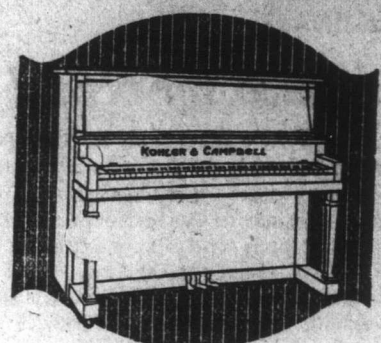


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ARMISTICE IN SYRIA.
 An armistice is reported to have been signed between the Druze tribesmen and the new French high command in Syria, Henri De Jouvenal.

PRISONERS TO BE LIBERATED.
 CAIRO, Dec. 24. All prisoners, held by French authorities in Syria, on political charges, are to be liberated in accordance with a reported truce between the French and the Druzes.

FENG ENTERS TIENSIN.
 PEKING, Dec. 24. Marshal Feng's national army troops entered Tiensin this morning after several days' fighting in which thousands were killed or wounded, the troops of General Li Ching Ling, Civil Governor of Chihli and Feng's enemy, fleeing in disorder. Chaos reigns in the native quarters of Tiensin where the soldiers are looting.

GULF STREAM MOVING AT UNUSUAL SPEED.
 WILMINGTON, Dec. 24. Captain H. H. Wolfe, of the coast-guard cutter Modoc, reporting unsuccessful efforts to destroy the derelict schooner James W. Howard, off Cape Lookout, explained it was in the Gulf Stream which was moving so swiftly that the task was rendered impossible. He said he had never in all his experience seen water flow so swiftly as the Gulf Stream is now running, and he had much experience in the Gulf Stream. He cannot explain it.

PARIS STILL ISOLATED.
 PARIS, Dec. 24. The gale which has been raging during the last few days has blown itself out. The full tale of disaster is still lacking. Paris remains cut off from the majority of the provincial cities, as well as from foreign countries.

COMPULSORY VOTING IN GREECE.
 ATHENS, Dec. 24. The Greek Government has decided to combat Communism. To this end it will make voting in future compulsory.

PACIFIC ISLAND SWEPT BY TIDAL WAVE.
 SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25. A report that Yap, a small island of the Caribbean group, in the North Pacific, was swept by a tidal wave and practically devastated, is published in Hochiura, a Japanese language paper of Honolulu. No confirmation of the report has been received.

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N.Y. PRO. HOCKEY CLUB MEMBERS IN TRAIN SMASH.
 Burch, Randall, Green And Campbell Injured.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 19.—(A.P.)—Ten persons were seriously injured and fourteen others, including four members of the New York Professional Hockey Club, received minor hurts, when the Philadelphia night express of the Pennsylvania Railroad, east-bound, was derailed at an isolated spot in the mountains near Bennington, ten miles west of Altoona, early to-day.

The hockey team was on route home from Pittsburgh where it met the Pirates last night in a National Hockey League fixture. A communication from the railroad officials said the players "who were bruised" were—Billy Burch, Ken Randall, Earl Campbell and Wilfred Green.

The train, No. 32, operating from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, with thru connections for New York, had started down the steep grade toward Altoona, when the locomotive left the rails, dragging the entire train of three sleepers, two coaches, two express cars and a combination car, after it. The engine turned over while the cars tilted on their sides.

A relief train, carrying doctors, nurses and railroad workers, was rushed to the scene from Altoona. The injured and passengers were placed on board it and brought to Altoona.

Although the injured quartette, Billy Burch, Ken Randall, Earl Campbell and Wilfred Green were expected to play to-night, their places will be taken by substitutes should the bruises they suffered in the wreck prevent their participation in the match.

JOHNNY BROWN KNOCKS OUT AL CHASE IN FIFTH ROUND.
 Smashing Left To Heart Ends Intense Battle—Chase Makes Spirited Fight Against Rugged Opponent.
 (By W. J. FOLEY.)

Al Chase, Portland, Maine, lightweight, gave rugged Newport Johnny Brown a spirited chase for honors for four rounds at the Arena last night, but crumbled under a smashing left to the heart and dropped for the full count in the first minute of the fifth session. Four hundred fans watched a fight that bristled with action every second.

