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The War Hasn't Cut Down the Receipts at the Boxing Shows in Australia in the Least.

SNOWY BAKER writes from Australia that the war hasn't cut down the receipts at the boxing shows in the least. He says that a decided falling off in attendance was expected, but that the Australian found business getting better instead of worse, because of increased trade.

The Baker is now running huge boxing stadiums, built especially for boxing shows, in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney. His new Melbourne stadium is a tremendous structure, built so that the whole roof is supported without using a single pillar. Every spectator has a clear view of the ring in the center of the building. The seating capacity is 15,000, or 50 per cent. more than that of Madison Square Garden. Every week a twenty-round fight is held there, with a number of six-round preliminaries.

WILLARD takes his pen in hand to the following effect: "I have been so busy getting ready for the big fight that I have done very little letter writing, but I want to thank you for what you've said of me.

"I never was in such great shape and will win sure. I could go the full distance to-morrow if I like. If you care to boost me I'll do my best to uphold your judgment. Yours truly, 'WILLARD'."

WILLARD is to have a little work this afternoon, according to a wire from El Paso, which says: "Jim Savage, whom some of the sports critics branded as the man who will win the title for the first time with Willard this afternoon, has had invited all the press men present to the ring to see the fight. Willard is to have a serious fight who can give him a serious beating."

"We, Joshua, the rumor that our attorney A. U. officials are about to precipitate Pat Ryan a professional boxer because he was dumped from the ring for other more money is absolutely untrue. Their logic in this kind of case applies only to some circumstances."

"I'd say you'd better stop it," responded Jack Twinn Sullivan to the referee last night when he was all but out after a hard round delivered by young Jim Willard.

Jack Twinn has had a remarkable career covering about seventeen years. In that time he has fought all of his weight. Barely over the minimum limit himself, he has always been willing and eager to meet the biggest and heaviest men in his division. He never cared how big they were. He is remarkably skillful and his skill has carried him through many matches that looked nearly impossible when he stepped into the ring with some gigantic opponent. Sullivan has no pretense of being beaten by such a big man as Coffey. Probably he'll go along along fighting men nearer his own size.

WILLARD's financial backer of the Willard-Johnson fight tells me in a story that sounds pretty well like the truth.

"I never saw Willard," he said, "but I had him sent to my office. When he had talked a little I said to him: 'Willard, I'm guaranteeing you \$20,000 in real money. He'll get a few thousand more for expenses. The other expenses will put me in for a net of twenty thousand over because of a ticket sold. I don't know whether the fight will draw or not. There may not be a cent left for you.'"

Willard looked at me a second and then he said: 'I'll fight Johnson for \$20,000. I don't care if I don't get a cent. I'll go down to El Paso and I'll buy my own ticket and make a return trip. Then if the fight draws I'll come back without paying you a dollar. I'm so sure of my own strength that I'll take the responsibility that I don't care if I'm anything for fighting him or not. I'll go ahead with four other men and don't count on paying me anything at all. If everything goes out all right and the gate shows good profit you can pay me what you think is a fair share for my fighting under that arrangement.'"

Willard intends to arrive here in a week to see the Cronin-Walton bout. He will be in the city, sitting at the home of Baker at Trappe, Md., and looking on while two of his toughest former opponents meet each other.

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Sulzer Scores Quick Knockout At N. Y. A. C.

With a well-directed right-hand swing to the solar plexus Eddie Sulzer, unattached, the New York State 115-pound amateur champion, knocked out Charles Gunther of the Bronx A. C. in the first round of their preliminary bouts of the amateur boxing tournament of the N. Y. A. C. last night. The bout only lasted one minute and Gunther never landed a blow.

Frank Shanley of Dominican Lyceum, the metropolitan 108-pound title holder, scored an easy victory over Frank Smith of the Bronx Eagle. The latter was game, but did not class with Shanley. The referee interfered in behalf of Smith after two minutes of fighting to save him from receiving unnecessary punishment.

Many of the bouts in this class were rather one-sided and had to be stopped to prevent knockouts. J. Kurba of the New West Side A. C., who ran with the best of the leaders in this division, gave leaders Bronstein, unattached, all he desired in one round.

Another champion to win his bout was George Mass of the Glencoe A. C., the 115-pound New York State champion. He stopped A. De Martini of the East Side House with two punches in the first round. A. Enz, unattached, stopped L. Varotes of the Union Settlement A. C. B. Gleason of Hamilton Lyceum defeated Charles Simonson of the Union Settlement A. C., in the 115-pound class. W. R. Smith of Dominican Lyceum, unattached, won his bout in the 115-pound class. One round was enough for the latter.

IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS

The Cornell basketball team left Ithaca for this city to play Columbia with Joe Ashmead, one of the best guards in the Intercollegiate League, missing from the line-up. Ashmead has been injured by the Cornell team and a petition to remove the ban was rejected. Shelton, left end on the Cornell team and sub for the basketball team, and Haslerie, sub-centre on the basketball team, were also put on probation. Charles Stewart, Cornell football captain, was also placed on probation, barring him from coming out of the Cornell team this spring. He will be able to play football, however, if he makes up his university work between now and next fall. Eddie Hill, full-back on last year's team, was also placed on probation.

Howard P. Drew, the sensational colored sprinter of Springfield, Mass., who is now attending the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, Cal., is coming East for the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival at Philadelphia on Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 24. The Springfield boy is now assistant manager of track athletics at his university, and will be in charge of the team of Southern California athletes who will contest East for the Pennsylvania games.

Several Harvard undergraduates have just finished the usual four-year course in three and a half years. Among them are the following athletes: Harry Maguire, quarterback; Capt. Harry Maguire of cross country team; Capt. Coleman Jennings of basketball team; and Sunny Carver, two-miler, Brickley and Warwick of the eleven could have finished their courses last year. They take matters easy in order to try for the baseball team.

The first real amateur championship boxing contest of America will be held in Madison Square Garden on the night of March 15 as a part of the sprint meeting that will precede the twenty-four hour team game on the night of March 16. The Garden has arranged for a series of elimination rounds to be held in very risky in the country where the winners of the rounds will meet in a final track in the Garden for the amateur title.

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Fact That Secretary Foster Has Bought a Railroad Ticket and Reserved a Berth for Him Would Indicate That the Club Feels Sure of Eccentric South-paw's Services.

By Roseman Bulger. IT is practically certain that Rube Marquard will go South with the regular team of the Giants next Thursday. The fact that John Foster has bought a railroad ticket and reserved a berth for him would indicate that very little doubt lingers in the headquarters of the New York club.

To correct an erroneous impression to the effect that Marquard wanted the Giants to reimburse the 'Wards for the \$1,500 advanced the eccentric southpaw, Marquard and also Mr. Foster wish it understood that Rube did not ask a present of \$1,500. He merely wanted an advance so that he could pay the money back and go on with the Giants. At the same time the Giants are a little 'leary' of turning loose \$1,500 bucks at this time. Marquard could then stand on the fence and still be \$2,000 ahead, which, of course, he won't.

Again, the Giants can not pay the Wards \$1,500 and call the thing off because that would be, in a sense, paying money to have a player break a contract—the one he signed with the Brookfords. Marquard has been instructed to report next Thursday according to previous orders. Once he is with the club and ready to begin his contract then he may be advanced the \$1,500 which can be deducted from his salary.

It develops that all this trouble about Marquard taking the broad jump came about through the Rube's shortness of funds. Rube needed \$1,500 badly, so the story goes, and he wanted to take a winter advance, which is against the rules of the club. The amount was too big. Falling to find relief, the Rube decided he must have that bankroll and began to talk business with the 'Wards. He says he did not know that his contract with the Giants was binding, and that is why he made the affidavit, and he is probably right at that.

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YANKEES TO LEAVE FOR TRAINING CAMP ON SUNDAY, FEB. 28.

The Yankees will leave New York, Pennsylvania Station, Sea-board Florida Limited, 2:05 P. M., Sunday, Feb. 28, for the training camp at Savannah, arriving March 1. The headquarters of the club while in camp will be the De Boto Hotel. The players who are at Hot Springs, Ark., in charge of Scout Kelley, will reach the main camp Wednesday, March 16. Exhibition games are scheduled to be played in the following cities:

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The All-Comers' Tourney to Start Here on Aug. 30

The All-Comers' national championship singles will begin on Monday, Aug. 30, on the courts of the West Side Tennis Club, at Forest Hills, L. I.

The awarding of the date was decided following a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association in this city. Edwin F. Torrey, Secretary of the national body, said that the tournament would begin a few weeks later than the time heretofore awarded to the Casino at Newport, R. I.

Leading players at the Seventh Regiment Armory expressed surprise that the tournament had not been scheduled for a week later as had been indicated by officials of the West Side Club in the heated arguments at the annual meeting at the Waldorf Astoria. Instead of the tournament beginning on Labor Day as expected, that day will probably mark the deciding of the championship and so end the tournament.

Julian B. Myrick, President of the West Side Club and Karl H. Behr, who led the successful fight against Newport, both stated that they regarded the date as highly satisfactory. Marquard has been instructed to report next Thursday according to previous orders. Once he is with the club and ready to begin his contract then he may be advanced the \$1,500 which can be deducted from his salary.

Torrey said that he had notified all of the clubs that applied for championship and tournament dates that the applications must be at the hands of the Executive Committee on or before March 12. The list of tournament fixtures will be issued the following week.

