

W. Heanora's COLUMN

Winning Championship at Thirty-Seven, Britton Creates Pugilistic Precedent.

THIRTY-SEVEN years old and a champion. The sport world marveled at Pitsimmons, and called him the grand old man of the ring because his fighting career took him to the age of thirty-six before he shed his crown to Jeffries at Coney Island. Other champions had seen the end of their days still youngsters compared to him, yet today we have among us the king of the welterweight division in Jack Britton at thirty-seven, going strong and, barring accidents, with other years of good fighting still left in him. Britton's feat in knocking out his wonderful rival, Ted Kid Lewis, in nine rounds at Canton, O., Monday night at an age when his fighting days should be a mere memory is unprecedented in ring annals. No wonder everybody is talking about it. Men, as in the case of Fitz and Jack Johnson, have lost their honors when well past their pugilistic prime; but who ever heard of another acquiring a championship in the hard game of fist-fights when he should be preparing for interment in the pugilistic boneyard. Standing up, Jack Britton, and get the palm. You certainly are entitled to all the honor and glory that the sport world can heap on you, and you deserve the popularity that is yours.

It has been stated from time to time that Britton is thirty-four years old, but we have it from his astute manager, Dan Morgan, that thirty-seven is nearer right.

BRITTON arrived home from Canton yesterday with no perceptible change in his demeanor. The laurels he had won at Lewis's expense hadn't changed him. Never talkative, he had little to say about the fight. He knocked Ted out, he said, as he always felt he would eventually, despite the fact that they had fought eight times before. This, he said, was the first real chance Ted had given him since he (Lewis) took the title from him on a referee's decision, and he made the most of the opportunity. He was more anxious to rush home to his wife and two youngsters than to talk about the decisive defeat of Lewis. He said Morgan could attend to that. He added, however, that the promoter of the Canton fight, Mike McKinney, furnished him with an extra incentive to win by the old K. O. route when he said before the fight:

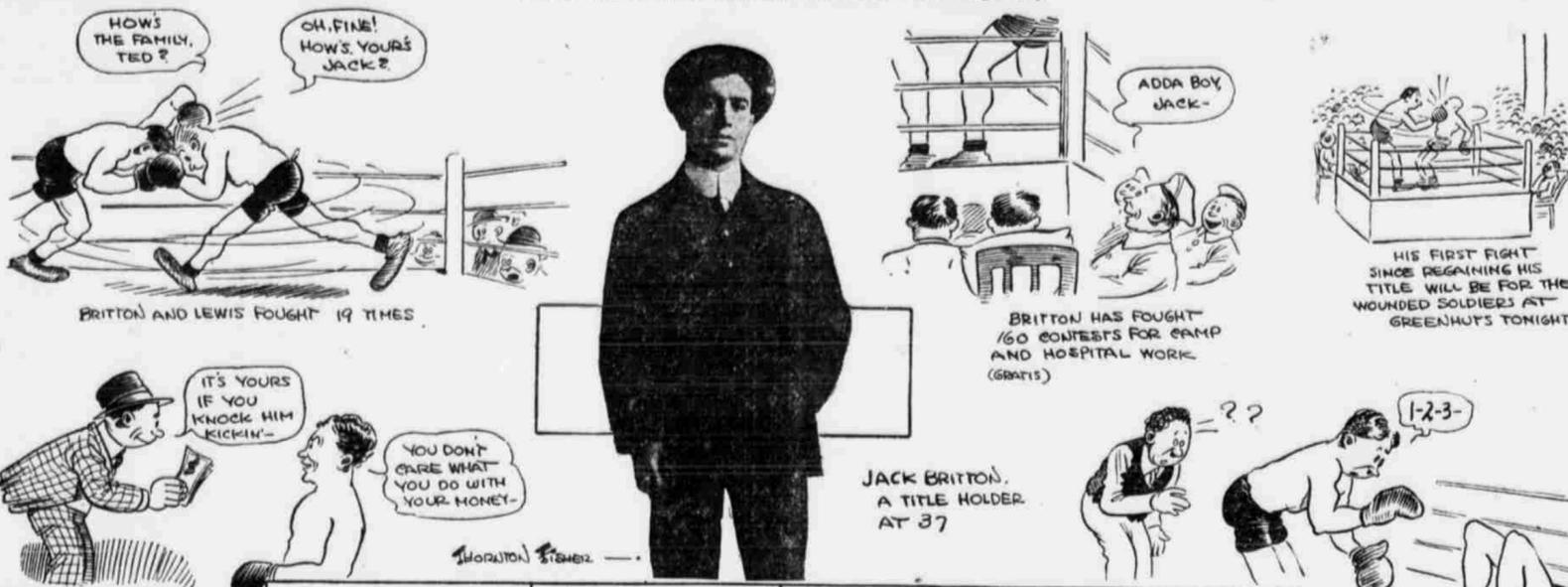
"Jack, if you knock Lewis out I'll make you a present of \$10,000."

