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THEY'RE BETTING SIX TO FIVE THAT JOHNSON WINS

Thousands Early on Hand For Places at Ring Side

GIANTS IN BATTLE

No Pair Ever in Prize Ring Has Matched These Two—Willard's Men Say He Wins if Fight Goes Over 10 Rounds

Havana, April 5.—Although Jack Johnson and Jess Willard were not to meet till 12:30 o'clock this afternoon, Havana times for the heavy weight championship of the world, the early hours of the forenoon saw thousands on the way to the Mariano race course, where the fight is to be staged. Neither the black champion nor the cowboy fighter changed overnight their optimistic forecasts of the outcome. Each man was sure he would win. Johnson said he was in good shape, and did not care if the fight were a hard one, as he was "fit to go any distance."

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Forty-five rounds was the scheduled length of the fight, but few of the thousands who gathered entertained even a passing belief that it would go that long. That was the case in the first round, allowing for the one-minute rest between rounds.

Tex Rourke, one of Willard's advisers, thought that in the first ten rounds the advantage would be with Johnson, because of his superior skill. After this, Rourke thought, Willard would wear the champion down. In thirty rounds, or less, he thought Willard would win.

Both Confident.

The day broke with overcast skies and a decidedly cool wind blowing in from the sea.

Johnson and Willard both were up early. Johnson chatted and laughed with the men about him during his preparations for the trip to the ring, as if he had not a care in the world. This supreme self-confidence is rated as one of the champions best assets, especially against a man of nervous temperament. Willard said Johnson's ability as a boxer would give him opportunity to make a better showing in the early rounds of the fight, but never in his ring career had Willard felt any discomfort from any blow delivered on his body, and he did not fear Johnson's jabs. Willard seemed very fit indeed when he left his quarters for the park. Inflammation to his eye from a splash of chloroform liniment last night has yielded rapidly to treatment, and it is not believed it will have any ill-effects.

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TO LOCATE HERE

A party of five boys from the Royal Masonic Home, London, arrived in St. John on the steamer Metegana yesterday and will be placed in homes arranged for them in various parts of the province. Another party is expected later. While in England James Churchill, superintendent of immigration, visited this home and made arrangements to care for some of the boys each year as they leave the institution.

Rome Feels Earthquake

Rome, April 5.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here at 7:20 o'clock this morning. No damage was done.

Phelix and Pherdand

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Shallow depressions cover Michigan, Manitoba, and the middle Pacific states, while pressure is highest over South Atlantic states. Showers have occurred in many portions of the west and rain and sleet is now occurring over the great lakes.

Fine and Milder.

Maritime—Moderate winds, fine and milder today and on Tuesday. New England forecasts—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; warmer tonight, moderate southwest winds.

Mighty Russian Roller Operating At Its Full Power

Czar's Forces Being Hurlled at Defences of Uzok Pass, After Which it is "On to Budapest"

Petrograd, April 5.—With Russian forces holding the Beskid and the Austrian forces in retreat southward, the mighty forces of the Czar are being hurled at the defences of Uzok Pass today, to clear away the last obstacle to a general advance into the plains of Hungary.

Night and day the Russian troops are assailing the Uzok positions of their foes. No rest is given to the Austro-German forces at this point. With its great resources in men, Russia is able to replace wearied troops with fresh men.

The Russian "Steam-Roller" is never operating with greater force than in the battle raging just north of Uzok Pass. War office officials assert that it is not within the power of the Teutonic troops to withstand the attacks they are undergoing, from the corps massed along their front.

"On to Budapest" is the battle cry of the Russian legions, when Uzok Pass is captured.

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RIVER CLEAR TO ABOVE GAGETOWN; TRIPS THIS WEEK

Saturday and Sunday's storm proved beneficial in forcing the ice out of the Reach and thus making navigation possible as far as Gagetown. Word reached the city this morning that the ice had moved out and that the river was clear for some little distance above Gagetown. The Majestic will in all probability be the first steamer to go up river. She is scheduled to sail on Thursday for Gagetown and intervening points. The Champlain is also making preparations for an early start. She is expected to get away on Saturday morning. This steamer has had extensive improvements during the winter. A large new engine has been installed.

