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HERE'S WHERE THE BIG BOUT WILL BE PULLED OFF

B. NOLAN'S NERVE REACHES LIMIT

Goldfield Sports Won't Express Their Opinion of Nelson's Manager Aloud.

MAY CHANGE THE BETTING

But Gans Might Still Be Strong Enough to Land a Haymaker—Negro Will Have to Make 131-1-2.

By W. W. NAUGHTON.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Aug. 29.—The camp today is talking of the way Manager Billy Nolan contrived to shear an extra pound or two off the fighting weight of one Joe Gans.

The sports here, who, by the way, are not tossing bouquets at the mid-mannered young man who guides the ring destinies of the "Durable Dane," consider him too unbending. They think he crowded Gans a little too far and incidentally ran a monumental bluff on the enterprising athletic organization at the Goldfield Athletic Club. But Billy doesn't mind these temporary evidences of disfavor.

"I am in this business to do the best I can for Nelson and I am not overlooking anything," he said. "Well, it's all over now, and maybe I say maybe—the Goldfield promoters will have no more stumbling blocks to harass them between now and Labor Day."

Gans Under Physical Strain.

Of course Larry Sullivan is helping Gans, and is beyond doubt loyal to the colored lad's interests, but the trick of piloting a pugilist is not learned in a week or a month. What Gans wanted in the present instance was some one of trained intelligence in prizefighting manipulation. It may cause a shudder to link the names of Al Herford and Gans, but if Herford had assisted Gans in the making of this match the negro would not have to knock under on almost every point. Neither would he have been made to attend meetings lasting far into the night and subject himself to the nervous tension involved in bitter wrangling with his prospective opponent was curled up in the blankets asleep. The question now is, how will an arrangement about weight affect Gans?

He expected to go into the ring carrying 122 pounds of muscle, gristle, and bone, as referee Siler called it. Instead he will have to weigh at least a pound and a half less, and even at that it will exercise his ingenuity to devise a costume that, together with a pair of ring gloves, will weigh as little as possible and a half. He will do it, of course, for he must protect his forfeit of \$5,000, but with a lankier specimen of human fighting man he will be.

Negro Looks Skinny.

There is no doubt of Nelson's ability to do 133 or even a pound or so less in ring togs, but considering that Gans right now looks as thin as a rake and as dry as a chip, there is great reason for doubting if he can get down to 121½ in the flesh and have any fighting kick left.

Gans, while angered at the turn of affairs, has not lost heart. He says it means a little harder work and close figuring, but he will do 133 in battle array and whip Nelson to a frazzle. Nolan professes to know no difference, whatever it may be, will not affect his bearing on the result of the fight. He says he will be making the best terms, says Billy, and he does not mind taking the whole of it. He says he will be making the best terms, says Billy, and he does not mind taking the whole of it.

"I make a study of this business," said Nolan, "and I know that Gans has weighed as low as 131 in other fights. Of course he will be stronger than a few days ago. He will be 131 and I am free to confess that Battling Nelson would be stronger at 133 than at 132." That's aside from the question.

A Point Overlooked.

"Gans and everybody else may have overlooked the fact that championships call for a ring-side weighing, in full regalia. But I had the thing in mind from the time the match was spoken of and always kept it in view. I know that Nelson could make the notch without trouble, and I was determined that the other fellow should also."

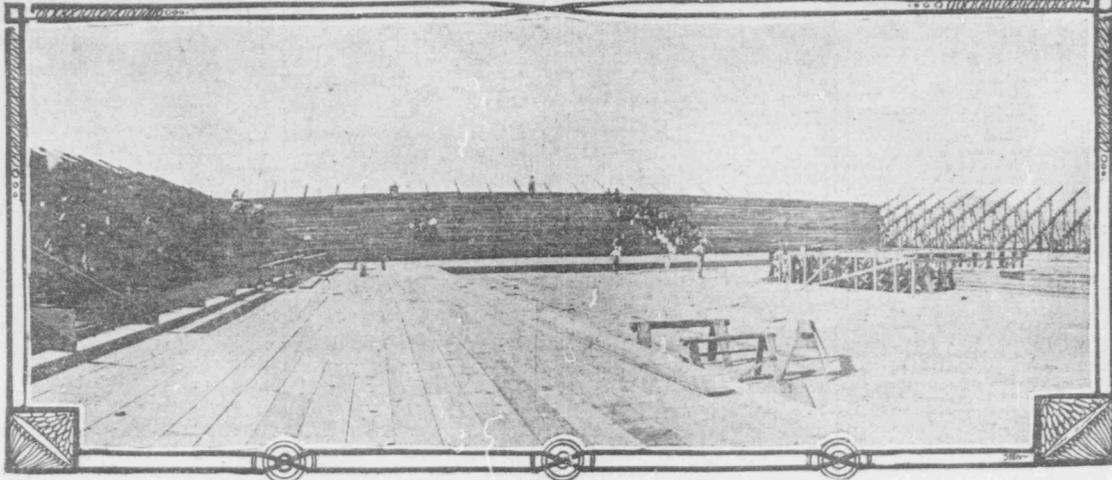
Nolan says he figures on the defeat of Gans by what happened in his fight with Walcott.

