

LIVE NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

LONG REACH OF WILLARD;
HE STANDS 6 FEET 6 INCHES

The following by William H. Roca, Sports Editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, makes interesting reading for fight fans:

Stand with your back against the fall, stretch out your arms to the extreme limit, then let some one take a tape measure or a yard stick and measure the distance from the tips of your fingers of the right and left hands—that will be your reach in the game of the ring. The writer is 5 feet 7½ inches tall and has a reach of 66½ inches, which is regarded as abnormal. Another enthusiast who became interested in the comparison of reaches was 5 feet 11½ inches tall and his reach measured 69 inches. Jess Willard, the man who has been selected to wrest the heavyweight title from Jack Johnson, is 6 feet 6 inches tall and his reach reaches to 82½ inches. Just for comparison sake, have yourself measured and see what a veritable giant Willard is in contrast. Jack Johnson is 6 feet ½ inch tall and his reach measures 78½ inches, just five less than the man who is to be his next opponent.

What has the length of a man's reach got to do with the next world's championship battle? you will ask. Well, it will mean a whole lot in this particular instance, for Willard has youth on his side by 10 years. He is equally as strong as Johnson, can hit as hard, and the man who can always land first will likely be returned the winner. If Willard has the courage to take the chance, do the leading, use extra five inches of reach and force the bout the world is almost sure to have a new heavyweight champion before the sun sets on March 6 at Jaurez, Mexico.

Johnson is a waiter, in ring parlance. He allows his opponent to do all the leading. Even in his bout with the physical wreck, Jeffries, he compelled the former world's champion, as weak as he was in contrast, to do the leading. What was the result? The pride of California continually stepped into a right-hand uppercut, which eventually beat him to the floor of the ring pitched at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Johnson could not be tempted to lead. He would not be lured by Jeffries' cleverest feints to take a chance. He played the waiting game and eventually came out the victor.

It was the same way with Jim Flynn two years later in a Las Vegas ring. Johnson towered above the little Irishman. He had the advantage of three inches in height, was twenty-five pounds heavier and his reach was correspondingly longer. Did he tear in against his small opponent? No. He simply allowed Flynn to do the leading. The stout-hearted Irishman forced the fight with the same result as Jeffries. He was beaten down.

Again on June 27 of last year in Paris, Frank Moran, an ambitious two-weight Pittsburgh heavyweight, suffering physical disadvantages in weight

LOCAL
BOWLING
YESTERDAY

FIVE MEN LEAGUE.

On the Victoria alleys last night No. 3 team took four points from No. 6 team by a score of 1398 to 1340. For the losing team Stevens rolled, well. For the winning team Norris and Morgan starred.

Following is the score:

No. 6 Team.	No. 3 Team.
Stevens . . . 89 87 97-283	94 1-3
Thurston . . . 82 80 94-256	85 1-3
B. Stevens . . . 90 91 92-273	91
McDonald . . . 84 81 89-254	84 2-3
Ferguson . . . 86 84 104-274	91 1-3
431 433 476 1340	

Now it must not be considered that Willard has any easy task before him. Johnson has not dissipated. No man can win an automobile over country roads at the rate of forty or fifty miles an hour day after day and dissipate. Jack Johnson is no fool. He is just vain enough to want to wear the heavyweight mantle as long as he can. He will not fight unless he gets his price. After beating Jeffries he placed the value of his services at \$30,000 per fight. He received that amount for beating Flynn and that was the reward promised him for defeating Thorpe. Whether he received all of the latter sum has been a question for discussion.

While in France, after the war was on, overtures were made to Johnson to enlist as a chauffeur and go to the front and fight for the French colors as a Carpentier, Ledoux, Piet et al. His reply was: "All right, I will go. My price is \$30,000 win, lose or draw." It is needless to say the French Government was not prepared to pay any one a soldier 150,000 francs for his services.

So Johnson turned his back on Paris, journeyed over to London and subsequently, when he signed articles to fight Willard, Jack Curley handed him \$1,000, with which he sailed for South America. He is now at Vera Cruz, where an additional \$1,000 awaited him to see him safely encoined in his training quarters at Jaurez.

While Johnson may be just as good a man physically today as he was four and a half years ago, when he met Jeffries, yet he is that much older. He is now 36 years old. The last three rounds of the Moran bout showed he is not, as the same recuperative powers of 1910. That is only the true course of nature. Recuperative powers come with youth. Willard has the youth. He must match that youth, coupled with strength, physique and a marvelous lung, against Johnson's cunning, skill and experience. If he plans his battle like an astute ring general, the advantage of five inches in reach should mean at least half the contest in his favor.