"Maybe," said Jack, "I wasn't thinking about that when Lewis was on the floor in the ninth round. Maybe that is why when Referee Matt Hinkel had reached six in the count I got it into my head that he wasn't counting on it. As a matter of fact, I went over and helped him count according to my own idea of how long a second really is. However, it's all over now. I am a bit sorry for Ted, and he can leave the matter alone. I am sure he is ready. Just one more thing I want to tell you: I never will forget the treatment I got in Canton, and the ovation after I had won. It seemed as if the world was on my side. Why, that crowd simply went crazy."

As a rule, when a fighter wins a championship he mounts his throne, readjusts his crown, pulls the folds of his robe around him and begins to dictate. In the first place he wants a million or so for his next fight. He picks his opponents. He must weigh what he says. They must do this and that. How different from all of them is this Jack Britton! Already he has arranged for his next fight since winning the welter crown, and where do you suppose? Why, down at the base hospital at Greenwich to-night to entertain the wounded soldiers and for which he will receive a penny. It will be a fight to, and not a mere exhibition. You've known champions to do that before, haven't you? You said it.

TALKING about boxing, the wounded soldiers remind us that Britton believes what he has done toward entertaining the poor, maimed boys, injured over there, brought him luck. He never refused to box before them anywhere, foregoing matches, and pursues to do so. He said that he would like to see that his services could ever be measured with those that had given for him and his country. He really enjoyed the fight, and he seemed to give the soldiers so much pleasure. All told, Britton has boxed 160 bouts for the boys, here, there and all over, paying his expenses no matter where. He says about 40 per cent of the boxing has been done at base hospitals, under the auspices of the Boxers' Loyalty League, of which his manager, Morgan, is President. The rest has been at army camps.

BEST SPORTING PAGE IN NEW YORK WHO SAID "THEY NEVER COME BACK?" - - - By Thornton Fisher



BRITTON AND LEWIS FOUGHT 19 TIMES

PROMOTER JACK MCKINNEY OFFERED JACK 1000 BERRIES IF HE KNOCKED LEWIS OUT

Crowe Finishes Tourny Without Winning a Match

Capt. William A. Tilt defeated Albert C. Crowe in the continuation of the national pocket billiard championship tournament, under the patronage of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players, at the New York Athletic Club. The score was 125 balls to 83. The match was the final one of Crowe's series, and he came through the tournament without winning a game. Cecil M. Munoz, the champion of the Amateur Billiard Club of New York, defeated Charles Stungood Jr. in the eighth game. The final score was 125 balls to 83, the match being well contested through a total of seventeen frames.

The Montclair Athletic Club swimming team defeated the Princeton swimmers in a dual meet held in the Montclair pool last night by a score of 28 to 24. One of the sensational features of the meet was the timing of Carl Dreetjen in the 100-yard swim, in which they finished first and second as named. Three timers, one Princeton man and two Montclair men, declared that they caught Dreetjen in 51.3 seconds and Georgi in 52 feet for the century, both of which beat the world's record.

Alfredo De Oro, hero of many a hard fought match at pocket billiards and three cushion caroms, and as the guest of honor at a dinner tendered him by his admirers at the Cafe Boulevard last night. He was flanked on either side by men who had made records on the green topped table and who had added fame and the lower bracket in the game of billiards throughout the world.

