

WILLARD'S HALO OF FAME FADING

Champion's Refusal to go Further Than Ten Rounds Shows Lack of Confidence—Says He is Afraid of the Death Blow

Unless Jess Willard signs articles for a bout without further delay he will not have much prestige left. Already the idea that the big fellow is unbeatable has faded to such an extent that a challenge from any young husky rival would no longer be laughed out of court as being too ridiculous for consideration.

Willard's anxiety to have his proposed bout with Fred Fulton reduced to six rounds has done more than anything else to remove the impression that he cannot be defeated. It is remarkable that he has been able to get by as long as he has without being forced to show his real form in the ring instead of having it taken for granted that he outclasses all possible opponents so far that a bout would be a farce.

If Willard is able to fight even a little bit, why does he insist upon one minute rounds whenever he is called upon to don gloves? When invited to box Soldier Kearns for the benefit of the soldiers recently, two rounds and one minute each was the limit Willard set. He never did more than that while performing in the circus. Often the "rounds" were not even a full minute. And Willard never did any leading himself, but merely leaned back and blocked while the veteran Walter Monahan delivered his taps in stereotyped fashion.

Not Fitz's Way

Who ever heard of an invincible champion insisting upon rounds that lasted about forty seconds each? How long would Fitzsimmons have maintained his prestige if he had always insisted upon having the same ancient sparring partner with rounds limited to one minute or less? Why, even an average citizen, who never had gloves on his hands before in his life could do better than that.

Willard never was a perfect athlete. Like all abnormal big men, there is a weak spot in his make-up. In Willard's case it is his mind that is poor. He never could fight at top speed for any length of time. He has admitted that he never could.

Shortly after Willard had knocked out Soldier Kearns in rather spectacular fashion he was anxious to arrange a match with Gunboat Smith, who at that time was the leading white hope. Willard asked the writer to help him obtain the match, at the same time bemoaning the fact that the press and public did not take him seriously.

"Well, why don't you always fight like you did in that last round with Kearns? If you showed them a little speed you would soon obtain recognition," said the writer.

"Why, I couldn't do that," Willard replied. "I'd get tired, and then it would be all over with me. I can't afford to get tired."

That was how Willard felt when he had nothing to lose and all to gain. It is no wonder that in the six rounds as his limit, now that he has a title to lose and has been in practical retirement for the last two years.

Monroe Boosts Fulton

George Monroe, who is now running a boxing club at New Haven, is one of those who think that Fred Fulton would be a sure winner over Willard. Monroe was one of Jack Johnson's seconds at Havana, and he has a good line on Willard. In Monroe's opinion Fulton would be able to stand off and pick Willard to pieces with his long left while the latter was leaning back trying to block the blows.

There is not much confidence felt in Fulton, however, and his present silence is not adding anything to the feeling that he is the right man for the task. If Fulton

had the right kind of confidence in himself he would pin Willard down to something definite now that he has a chance. But instead of pressing his claims, Fulton has suddenly become silent and has allowed Willard to have the last say.

When it looked as though Willard never intended to fight again, Fulton was busy enough with his challenges and even went so far as to threaten to claim the title if Willard did not agree to meet him in the ring. Now that Willard has offered to fight, Fulton suddenly makes himself scarce, and is spending his time dubbing around down in the south as far from Willard as he can possibly get.

Fulton should not hesitate because Willard has insisted on a short bout with no decision. If he can show that Willard is all in by outpointing him through six or ten no decision rounds it will be an easy matter to force a real championship battle at a later date. The very obvious fact that Willard dreads a long battle should encourage Fulton more than anything that could happen.

Willard's close friends give several excuses for his failure to come to the front, but they are poor excuses at best. Those close to Willard say that as a matter of fact he does not like the fighting game, and that he has never really liked it since he dealt "Bull" Young his death blow.

Those not so close say that Willard has felt Fulton out twice and that he has little liking for the big plasterer's game.

Most followers of the ring have forgotten the two previous meetings of Willard and Fulton, for they were only chance meetings and exhibitions at that.

The first took place on the stage of a theatre in Minneapolis where in a four-round friendly bout the big Minnesota plasterer gave Jess as good as was sent.

That was before Willard had won the championship, but after winning it he met Fulton in another exhibition in which the latter scored a knockdown, which Willard later declared was entirely accidental.

One thing is certain, however, an exhibition fight in both of these exhibitions Fulton, then comparatively unknown in the fight world, gave a good account of himself.

Some of Willard's friends say that ever since he killed Young he has never really extended himself in a fight encounter, and that ever when he defeated Jack Johnson he did not deliver his hardest blow.

There may be a good reason for this, and it may be all due to the chance exhibition, the present championship fight with Fulton in 1917, when he was only a champion in the making.

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him to task and the big fellow promised that in his next battle he would put on full steam.

The Death Blow

It was on August 22, 1913, that Willard entered the ring at Vernon, California, to fight John Young, who was then best known as "Bull" Young.

The name "Bull" was given him because of his wonderful strength and build. All hands looked on him as invincible because of his bull neck and shoulders and his bullet-shaped head. He was built, too, from the ground up and had met all the great fighters who had gone to California to train. He had put on the gloves with them and had seldom met his master.

Twice before in the days when Willard was just beginning he had met Young at Chicago and had knocked him out, but Young had improved since then and now he was even better known than Jess.

This time before the battle Willard was made to promise that he would do his best and hit his hardest, and he kept his word.

It was in the eleventh round that Willard let fly at Young a right-hand blow that landed flush on Young's jaw and sent him crashing to the canvas.

The referee counted the seconds and when through tried to awaken Young, but though carried away hurriedly to a hospital he never regained consciousness.

