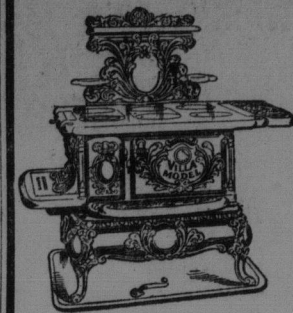


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SAYS FIGHT IS FRAMED

John R. Robinson, Battling Nelson's Manager, Declares That Johnson is the Better Man but Will Quit.

John R. Robinson, manager of Battling Nelson and a former sporting writer of Boston, takes a slam at Jeffries, Johnson and the promoters of the big fight for the championship. He thinks that Johnson can whip Jeffries if the fight is on the level, but advises everyone "not to bet."

After the Coin. "To defend the honor of the white race. The diabolical irony of the phrase is being illustrated today in the frantic efforts of James J. Jeffries and his corps of advisers to fool the people into the belief that the former world's champion is back in the ring solely to gather the laurels from the bullet-shaped head of one Jack Johnson.

"If Jeffries and Johnson fight on the level Johnson will whip the boiler-maker sure as fate. Jeffries can never 'come back.' Johnson is the greatest heavyweight fighter the world has ever produced. He is faster than Corbett, can hit almost as hard as Jeffries could when the latter was in his prime, is craftier than Fitzsimmons, a greater ring general than Joe Choynski, a grander boxer than McCoy or Tommy Ryan.

"This is Johnson as a fighter. As a man he is conceived, a natural born vagabond, mean and tyrannical and petty, a moral coward and a discreditable colored race. He spends money so that the people may witness his own marvel. He wants to associate with the whites.

"Jeffries, as I saw him four weeks ago weighs 245 pounds, is slow and fat, looks older than the average man of 40, short-winded, slow-moving—the very opposite to the smooth, graceful, powerful Jeffries who seven years ago was the wonder of the ring.

"As a man he is lazy, dissipated, greedy, a poor sportsman and next to Johnson, a poor excuse for defending the honor of any race.

"He came back into the limelight not because he wanted to defend the honor of the white race. He came back for the \$2000 a week for 30 nights offered by a New York theatrical firm for his appearance on the stage. I believe at the time that Jeffries entered upon his stage work he had no more idea of even fighting Johnson than he had of taking a course in a theological institute. He needed money. That alfalfa ranch has not been a paying proposition, and the saloon in Los Angeles pays him such a small percentage of the profits that the naming of the amount would make you smile. The \$55,000 cash he could clear in theatrical work was just what he wanted.

"Burger and Gleason are business associates. Tex Rickard is in the combination simply because he is the gambler of the outfit—the fellow who is taking the big risks, and whose nerve is required to handle the fighters and the officials. When it comes to hold-ups a California county or city official runs a close second to a trust-buster. It takes a man like Rickard to handle them.

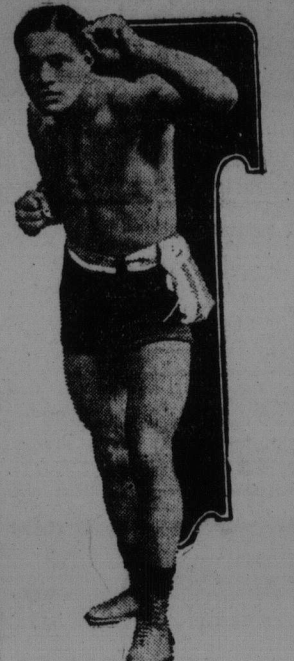
"Burger swung the fight to Gleason and Rickard. The purse of \$101,000 will be posted after the advance sales reach that amount. The big money-gatherer will be the moving picture. I heard a legitimate offer of \$500,000 made for those pictures in Chicago a few days ago. If left with them they will be worth \$1,000,000 at the lowest. If Johnson wins they will be worth not less than \$300,000. And here is where the mystery comes in.

Up to Three Men. "Three-quarters of a million swayed between three men. Enough money to put the average man beyond the ken of want. Jeffries, the most conceited, egotistical man on earth, fighting a negro he despises. Bullheaded, he would never take a chance of losing that fight. Berger, behind the guns, crafts and wise, able to talk St. Peter into giving Joe Cannon the keys of the Pearly Palace; Johnson, money-loving, crooked, a recognized fakir, lacking backbone, handled by a man who made big money out of the lowest form of vice on the Chicago levee—here is the combination against which the great American public must line up.

"The combination is a 1 to 100 favorite. The poor public is up against a harder clique than the beer trust ever dared to form. Pick the combination and write your own ticket.