Brown had a good margin all the way but the gameness of the Portland youth under a relentless attack by the Newport boy brought forth the plaudits from the spectators and in leaving the ring Chase received one of the greatest receptions a loser has ever received here. Local fans love a clean cut winner but gameness and willingness to fight back under heavy odds always brings forth deserved applause.

Brown, 130 pounds, three less than his opponent, started a smashing two-handed attack in the first round. He left-handed his man all over the ring, and shot over a right that was always dangerous. Chase, awkward but courageous and willing, made it a stand-up fight, refusing to back away from wicked attacks.

Had Big Margin.
 The Newport boy had a big margin in the second frame. Chase showed toughness and a left with a kick behind it and Johnny was wary on occasions. The third was Brown's best round. Lowering his head and boring in with lefts and rights that staggered his opponent. Brown gained a big margin over Chase but the former did not do all the landing. Several times Chase shook up his opponent with long lefts and rights and was strong at the bell.

Going into the fourth round with a big margin against him, Chase got going right and forced Brown to back away from fifty rights. Brown, fighting his usual fight with lowered head and looping lefts from all directions, met a man willing to stand up all the way. A great finish by Chase earned him an even break. Less than a minute after the fifth round had rolled along, Chase stepped into a wicked left over the heart and rolled over on the mat for the full count. It was some time before Chase recovered.

ENGLISH FLYWEIGHT DOING WELL IN AMERICA.
 (By JOE WILLIAMS.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—They are calling Ernie Jarvis, recently arrived from England, a second Jimmy Wilde. He is just that. Which is to say in a race with Wilde he would have finished second, and a rather embarrassed second at that.

Like Wilde, Jarvis is a flyweight. He has had three fights in this country to date and has yet to be beaten. His victims were Black Bill, Johnny Breslin and Young Dencio. In the open market you can buy these kind of fighters in bunches, like carrots, radishes and flippers.

If the foregoing sentence conveys the idea that the calibre of opposition which the midget from Fleet Street has been called on to meet since his arrival, the words describe the facts accurately and with eloquence.

Against the spear carriers in the flyweight division Jarvis will hold his own and more; but against the more gifted performers, the Fidel La Barba and the Frankie Genaros he will not get very far. The truth is Jarvis is just a fair fighter, possessing no marked ability either as a puncher or a boxer.

Surprisingly enough, Jarvis appears to be at his best at close quarters, and in this respect he is as different from the main of English ringmen as aviation is from tandem bike riding. Jarvis likes to get in close and blaze away at the short ribs and appals. So far none of his American opponents have been able to fight him off, once he got in close.

Infighting is a distinct American creation. It has always been the custom on the other side to stand erect and "spar" at long range. When Willie Lewis, the welterweight, began teaching boxing in France, he altered the invariable European pattern somewhat, but the British style has known no amendments.

Wilde was a typical example of the English school. He stood erect, almost rigid, and delivered his punches with the directness and sharpness of a machine gun. While infighting is essential to success in the ring, the Mighty Atom was great without it.

Wilde's remarkable hitting skill—and he could hit just as hard and solidly with his left as his right—made him one of the all-time notables of the knuckling business. No man near his inches or pounds ever carried a heavier wallop, or a more perfect one in technique and timing.

Don't let anyone tell you Jarvis, the new British flyweight, is another Wilde, for both of the Wilde type come along about as often as Cy Youngs in baseball. Man of Wars in racing and Olga Grays in shimmying. Whereas Wilde was the greatest hitter the flyweight division ever knew, Jarvis is probably the lightest. He has energy, enterprise and enthusiasm. These, together with his skill at infighting, will get him by, but they will never make him a champion, and most certainly they will never make him another Wilde.

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Fooling the Coal-Dealer With a Fan

The use of an electric fan with soft-coal fuel is suggested as a substitute for anthracite by Clark Allis, of Medina, New York, who remarks that the blower "blows away the blues" and adds: "I do not sell blowers." The cost of running the blower is said to be insignificant compared to the saving in coal bills. Writes Mr. Allis to The Democrat and Chronicle (Rochester, N.Y.):

"There seems to be no end to electrical appliances for homes, and when once in use, one wonders how we lived without them. One of the valuable electric helps is the fan to keep us cool in summer, but the fan or blower for the heating apparatus is now proving of more value, as it gives needed draft and consumes the coal much better than without the fan.

