

Jess Willard New World's Champion

JOHNSON PUNCHED WILLARD IN VAIN

Black's Blows Grew Less Powerful as the Fight Progressed.

WEAK LAST FIVE RDS.

Willard's Wild Swing to Head in Twenty-Fifth Round Turned Tide.

HAVANA, April 5.—Jack Johnson, exile from his own country, today lost his claim to title fame as the heavy-weight champion of the world, the title being wrested from him by Jess Willard, the Kansas cowboy, the biggest man who ever entered the prize ring, and a "white hope" who at last has made good.

The day after tomorrow Johnson, his wife, and a little group of friends, will sail for Martinique, there to await passage back to France, where Johnson proposes to settle down and lead the life of a farmer, raising pigs and chickens. There is no doubt that he is tired with the ring.

Willard, who is being acclaimed tonight as the new champion, is going back to the United States to win the fortune which was denied him today, when Johnson got \$20,000 before the fight started, Willard taking only a small share of the net receipts. Just what his share was is not known.

Today's fight probably has no parallel in the history of ring battles. For 20 rounds Johnson punched and punched Willard as will, but his blows grew perceptibly less powerful as the fight progressed, until at last he seemed unable or unwilling to go on.

Beginning of the End. After twenty rounds Johnson stopped leading, and for three or four rounds the battle between the two big men was little more than a series of plastic poses of white and black gladiators. So it was until the 25th round, when Willard got one of his wildly-swinging, windmill, right-hand smashes to Johnson's head. This was the beginning of the end.

When the round closed Johnson sent word to his wife that he was all in, and told her to start packing. He was in the way out and was passing the ring in the 26th round when a stinging left to the body and a cyclonic right to the jaw caused Johnson to crumple on the floor of the ring, where he lay partly outside the ropes until the referee counted ten and held up Willard's hand in token of his newly-won laurels.

There is much discussion tonight, and probably will be for all time among the followers of the fighting game as to whether Johnson was really knocked out, or in the sense of being smashed into unconsciousness he certainly was not put out. The consensus of opinion is that Johnson expected and knew that there was no possibility of his winning; so, when knocked down, he chose to take the count rather than rise and admit further punishment. In other words, the negro quit.

Johnson Up Quickly. Johnson has often stated that fighting is a business, and he would not foolishly submit to repeated knockdowns when he found he had met his master. A second or two after Jack Welch, who had counted ten, Johnson quickly got up. It was well that he did so, for a moment later a rush of spectators to the platform all but smothered the pugilist.

For an instant it seemed as if trouble was threatened, and the referee, one of the several hundred soldiers stationed about the fight arena jumped into the ring and formed circles around victor and vanquished.

Under escort of the soldiers Willard and Johnson left the ring and went to their dressing rooms, while the crowd cheered and broke into wild discussion. Willard was out of his dressing room in a few moments and in an automobile on his way back to Havana. He was escorted half-way to the city from the Mariacalle race track, where the fight was held, by a troop of Cuban cavalry.

Crowds lined the streets and narrow roadways, and the night white champion was loudly cheered. He was decidedly the favorite of the crowd all thru the fight, and tonight is the hero of the island. His victory was very popular.

Automobiles returning to the city from the fight flew white flags, and thus the news spread far and wide that the white challenger had beaten the negro champion.

Fight Not Brutal. As Willard came along, the crowds in the streets waved flags and linen handkerchiefs tied to sticks. At one point a group of negro children, who had evidently heard that Johnson was the victor, waved black flags and white champion, who was much amused, flashed from a very red setting.

Looked Like the Limit. The end of the fight came with a suddenness that dazed the spectators. It followed two or three rounds of practically complete idleness on the part of the contestants, and the crowd settled down to a long-drawn-out struggle, believing that it would go the full limit of the 45 rounds without either being able to register a knockout.

The early rounds were filled with flashes of Johnson's lightning speed, when he would rain rights and lefts to Willard's body and face, delivering ten blows to one from the big white challenger. Thru all this time Willard was strictly on the defensive, and on occasions Johnson played with him, once standing with guard down and letting Willard swing at him, only to dodge and laugh at the awkwardness of his opponent.

NEW WORLD'S CHAMPION

JOHNSON KNOCKED OUT IN ROUND 26



JESS WILLARD

OLD AGE, REGARDLESS OF SKILL BATTERED DOWN BY BRAVY YOUTH

Story by Rounds Tells of Johnson's Superiority in Early Stages and How He Tired Before Willard's Rushes and Was Finally Knocked Out.

