

CALIFORNIA WILL GET ABOUT, ASSERTS LITTLE

But Jack Johnson's Adviser Admits Tex Rickard Holds the Whip Hand—Gleason Off to Nevada to Meet His Partner

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—"There is absolutely no doubt that the fight between Jeffries and Johnson will take place at Gleason's Ocean View Club, in California. It will certainly not take place in Salt Lake City or anywhere else in Utah."

This statement came today from George Little, manager of Jack Johnson, now here nursing a cold which threatened him with pneumonia. "He came on from New York, and as soon as he is able will join Johnson in Buffalo, where the champion is appearing at a theatre."

"The question will be settled some time this week," continued Little. "Before I left New York I wired both Rickard and Gleason for an immediate answer to my question as to where the battle would take place. Johnson is anxious to get in training."

"He already has started, and is doing some road work every day. I received no answer from either of the promoters, but was informed they would get together this week and settle the battle ground question."

"I do not believe that Rickard can make good in Utah, in the face of the argument made by Governor Spry to the effect that under no conditions

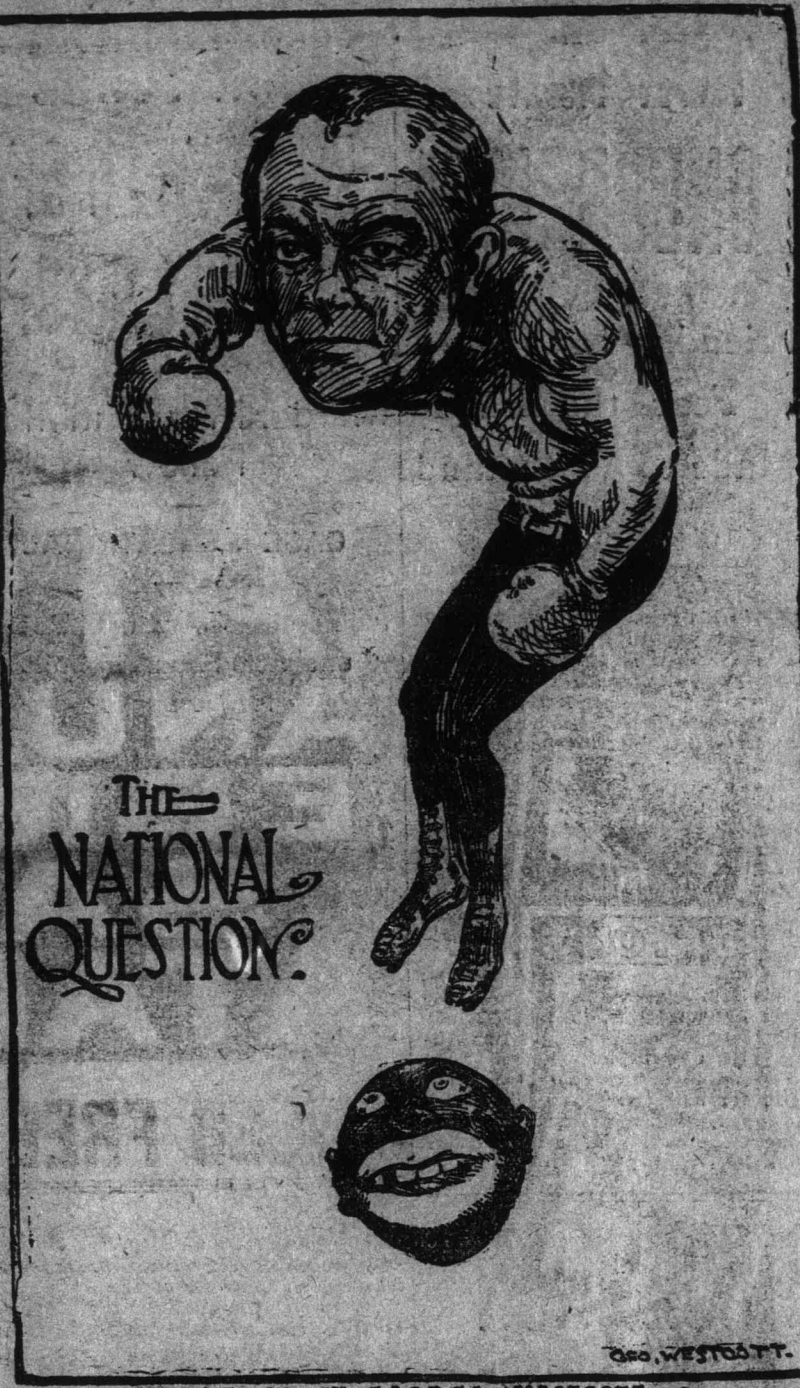
should the battle take place in the state over which he is the chief executive. Furthermore, California will be a far better training place, that much Rickard must admit. Gleason has this Ocean View place, which is an ideal spot, and the railroads can accommodate everybody."

