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**GUNBOAT SMITH MUST MEET
 JESS WILLARD IN NEAR FUTURE**

**Williard Has Shown That He Must Be Reckoned With
 Before The Honors Can Be Awarded—Smith
 Is After Carpentier—English Bantam
 Makes Hit In New York.**

(By James J. Corbett)
 New York, Jan. 20.—By beating Tommy Burns' highly-touted fighter, Arthur Pelkey, Gunboat Smith has strengthened his position as one of the heavyweight division. But, until he disposes of big Jess Willard, the press and public will hardly concede him the title of white champion.

Willard, in knocking out the Buffalo aspirant, "One-round" Davis, and more recently, George Rodol, the Boer, has done his share in bringing the white hope situation to a point where a battle between Smith and himself will satisfactorily determine the question of the best big man in American pugilism.

Willard occupies a peculiar position in the game. At times he shapes up as the best big man who has been uncovered in the past three years, and at others his work is decidedly mediocre. But the same thing can also be said of his rival, the Gunboat. Smith shows flashes of real class now and then, and also pulls an occasional performance that makes him look an eligible for the "Bonehead" Club. Against Carl Morris, the Gunboat fought like the veriest amateur. He must have known that his rushes against a man outweighing him 50 pounds, would hardly help his chances. Still, every round found him taking a head-on collision with the gigantic Oklahoman, and gradually growing weaker from the efforts it cost him. Finally, and it was apparently a lucky thing for Mr. Smith, the eagle-eyed referee caught Morris' hitting below the belt, and stopped further proceedings. Very fortunate for the Gunboat, judging from appearances. If ever a boxer looked ready to lay down and curl up for the rest of the evening, Gunboat Smith was the gent.

Morris Stops a Few
 Strange that, while Carl Morris is

regarded as a big dub, who will never know enough of the finer points of the game to get him anything, he manages to give the leading "hopes" an awful time of it, when they get in the ring with him. He was fast wearing Smith down when he pulled the "bone," and struck the Gunner amidst his. Not from punishment he had administered with his fists, for Carl, while possessing a pair of muscular arms, never seems to know what to do with them—but simply, by force of superior weight and bulk; by leaning on his smaller opponent, whenever the opportunity offered—which was half a dozen times or more in each round.

And, when he clashed with Willard a few weeks later, Jess fought his worst battle. It looked to me at the time that Willard could have ended the affair almost any time he cared to, but he refused to extend himself. Now and then he cut loose a few healthy wallops, and, on each such occasion it looked like "curtains" for Morris. But Willard would fail to follow up his advantages, seemingly content to win on points. Evidently the newspaper criticism leveled at him must have had its effect, however, for he has won two battles with knockouts since then, stopping "One-Round" Davis in jig time, and the tough Boer, Rodol, in nine rounds.

The Gunboat now announces that he is going abroad after Jack Johnson. If he does take the trip, it will probably be in search of easier game. Georges Carpentier is the man he is really after; Johnson will keep. Jim Buckley, who manages Smith, is far from being a sucker in the game of matchmaking, and I doubt if he would send his man after the champion even were that gentleman in the mood to consider challenges, while such a soft

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Willard Looks Good

Willard's enormous bulk, his mighty punch, and a very good defence, make him look the class of the white division, in spite of the fact that Smith has a decision over him in a twenty-round bout. San Francisco critics who reported that fight, refused to endorse the decision of the referee, insisting that the worst the giant should have been handed was a draw verdict.

I doubt if there is a white heavy in the game who can decisively defeat Willard. Jess might not lick the Gunboat, but it is extremely doubtful that the Gunner can beat him, either. If Willard can be taught to realize that fighting is a business, and inject a little more aggressiveness into his style of milling, I will not be surprised to see him clean up all opposition, not excepting the formidable Mr. Samuel Langford, otherwise the "white hope destroyer."

Willard has almost everything needed to make a champion except the fighting spirit. It remains to be seen whether he can be taught that important part of the game. If he can, he ought to become the champion of the world in the course of another year or two.