UPPER
CANADA
HOCKEY

OTTAWA, 30; CANADIENS, 1.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—The Ottawa hockey team kept pace with the Wanderers tonight, defeating the Canadiens by three to one at the Arena. The ice was fast and there was good hockey all times, but the Ottawa appeared to be playing under wraps and never extended themselves. Another capacity house witnessed the match.

The line-up:

Ottawa.	Position.	Canadiens.
Benedict	Goal.	Vezina.
Merrill	Point.	Lavolette.
Shore	Cover Point.	Corbeau.
Duford	Centre.	Lalonde.
Broadbent	Right Wing.	Petrie.
Gerard	Left Wing.	Smith.

Toronto Trimmed Shamrocks Toronto, Jan. 30.—Toronto won from Shamrocks by a score of four to three tonight. The game was strenuous throughout, and the penalty box was seldom uncrowded. Shamrocks had the major portion of the penalties.

The teams:

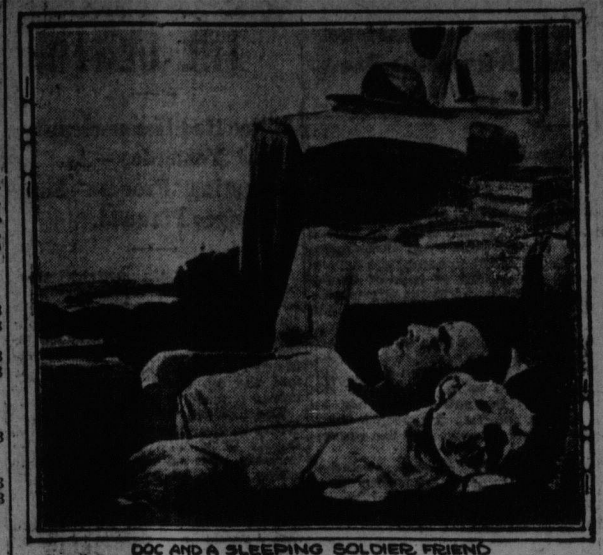
Shamrocks—Goal, Lesueur; point, Howard McNamara; cover point, Geo. McNamara; centre, Ronan; forwards, Skinner and Smith.

Torontos—Goal, Holmes; point, Carpenter; cover point, Cameron; centre, Foytson; forwards, Walker and Wilson.

Wanderers Defeat Quebec Toronto, Jan. 30.—Wanderers defeated Quebec here tonight by a score of five to two in a game that was practically won in the first period, when Wanderers scored twice and held their opponents without a tally. The line-up:

Wanderers—Goal, McCarthy; defence, S. Cleghorn and Progers; wing, Hyland; centre, B. Baker; wingers, Roberts.

Quebec—Goal, Moran; defence, Hamerly and Joe Hall; wing, Marks; centre, McDonald; wing, Crawford.

MARINE FOOTBALL TEAM LUCKY
WITH "DOC" AS OFFICIAL MASCOT

DOC AND A SLEEPING SOLDIER FRIEND

A letter from one of the American marines stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Territory, tells how the marines are very proud of their football team. With only a hundred men to pick a team from they have made a good showing in the games with the army post near by, which numbers 1,400 enlisted men. The football team, with becoming modesty, expends its pride on Doc, a white bulldog. Doc, however, is not allowed on the field except at practice. It is feared he might imagine he is a quarter back and make a foul tackle if he saw any of his friends being jumped on by a stranger. The marine slumbering in the accompanying picture had no idea that he was being photographed, but Doc was "wise" as may be readily seen.

RUDOLPH SEES ANOTHER
PENNANT FOR THE BRAVES

Dick Rudolph, pitcher of the Boston Braves, writing for the Boston Globe, says:

It will not be long before the big league players begin to pack their trunks and gripes for the training trips in the sunny South in preparation for the coming baseball season. Since the Braves trounced the Athletics in four consecutive games last October and started the following of the National pastime by accomplishing this feat, many trades and deals have been completed, and the fans have already begun to dope out the chances of their respective teams, explaining just how their favorites will win the pennant.

