

Late Gossip Of The Sporting World At Home And Abroad

IMPORTANT BOWLING RULING

Bowling alley proprietors and managers of Boston and vicinity had a meeting on Thursday to discuss matters concerning the coming big tournament of the Atlantic Coast Bowling Association and, incidentally, to talk over the proposition of forming a local organization to boost the bowling game through concerted efforts. Nearly thirty of them attended and as the meeting progressed it was apparent that the ideas set forth fell on fruitful ground.

One of the important announcements, in connection with the coming congress of bowlers in Mechanics Building, was that the Atlantic Coast Bowling Association reserves the right to refuse the entry of any team and that it purposes to use this privilege to prevent the entry of any specially constructed all-star team. In other words, the association is determined that no five-man team shall be entered which would generally be considered to have an odds-on chance of landing first prize in the general tournament. The association's idea is that special all-star combinations are a bad feature of a tournament such as that proposed, because other possible combinations take the stand that there is no use going into the tournament when the chances are so slim of landing the big prizes.

This feeling necessarily would have the tendency to reduce the number of entries, and the association hopes to have a record number of competitors. There is no objection to any all-star combination for special matches, but such teams must arrange for special matches themselves. It must be understood that while the association reserves the right to refuse the entry of certain combinations which might be formed, this does not imply that entries will be rejected of most of the present team combinations which are considered strong.

George A. Littlefield, who presided at the meeting, urged the alley owners to put forth their greatest efforts to secure entries for the coming tournament, feeling that from the Greater Boston District there should be at least 300 five-man teams. This figure he based on the fact that in the annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress in Peoria, Ill., which he attended, there were 103 such teams entered from Peoria itself, a city of 75,000 inhabitants.

JESS WILLARD TO SPLIT.

Milwaukee, April 9.—Although Jess Willard stands to become a rich man by virtue of winning the heavyweight championship of the world, one Tom Jones stands to cut into the melon considerably himself, it was learned today.

Jones, according to reports, spent \$30,000 to place Willard within hailing distance of the title.

However, Jones and Willard have a contract by which Jones is to receive 50 per cent. of all Willard's earnings for a period of 10 years, Jones to pay all of Willard's expenses, such as training bills, railroad fares, hotel and living expenses out of his end of the big fellow's earnings.

This contract was drawn up and signed in Milwaukee the day after Willard's burlesque here with Rodel.

ABOUT THE BOXERS.

Carl Morris and Jim Coffey received \$200 each for their scrap in New York last Wednesday night. Morris has been matched to box Jack Reed in New York, April 17.

Forky Flynn is reported to have been signed to meet Al Reich in New York next Tuesday night.

Jack Welsh, who refereed the Johnson and Willard scrap, says that if the bout had been limited to 25 rounds he would have given the decision to Johnson, as he considered the ex-champion had the honors in all but four rounds.

Gunboat Smith and Charley Weisert will meet in New York next Tuesday night.

Sam Harris, manager of Kid Williams, the bantam champion, is satisfied that some New York gunmen are after him, and that it was one of them who gave him such a slashing with a razor in Philadelphia last Monday night that it required 26 stitches. Jake Abel and Frank Whitney are booked for a bout at Atlanta, April 16.

K. O. Brennan and Sailor Szarman will engage in a return bout at Cincinnati next Thursday night.

Sam Robideau and Walter Mohr are signed for a bout at Bridgeport, April 22.

Freddie Welsh and Ad Wolgast will have another tussle in the ring at Milwaukee May 4.

WILL BE RICH MAN.

By virtue of his victory over Jack Johnson in Havana, Jess Willard under shrewd management, will be given an opportunity to accumulate wealth enough in the next two or three years to give him comfort, ease and luxury for the remainder of his life. It is estimated that the new champion can earn \$500,000 within two years.

Willard at the present time can demand \$1,000 a night in vaudeville. After touring the country he can get at least \$10,000 for short bouts in the states where boxing is now permitted. Freddie Welsh is now fighting at least three times a month, drawing from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for every appearance. To see Willard the fans will be willing to pay well.

WILLARD IS NOT FIGHTER'S REAL NAME

Denver, Col., April 9.—Arthur Brittingham is a name that any up to the minute short or long story writer would consider applicable to any suave, gentlemanly, kind, trouble dodging Englishman that might be a necessary character in the story to round out the romance, tragedy or comedy, whichever the case may be, but no Chambers or Hughes or London would ever hang such a name on a prize fighter, as is being done here by a man claiming to be a distant cousin of "Jess" Willard or Arthur Brittingham, as the cousin seriously insists.

