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Gossip and Comment

Success to the Hamilton bowlers.

That was a great basketball match last night.

Professional basketball players are just like professional hockey and lacrosse players—they stop at nothing to win. Hamilton should have won last night's game.

Now that a young theological student at a Methodist college has shown that in boxing he can punch the daylight out of all-comers, it looks as if the Carman-Jackson controvery will be switched, and a few odes to prize fighting sent out.

London Advertiser: Hamilton is still hankering for professional baseball, but it comes every spring with the flood, and will not last any longer. We were under the impression that last year's experience would hold them for a time, but it does not seem to have taught them a lesson.

Old Bill Davis is "hoofing it" pretty good in the six-day grind. Tom Longboat ought to wire him congratulations.

As the Australian papers say Tommy Burns is still the idol of the antipodean fight fans, even as told by Jack Johnson himself, who has again landed on these shores, the ingratitude of the champion is best displayed in the treatment of his veteran manager, Sam Fitzpatrick, who made it possible for the negro to pursue the Canadian and land the championship in Australia. Fitzpatrick has always been recognized as the best and squarest in the business, and the very fact that he cut adrift from Johnson will injure the fighter more than the manager. The stories of the fine form being displayed by Jim Jeffries, coupled with the big smoke's treatment of Fitzpatrick, would indicate that Johnson will likely in the very near future look for someone else to help him regain his lost laurels.

Kid McCoy is in Paris, enthusiastic over the boxing game. The Jeannette-McVey bout drew $16,500. Willie Lewis is a hit over there. He knocked out a big heavyweight the other night, and he has seven bouts on. Frank Erne is running a boxing school, and is making a world of money. They have sent for Jack O'Brien, and he will whip Jeannette and McVey sure. If he does, you will never see Jack again. He would be elected President of the French Republic.

Tommy Burns has started business in Australia. He was interviewed recently about it, and said:

"Yes, I have practically closed with the leases of the Bijou Theatre in Melbourne. It is to be called the Burns Theatre, and we are thinking of building a new theatre in Sydney. I am putting on my own show, entitled 'Fame and Fortune,' in which I take a role. We open before Easter, probably in Newcastle, New South Wales. I have not done much acting in the past, but have given stage exhibitions on numerous occasions."

"What are your feelings towards your opponents?"

"I have always been good friends with all of them except Johnson. Immediately after I had one of the hardest fights of my life—with Twin Sullivan—we both drank out of the same glass. It was milk, and Sullivan had half and I had the remainder, as there was no more handy. We were the best of friends, as also have the other boxers been, Johnson is the only man who has been different. He does not act the same as other boxers and is different from the average. He is a big kid. He means all right, but acts as he does because he knows no better."

"Would you get as light in weight if you met Johnson again?"

"No, I made the biggest mistake of my life in getting down as I did. I know I did not do myself justice, but I know him now. I have been beaten by Jack O'Brien and then defeated him, and the same happened with Shreck, one of the toughest men we had in America. In the latter case the papers all gave me the fight, but it was officially declared a draw."

GOOD FOR SHRUBB.

English Runner Fed the Hungry in Toronto.

Alfred Shrubb, who for some time past has been aching for a fifteen-mile race with one Thomas Longboat, gave a feed to a few of Toronto's unemployed last night at the British Welcome League, and the affair was a complete success.

There were five hundred and fifty men present, with abnormally developed appetites. The big piles of foodstuffs which were provided disappeared in a wonderful short space of time. And after it was all over Alfie made a speech, which was punctuated by hearty cheering, such as only a gathering of men who have just finished off five hundred loaves of good Toronto bread can give.

"I hope the race you are running will soon be crowned with success and that you all will secure employment soon," began Mr. Shrubb, and then alluding to the subject uppermost in his mind, he added: "When I ran Longboat in New York it was in a race beyond my distance. I want to meet my opponent in a shorter race, and I intend to stay here in Canada until he does consent to run me. I believe," he added, "that every true sportsman and every Canadian wants to see Mr. Longboat carry out his promise to me." He expressed himself as being delighted to be able to provide them with a supper, but he considered it his duty, as it was every man's duty to help one another, and, he concluded, he would be only too pleased to feed any poor man who was hungry.

