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All the News
That Is News

THOUSANDS FLOCK TO RING IN EARLY MORNING HOURS

Every Vehicle in Havana Put Into Use To Carry Crowds To
Scene of Bout—Both Fighters Up Early, Each
One Optimistic of Result.

[Canadian Press.]
Havana, April 5.—Although Jack Johnson and Jess Willard were not to meet till 12:30 o'clock (this afternoon) Havana time, for the heavyweights championship of the world, the early hours of the forenoon saw thousands on the way to the Maricao race course, where the fight will be staged.
Neither the black champion nor the cowboy fighter changed overnight, his optimistic forecasts of the outcome. Each man was sure he would win.
Johnson said he was in good shape, and didn't care if the fight was a hard one, as he was "not going any distance" with Willard. He was certain that the negro would win if the fight went beyond ten rounds. Willard himself asserted that he was not in the least nervous over the result.

It was the old story of skill and strength against youth and strength, with the betting odds at 5 to 1 on Johnson. Johnson, one of the largest men who ever stepped into a prize ring, faced an opponent measurably larger and younger than himself. The negro champion is 35 years old, Willard is 28, weighs normally twenty pounds more than Johnson, and tops him 5 1/2 inches, being 6 feet 6 inches tall. Not within the history of the prize fight had two such giants been brought together before.

The scene of the fight was the Havana race track, 10 miles from the city. Thousands made their way to the track hours before the time set for the opening of the encounter. Tickets to the amount of \$80,000 had been sold in advance, but the 33 seats were to be sold at the turnstiles at the four gates today. Found men waiting in lines all night. Forty-five rounds was the scheduled length of the fight, but few of the thousands who gathered entertained even a passing belief that it would go that long. That would mean three hours of fighting, allowing for the one-minute rest between rounds.

Johnson was at first. Tex O'Rourke, one of Willard's advisers, thought that in the first ten rounds, the advantage would be with Johnson, because of his superior skill. After this, O'Rourke thought, Willard would wear the champion down. In thirty rounds or less, he thought, Willard would win.
Jess Willard popped out of bed with the rising sun this morning, and after a light arm-stretching exercise, took his breakfast. He then prepared himself for a short run on the road, after which, he said, he would wait until time to go to the ring.

"I am fit," said Willard to a crowd of admirers, who came over to his training quarters to look the cowboy giant over. "Why shouldn't I be ready? I have worked hard for several weeks, and am down to my proper ring weight of 245 pounds. I have left just enough fat on me to the soft during the fight. I have studied Johnson's style, understand his methods and have planned my ring campaign accordingly. I rather expect the fight to run about fifteen rounds at the least. Johnson's condition will enable him to carry a fast pace for that distance. Then the strain will tell, and I will win."

Johnson, however, said his famous golden smile at his headquarters this morning while he idled away the time before the fight. The black champion took a stroll before breakfast, but beyond that did nothing in the line of exercise. Johnson is undoubtedly over his best ring weight, and though he said he would enter the ring at 225 he appeared to be several pounds heavier. "I'll be right there all the way," laughed Johnson this morning. "I know when I have reached my best condition. All this talk of my having lost my punching ability is nonsense. Just you ask my sparring partners. They will tell you. As for Willard, I know he is a strong boy, but you know what old Fitzsimmons once said: 'The bigger they are the harder they fall.' I'll get him with a series of blows that will put him under before many rounds have been run off. I just love that championship, and I am not going to lose it."

Willard thought he would start for the ring about 11 o'clock, while the champion said he would go over to the arena at noon.
There has been little preliminary betting, but there were indications this morning that wagering would become more brisk as the day wore on. Almost everyone with money to place bets waited for an eleventh-hour shift in the odds in the hope of better terms. Johnson was favorite with the odds at 5 to 1 and 6 to 1. These were the figures obtained today at the Miramar Hotel, where the late arrivals from Key West and New Orleans looked before the fight. Johnson's real condition and Willard's ability are the factors which have kept down the betting, and there was as much speculation as there was a week ago. It is Johnson's skill and experience against Willard's youth, the experts say.

Referee Expects No Trouble.
Jack Welsh, the referee, said he anticipated no trouble refereeing the bout. He was confident that the fighters would be in the ring at 11 o'clock.

Willard Anticipates Severe Punishment
Ready To Take It At First, Having No Fear of Body Blows
—Johnson Supremely Confident, Anxious Only About Money Matters.

[Canadian Press.]
Havana, April 5.—The day of the world's heavyweight championship fight between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard broke with overcast skies in Havana, and a decidedly cool wind blowing in from the sea.
When the sun rose it was behind a solid bank of clouds, but as the day advanced blue patches of sky appeared here and there, bringing hope of fine weather to the fighters, to the fight promoters, and to the thousands of men who had journeyed to Havana to witness the big battle.
Havana has been stirred by this event more than by any other thing of recent years, and dawn found the city fully awake to the unusual occurrence of the day. The downtown fight headquarters were crowded with ticket buyers, and the morning saw the arrival in Havana of wealthy Cubans from all over the island.