This heretofore obscure relative of the new heavyweight champion of the world says that, notwithstanding the law of euphony in literature or anything else, the six foot giant who felled Johnson was christened Arthur Brittingham, even if his stature, pug-nacity and ferocity belies the name. This cousin explains that about ten years ago "Jess," or Arthur, whichever it is, was one of the principals in a private boxing bout near Cripple Creek with a miner, unnamed now for the reason that when the ten was counted the miner not only failed to get to his feet but upon examination it was found that he was dead. The authorities are said to have gotten wind of the affair and made matters so uncomfortable for Arthur, or "Jess," that he was forced to seek a change of scenery, and also to acquire an alias.

The cousin refuses to admit his own name is Brittingham, but is willing to take oath that the new champion should gain his fortune under that handle.

CHALLENGE TO WINNER OF TONIGHT'S BOUT

A wrestler of considerable reputation in the States is coming to the city today to witness the Prokos-Pons match at the Opera House tonight and challenge the winner. To introduce himself to the sporting public in the city he is anxious to meet any wrestler in the city, Ludecke preferred, and publicly offers a challenge to Ludecke to meet him tonight in a match before the Prokos-Pons contest, and agrees to forfeit \$25 if he doesn't throw him in two straight falls. Here is a chance for Ludecke to make \$25 very easily tonight, if he feels so inclined, as the unknown only weighs 155 lbs. If Ludecke accepts this deft, the match will be stage in place of the regular preliminary tonight.

MOVIE "SNIPER" GOT FIGHT.

Havana, April 9.—A "movie sniper" who eluded the vigilance of numerous scouts, ambushed Johnson and Willard as they fought for the heavyweight championship and obtained pictures of the contest.

This is the opinion of Jack Johnson, who, learning that films of some of the rounds of the fight would be shown at several Havana theatres tonight, started to stop what he termed an infringement of his property rights. He consulted the secret police and applied for an injunction.

The merits of the complaint could not be decided immediately and the judge advised the ex-champion to serve a written notice of his claim on the theatrical managers who distributed the films, promising to issue an injunction tomorrow should the law warrant it.

TOUHEY SUED FOR \$100,000

George V. Touhey, the wrestling manager and promoter, was sued for \$100,000 in the Superior Court in Boston Thursday by Alexander Aberg, claimant to the world's Greco-Roman wrestling title, who alleges slander.

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LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

THE CITY LEAGUE
In the City League on Black's alleys last night the Giants took three points from the Braves. The following are the scores:

Braves	TU.	Ave.
Poshay	89	88 80 257 85 2-3
Black	91	84 73 248 82 2-3
Dunham	86	83 86 255 85
McLeod	86	80 77 253 84 1-3
McKean	87	96 96 279 93

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Giants			

Carleton	86	101 75 262 87 1-3
Cooper	91	84 79 254 84 2-3
Wheaton	88	80 93 261 87
Corbett	78	77 69 224 74 2-3
Baillie	105	91 97 293 97 2-3

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L. Kierstead with a score of 127 won the daily roll off.

TWO MEN LEAGUE.
In one of the best played games on the Victoria alleys for some time, No. 7 team last night took three points from No. 10 team in the Two Men league contest. The game was marked by many exciting plays. It was rather an unique game as the players all tied, both the first and second men had an equal number of pins to their credit and the totals were the same. No. 10 team won the roll-off for the last point. The following are the scores:

No. 10 Team,									
Wright—									
..	88	79	78	87	94	426—	85	1-5	
McDonald—									
..	75	97	85	85	92	434—	86	4-5	
	163	176	163	172	186	860			

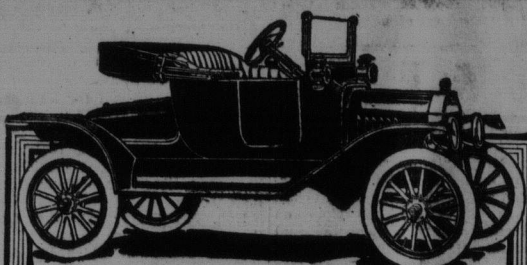
No. 7 Team.									
Thurston—									
93	75	91	74	93	426	—85	1-5		

Among the high scores made on the alleys yesterday the following were about the highest: Coughlan, 130; Riley, 126; McIlveen, 128; Nobles, 126.

I. C. R. Elevator.

In a letter to the Board of Trade Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of

Railways and Canals, expresses fear that the government may not be able to rebuild the Intercolonial elevator at St. John until after the war is over.



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