AGAIN DEFEATED BY THE BROOKLINES

Boston, Mar. 7.—The third and concluding game between the St. Andrew's Club of St. John and Brookline curlers was played Saturday afternoon and resulted in another win for Brookline and gives them a grand total of 139 shots to the visitors 115 for the three games. Following are the rinks and scores:

| Boston | St. John |
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| Brigham | Allison |
| Briggs | Lockhart |
| Daniels | Smith |
| Winder | McDonald |
| Skip.....15 | Skip.....11 |
| Cutler | Coombs |
| Allen | Beatey |
| Wheelwright | Magee |
| Wyle | Robinson |
| Skip.....12 | Skip.....18 |

Crosby
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Skip.....19
Total.....46
Total.....42
It is only fair to the St. John men to say they suffered considerable handicap by playing on artificial ice to which they are not accustomed. This is the third season the clubs have met and both teams express the wish that these meetings, productive of such good feelings and pleasant intercourse, will be regularly continued. The visitors left for home tonight and were loud in their praises of the kindly reception and lavish hospitality extended to them by their Boston confreres.

THE CADET BASKET BALL LEAGUE

Two very interesting games of basketball were played Friday evening in the St. Andrew's Cadet league. The Royals defeating the Ramblers 16 to 2 in the first game; the Victorias being victorious over the Thistles 19 to 2 in the second game.

The teams lined up as follows:

| Royals | Ramblers |
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| Wilkes..... | Christie |
| J. Nixon..... | Cunningham |
| Centre..... | Wilson |
| Corp. Scott..... | Corp. White |
| Defence..... | Vanwart |
| McIntosh..... | Roop |
| Johnson..... | |
| Victorias | Thistles |
| Innis..... | Finley |
| Friesse..... | Dooe |
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| Corp. Mountain..... | Corp. Regan |
| Defence..... | |
| Jackson..... | Cline |
| McIntosh..... | H. Nixon |
| Captain Marvin White, referee; | |
| Lieut. Fred Welsford, scorer, and | |
| Color Sergeant McDonald, timer. | |

the first sign that it is needed, and be directed to the point where its presence is required.

FRENCH TROOPS IN NORTH AFRICA IN EMERGENCY

Paris, Mar. 7.—The Minister of War announces that, on account of the situation in the Dardanelles and in order to meet every emergency, the government has decided to concentrate in North Africa an expeditionary force which will be ready to put to set at

WILL THE YANKEES GET THIS FAMOUS STAR?



JOHN FRANKLIN BAKER

J. Franklin Baker may return to baseball after all. The noted home run hitter is reported to have admitted that he might consider an offer, but said it will take a big increase over his present salary to bring this about. This may give "Burr" Donovan a chance to get him, as he is anxious to have him in the Yankee line-up for the coming season.

HOPES FOR BIG SEASON.



"JACK" WARHOP

"Jack" Warhop, of the Yankees, who is regarded by many as one of the cleverest pitchers in the league, is once more indulging in his annual spring hope that this will be a good year for him. He is in fine condition now and expects to roll up a list of victories for his team.

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A preliminary competition will commence on March 8th, ending March 13th, for which prizes will be given. In order that a fair system of handicapping may be inaugurated.

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