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WHAT CHAMPION PUGILISTS ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR

No championship title was won or lost in the ring during the year just closing. Ad Wolgast, was the one title-holder who fought hard and often. The lightweight champion raked his laurels no less than seven times and was preparing for the eighth contest when knocked out by appendicitis. Wolgast put Knockout Brown on ice, after which he stopped Mendic, Lagrave, Hogan, Burns and Moran. Unquestionably Wolgast was the busiest champion of the year, and the sad part of Ad's work for 1911 is that he must finish up the year in a hospital. Jack Johnson was not called upon to lift an arm in defense of the heavyweight title. Jack indulged in some conversation as to training for his proposed London affair with Bombardier Wells. It is just as well for the boxing game that this farce was never staged. Johnson has announced his retirement and the heavyweight title has no more home than a poker chip on a horse's head. If Johnson is on the level with his retirement tale the best way of settling the heavyweight question would be to send those two gentlemen of color, Sammy Langford and Joe Jeannette, the ropes for a scheduled 20 round bout. Jim Flynn looms up as the best white heavyweight of the hour, but the same freeman could scarcely be asked to mingle with the black boys mentioned. Langford gave Flynn a terrible beating at Vernon, pocketed his share of the \$19,555 gate and rallied eastward, leaving Jim with a crushed and a cane as travelling companions. Flynn later spread surprise throughout the pugilistic world by knocking out Al Kaufman, and ran true to form when he decisively beat Carl Morris. As a white hope Flynn has the stage all to himself, but is scheduled to seek shelter before the advance of either Langford and Jeannette. In other words, Jim is a loss workman out of a job. Abe Attell still has the featherweight title in his possession. One of the most interesting matches in sight is a meeting between Attell and Ohmyr Kilbane, the clever survivor of the recent featherweight elimination squabble held in this city. Attell has had an easy year of it, spending the first six months in idleness, while pursuing a broken wing and fighting nothing more dangerous than "senators" with the one exception when he went out of his class and boxed Matt Wells. Johnny Champion, the bantamweight champion, is another title holder who

has spent the greater part of the year in idleness. You remember some time ago we were speaking of the superstitions of the ringmen. Conlon would never box unless his father was in his corner, it being his strong belief that his parent brought him good luck. Since the death of the older Conlon a few months ago, Johnnie has made no matches, and it is whispered among the Chicago sports that it was this superstition that caused the bantam champ's added period of inactivity. The welterweight division is a dead one and the middleweight class is rapidly going to seed. Billy Payne claimed the title after the demise of Stanley Ketchel, but Billy's showings have been so weak of late that his chip has been brushed. Little less than barren ground are the 142 and 158 pound fields. The promoters should stop using Battling Nelson in the ring. This statement must not be taken as a swing of the hammer. Nelson has been taking some hard beatings from second and third raters during the past few months, and it has been shown time and time again that the game old Battler's days of usefulness have passed. Why continue to haul the veteran into the ring? A six nights ago Bat boxed Andy Bezanah to a ten round draw. Bezanah was looked upon as a good second rate at one time, but was "has been" long before Nelson won the title. This affair alone shows the present day form of the ex-champion.

PERSIA AGREES TO ALL DEMANDS MADE BY RUSSIA St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The Persian charge d'Affaires called officially at the foreign office and announced that Persia had yielded to Russia's demands. He had an audience with Mr. Buzonoff, the foreign secretary, and the charge d'Affaires of the Persian government formally declared that Persia would cede all the points mentioned in the Russian ultimatum.

MONEY SAFE AFTER TWO YEARS IN MAIL. Pouch Lost in Carrier's Flight with Pack of Wolves is Found After a Persistent Search. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 18.—In the truckloads of railway mail received from the north at the Ferry was a venerable, battle-scarred horse upon which an interesting history. It was lost in the wilds of Lassen county for more than two years and was found a few days ago with its contents intact. These consisted of registered letters containing currency, a watch, a pocket mail. The letters were a little worse for the weather, the rains and snow of two years, but they were at once forwarded to their destination. The pouch was moulty in places and the leather binding had been gnawed by coyotes, but the metal proved too tough even for coyotes. In February, 1909, Ira Anthony, carrier of the route between Glade and Hansen, while riding horses upon the mountain trails was caught in a violent snowstorm, in the midst of which he was pursued by a pack of wolves. After he had emptied his revolver and killed three of the beasts they retreated, howling dismayingly. Then Anthony discovered one of the mail pouches tied to his saddle was missing.

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THE CURLERS' PROGRAMME ON MONDAY

The extent of the Christmas Day activities in the curling rinks of the city will depend upon the weather conditions. The state of the temperature is and has not been conducive to ice making. The St. Andrew's club men will hold scratch matches on Monday if the ice permits and Carleton curlers will follow the same programme on the same condition. The Thistle curlers will open their season with the president vs. vice-president match for which rinks have been drawn as follows:

- President: Dr. W. Yonkeaus, H. L. Lineley, R. A. Courtney, A. D. Malcolm, G. L. Warwick, R. H. Gibson, S. W. Palmer, A. Macaulay, T. C. Leslieham, R. E. Smith, F. J. Currie, Rev. W. O. Raymond, W. M. Rivers. Vice-President: Dr. W. Yonkeaus, F. J. Bely, D. R. Willet, F. F. Burpee, Skip: Dr. W. Warwick, G. F. Barnes, G. S. Bishop, A. Macaulay, J. H. Maxwell, R. L. Stowell, R. M. Powler, Col. J. L. McAvity, R. Reid. Afternoon: A. G. Stables, A. G. McMillan, W. H. Stewart, J. C. Chesley, R. S. Orshead, Rev. J. J. McCaskill, W. Deming, H. C. Vanwart, W. A. Buchanan, Dr. Langstroth, Skip: A. M. Phillips, F. H. McAlpine, H. N. McAlpine, F. A. McAndrews, J. W. Cameron. Evening: R. McKendrick, T. A. Linton, P. D. Tilley, J. S. Malcolm, W. J. S. Moyle, Skip: C. A. Robleson, E. P. Howard, R. Bonnell, Dr. M. MacArthur, A. W. Sharp, S. D. Lewis, H. T. Tapley, R. E. Crawford, R. S. Ritchie, J. S. Gregory, Fred Shaw, Skip: R. Arscott, J. A. Sibley, A. G. Gidding, D. McColland, A. P. Patterson, Skip: A. B. Shaw, H. C. Lemon, Don Cameron, W. J. Brown, E. S. Crawford, A. W. Estey, R. S. Ritchie, J. S. Gregory, Fred Shaw, Skip: One Woman Injured In Train Wreck On Boston-Portland. Newburyport, Mass., Dec. 22.—The Boston-Portland passenger train on the Boston and Maine R. R., which left Boston at 12.30 p. m., was wrecked in a head-on collision just outside the Newburyport station about 2.25 p. m. today. One woman has been taken to the hospital and several of the passengers faint.

TOLLS CAN'T EXCLUDE BRITISH SHIPS FROM THE CARRYING TRADE London, Dec. 22.—British ship owners apparently are not at all disturbed at President Taft's suggestion, contained in the message which he sent to Congress yesterday, that preference should be given to American ships in connection with the tolls levied for the trip to the Straits Settlements. They argue that outside of the coastal trade from which they are already barred their ships will continue to be carried by American ships as allowed to use the canal free of tolls.

WALKED MANY MILES. He made the journey by working his way and walking hundreds of miles. When he had no other method of getting somewhere he sold his fare, as for instance when he travelled from Hong Kong to Shanghai. Galloway was only a child when he left home, consumed by the lure of the wanderlust. While secretly preparing for the trip he studied Smith books at night, after disposing of his school work of the day, and his whole career has been in harmony with his chosen career of mining engineer. He will resume his studies at the McKinley avenue school, aiming to enter Polytechnic High in February.

FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE ANXIOUS ABOUT MINISTER Paris, Dec. 22.—The French foreign office is unable to obtain replies to cablesgrams addressed to M. Bellin, the French minister resident at Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay. It is thought at the foreign office that the Paraguayan city, which has a population of about 50,000, has been surrounded by victorious Paraguayan insurgents. The revolutionary movement was started about a month ago.

BUY A PRINCESS; SHE SCORNS HIM. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—Sold by her father for \$15,000 and delivered to her fiancé in accordance with Gypsy custom, Anna Muncho, a tribal princess, fifteen years old, scorns today to accept the youth to whom she was betrothed. For two days the weird festivities of betrothal continued, and Miss Anna grew tired of the performance. With her ten quickly garbed girl attendants she left the hall, sought the home of her parents and there declined to receive George Peter Marino, who says he is descended from the Aztecs. Until the boy has attained the age of twenty-one the couple will have nothing in common. When they are of age another ceremony will be held. Then they will be married, if Princess Anna relents.

Visited New York. After several trips back and forth in Mexico and the Southern States he was a passenger on board the Dresden, a ship bound for Lisbon. The boy had a dollar, but he convinced the ship's first officer that he

A NEW OLYMPIC CANDIDATE-- MRS. DESCH STRONG SWIMMER



TERIE DESCH, CALIFORNIA'S WOMAN OLYMPIAN CANDIDATE. San Francisco, Dec. 22.—This city makes a bid for Olympian honor, not only with Javelin Thrower Snediger, but with Mrs. Terie Desch, the beautiful water witch, whose swimming feats entitle her to serious consideration by the American Olympic committee. Mrs. Desch is by far the best woman sprint swimmer on the Pacific coast and it is certain she can hold her own with any woman water swimmer in this country, if not in the world.

Mrs. Desch has never had to extend herself to win a 50 or 100 yards dash. Her speed limit is an unknown quantity, but the human dolphins who splash about Surf Beach say she can equal or lower the world's record for 75 and 100 yards, now held by Misses G. Smith and J. Fletcher of England. The time is: 57.45 and 1:13.25 respectively.

Mrs. Desch has every right to extraordinary swimming ability. Her father, Capt. Dickson, was a South Sea Islands trader and Mrs. Desch was born on one of the Marquesas. The lure of salt water has been in her blood since babyhood and she paddled at an age when most kiddies

are learning to creep. She swims as naturally as she walks. The young woman, a goddess in a bathing suit, weighs 120 pounds, is 5 feet 3 inches in height, and is a charming picture of physical perfection. Her ambition is to participate against the best woman swimmers and divers of Europe in the Olympian contests, and she has commenced preparing herself already for the try-outs, which will be held here next spring. The young maroon was trained for previous events, notable of which was her effort to swim the golden gate, under the direction of Gustav Peterson, a former Presidio life saver and professional swimmer, who believes his protegee is destined to establish new world's records when she meets swimmers fast enough to crowd her.

In her races the California water witch uses all the strokes from the breast stroke on long swims to the single and double overhand, open and crawl. For the last time his mother and father had heard from him he was ill in a hospital in Lisbon, cared for by the American Minister.

"I wanted to get away from home and I am glad to get back," said the boy yesterday. "I shall never forget when the Arrow was rolling like a drunken man in the swell of Cape Town, and I was sent aloft to assist in reefing a sail, how I wished that I was home."

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Getting it Straight. Boston Transcript:—"What did you say to your wife last night when you got home at half-past eleven?" "Nothing." "Do you mean to say," by the time I could get a word in it was no longer last night, but this morning."

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