

John L. Is Dead. He Could Fight. He Was Honest. Read About Him.

This writer knew Sullivan more than thirty years ago, saw him fight in New York, in London, and on Baron Rothschild's training farm near Chantilly in France—the last fight in the open air on the turf, London prize ring rules, with bare knuckles.

The men fought with one minute rest between knockdowns. Each round lasted until one man went down. It was an interesting display of the brutal gentleman's sport. The worst criminals in England were at the ring side, standing in the corner of Mitchell, the English fighter. They had announced that Sullivan would not be allowed to win.

In Sullivan's corner stood a respectable looking man in a stove pipe hat, with a handsome heavy blue coat, velvet collar. He had both hands in his overcoat pockets, spoke very quietly and said to Pony Moore, Mitchell's father-in-law, "I suppose you know what I've got here in each hand"—lifting up the barrels of two revolvers—"Tell the Manchester men in your corner not to take any chances on me." Which meant that he would kill anybody interfering with his notions of fair play.

Nobody did interfere with them. The man was Billy Porter, the bank burglar, one of the most dangerous and murderous of American criminals. He took a fortune from one New York city bank, killed at least two policemen, and died a prisoner working in a German salt mine—caught in a big burglary.

Fighting with bare fists, on the slippery turf, naked to the waist in bitter winter weather, or fighting indoors with big gloves, Sullivan fought in only one way.

He walked up to his man at the start and kept walking at him to the finish—and the other man—while Sullivan was Sullivan, always walked away, or ran.

It never occurred to Sullivan that any man could beat him. And no man could—only whiskey, and it took whiskey many years.

He beat his man ordinarily with a look. He sat in his corner waiting for the signal absolutely indifferent. It was plain to be seen in his light gray, wicked eyes that he wondered sincerely why anybody had been fool enough to get in the ring with him.

He would look viciously at his man, then look away, and shake hands without even looking in the other man's face. As he dropped the man's hand he would shoot out his left, walk forward, and swing his right—always forward. The writer saw him fight four or five times, and never saw him take a step backward.

Mike Donovan fought Sullivan in Boston. Donovan was champion middleweight and matched to fight Billy Edwards for five thousand dollars.

"The Boston men had been told to pick out a chopping block for me to show what I could do. The chopping block turned out to be a young back driver not twenty years old named John L. Sullivan," said Donovan, the man who swears with Roosevelt. "I did not like the look of him and said, 'Young fellow, I am matched for five thousand dollars and I wouldn't break that little finger on you for a good deal. Don't get gay and when you come to New York I'll teach you something about fighting.' Sullivan's reply was 'If you get in that ring with me, you'll be lucky if I don't break your neck.'"

"And I was lucky," said Donovan. "Sullivan knew nothing about boxing, but he was the most savage fighter I ever hit. There's no talking about anyone else when you talk of Sullivan. Do you see that broken nose? Young Sullivan did that. He swung his arm, I stepped in. He hit me on the back using his arm as a club in a down swing, knocked me on my face and broke my nose on the floor."

On another youthful occasion while still a hack-driving fighter, Sullivan was to fight in a big theater with a well-known professional from another city. The professional took one look at Sullivan, then went off and got drunk. When the manager apologized and explained there was hissing, Sullivan walked to the footlights. "My name's John L. Sullivan, and I can lick any man in this house." One man tried and the first blow knocked him back into the audience. No man ever lived that had Sullivan's force in a blow. He could literally knock a man up into the air, over the ropes and onto the crowd; he showed the Maori from the antipodes just how he did it.

In Madison Square Garden on one occasion Sullivan fought a "professor" named Lafan, or something like that. The professor had been declared the "perfect man" at the Vienna exposition, and won the prize as perfect physical human being. Sullivan was not at his best when he met the professor, his trainers had had him in a Turkish bath all day.

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BERLIN WOMEN JAILED FOR FOOD RIOTING

UPPER RIVER ICE MENAGES ALL BRIDGES ON POTOMAC

Great Glacier Will Sweep Down Stream Should Warm Rain Loosen Thick Packs Extending From Shore to Shore.

CUMBERLAND, Feb. 3.—With ice forming to record thickness on the upper reaches of the Potomac, rivermen here today expected serious results from the predicted rain and warm weather.

Conditions on the Potomac are similar, in a large measure, to those on the Ohio river, where floating ice has caused millions of dollars' damage.

