

THE ONLY MASTER OF NEGRO JOHNSON

Rex Beach Says Cruel Lesson Is Taught by Reno's Anti-Climax.

JEFFRIES ROBBED OF FIRE BY YEARS

"Black Man Has Demonstrated Full Stature of His Race, and Whether He Can Breed Brains to Match His Muscles Is Yet to Be Proven," Says Novelist.

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Reno, July 4.—To-day we saw a tragedy. A tremendous, crushing, anti-climax happened, and we are dazed.

Some 15,000 of us went out and broiled ourselves in the sun to see a great prize fight, and while it was great from the point of a spectacle and from the courage displayed, it was in reality no fight at all.

It was a pitiful, pitiful tragedy. Time had outwitted the keenest of us, and instead of the Jeffries we had known and had come to think was still among us we saw but the shell of a man, fair to the eye and awe-inspiring in his shape, to be sure, but empty of youth's vigor.

The spark had died; the years had done their work. No fierceness of will, no giant determination could fan it to a flame again, and so he lost.

PROVES A CRUEL LESSON. Time had cunningly hidden her work, and no man was gifted with the sight to see the cold ashes that lay where once a flame had flickered.

Battery of Moving Pictures. Across the ring we were faced by the muzzles of a masked battery of moving-picture cameras, piled one above the other, while behind each an operator stood with his head muffled in black like a hangman's cap.

It is doubtful if even in his best days Jeffries could have won, for the African through all the combat showed a marvelous speed and aggressiveness that only occasional moments in his previous fights had hinted at.

He demonstrated further that his race has acquired full stature as men. Whether they will ever breed brains to match his muscles is yet to be proven.

Only Time Can Defeat Him. And there seems little likelihood that it will ever be taken from him. If such a thing should come to pass it will be because time has robbed him of that fierce and blinding energy that lurks deep in his being, as left was robbed, in the night. The hour had struck, and we were waiting at the ringside.

Champions and ex-Champions. Back of me sat Mike Murphy, the veteran University of Pennsylvania trainer. He had brought his thirteen-year-old son to the fight, for, as he said, he wished him to see men, real men, and to learn early the rules of sport.

Tumult of Ring-side Throng. The multitude came close upon our heels, pouring in through the open, eight-sided avenue until the hollow floors began to thunder. A few at first, then more and more until it reminded one of a pent-up mountain stream emptying itself into a pool, there to boil and eddy and surge about until it finally settled.

IN RETROSPECT. It seems to me I should have known that Jack would be too much for him. When 14,000 separate scribbles averred, "This is the last of Jim!" And faith, I would have known it, too. For I read all the fighting "dope"—Had 14,000 other scribbles. Not said, "For Jack there is no hope!"

Adzooks! It makes me sick to think of all the wealth I might have won; I might have banknotes by the peck. And gold and silver by the ton. Today if I had had the nerve. To talk to Johnson "dope" alone. I might have owned this blooming town—Had I but known! Had I but known!

If I were only half as wise. As some of these I-told-you-so's, I'd buy this day a handsome yacht. Also two dozen suits of clothes; I'd take a trip to Europe, too. And forty friends I'd take along—But, ah, alas, I cannot sing! That thundersome I-told-you song!

The facts are few and commonplace. That fit my sad estate to-day. Like countless thousands of my kind, With Fortune I would not get gay. I read the 14,000 scribbles. Both pro and con—"es, every 'gent," I had no idea how 'twould end. Therefore I did not bet a cent!

LENVOLL. Ah, Old Man! I sing you frank. I sing you loud, I sing you fair! But for your stern advice, I'd be to-day a millionaire!

—J. B. N. When the stubborn Stossel stalked the ramparts of Fort Arthur, locked into his fortress by a solid ring of steel, the gaze of all humanity was fixed upon him. Two world powers, white and yellow, had met and were locked in a struggle for supremacy.

To the west, high above the outermost periphery of the crowd, stretched a row of boxes in which were perhaps a hun-

THE FIGHT BY

FIRST ROUND.

When the gong sounded the men came out of their corners slowly, sizing each other up for fully ten seconds. They presented a rare picture to the crowd. Jeffries was the first to display agility.

