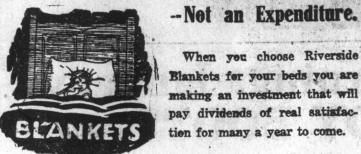
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STORY OF BANTAM TITLE IN NUT-

is the story of the bantamweight boxing title as it passed from ne another in the past thirty years. 1890, June 27-George Dixon claimed the first bantamweight title when he knocked out Nune Wallace in Lon- is now on. Stadiums and clubs are don in eighteen rounds, the weight being 112 pounds.

1894, Sept. 25-Jimmy Barry, who claimed the title when Dixon vacated, assumed the honor when he knocked being 112 pounds.

1899-Barry, with no more worlds to conquer, retired. Terry McGovern claimed the title and clinched his eign ring men who care to come claim when he knocked out Pedler Palmer in one round on Sept. 12. 1900-McGovern moved on to the

Forbes claimed the title and was looked upon as champion 1903. Aug. 13-Frakie Neil knocked out Forbes in two rounds at San

claimed the title after Bowker had

1909. May 24—Welsh boxed a 20- weights; Francis Charles, England, and the following year went

ing the title.

1910. March 6-Johnny Coulon, who assumed the championship, enchanced rounds at New Orleans, the weight being 116 pounds ringside.

1914, June 9-Kid Williams became the titleholder when he knocked out Coulon in the third round at Vernon,

1915, Sept. 10-Johnny Ertle won on a foul from Williams in five rounds at St. Paul. He claimed the title, but little heed was paid to the claim inasmuch as the Minnesota laws prohibited decisions. The referee could not legaly give a decision, although he did declare Ertle the winner. As time went on, however, Ertle came to be looked upon as the champion.

1917-Pete Herman settled all arruments over the title, however, when ne won a twenty round decision. He insisted that Williams was still the champion and that he was entitled to the crown. Artle's claim was not recognized after that, so that Herman

New York.-All the necessary details have been completed for the 15round contest between 'Pal' Moore of Memphis, and Jack Sharkey, the East Side bantam, to be held at Madison Square Garden on December 29. The two boys have agreed to weigh 122 pounds at 2 o'clock on the day of the contest. The wrangle over the weight both men have arranged to start training immediately. It is expected the winner will furnish another opponent for the new champion, Joe Lynch.

"Joe" Lynch's seconds pulled one of the "prize" bone plays of ring history after the eleventh round. "Joe" round and was working under a heavy handicap. After the eleventh, when Herman rallied and outfought Lynch by a wide margin, the seconds seemed to get alarmed, and whispered the news around the press tables that Lynch was injured and his left prac-

tically useless. lose, and were establishing the "alibi." Before the twelfth round was over. the news was passed around the ring and was known in Herman's corner, stall for the balance of the round. It made no difference, but if Herman

Lynch will take a month's rest, and

hen start the "serious business of lefending his title," Eddie Mead, his manager, announced to-day. Lynch went into seclusion after the bout recently, in which he triumphed over Pete Herman.

A tour of the country, in which he will meet many bantamweight aspirants, is being planned, Mead said. "One thing is sure," he added, "He

been in a chaotic state ever since the world's war was started, has finally come into its own and the biggest boom the sport has enjoyed in years springing up everywhere, and real fighters have little trouble getting good money for their services.

The Stadiums, Ltd., will have a circuit of five clubs going shortly, and out Casper Leon in twenty-eight will have little difficulty keeping the rounds at Lamont, Ill., the weight large number of foreign boxers here at the present time busy. Jack Munro who is in full charge of the Sydney stadium, has issued a call to all for within six months, allowing them 2 featherweight class, and in 1901 Harry per cent. of the gross gate receipts with second class boat tickets for their return trip.

Boxers from America, England and France have played a big part in rehabilitating the sport here. Billy Shade, the coast middleweight, who the decision and the title in a twenty dethroned Tommy Uren, the champion, has made a tremendous hit 1908-Jimmy Welsh of Boston, with the fans. Others who have done well are the Frenchmen. Cmiquil and Andre Dupre, featherround bout with Digger Stanley of weight champion of Europe, and Arthur Wyns, who claims the feather into the heavyweight class, thus vacat- weight championship of Europe.

in ten rounds, while Wyns tool Jimmy Hill into camp in 3 rounds his claim when he knocked out Jim Blackburn and Hill are the two Kendrick of England in nineteen ringsters who visited America not so long ago. Charles stopped the winning streak of Harry Stone, the New Yorker, outpointing him in every round of the contest. Criquil also knocked out Jack Green, former Australian featherweight champion, in four rounds of a sensational battle. it being the first time Green ever took the count. Green had previously relinquished his laurels to Jerry Sullivan, an 18-year-old youngster, who now holds the bantamweight championship of the Antipodes.

