

# LIVE NEWS OF SPORTING WORLD

## FROM THE TRAINER'S CORNER

Where do the great boxers come from? During the course of an investigation into this subject I have looked into the antecedents of one hundred champions, near-champions and runners-up of the Queensberry era. I have made no attempt to pick out the hundred best boxers of the present generation, since that would involve endless differences of opinion. I have included all the champions of the last twenty-five years, and others who were or are near-champions, as well as some of the best of the also-rans. Right here I admit that it is probable that some boxers have been omitted who were better men than some of those included, but I have sought to make the list fairly well representative.

For the purposes of this compilation I have selected the following men, the place of birth following each name: Bantamweights: George Dixon, Halifax, N. S.; Casper Leon, Palermo, Sicily; Jimmy Barry, Chicago; Harry Forbes, Rockford, Ill.; Frankie Neil, San Francisco; Joe Bowker, Salford, England; Jimmy Walsh, Newton, Mass.; Harry Harris, Chicago; Digger Stanley, Norwich, Eng.; Johnny Coulton, Toronto, Canada; Eddie Campi, San Francisco; Kid Williams, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Featherweights: Tommy Warren, Los Angeles; Ike Weir, Belfast, Ireland; Frank Murphy, Ireland; Billy Murphy, Auckland, N. Z.; Johnny Griffin, Braintree, Mass.; Solly Smith, Los Angeles; Dave Sullivan, Cork, Ireland; Ben Jordan, Bournemouth, Eng.; Eddie Santry, Aurora, Ill.; Terry McGovern, Johnstown, Pa.; Young Corbett, Denver; Abe Attell, San Francisco; Tommy Sullivan, Brooklyn; Johnny Kilbane, Cleveland; Johnny Dundee, Sharkal, Italy; Pedlar Palmer, Cannington, Eng.; Johnny La Vack, Montreal; Jack Siskely, Brooklyn; Billy Pimmer, Birmingham, Eng.; Lightweights: Jack McAuliffe, Cork, Ireland; George Lavigne, Saginaw, Mich.; Frank Erne, Zurich, Switzerland; Joe Gans, Baltimore; Jimmy Britt, San Francisco; Battling Nelson, Copenhagen, Denmark; Ad Wolgast, Cadillac, Mich.; Willie Ritchie, San Francisco; Freddie Welsh, Pontypridd, Wales; Paddy Fitzgibbon, Chicago; Jack Britton, Clinton, N. Y.; Leach Cross, New York; Charlie White, Liverpool, Eng.; Joe Mandot, New Orleans; Young Griffo, Sydney, Australia; Joe Rivers, Los Angeles; Herman, Montreal; Charley Neary, Milwaukee; Jim Carney, England; Tommy Murphy, New York.

Welterweights: Billy Smith, Eastport, Maine; Tommy Ryan, Redwood, N. Y.; Kid McCoy, Rush county, Ind.; George Dawson, Dark Corner, Australia; George Green ("Young Corbett"), San Francisco; Babe Burns, Pittsburg; Matty Matthews, New York; Joe Walcott, British Guiana; Dixie Kid, Fulton, Mo.; Honey Melody, Charlestown, Mass.; Mike "Twin" Sullivan, Cambridge, Mass.; Jimmy Gardner, County Clare, Ireland; Ray Bronson, Webster City, Ia.

Middleweights: Jack Dempsey, County Kildare, Ireland; George La Blanche, Point Levi, Quebec; Jack O'Brien, Philadelphia; Jack "Twin" Sullivan, Cambridge, Mass.; Stanley Ketchel, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Billy Papke, Spring Valley, Ill.; Johnny Thompson, Ogde county, Ill.; Frank Klaus, Pittsburg; George Chip, Scranton, Pa.; Jimmy Clabby, Norwich, Conn.; Eddie McGorty, Eureka, Wis.; Mike Gibbons, St. Paul, Minn.; Jack Dillon, Frankfurt, Ind.; Huro Kello, Florence, Italy; Jack Roti, Bohemia, Austria; George Gardner, County Clare, Ireland; Tommy West, Cardiff, Wales; Jim Hall, Sydney, Australia. Heavyweights: John L. Sullivan, Boston; James J. Corbett, San Francisco; Peter Jackson, West Indies; Charles Mitchell, Birmingham, Eng.; Robert Fitzsimmons, Holston, Cornwall, Eng.; James J. Jeffries, Carroll, O.; Marvin Hart, Louisville; Tommy Burns, Hanover, Ont.; Jack Johnson, Galveston, Tex.; Sam Langford, Weymouth, N. S.; Georges Carpentier,

## CURLERS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Curling Club was held at the rink last night with a large attendance of members. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. A. H. Merrill; vice-president, F. C. Beatty; secretary-treasurer, C. H. Ferguson; managing committee, R. G. Haley, John White, S. B. McCavour, F. C. Smith, W. B. Tennant, C. H. Peters and W. J. Wetmore.