The Osceola, which runs on the sub-river route, is not expected to run before the first of next week. The D. J. Purdy, May Queen and Victoria are also expected to be able to make their first trip up river sometime around the first of next week.

When the steamers sail this spring they will be thoroughly equipped with life saving rafts and other apparatus.

SISTERS OF CHARITY

An impressive ceremony took place in St. Vincent's Convent yesterday when six young ladies were received into the order of the Sisters of Charity. They had just completed a six months novitiate. This was made in preparation for their entry. After they had been received, Bishop LeBlanc delivered a short address.

Berlin sends a report that 30,000 troops have been landed by the allies on the island of Lemnos in preparation for a new attack on the Dardanelles.

What Higher Chicago, April 5.—After opening up, changed to 1.8 higher, wheat scored a material advance all around.

NO TRACE OF CAROLINE TUCKER TO WHOM WAS WILLED HALF OF LATE COLONEL'S ESTATE

In the probate court today in the matter of the estate of Colonel Joseph John Tucker, there was return of citation to prove the will and codicil in solemn form. One of the witnesses having died, proof of the signature and death of the witness was given. The other witnesses were called and proved the execution of the will and codicil were proved in solemn form.

The executor, Lewden R. Ross, produced his accounts to the court and they were found to be satisfactorily kept. Mr. Ross then said that he will at once pay all the legacies mentioned in the will and codicil and in the verbal request of the deceased, and that he also intends to pay interest thereon from the date of the death of the testator.

Request was expressed that no one has come forward as yet to help all the conditions relating to the legacy to the home for aged men.

Every effort has been made to ascertain the whereabouts of Caroline Tucker, daughter of William Tucker, who receives 1/2 of the estate but such efforts have so far been fruitless. Fred R. Taylor, K. C., is advocate for the executor, and S. A. M. Skinner, represented Mr. R. O'Dell of England, a sister of the testator who is entitled to an annuity under the will of the late Mrs. Charles W. Keldon.

THE GERMAN Bulgars Now Have Invaded Greece

Latter Rushes Reinforcements to Frontier—Second Band Defeated By Serbians—Field and Machine Guns Sent to Border

London, April 5.—A Daily Mail despatch from Salonika says: "The Bulgarian irregulars who were driven back from the Serbian border later descended upon the Greek town of Doiran (about thirty-five miles north of Salonika), and Greece is rushing important reinforcements thither and to other frontier points, prepared for any eventualities."

"Another band of 200 Bulgarian irregular troops, which tried to cross the Greek frontier, was dispersed with the aid of a machine gun and left numerous dead or wounded on the field."

"It is alleged that in the Serbian villages through which they passed, the Bulgarians committed atrocities. The Serbian frontier guards have now been armed with field guns and machine guns."

BLAME GERMAN FOR INTRIGUE

London, April 5.—The roving band of Bulgarians, driven out of Serbia after its sudden raid, has penetrated Greece at three points, according to Saloniki despatches. The English press sees in this episode the possibility of developments which may mean a flare-up in the unsmoothing Balkan situation. Advice reaching London by way of Rome, however, asserts that Bulgaria has agreed to give full satisfaction to Serbia. If this is true, probably the only sequel will be to Bulgaria a definite statement as to the policy she purposes to pursue. All the Balkan nations, as well as Italy, are awaiting the outcome with interest.

Meanwhile Greece is massing troops along the Bulgarian frontier and Bulgarian reservists, according to advices from Saloniki, have received orders to join the colors. In the countries allied against Germany, Austria and Turkey, these recent developments are blamed upon German intrigue.

EFFORT TO MINIMIZE

Paris, April 5.—The Bulgarian irregulars who raided Strumitsa, Serbia, are estimated to have numbered about a regiment and a half, says a despatch to the Matin from its Nish correspondent. The total Serbian losses in the fighting are estimated at 125 killed and wounded, including five officers.