"Rickard, of course, has the key to the situation, but I think he will give in gracefully. There is no chance, however, to freeze him out. The natives here will find that out. He has the money up, and the backing, besides he has grit and plenty of fight himself."

GLEASON GOES TO NEVADA

SEATTLE, Wn., Feb. 2.—Jack Gleason, who arrived from San Francisco last night to confer with Sam Berger and James J. Jeffries, with reference to the place of holding the Jeffries-Johnson fight, announced after a short conference that he would leave at once for Nevada to confer with Tex Rickard, his partner in the enterprise. In an effort to induce him to hold the fight in San Francisco.

Berger and Jeffries declined to take any part in the controversy, leaving the matter entirely in the hands of the promoters. Jeffries and his party left for the east last night.



FRANK GOTCH SAYS JEFF CAN GET DOWN WEIGHT

Can Jeffries get down to weight? How often you hear the query when you meet a bunch of fight fans discussing the chances of the two heavyweights who will battle for the championship of the world July 4, says Frank Gotch. "There are many questions that are being sprung every day but of all this one about Jeffries' ability to take off a certain number of pounds of flesh is the most foolish of all."

Perhaps there is no one in the entire country who wants Jeffries to win any more than I do. When I first joined his athletic carnival nine weeks ago, I was not numbered among his staunch supporters and I was inclined to doubt his incoercible and his ability to get into fighting shape. Since then I have changed, because I consider Jeff to be one of the most ideal fellows I ever met, and am pulling as hard as any one really can pull to win from the colored champion.

With all my interest, I am going to say that I want Jeffries to go into the ring just as heavy as possible, provided only that he is in good shape physically. I should much prefer to see him fight at 250 and be right than at 210 in good condition, because I believe that every extra pound of muscle and bone he takes into the ring with him is going to be that much more in his favor in the fight of fights. In the clinches weight is going to tell, and he will take it all to Johnson no particular good to have a giant of the Jeffries type laying on him and bearing down with every pound at his command. It will help to tell him down and get away his speed and aggressiveness. I do not know how much Jeff will

weigh when he fights, but I am hoping that he will be little below the 250 pound notch. I have seen him weigh but twice since I have been with him, and each time he has been under the 240 pound mark. He is carrying little superfluous flesh and I do not expect to see him take on a great deal more of his poundage before the fight."

Few people realize what a big man Jeffries is. When I step into a wrestling ring, you can hear people at the ringside comment on my great size. Why, I am at once child compared to this gladiator, whom I expect to see redeem the championship of the boxing world for the white race. He has been called the "heaviest three hundred pounder" and I believe that is no exaggeration. I have put on his past several times his gymnastic work and it has almost as quickly as does a man's on his own, and it is ridiculous for people to demand that he reduce his weight to a low figure.

Whether or not Jeffries is to win from Johnson is not a question on my great mind, but his condition, and by condition I mean his ability to travel over a route, his judge of distance and the percentage of his old-time knowledge of the fine points of boxing that he will retain. I think that his endurance will be right, and I can see no reason for doubting his knowledge of the game, or his ability to time and direct his punches; therefore, I am forced to reiterate the belief I expressed a week ago through these columns that Jeff will win.

Jeffries soon will have finished his physical training, and then we shall see him down at the real work of preparation. They may decide to play, but it was rumored to-day that they had received overtures from persons who are ready to project an outlaw circuit, including Providence, Brooklyn, Baltimore, Patterson, Trenton and other eastern cities. "Our ball park will be more than five miles away from the Polo Grounds and American League Park," said Gleason to-day, "so that we cannot be ruled out of the five-mile limit. We don't intend to begin on a large scale, but will play cheap baseball, on a 25-cent basis. We also may attempt Sunday games under a new plan. We will be that we can do no harm."

BASEBALL

ALBION, Mich., Feb. 2.—That the Cleveland Eastern League Club will open the 1910 season with Larry Lajoie at first base, Terry Turner at second, Simon Nichols, obtained from the Athletics, at short, and the veteran Bill Bradley at third, was announced here today by "Deacon" Jim McGuire, this Cleveland manager.