Fear a Warm Rain. In case of a warm rain, with a few days' thaw, rivermen say, a veritable glacier will sweep down the river, carrying bridges and dams before it. The ice is nearly a foot and a half thick.

Officials Are Alert. Rivermen and city and Government officials are watching with anxiety the heavy ice covering of the Potomac, admittedly a serious menace in case of a sudden thaw. Plans for meeting the menace are being discussed and preparations made to put them into immediate execution.

The office of the United States Engineer Corps admits that the ice in the river above the Aqueduct bridge will present a dangerous problem. Col. Charles S. Riding, in charge of the office of Public Buildings and Grounds, said today that dynamiting would be resorted to immediately on the signs of a thaw and an impending jam.

FLOOD PARALYZES APPALACHIAN DIV. OF SOUTHERN R. R.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 3.—The twenty-third snow fall of the winter and high water have put the Appalachian division of the Southern railway out of commission. This branch of the road penetrates the coal fields, which are flooded. The mines cannot be put into commission for a week. As the railroad is commencing all the coal hundreds of industries will have to close.

To the Biggest and Most Patriotic Family The Times Will Make a Present of War Stamps. Which is the biggest and most patriotic family within fifty miles of the White House? In that biggest patriotic family, of course, each child will have his or her book of War Savings Stamps started. The Times would like to print the picture of the biggest family. Give to each child another War Savings Stamp book, and in each book \$5 worth of stamps. Please write to the Managing Editor of The Times, filling in this blank: We have _____ children. _____ of them have started War Savings Stamp books. Send along _____ more books, in accordance with your announcement.

Unhurt In 500-Ft. Airplane Fall



CHARLES B. DE SHIELDS.

D. C. FLYER NOT HURT IN 500 FOOT FALL

One of the most thrilling adventures of flying outside the theater of war is the experience of Charles B. De Shields, of Washington, student aviator, according to news reaching here today from Lake Charles, La. High up in clouds, above the Lake Charles training school, De Shields' machine tumbled with that of another student and was hurled 500 feet downward, falling to earth in a great spin after the machine had been struck.

OKLAHOMANS ASSERT T. R. SHOULD BE INTERNED

Scores Sign Petition for Rounding Up of Ex-President for Period of War Because of Chronic Criticism.

TULSA, Okla., Feb. 3.—Scores of Tulsa citizens are signing petitions asking President Wilson to intern former President Theodore Roosevelt "as a public menace."

Text of Petition. "Expressing our horror at the spectacle of insubordination and bucking opposition in high places, going even to the extent of persistent and long continued personal vilification of our commander-in-chief, the President of the United States, and calculated and intended to weaken his hold upon the faith and loyalty of masses, and deprecating and condemning the opposition of chronic politicians, seeking their own advancement and private advantage at the expense of the safety, we, the undersigned citizens of the United States, respectfully petition and request His Excellency, the President of the United States, to cause the internment of Theodore Roosevelt, as a public menace, for the period of the war."

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' OPENING PUT OVER TILL WEDNESDAY

The District public schools will not reopen tomorrow, as had been originally announced. They will remain closed tomorrow and Tuesday, at any rate, Ernest L. Richardson, superintendent of schools today announced.

The inability of officials to procure coal is given as the cause of the prolonged closing order.

If more headway in obtaining coal for school furnaces is not made during the next few days, the schools may remain closed for the entire week. School officials intimated this today. In the meanwhile 60,000 pupils are at home. Already many high school students have procured positions.

DU PONT BUYS WORLD FAMOUS WALDORF HOTEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—New York was surprised today when it learned that the Waldorf-Astoria, world-famous hotel, would hereafter be controlled by T. Coleman du Pont, of the powder manufacturing family of Wilmington. The purchase is really of the stock of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Company, the controlling interest in which was held by George Boldt, Jr., to his son, George Boldt, Jr., on the former's death a year or so ago. The stock represents the hotel equipment and, good-will, but does not include the real estate. It is reported that Mr. Boldt will still be connected with the management of the hotel.

SAMMIES ON THE LORRAINE FRONT

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 3.—American troops are now occupying a sector on the Lorraine front. The military censor has permitted the publication of this announcement.