Harold Tobey of the Princeton Club sprang a surprise in the national amateur squash tennis championship tournament by defeating N. H. Vanderpool of the Squash Club in a series of final round matches on the latter's home court by a score of 15-12, 15-2, 15-17. Tobey will start for the title at the Harvard Club, the veteran of the National Association. Appel defeated Stewart Johnson, the young Yale Club player, in the lower bracket in straight games at 15-6, 15-4, 15-7.

Jacob Klinger scored his second victory in the Metropolitan Class A 162 balling billiard tournament by defeating Hal Coleman at Thruway Billiard Academy last night by a score of 206 to 85. Klinger made a high run of 275, which broke the 15-26, while his opponent's best effort netted him a consecutive run of 17, averaged 3 10-25.

he outgrew the 133 pounders slightly he jumped right into the welter division, fought them all and even took on middleweights. It will be remembered that he won a twelve-round decision over Mike O'Dowd in Boston, just before Mike went to war, and even now is willing to take Mike on when he returns. Most of all, however, Britton would be glad to give Willie Ritchie a chance to win his welterweight championship. As Manager Morgan put it, Ritchie can weigh what he likes and get the best of Willie Ritchie. How about it, Willie?

Summing up Britton and his career, we might say that all his success is due to the fact that he likes his profession. He just loves to box. Whether he has a match on or not, every day sees him in the gym, boxing with anybody and everybody from featherweights to heavies.

NOW we have a third boxing bill in the Legislature, that just introduced by Senator Jimmy Walker at the request of the recently incorporated Army and Navy and Civilian Board of Boxing Control. In our opinion, it is the best bill of all. Its provisions give more tone and class to the sport than the other, and doubtless would have the desired elevating effect on the manly art. The real feature of the bill is the clause licensing everybody connected with the game, boxers, promoters, managers, timekeepers, judges, referees, trainers, &c., all subject to forfeiture. Then, again, real salaries are provided for the governors, \$2,500 being that of the first Commissioner.

This bill, if it becomes a law—and it should—would take boxing out of the hands of those who regard it as simply a money-making proposition.

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Bowling Alley By Chatter Tack

Eleven teams bowled in The Evening World Head Pin tournament at the White Elephant Bowling Academy last night and out of this lot nine bowlers were rewarded with medals for rolling scores over the 100 mark, namely: Marty Mers, Western Union No. 3, 198; R. D. Hill, Western Union No. 1, 197; B. P. Block, St. Francis, No. 1, 197; C. Schneider, Bronx K. of C., 194; B. Bernstein, Western Union No. 1, 194; C. Clinque, St. Francis No. 1, 193; J. Geisler, Bronx K. of C., 192; C. Rioscano, St. Francis No. 1, 190; A. Zopf, Western Union No. 1, 190.

St. Francis No. 1 rolled the highest total of the evening with 452. Other scores were: Western Union No. 1, 441; Bronx K. of C., 417; Western Union No. 2, 396; Western Union No. 6, 340; Western Union No. 3, 327; Mutual Junior, 324; Western Union No. 5, 229; Western Union No. 7, 222; Western Union No. 4, 221.

No games are booked for to-night, but on Friday evening thirteen teams will bowl, viz.: Calhoun Robinson & Co., two teams; Post Office Money Order Department, five teams; Holy Cross Lyceum, four teams; Post Office Motor Vehicle Service, one team; and one team from the Ferdinand Arcade.

The McGraw-Hill Publishing Company are to have a bowling night at the White Elephant Academy this evening. About eighty of the same employees will be present, and one who is capable of rolling of the greatest total of the evening. The McGraw-Hill Publishing Company is one of the many big concerns that have taken to bowling this season.

The Greater Catholics match in Buffalo and Chicago, Ill., drew \$1,154. Buffalo bowlers paid from \$100 to \$250, and the winners from \$100 to \$250. Buffalo had a bowling evening.

