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## HARDEST BATTLE WITH THE SAILOR

"Jim" Jeffries Tells in  
Signed Statement How  
He Secured Decision  
Over Sharkey.

By Jas. J. Jeffries.

The hardest battle I ever had was my second with Tom Sharkey, which went 20 rounds and was fought at the Coney Island Athletic Club, Nov. 3, 1899, five months after I had won the title from Fitzsimmons in the same club.

I injured my left arm while training for this fight, and when I entered the arena it was weak. We had concealed this fact as well as possible, and I planned to do my fighting with my right hand entirely. In the heat of the fight, however, I forgot the injury, and as the result of a few left-hand punches, lost the use of the hand in the fourth round.

However, this in a measure, while it handicapped me, and I believe, prevented my knocking out Sharkey, forced me to depend upon my right, which was just the thing to stop the sailor in his furious rushes.

Sharkey was a hard man to fight, for the reason that he never employed any system of offence or defence, and to the same extent that it is hard to deal with the unexpected, so was it hard to figure in advance what Sharkey was apt to do.

In order to counteract and head off Sharkey's bull-like rushes and wild swings, I planned to keep on top of him, and this I succeeded in doing. I met his rushes with right-hand blows, forcing him to lead, and getting him as he came in. I devised a great deal of attention to his body. The public will never realize the punishment Sharkey took for his method of attack left his body unprotected against a right-hand blow. This circumstance, in a measure, caused by the injury to my left hand, dictated my battle policy.

I made no excuses after the fight for not knocking out Sharkey, because Referee Siler declared me the winner, and excuses were not needed. Sharkey was wonderfully fast on his feet and his charges were regular sprints. This in a large measure offset his lack of science. Despite the injury which prevented me using my left, always my most effective hand, I think I would have knocked out Sharkey had my arm not come off. This, occurring just after the last round.

The present cold snap has brought joy to the curlers of the "roarin' game" will meet on Tuesday evening to formulate plans for the winter. Ice is being formed in the different rinks at present and it is hoped that some exciting matches will be played at the annual Christmas Day games.

Speaking with The Standard regarding the attitude of the local curlers towards competing for the McEllan Cup, local curlers said that unless the rules governing the competition for the trophy were revised the local clubs would take the same stand as last year.

"Mike" Murphy, the well known hockey player passed through the city last evening on his way to New Glasgow, where he has signed on with the hockey team of that town for the season. Mr. Murphy says that New Glasgow will have a good team this year and propose entering the Provincial league of Nova Scotia. Following will be New Glasgow's lineup for the season: Goal, Morrison; point, J. Murphy; cover point, M. Murphy; wings, Don McLean, Chisholm; rover, Williams; centre, J. McArthur. The team will start getting into shape immediately and with the time as above they should make a good showing.

Special to The Standard.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—The trip of the Winnipeg Shamrocks to Ottawa in search of the Stanley Cup, has been abandoned. This statement was given out today by officials of the club. The reason assigned is that several of the best players have refused to go, and there is not sufficient good material to fill their places.



JAS. J. JEFFRIES,  
Who Retired Undefeated Champion  
of the World.

round opened, caused Siler to stop the fight after he failed to get the glove on my hand. While Siler was thus engaged, Sharkey urged by the crowd, tried to get me, but I drove him off with my left and went to my corner.

Almost Wiling.  
Sharkey hit me hard and often and the 10,000 who saw the battle were encouraging him to knock me out, when as a matter of fact his punches were not hurting me. I was willing at all times to take his heaviest blows in order to get a crack at him with my right.

Sharkey was the toughest man I ever met. He was as tough as hickory and could take punishment without blinking. Fitzsimmons hit me harder than any other man, but he could not take the gruelling Sharkey accepted. I lacked steam against Sharkey, as the heat generated by the overhead lights assailed my strength and the glare from the canvas floor hurt my eyes. In that fight, I broke two of Sharkey's ribs and Geo. Siler declared I outgeneraled him from start to finish.