STRIKES, WEATHER AND BOLSHEVIKI



HIS MASTER'S VOICE IS CRACKING



GONE, BUT NOT FORGIVEN



THE SOWER

PNEUMONIA KILLS AGED U. S. SERVANT; COULD GET NO COAL

The charge that Attrell Richardson, for forty years an employe of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, died directly as the result of exposure because he could get no coal is made by Dr. E. Lester Jones, chief of the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Dr. Jones said that Richardson had trapped the streets for many days looking for a coal dealer who would deliver fuel, while boxes of favored people received more than enough.

"GLASSSED" CANDY IN D. C. BRINGS PROMPT INQUIRY

A searching investigation of chocolate bar candy in the District of Columbia is being made today, following the finding of ground glass in candy being sold at a drug store in Takoma Park. Citizens are warned against eating candy of this character until the Police Department and the District Health Department have completed their investigation.

PROFITS ON FLOUR ARE REGULATED BY HOOVER

Giving the public an idea of what they should pay for flour to give the dealers ample profit, the food administration has announced that the gross maximum profit for whole wheat flour should be from 59 to 75 cents a barrel.

GREAT FALLS LINE RUNS BUT 2 CARS; HOME GOERS HIKE

Only two cars, running two hours apart, are today operating between Great Falls, Va., and Washington on the Washington and Old Dominion railroad lines. All persons living beyond Cherrystone are forced either to walk or wait two hours for the crowded car.

ITALIANS INFLICT HEAVY LOSSES ON AUSTRIAN INVADERS

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Reports from Italian army headquarters tell of losses of from 50 to 60 per cent of the Austrian forces engaged in last week's actions. Perfect co-ordination of the allied gun fire did much to accomplish the defeat of the invaders and to weaken their morale.

WILL BE WIRELESS PERSHING.

By August it will be possible for Washington to communicate by radio with American army headquarters in France. The \$2,250,000 radio station now being built in France by the Navy Department will then be completed.

BOLSHEVIKI MOVEMENT SPREADS TO HOLLAND AND SWITZERLAND

The spread of Bolshevism was indicated today by reports from Holland and Switzerland of economic uprisings. A great general strike will be called in Holland tomorrow as a protest against food and fuel shortages. Mueger reports from Switzerland tell of labor unrest there, resulting in the call for several additional battalions of troops to be mobilized at strategic points.

STRIKERS NOT AWED BY DISPLAY OF TROOPS

Strike Leaders Arrested; People Forbidden to Congregate on Streets—Berlin Thoroughfares Swarm With Soldiers.

RUMOR UNCONFIRMED

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 3.—Reports reached here today that Kaiser Wilhelm had been assassinated. No confirmation could be obtained. This is the third time the Kaiser has been "assassinated" during the war.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 3.—News dispatches arriving here today via Haparanda declare that great numbers of German troops have been recalled from the Russian front to cope with the industrial revolts.

A correspondent from Petrograd wires that Austrian and German military forces recently withdrawn, which, it was thought, would be sent to the western front, were in reality sent to munition centers.

Berlin Like Petrograd. The streets of Berlin today resemble those of Petrograd during the meetings of the constituent assembly, when guns bristled from all the public buildings.

The Schloessplatz and Unter den Linden swarm with helmeted guards. Congregating Forbidden. All congregations of civilians have been prohibited. No one is allowed on the streets after dark and the people are not permitted to gather in public places in groups exceeding five.

Hundreds of men and more than a score of women have been thrown into jail as a result of serious rioting which occurred in the suburbs Friday. Despite the menace of gas bombs, crowds marched through the streets hoarsely shouting:

"Give us food!" "Give us peace!" In north Berlin boys and women derailed the street cars and cut the cables.

Striking employes who heeded the order of the military to return to their benches were assaulted by strikers and their wives. From industrial centers throughout the empire today the reports continued, indicating the spread of the economic revolt. Emaciated men and women carrying babies in their arms appealed to the authorities for food. Government storehouses in several cities were stormed by mobs protesting against the starvation of civilians to feed the soldiers.

Hist of Food Seekers. At Charlottenburg the police and food rioters engaged in a pitched battle, resulting in the wounding of several police by rocks and other missiles and the arrest of many men and women.

Several strike leaders were arrested after a demonstration before the palace. Food cards are refused all workers who failed to report to their shops. From Vienna comes the news that great food riots have broken out in the Austrian capital and elsewhere throughout Austria-Hungary. A battalion of Czechs recalled from the Russian front to quell an incipient riot in Plauen refused to obey its officers.

Every tenth man of the battalion was shot.

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