A Bulgarian diplomat interviewed by the newspaper "Osjik," declared that the raiders were disoriented Bulgarian irregulars, wearing old uniforms. He explained the fact that part of their equipment was of recent manufacture, by saying that several regimental armories near the frontier recently had been entered by burglars.

More Than \$2,500 From Violet Day Magnificent Response to Appeal For The Playgrounds Work

The receipts of Violet Day will be more than \$2,500. Just how much more it is not possible to say this afternoon, as the task of counting had not been completed and checked over. It is certain, however, that the public response on Saturday was magnificent, and the success of the Violet Day Playgrounds Association are profoundly grateful, as well as happy.

Mrs. H. C. Grout and Miss Alice Havelock assisted at the flower sale in the market by Mrs. George Anland and Misses Bessie Holt, Mabel Ryan, Margaret Patterson, Edith Nae and Ethel Jarvis. Mrs. Emily Appleby acted as headquarters and gave valuable assistance during the day, besides making a generous contribution to the fund.

DUFFY MAKES NEW RECORD ON BLACK'S

Never in the history of bowling in this city has there been such exceptionally fine rolling as lately. A few days ago on Black alleys, Thomas Wilson broke two records, and at noon today Urd Duffy succeeded in setting a new mark for five strings—117, 118, 100, 111, 148-84. The previous record was made by Thomas Wilson, 579.

The members of the Athletics, winners of the Intermediate League on Black's alleys, have been awarded amber stem pipes with gold ferrules. They were presented on Saturday night by Harry Black.

An unique prize is up for competition on the alleys today. It is a trout weighing more than three pounds, which was caught by G. T. Black in Harvey lake on Saturday. It is on exhibition in the alleys today.

TO ATTEND WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McDonald have left for Montreal to attend the wedding of their son, Louis McDonald, formerly of this city to a popular local young woman, Miss Jennie Fitzgerald. The groom has been residing in Fort Colborne, Ont., where he has been doing well as a civil engineer since his graduation from McGill. Best wishes will be extended to Mr. McDonald and his bride.

FEARED MORE THAN 80 LIVES LOST IN STORM THAT LASHED SOUTH ATLANTIC COAST

Norfolk, Va., April 5.—Every possible effort was being made today to learn the fate of the Royal Dutch West Indies Company's steamer Prinz Maurits, believed to have foundered off Hatteras with a loss of about fifteen persons, in a great storm that lashed the south Atlantic coast Saturday.

Coast guard cutters, warships, and other craft, searching for the Maurits, found no trace of the vessel, near the spot from where she sent out wireless calls for aid, and it was feared crew and passengers shared the fate of fifteen of the crew of the tug Edward Luckenbach, drowned off False Cape, when the storm claimed the tug as a victim. No news of the Maurits had come early today.

Barges fared worse than other vessels in the storm. Many broke away from tugs, and were driven ashore. Lightships were torn from their moorings and driven before the wind, shore resorts were swept by wind and waves, and beaches were strewn with wreckage of small craft. In shipping circles it was feared thirteen men aboard the barge Tampico, which slipping circles it was lost Tuesday were lost.

Many thrilling rescues are reported. The captain and crew of six of the schooners Alice Murphy were taken from their waterlogged vessel by the steamer Lenape's crew, after they had been lashed to the mizen-mast for thirty-six hours.

COLONEL LANDRY INSPECTS 26TH

Colonel Kirkpatrick Now Has More Than 600 on the Roll of 57th

An inspection of the 26th Battalion was conducted this morning by Colonel J. P. Landry, O. C. the 5th Infantry Regiment, with Brigadier Major Malcolm McAvity. The inspection began at 9:30 in the morning, and was continued until noon and continued immediately after noon-day meals until late this afternoon. Owing to the disagreeable condition of the roads from yesterday's storm, it was deemed inadvisable to have an outdoor inspection and route march this morning.

Adding Strength

Lieut. Col. J. R. Kirkpatrick, O. C. the 57th Battalion, inspected the 26th Battalion at Woodstock, which has been in the interests of recruiting. He expressed himself as highly satisfied with the class of men who were from that vicinity, saying that they were of a splendid quality and excellent training. He intends visiting other parts of the province soon. The numbers on the strength of the unit now aggregate more than 600 with several centres to be heard from.