New members elected were: H. C. Wetmore, H. R. Humphrey, J. C. Doore, R. H. Chipman and W. L. Caldwell. It was decided by the members that as E. H. Welch, a member of the club is at present an officer in the first contingent at Salisbury Plains, he be continued as a member of the club until his return from the front. The matter of contributing tobacco to the soldiers at the front was spoken of and the members decided to donate sixty pounds of tobacco, and one thousand packages of cigarettes for the boys.

Reports from the officers showed the club to be in an excellent condition, and after the election of skips the meeting adjourned. Lens, France; Tom Sharkey, Dundalk, Ireland; Gunboat Smith, Philadelphia; Battling Levinsky, Philadelphia; Joe Jeanette, Hoboken, N. J.; Luther McCarty, Hitchcock county, Neb.; Frank Slavin, Maitland, Australia; Peter Maher, Galway, Ireland.

Of this list of a hundred boxers, fifty-eight were born in the United States, thirty-four in England, Ireland, Canada, Australia and other parts of the British Empire, and eight on the continent of Europe.

As the birthplace of star boxers, San Francisco easily takes the lead among cities, the above list including seven who made their debut in the Golden Gate City. A study of these statistics shows that the majority of the best boxers are the product of big cities. Of those in this list born in the United States and Canada, forty were natives of large cities, and twenty-six hailed from smaller cities, towns and villages. Not more than half a dozen were born on farms, as far as can be ascertained. Outside of North America the division between urban and rural communities is more nearly equal, with eighteen natives of big cities and sixteen of smaller places.

Among the States of the Union, California is the foremost as a breeding center of pugilists, according to this list. The Golden State has ten to its credit. New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania are tied for second place, each having seven native sons in the list. Nearly a third of the total come from these four States. Canada also has seven in the list, three hailing from the Province of Quebec and two each from Nova Scotia and Ontario.

Dividing the United States into sections, the Central States lead with sixteen, the Eastern States have fifteen; the Pacific States ten; the New England States eight; the Middle Western States five, and the Southern States four. In the matter of nationality, the Irish are pre-eminent in the fighting race. The men of Hibernian birth or descent in this list number thirty-one, or nearly a third of the total. Nor does this include five men of mingled Scotch-Irish and French-Irish descent. Under the head of Americans, mostly of English racial origin, are listed fifteen men. Of those of French descent, including French-Canadians, French-Americans, French-Irish and French-English, there are nine. Eight English boxers are included in the list, and those of African descent also number eight. The Hebrew tally five, and the German-Americans have the same score. Australia, Denmark and Italy each have three representatives among the hundred. Other nationalities represented by one or two men include Polish, Mexican, Scotch, Bohemian, Swiss and Welsh gladiators. Within the last few years the Irish have been slipping back a little, pugilistically, and the list of recognized champions now includes only one man of Irish blood—Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champ. All the same, the dope points to an Irishman as the next heavyweight champion of the world.

## SPORTOGRAPHY "GRAVY"

"Yuh needn't laff becuz I'm small—jest beln' big, sir, ain't all." Not by a long shot. An elephant is a wise beast, but it hasn't anything on a red ant. Same way with humans. There was Napoleon. And George Dixon. And Walter J. alias "Rabbit" Maranville. The "Rabbit" will celebrate his twenty-second birthday today, having been born in Springfield, Mass., Nov. 11, 1892. It is safe to assume that at twenty-two he has attained his full stature, which is just five feet four. The short shotstopper of the Braves, the star of the world's series, lacks seven inches of being as altitudinous as Honus Wagner, but the Boston and Springfield fans are already acclaiming him as the legitimate successor of the Flying Dutchman.

As for speed—did you ever see a long-eared jackrabbit, looking like a young jack, bounding over the prairie? Let a common cur give chase, and he will travel on three legs, just to show his contempt for his pursuer. When a greyhound gets on the job, however, Brer Rabbit just naturally gets down on his four legs and travels! It was a wise guy who first wished the name of "Rabbit" on Maranville, for when it comes to getting from where he is to where he ain't, the Liliputian shortstop of the bellicose Braves burns the dust like a jackrabbit of the western prairies. And he could make a rifle bullet look slow when he pushes the pill over to first.