Seated beside the host was Mr. John Brown, the plucky little runner's father-in-law, who came out from England expressly to see that heart-breaking race in New York, and who has been with him ever since. Mr. Albert Chamberlain, President of the Welcome League, sat at the head of the table.

WALKER AFTER KERR.

Johannesburg, March 10.—(C.A.P.)—R. E. Walker sails April 29 to meet Kerr at the English championship, and then goes to the United States and Canada, meeting Kerr again in the Dominion. Walker says he has improved since the Olympic games.

Death of Canon MacMorine.

Portage la Prairie, March 9.—Rev. Canon MacMorine died to-day as the result of an attack of appendicitis. He was one of the foremost educationists of the Province, and a leading official of the Anglican Church. Rev. Mr. MacMorine, of Kingston, is a brother.

Many a man thinks the world is all wrong when it is really his liver.

ENDED IN A TIE, 21-21.

Rough House Basketball Here Last Night.

Buffalo Germans Would Not Continue.

An immense crowd saw the basketball match at the Alexandra Rink between the Hamiltons and the Buffalo Germans, the third game in the series for the world's championship. From the spectators' point of view it was a fairly good game, although it had a very unsatisfactory ending. The score at full time was 21-21, and the crowd surged on the floor and the visitors declined to play on till the tie was broken. Excitement ran high throughout, and the work of the officials at times brought forth

R. R. SIMPSON,
One of the Hamilton bowlers at the Pittsburg tourney.

condemnation from the spectators. The officials were Manweiler, Buffalo, and McKay, Hamilton, they alternating as referee and umpire. Things ran fairly smoothly during the first period, Buffalo leading. At the end of the half the score stood 12 to 9 in favor of the visitors. The play during the half was fast, and the team work on both sides was first-class.

In the second half Hamilton showed an improvement, and ran up the score on the visitors. Then the Buffalo official began to show partiality, and gave some bad decisions—bad for Hamilton. McKay retaliated, and the trouble became acute. Wrangles and delays followed. With only a few seconds to play the Buffalo team refused to abide by the Hamilton official's decision, and after a ten-minutes' delay, Capt. Chadwick agreed to abide by the result in tossing a coin. The coin was tossed and Buffalo won, leaving the score 21-21. Had the Hamiltons won the toss, they would have won the game.

At full time the crowd surged on the floor, believing that Hamilton had won, and the Germans declined to continue. The manager stated if Hamilton wins the game at Buffalo next Tuesday night, the Germans will return here and play off the tie. It was originally agreed that the series would be three in five. Buffalo has won two games.

Following are the teams and scores:

Buffalo Germans—	1st.	2nd.
Rohde, forward	0	2
Heerdt, forward	2	2
Schnell, centre	2	2
Faust, defence	2	2
Miller, defence	0	0
On fouls	3	4
Total, first half	9	12
Hamilton—		
Mellon, forward	2	2
Harvey, forward	4	4
Arnold, centre	0	0
Chadwick, defence	2	0
McKeown, defence	2	0
On fouls	2	3
Total, second half	12	9
Grand total	21	21

The preliminary game was between two teams of youngsters, the Shamrocks and the Quicksteps. The former won by a score of 10 to 6. The lads put up a rattling fast exhibition.

SIX-DAY GRIND.

New York, March 10.—Five teams succumbed to the strain and retired from the six-day international go-as-you-please race to-day, so that at 9 o'clock last night but eleven of the 27 teams that started on Sunday night remained in the contest.

Cibot and Orphee, the Frenchmen, showed good form all through the day, and last night had a commanding lead of over eleven miles on their nearest competitors, Davis and Metkus, a reconstructed team.

The last named succeeded in passing Dineen and Prouty, the early leaders in the race, and several hours later Feegan and Curtis, the Irish team, did likewise. The veteran Dineen to-day plainly showed the wear of his team's first day's effort to retain the lead, and experts would not be surprised were he forced to retire.

The scores at 10 o'clock last night, the 46th hour, follow: Cibot-Orphee, 280.5; Davis-Metkus, 269.4; Feegan-Curtis, 261.6; Dineen-Prouty, 259.4; Loeslein-Klubers, 248.5; Corey-Hegelman, 236.8; Shelton-Frazer, 233.1; Guignard-Rovere, 233.6; Navez-Kellar, 231.4; Hartley-Pallanti, 210.3; Quackenbush-Edelman, 198.5.

