

JEFFRIES DECLARATION

Big N. Y. Audience Went Wild.

Retired Champion Said He'll Fight.

New York, April 21.—"I will fight Mr. Jack Johnson. I will defend my title as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world."

Before a great audience which packed the American Music Hall and in which there were as many women as men, James J. Jeffries last night made this formal announcement.

It was a signal for great joy. Excited men leaped from their seats, shouted and cheered, and the many women in the audience applauded. Their shrill and excited cries of approval, as they stood up and waved their handkerchiefs and even their peach-basket hats, to the ponderous, bowing and blushing "undefeated champion," added picturesque to a remarkable scene.

In the street were hundreds of persons who could not get into the theatre, although high premiums were offered for seats. Early in the day Jeffries had promised to give his decision to-night, these waited for Jeffries, and the police had to clear a way for him to his automobile or he might have been captured and borne off by his admirers.

After his sparring exhibition with Sam Berger, the audience shouted for Jeffries to come out and make the statement he had promised. The big fellow soon appeared, his bathrobe only revealing his shaggy head and great red fists.

The house went wild, literally, and Jeffries stood near the footlights, smiling and bowing and raising his hands for order. After several minutes the audience became reasonably quiet and Jeffries started off.

"Ladies and gentlemen—" "Cut that out, Jeff, come to the point," cried a voice in the gallery. "I thank you, from the bottom of my heart, I—"

THE GREAT QUESTION. "Never mind that—are you going to fight?" came another voice.

"I suppose you want to hear something else," continued Jeffries, only smiling at the interruption.

"You bet we do," yelled dozens of men.

"Well, I am satisfied after about seven weeks' work—"

"Quit your kidding," came another interruption.

"—that I can get in just as good condition as I ever was and I will fight Mr. Jack Johnson."

If Jeffries had had anything more to say, he could not have been heard. He ran off of the stage while the auditorium became a bedlam of noisy joy.

There are several conditions attached to Jeffries' re-entry into the prize ring. First, Johnson must defeat Ketchell. Then Jeffries cannot sign articles for possibly ten months, and he insists that the fight shall take place in this country and that it shall be unlimited as to rounds.

He made these conditions known orally to the newspaper men when he handed out the following written statement: HIS FORMAL STATEMENT.

"I will say that I never felt better. I have held off making the announcement until I became sure that I was absolutely the same Jeffries who I was retired four years ago. I did so then after defeating every possible contender for the title. There was no one left for me to fight."

"The present heavyweight situation is the only thing that could have brought me from retirement. I have all the money I will ever need, and there is no monetary consideration that could tempt me into the ring if I was not sure I could easily defeat my challenger for the championship."

"As for Mr. Johnson, the tactics which he has employed, presumably to attempt to force a match, have been such that I felt that I would only lower myself by replying until I felt I was prepared to say that I would fight."

"At the expiration of my contract with William Morris, which positively forbids my signing any contract, pugilistic or otherwise, I will be ready to discuss terms for an unlimited round contest."

PACON FOR JOHNSON.

London, April 21.—The projected fight between Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight champion, and Sam Langford, possibly never to be pulled off, as Langford yesterday signed articles for a contest before the National Sporting Club on Derby Day with Ian Hague, who last night wrestled the championship of Great Britain from Gunner Jim Morris. Hague, who knocked Moir out in the first round in the east fashion, is a Yorkshire pit man. His previous opponents have been local small fry, and the ease with which he finished Moir was a great surprise. The National Sporting Club has offered a purse of \$7,000, together with a side bet of \$1,000, for the Langford-Hague fight.

HARRY GILMOUR HURT. Chicago, April 20.—Harry Gilmour, jun., manager of Packey McFarland, is in danger of losing his right hand as a result of a mix-up at the recent Goteh-Mahout wrestling match. According to the Gilmours, Harry was hurrying through Dexter Pavilion, when he stumbled over the foot of Ralph Hoagland, the golfer. Hoagland, Gilmour says, kicked him on the shin, telling him at the same time to keep to his feet. Gilmour retorted that if he did that again he would swing on him. The kick was repeated.

Harry Gilmour, sen., then told his son to hand him his coat and swing on the man. Young Gilmour did so, and knocked four teeth out of Hoagland's mouth. The teeth cut the back of his hand, and two days later the swelling was so bad young Gilmour consulted a physician, who set to work at once to save the arm, if possible. It was on this account that Gilmour was kept home when the matching of Nelson and McFarland was on.

POLICE RAIDED CLUB.

New York, April 30.—The police last night raided the Longacre Athletic Club during the progress of boxing bouts between local fighters, and made a half dozen arrests of managers and others. There were 1,200 men in the arena, and a panic of fear seized many of them when the police appeared. There was a general rush for the windows, and a

number of persons were injured while so endeavoring to escape.

