

# Late Gossip Of The Sporting World At Home And Abroad

## BOWLING

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Everything is now in readiness for the International Bowling Tournament which opens on Black's alleys tomorrow morning, and it is anticipated that this tournament which will last two days will be the best ever held in the city. The teams that have entered are St. Croix from Calais, Eastport, Woodland, Me., Sussex, Victoria and Blacks, seven clubs being represented. The visiting teams will arrive in the city tomorrow morning and the schedule of play is as follows:

#### Tuesday

10 a.m. Sussex vs. Woodland.  
12 p.m. St. Croix vs. Victoria.  
2 p.m. Eastport vs. Blacks.  
4 p.m. Eastport vs. St. Croix.  
6 p.m. Woodland vs. Victoria.  
8 p.m. St. Croix vs. Blacks.  
8 p.m. Woodland vs. Eastport.  
(on 3 and 4 alleys)  
10 p.m. Sussex vs. Victoria.

#### Wednesday

10 a.m. Woodland vs. St. Croix.  
12 p.m. Eastport vs. Sussex.  
2 p.m. Blacks vs. Victoria.  
4 p.m. Eastport vs. St. Croix.  
6 p.m. Woodland vs. Blacks.  
8 p.m. Eastport vs. Victoria.  
10 p.m. Sussex vs. Blacks.

## BETTING LIGHT ON JOHNSON-WILLARD BOUT

Havana, April 4.—With their training finished for the world's championship heavyweight battle on Monday, Johnson and Willard spent the day idling and resting.

Johnson spent part of his leisure hours in packing up his belongings, preliminary to leaving Havana after the fight. He plans to sail for Martinique Wednesday, and will go from there direct to France or South America, depending on the outcome of tomorrow's contest. His last word today was to tell the "fans" that he was in perfect condition and was sure of winning.

Johnson says he will enter the ring weighing 225 pounds, but he looks about ten pounds heavier than that. The going will sound for the fighting at 12.30.

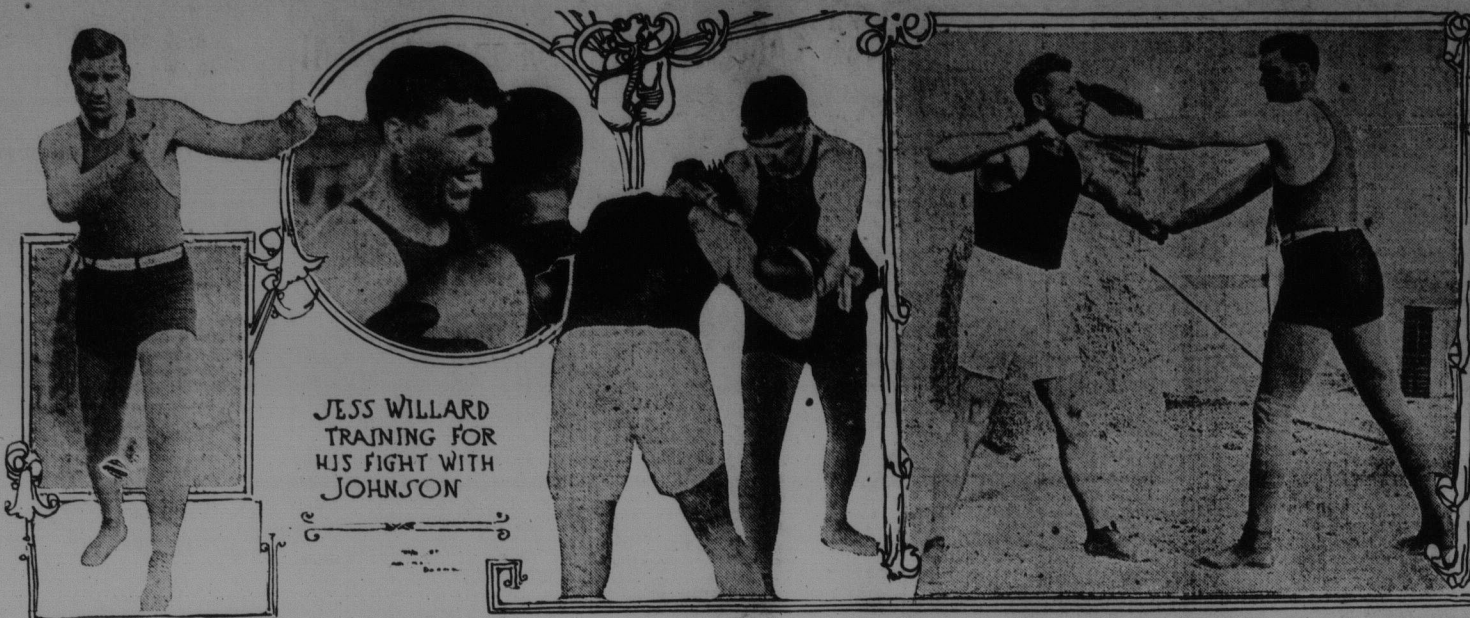
Willard, with a party of Kansas friends, lingered about the plaza for an hour or two listening to the band concert. Crowds gathered around him every time he stopped. He retired early.