"Rabbit" is not only about the smallest man in the big league, but he is also the smoothest in action. He has ball-bearing joints, and he is as light as the easiest to look at of any fellow in the business. A fly with cellophane on his toes smokes gingerly

## "Rabbit" Maranville, Star of World's Series, 22 today.

across a rubber mat makes just about as much noise as the easy-running "Rabbit" in action.

Maranville is one of a pair of native Bay Staters on the payroll of the Braves. It is alleged that he has a little French blood in his veins, but for the most part he is Irish—glory be! He started playing ball as a pitcher for a school nine in Springfield, and later joined the Blue Labels, a semi-pro outfit.

Walter's first professional engagement was with New Bedford, in the New England League. He made a great hit with the fans of that city, and the news of the New Bedford "band" spread to Boston. A scout sent to give Walter the once over was so impressed that the little player was asked to append his signature to a Boston contract.

Maranville joined the Braves in the latter part of the 1912 season, but he didn't show up very strong that year. In 1913 he began to hit it up, and before the season had passed into history he had acquired a reputation as one of the stellar shortstops of the game.

In a contest for the midge honors of the diamond Maranville has few rivals; the chief one being Owen Bush, the Tiger shortstop, also five feet four in height.

During the season just closed Maranville set up a new record for short-stopping by accepting 98 chances. The best previous record was made by Allen, the Philadelphia shortstop of twenty years ago, who in one season accepted 95 chances.

Walter still calls Springfield his home port. The western Massachusetts metropolis also claims Leslie Man, the young Brave outfielder, although his claim is disputed by Lincoln, Neb., where Leslie was born.

## LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

Last night on the Victoria alleys No. 4 team in the Five-Men League match, captured three points from No. 2 team. The scores follow:

No. 4 Team	T <sup>1</sup>	Ave.			
Duffy	56	83	107	276	93
Covey	36	107	82	285	95
Howard	85	86	85	256	85 1-3
Riley	88	94	96	278	92 2-3
Brown	86	90	87	263	87 2-3

No. 2 Team	T <sup>1</sup>	Ave.			
Kirkpatrick	99	89	83	276	92
Baxter	96	91	100	287	95 2-3
Laskey	83	74	73	231	77
Evans	78	80	100	257	85
Richardson	88	92	91	271	90

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RETAILERS VICTORIOUS  
The retail team from the firm of T. McAvity & Sons defeated the wholesale men on the Victoria alleys last night with a majority of sixty pins. The individual scores follow:

Retailers	T <sup>1</sup>	Ave.			
Wolfe	81	87	74	243	81
Dixon	73	78	65	216	72
Hamm	77	75	73	225	75
Ferguson	67	76	76	218	72 1-3
Ramsey	87	76	87	260	86 1-4

Wholesale	T <sup>1</sup>	Ave.			
Thorne	78	67	64	209	69 2-3

## THIS DATE IN RING ANNALS

Wednesday, November 11, 1914.

1895—George Godfrey defeated Billy Woods in 9 rounds at Baltimore. This bout was important only as marking the ring farewell of Godfrey, one of the best colored men in the history of the boxing game. "Old Chocolate" was a native of Prince Edward Island, and he had spent the greater part of his life in the States, which has turned out so many classy boxers. He began fighting in 1876, and he was 42 years old when he retired from the ring in 1895. He died about a dozen years ago. If "Old Chocolate" had been a little heavier, he might have made the greatest of the heavyweights sit up and take notice. As it was, he turned down a chance to meet the Boston gladiator. Later in his career Godfrey was knocked out by Kilrain at San Francisco, by Joe Choyzski at Coney Island, and by Peter Maher at Boston.

1823—Josh Hudson defeated Jem Ward in 15 rounds at Moulsey Hurst, Eng.

1892—Eddie Ketchel (Edward Woelnski), Polish boxer, born in Grand Rapids, Mich.

1898—George Dixon won 10 fouds from Dave Sullivan in 10 rounds at New York.

## LANGFORD TO FIGHT M'MAHON

Los Angeles, Nov. 10.—Sam Langford and Tom McMahon, heavyweights will be the attraction tonight at what probably will be the last boxing contest in the old arena at Vernon.

The fight is carded for twenty rounds. McMahon, at 190 pounds, slightly outweighs the Boston native.

## COPPER TO ITALY, EXCEPT FOR HOME USE WILL BE DETAINED BY BRITAIN

Washington, Nov. 10.—The British ambassador informed the State Department today that he had been advised by his government that while Italy prohibited the exportation of copper, it did not prevent its transfer over Italian territory. Consequently, the ambassador said, the British government would feel compelled to detain copper shipments to Italy, unless assured that they were for domestic consumption, or were in transit to Switzerland.