DECLARES GREB WAS WINNER IN BOUT.

Some reports received in the provinces gave Jeff Smith, the Canadian middleweight champion the decision over Harry Greb, in their meeting at Pittsburg, Christmas night. However, reports to American newspapers all favor Greb. The following story of has won the crown for three years. the fight, has appeared in several of

"Before one of the largest crowds that ever attended a boxing bout in the Motor Square Garden

"While the fight was fast in spots it was marred by the evident unwillingness of the Bayonne boxer to mix things except when spurred or by the taunts of the crowd. When he cut loose Smith more than held his own. A fair decision gave Greb six rounds and Smith four. At the sound of the bell

started his rushing tactics, but had not gone far when Smith put a right to the Pittsburg boxer's mouth that slowed the latter up. After this round Smith crawled into his shell and for five rounds was content to let the Garhad broken his left thumb in the third field battler do all the leading. Until the sixth Smith fought a defensive battle only.

When the sixth started, the crowd which had been growing restless for some time, began hurling taunts at Smith. Apparently unable to stand the tibes, the Bayonne man began to fight and the milling from that time They may have feared that he would on to the ninth was fast and furious. Near the end of this round Smith caught Greb a wicked uppercut flush on the mouth. Greb was content to In the tenth the local miller came had possessed championship ability out of his corner with a rush and was he might have taken advantage of the all over Smith. The latter fought

information and waded through to back hard and with the round half over, the men were in the middle of science being thrown to the winds. Greb, however, proved the stronger and slowly forced Smith to the ropes. gaining the round. Between 8000 and 9000

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When but 17 years old he went 10 rounds with Johnny Ertle, then claimant of the bantamweight championship in one of his first fights

His class soon asserted itself and in the next year he met Kid Wil liams, Jack Sharkey, Frankie Burns, Willie Astey, Pal Moore, Terry Martle and many others, gaining a re feree decision over Moore and knock

Before going into the war service he knocked out Kid Williams, Geo Kirkwood and Benny McNeil and won from Dick Loadman.

In the service he defeated all com ers both in this country and in France and was sent to the inter-allied tournament at London. He came through successfully until he met Jimmy Wilde, flyweight champion of the world, and lost the decision in four rounds. After leaving the service he again met Wilde, this time in 15-round decision go at the National Sporting club, London, and again lost the decision. The English press almost unanimously criticized the referee's decision, however, declaring that Lynch had won in a majority of the rounds.

Is Tallest Champion.

Lynch is the tallest champion the nantam division has ever had. He s tall and rangy, with measurements nore like those of a lightweight than a bantam. He has a wonderful straight eft and is a wicked hitter with his right hand. When on December 2 he pattered down rugged Jack Sharkey, he clinched the right to fight Herman Here are some of Lynch's K. O. Philadelphia; Willie Astey, 6 rounds, Providence; Bobby Josephs, 12 rounds, Detroit; Sammy Young Merino, 2 rounds, New York; Eddie O'Keefe, 3 rounds, Philadelphia; Benny McNeil, 5 rounds, Pittsfield; Kid Regan, 6 rounds, St, Louis; Albert Fusileer, 5 rounds, Paris, France; Jack Sharkey, 10 rounds, New York. Referees decisions won by Lynch are: Tommy Noble, 20 rounds, London, England; Dick Loadman, 12 rounds, Providence; Terry Martin, 12 rounds, Providence; Pal Moore, 12 Lynch had received three new

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you do me the favour of assisting me "Certainly, madami" assented the

ector, giving her his arm. They reached the door, when the old woman, pausing for a moment's rest. said: "Pardon me once more, but do you happen to know who is preachng this morning?"

"The rector, madam," cleric. you to do me yet another favour?" "Certainly," replied the rector once

ore. "What else can I do for you? "Would you," said the old woman, "be so good as to assist me down the steps again?"

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