To his manager after the fight Willard said: "I told you."

"Told me what?"

"What would happen if I ever let go with my full strength."

Willard never forgave himself for that blow. He had known Young a long while and although he always liked him, and although a corner's jury decided that Young's death was due to heart disease, Willard never did blame himself, for "what he had done to his old friend."

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WOMAN MEMBER OF THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT. Mme. Kellintie, who is or was a member of the Government of Russia, but of whom very little has been said in this country.

MAY CARRY ON WAR BUT QUIT ALLIES

Trotsky's Fight If Four Powers Are Broken to Be on Different Basis

WAR ON BOURGEOIS BASIS

Imperialism Everywhere Will Be Opposed by Bolsheviki

HAS SOVIET WITH HIM Russian Minister Resumes Negotiations for Benefit of World Proletariat

(By Arno Dosch Fleurel.) Petrograd, Jan. 31.—While the reputation of the peace popularizers at Brest-Litovsk, to which the Russian delegation, headed by Foreign Minister Trotsky, was returned with authority from the All-Russian Congress of Workers' and Soldiers' Deputies to negotiate with a free hand, may lead to an immediate peace, I have excellent reason to believe that the conference will continue a considerable time unless the Germans break it up.

The belief here is that the Germans cannot afford to do that on account of Austria's shaky condition and the fear that a break might precipitate Austria into a revolution.

The Russians returned to Brest-Litovsk as the representatives of the world proletariat, at least so far as Russia can make them. For it is the decision of the All-Russian Soviet that a holy war should be waged against all imperialists.

Trotsky Has Full Power. Rarely has so much power been conferred in delegates, and now that the power of the Ukrainian Rada is broken, and that the newly-pro-

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claimed republic in the south is in the hands of the Soviets, who again has it in his power to settle the whole Russian question in relation to the entire front.

If he decided to break the "four powers" will continue the war on a different basis, making clear to the country's former allies that the Russian war on Germany has nothing in common with their.

This will mark the beginning of an attempt to overthrow the bourgeois Governments.

At the meeting, the All-Russian Soviet, where the new "angle" was given to Russia's position by the sustained forensic efforts of members of the Government, Trotsky in finishing showed the new road. He repeated often: A democratic peace can never be signed until all imperialistic Governments are over-

thrown. Russia will not sign an unfavorable peace if it can possibly avoid doing so. But even if the proletariat will soon rectify it.

But the imperialist which roused the need of such action, which brought deep impressive approval from the soldiers, workers, and peasants who packed the big Tauride Palace—is Germany. Practically all Russia—so wide was the representation there—heard and endorsed the words of the Foreign Minister.

It is hardly possible to convey the consummate cleverness of Trotsky's position, because, when expressed, it had as a background many other addresses which accumulated, gave the effect that Russia is in her present painful position through the fault of the Bourgeoisie. The speech also was a renunciation—or seemed to be—of efforts for a general peace. A general democratic peace being impossible while any bourgeois powers were left, he said, why should the Russian proletariat continue to get killed for other proletarians who refuse to join and help Russia.

Referring to the sense of an Austrian revolution, Trotsky lamented that it might possibly come too late to present an unfavorable peace, but he expressed the belief that revolution in Austria certainly was coming shortly.

VETERAN SEAMAN DEAD

By Courier Local Wire. Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 28.—Word reached here to-day of the death in Seattle of Captain James Lanaway, a native of Woodstock. For many years he was a captain on the great lakes. Seven years ago, following a shipwreck in which his boat was foundered while conveying coal to an American port, he was in the water for 24 hours. The exposure resulted in a severe cold, which never recovered his health. He was 58 years of age and is survived by two brothers, Charles and William, of the Canada Furniture Manufacturers of this city, and G. B. Lanaway, Seattle, Wash.

COURT COMPETENT. By Courier Local Wire. New Orleans, La., Jan. 28.—The French Senate, organized as a high court of justice, and which to-day began the trial of Louis J. Malvy, former Minister of the Interior, on charges of high treason, after a long secret session, announced that it had rejected the plea that it was not competent to act in the case. Antoine

GLASS OF SALTS IF YOUR KIDNEYS HURT

Eat less meat if you feel Back-ache or have Bladder trouble.

Meat forms uric acid which excites and overworks the kidneys in their efforts to filter it from the system. Regular eaters of meat must flush the kidneys occasionally. You must relieve them like you relieve your bowels; removing all the acids, waste and poison, else you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment; the channels often get irritated, obliging you to get up two or three times during the night.

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Dubout, president of the Senate, declared that the demand of two citizens that they be made parties to the case was not acceptable to the court. He announced that a supplementary investigation would be necessary.

BURTCH

(From our own correspondent) Mrs. J. W. Eadie is spending a few days with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wood, of Brantford, spent Wednesday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Baker.

The boys of the Baracca Class entertained the Philatelic class at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Alfred Bonham on Friday evening last. Though the weather was cold and blustering, the young people were not daunted. Messrs. William Grantham and Laurie Houlding each drove a sleigh load. As is usually the case, all hearts were light and cheerful and when their destination was reached, Jack Frost was soon forgotten in the warmth and glow of the bright interior. The evening was spent in progressive games. Lunch was served from Russell's in Brantford at the mid-night hour. A very enjoyable time was spent.

Miss Nellie Eadie was the guest of Miss Evangeline McIntyre on Friday. Miss Eadie is visiting with her sister, Mrs. O. Franklin.

Misses Nellie and Leah Houlding, and Miss Gladys Smith, attended the special conference at Brantford during the week end, and will soon give a Ghibri practice, was held at the home of this organist, Mrs. Wilson Charlton on Thursday evening.

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