"The weight was 142, and while Gans did not scale anything like that, he doubtless had the same amount of fat on him. Anyway, he should have been, with no weight making to worry him and nothing to train for but speed and good condition. Well, he outpointed Walcott, but he did not hurt him, and I am sure if it had been a fight with a finish, he would have won. I compare Nelson to Walcott in any way, and believe he is a better fighter. Nelson never lets up, while if it were a twenty-round match might see danger of Gans' outpointing Nelson. I feel it in my bones that with the two men cast loose for a battle to the bitter end there will be one result—a victory for Nelson."

Will Influence Betting.

Nolan admits that he believes the point he insisted on in regard to the style of weighing in might influence the betting and possibly cause the men to sell at even money. It was his intention, he said, not to draw attention to what championship rules exacted until the end of the present week, being of the opinion that Nelson's friends had the right to avail themselves of whatever advantage might be forthcoming. Gans' chance question projected the dispute as to Gans' right to weigh in dressed, and then there was nothing for it but to have the question argued and settled.

It was the same old thing at Gans' training quarters yesterday. Road work in the forenoon and between punching rope skipping and pulling and hauling and the like indoors in the afternoon.



View of Arena Being Built for Gans-Nelson Fight.

LABOR DAY REGATTA HAS RECORD ENTRY

List Opened Last Night Contains Names of Many Crack Oarsmen.

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Times Fight Bulletins

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NEW LEAGUE YARN WAS LONG OVERDUE

Threats by Brush Expected Ever Since His Team Began to Lose.

After two innings of the first game yesterday, in which no damage was done, time was called and the Detroit and Washington players retired to their little cages to listen to the vapors of Germany Schaeffer through a megaphone. Everybody waited half an hour, when Silk O'Loughlin sallied forth and announced that both games were off. Then we all went home. A very pleasant afternoon was not spent.

Today the Washington team is in New York, and if it keeps on at the pace it has set recently Clarke Griffith and his hitters are going to have a lot of trouble.

Welcome little stranger! That yarn about the National League being disrupted was a month or so overdue, but comes now at a good time to warn the owners of our hearts these days. Because Pulliam had the decency and manhood to properly punish Brush, McGraw, and the rest of the New York outfit for their rowdy actions, the rumor goes forth that an effort will be made to form another league. That the New York owners are not averse to any step to avenge themselves upon a man who gave them what they deserved is easily understood, but that they should be willing to undertake such a foolhardy enterprise as the formation of another league when the losing clubs in the two majors now existing are dropping money in bunches is not believable.

Brush and Freedman may be game enough or roasting a man via their sycophants and press agents, but it's dollars to doughnuts they are not willing to pour out a wagonload of coin to get even.

Squalling over losses has long been a characteristic of professional sports in New York, where the expression "do-least with honor" is thought to be in a foreign tongue, and when you mention it they ask you to please speak English or slang, or some language they can understand. This threatening to queer a game in which they are being beaten is an old trick of Brush, Adlai Freedman, and all their crew, so let it go at that. They will inspire a few more new league stories as a bluff and as a means of venting their spleen, but it is not likely they will do any further expense than a round of drinks for the credulous, gullible young men who hear their vapors and publish them as news.

The number of Washington baseball fans who turned out yesterday to see the double-header between Washington and Detroit was a remarkable tribute to the baseball spirit of this city. Anybody who expects the princely-salaried baseball reporters should go out on such a threatening day to see two teams romp in the mud in two games that would have no effect on the pennant race was most surprising, and the fact that a thousand or so rooters did make the venture shows that this is the game and truest town in any league in the matter of supporting its players.

GANS-NELSON SET TO WILL BE SILER'S LAST

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 30.—George Siler, the veteran referee of Chicago, passed through here a few days ago on his way to Goldfield.

He stated that this will be his last big fight and that he will cut out of the game for good after this one is decided.

Blue Serge Just Suits the Season

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