The raid is in line with the recently adopted policy of the police, brought about by the protests of Gov. Hughes and others against a resumption of the fighting game in New York, to prevent boxing bouts in other than genuine athletic clubs.

HAGUE BEAT MOIR.

London, April 21.—Ian Hague, the new heavyweight recently developed in this country, signalled his first appearance before the National Sporting Club last night by knocking out Gunner Moir in the first round of a bout that was scheduled for twenty. As it took Burns ten rounds to dispose of Moir, Englishmen feel that in Hague they have a man who may soon fight for the world's title.

The bout last night was for the heavyweight championship of England, and Moir never had a chance. Hague stands six feet and weighs 190 pounds.

DRILL HALL TOURNEY.

Everything is in readiness for the big amateur boxing and wrestling tournament to be held at the Drill Hall on Friday and Saturday nights. This morning the entry of George Larmer, of Dundas, was received. Larmer has been seen here before as a wrestler, and was always looked upon as a good boy, but for the tournament this week he is entered in both the boxing and wrestling and according to his trainer, Charlie Gordon, he will make a good showing in both. Larmer was beaten in the last tournament by Tommy Hickey, but he claims that he will make a much better showing this time. The National A. C. will have 12 entries, including most of the boys that helped to win the club championship last fall, and the club should be right in the running for the club prize again. The bouts will be under the C. A. A. U. rules and two judges will assist the referee, Billy Carroll. The contestants must weigh in by 7.30 on the night that they are drawn, and must be down to weight.

BET BY CABLE.

New York Racing Men to Wager in England.

New York, April 21.—As an outcome of the restrictions of betting in this State by the Hart-Agnew Bill, several of the most prominent racetrack men of this city have arranged to transfer their operations to England. A number have established cable communications with betting commissioners in London, and already wagers said to be in excess of \$100,000 have been placed for the account of New York horsemen on American horses entered in the most conspicuous of the forthcoming British turf events.

Although no accurate estimate of the total amount of money thus to be placed can be formed, it is known that a number of houses having London connections have cabled large sums to be laid on horses entered for the Derby, the City and Suburban, and the Great Jubilee.

Most of the money thus wagered is pinned to the chances which such houses as Jas. R. Keene's Ballot and Colin. Louis Wiman's Sir Martin, and August Belmont's Norman II. and Priscilla, are said to have in the respective races for which they have been entered.

The odds against these American horses are comparatively long, and New York turfmen expect handsome returns from their backing of them.

Toronto, April 21.—The track at the Woodbine is getting in shape now that the frost is leaving the ground, and the horses that are now out there are being breezed a little each day.

ONE GAME ONLY.

Cleveland Team Defeated Detroit Yesterday.

Rain and generally cold weather caused a postponement of all the important ball games scheduled for yesterday in both the National and American Leagues except the Detroit-Cleveland contest. This is rather unusual, but one day last year the weather stopped practically every game in every league in the United States.

At Detroit—Detroit played ragged ball in every line, and Cleveland won almost as it pleased. Young was in grand form, and with a little luck would have made a shut-out. The visitors hit Lafitte hard all the way. Ten of their

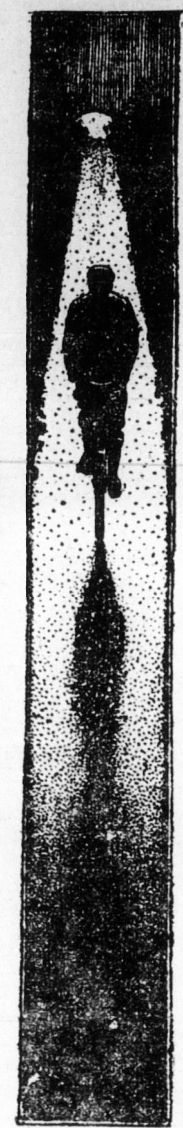
HANS WAGNER IS AGAIN ON JOB



Is there joy in the hearts of the Pittsburgh fanatics? There is. Hans is on the job this spring and pennant chances are luminous in the Pirate camp. Hans Wagner is boss slinger of the National league and the greatest shortstop in the world. On the whole he is the most valuable player in the game. He is the one man indispensable. Another could be replaced. Honus can't. Last year Wagner wanted more money than he was offered, and he held out until he got \$18,000. He did not tell any one he was holding out for cash, but insinuated broadly that rheumatism had

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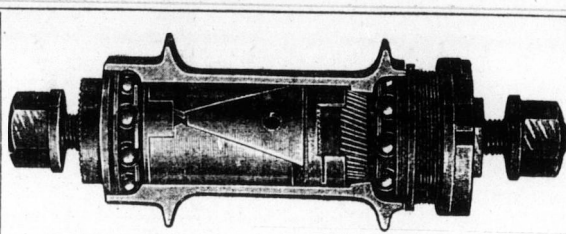
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runs were scored with two out, several after missed chances to retire the side.