As he did so, Jeffries lunged forward with a left hook, and Johnson, catching the blow in the air with his right, stepped into a long, hard clinch. As they were locked Jeffries grinned confidently over the negro's shoulder just before the referee made them break away.

Then followed a clinch, in which Jeffries, with a hand free, pounded the negro in the kidneys. Again they broke away. Jeffries, with sudden aggressiveness, then cut loose a right for the heart, at the same time sending over his right hook for the jaw.

SECOND ROUND. As they came up from their chairs, Jeffries, as serious as a preacher, assumed the old crowd. He stuck his left out like a stiff crowbar, keeping his right moving up and down in front of his short ribs.

THIRD ROUND. Then dancing in suddenly and catching Jeffries unawares the negro dropped a left hook in chopping style on the chin. Johnson, however, did not lose his head, and as the referee broke them out of this clinch the negro said: "Don't you rough me."

FOURTH ROUND. As they came to the center Jeffries promptly clinched, Johnson laughed loudly, and the big crowd howled. It seemed like a friendly sparring match between partners rather than a desperate fight for the championship of the world.

FIFTH ROUND. They started with light sparring, Jeffries still taking his own time, and so was the negro. Neither was sufficiently sure of his ground. As Jeffries moved forward with the left shooting toward the negro's head, Johnson brushed aside the blow free right hand.

SIXTH ROUND. Jeffries and the crowd were visibly surprised when Johnson opened with three rapid-fire left-handers in the boiler-maker's face without a return. Then they clinched, and on the breakaway both missed heavy swings for the head.

SEVENTH ROUND. Jeffries' right eye was partly closed as he trotted out of his corner. The injured optic seemed to bother him, for he rubbed it with his glove before he set himself for a renewal of the fight.

EIGHTH ROUND. Under instructions to force the fight with all the strength at his command, Jeffries rushed. Johnson stood straight as an arrow waiting for him, and with a laugh, cried out, "Come right in, Jeffries; let's see what you can do."

NINTH ROUND. Still urged by his seconds to make a rushing fight of it, Jeffries came lumbering blows that fell upon the air. He crowded Johnson to the ropes, where they clinched and wrestled.

TENTH ROUND. Jeffries didn't rush this time. Instead, he came up slowly and sparred for an opening. Johnson became careless for a moment, and Jeffries rapped him in the ribs with a left.

ELEVENTH ROUND. Jeffries loomed up with a heavy left, which Johnson blocked. Jeffries forced the fight and, getting the negro on the ropes, he drove a stiff right to the neck.

TWELFTH ROUND. Jeffries' face was covered with bruises, and he was still bleeding from the nose and mouth as he walked away from his chair. Johnson greeted him with a grin. The moment Jeffries reached, Johnson blocked his blows and clinched him.

THIRTEENTH ROUND. Corbett and Berger were in a frenzy as they begged Jeffries to go in and slug his man to the floor. As he rushed blindly Johnson clinched. Stepping out of it, Johnson shot a solid left to the head for another clinch.

FOURTEENTH ROUND. Stimulants were administered to Jeffries, and he came up with renewed strength. As Johnson clinched and Jeffries tried vainly to use a right on the body, the negro laughed. Johnson stepped inside of another right swing and hooked a couple of lefts to the chin.

FIFTEENTH ROUND. Johnson rushed straight into a clinch. Johnson wriggled out of it and hooked a left to the jaw. Jeffries clinched promptly. Getting clear of his man again, Johnson whipped three lefts to the jaw and Jeffries reeled.

SIXTEENTH ROUND. The negro, realizing that the end was near, rushed his man to a point near the ropes, and, with a right on the jaw, followed by a left uppercut, he knocked Jeffries down flat upon his back. The white man got up on one knee and took a count of nine.

SEVENTEENTH ROUND. Johnson was hanging over the ropes with his face toward the crowd, apparently oblivious to his surroundings, when Berger made this move, and as Rickard seemed to hesitate the crowd, satisfied that Johnson was the better man, cried: "Stop the fight!"

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