

### PETER JACKSON, PUGILIST

Something About the Colored Heavy Weight.

Might Have Won Championship Belt Had Not John L. Sullivan Drawn Color Line.

The death of Peter Jackson at Roma, New South Wales, on July 23, news of which reached this country only last week, removes the greatest representative of the negro race as ever bred in the prize ring, as well as one of the greatest fighters this country has ever seen. George Dixon is the only other colored pugilist that can be compared to Jackson, but the latter could, of course, never aspire to anything higher than the championship of his own class, while Peter was very near the top of the heavy-weight ladder. Jackson and Dixon were very much alike in that both were always willing to fight and above the average in intelligence. This made both of the not only the idols of their own race, but gave them many friends among other followers of the ring. Jackson's death has been expected for more than a year and it was directly due to the fast life which champions of the ring usually lead.

According to the records Jackson was born at Porto Rico, West Indies, July 3, 1861, which would make him less than a month over 40 years of age at the time of his death. Bob Fitzsimmons, who also comes from Australia, is just about a year younger than was Jackson. The former is still in fine physical condition, while Jackson has been a wreck for several years. Jackson's ring career began in Australia in 1882. He had a number of fights there and came to San Francisco in April, 1888, with a clean record of victories to his credit. His first fight in this country was against George Godfrey, from whom he won in nineteen rounds at San Francisco. After beating Joe McNamee and Patsy Carritt at San Francisco, meeting any one who cared to stack up against him. During this trip he fought at Virginia City, Nev.; Chicago, Buffalo, Hoboken and New York city, although none of the fights had been a wreck for several years. Jackson's ring career began in Australia in 1882. He had a number of fights there and came to San Francisco in April, 1888, with a clean record of victories to his credit. His first fight in this country was against George Godfrey, from whom he won in nineteen rounds at San Francisco. After beating Joe McNamee and Patsy Carritt at San Francisco, meeting any one who cared to stack up against him. During this trip he fought at Virginia City, Nev.; Chicago, Buffalo, Hoboken and New York city, although none of the fights had been a wreck for several years.

fought eight battles against some of the best men in Great Britain, winning all of them in short order. The last one was Jim Smith, and he won this in two rounds.

Returning to this country in January, 1890, he fought his way back to San Francisco and sailed for Australia, where he met and defeated Joe Goddard at Melbourne in eight rounds. This fight came off in October and the following May he was back in the United States for his memorable fight with Jim Corbett.

This was the high-water mark in Jackson's career. Corbett was coming into prominence as a candidate for championship honors, and in comparison with Jackson he was a novice. The battle was the longest that has ever been fought between two heavy-weights of any prominence and both at once sprang into notice as opponents of John L. Sullivan for the championship. Sullivan drew the color line and took on Corbett, giving the latter the chance to earn his title to the belt, although the latter fight did not take place until the following year. Jackson challenged both Sullivan and Corbett, but John L. stuck to his statement that he would not fight a negro and Corbett managed to sidestep the black in one way or another. Had Jackson fought Sullivan instead of Corbett there is but little doubt that he would have held the championship instead of "Pompadour" Jim. The refusal of Sullivan and Corbett to meet him soured Jackson to a considerable extent on this country and he again went to London, where he was better appreciated.

His former trip to London had gained for him the regard of the English sportsmen, and he was greeted with open arms on his return. Most of the English pugilists declined to meet him, his only fight of any prominence being with Frank Slavin, whom he knocked out in ten rounds, but this made little difference to the London sports. They treated him as though he were an equal, and he soon became one of the notables of the largest city in the world. He wore the finest of clothes and a silk hat and frequented the most fashionable sporting resorts. He was wine and dined, and the fast life finally began to tell on him. Stories reached this country from time to time that Jackson was on the decline, and when he finally did return here after a stay of several years abroad it was at once seen that the stories as to his health had not been overdrawn. Jackson, who had formerly been one of the best built and proportioned men in the ring, with the exception of his abnormal reach, had wasted away. He

thought that the climate here would restore him to his former vigor, and such seemed to be the case for a while. He could not, however, regain his old-time strength, and when he was finally matched for a fight with a fifth-rater his showing was such that his friends knew that he had seen the last of the ring. He had flush days, and had not friends come to the rescue would have had to go to a charity hospital. As it was they kept him supplied with enough money to make him comfortable, and as he evinced a strong desire to return to his home in Australia subscription was made to get the necessary money. A little over three months ago he left for that country. It was at one time reported that he was on the road to recovery, but such proved not to be the case, and the reports brought over by the steamers of late were that he could not last much longer. The news of his death was, therefore, no surprise.

It is interesting to note that Jackson had many qualities that won for him the respect of followers of the ring, and it is doubtful whether any colored pugilist ever had as large a circle of friends as he could boast of. He was always strictly square in his fights, and no one ever accused him of "taking." He was an unusually intelligent negro and held his own well in the company in which he circulated in London. One of his most marked features was the length of his arms. The latter reached nearly to his knees, and it will be appreciated what reach he had when it is stated that he measured just half an inch over six feet. He was finely built all over, and a clever boxer as well as a fighter. He knew how to use his reach to the best advantage, and this made him a hard man to reach. That was game and could take as well as give punishment was proven in his fight with Corbett. In this fight he had a rib broken about the middle of the mill, but kept on until the bout was stopped. All told, it will probably be many a day before the colored race will have another such champion in the roped arena.

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There must be many people unaware or who have forgotten that this purchase embraced some territory than what is now the state of Louisiana, but the Louisiana purchase embraced what is now Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Oklahoma; it states and one territory. This vast territory was purchased from France for \$15,000,000, which no doubt in those days seemed a vast sum. Today, however, the tangible wealth of the territory is more than 400 times the amount France received from it. The value of the land under cultivation is \$3,193,451,297; its farm products in kindling live stock \$1,876,184,437; its mineral products \$259,929,128; and its total tangible wealth to the enormous sum of \$5,516,642,829. And all this is one country's growth.

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It will make it plain that the prophecy of 1803 has been more than fulfilled and show that a veritable empire now lies between the Gulf of

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