There was a heavy sale of tickets throughout the day, and the fight promoters estimated the total sale, so far, at \$80,000. They expect to dispose of tickets to the value of \$50,000 more at four gates of the Mariano race course tomorrow.

The betting is very light, considering the calibre of the contest, there being only a few hundreds of dollars actually in the stakeholder's hands, despite much talk of wagering. The best offer of Johnson's backers is 6 to 5, the Willard men are trying to get 9 to 5.

The fight promoters announce that they will pay Johnson \$30,000, according to the agreement, at 11 o'clock Monday morning. They also hope to take Willard, if he is the winner, to Key West and northward Tuesday.

## TRAINING CAMP SNAPSHOTS OF "JESS" WILLARD PREPARING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE.



These snapshots of "Jess" Willard training for his bout with "Jack" Johnson for the heavyweight championship of the world on April 4 in Havana, Cuba, are from his Cuban training quarters. Willard, after his long period of training at El Paso, Tex., is going at an easy pace. His wind is good and his form is improving. His best work is with "Jim" Savage.

## YALE WINS RACES IN A BLIZZARD

Philadelphia, April 3.—Under weather conditions probably never before braved in a rowing race by youthful sweep oarsmen of American colleges, Yale today won both the varsity and junior eight oared shell events from the University of Pennsylvania over the one mile, 550 yard course on the Schuylkill river. Each of the New Haven crews finished two lengths in the lead. The time for the varsity was 7 minutes 56 seconds and for the junior 7 minutes 58 seconds.

The races were rowed under blizzard conditions. It was a test of rowing skill taught by the famous English experts, Vivian Nickalls, coach of the University of Pennsylvania, and Guy Nickalls, instructor at Yale. The crews used the English style of oars.

## FOUR OF CREW WERE DROWNED

London, April 4.—The steamer City of Bremen, of Dublin, has been sunk by a German submarine off Wolf Rock in the English Channel, about fifteen miles south of Lands End, Cornwall. Four members of the crew of the steamer were drowned. Twelve survivors have arrived in Penzance. Available shipping records do not contain the name of the steamer City of Bremen, of Dublin.

#### Carleton Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Morrison announced last evening that Professor Keirstead of the chair of moral philosophy and political economy in the University of New Brunswick, would supply the pulpit of the Carleton Presbyterian church during the summer vacation. This will be the third year Professor Keirstead has supplied this pulpit. The professor is now a guest at the home of Walter Thompson, 222 King street, west side.

## WILLARD HAS SIZE AND ENDURANCE AND JOHNSON POSSESSES THE SKILL

When Hercules started on his feat performing four some few centuries ago he took up the job unprepared excepting for his own physical fitness and the good wishes of his foster parents. He did not know anything about the hitting ability or defensive elusiveness of the hydra-headed monster he met, nor did he know how long the stable had been allowed to violate all the Aegaeon health laws. He did know that he was expected to make good, and he entered the fray with spirit, and according to all the best mythologies Hercules retired an unbeaten champion.

"Jess" Willard, a giant of his age, six feet six inches in his moccasins—strong, brimful of good health and ambitions—is unlike Hercules only in that he will know to the letter just what he can expect from his adversary, "Jack" Johnson, whom the white face likes to designate as the "fighting monster of twentieth century mythology." The life, history and career of John Arthur Johnson, heavyweight champion prizefighter of the world, is an open book, the pages of which contain all the information necessary for Willard to accomplish his end, like Hercules and, like the hero of Greek mythology, retire an unbeaten champion.

Willard, if he has perused the biographical sketches of Johnson, knows that the negro is the leading boxing scientist of the world. He knows that Johnson has assimilated all the finer points of pugilism, has schooled himself in the art of defence and has taught himself that concentrated force applied to a given point will cause a dent, even if that point be on the harder side of a man's head.