Annable and O'Driscoll, the New Englanders, disagreed as to the time each should spend on the track and quit about 4 a. m. Albert Doms, of the Belgian pair, retired at 7 a. m. and for a short time O'Driscoll paired with Navez. Then Spring, of the New York team, was forced out by the swelling of his left leg and Navez and Kellar composed a new team.

Coleman, of the Chicago pair, fainted on the track early to-day, but soon revived, his partner taking up the race without loss of distance. Coleman was unable to re-enter the race, and, as Golden also withdrew, Albert E. Corey, of Chicago, and Peter Hegelman formed a new team. This left thirteen teams in the race.

Cibot and Orphee, the leaders, had scored 293 miles and six laps at midnight to-night, which is four miles and six laps behind the record of 298 miles and two laps for 48 hours made in 1902.

Davis and Metkus had covered 279 miles, 2 laps; Feegan and Curtis 270 miles, 3 laps, and Dineen and Prouty 268 miles 2 laps at the end of the 48th hour.

The score at 8 a. m. to-day was: Cibott and Orphee, 333.2; Davis and Metkus, 316.3; Weegan and Curtis, 306.2; Dineen and Prouty, 303.7; Loeslein and Klubertz, 295.8; Curry and Hegelman, 281.0; Shelton and Fraser, 276.8; Guignard and Revere, 263.8; Navez and Kellar, 250.8; Hartley and Pollanti, 244.7; Quackenbush and Edelson, 225.8; Semeran and Sapsford, 199.7.

STRATFORD WON.

Railway City Hockey Team Defeated Lindsay.

Stratford, Ont., March 10.—By defeating the Stratford intermediates here last night by 5 to 3, Lindsay won the intermediate Ontario Hockey Association championship and established a clear title to the cup, which goes to them for the first time. The pace was terrific and the checking close and hard, but perhaps, best of all, it was clean hockey, and a manly defeat. So great was the excitement that the crowd, which was about 3,000, was on its feet all the time.

It was not until the second half was well under way that it was certain that Lindsay would win the game. The Stratford seven opened up in championship form and held Lindsay down till at 27 minutes Lindsay scored their first goal, Stoddard doing the trick. Referee Dr. Wood, of Toronto, had to send many men from both teams to the bench in the first half, and made the game somewhat one-sided, but this did not prevent Stratford from finding Lindsay's net, and Easson scored on one of his fine individual rushes. Just before the end of the first half, Stoddart scored for Lindsay. The score at the end of the first half was 2 to 1 for Lindsay. The line-up:

Lindsay—Goal, Newton; point, Sullivan; cover, Koyl; rover, Stoddard; centre, Randall; left wing, Bloomfield; right wing, Cote.

Stratford—Goal, Rankin; point, Forbes; cover, Dunbar; rover, Easson;

GEORGE THOMSON,
Captain of one of the H. B. & A. C. teams to the Pittsburg tourney.

centre, Simpson; left wing, Barlow; right wing, Verner.

Referee—Dr. Wood, Toronto.

INTERMEDIATE HONOR ROLL.

1897—Berlin—Frontenac .. .. 3— 0
1898—Listowel—Waterloo .. ....*4—10
1899—Frontenac—National . .... 5— 2
1900—London—Belleville .. .. .. 3— 1
1901—St. George's, Toronto—Port Hope .. ..10— 8
1902—Peterboro—Galt .. .. 7— 6
1903—Paris—Marlboros, Toronto.12— 7
1904—Stratford—Midland .. . ..13—11
1905—Victoria Harbor—Berlin .. 9— 6
1906—Peterboro—Goderich .. ...14— 8
1907—Berlin—Collingwood .. ...12— 7
1908—Midland—Collingwood .. .23—20
1909—Lindsay—Stratford .. .. ..12— 5

*Listowel won through the disqualification of the Waterloo Club.

SHORT ENDS.

Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near.

New Orleans, La., March 10.—Joseph A. Murphy to-day practically consented to serve as the presiding official at the coming meeting to be inaugurated at Jacksonville, Fla., the last of this month.

Melbourne, March 9.—Frank Gotch, the champion haevyweight wrestler, and George Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler, have accepted the terms of a Melbourne syndicate.

They are to wrestle for the world's championship in this city on Nov. 8 next.