Unless something unforeseen occurs in the spring practice, this is to be the regular infield. As substitutes McGuire has George Stovall to replace Lajoie at first, either Lajoie or Turner is retired; Neal Ball to fill in for Nichols, and George Perring for Bradley.

"With such a regular infield and such a quartet of substitutes the infield is taken care of," said McGuire.

THSLES ELECT SKIPS FOR COMING MATCHES

Local Team Will Play Moncton in the McCaffrey Cup Series on Monday

At a meeting of the Thistle Curling Club held last evening, skips were elected for the St. Andrew's match, and the McCaffrey Cup series. The following six skips were elected: J. Fred Shaw, D. R. Willet, J. S. Malcolm, A. D. Malcolm, W. A. Shaw, and D. McEldan. The team with St. Andrew's team will be played sometime next week, and the game with the Fredericton curlers will also be pulled out next week in the Thistle Curling Club.

On Monday the Thistles leave for Moncton to play the curlers of the railway club for the McCaffrey trophy, and on Tuesday they will go to Sackville to play the curlers of that place. There will be four rinks a side. The following skips were elected for both matches: J. Fred Shaw, W. A. Shaw, J. S. Malcolm, and D. McEldan.

The Thistles and Carleton Curlers will play this afternoon and evening on both rinks. The following will be the Thistle rinks: Rink 1, J. A. Lippert, J. S. Gregory, A. W. Sharp, H. C. Olive (skip), J. A. Taylor, H. G. Barnes, S. W. Palmer, R. S. Orchard (skip). Rink 2, J. A. Lippert, J. S. Gregory, A. W. Sharp, H. C. Olive (skip), J. A. Taylor, H. G. Barnes, S. W. Palmer, R. S. Orchard (skip).

SHIPPING NEWS

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Jan 31—Str Corsican, 1,238, Campbell, from Liverpool, via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co, pass and mds. Str Rebecca M Wallis, 516, Ward, from Calais, R C Elkin and Co. Str Abbie and Eva, Hooper, 276, Christopher, R C Elkin, from Calais, Str Aurora, 184, Ingersoll, from Campbell. Feb 1—Str Cape Breton, 1,100, McDonald, from Sydney, R P and W F Stern, coal and oil. Coastwise—Str Bear River, 70, Woodworth, from Bear River, and oil. Feb 2—Str Corinthian, 4,045, Rennie, from London and Havre, Wm Thomson and Co, passengers and mds. Str Cadoum, from Louisbourg, coal. Coastwise—Sch Bluenose, 24, Israel, from fishing and oil.

Jan 31—Str Dominion, Norcott, from Sydney, R P and W F Stern. Str R B Bowers, Nelson, from Bridgeport, NS, R C Elkin. Coastwise—Str Granite, Collins, for Annapolis. Feb 2—Sch Harold B Cousins, Williams, from Vineyard Haven, N S, J H Seasmith and Co. Str Montezuma, Evans, for London and Antwerp, C P R. Str Ocampo, Coffin, for Bermuda, Windward Islands and Demerara via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co.

British Ports.

GLASGOW, Jan 30—Arr, strs Hibernian, from Portland; Pretorian, from Boston via Halifax. LIVERPOOL, Jan 31—Arrived, strs Baltic, from New York; Tunisian, from St John and Halifax. LONDON, Jan 31—Arr, strs Montreal, from St John and Halifax; Pomorian, from St John and Halifax. GLASGOW, Jan 29—Str, str Salacia, for Halifax and St John. GLASGOW, Feb 1—Arr, strs California, from New York via Louisville; Mongolian, from Philadelphia via St John, N.F.

Foreign Ports.

PORTLAND, Me, Jan 31—Arr, strs Cornishman, from Liverpool; Louisbourg, from Louisbourg, CB; strs Cora

ALL ST. JOHN TEAM HAS MANY DATES TO KEEP

To Clash With Acadia on February 11th—Amherst Ramblers Will Likely be Here on the 9th—Fast Practice Last Night

The All-St. John hockey team had a fast work out at the Queen's Rink last night. There are several matches with outside teams already arranged, and the lads will put in some hard practice during the next few days to get into shape.