There were 2000 at the arena yesterday afternoon to hear the prize fight called off, and most of them showed sympathy for Willard. The service was good, and twenty-two rounds were called off when the flash came that the white man had won. The wire evidently was not direct, repetitions causing the delay of about fifteen minutes. However, the big crowd had good money's worth, and went away immensely pleased when Willard was declared the winner. The message of victory by round was final news came, curiously. Just as Announcer Kelly finished the twenty-second round the flash came, and a telegrapher standing in the west aisle caught the message of the winner. Willard landed three punches, and Johnson landed three rights. Willard swung, but missed. They clinched again. Willard hit Johnson twice in the stomach. They clinched. Johnson still grinned. The negro blocked three blows by Willard and then hit Willard's jaw. Willard missed a swing, and Johnson ducked, coming back with a swing that hit Willard in the face. Willard swung a right to the body. The first round was Johnson's and the second was even. In the first two rounds Johnson kept so close to Willard that the white man was unable to take advantage of his superior reach.

Round Three. Willard made two swings, but missed. Johnson aimed a left to the body, but Willard blocked it. Willard rushed Johnson, but missed. They clinched. Johnson drove Willard to the ropes with five successive body blows. Johnson broke thru Willard's guard, landing a right on the white man's face. Johnson landed a right on Willard's face. Johnson landed a right on Willard's face. Johnson landed a right on Willard's face. Johnson landed a right on Willard's face.

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Born Dec. 29, 1887, in Kansas. Has been fighting since 1911 only. His best previous battles: Frank Bowers (K.), 3 rounds; John Young (K.), 5 rounds; Arthur Pelkey (No D.), 10 rounds; Luther McCarthy (No D.), 10 rounds; Sailor White (K.), 1 round; Soldier Kearns (K.), 3 rounds; Bull Young (K.), 11 rounds; Carl Morris (No D.), 10 rounds; George Davis (K.), 2 rounds; George Rodol (K.), 9 rounds; Gunboat Smith (L.), 20 rounds.

Willard vs. Carpentier
The defeat of Jack Johnson yesterday should make Jess Willard a title to the heavyweight championship clear. However, Georges Carpentier, now in the French army, is the best champion undisputed. He beat Gunboat Smith in 1914 in London. Smith had previous victories to his credit over Arthur Pelkey and Willard.

Willard's Win Will Popularize Boxing
NEW YORK, April 5.—Willard's victory over Johnson and the fact that the world's heavyweight title has passed into the custody of a white man was welcome news to those identified with pugilism and to other sport followers in Greater New York. Tonight virtually nothing but the big fight was talked about in the hotels and cafes where sporting men gather. Everywhere the prevailing impression was that Johnson's defeat by the big Kansas would give a stimulus to boxing and make the sport more popular over the United States.

Willard's Journey From Fink to Johnson
Jess Willard was born in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, Dec. 29, 1887. Father a ranchman. Is the youngest of three brothers. No sisters. Father a native of Ohio; mother from Kentucky.

Willard's Journey From Fink to Johnson
Broke bronchos until he became too heavy. Is 6 feet 6 inches, weighs 230. Can run 100 yards in 11 seconds. Is expert swimmer. Crack rifle and pistol shot. Never drank, smoked or chewed. Lost first bout, Feb. 1910, at Seapila, Okla., to Louis Fink in tenth round. Three weeks later knocked out Ed Burke in three rounds. In same month "came back" and knocked out Fink in third round. His record:

May 20—John Young K.
June 28—Frank Bowers K.
July 2—John Young K.
July 29—Arthur Pelkey N. D.
Aug. 18—L. McCarthy N. D.
Dec. 2—Soldier Kearns K.
Dec. 2—George Rodol W.
—1913—
Jan. 22—Frank Bauer K.
Mar. 5—Jack Leon K.
May 20—Gunboat Smith L.
June 8—Charles Miller D.
July 4—A. Williams K.
Aug. 22—Bell Young K.
Nov. 17—George Rodol N. D.
Nov. 24—Jack K.
Dec. 2—Carl Morris W.
Dec. 2—George Davis K.
Dec. 23—George Rodol K.
—1914—
Mar. 27—Tom McMahon N. D.
April 13—Tom McMahon K.
April 28—George Rodol K.
—1915—
April 5—Jack Johnson K.

WHERE TO LUNCH
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Willard Landed Quick Swing to Point of Jaw

ROUND 26.—Johnson rose slowly from his chair, and Willard met him more than two-thirds of the way across the ring. Willard stabbed a long left into the negro's face, sending his head back. Before the champion could recover his position, Willard swung a smashing right, which landed full on Johnson's stomach. Johnson was flung against the ropes by the force of the blow, and he clinched on the rebound.

The cowboy tried to tear loose, but the black held grimly with eyes closed and legs shaking. Just before the referee broke them, Johnson looked over Willard's shoulder towards the box where his wife had been, his eyes showing a dazed, tired, puzzled expression.