It was the coldest day of the spring, with a high wind bothering the fielders. Birmingham's hitting featured. Score: R. H. E.

Detroit 000,101,000—2 3 6
Cleveland 001,311,132—12 17 2

Batteries—Lafitte and Schmidt; Young and Easterly.

At Washington—Boston-Washington game postponed, rain.

At St. Louis—St. Louis-Chicago game postponed, cold weather and wet grounds.

CHADWICK MEMORIAL.

New York, April 21.—In the presence of baseball men of high and low degree and others interested in the national game, the monument to the late Henry Chadwick, the father of baseball, was unveiled yesterday in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn.

Yesterday was the first anniversary of Mr. Chadwick's death. In the greater portion of his life of 54 years he devoted much time to advancing the interests of baseball. He was a newspaper writer and was looked upon by many persons as the final authority in the decision of questions relating to the early history of the game.

The committee in charge of the monument consisted of Charles W. Murphy, of Chicago, George B. Dorey, of Boston, and Charles H. Ebbets, of Brooklyn. The monument was designed by Miss Florence S. Richter, daughter of the editor of Sporting Life.

NOISELESS BASEBALL.

Jersey City, N. J., April 21.—With the opening of the baseball season has come the consideration of a number of questions, one of the most important of which is the annual problem of Sunday playing. During the last month Jersey City has been the storm centre of the agitation in the East and last week saw a decision handed down from the court which permits the playing of games on Sunday as long as there is no noise connected with the contests.

The ruling has caused a ripple of excitement in the baseball world, as it would be hard to imagine a baseball game played under conditions which call for the suppression of the tumult always attendant on contests on the diamond. During the latter part of the 1908 season when crowds numbering about 150, counting the players, took in the games in Jersey City, it would have been possible to restrain the noise, but with the crowds that are bound to attend the games during the early weeks of the Eastern League series it is difficult to see how the management will be able to weave a canopy of silence over the field.

FOUL TIPS. "Jo Jo" Keenan has caught a place in the Manchester, N. H., team.

Ed. Barrow has placed McKim, a local first baseman, with the Utica Club of the New York State League.

Louis Bruce, the brilliant Indian player, formerly with Toronto, has built (Continued on Page 9.)

Knocking Down the Pins

In the International Harvester Company's Ten Pin League last night at the H. B. & A. C. alleys the Machine team won three games from the Sales; the Knife and Bar won three from the Main Office team, and the Forge took two from the Tool team. Three league records were broken. The Forge team rolled 927 in their second game in the match with the Tool team, and made a total of 2,517 for three games. Moon made an individual record, 627 for three strings. The scores follow:

Tool—
Smith 125 148 143 416
Gumandt 177 117 140 434
Ackland 185 169 104 458
Ford Jento 200 165 124 489
Masterson 160 158 162 480
847 757 673 2277

In the Jewellers' League last night the G. H. Lees' team won two games from the Klein & Binkley bunch. The scores:

G. H. Lees—
A. Dodge 134 111 146 391
M. Hastings 200 117 147 364
N. Foster 128 127 152 407
L. Nash 148 121 111 380
E. Sage 133 150 163 446
663 626 719 2008

Klein & Binkley—
G. Kale 119 104 161 384
E. Woodhouse 143 177 100 420
Laprotiere 169 99 124 392
T. Binkley 130 116 119 365
T. Dixon 126 156 213 495
627 643 717 1987

In class C at the H. B. & A. C. alleys the Crescents won two games from Newberry's Colts. The scores:

Crescents—
J. McLeod 169 169 156 494
Chas. Casey 128 181 185 494
Bob Innes 143 176 157 476
A. Morden 160 163 124 447
Geo. Smith 134 170 143 447
734 859 765 2338

Newberry's Colts—
G. Snitzel 159 119 132 410
D. C. Malcolm 159 149 125 424
P. Ward 123 196 111 310
H. Brown 144 98 138 380
A. Powell 161 173 184 518
737 715 690 2142

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Gossip and Comment

It is to be hoped that the meeting of cycling enthusiasts, held in Toronto last night, will bear fruit. Bicycle racing was a popular sport here once, as in many other places in Canada, and there is no good reason why it should not become popular again. From the spectators' point of view, track bike races are far superior to the Marathon running races, or running races of much short distances, which have the call just now. As soon as the committee appointed at last night's meeting reports on ways and means of bringing about a revival, a meeting of local wheelmen will be called to take action locally.

