

# BITTER DENIALS OF JACK JOHNSON'S CHARGE; CRACK TEAM BATTLES TECH TONIGHT

## The "Strangler" Has \$5,000 To Bet Against Zbyszko

## SNODDLES

## By Hungerford

The wrestling bout on Tuesday night next at Chestnut street auditorium, under management of Sergeant Bauman, will be a far more critical and entertaining proposition than was figured on when the match was made for Zbyszko and the Greek giant, Iran Madras, last night at New York "Stranger" Ed Lewis, who wrestles Wladek Zbyszko for the world's championship at the Garden on Friday, March 21, came out with an offer to wager \$5,000 he will defeat his rival for the title.

The "Strangler" adds that to win he must pin Zbyszko to the mat. Lewis is more than anxious to conquer Zbyszko, for a victory would crown him the undisputed champion of the world.

The "Strangler" declares he has increased the crushing power of his early "headlock," the hold that almost wrecked the last tournament held in this city.

This means that the bout here will be the final test for our friend before he tackles the Strangler. Sergeant Bauman believes that Harrisburg fans will see the former champion try out on the Greek what he will use on Lewis, and any way you take it, this wrestler's appearance here at this particular moment is very timely.

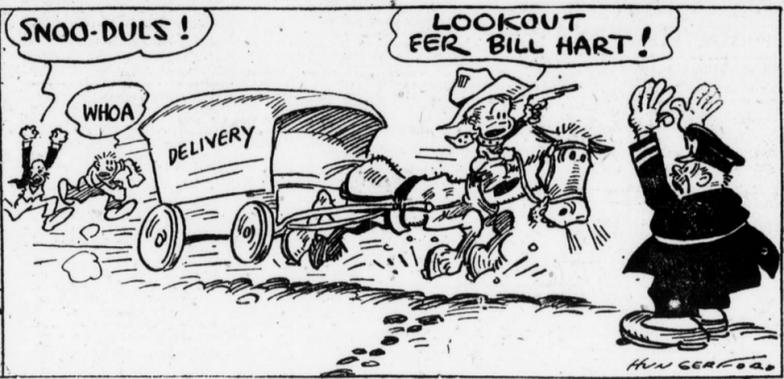
Zbyszko is not only one of the strongest men the world has ever

known, but unquestionably one of the best proportioned. He stands six feet in height, weighs two hundred and thirty pounds, and has a normal chest measurement of forty-eight inches. His neck, biceps and calf each measure eighteen inches in circumference.

In training for his matches all the time Zbyszko goes them all one better in that he spends all of his odd hours during the spring, summer and fall on the beach at his home at Orchard, Me. As a result his skin is always a deep, healthy brown in color, a point clearly brought out when he pairs off with his opponents, all of whom have the whitest flesh.

Zbyszko served in the army at Camp Devens during the war and was honorably discharged last fall. His army training added somewhat to his splendid physique. While at camp and after leaving the service he gave much of his time to wrestling in the various camps for the entertainment of the doughboys and to holding matches for various war charities. He appeared in an hour's match with Joe Stecher at Madison Square Garden, New York City, late in November for the benefit of the United Welfare Drive.

Since that time Zbyszko has been wrestling in earnest, meeting all comers, and he readily consented to tackle the gigantic Greek, Iran Madras, in Harrisburg, a match that might put a dent in his own ambitions, should Iran make good. His boss



## "Annanias Was a Piker," Say Johnson's Critics

The accusation of Jack Johnson that he was paid to "lay down" for the Willard championship fight, as printed in full in yesterday's Telegraph caused wide and bitter denials last night and this morning, all over the country.

"Johnson simply needs the money," commented Willard at Lawrence, Kansas.

"There is absolutely nothing to it," Willard continued. "I refuse to dignify the statement with a denial, for as far as I am concerned it is simply a crude joke."

"In view of the fact that there were sport writers and fight critics from all over the world in Havana when I won the championship from Johnson, it was foolish to suppose that a fake could have been perpetrated, even if I had been so low as to countenance such an arrangement."