As soon as Welch had broken the clinch, Jess rushed again, forcing the negro into Willard's corner, where the finish came. Johnson was slow in guarding, and his strong, youthful opponent hooked a swinging left to the body. The fading champion's legs quivered, and again the towering giant feinted for the body. Johnson dropped his guard and Willard won the title with a quick, hard swing to the exact point of the jaw. The negro's knees folded up under him, and he sank slowly to the floor and rolled over on his back, partly under the ropes.

Welsh waved Willard back and began to count. Up and down swung the referee's hand, but Johnson never moved. His eyes were glassy, only the whites being visible.

At the count of "ten," Welsh turned and held up Willard's hand, and a new champion replaced Johnson, who was still stretched on the floor of the ring. Time of round: 1 minute, 26 seconds.

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WILLARD FELT JOHNSON WEAKEN

Then Just Took Two Punches to the Jaw to Finish Negro.

NO IMMEDIATE PLANS

Theatrical Tour for the New Champion and Then a Long Rest.

HAVANA, April 5.—Willard said before entering the ring that he expected to take a beating for ten or fifteen rounds at the hands of his faster and more skilled opponent. As a matter of fact, he took twenty rounds of severe punishment, but laughed the blows aside and kept standing up against the rushes of the negro, who several times in each of the earlier rounds swept Willard before him to the ropes. Willard's back showed numerous welts raised by the ropes as he fell into them.

In the rushes Johnson would attack Willard in the body, and when the latter's hands and arms came down to guard that part of his anatomy Johnson would swing rights and lefts to the unprotected jaw and face. After each of these attacks Willard kept coming cheerfully back for more.

The Grin Disappeared. Johnson's perpetual grin thru the early rounds began to change to a look of wonderment as the battle turned into the twenties, and it was evident that the negro had come to the conclusion that it was useless for him to try to knock out the young western giant. Johnson seemed to know that he was in no condition to fight 45 rounds. His blows lacked the force which sent Jeffries toppling from the topmost rung of the pugilist ladder at Reno. Time had done its work.

The fight was all Johnson's during the first twenty rounds. Willard only once or twice taking the aggressive, and then swinging clumsily and wildly. Meanwhile, his body was growing pink under the blows that flashed from Johnson. In these rounds Willard took a beating which would have put an ordinary fighter down and out.

It was some time before Willard or his seconds realized that Johnson was thru, and only once or twice he tried to send him to pugilistic oblivion. Willard's seconds were after Johnson all the time, warning him to keep away from Willard's terrific right. It was in the 16th round that one of Willard's seconds shouted, "You run into Jess's right; we will pick you up right over here."

And They Did. "Be sure you take good care of me," Johnson said. It so happened that when Johnson said "I told you so," Johnson was in Willard's corner.

When a spectator called out, "Johnson, don't get yours today," Johnson replied, "Well, there's good money in it." Willard will probably take his own time in accepting any challenges. He is not a fighter who will fight a man he is not sure he can beat. There is no doubt that today's fight will do the trick of changing a world's opinion. Today he was palpably nervous and at first was afraid to go to Johnson. He constantly jabbed and tried to keep Johnson at a distance, but he was not able to follow up an advantage when it came to him.

It is hard to say at present that Willard is a great fighter, but he is a wonderful specimen of physical manhood and is likely to develop an aggressiveness and skill that may make him invincible in the future.

Thru the 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th rounds Johnson hardly struck a blow. He kept feinting at Willard, who was ever ready to break ground. When Johnson finally went down in the 26th, he rolled over on his back. The sun was beating down with torrid intensity, and his arms drew up as tho to shield his eyes from the glare, while the referee counted him out.

The crowd which paid to see the fight would be difficult to estimate, but it looked to number close to 20,000. In addition, fully 5000 persons viewed the fight from the distant slopes and hills.

The Finishing Punch. Willard said that none of Johnson's blows hurt more than momentarily, except a slash over the heart about the twentieth round, which made him gasp for breath during the balance of the round. He declared he was not sore about the body, but one of the toes of his left foot was slightly sprained, and swollen from a twist. Johnson must have known this, for constantly during the fight he kept extending his left foot until he could just press down on Willard's left toes.

The new champion said tonight: "I have no immediate plans for fighting in the future. I am obligated to the syndicate which promoted the fight, and would like to get home after an exhibition tour which, I understand, is projected." Speaking of the final round that won his title, Willard said: "The blow that brought the fight to a quick conclusion was a right-hand smash to Johnson's body early in the last round. I felt Johnson grow limp in his next clinch, and knew I had the championship within reach. A left to the body and a right smash to the jaw put Johnson down for the count."

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