Acadia University will play here on the night of Friday, February 11. The Acadia team will be passing through the city on its way from Fredericton, where it will meet the U. N. B. in the Inter-Collegiate League series. The college team from Wolfville is reported to be fast this year and a good game is expected. On Wednesday, February 9, it is possible that the Amherst Ramblers will play here. The Ramblers are well up in the Nova Scotia League and it is to be hoped that negotiations for a match with them will be successful. Games with Yarmouth and Chatham

are also probable. The Halifax Crescents, now leading in the N. S. League, may also be seen on local ice and it is likely that the Wanderers of Halifax will be over soon for a return game. St. Francis Xavier College will go to Boston soon for a game with Harvard and an effort will be made to have that team play here on its way back to Antigonish.

The manager of the All-St. John team has corresponded with New Glasgow and with Truro, but has received no reply from either team. Mr. Allison and U. N. B. have stated that their schedule has been arranged they cannot give St. John hockey. "Those who turned out last night were: Cribbs, Tully, Phillips, McQuarrie, Mooney, McAvity, Patterson, E. Inches, Mackay, Gilbert, Macaulay, Parker and Clawson."

ONE PAYS FINE, OTHER TWO WILL FIGHT IT OUT

Albert County Liquor Cases Postponed Until February 8—Gallagher Fine Paid

HOPEWELL, via Albert, N.B., Feb. 2.—The Scott Act cases against C. N. Beal, Philip O'Neill, and M. and H. Gallagher of St. John, wholesale liquor dealers, came up before Stipendiary Magistrate E. B. Pock at Albert today. The cases against the first two mentioned, Messrs. Beal and O'Neill, were adjourned till Tuesday, Feb. 8th. Dr. Curry, counsel for the defense, being unable to be present to-day. In the case of M. and H. Gallagher, the defendant through Attorney A. W. Bray admitted the offence and conviction was recorded. This is the case in which the parties charged, placed in the hands of the magistrate a year ago the sum of \$50, in anticipation of a probable fine, the amount remaining on deposit in the meantime.

Provincial Constable Ashbell of Sussex was in court to-day proving service of summons in the St. John dealers. W. B. Jonah of Fowler and Jonah, was present for the prosecution. Two other Scott Act cases against John Morrissey and W. M. Maher, local men who are charged with selling liquor, are also to come before the Stipendiary Magistrate at Albert, warrants having already been issued.

KENT COUNTY THAW OVER

REXTON, N.B., Feb. 1.—The death occurred at Main River on Sunday of Mrs. Michael Graham after a lingering illness of heart trouble. Mrs. Graham, who was a Miss Gordon, was born at Main River about 68 years ago and was well known for her good heart and kind manner. She is survived by her husband, one son, Frank Graham of Main River, and one daughter, Miss Margaret Graham, who has been teaching school at Providence, R. I., and who was called home a few months ago on account of her mother's illness. She also is survived by two sisters, Mrs. William Bowser and Mrs. John Cameron of this town, and a brother, Captain James Gordon, who is living here. Mrs. O. K. Black of Richibucto, who was Mrs. Graham's daughter, passed away less than two months ago, and owing to Mrs. Graham's serious illness she was not made aware of her daughter's death. The funeral will be held here. Interment will be made at St. Andrew's cemetery. The thaw came to a close on Sunday and the roads are in a very good condition although the bridges and fields are bare. The skating on the river is excellent, but the ice is not safe for horses except on the flats. A large number of bass were caught up river last week. Smelts are reported plentiful at the beaches, but only a few months ago a few were seen. This price is from 2 to 3 cents per lb.

Rev. Father Laporte has returned from a visit to his mother in Van Buren, Maine. William Roach of Main River, who has been very ill at the Royal Hotel, is getting better. Robert Harding left this morning for Lawrence, Mass., where he will work.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Feb. 2.—Sd, strs Eleanor A. Percy, from Norfolk, bound east; Adriatic, from Moskow, bound west. Sd, strs Eleanor A. Percy, from Norfolk, bound east; Adriatic, from Moskow, bound west. Sd, strs Eleanor A. Percy, from Norfolk, bound east; Adriatic, from Moskow, bound west.

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—Arr, strs Duca di Genova, from Genoa and Naples via New York; strs Mima German, from Meteghan, NS; Mary F Barrett, from Newport News. Sd, strs Victoria, from Liverpool; strs Flora A Kimball, from Promised Land; Independent, from Newport News and Jacksonville, from New York; Edward Trevor, from Weymouth; Mabel E Goss, from Boston for St. John.

Strs Cairnmore, for Hull and Leith; strs Samuel Castner, Jr, from Calais for New York; Clara Jane, from do for do; Francis M, for Baltimore and Port Tampa; George E Walcott, for Newport News; Chas Davenport, for New York.