"Johnson's game is almost childish in its simplicity and you may say for me that I refuse to fall for a fight I do not intend to fight Johnson again or any other colored man."

When the Associated Press representative asked Willard if he wished to make a formal denial of Johnson's charges, Willard exclaimed rather impatiently:

"Certainly not. I have nothing to deny. Is it not apparent that there is no foundation for such bunco as this? That guy just wants to force me into another fight."

Willard added that "Johnson" was a long time getting around to his story. It takes considerable nerve to admit being a party to a fraud, and in the same breath wanting to arrange another bout."

From Chicago Jack Curley, promoter of the Johnson-Willard heavy-weight championship battle and one of Willard's managers, last night branded Johnson's confession as a "pathetic, child-like whine coming from an ignorant mind, from one who realizes he has gone to the end of his rope."

"It has become so fashionable of late to make confessions, 'a la Fred Fulton' that Johnson had to fall in line. The world knows my feelings towards Joe Willard, but I cannot lie strong enough, even to injure the ingrate, and give any color to truth to Johnson's story. Willard defeated Johnson in Havana in a square and as honestly fought contest as every pulled off."

"Johnson says the fight was framed up for him to lose in the tenth round," Curley added, "that his wife advised against his doing it and that he finally told his wife if he decided to 'drop' he would notify her in plenty of time to get out."

"I'm sent for me along about the twenty-third round. I was in the box office, more than half a mile away. When I reached the ring side he was a sad sight. His color was ghastly white. He was licked. He asked me to get his wife out. But

he could not last until she got out and I hardly reached her chair when Willard put over the finishing punch and Johnson fell in a heap.

"I have always said that Johnson would have given his end of the purse just to have lasted another round, so that his wife would not have seen him knocked out."

Curley said that nearly every critic at the ringside would bear out his contention that Johnson was out-classed in every round of the contest.

largest crowd ever in attendance at a boxing show in Europe.

Jack Clifford, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Leo Houck, of Lancaster, Pa., are in good shape for their bout tonight at the Cambria Athletic Club, Philadelphia. Both boys are noted for their abilities to deliver the goods. They are also noted for having a K. O. tucked in either mitt, therefore the fun should be when the pair of middleweights split off.

The semi-windup is Jack Devlin and Willie Boyle, another pair of willing mixers. The rest of the show follows: Tommy Burks vs. Al Werner, Mike Fairbank and Marty Campbell, while the opening bout is between Johnny McKeown and Johnny Ryan.

The management of the Olympia has matched Johnny Murray, of New York, and Dick Loadman, of Buffalo, N. Y., to meet in the windup at that club Monday night. Murray is noted for his ability as a K. O. artist. He stopped Frankie Clark in jig time at this club some weeks ago, and as he is just now boxing in grand shape, Loadman will have to step aside to have a chance with the New Yorker. The other bouts are Johnny Tynan and Joe Tiplitz, Joe Mendell vs. Hughte Hutchinson, Abe Friedman and Battling Mack, and the opener is between Eddie O'Keefe, who is trying a comeback, and Phil Frenchlin.

The coming bout between Joey Fox, the English featherweight champion, and Louisiana, of Philadelphia, is creating more than usual interest. It will take place at the National A. A. to-morrow night. Since Fox gave Young Robidoux such a neat trimming at this club a couple of weeks ago local fandom are of the opinion that this fellow Fox is just made for a bout with Johnny Kilbane for the title. Should the Englishman add Louisiana to his list of victims he will be the one best bet to demand a bout with the champion.

Ray Morgan now is reported as having declined definitely to join the Philadelphia Nationals, to which club Washington has released him by the waiver route. The former second baseman of the Griffins has announced that the major leagues have no attractions for him and

## Champion Lansford Gives Tech Battle Tonight

Tech High school's basketball team will have a real test to-night at Chestnut Street Hall when the Lansford High school quintet will oppose the Maroon champions. It will be Greek against Greek when the two aggregations meet. With Tech cleaning leading on the latter floor, a new interest has been aroused in this branch of sports among Tech's admirers. It was the first time in seven years that Reading was trimmed on its home floor.