Buffalo, March 10.—Yesterday afternoon at the Lafayette Theatre Charlie Conkle took on Jack Mills, of this city, who lasted eight minutes. At night Conkle met Sam Zeller, who proved to be quite a husky comer for the little Canadian, but was thrown in twelve minutes.

AT THE BIG TOURNEY.

Buffalo Bowlers Did Well Yesterday.

Hamilton Teams Leave This Evening.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 10.—A Buffalo combination came near furnishing new leaders in the two-man event yesterday in the ninth annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress now running at the Duquesne Gardens here. Henry Edwards and Mike Weisser, of the Blue Ribbons, broke loose during the afternoon and landed in third position, with a total of 1,169, only ten pins less than the leading total.

Honors for the day were captured in

HARRY GREEN,
Captain of one of the H. B. & A. C. teams to Pittsburg tourney.

the singles by Fred Ebert, a youngster from Milwaukee, who broke into the first place with 660 and looks like a winner. In the five-man event the high count was 2,836 by the Melrose of Chicago, which is second, the team making the first four-figure score, with 1,016.

Scores, two men:

Wm. Koehl, Jamestown	143	192	183
Dr. L. Hazeltine, "	146	167	139
	289	359	332
Grand total			970
H. Edwards Buffalo	192	212	203
M. T. Weisser, Buffalo	157	226	179
	349	438	382
Grand total			1169
P. Scherer, Erie, Pa.	158	223	174
V. Huster, Erie, Pa.	195	185	178
	353	418	352
Grand total			1123
Dan Koster, Erie, Pa.	180	159	194
K. Koster, Erie, Pa.	176	166	189
	356	325	383
Grand Total			1064
E. Eichlenlauh, Erie, Pa.	169	187	191
W. Barker, Erie, Pa.	178	166	166
	347	353	357
Grand total			1057
Ed. Heitzhaus, Buffalo	200	164	199
G. Floss, Buffalo	158	174	151
	358	338	350
Grand total			1048
Charles Eich, Buffalo	156	124	210
Fred Delaware, Buffalo	159	206	188
	315	330	398
Grand total			1043
Singles:			
Dan Koster, Erie, Pa.	216	224	163 603
M. Webster, Buffalo	253	178	150 581
J. Blohme, Jamest'n	253	178	150 581
F. Delaware, Buffalo	162	197	207 511
W. Barker, Erie, Pa.	189	181	192 562
K. Koster, Erie, Pa.	176	202	180 558
G. Floss, Buffalso	189	167	196 552
E. Eichenlaub, Erie	202	166	183 551
P. Huster, Erie, Pa.	184	180	180 544
V. Sherrer, Erie, Pa.	158	205	170 533
E. Heitzhaus, Baffalo	172	173	167 522
H. Edwards, Buffalo	163	159	180 502
Chas. Eich, Buffalo	144	182	150 482
Dr. L. Hazeltine, Jamestown	118	160	204 482

Two five-men teams representing the Hamilton Bowling and Athletic Club will leave for Pittsburg this evening, and will roll in the big tournament to-morrow night or Friday. Each team is carrying a spare man in case of accident. The teams are as follows:

A—Harry Green (captain), Moon, Smith, W. P. Thomson, Laing, Mitchell.

B—Geo. Thomson (captain), Swartz, Segar, Connell, Bell, Simpson.

The boys will roll in double and singles as well as in the five-men team competition.

A postponed match in class B was rolled at the H. B. & A. C. alleys last night. Kauffman's Colts won two games from the Grocers, the scores being as follows:

Grocers.			
A. Williamson	119	144	169—432
J. A. Williamson	143	180	182—505
J. A. Torrance	180	160	166—494
W. Cann	152	168	161—481
G. Hagman	127	135	129—391
	731	786	769 2236
Kauffman's Colts. Won two.			
S. Kauffman	159	200	142—511
Palmer	143	161	118—422
McDald	122	141	141—404
Kaplin	154	147	169—490
Cline	166	159	136—461
	744	838	696 2278

One postponed match was play in class C also. The Canwesco No. 1 took two games from Coppley, Noyes & Randall. The scores:

Canwesco No. 1. Won two.			
W. E. Sprague	148	164	131—443
C. W. Adams	151	186	174—491
F. W. Arnott	154	214	146—514
W. Lister	166	158	149—473
C. Lowe	111	152	125—388
	710	781	777 2268
Coppley, Noyes 0 Randall.			
S. McKeon	142	152	144—438
W. McPherson	200	183	169—552
R. M. Hamilton	151	142	168—461
H. G. Buck	113	154	183—450
Geo. Ireland	158	152	191—501
	744	783	793 2210