Tomorrow The Standard will publish on this page the second story by Jack Johnson, in which the champion explains that his battle with Tommy Burns was as soft as swan's down, and still, from his point of view, was the most important in his career in the ring.

Eddie Ramsey, the former Marathon crack second baseman, will don a Lynn uniform in the New England league next season. Ramsey has secured a position in the States and will report for duty with the Lynn team in a couple of months.

For swatting the leather, holding, and base running, "Eddie" has few equals in the city. Last season he was second baseman and captain of the champion Marathon nine, and figured in the sensational "game-selling" St. Peter's-Marathon match.

He will hold down second base for the fast Lynn team and will undoubtedly make good.

Another St. John boy who will be in fast company next season is the shifty Society League outsider, "Pop" Small. He has secured a position in Quebec, and the management of the Montreal Eastern League are negotiating for the fast little outfielder. "Pop" figured on the Montreal lineup two seasons ago and he also played in the Connecticut league.

Small looked after centre garden for the St. Joseph nine last season and he also appeared with the Marathons and St. Peters. He is considered as one of the fastest men the game has produced in St. John for years.

It is also rumored that Leo Callaghan the clever young pitcher, who did excellent work last season, has had an offer from an outside team for his services next season.

CORBETT TO  
MAKE JEFF  
FIGHT HIM

New York, Dec. 20.—Jim Corbett says it is unfortunate that Jeffries is prevented by the articles of agreement signed at Hoboken recently from taking part in several hard fights before he enters the ring with Johnson. He declares that Jeff should never have consented to such an obstacle which was imposed by the negro evidently for the purpose of handicapping the boilermaker. Corbett is not alone in this opinion, for pugilists and trainers in general say the same thing. It is probable that Jeffries will hire several husky heavyweights including possibly Jim Barry and Tony Ross to meet him in real fights at his training quarters.

## ST. PETER'S WIN THREE POINTS FROM A. O. H.

Interesting Game Played Last  
Night On St. Peter's Alleys  
---Standard Defeats Times---  
Chip Olive in Roll-off.

On St. Peter's Alleys last evening St. Peters won three points from the A. O. H. The game was productive of much interest. The first string went to St. Peters, but A. O. H. turned the tables in the next. The third string also went to St. Peters, netting them the three points. Crowley of St. Peters was high man with an average of 89.23. Following are the scores:

St. Peters.	A. O. H.
Cronin . . . . .82 81 93 256-85.13	McDermott . . . . .82 87 73 253-84
Bain . . . . .50 78 77 245-81.23	Daley . . . . .73 83 71 227-75.23
Doherty . . . . .89 85 70 235-78.13	Dunn . . . . .90 80 80 250-83.13
Crowley . . . . .96 90 82 269-89.23	Macklin . . . . .82 78 70 230-76.23
Hurley . . . . .85 78 82 245-81.23	Sullivan . . . . .80 78 77 235-78.13
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STANDARD WINS.  
"It was a famous victory," for The Standard when they went up against the Times yesterday afternoon in the newspapermen's bowling league at the Victoria alleys. The final score was three points to one.

The closeness of the games throughout made the match interesting for the players. Until the final frame of each string were rolled it was impossible to say who had won the point. McCaffery played his usual good game making an average of 88.23 while O'Connor was high man for The Standard with an average of 82.

By winning the game The Standard takes third place in the league. The scoring follows:

Standard.	Times.
Merkel . . . . .78 82 80 240-80	Hazen . . . . .82 74 72 228-76
Hazen . . . . .82 74 72 228-76	O'Connor . . . . .92 79 75 246-82
O'Connor . . . . .92 79 75 246-82	O'Leary . . . . .85 73 81 219-73
317 308 308 933	317 308 308 933

ing quarters. But when Corbett says Jeff will make Jeffries fight himself it is laugh. Corbett and Kid McCoy, it is believed, could not get up enough steam to make the big Californian break with difficulty. A ten round fight with Kaufman for instance would have been of inestimable benefit to Jeffries, but strange to say, he never showed the slightest inclination to consider Kaufman seriously.

