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JEFFRIES THE WINNER. James J. Jeffries retains the heavyweight championship of the world, Referee George Siler giving him the decision at the end of the twenty-fifth round, over Sailor Tom Sharkey, at the Coney Island Sporting Club last night. It was one of the most marvelous battles that has taken place and the greater crowd that ever gathered in the Coney Island Clubhouse witnessed the desperate struggle for supremacy. In five rounds Jeffries had the better of the fight—in the first two and in the last three. During the other twenty Sharkey forced the issue, and like a bull terrier, was at his man with both hands unceasingly. In those twenty rounds Jeffries' great weight and brawn helped him to hold off the sailor, and in the twenty-second round he swung in a couple of vicious uppercuts that made Sharkey groggy. Tom came back again in the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth, but he was weakened greatly by Jeffries' vicious blows. One minute before the going sounded to end the fight Jeffries' left glove came off, and practically, the contest was over. The referee motioned to Jeffries' corner. An American flag was hung around the champion's shoulders, and the crowd on that side and end of the arena cheered wildly. The crowd on the opposite side and end, in Sharkey's corner, yelled for Sharkey, and the men were led back to their dressing rooms. The thousands of spectators were banded forty feet high in the building, the place being packed from ringside to rafters, and the aisles around the ring were lined. The tremendous crowd sweated under the glare of 400 arc lights fifteen feet or less from the canvas of the squared circle. The heat was intense. The fighters were almost exhausted, and the spectators shrieked themselves hoarse. It seemed at first as if it would be a short fight, for in the second round Jeffries put the sailor to the ropes with a left on the jaw, and the referee began to call off the seconds as Sharkey knelt on the floor. But from the third round on Sharkey, with his vicious swings to the ribs and the jaw, kept the crowd on its feet waiting for a knockout. Jeffries stood the terrific punishment, and with his eye, nose and ear split, came back just as viciously in the last three rounds and almost retrieved himself. Then came the unfortunate and unsatisfactory ending, Jeffries' glove flying off, bringing the fight to an end, although the crowd urged Sharkey to rush in and end it. This he tried to do, but Jeffries fought him back and Referee Siler rushed to the rescue. It was noticeable that Jeffries used his weight to his best advantage, throwing himself all over the sailor, but Sharkey did his share of the hugging, too, and both were warned repeatedly. Ten thousand spectators gathered around the ringside. Though Coney Island was swept by a gale, the crowded canvas was held in position by moving line and the sports waded to the narrow entrances leading to the arena. At 8:30 there were 5,000 in the building, and later the boxes were filled to overflowing. Jeffries weighed 212 pounds and Sharkey 187, but the sailor looked to be in better condition, the Californian being sallow and having staring eyes. The betting at the start was 100 to 70 on Jeffries. They shook hands and shaped up well. Jeffries led and then landed several times, but was generally over or under. On the other hand, Sharkey went into the fight with both hands and swinging wildly. Again in the second round Sharkey was popping around, and he came in for a heavy left that sent him over the ropes. Then as if Sharkey was out-classed, O'Rourke, however, gave the sailor a talking to, and to the amazement of all, Sharkey swung home on Jeffries' ribs and jaw almost as well as there was a wild crowd of observers. As the fight went along, round by round, the sailor fought his way into the hearts of those who marveled at Jeffries' capacity for punishment. The Californian crouched down low, and though his eyes blazed, he smiled and generally over at O'Rourke, who was coaching his man over the ropes. Sharkey's vicious punches began to tell, and at the close of the seventh round it seemed that Jeffries could hardly walk to his corner, and it appeared certain there would be a new champion. Sharkey's ear was split in the eighth, and it made him like a bull. He rushed, swinging left and right, and landed nearly all of them, with Jeffries throwing himself over the sailor. The Californian pushed his man over the ropes at every opportunity and in some of the rounds rested his great head on Sharkey's shoulder so much that he was hissed and jeered. Jeffries landed a terrific uppercut in the tenth round and Sharkey's eyelid was split, but in the twelfth Sharkey got back with a half dozen left swings and a straight right, and it was wonderful that they did not end the fight. Jeffries hugged the sailor hard and shook his head as he went to his corner. Every round carried Sharkey across the ring at the start and he was fighting the champion all over the canvas. In the fifteenth Jeffries made a bluff at forcing, but Sharkey was at him again like a bulldog and swung high and low and landed almost every time he swung. The Californian made little effort to lead. He preferred the defensive, and, besides, he was winded. Sharkey, too, was tiring fast, and they punched and swung and clinched and staggered all round the ring for the next few rounds. The crowd shrieked from the sound of the gong to the close of each round. Both men were covered with blood and Jeffries was bleeding badly from his nose, which Sharkey's savage right had split. Suddenly, in the twenty-second round, Jeffries seemed to take on new life. Just at the close of this round the champion swung right and left on Sharkey's jaw and almost took him off his feet. He reeled and the gong saved him. Sharkey came back hard, however, in the next, but Jeffries had the better of it, putting in two right upper-

cuts. Jeffries' friends howled themselves hoarse, while Sharkey's urged him with loud cries, to go in hard and rough it. He threw down his terrier-like head and, though his strength was fast leaving him, he had Jeffries guessing until the gong sounded. The following signed statement was furnished by Jeffries after the fight: "I was lucky. My left hand went back on me in the seventh round, and I would have knocked him out. No more picture machines for me. The intense heat from the electric lights bothered me considerably and made me very weak at times. Sharkey fought very fouly, and it's a wonder to me that Siler did not disqualify him. He repeatedly hit me with his head and used his elbows more frequently than his hands."

NEWS OF THE DAY. Louis de Goebsried, Catholic Bishop of the diocese of Burlington, Vt., is dead. Mrs. Stonewall Jackson denies reports that she is penniless and hopeless. Nearly every business house in Thomasville, Ga., was destroyed by a fire there yesterday. There is a general all round feeling in Cumberland that the price of soft coal will be decidedly higher next year. General Andrade, the deposed president of Venezuela, arrived at St. Thomas, V. I., yesterday on his way to Porto Rico. Many vessels were distressed by the recent storm on the lakes. The yacht Chiquita was found ashore, and all on board have probably perished. Eleven men, the crew of the bark Coloma, were brought to Newport News yesterday, having been rescued at sea by the British steamship Pondo. The committee on constitutional amendment of the Georgia house of representatives recommend the passage of a bill disfranchising the negro. The bill imposes an educational qualification upon the voter, its object being to rid the State of the illiterate and purchasable negro vote. It is believed that the passage of the bill is assured. Weary of life because ill of consumption and knowing he could not recover, John W. Jackson, a former teacher, committed suicide in Wilmington, Del., yesterday. He drank four ounces of laudanum—an enormous dose—and wrote his impressions while under the influence of the drug. As it did not cause the end, he debated whether or not he should use a pistol and finally sent a bullet crashing into his head. This brought the desired result. The proposition for a national university at Washington, under the government auspices, was negatively yesterday by the committee of the National Educational Association, which has been in session in Washington the past two days. Instead of the committee has made a suggestion contemplating a plan by which persons who have had exceptional educational opportunities may secure the advantages afforded by the government institutions at Washington.

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