Three matches in the I. H. C. B. League were rolled last night. The scores were as follows:

Tool			
Ackland	148	148	154—450
Gertsndt	182	134	159—455
Fred. Gento	167	116	147—420
Wilson	133	110	148—391
Masterson	167	195	146—478
	777	673	754 2204
Accounting.			
Rankine	102	164	135—401
Bechill	121	136	157—404
Kelday	162	131	177—470
Hunter	163	166	155—484
Green, H.	211	156	203—570
	759	743	827 2329
Malleable.			
Braidwood	148	128	227—503
Hoefelmeyer	120	105	109—335
Mathieson	96	121	136—353
Hughes	153	196	165—517
Clancy	149	143	188—480
	666	664	858 2188
Wood.			
Duffie	167	131	179—477
Belgowan	137	154	131—422
Marshall	149	157	181—487
Stevens	154	172	153—479
Bowers	152	197	138—487
	759	771	782 2292
Erecting			
Downs	115	160	146—421
Hamilton	111	143	128—382
Fricker	130	174	155—459
Lord	149	163	139—451
Mulcoon	129	144	174—447
	634	744	742 2080
Machine.			
Kay	148	153	146—447
R. Campbell	82	107	141—320
Weesman	127	137	143—407
McTavish	156	134	132—422
Mason	203	140	135—478
	716	671	697 2084

WALTER P. THOMSON,
President of the H. B. & A. C., who will bowl at Pittsburg.

Ottawa, March 10.—The Capital Lacrosse Club has taken out a writ against the Tecumseh Lacrosse Club for $500, claiming that that amount is due the Capital Club as a result of the agreement to play an exhibition game in Toronto on July 18 last, when the regular match was called off on account of rain.

RACING OUTLOOK IN CANADA IS BRIGHT.

Toronto, March 10.—The publishing of the entries for the King's plate was really the first gun of the turf campaign.

The Ontario Jockey Club begins its meeting May 2nd, and closes it June 5th, Montreal follows from June 5th to July 19th, Hamilton, June 23 to July 3rd; Fort Erie, July 5 to July 28th, and Windsor, July 31st to August 21st, which takes the game to the autumn meetings.

Racing in Canada never had a brighter outlook, short and high class meetings being the order of the day. As in the past, high class officials will be chosen; in fact, everything will be done to show the Canadian class officials will be chosen; in fac, everying on their meetings with the intention of furnishing true sport, and encouraging the breeding of the thoroughbred, which to-day is demanded to an enormous extent by the English army.

Some very high class horses are expected here from over the line, a number of owners already having signified their intention by application for stalls. Their movements will be daily recorded in these columns.

Among the prominent owners who will race in Canada during the coming season will be Wm. (Red) Walker. Mr. Walker has a high string of high-class horses, which include Centre Shot, the holder of the world's record for one mile (1.37.1-5) on a circular track and Stanley Fay, who was one of the best three-year- olds in the West last year. Last year Mr. Walker raced exclusively in the West, and was one of the largest winning owners. Mr. Walker is a Canadian, his native town being Uxbridge, Ont.

Amos Turney, one of the familiar faces at the Woodbine, is also expected along with his string, including Clell Turney, the winner of the Toronto Cup at the last spring meeting of the Ontario Jockey Club, and Theo Cook, the winner of a number of races as a two-year-old last year in Canada. At Sheepshead Bay James McLaughlin's horses are quickly rounding into form, among them being Arondack, the winner of the Grey stakes and two other races at Woodbine last autumn, and also Personal, a winner at Woodbine last spring. These horses have grown into fine three-year-olds, and will be hard to beat in Canada this year.

Hon. Adam Beck's Photographer is in training again, and is rounding into form nicely. Great things are expected of this horse this year, and if he shows the same form as he did last year he will be a hard horse to beat in the coming handicaps. Last spring at the Woodbine Photographer won the Trial Purse, six furlongs, carrying 123 pounds, the highest weight ever carried by a winner of this race; the Liverpool Cup, 1 1-16 miles, and the William Hendrie Memorial Handicap, one mile. The same gentleman's candidates for the King's Plate, Moor Shot, by Dalmoor, out of Snap Shot, and Generous Moor, by Dalmoor, out of Generosity, are coming on well.