## CAN OLD FITZ COME BACK IN LANG GO

Australian at Sydney---His  
Return to Ring Recalls Battle  
With Jeffries.

New York, Dec. 20.—While speculation is rife in this country as to the possibility of a rejuvenated Jeffries, Australians are also wondering whether Robert Fitzsimmons can come back when he meets Bill Lang at Sydney in a twenty round fight for the heavyweight championship of the Antipodes. Fitzsimmons and Lang will hook up a week from tomorrow and Sydney is already on tiptoe.

No greater fighter than the ancient Cornishman ever lived. No harder puncher ever delivered a knockout blow. Champion of the world, though a natural middleweight, Fitzsimmons gradually went back because of advancing years, and in 1907, when Jack Johnson stopped him in two rounds, it was generally believed that the end had come. Fitzsimmons will be 48 years old next June, yet he still considers himself a young man, and actually believes that he can fight as well as ever. He has been out of the ring more than two years, but declares that the rest has done him a world of good; also that his broken hands are now as well as ever and that he can wallow with the same tremendous power that made him the conqueror of Corbett, Sharkey, Rubin, Maher and other noted heavyweights in days gone by.

A Good Liver.  
Fitz has been a good liver and has enjoyed life as much as any man, but his wonderful constitution has enabled him to withstand the ravages of time. When he boxed in London last summer he displayed the same broad shoulders, the long shewy arms, the great muscles in his back and the plump legs. He was remarkably active on his feet and by dint of much strenuous outdoor exercise he seemed to have regained some of his former stamina.

Confidence was always one of Fitz's best qualities and it seems that he has not lost it. When he met Hugh McIntosh, the Australian fight promoter, in England last fall he said:

"I can fight as well as ever, Mr. McIntosh, and if you'll give me a chance to show the people of Australia 'ow I can go I'll make good."

McIntosh quickly saw an opportunity to provide a special attraction for the fight fans of Sydney and lost no time in signing the ancient Cornishman to meet Bill Lang. He has been doing some vigorous training ever since.

Jeffries, who is matched to fight Johnson for the world's championship next July after an absence of nearly five years from the prize ring, owes his worldwide prominence in pugilism to his victories over this same Fitzsimmons. Ring followers who remember how Jeff wrestled the championship from Fitzsimmons never tire of telling the story, which is of interest to the younger generation, no doubt.

Moving pictures cut no figure in the arrangement of the memorable fight between the two men at Coney Island in 1899. Fitz was the champion and he dictated terms that gave him 65 per cent of the gross receipts, win or lose. He regarded Jeffries as a punk pugilist and did not consider him seriously until he actually got in the ring with him. Then he realized that he had made a fatal mistake when it was too late.

## WHAT BASEBALL BATTLE WOULD HAVE MEANT

Possible Happenings in Event  
of Baseball War---Star Ball-  
tossers Might Have Changed  
Hands.

"If the big leagues had gone to war there would have been plenty of excitement," said a veteran baseball man yesterday. "All kinds of things might have happened and some interesting changes in the makeup of the big teams would have occurred. Incidentally the magnates would have buried up thousands of dollars and the fans would have soon become disgusted. Suppose the American league for instance had declared war because of the dominating influence of the Brush-Murphy clique in the National league, what would have happened? The first move by Ban Johnson and Conlisky might have been an invitation to Herrmann and Dreyfuss to withdraw the Cincinnati and Pittsburgh clubs from the National league and enter the American league circuit, which of course would have been increased to ten clubs. This overt act would have broken the national agreement and made the league rule, which binds players to organized league clubs, imperative.

