

### A Heavyweight Meeting in New York



The above photograph was taken just after the Jeffries-Johnson articles of agreement were signed. Stars mark principals. Bottles were mute testimony of the desperate nature of the preliminaries. Leading fight experts, managers and sporting men of the world are shown in the group.

New York, Nov. 12.—Just how many bottles were killed in the great heavyweight preliminaries at the Albany hotel before and after Jeffries and Johnson signed articles of agreement for the greatest fight of recent years is still an absorbing Broadway mystery. A camera tells no lies as a rule, but in this particular instance there is a rumor there may have been several under the table, along with a genuine sport or two, which are not shown in the above photograph. Each article of the agreement signed is reported to have called for at least two rounds, one before and one after. The principals alone declined to join in the affair, ordering water and buttermilk instead of a cold one. Crimson sunsets, mild mannered cows drinking at park fountains, million dollar side bets, an ideal tariff measure, a jungle snake and wild animal shots—these are just a few of the features of the meeting that failed to get into the public prints, superinduced by liberal baths from the bowl that cheers and offends inebriates. If the final battle is as fierce as this first preliminary there will be something doing July 1.

that will make other ring battles look like fights between street urchins. The dark cloud at the feast and the fight seemed to grow darker and darker as the argument became more heated. There was an occasional flash of lightning, but there was little electrical display when Jeffries insisted upon a side bet of \$20,000. For the first time since the colored heavyweight has expressed a desire to fight Jeffries, Johnson showed fear for the man he forced out of retirement. Things went along smoothly and quietly when the men were drawing up the articles step by step until the side bet matter was brought up. Jeffries, who says he can beat Johnson sure, called the colored fighter and stood ready to wager \$20,000 on the side, this amount having been proposed by Johnson some time ago. Jeff began to talk. He said: "There's been a lot of talk about this splitting of the purse," he said. "You said in Chicago that you wanted to fight, winner take all, 75 and 25 or 60 and 40. You said, too, that you wanted me to bet \$20,000 on the side. The way I want to fight is winner take all, and I want that side bet of \$20,000." This declaration drew a cheer from

the crowd. Johnson hesitated for a few seconds. "I'll fight winner take all, but I don't want that side bet. Let's bet the \$5,000 we already have posted. Is that agreeable, Mr. Jeffries?" "I'd like to bet that \$20,000," said Jeff, grinning. "Yes, and I don't want you to get that \$20,000, Mr. Jeffries," said Johnson, showing his teeth. "I'll fight you any way you say," said Johnson, "winner take all." "How about it, Jeff?" said Berger. "All right, it goes," said Jeff. Then Mr. Little oozed himself into the argument. "Now, hold on," said he. "I ain't going to eat any snowballs next winter if this fight should happen to go wrong. Let's make this 75 and 25." "All right," said Johnson, quickly; "anything suits me." "All right," said Jeffries. "That \$5,000 we already have up—that goes as a side bet?" "Yes, that goes," said Johnson. Though Johnson has flatly refused to wager over \$5,000 on the side in his fight with Jeffries, the unbeaten heavyweight will try to induce the colored lad to wager \$15,000 more, making the \$20,000 bet.

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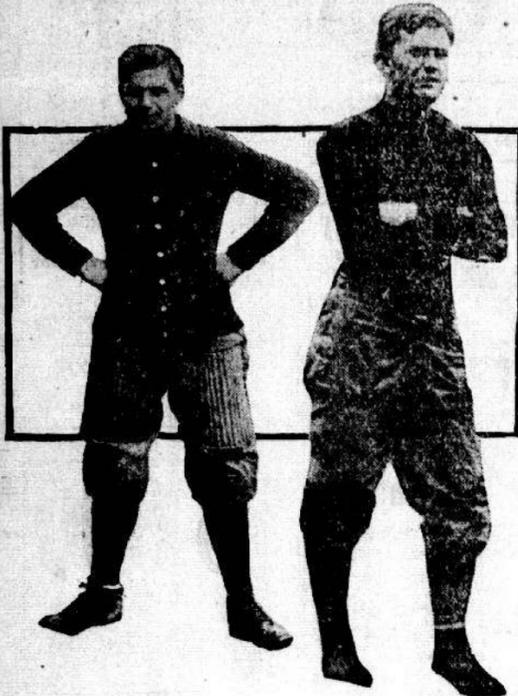
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### Players of Syracuse Team



CAPTAIN BARRY OF SYRACUSE, AND TAD JONES, THE COACH.