#### Has Learned About Johnson.

It does not take careful reading on the part of Willard to learn that Johnson has been fighting for nearly twenty years and that in that time the negro has never really been extended by an opponent. And Willard possibly has found out that the sands in the hour glass have been dropping with startling regularity during the thirty-nine years that Johnson has been on earth.

Trainers, advisers, rubbers and unimportant friends and well wishers have not lost an opportunity to tell Willard to look out for the begarlic clinches of Johnson, to guard against his upper cutting efficiency, to protect himself from Johnson's muchly and, justly feared lightning-like jabs, hooks,

crosses and punches of various varieties. Not a man who has met Willard but has loudly or behind a secretive palm advised "Jess" on the ring generalship of Johnson, his judgment of distance and his perpetual smile, betokening coolness, his (austere) marks meant to upset the placid atmosphere of his opponent and the perfect understanding within himself as to how far he can allow the other man to go without doing harm.

There is no doubt whatever that Willard does not know all these essential points of his titled adversary, but just how well he will acquire himself under his advance knowledge is the one question that is bothering not alone Willard, but every follower of boxing the world over. How can Willard hope to defeat Johnson and how does he compare with the champion in size, strength, ability and craftiness? Herein opinions differ mightily, and every road—every angle of the argument—leads to that colossal monosyllable word of two letters—If.

If Willard has learned to use his gigantic reach, which measures 83 1/2 inches, seven and one half more than does Johnson's, then he should be able to keep Johnson at a distance. "At a distance" means that he will have a defence of great importance in that he will be able to keep Johnson from getting set for a blow and will be able to "beat him to it" on every punch.

Reports from Cuba, where Willard and Johnson are both in hard training, say that "Jess" has perfected a left jab. If perfected in this case means just what N. Webster says it means, then Willard already has an advantage over Johnson, for with seven and one-half inches added to his reach, his jabs will cut Johnson while the negro's blows will be falling short. However, Johnson does not use a jab with any consistency. He relies more on infighting, short jolts delivered from the close, and, if Willard has acquired a proficient left jab, the wiley Johnson will probably make this punch worthless by the simple expedient of getting so close to "Jess" the Kansan will not be able to use the blow.

#### Willard is Stronger.

In strength Willard must be conceded the advantage. His left up to the present has been simple, close to nature and all that sort of health giving, muscle developing environment. Willard, too, is massive, a veritable giant, with a super-structure that means only power. With every ounce

of superfluous flesh worked off his gigantic frame, Willard tips the beam at 235 pounds. This means 235 pounds of fighting bone and muscle, living endurance, stamina and living strength. And along with this Willard is at the top of his career, only twenty-eight years old and in possession of every faculty with which nature endowed him.

Johnson just after defeating "Jim" Jeffries in the memorable bout at Reno, Nev., was examined by several prominent physical directors and many of the day's exhibition the same unanimity in their statement that he was a perfect man, perfect in physique, in proportionate strength, perfect in all his organs, a man built along powerful lines. That was in 1910, when Johnson was thirty-three years old. Since then he has taken on five years of worry, trouble and fast living, and while the magnificent build is still there it is only in the outer shell that he can appear the same. Age alone must have drawn upon his energy, if his other faculties and care have not.

The champion is now thirty-seven years old—almost two score years of his life have passed—and that a man of that age can hope to keep pace with youth in the one sport of all sports that taxes the physical strength to the utmost is almost unbelievable. Nature endowed Johnson with every kindness needed in the trick box of a fighter, and possibly she might have added longevity to these charms, which would account for the ease with which Johnson does the hard work called for in his sparring partners and his opponents.

In physical size Willard overshadows Johnson in every particular. He is five inches taller, he weighs, in condition, twenty pounds more; he measures forty-four and a half inches around the chest to Johnson's forty-two, and his legs are larger, as they should be to carry such an amount of weight. Decidedly in size Johnson, for the first time in his career, is handicapped, and how big a handicap this will prove may decide the issue of the fight.

As a boxer Willard cannot hope to compete with more experienced opponent. If it were a question of endurance and strength then the bout might just as well be put off, for in this department Johnson is outclassed; but skill and aggressiveness play a big part in the ultimate finish of every struggle, and here Johnson has the edge.

Willard in all his bouts heretofore has lacked aggressiveness beyond any

## TRAINING IS COMPLETED FOR BIG FIGHT

Havana, April 4.—Jack Johnson and Jess Willard yesterday completed their training for their forty-five round fight for the world's heavyweight championship on Monday. It was the last public appearance of the pugilists before they enter the ring.