"In plain language, the fight is framed and Johnson will go down. Still, Johnson framed a fight on the coast a number of years ago, and at the last minute he double-crossed and won.

May Meet Big Negro



Joe Jeannette is alleged to have signed to meet Jack Johnson in Paris, after the big fuss July 4. Jeannette is a splendid specimen of physical manhood and has furnished the champion with many a meal ticket in the past. Just how much chance he has with Johnson is open to discussion, but the two will probably do well in the city of the big water, where the fighting game thrives like melons in a hot-house.

VANCEBORO WINS FROM M'ADAM JCT.

The basketball season at Vanceboro closed Friday evening in a blaze of glory. Three games were to have been played, but owing to the train on which the Danforth team were to come on being three hours late only two games were played. The first game was between the McAdam Jrs. and the Vanceboro Jrs. in which the fast McAdam Jrs. defeated their American cousins to the tune of 11 to 9.

The second game was the big game of the evening it being between the McAdam team and the Vanceboro boys. The Vanceboro boys easily defeated their friends from across the border by the score of 14 to 3. The contest was fast and at times was quite rough, but on the whole a good game. For the winners Dudley shone the brightest and played a cool, steady game. None of the McAdam boys played their usual good game and seemed to lack the team work which has won so many games for them. The Danforth girls were to have played a game with the Vanceboro girls, but could not arrive in time on account of the train being so late. The lineup of the McAdam and Vanceboro teams was as follows:

McAdam—Defence, Seelye, (capt.), Fisher; centre, Smith, French, Gaynor Evans; Score—3.

Vanceboro—Defence, MacDonald, Campbell, Dudley, (capt.); forwards, Ketch, Pinkham; Score—14.

Summary—Dudley, 5 field baskets; Ketch, 1; Pinkham, 1. Total—14. McAdam—Seelye, 1 field basket; Evans, 1. Total—3.

FORT ERIE MEETING ON FOR AUGUST

Buffalo, N. Y., April 18.—At a meeting of horsemen here today, the Buffalo racing association was formed with H. M. Gernans as president. It was decided to hold a grand circuit meeting on the Fort Erie, Ont. track the week of August 15.

The following stakes were announced: 2.16 class pace, purse \$5000. 2.16 class, trot, purse \$5000. 2.10 class, pace, purse \$2000. Entries will close May 7.

BIG TOURNAMENT ON FOR TODAY

Contest for Bowling Trophy Starts this Morning—Amherst Team Drops Out—Last Night's Games.

All arrangements are practically complete for the big bowling tournament which opens in the Victoria Bowling Academy this morning. The first ball will be sent down at 9:30 sharp, and until 10 this evening a continual warfare will be kept up. The officials have not yet been definitely decided upon, although it is likely that Mr. J. Porter of Boston will referee.

A telegram received late last evening from Amherst stated that they would be unable to send a team. The St. Croix team arrived last night on the Boston train and are at the Royal. Besides the regular team a couple of spare men have made the trip. They are also accompanied by a few enthusiastic followers. Those who arrived last evening and last night at the Royal are W. K. Murchie, K. G. Trimble, W. A. Casey, C. P. Rutherford, F. E. Murchie, Dr. F. H. Almoro, C. E. Reynolds and John Clark. All the other teams will be represented, and it is expected that an enormous crowd of fans will be on hand to witness the games.

McAvity's Win. In a featureless match in the Commercial League series last evening the Waterbury & Rising team were given another boost towards last position by the T. McAvity quintette.

Table with columns W & R, Sable, Rising, Featherstone, Patchell, Chesley, and scores.

Two mistakes occurred in the schedule of today's games as published in The Standard of Monday. At four this afternoon the Marathons play St. Croix instead of Moncton as stated and at ten at six days of last week. By error will be Chatham and St. Croix, instead of Chatham and Moncton.

JOHNSON PICKS WELSH AS REFEREE

Chicago, April 18.—If Champion Jack Johnson has his way about the selection of a referee for the big fight Jack Welsh of California will be the man. The suggestion was made by Johnson yesterday as he talked over various phases of the coming battle.

Chicago, April 18.—James J. Jeffries was informed that Jack Johnson had declared in favor of Jack Welsh for referee of the coming fight and said:

I don't believe I've given the question of a referee a moment's thought so far. Any of the names suggested would be agreeable to me. The selection of the referee will be in Berger's hands. Personally, I don't care much who the third man is, long as he thoroughly understands the game.

JEM DRISCOLL WINS FROM SPIKE ROBSON

London, April 18.—A big crowd saw Jem Driscoll, the featherweight champion of England, knock out "Spike" Robson, also of England, in the 15th round of the featherweight championship and a purse of \$5000. The bout was scheduled for 20 rounds, but Robson was outclassed. The Londale belt goes to the winner.