Lansford looks like a real champion and may sprin a surprise and upset the plans of the Tech crowd to annex the State title. Winning 21 out of 24 games calls to mind the great Middletown High school team of 1910-1911 which was awarded the State title after cleaning up 23 victories in 31 games.

From the record Lansford has

made, they will at least make Tech hurry to win, and will put up a hard fight for victory. Prior to this battle the Seniors will tackle the Juniors in an interclass affair. The Tech Stunts Club will stage a Hawaiian dance between the two games, and as a climax to the evening's entertainment there will be a St. Patrick's dance, with the Banjo-Saxo Orchestra playing. The following lineup will participate in the big affair:

TECH.	LANSFORD.
Lingle, f.	Bolles, f.
(Captain)	Jones, f.
Ehmer, f.	(J. Beck)
Frank, c.	Bacon, c.
(Fortna)	
Bill, g.	Hartman, g.
Smith, g.	Gross, g.
	Referee—McConnell.

that he wants to play in Baltimore his home town.

**CHINESE LIKE CHEWING GUM**  
A news dispatch tells that American gum is being sold all over the Celestial Kingdom. It is winning and "passed along from one to another."

**I remember, I remember**  
The gum my father chewed;  
And curious, too, his name  
It was Choo Gum.  
Said he, my boy, remember  
This was my father's cud  
Don't swallow it up  
Put it on the bum.

**SHARPE'S BIG JOB**  
In addition to his first responsibility of coaching the Yale football eleven next fall, it will be Dr. Sharpe's duty to coach, train and develop such athletic teams at Yale as he may be directed by the board of control to assume responsibility for, and especially in the three sports of football, basketball and baseball.

It is also provided in the agree-

ment entered into with Dr. Sharpe that "in his capacity as general representative of the board of control in all sports, he shall be charged with the responsibility of co-operating with coaches and captains of all teams at Yale to maintain the highest traditions of amateur sport; to develop and maintain the morale of all such teams and the members thereof; and to keep athletics at Yale on the highest plane of honor and integrity, as well as efficiency."

The title of director of athletics or a similar title, will be given to Dr. Sharpe by the Yale authorities.

**REVENGE IS SWEET!**  
Extract from a soldier letter, repeated by a censor who had a sense of humor:  
"Somewhere in France,  
"Dear Ma—I have saved a little money, and when I get back home I'm goin' to buy me two mules, and name one of 'em Corporal and the other one Sergeant; then I'm goin' to lick hell out o' both of 'em!"



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## CRITERION QUARTET TO CLOSE SERIES OF ENTERTAINMENTS

The season of the Capital City Lyceum course will close Saturday evening, March 22, in Stevens Memorial Church. At this time a very strong program is to be given by the Criterion Male Quartet, one of the best musical attractions of its kind in the country. It is expected that the attendance will be large at this last number of the series of nine entertainments given by distinguished artists during the past season.

## Carl Beck Feature of Wrestling Show

Sergeant Mauman finally managed to hook up a smashing preliminary match for next Tuesday night, namely Carl Beck and Ernest Lehmer, of Steelton, for the amateur city title. This match will be a distinctly amateur one. Lehmer has been after Beck for some time in order to settle the local mat title, which lies logically between them. Beck is raw material, but he has the meat and the heart of a great wrestler. The fans will see two evenly matched lads in this preliminary.



## MEN'S HATS

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## Paris Bids For the Willard-Dempsey Fight

It is almost certain that Paris will put in a bid for the Dempsey-Willard fight. The arguments are that Paris, with its big floating American and British population at present would be a better place than either Juarez or Havana if the bout goes outside America. Higher prices could be obtained for seats than before the war. It is figured that seats that sold for \$50 for the Johnson-Moran bout would bring \$100 now.