Tonight's night. This is what the following are: Leo Locke, the leader in the Eastern in bowling, who has rolled a total of 1,000 in the last month. He will be bowling at the Greater Catholics match in Buffalo and Chicago, Ill., on March 25. He will be bowling at the Greater Catholics match in Buffalo and Chicago, Ill., on March 25. He will be bowling at the Greater Catholics match in Buffalo and Chicago, Ill., on March 25.

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It is almost a certainty that both Schenck and Althaus will be represented in the Metropolitan billiard tournament. These two teams have many good bowlers in the four while they should finish well up among the prize winners.

Giants' Leave To-Night For Training Camp; Pratt Signs Contract

Yankees Only Have Two Holdouts, Now That Second Baseman Is in Line.

By Alex. Sullivan.

ELEVEN members of the Giants' team will leave the Penn station at 8:30 to-night bound for Gainesville, Fla., where the club members will round into condition for the coming National League race, which opens April 23. The players who will take the trip are: Hal Chase, Larry Doyle, Heinie Zimmerman, George Burns, Lew McCathery, Bill Ryan, George Smith, Jack Gillespie, George Terhune, Godfrey Brogan and Howard Carey—a happy mingling of vets and recruits.

Chase, who is making the trip with the Giants for the first time, will be accompanied by his wife. Others in the party will include John B. Foster, Eddie Brannick and the baseball correspondents.

Manager McGraw and his chief assistant, Christy Mathewson, will be on deck when the boys arrive, as they started South Tuesday in order to have everything in readiness for the troupe.

On the way South the sound that leave to-night will pick up Bob Steele, Noel Ronnel and Lyons. The rest will make their way to the camp from their homes. Fletcher, Pitt and O'Neill will start to-morrow from St. Louis.

Hubbel, Tod Miller, Frank Polan, Benny Kauff and Eddie Sicking will be travelling Floridward by the end of the week.

Pol Perritt, who hasn't signed yet, has received instructions to go to camp from Shreveport, while Al Baird and John Paul Jones will leave from the same city.

Jess Barnes has already left Centerville, Kan., bound for the training ground, while Ross Young has departed from San Antonio. Pitcher Jess Winters, a lieutenant, will report as soon as he receives his discharge from the army.

Schupp leaves from Louisville, while Benton and Anderson have been ordered to bid goodby to the folks at Fayetteville, N. Y., and start for the camp.

Cecil Causey and Sidney Ross are already at Gainesville.

Fistic News and Gossip By John Pollock

Since Frankie Brown, the east side featherweight, beat Champion Johnny Kilbane in a six-round bout in Philadelphia, his manager, Al Lippe, has received numerous offers for him to battle at different clubs. Lippe has so far matched him to meet Artie Root of Cleveland at Philadelphia on Monday night, Frankie Burns of Jersey City at Binghamton, N. Y., on March 27; Joey Fox, the English featherweight, at Philadelphia on March 29; Tony Bender at Elizabeth, N. J., on March 31, and probably Johnny Kilbane in a return battle at Matt Hinkel's club in Cleveland the second week in April.

On account of Benny Leonard boxing Harry Thorne at Joplin, Mo., on March 26 the promoter of the boxing club there has called off the dog (George) Billy Mann but which was slated for March 28. Cowley and Mann will instead clash in a fifteen-round bout at the American A. A. of Baltimore on March 28. Sammy Harris, the club matron, is sending the bout to-day.

An important match between the two contenders for the featherweight title, Frankie Burns of Jersey City and Frankie Brown of this city, promoter of Champion Johnny Kilbane, was arranged to take place on the long-distance telephone by Fight Promoter Hines of Binghamton, N. Y. They will meet for ten rounds at the West Side A. C. Clubhouse on March 27. This is the most important bout so far arranged in this city.

Foot locker, the fast English welterweight, has been booked up for two more fights. On March 20 he will exchange punches with Frankie Mack of Westchester, Mass., for twelve rounds at Lawrence, Mass., on Saturday night. He will fight at his club on next Monday night. Two bouts are also booked for him. Two judges are allowed to give decisions, and if they cannot agree the referee will be the decider.