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## MISSIONARIES IN TURKEY ARE NOT IN DANGER

Reassuring message from Turkish capital received at Washington from Mission Board's representative.

Boston, Nov. 10.—Missionaries and mission workers in Turkey are fully safe-guarded, in spite of the fact that the Ottoman empire is at war, according to a cablegram which reached the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions today, from W. W. Peel, of Constantinople, treasurer of the Board's Turkish interests. The cablegram which was received through the State Department at Washington, follows: "American Ambassador, with hearty co-operation of Turkish officials, has situation well in hand. "Missionaries and their work fully safeguarded. Everything proceeding as though normal conditions prevailed. You may reassure all friends."

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 10.—Jimmy Duffy and Freddie Welsh have been matched for a ten round bout here on Thursday night, November 19. They have agreed to weigh 137 pounds ring-side.

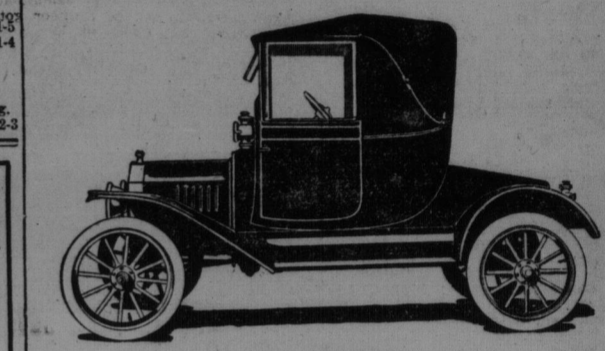
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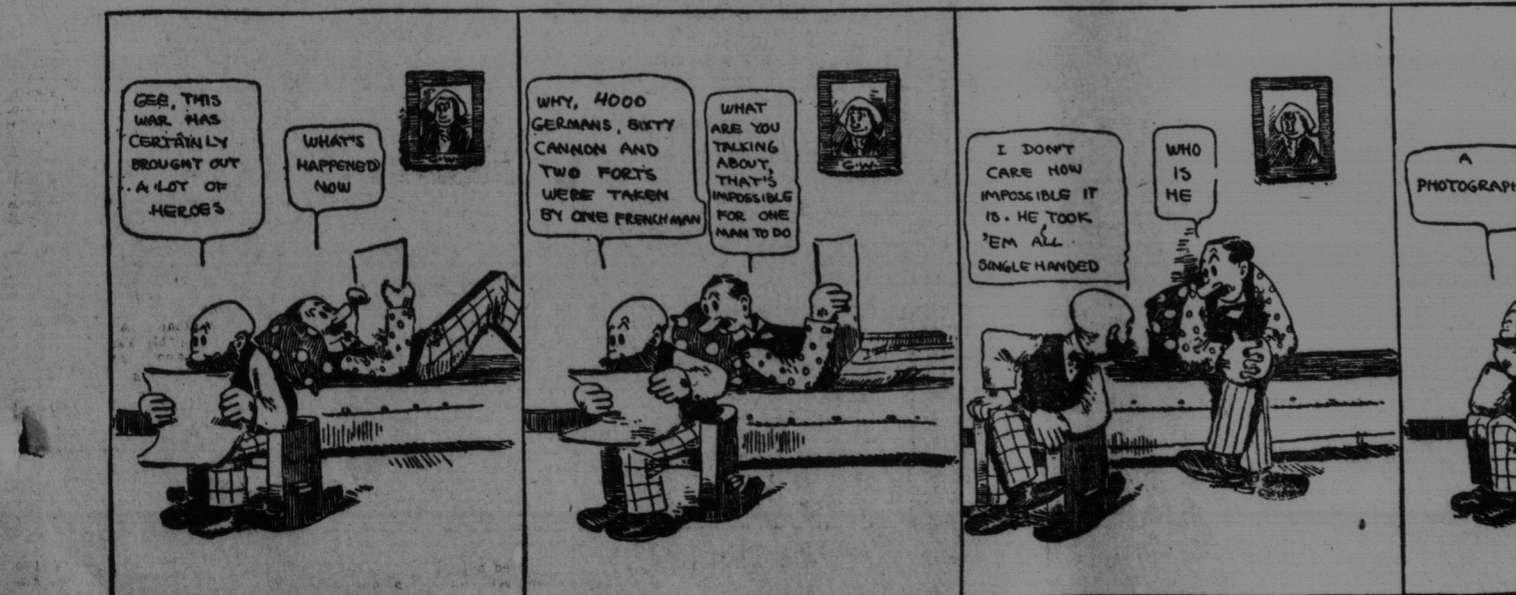
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