Annapolis, Nov. 12.—The season of 1909 has been a disappointing one for the navy football team. Already three defeats have been suffered at the hands of Villa Nova, Virginia and Princeton. One of the stars of the navy eleven, Quarterback Wilson, was lost in the team by an injury suffered in the Villa Nova game, and this as

much as anything else can be blamed for the showing of the navy. The wonder is that Annapolis was not beaten by a worse score by Princeton. The injury and subsequent death of Cadet Byrne of the army team and the announcement that West Point will not play out her schedule takes away the most of the remainder of the season from the navy's schedule.

### FUR-TRIMMED BASEBALL

"Doc" Adkins, the Oriole pitcher, is singing in a Baltimore church. James A. Hart is a candidate for president of the National League. When Jim sold the Chicago Cubs he said he was out of baseball for all time, but that's what they all say. In a recent game at El Paso, with Christy Mathewson of the Giants pitching for the home team and Jimmy Scott of the White Sox pitching for the Douglas, Ariz., team, El Paso won by the score of 5 to 2. A new Pennsylvania-West Virginia league is about to be inaugurated, to include the cities of Huntington, Charleston, Parkersburg, Clarksburg, Grafton and Fairmont, in West Virginia, and Uniontown and Connellsville, Pennsylvania. Hugh Jennings of the Tigers was given a great reception when he arrived at his home in Scranton, Pa. At the New England league meeting it was voted to begin the season of 1910 on April 22 and close September 10. Report from Chicago has it that

Jimmy Sheppard of the Cubs is to be replaced by a younger player next season. Both the Pittsburg and Detroit owners will have to come across with salary boosts for their players next year. A New York story says that Manager McCraw has traded a deal with Chicago for Johnny Kling, Pitcher Wiltsie and \$7,500 for the star catcher is the dope.

### FOOTBALL NOTES

A son of Thomas W. Lawson is a member of the Harvard freshman squad. Coy and Philbin back of the Yale line made a hard pair to beat. Football is being played in the west at night by the aid of big arc lights. Secret practice by football elevens is now being worked stronger than ever. The Harvard freshmen look to be a good bet in their game with the Yale youngsters. Yale comes very near having a Gotham team this year. Kilpatrick, Hobbs, Andrus, Cooney, Ford, John-

son, Philbin, Corey and Holt all live in greater New York.

Cornell and Syracuse, who have not met on the gridiron the past six years, may get together next year.

The Brown university eleven is the only team that plays three of the "Big Six," Yale, Pennsylvania and Harvard.

The University of Chicago is putting on 79 plays this year, but only 15 will be retained to be used in the final games.

Princeton's attack up to date has been based on last year's lines, the short forward pass and the inside kick.

Among the big ones, Yale holds the record of scoring the most points to date.

Virginia's victory over Annapolis this season, was her first since 1893.

Harvey Snyder, Harvard's former halfback, is coaching Oberlin again this fall.

Coch "Hurry Up" Yost of Michigan believes his team will surely win from Pennsylvania this year.

Penn State has a strong team this year. Tying University of Pennsylvania 3 to 3, and Carlisle 8 to 8 shows class.

"Tad" Jones says that Michigan's chances to beat Pennsylvania look better than for some years.

Health, of the Princeton freshman team, looks to be the right material for the Tiger varsity next year.

Princeton lost one of her most promising ends when Prantz broke his jaw in the game with the Middies.

Yale has four quarterbacks, Howe, Johnson, Bingham and Corey, on the job and ready to start when needed.

"Doc" Hilderbrand has joined the staff of coaches at Princeton and will show the tackle how to perform.

"Red" Erwin, who was a star guard at West Point two years ago, and a brother who is now playing with the navy squad.

### DISRESPECT

Honor, apparently, has little value in New York, especially if it be in the form of a court. At any rate the great 60-foot gilt-topped pillars which constituted the brilliant court of honor erected on Fifth avenue at a cost of nearly \$50,000 for the Hudson-Fulton celebration has been offered for sale, singly or collectively, and as yet without results. Such prices as have been offered amount to hardly 1 per cent of the cost of building the court—hardly equal to the value for kindling of the wooden construction. To dispose of these big white pillars indeed is a good deal like buying to get rid of the proverbial white elephant. They could hardly be used to decorate one's lawn, and could appeal only to the millionaire with a very large country place. It is likely that having served their two weeks of decorative usefulness they will go the way of most similar decorations—to the rubbish heap.

### Forced into Exile.

Wm. Epchurch of Glen Oak, Okla., was an exile from home. Mountain air, he thought, would cure a frightful lung-racking cough that had defied all remedies for two years. After six months he returned, death dogging his steps. "Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery," he writes, "and after taking six bottles I am as well as ever." It saves thousands yearly from desperate lung diseases. Infallible for Coughs and Colds, it dispels Hoarseness and Sore Throat Cures Grip, Bronchitis, Hemorrhages, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore and \$1.00, trial bottle free, guaranteed by Missoula Drug Co.