Joe Driscoll, matronmaster of the Olympia A. A. of Syracuse, N. Y., expects to clinch a match between Kid Norfolk, the colored featherweight, and Tom Cowley, the English featherweight, in ten rounds at his club on Saturday night. The manager of Cowley has already accepted the terms and the referee will be Leo Piran will be referee for Norfolk. They will battle five rounds.

John Heiler, who is arranging the bouts for the boxing shows held at this club, to-day named on Jack Britton to meet Willie Loughlin of South Bethlehem, Pa., for twelve rounds at the Thruway Billiard Academy on March 25. Ted Lewis was originally slated to box Loughlin on that date.

George Brown, the colored featherweight, was engaged today to box some good featherweight at the boxing club to be held by the New York A. C. on Saturday night. It has not been decided as yet who Brown's opponent will be, but the chance is that Hughie Brennan will be the lad. Brown is also practically matched to meet Johnny Daly or Charley Beecher at the Army A. A. of Jersey City Heights on March 25.

When Frank Hagler starts back from California for the East with his local featherweight, Willie Jackson, he expects to have him meet some good featherweight on his way. Hagler has received offers from Sacramento, Cal.; Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Minneapolis and St. Paul for fights for Jackson with good featherweights.

Smock Kelly, the colored heavyweight of the City who is improving in all his books, has been matched by Leo Meyer, matronmaster of the Army A. A. of Lawrence, N. J., to meet George Boyden in a six-round bout on Saturday night. This match will be one of the "apocryphal" to the Benny Owen Battle, Benny D., Willie Spencer, the New England through champion, will meet Jack Fox in another bout.

HAMILTON K. KERR AGAIN CARRIED TO NINETEENTH HOLE

Greenwich Star Has Hard Time Reaching Semi-Finals at Belleair.

BELLEAIR, Fla., March 20.—Hamilton K. Kerr, the Greenwich star, a screen favorite in the Belleair championship, was again carried to the nineteenth hole before getting a decision over P. C. Newton of Brookline. The surprise of the tournament was the playing of T. A. Ashby, the Boston golfer, who defeated Cameron Buxton, the Philadelphia star. George Balch of Cincinnati, the present title holder, went down to defeat at the hands of E. H. Augustus of Cleveland, who will undoubtedly reach the final round. Dewitt Balch of Cincinnati won easily, and meets Kerr to-day in the semi-finals.

PINEHURST, N. C., March 20.—The third and final round of the tin whistles championship tournament was played at the Pinehurst Hotel, where the fifty-four holes were played. The winner was L. D. Pierce of Elkwood and Howard G. Phillips of Moore County would be called upon to play off a tie to decide the championship. Pierce's total was 77, 85, 85-231, and Phillips, 83, 85, 85-251. J. D. Chapman, Greenwich, with 232, was the only other player to finish with an average under 88 for the three rounds.

VALGER LIKELY TO MEET KILBANE FOR TITLE MAY 30.

Benny Valger, the clever French boxer, will in all probability get the first crack at Johnny Kilbane's title on May 30. Jack Britton, the welterweight champion of the world, and his manager, Danny Morgan, who was brought back from Canton, O., yesterday, fought world of the Kilbane match in the Thruway Billiard Academy. Valger made a tremendous hit in Portland, Me., last Monday night in a sensational fight with Alvin Bracy, the Syracuse wonder. Valger has been signed up for three fights. On next Monday night he will fight against Harry Carlson, the crack Beantown brawler, in a twelve-round bout at the Fenway A. A. of Boston.

ZBYSZKO AND LEWIS END TRAINING FOR BIG BOUT.

Wladek Zbyszko and Strangler Lewis have finished their preparations for their tussle to-morrow night at the Garden, the result of which will decide the world's wrestling championship. These two rivals declare they are in the very best of physical condition and neither will have an excuse to offer if he is beaten. Outside of the fact that this struggle is for the undisputed championship of the world, the battle will be a settlement of an old feud between the two giants. Zbyszko, who has beaten Lewis in a previous fight, declared that if Zbyszko did not fight him he would have beaten him so decisively that the Pole would never be able to face him again. It was a mutual agreement of the two "headlocks" that Zbyszko would be a state of helplessness.

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