Picked For The Giants



New York, April 18.—It isn't every outfielder that can have "Pop" McGraw of Chicago Colts fame come along in the midst of his 15 days suspension and get a dispensation to play a game that lands him among Muggsy McGraw's recruits.

THE MILLER BILL AND MOOSEPATH

Frederickton, April 18.—The amended Miller bill passed by the house of commons to govern betting on racing in Canada has not been the least of the race meetings, except those meetings at which there is authorized betting.

WHO WINS THE BOSTON MARATHON

Boston, April 18.—Watch Bob Fowler of Cambridge. Watch Mike Ryan, of New York. Watch the Canadian entries. These are three tips on the great B. A. A. Marathon race of Patriots day, as they are being handed out from many interested parties.

Over in Cambridge where Fowler lives they believe the man has tried so many times to win only to be beaten out by one or two will tomorrow come into his own.

New York is confident that Mike Ryan, of the Irish-American A. C., is in condition to lead the big field home. He will have a large following and is placed high up by the gamblers in the betting.

From across the border comes a sturdy string of distance men, headed by Jimmy Daniels, the Indian, and Jim Corkey, of Toronto, who are labelled dangerous, and one of whom, according to the dope from the old Dominion, booked a win.

At the long Champs racecourse, yesterday W. K. Vanderbilt's Oversight, won the Prix de la Jockerie.

CHOYSKI ENGAGED BY JEFF, A FIRST-CLASS SECOND—EXPERIENCED IN SCIENTIFIC FIGHTING AND PHICYSJA CULTURE.

New York, April 18.—Joseph Choynski, the veteran heavyweight pugilist and second, has left for California, where he will begin the task of preparing Jeffries for the big mill with Jack Johnson. Choynski is one of the intelligent products of the prize ring. He is well educated, knows every angle of the boxing game and is a good fellow personally. But whether he possesses a sufficient amount of iron will to compel Jeffries to follow his instructions to the letter remains to be seen.

Choynski in his prime was a great pugilist. He was extremely clever, fast, quick witted, game and a solid hitter. In fact he was regarded as a "near champion." It was twenty-one years ago that he engaged in three memorable fights with Jim Corbett. The first was a four round affair, which Corbett won on points. There was so much bitter feeling that another battle was the outcome and Corbett scored a knockout in twenty-seven rounds. In the third mixup the police interfered at the end of the fourth round, when the men were fighting rough and tumble rules. Eight years later Choynski fought a twenty round draw with Jeffries on the Coast at a time when the boiler-maker was just a big green novice. But prior to that Joseph had been within an ace of knocking Fitzsimmons out in Boston by double crossing the Cornishman in the second round. It was a narrow escape for Fitz, but he recovered his equilibrium quickly and when the fifth round ended he had pounded Choynski all over the ring. Former President Roosevelt saw Peter Maher put Choynski to sleep in six rounds at the old Broadway A. C. and later Joe Walcott, the great Killy, put out a similar dose, though Choynski was a head and a half taller and thirty-five pounds heavier. When McCoy whopped the giant Killy, a sensational fight at the same club, the latter's star began to set and a few years later he went into retirement.

BLUE OUTLOOK FOR HORSEMEN

How Abandonment of Eastern End of the Grand Circuit is Viewed in Boston—Welch Still Hopes.

Boston, April 18.—The harness racing situation in the east has taken a decidedly unfavorable shift within the past few days, so that just now it looks as though about all of the grand circuit states that will be seen in this season will be those Andy Welch gets to come on for Massachusetts day at Readville.

REAL SCOTCH Buchanan's RED SEAL

There is no getting away from the fact that trainers and owners like to race in the east. Last year the circuit classes right through were light, for the reason that many horses fell by the wayside during the training season. This spring the early closing events are having bumper entry lists and the outlook is that more horses will be seen on the big line tracks than ever before.

Harvester the Stumbling Block. There is still a chance that Welch may not have to go it alone. The Connecticut fair folks are undecided as to what to do about the racing end of their exhibition. They know the trotters and pacers are what bring the people, and are certain to have plenty of racing of some sort. Some want to build a half-mile track and get the twice-around campaigners, others want to go ahead with the \$10,000 Charter Oak and the \$3,000 free-for-all. A seemingly happy solution would be to build the small track and have both.

DETROIT WINS. Detroit, Mich., April 18.—Score: St. Louis . . . . . 00000001—3 4 0 St. Louis . . . . . 11000000—2 6 2 Batteries—Mason and Stenage and Schmidt; Bailey and Stephens. Time, 1:40. Umpires, Kerin and Sheridan.

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