Their final work was watched by the biggest crowds since the arrival of the fighters in Cuba. At the end of the day's exhibition the same uncertainty and doubt as to the probable winner pervaded the minds of close followers of pugilism as had been apparent during the past two weeks.

Willard, from the standpoint of the give and take game, seems poorly matched. Johnson is a past master at giving punishment. He has uncanny judgment of distance, and can send one of his ripping punches into a mark that apparently is well covered and protected by the other fellow. His upper cuts are delivered without drawing the arm back, and they land solidly and with all the weight of his shoulder behind them. Jeffries was felled by a well delivered upper cut, and Jeffries was noted for the punishment he could assimilate without dropping.

#### Endurance Big Factor.

Summarizing, it seems that Willard has youth, size, reach and endurance in his favor, with Johnson possessing the skill and aggressiveness. In forty-five rounds, such as is the limit set for this bout, Willard, if he can live through the punishment Johnson will give him, should be able to wear down the champion. It seems impossible that Johnson will be able to carry the weight of Willard around the ring for twenty-five rounds let alone forty-five. Therefore it now seems that the bout will be determined by just how much of Johnson's energy can be sapped and how much punishment Willard can take.

Willard has never been knocked out. He never has even been hurt in the

## BRITISH FOOTBALL RESULTS

### SATURDAY FOOTBALL GAMES

#### English League—First Division

Aston Villa 6, Liverpool 2.  
Bradford City 3, Notts County 1.  
Burnley 2, Blackburn Rovers 2.  
Sheffield Wednesday 1, Everton 0.  
Manchester City 4, West Bromwich 0.  
Newcastle 2, Manchester United 0.  
Tottenham Hotspur 4, Bolton Wanderers 2.  
Middlesboro and Oldham Athletic, game abandoned.

#### Second Division

Barnsley 2, Fulham 2.  
Bristol City 1, Woolwich Arsenal 1.  
Bury 3, Clapton 0.  
Wolverhampton 2, Glossop 0.  
Grimsby 5, Lincoln City 1.  
Huddersfield 0, Derby County 0.  
Leicester 5, Stockport 0.  
Notts Forest 1, Hull City 0.  
Preston North End 2, Leeds City 0.  
Blackpool and Gillingham, game postponed.

#### Southern League

Gillingham 4, Southampton 3.  
Brighton 2, Reading 0.  
Cardiff 1, Croeydon 0.  
Exeter 1, Bristol Rovers 0.  
Millwall 3, Luton 2.  
Portsmouth 1, Queens Park Rangers 1.  
Swindon 4, South End 0.  
West Ham 2, Watford 0.  
Northampton 1, Norwich City 0.  
Crystal Palace 2, Plymouth 1.

#### Scottish League

Celtic 3, Airdrie 0.  
Clyde 0, Motherwell 0.  
Partick 1, Morton 5.  
Hamilton 4, Rangers 3.  
Hibernians 4, Third Lanarks 2.  
Dundee 2, Queens 0.  
Dumbarton 1, Kilmarnock 0.  
Falkirk 2, St. Mirren 0.  
Raith 0, Ayr 0.  
Aberdeen 0, Hearts 0.

#### Beaten By a Soldier.

Late Saturday afternoon the police were called to Porter's drug store, corner Union and St. Patrick streets where they found Louis Cohen with his nose and mouth cut and bleeding. Dr. Fleming was called and dressed the wounds and Mr. Cohen was conveyed to his home 65 St. David street. When asked how he received the injuries Mr. Cohen said that while he was walking along the street he was attacked by a soldier and three other men attired in civilian dress. The men beat him and then ran away. He did not know the soldier or his companions.

#### For the Belgians.

A patriotic meeting is to be held in Leinster street church, Monday evening, April 5, at 8 o'clock. Rev. H. E. Thomas, pastor of the Methodist Church, West St. John, will give an address on the British Empire. Patriotic songs will be rendered during the evening and offering for the Belgian Relief Fund will be taken.

#### Thorne Lodge, S. of T.

Rev. M. E. Conron, pastor of Portland street Methodist church, addressed a meeting of the members of Thorne Lodge, Sons of Temperance, yesterday in Clayton's hall, Waterloo street, on the subject of the present campaign in favor of prohibition, remarking that it is the intention to make it brief but strenuous. The Thorne quartette gave musical selections during the meeting.

ring. He has fought every prominent white heavyweight who has performed in the last three years. He has decisions over every white heavyweight excepting "Gunboat" Smith, and his splendid constitution with his good ring record undoubtedly makes of him the most favorable opponent that has been matched against Johnson in all the negro's career.

## Bringing Up Father