An army official informed the Associated Press to-day that the Dempsey-Willard fight would not be held in the United States, adding:

"There is one man who can stop the fight in America.

The officer refused to divulge the name of the man, but said that Willard was not very popular in the army owing to his attitude during the war and his refusal to give his services to the Red Cross and the various soldier benefits.

Boxing is flourishing in Paris at present and the Americans at present and the Y. M. C. A. are holding weekly shows in which American boxers meet British and French. The superiority of the Americans, which might be expected, if not over the English and the Colonials, at least over the French to whom boxing is comparatively new sport, is not in evidence.

The American boxers are drawn from the army for the most part and generally are overweight and lack training and understanding of their opponents. The result has been that the American showing has caused some criticism. The French boxers train a rule and assume responsibility in good condition and give a good account of themselves.

At a boxing show Tuesday night a captain of the Three Hundred and Nineteenth American Infantry expressed fear that the French opponents chosen for his two boys would not be able to stand up and provide a good fight. His fears were groundless. Michaud, of Paris, with a stiff leg, caused by three machine gun bullets, gave Harold Fitzpatrick, of Mendville, Pa., as good as he received. Tricker, the other Frenchman, earned a decision by a large margin over Charles Morgan, of Pittsburgh, both Americans were fit and shortwinded.

"The Americans should train on red wine," was the comment of Al Badoud, a French welterweight, well known in the United States.

## AROUND THE BASES

New Haven, Conn., March 14.—The appointment of Al Sharpe, Cornell University athletic coach, to Yale, will be announced in the Yale Alumni Weekly to-day.

An act legalizing Sunday baseball playing in Rhode Island was passed by the lower branch of the General Assembly on roll call, the vote being 71 to 19. The bill reserves to cities and towns authority to determine whether baseball games may be played within their limits on Sunday.

The Louisville American Association club has obtained infielder Bruno Betzel and pitcher Frank Davis from the St. Louis National League Club in exchange for Catcher Vernon Clemens, according to announcement by William Neal, business manager of the Louisville Club, yesterday.

It is officially announced that the New London, Conn., baseball club will not take part in the Eastern League activities this season.

Paris, March 14.—All records for attendance at a boxing program were shattered recently in the little city of Le Mans in France when 22,500 spectators gathered to watch the contests arranged by the Knights of Columbus.

The ring was set in an open square in the heart of the French city and so great was the interest taken by the French residents that more than 9,000 of the natives gathered to watch the fighters. The fiercest description were seen near the square, the French peasants having driven for miles to watch the affair, which drew, it is said, the

## Harrisburg Auto Show

### Opens, To-morrow, Saturday at 10 A. M.

Have you decided what car you are going to buy this Spring? Well now you will have the opportunity to take your choice of America's best makes at the big Harrisburg Auto Show which begins to-morrow.

Perhaps you are one of those fellows who have no preference or perhaps you like two or three makes but you have been wondering how they compare with each other—and you would still be wondering if it were not for the fact that you will be able to see them all at the Auto Show.

It isn't a hard matter to convince you that cars are scarce and the big Spring demand will be a big drain on the output—BUT it is hard sometimes to drive into one's head the fact that in order to get a car at all this season one must order his car early.

The biggest preparations ever made in Harrisburg to make an Auto Show attractive have been made for the 1919 Show. The great Overland Warehouse has been transformed into a real hippodrome with all the spaces planned in such a way as to give plenty of room for visitors and plenty of room for the display of each car. The decorations will be a treat to the eye. The attendance will no doubt be bigger and more enthusiastic than at any previous show.

More than 150 cars will be there and each one will have its special features that call for your attention. The representatives of the cars at the show will be there to welcome you. You are invited to come and make yourself at home, go through the entire show, visit every exhibit AND PICK OUT YOUR CAR. And by all means order it at once if you want to be sure of getting it.

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