Construction Corps

Lieut. Col. Ramsey, O. C. the Canadian Railway Construction Corps, arrived in the city today from Montreal and will establish himself here until the end of his unit overseas. Some eighty more men for the corps reached the city at noon, seven from Montreal and eleven from points farther west. Many others are now on the way here.

Company Drill

The Canadian Divisional Train carried out an independent company drill this morning. The headquarters company near the barracks in West St. John, and the Upper Canadian and western units on the barracks green near their quarters. The companies have been given a half-holiday today.

For the 57th Battalion

Thus far fifty-two men have been enlisted at Fredericton for the 57th Battalion and fifty at Woodstock.

Goed Second Time

G. A. Bruce, who has been connected with the Canada Electric Company at Amherst for the past year and who is on his way to Great Britain. He went over last fall but was not needed and came back to Amherst.

With Canadian Engineers

William and Archie R. Babbitt of the 6th Company Canadian Engineers of the Second Canadian Contingent stationed at Ottawa, spent Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Babbitt, Fredericton. They are accompanied by Frank Jones, of Winnipeg, who is also a member of Company No. 6. Among the members of No. 6 Company is "Mike" Freda, the former Acadia football star. One of the sections of the company is entirely made up of Queen's College men.

At Amherst

After a lengthy delay the Prince Edward Island Company of Mounted Rifles has reached Amherst. Fifty-one men marched to the barracks. Three more are yet to come, these being ill. The officers are Lieutenant Col. Ings, P. E. I. Light Horse, Capt. Inman, Lieutenants Squarbrick, and Green. The Rifles received their first pay on last Thursday. There were between thirty and forty patients in Highland View Hospital and a limited staff of nurses. Some of the patients are soldiers of the 22nd regiment and the Sixth Mounted Rifles. The soldiers on the sick list are all improving.

HERE'S A REAL CRITIC

A subscriber writes to The Times protesting against a clergyman advising people that they can take the car to reach his church on Sundays. The correspondent says it is an invitation to the people to break the Sabbath. He also protests against the use of the ferry to go to church on Sundays. He protests further against ministers smoking, and wants them to set a better example in that respect as well as in the observance of the Sabbath.

CALL ON PEOPLE TO ABSTAIN FROM DRINK DURING WAR

References In Almost All Pulpits of London

KING'S EXAMPLE CITED

Archbishop of Canterbury Says His Majesty Confident That There Will Be Ready and Widespread Response—Less Beer, More Spirits Being Drunk

The Archbishop of Canterbury, says His Majesty is confident that there will be a ready and widespread response to the appeal for abstention from drink during the war. He said he was in a position to tell his hearers how confident the king was that the response of the people to the suggestion for abstention would be ready and widespread.

According to statistics secured by the Times, there has been, during the last four months, less beer drunk but more has been a great increase in the consumption of spirits. This is accounted for particularly by the heavy duty placed on beer in the last budget. The increase in spirit drinking as shown by the statistics was especially noticeable during February and March.

HER BROTHER DEAD IN WAR

Sad News Comes to Mrs. Eugene Sullivan of Harris Street

Sad news reached Mrs. Eugene Sullivan of a Harris street this morning when word came telling of the death of her brother, Captain William Duncan, of the Gordon Highlanders in hospital in France. Since early in the war he had been bearing his share of the fighting in the severest battles of the campaign. On March 19 he was quite badly wounded and taken to hospital, where his death followed from the injuries received in battle—it is supposed in the battle of Neuve Chapelle.

Mrs. Sullivan was greatly grieved at the news. She had not seen her brother for some time, and has been anxiously awaiting news of him from the front line, for she knew he was in the thick of the fray. Her brother was about thirty years old, and a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, where his father and one brother survive. He was unmarried, and while he had never been to Canada, he was well known to many former residents of Aberdeen now living here, besides those living in Montreal.

THE SNOW STORM

The city snow falls, which have had very little use this winter were out yesterday morning and church goers found the streets ploughed at an early hour. It is probable that the sun will be dependent upon to complete the task of removing the snow.