So in this article I'll play the part of Mr. Fan for the Globe readers. Like a modest fan, I claim that the members of the Boston team will cop another World's Championship next October. A little early for a prediction like that, but there is every reason to believe that the Braves will be just as powerful next fall as they were when they crushed the Athletics. Both the Giants and the Braves have figured in trades since the close of the season. Manager Stallings put through a deal with the Philadelphia Nationals whereby Shearwood Magee became a member of the Boston team. This is very gratifying to me, as Magee is one of the best sluggers in the National league, and one man that every pitcher feared when he came up in the pinch. Magee with Cravath formed the best hitting combination in the league, and the former Quaker will win many a game for the Braves next season with his batting. With Magee in the outfield next season the Braves will be greatly strengthened on the offensive, and now about a cleanup man.

Shortly after Magee was traded to the Boston team Manager McGraw made his first move to build up the Giants. He sacrificed Pitcher Al Demaree, Third Baseman Stock and Adams, a young catcher, for Hans Lobert in a deal with the Philadelphia club. Lobert will no doubt prove a valuable man to the Giants, but McGraw will have a hard time to find a capable pitcher to fill the place left vacant by Demaree.

I have also learned that the manager of the Giants will make several radical changes in the lineup of the Giants before the season begins. I was informed that he contemplates using Jim Thorpe as a regular next season. Thorpe can learn to judge a fly ball he will be a valuable asset to the Giants, as the Indian is a free hitter and lightning fast on the bases.

Besides Magee in the outfield there will be other changes in the Braves lineup, so far as I know. The infield will remain intact. I think Schmidt will be the greatest surprise of the next season. When Schmitt joined the Braves many believed he was too slow for fast company, but he soon proved that his critics were wrong.

ASK TO JOIN
THE NATIONAL
HOCKEY ASS'N

Montreal, Jan. 20.—The Eastern Professional Hockey League, composed of teams in Glouce Bay, New Glasgow and Sydney, want to become affiliated with the National Hockey Association. President Emmett Quinn of the N. H. A. has received a letter from J. J. Curry of the Eastern Professional Hockey League in which the latter makes the request that the new league be allowed to replace the Maritime League as members of the hockey commission. President Quinn has written to the various club-owners asking them for their opinions in the matter.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 30.—Edward F. Geers, the grand old man of harness racing, who is spending the winter at his home here, did not make many New Year's resolutions, but he did come through with a real wish for the new year. "I hope to drive a horse in two minutes or better this year, and to win more than \$116,370 in one season," declared "Pop."

There are now seven pacers and three trotters with records better than two minutes, but it has not been the veteran's good fortune to ride one of these fast miles in a record performance. He marked his time in 2:09.24, but that is the nearest he ever has come to even time in a race.

THE Y.M.C.A.
BASKET BALL
YESTERDAY

In the Y.M.C.A. Senior B basketball league two games were played. The first, between Russia and England, resulting in a win for Russia, 24 to 14. For Russia Legge's shooting was good and for the losers Burton and Knodell worked well, playing good combination. The line-up follows:

Russia.	Forwards.	England.
Simmons	Knodell	
Legge	Gilbert	
McDonald	Burton	
Sommerville	Stirling	
Seely	Edwards	
Summary: Legge, 5; Knodell, 5; Simmons, 3; McDonald, 2; Burton, 1; Foul Goals: Simmons, 2; Knodell, 2; Legge, 2.		

Referee—F. Thorne. Scorer—W. Brown. France, 54; Belgium, 46.

The second game between France and Belgium was won by France by a score of 54 to 46. Scoring baskets was the feature of this game, 41 baskets being made all told. This game will stand as a record in the Y.M.C.A. for basket scoring. The summary below will tell its own story. The line-up:

France.	Forwards.	Belgium.
Megarity	Flawelling	

or a trip against the watch. The G. O. M. of the sulky has been driving horses 44 years, and has amassed a good fortune in winnings, which had he been able to keep, would have made him a financier today instead of an industrious trainer of highly bred harness horses.

THIS INNOVATION SURPRISED PALM BEACH.



NEW CANE HANDLE

At the opening of the winter season at Palm Beach, Fla., this famous resort re-established its tradition as a centre of innovation. Its first sensation was an anatomical novelty, a "leg cane," quite feminine in its distinctiveness. This "leg cane" qualifies as being up to the very moment. It is obvious, feminine, reproducing in perfection the graceful lines sent down to modern art by Praxiteles and his predecessors and successors in Grecian sculpture. A certificate of the unvarnished truth is shown in the accompanying illustration as the leg cane come to stay? The next few weeks will give an answer to the question.

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SUIT BEGUN

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