Seriously Crippled.  
"If Cincinnati and Pittsburgh had jumped the National league would have been seriously crippled. Attempts might have been made to put new clubs in those cities, but it would have cost a mint of money to establish and maintain them. Meanwhile there would have been a wild scramble for star players. McGraw, for instance, might have grabbed Hans Wagner, Ty Cobb, Mullin, Speaker and a few others for the Giants. Stalings might have induced Christy Mathewson to pitch for the Highlanders. The Chicago White Sox might have taken Evers, Kling, Miner Brown and Overall away from the Cubs and so on. Salaries would have gone to the skies and the gate receipts would have fallen off to almost nothing, especially if the rival clubs in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis played conflicting games.

"The American league eventually would have won such a fight because of greater amount of financial backing. The league has been making a war fund ever since the Peace Pact was signed in 1903, and it is said that

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Johnson has nearly \$1,000,000 at his command in case of an emergency of this kind. The National league in case of strife would have to depend upon the New York and Chicago clubs for the sinews of war, and Charlie Murphy would probably have to ask his friend C. P. Taft to put up a bundle. But the public in general would have frowned upon any disorder of this kind. Millions of fans want baseball of a high quality not a struggle among the men who control the sport. Baseball was never so popular in its history and the prospects for next season are beyond comprehension. If things go along smoothly between the big leagues all the club owners will make money.

Most Powerful.  
"One thing is certain. The American league is the most powerful baseball organization in America. Ban Johnson is the biggest man in the government of the sport. In fact he is a dictator. He stands for clean ball and is backed by men who believe in him, no matter what he may adopt. I understand that during the American league meeting here this week a vote was taken to shut out how the club owners regarded the attitude of Johnson in the Ward matter and that when the issue was counted, seven of the eight clubs endorsed the league's president.

Johnson played his cards with an anchor to windward in the shape of an agreement with Herrmann to block things in the National league meeting. Herrmann at heart is an American league man, and some day it will not surprise me if he has a club in that flourishing circuit. Without Herrmann's support in his fight against the election of Ward Johnson and the American league would have been forced into a war but at that they would have gone to a finish. Six years ago the Johnson organization had the National league down for the count and would have totally exterminated the old body but for Herrmann's intervention.

"A twelve club league is not an improbability in the dim future. There are men in both major leagues who have such a plan, but just now there are conditions which make a combination of interests out of the question."

What was the result? He proved to be one of the best constitutional kings who ever lived, developing the resources of the country and improving conditions continually. No one can stay in Belgium without learning that. If he erred in Africa, it was because every one else has erred. "The end justifies the means." He must have labored in the Congo. If the chiefs didn't furnish them he must do as the British did.

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## LEOPOLD NOT AS BAD AS HAS BEEN PAINTED

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"How about the reports brought back by the missionaries?" Prof. Wheeler was asked.

"The missionaries are dependent on the Government, you must remember," he said. "They cannot stay except under the aegis of the Government, and therefore speak well of it. You must remember that the rivalry between the English and Belgian missionaries is most intense. It is a fight between the Protestant and Roman Catholics. This would add to the coloring of the reports, and altogether I am not inclined to regard seriously the indictments."

A Protestant.

"Leopold at the time he came to the throne was a Protestant. He married a Roman Catholic and his children have been brought up in that religion. When he came to the throne he told the Belgians that he had his trunk already packed and any time he was found to be unsatisfactory he would leave."

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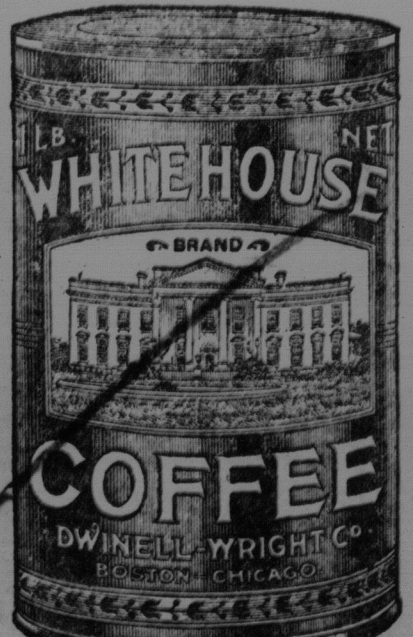
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