Johnson and Willard both were up early. The champion prepared coolly to defend his title. His only indication of nervousness was when he saw the fight would arrive at headquarters with the \$30,000 cash named in the negro's contract as signed in Paris. This very important event was set for 11 o'clock. Johnson chatted with the men about him during his preparations, but he did not believe it will have any ill effects.

Johnson in Playful Mood--Willard Serious
Sharp Contrast Between Big Fighters When They Prepared For Ring Just Before the Big Bout Was Scheduled To Start.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
BY BARRY FARIS.
Havana, April 5.—The big day dawned cloudy and cold. The indications were strong that rain would be spitting down when Jess Willard, best of the crop of "White Horses" enters the ring as challenger for the world's heavyweights championship held by John Arthur Johnson.
The fight will take place, rain or shine.
All Havana was up at 5 o'clock. Traffic for Miramar race track, nine miles away, began at that hour. Over dusty roads, hacks, autos, drays, vehicles of all descriptions, were moving out to the battle ground, jammed with Americans from Maine to San Diego. The populace of Havana took its time and began moving out later.

How They Hired Rigs.
Not one out of one hundred of the American fight fans knew a word of Spanish. But hiring a rig was the easiest thing in the world. The usual process was to have clenched fists in imitation of a fighter, and to point in general direction of the arena. The driver nodded understandingly, and off you went.
Johnson and Willard both were up early for walks. The champion, who was in a playful mood, he laughed and "kidded" his companions, swinging his arms in glee, and indicating the punches he intends to use to lay the white man cold.

Willard Serious.
In sharp contrast, Willard was silent and serious. He talked in low tones to his trainers, who accompanied him on a short hike.
"This world will again be fit to live in if a white man is champion," Willard said to some of his friends. "I want to restore the title to the white race."
Willard money was in evidence today at 8 to 5, but with few buyers, the fight only a few hours away, the betting element was holding tight to its opinion. There were less wagers made in four hours than were registered a week ago.

THE SPORT DEPARTMENT

WILLARD'S PUNCHING POWER TERRIFIC HE'S LEARNED SPEED TOO; THE GIANT IS SURPRISING EVERYBODY BY HIS MARVELOUS BOXING

PAST BOUTS GIVE CHAMP ADVANTAGES

The following are the ring records of Jack Johnson and Jess Willard. They show that the champion has a vast advantage over the challenger in experience.

JOHNSON.	
Won by decision	26
Won by knockout	21
Lost by decision	1
Lost by knockout	1
Draws	5
No decision fights	13
Total fights	69
WILLARD.	
Won by decision	17
Won by knockout	4
Lost on foul	1
Lost by decision	2
Draws	1
No decision fights	4
Total fights	29

match. "There will be no technical champion if I can help it. The winner will have to earn his laurels fairly. I have talked the rules over with the fighters, and they know what is expected of them."

Early estimates of the crowd which began to gather with the sunrise placed their number at 17,000. They came from everywhere. The hotels emptied after an early breakfast. Most of them were filled with Americans, who had been here for several days in anticipation of the big event. The last boats from Key West brought many others. From the interior of the island came men of all stations, from wealthy planters to natives, who stood in line for the 33 seats.

Cabinet All There.
Before daybreak crowds of natives, secure in the belief and hope that Johnson would retain his laurels, began pouring into the city. The streets were filled with a motley throng of natives. The electric lines were the centre of admiring throngs. Hours before the two giants stepped into the ring the stands were black with spectators.

They went to the track by automobile, by trolley, in every available vehicle in Havana, and afoot. President Menocal, at his cabinet, the congress of Cuba, the governor of Havana province, the mayor of the city, foreign ministers and hundreds of women were in the audience. The electric lines were the centre of admiring throngs. Hours before the two giants stepped into the ring the stands were black with spectators.

The promoters went during the morning to Johnson's headquarters to pay him the \$30,000 which he was to receive as his share of the gate receipts, win or lose. Under the terms of the contract, Johnson was to receive also one-third of the moving picture privilege. Willard's share was 25 per cent of the total receipts and an one-third interest in the moving pictures.

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Crowd of 30,000.
The indications early today that a crowd of 30,000 would see the big scrap in the arena. When the gates opened at 7 a.m. a few fans who had waited all night for general admission moved in with their lunch boxes.

There will be no disturbance at the arena. The Cuban authorities have promised that. And to back up their promise to keep order they had 250 rurales scattered around the race track four miles today.

CANADIAN PIN SPILLERS
WILL OPEN TOURNAMENT
New York, April 5.—Canadian bowlers will open the tournament of the National Bowling Association in the Grand Central Palace tonight. They will be steady bowling day and night for two weeks, the bowlers competing in squads on six alleys. Three fifteen-man teams from Montreal—the National A. A. A., the Canadian and Strachan teams—will bowl tonight against three teams from this city and Newark. N. J. The two-men team events will start tomorrow.