According to despatches the Montreal Jockey Club expect among other notable owners, S. C. Hildreth, and therefore it is a foregone conclusion that he will also race in Toronto. Included in his large stable are King James, winner of the $10,000 Burns Handicap and other classical events; Joe Madden, winner of the Los Angeles Derby, Montgomery and Uncle. Also from the same quarter the news comes that Barney Schrieber has promised to give the Canadian racing public a chance to see his great sprinter,

JOHNSON IN CANADA.

Black Champion at Vancouver

Accompanied by His White Wife,

But His Manager Has Quit Him.

Victoria, B. C., March 10.—Jack Johnson and his white wife, a former Philadelphia woman, who threw in her lot with him after the fight in Sydney, and Sam Fitzpatrick, who is no longer with the big black champion, having split with him owing to the woman in the case, arrived yesterday by the Canadian-Australian liner Makara, from Sydney. Jack Johnson unreservedly declared his willingness to meet Jeffries or any other man.

"I am willing to meet Jeffries.—I am willing to meet any man in the world—and I don't think anyone can get a decision over me, much less put me out. It amuses me to hear this talk of Jeffries claiming the championship. Why, when a mayor leaves office he is an ex-mayor, is he not? When a champion leaves the ring he is an ex-champion. Well, that's Jeff. If he wants to try to get the championship back, I'm willing to take him on."

"No, I'm not making any restrictions. What's the matter, though, in the talk of arrangements of a fight with Jeffries for what Johnson will take? In all the notices I have seen, it's all what Jeffries will take. What's the matter with what Johnson will take? I'm the champion, ain't I? I want a winner and loser's end, and I don't care what it is—60 and 40, or 75 and 25—but there's got to be a winner's and loser's end. That's how it was with Burns. I knew I could get him and I followed him around the world before I got on with him at Sydney. And did it to show the people that I could do it. That's what. If Jeffries wants a go, as the papers say, he's got to see me, and there's got to be a winner's and loser's end."

INTERESTED IN JEFFRIES.

It is doubtful, according to the arrangements made by Johnson, whether any fight could be brought on with Jeffries, Ketchell or any other man within six months. While his plans are not absolute, he hinted at his willingness to change them if anything big was hung up for a match with Ketchell. Johnson intends to devote several months to a theatrical engagement, signed with the Oxford and Paragon syndicate in England, for the London halls, and after an English tour, France and Germany.

Johnson will leave the Makara here and proceed to-morrow morning to Chicago, arriving there Saturday. He will continue his journey to Galveston on Monday, arriving at his Texas home on Wednesday.

When his attention was drawn to the Galveston despatch, announcing the formation of a committee for a parade and reception at Galveston, his eyes sparkled and he showed his gold-tipped teeth with that now historic grin, and said: "Tell them I'll be there."

Johnson was much interested in Jeffries' condition. A 'Frisco sporting writer who met him on arrival was asked in this regard several times. "Can Jeff get into shape?" Johnson queried; and only a shrug of the shoulders greeted the query. Next moment Johnson replied with emphasis to a local interviewer that "I'm willing to fight Jeff or any other man."

Johnson was asked regarding the story told in New York by George Bernard, an Australian sporting man, that before the fight at Sydney Johnson and his manager, Fitzpatrick, received an offer of $12,000 in cash to throw the fight to Burns, but that they turned the proposition down cold. The colored champion said: "I don't think that's right. I don't know what they might have wanted to do, but, you see, they were afraid to come near me, and—well, I don't think that's right."

"Did you get into the Melbourne Hospital as a charity patient?" Johnson was asked.

"Well, it was this way: I had some boils on my neck, and I kind of thought the Melbourne Hospital the best place to go; but I didn't go there as no charity patient. Why, I drove there in my motor car."

"Did you pay for the treatment?"

"Why, I know it was a free hospital, wasn't it? Anyhow, I felt I was entitled to go there, for wasn't I paying an income tax of ten pounds—that's fifty dollars—a week on the £210 I was getting a week for my theatrical work. Tommy Burns was getting more, but he had moving pictures. He was getting £250 a week. I kind of thought the income tax was sufficient to pay for what I got at the hospital. I offered to pay the doctor, anyhow, but he would not take any money. Then I wanted to send him some pairs of silk socks, but he would not take them. There was some discussion by the hospital people, and something got in the papers, but Corbett, on the Referee, was always handing me some jolts."