"We had all gotten into the idea hard coal, with its price going higher and higher every year, and its ever-increasing volume of slate or near slate, was the only fuel we could burn. After we had shoveled this stuff into the furnace, we had nearly as large and heavy a crop of ashes as we had shoveled coal into our heating plant. This ash heap had cost good money to fill our coal-bins and cost good money and hard work to get it out of our cellars, and is an added burden and expense to the cost of garbage collecting, as cities as well as persons have to pay for collecting and hauling ashes.

"Semihard coal or smokeless soft coal is much lower in price, and contains more heat units and burns up much better and does not leave one-quarter as much ash as does the anthracite coal. Some kinds of semihard coal keep fire better and longer than hard coal.

"After a little experience in firing, one learns to never cover up all the live fire, for this semihard coal does not give off any more smoke than hard coal if there is a chance for the open fire to consume the gases as they arise. The only reason why this soft coal has not proved to be acceptable for the heating of homes is because more draft is required than for hard coal. This is where the electric blower has proved so successful. The cost of electricity per day for a blower is but a few cents, almost nothing, but its use gives draft enough so the cheaper grades of hard coal, like the buckwheat and pes, or mine-run, or humps of semihard coal, can be used. One does not need to poke and shake the fire all the time where a blower is used. This saves much coal and makes

a big saving in the bill for heating and reduces the volume of ashes.

"The use of the blower will lead to the use of lower-priced coal. After seeing how much can be saved by using these cheaper grades of coal, every one will wonder why they were so tied up to the expensive hard coal, and will be ready to say 'thank you' to the hard-coal strikers and operators who are causing so much discomfort just now.

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War of the Wave-Length

CROWDED ETHER.

Wireless listeners may think that broadcasting stations have the whole of space to play with. A wireless engineer, on the other hand, will tell you that broadcasting, at present, is in a kind of Black Hole of Calcutta.

This lack of elbow-room, with stations overcrowding each other while trying out for "air," leads to international friction.

British listeners' chief trouble of late has been with Radio-Toulouse (France), which was in the position of a late comer trying to get a front view at the Lord Mayor's Show.

Though officially rated about half London's power, it has a most penetrating voice, and when it gets near a British broadcasting station its "carrier wave" causes a mutter, whistle, or high whine. Its habit of changing wave-length without notice is the chief grievance.

First broadcast concerts on 425 metres, and interfered with Glasgow and Rome. Then it moved up to 441 metres and made Belfast listeners (439 metres) long for its abolition.

Then during the international experiments carried out after the Geneva wireless conference, it was given a trial on 432 metres. Apparently Radio-Toulouse liked this special hole in the ether, and it has clung to it ever since, within a metre or so.

Conference Worthless

One of the directors of Radio-Toulouse, a delegate at the Geneva conference, declared:

"It is all very well for British stations to complain, but they apparently think they are entitled to a monopoly of the short wave-lengths.

At the International Wireless Conference at Geneva this autumn it was agreed that four nations should receive proportionate treatment in the distribution of wave-lengths—namely, France, Germany, Great Britain, and Spain. Whereas there are a large number of stations in England working on short wave-lengths there are only a mere half-dozen in France, principally the new Toulouse station and the P. T. T. (School of Posts and Telegraphs).

Toulouse operates on a wave-length of 431 metres, which happens to clash with a considerable number of English stations using short wave-lengths. Most French stations use long wave-lengths, and Daventry (1,600m) is a source of almost daily trouble to the Radio-Paris station at Clieby (1,750m).

Daventry refuses to give up its claim to its long wave-length, and Toulouse refuses to abandon its short wave-length. British broadcasters have no right to complain of Toulouse interfering with them, because they have no claim to the monopoly of the ether.

The experiments carried out at the last conference at Geneva were worthless. The only solution is that in the next international conference shall decide upon a re-arrangement of wave-lengths. The British stations which crowd upon one another within a narrow range must leave room for other people, and if Toulouse hampers them they must change their own wave-lengths.

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