FISTIC NEWS AND GOSSIP

By John Pollock

Jack McInnis, the promoter of boxing at the National A. C. of Philadelphia, has stopped negotiations for the Kilbane-Williams match. Jack has the featherweight champion's signature to a contract that he will make 122 rounds for a \$5,000 guarantee. Jimmy Harris, manager of the basementweight champion, promised that he would let McInnis have the match if he got Kilbane's signature, but now it is reported that he has agreed to accept \$5,000 from the Olympia A. A., which is \$500 more than McInnis is willing to give him. As Jack has Kilbane's signature, he has decided to let the match go and it looks as though it is shelved for good.

Carl Morris, who has been winning many fights lately, is working his way east and will probably be seen soon in a battle with Jim Coffey or some other big name at Madison Square Garden. Morris has been matched to meet Tom McMahon, the 'Pittsburgh Bear.' In a six-round bout at the Duquesne Garden in Pittsburgh on Monday evening, March 1.

Ted 'Kid' Lewis, the English lightweight who is now under the management of Freeman Bennett, is another fighter who has been engaged to appear in a bout at the stadium in Havana, Cuba. He was matched to fight Young Brown, the east side fighter, for twenty rounds on February 27. Lewis is guaranteed \$1,000 and traveling expenses.

Jack Dillon of Indianapolis, who has decided to take part in many fights at the local club, was matched to-day by John Westmannel to meet Johnny Howard of Boston, for ten rounds at the Broadway Sporting Club of Brooklyn on next Tuesday night. Kid Sullivan and Eddie Wallace will battle at the same show.

The contest between Buck Cross and George Chip at the Duquesne Garden in Pittsburgh, Monday night, promises to revive the sport in that city. It is expected that the fight will draw a large crowd. Chip is guaranteed \$700, with 50 per cent. of the receipts, and Cross will battle for the same percentage.

Jimmy Brown, the fight promoter of Jersey, N. J., sent word here to-day to the effect that he has 'bowed' Carl Morris from boxing at the club because he deliberately called off his ten-round battle with Gusbat Smith, which was to have been fought there on next Monday night.

That the Fairmont A. C. can make money out of all-round shows as well as the show boxing done in Madison Square Garden, proving that the club is a good business, was again proved last night.

Carranza Aids Johnson To Get Out of Tampico

Negro Champion Will Reach Juarez Sunday and Start Training at Once—Willard Working Hard to Take Off Weight.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 18.—Jack Johnson will be in Juarez, Mexico, across the river, on Sunday, according to a statement made this morning by Jack Curley, who is at the head of the syndicate that will conduct the Johnson-Willard battle on March 6. Johnson landed yesterday at Tampico, and he has had an understanding with the Carranzistas. The latter have decided to aid the negro champion. To-day he will be escorted to San Luis Potosi and turned over to Villa to be brought to Juarez.

Now that Johnson has been assured that he can pass through without interference there has been a big demand for reservations. The tickets will be put on sale early next week and to-morrow the promoters will start to fill out-of-town orders. Johnson's training quarters will be in Juarez close to the border. He will begin training on Monday. Willard has taken off weight during the past three days and from now on will do a lot of boxing. Johnson looks to be in fairly good condition, but will have to take off a lot of weight. He has been active throughout the journey to Tampico. He expects to weigh about 235 pounds entering the ring.

Johnson is said to be negotiating with the Federal authorities, and if assured that he will not have to serve a prison term he will return to Chicago after his battle with Willard. United States District Attorney Clyde refuses to make any promises.

Jim Savage arrived yesterday and to-day will begin sparring with Willard. The latter is in need of a sparring partner who can hit and will rough it with him. Curley to-day verified the report that Jim Coffey, the Irish champion would be matched against the winner of the fight on March 6.

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SULLIVAN FOR FIRST TIME IN 17 YEARS ASKS REFEREE TO STOP BOUT

Jim Coffey Gives "Twinn" Bad Beating at Fairmont. A. C.'s Special Show.

For the first time in his seventeen years' experience in the roped arena where he frequently met opponents outweighing him by thirty pounds Jack "Twinn" Sullivan, the Cambridge veteran, was obliged to ask Referee Job to stop his bout with Jim Coffey at the special show of the Fairmont A. C. last night to save him from being hopelessly beaten.

Job stopped the bout in the sixth round after hearing Sullivan, in a dazed condition, exclaim "It is old age, you had better stop the bout."

At the time Sullivan made this unexpected remark he was standing in the center of the ring with his hands to his side, after having been floored with a right punch on the jaw for a count of seven and then beaten into a groggy condition by Coffey's terrific right and left-hand swings to the jaw, face and stomach.

As soon as the bout was stopped "Twinn" held out both his hands and walking up to Coffey, who towered above him, threw his arms around his neck and planted a kiss on his forehead. Coffey, in return, took Sullivan's arm and led him over to his corner and then helped him to leave the ring.

While Sullivan was decisively beaten by Coffey, he put up a good battle and surprised the fight fans by ripping in many effective blows to Coffey's jaw, mouth and body that shook him up.

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