Cash prizes aggregating more than \$5,000 and eighteen gold medals will be awarded. Representatives of all sections of the United States and Canada are among the entrants.

AEROPLANE STATION
FOR N. Y. AERO CLUB
New York, April 5.—The Aero Club of America has established a landing place for hydro-aeroplanes in this city for the use of its members who desire to use those craft for their daily trips between New York and their country homes. The place of landing is at seventy-second street and the East River. About a dozen members, it was said, will travel to and from their homes along the Connecticut shore of Long Island Sound, in hydro-aeroplanes.

MRS. JOHN WATTEWORTH
DIES AT 83 IN GLENCOE
Widow of Former M. P. Survived by Grown Family of Nine.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
GLENCOE, April 4.—The death occurred here on Friday of one of the most respected residents of this district, in the person of Mrs. Watteworth, widow of John Watteworth, ex-M.P. She was 83 years of age. Mrs. Watteworth, whose maiden name was Jane Walker, was in a playful mood. He was born in Ireland, and came to Canada when a child and settling with her parents in the township of Moss, where she continued to reside until a year ago last November when she moved into Glen-

coe. A family of five sons and four daughters survive, namely: James A. Watteworth, president of the Winnipeg Amateur Lacrosse Association. The annual meeting was one of the biggest gatherings of the kind ever held here, and the prospects for a lacrosse revival in Winnipeg are very bright.

BIG LACROSSE REVIVAL
OCCURRING IN WINNIPEG
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(Famous Sport Critic and Manager of Battling Nelson.)

[Exclusive Correspondence to The Advertiser.]

HAVANA, Cuba, March 5.—Picture to yourself a man six feet, six inches tall and weighing 265 pounds. His arms are like the trunks of good-sized trees, his neck is inches around, his jaw strong and without the old squareness which artists mistakenly thought denoted the fighter.

His hands are so big that his gloves must be made to order. The arm seems to jut into the hand, there being an entire absence of slenderness of wrist.
Now put this mountain of flesh into gymnasium clothes and then, if you can, imagine him moving around a padded ring as lightly as a cat. He is the hardest fight in the world to pick. First I saw Johnson and he got into condition. Then Willard came to town, and the big, good natured fellow did not seem to have the fighting spirit necessary for a champion. But I saw him in his training work, became acquainted with him and talked with him.

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negro fighter? Johnson always has made his opponent do the leading, then beaten him on counters.
Willard told me at dinner last night that he positively would not fall into this trap—that Johnson was champion and it was up to him to start the leading. For his reason I expect to see a slow battle at the start, both men refusing to take the chance of leading, and each waiting for the other to "start something."

Then the battle will become a matter of wits, and the first man who allows himself to be led into certain openings will wear large dimples over his eyebrows.

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JOHNSON AND M'VEY HAD BURLESQUE BOUT

Champion Just Blocked Blows
Sent in by McVey.

DID NO HITTING AT ALL

Was Too Crafty To Give Spectators a Real Line on His Ability.

HAVANA, April 4.—Jack Johnson and Jess Willard yesterday completed their training for their 45-round fight for the world's heavyweight championship on Monday. It was the last public appearance of the pugilists before they enter the ring at the Maricao race course.

Their final work was watched by the biggest crowds since the arrival of the fighters in Cuba. At the end of the day's exhibition the same uncertainty and doubt as to the probable winner pervaded the minds of close followers of pugilism as had been apparent during the last two weeks.

Willard Lacked Spirit.
At Miramar a big gathering of men and women watched Willard box ten rounds with each of his three sparring partners. He showed some of his old faults, a lack of fighting spirit, which, however, may have been due to a desire not to injure his opponents, and he sparred with his mouth open and his jaw loose, blinking his eyes when he was hit. He was wind-swept, and he showed fast footwork. McVey, always clever, hit the champion repeatedly, but lightly.

Tantalized the Gamblers.
Johnson, obviously crafty, was indifferent and spoiled all attempts to get a real line on his present ability. The situation was extremely tantalizing, as men with money hoped to get some actual idea of Johnson's form.

The afternoon was cold and cloudy, and the stadium was wind-swept. He instructed the referee Jack Welch announced last night that he had seen and talked to the fighter, and had told him he would not decide the fight on a technicality. This point was raised in reference to the fighters that they must protect themselves in clinches and in breaking, and thus, also break when ordered by the referee. Otherwise, straight Marquis of Queensberry rules will govern the battle.

Three sets of five-glove gloves have arrived from the United States. The ton house was closed, and it required a special permit to get them out.

Off to the War!
AT THE SEMI-READY STORE, 182 Dundas street west, "No Arms" has resulted in a Quitting Business Sale and a fusillade of Bargains and Clothes and Haberdashery.

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Reg Kuhn, the Chicago White Sox catcher, used to play a game of ball, then milk 27 cows. No wonder he is a catcher, any fellow who milks 27 cows doesn't mind fouls bouncing off his shins or mask.