"They are good sports in Australia. They treated me fine, and I've got no kick coming. But, on the square, they seemed to think more of Tommy Burns after I had licked him, giving him such a licking as anybody ever had, than they did of me. And me the champion! That was a funny stunt about me finding comfort in Shakespeare's works and the 'Pilgrim's Progress,' but, on the level, I do read Shakespeare."

KITZPATRICK ADMITS SPLIT.

Fitzpatrick, when asked about his split with Johnson, said: "It began soon after the fight. Johnson was a different man before the fight," he said. "He would feed out of the hand then, but he is a hard man to handle now. We decided to split up soon after the Makara left. Anyhow, he don't want a manager now. He has got Mrs. Johnson as his manager. When Johnson was in Australia, an Australian paper printed a story about his intended marriage with an Oakland woman, who entered suit against the paper and got a verdict for $7,500."

After his theatrical tour in Europe, Johnson will return to the United States, Mr. John Johnson's wife, who was Nellie O'Brien, of Philadelphia, arrived with the colored champion from Australia. She says she is very proud of her dark husband, and thinks he is the greatest man in the world. She was very disappointed on not being admitted to see the fight at Sydney, but contented herself with the statement that, anyhow, Mrs. Burns did not see it, either. Mrs. Johnson plays the piano, accompanying Jack in his bass viol and violin solos.

JEFFRIES' LAST SAY.

New York, March 10.—When James J. Jeffries to-night was shown the Associated Press interview with Jack Johnson, in which the negro champion declared himself ready and willing to meet Jeffries or "any man in the world," the big fellow only grinned.

The Victoria despatch was read to Jeffries paragraph after paragraph with the loud pedal on that part of it which had particular reference to him, but after each pause the big Californian rubbed his chin and muttered: "Nothing to say."

When that part in which Johnson declared that talk of Jeffries still being the champion tired him, was read to Jeffries, Jim leaned against the door of his dressing-room and laughed. The parallel drawn between an ex-mayor and an ex-champion by the negro fighter also elicited a chuckle from Jeffries; but, when asked to dilate on the point, he refused, reiterating his stereotyped "Nothing to say." The possibility of a match being arranged between Johnson and Ketchel, mentioned in the interview, roused Jeffries out of his mutism, however. He had the passage read to him twice and then remarked with a grunt:

"Why, Ketchel is a little bit of a fellow."

"You don't consider it likely then," Jeffries was asked, "that Johnson and Ketchel will ever be matched?"

"I don't know," he replied, "and I don't care. I have refused to say anything concerning that party and I ain't going to say anything, except when I get good and ready."

"By that party you mean Johnson?"

"I do."

It was then explained to the retired champion that his persistence in allowing his attitude in the matter of a match with Johnson to remain a mystery would encourage the negro champion to issue pronouncements and challenges at every place. To this Jeffries laconically remarked: "Let him."

The news of a parade being held at Galveston, in honor of Johnson, almost drew an impulsive reply from Jeffries. He checked himself, however, and his grin became a sneer.

KUBIAK KNOCKED OUT.

Boston, Mass., March 10.—Sandy Ferguson, of Chelsea, knocked out A. Kubiak, the Michigan giant, in the fourth round of their bout at the Armory A. A. last night. Ferguson, with height, reach and weight greatly to his advantage outfought his opponent from the start. When the pair met in the centre of the ring and Kubiak was reaching out to shake hands, Ferguson dealt him a terrific right on the jaw, putting the Michigan man on his back, Kubiak was up in a second and, although dazed, bored in and landed some hard body blows. The Chelsea man got his left working in short order and rocked his opponent's head with jabs that Kubiak did not seem able to stop.

Kubiak devoted almost all his attention to Ferguson's body, but tried successfully for the jaw several times. Sandy repeatedly drove Al back with hard lefts in the face and soon the latter's left eye was almost closed. Kubiak sent in a couple of hooks to the mouth that split Sandy's lip and made the big fellow wince with rights to the stomach. In the fourth round Ferguson met Kubiak with straight lefts that had great steam behind them, and then crossed his right to the jaw, putting Kubiak down and out.

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