As for Pelkey, he simply will not do. I was not surprised at Smith's victory, altho disappointed at the length of time it took. There was nothing in Arthur's record on which one could figure him a winner over the hard-hitting Gunboat. The unfortunate accident which resulted in Luther McCarthy's death last May gave Pelkey undeserved notoriety, and placed him in a position to demand a match with the best of the other fellows. But, it seems to me, Tommy Burns did not use very good judgment in pitting Arthur against the Gunner the first crack out of the box in seven months. Since the McCarthy affair, Pelkey had not been in the ring, excepting in friendly exhibitions with his sparring partner, or in training for the Smith match. A bout or two with men below the Smith grade would have helped him a great deal more than all the practice stunts, and possibly have given him a confidence that would have enabled him to stick the route with the ex-sailor. For, according to report, the Gunboat did not cover himself with glory by his victory. He was very wild, and it was more through Pelkey's lack of ability and endurance than to Smith's skill that success finally perched on the latter's banner. Advice from the coast do not indicate that the Gunner made much of a hit with the sports out that way, notwithstanding his "win."

New Year Started Right

The New Year was begun auspiciously in pugilism. There were probably two score of more or less important bouts held in different sections of the country, and knockout featured the majority of the battles. It was a great day for the lads with the wallop. The punch triumphed in many instances over superior skill and cleverness.

Among the more notable "k.o." victories were Leach Cross' defeat of Bud Anderson, Eddie McGoorty's quick defeat of Dave Smith, champion heavyweight of Australia; and the successful come back of "Porky" Flynn, Tom O'Rourke's latest candi-

diate for heavyweight honors. Flynn, while hardly to be classed as a hope, for he was fighting some time before that phrase was coined, is matched to box the fast-coming light heavyweight "Battling" Levinsky, at O'Rourke's National Sporting Club, in this city, next Tuesday night.

This will be the most severe test Levinsky has been put to since he has been boxing heavies. While the "Battling" has scored a number of victories in the past few months, his matches have for the most part, been confined to second and third-rate opponents, a tribute to the managerial skill of Danny Morgan, who looks after Levinsky's business.

Flynn, at his best, can give a good account of himself. He has given Sam Langford one or two battles. His greatest failing has been a dislike for the strenuous work of training. But, in the capable O'Rourke's hands, "Porky" will have to get into shape. And, well trained, he should be able to put Levinsky to the "acid."

Fox Is Good

Young Fox, an English bantam, the veteran George McDonald brought to this country, in search of fame and fortune, has made quite a hit with local fans, and the critics are touting him as a worthy opponent for Johnny Coulon and Kid Williams.

Fox has twice performed in local rings. He easily defeated Joe Mooney, a fairly clever youngster, with a corking good punch, and Kid Herman, the Pekin (Illinois) bantam, was his second victim. Fox outpointed both boys in such a masterly style that there was no doubt of his superiority.

Billy Gibson, matchmaker for the Madison Square Garden Club, is trying to land Champion Coulon for the Britisher. Experts are praising Fox as one of the best bantams England has ever sent to this country and that is saying a whole lot for the "Tight Little Isle" has shipped us many a clever little fellow in past years.

CURLIANA

Taylor Medal

Today, the juvenile curlers, those of two years' standing and under, compete for the Taylor medal.

Thursday there will be the Inter-Division match, Red. vs. White, for the Buchanan cup.

HOCKEY AT GRAND FALLS

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 Keen interest in hockey is now taking the citizens of Grand Falls.

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It is rumored that a picked team will be selected to visit St. John's to try conclusions with our boys.

We hope satisfactory arrangements will be made as their coming would create no little interest.

OPEN AIR RINK

AT HARBOR GRACE

From Harbor Grace we learn that an open air rink has been made, and it is well patronized every afternoon and evening.

The hockeyists of that city are lining up and a series of inter-town matches will likely be arranged.

FAMOUS RUGBY PLAYER DEAD

Followers of the Rugby game, especially those from the old country, will learn with regret of the death at Johannesburg, South Africa, of Bert Gould, the famous Welsh international. Death was caused by pneumonia.

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