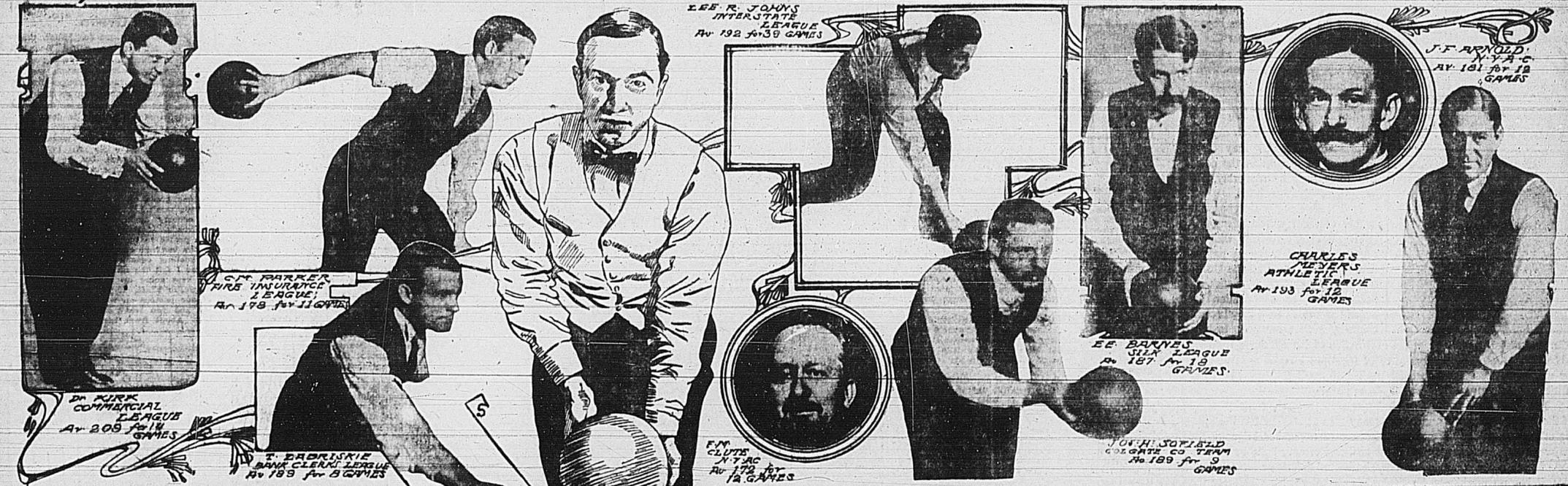


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HARRIS WOULD CLAIM ATTELL'S FEATHER TITLE

Joe Humphreys Is Responsible for the Statement, but He Has Overlooked a Few Facts - Harry Was Good Once - Now?



First-Attell is the champion, and does not need to let any one else dictate to him (for a title) at a weight over the weight limit of the class. The weight limit is 122 pounds ringside, which Attell has a right to demand from any boxer he meets for championship honors.

Second-Attell's willingness to fight Britt, McGovern or Corbett at a much larger weight forms no precedent, for in any of these fights his featherweight title would not be at stake.

Third-Even if Attell did not agree to fight Harris the public would not regard Harris as champion. While Harry Harris was a very clever featherweight once, and may be still, he has been out of the ring for many years, and no one knows now whether he can fight or not. He ought to "make good" with some of the other aspiring featherweights before boasting Attell.

JOE GANS and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien would make a very pretty fight in a six-round bout - perhaps they would in a longer one. But there isn't a chance on earth that they will meet. O'Brien is a heavy-weight. Thin as a rail, he weighs 163 pounds stripped. He might be able to train down to 148 pounds and still have strength to put up a pretty good fight. But 154 pounds, the talked-of weight, he couldn't touch unless he trained down with a meat axe.

I don't doubt for a second that Gans would be willing to fight O'Brien. But Foxy Jack would never in the world fight Gans.

Well, figure it out this way: Jack is light heavy-weight champion, and claims heavy-weight honors. Gans is lightweight champion. Between the classes there is at least thirty-two pounds difference. There could be nothing creditable to O'Brien in a victory over Gans, the lightweight. If Gans happened to knock O'Brien out it would make an everlasting joke of the Philadelphia.

And it isn't impossible at all that Gans might turn the trick. Gans fought a twenty-round draw with Joe Walcott in San Francisco, and most of the spectators agreed that he actually bested the Barbadoes wonder. Walcott is O'Brien's equal.

Gans is as good a man as Young Peter Jackson. Young Peter knocked O'Brien out in Baltimore. Jack remembers the occasion. He won't take a chance of dying a pugilistic death by fighting Joe.

If they did fight, O'Brien, with his cleverness and great advantage in weight, would probably win, battling Nelson fought Gans forty-two rounds. No one would consider Nelson as a possible rival for O'Brien. It would be a joke.

DORMAN PUT IT ALL OVER JOHNSON

Eddie Johnson, the clever Bronx fighter, fought six hard rounds with Jack Dorman at the New Polo A. C. last night. Dorman weighed at least fifteen pounds more than Johnson, and this told badly for Johnson who was punished severely throughout.

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Executive Says He Knows All About Racing and Its Relation to the People - Reformers Only Making Outcry.

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\$2,500 ON CORBETT

Hundred and Twenty-fifth street is a busy street. There think the young men who are betting on the race are in luck. Corbett's backers will have their money covered in short order. Tommy is working like a beaver and is in better shape now than he has been in many a year. Johnny Oliver says he will be the New Year's winner and he will be surprised if the Denverite claims the six rounds.

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