Tom Flanagan is a great joker. Yesterday while wearing his war paint and feathers, donned for the C. C. U., he attempted to act as a peacemaker in a legal war.

The biggest trust in all America is the Baseball Trust and the National Commission is its head. A league out in California has refused to be bossed by this bunch of alleged organized baseball club owners, and have engaged players whenever and wherever they could. As a result they are to be punished (!) now by these big league club owners who have assessed all of the members a certain sum to bring this minor league to terms.

Toronto Telegram: And while all the men who did little or much at the London Marathon are basking in the limelight and harvesting greenbacks, the real Canadian hero of the occasion, to wit and namely—Bobbie Kerr—has remained an amateur and practically hidden. But he's going to England this summer, and when he trims the feathers of Walker, of South Africa, his fellow-countrymen may forget the cash-hunters for long enough to give him one little hurrah.

"I would rather any day," says Horatio Bottomley, the English M. P., "watch a selling steppichase than the Derby. And I have often observed that the general public, and especially the women, take far keener interest in jumping than in flat racing. Just compare the faces of the crowd at Ascot during the race for the Gold Cup with those at the Grand National, or go to France, even in midsummer, and see how the Grand Steppichase de Paris dwarfs the Grand Prix. No, there is nothing like jumping."

From the Toronto World: "Tom Flanagan has shown so much gray matter in hitherto fighting the battle of the C. A. A. U. that it seems inconsistent to fly off the handle at the present juncture, as he has been so reported. To state the facts: The 91st Regiment of Hamilton have been granted a Marathon permit for May 24, as the Irish-Canadians would have been had they entered in time. Next Marathon in line, according to priority of application comes another incident also in Hamilton, for the Christopher cups, and the Toronto Irishmen will get their sanction right after that. So there you are. There is no question of impartiality and Brother Flanagan has too much common sense to attempt to make trouble for the C. A. A. U. even if he ever said he would."

The World is wide of the mark in this matter, however, as Mr. Christopher made an application to the Ontario Jockey Club for the Brantford to Hamilton race nearly a year ago.

The Seagram stable is expected in about a week, and the Beck, Dymont and other stables will all be there before the first of May.

From this distance to the King's Plate it is hard to get a line on the players, but early bets show the following odds: Beck stable, 5 to 1.
Gold Bottom, 100 to 1.
Seagram stable, 2 to 1.
Dymont stable, 3 to 1.
Caledon stable, 20 to 1.
Cook stable, 10 to 1.
Davies stable, 15 to 1.
McLean stable, 5 to 1.
Valley Farm stable, 5 to 1.
Woodstock Stable, 10 to 1.
Woodbine Belle, 20 to 1.
Harry Graball, 50 to 1.
Doctor (Jemsh), 20 to 1.
Better Half, 30 to 1.
Edith Campbell, 20 to 1.
Capetown, 30 to 1.
Merry and Wise, 25 to 1.
Good Likeness, 25 to 1.
Gady O'Connor, 5 to 1.
Milelinda, 30 to 1.

There is talk down town of war to the hilt between Dufferin Park racing interests and the Ontario Jockey Club, but when you get to headquarters both sides deny "at there is anything doing." The gossip down town last night around the Rossin House, the headquarters of certain horse racing interests, was that the O. J. C. had started the war by refusing to accept entries from horses owned by who raced on the half-mile track last fall, and that, in exasperation, the interests represented at Dufferin Park would cut loose with some more racing and put the whole game on the toboggan in Canada.

Abe Orpen denied this, saying that Dufferin Park would be reserved for trotting and pacing purposes.

Notes for Mothers.

Don't neglect to win your boy's confidence. Happy is the boy who dares at home to pour out his heart about the girls he knows and likes, and most unhappy is he who, through mistaken zeal on the part of misguided parents is compelled to keep his thoughts on such matters to himself.

Don't, because your father, grandfather or great grandfather has been a doctor, preacher or lawyer, try to force your boy in the same profession. Find out what he is particularly interested in and adapted to. Many an unhappy, unsuccessful lawyer or doctor or preacher would have made a successful merchant, engineer or farmer, had not a mother's ambition interfered.

Don't have a thing in the house too good for him to enjoy, and don't shut him out of all the confidential family talks concerning home and business and neighborhood affairs—teach him to respect the confidence placed in him.

The Swift Mauretania.
Liverpool, April 20.—The Mauretania, which arrived from New York this morning, concluded the last portion of her trip from Queenstown to Skerries Islets, about two hundred miles, in six hours and ten minutes. This works out to the very high speed of 29 knots, or 33.4 miles an hour, a feat never before accomplished by an ocean liner.