PORTSMOUTH, N.H., Feb 1—Arr, strs Clara Jane, from Calais for Bristol; Daniel Hart, from St. John for New York; Magnus Manson, for Newport News. Sd, strs Ida M Barton, from St John for Lynn; Manuel R Cuza, from do for New York.

YOKOHAMA, Feb 1—Arr, previous str, Empress of India, from Vancouver for Hong Kong. strs King George, from Windsor, NS; C J Colwell, from St John; Magnus Manson, from Portsmouth for Newport News; Lucille, from St John. Sd, strs Forno, for Louisbourg, CB; strs Regina, for Puentes Padre, Cuba.

HAMBURG—Sd, Feb 2nd, str Eritrea, Purdy, for Norfolk and Wilmington. ROTTERDAM—In port, Feb 2nd, str Platan, for Hamburg and U S.

JOHN L. WILL SEE THE KING

He Plans to Renew Acquaintance

BEGUN YEARS AGO

Corbett on Flatfooted Boxers

—Taken the Wrong Way

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—To renew his acquaintance with his old friend King Edward, whom he has not met since his Majesty was the Prince of Wales, will be one of the first things that John L. Sullivan will do when he reaches England in about two weeks. The big fellow always had a high regard for King Edward, for he found him a good fellow when he sparred before him in England 22 years ago.

John Corbett, the ex-champion, at the same time will be continuing to get himself right to help Jeffries wrest the championship from the colored champion, John Smith. Corbett really is training for his work as he seen any day at the Armory A. A. As soon as Corbett reached Boston Monday, he made arrangements with the directors of the triple A club to use the gym and handball court at the club house.

Corbett was on hand yesterday morning. After working in the gym nearly an hour he engaged in a handball game with Instructor Joe Finnegan, who is a crackerjack at the game. They played nearly half an hour and Corbett showed that he has still speed to turn and that his wind is in good shape.

John L. Sullivan is besieged every day in his dressing room at the Howard by followers of the game, who listen very attentively to what he has to say about the coming big scrap. Corbett, who always claims that he was aggressive boxers, but did not have any footwork.

"I made no exception to that rule in referring to Johnson. I said he was a flatfooted defensive boxer, and that on that account Jeffries would be able to make him slug with him. The other boxers I referred to as flatfooted worked toward their opponents."

"I have to laugh at some people cussing from Sharnky as a flat-footed boxer. Old Tom was pretty clever on his feet and I know it just as well as anyone. So far as Johnson's criticism of my talk goes, it does not bother me. I always claim that the battle is over on July 4 I will tell Johnson something that will not be pleasant music to his ear."

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HOW C. W. MORSE LENT BANK CASH

\$50,000 for Thomas' Good Will

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 2.—The banking methods of Charles W. Morse, now serving a sentence of fifteen years in the Federal prison at Atlanta, were brought to light in an opinion written by Judge Swedenborg of the Supreme Court and handed down to-day.

The suit was brought by the National Bank of North America in New York against Edward R. Thomas to recover the proceeds of a promissory note for \$50,000.

The note was made for a loan made by the bank while Morse was its vice-president and the negotiations were between the defendant and Morse.

The defendant, Thomas, is a resident of New Jersey and well known in the Newport summer colony. There was no personal service of the writ upon the defendant in this State, but real estate in Newport was attached.

A jury found that the defendant had been in the money market at the time of the transaction as follows: "I spoke to Mr. Morse and told him I wanted a loan of \$50,000, and he said: 'I don't know whether we can loan you the money or not. Can you put up any security?' I said: 'No, I don't think I have any.' He said: 'How about your house?' I said: 'My house in the city was decided by my wife by my mother before my father died.' 'Then,' he said, 'how about your Newport property?' I said: 'I gave it to my wife two years ago, but I told him I would deposit certain deposits for the bank, and could help the bank, I thought, if he would make the loan.' He then said: 'All right, I will make the loan.'"

He then called in the president, Mr. Curtis, who sat with the cashier and clerks in the outer office, and he said to Mr. Curtis: 'I have arranged the details of the loan for Mr. Thomas. When he sends over his note it may be discounted and the money placed to his credit in the bank, and you may make out the loan.'"

That afternoon I sent over my note for \$50,000 to Mr. Morse by a boy. The money was put to my credit, and they sent me a check for the money being put to my credit at that time.

Charles W. Morse, in his deposition denied that he knew of any property owned by the defendant in Newport.

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