WELSH'S ARRIVAL STIRS UP LIGHTWEIGHT ASPIRANTS

Champion of World Will Insist on "Lights" Holding Elimination Bouts to Determine His Foe.

RITCHIE TO MEET HIM AGAIN

Leach Cross Is Looked Upon as Welch's Most Formidable Opponent—Gunboat Smith Must Face Willard, Who Is to Face Johnson.

NEW YORK, September 12.—The escape of Freddie Welsh and Gunboat Smith from the base of war operations on the other side will give boxing in this country just the impetus required to keep the sport from the despondent state that threatened it when the European powers started to exterminate one another.

The return of Welsh to peaceful soil will stir up the lightweights, who are obsessed with the idea that they have a chance to dethrone the English king of 133-pounders. Smith's return to his home hearth means that the heavyweight division will teem with renewed activity, and that the "white hope" will again infest us.

When Willie Ritchie came home a while ago minus his world's lightweight championship, the men who dally with the gloves at 133 pounds did not fall over themselves in their hurry to engage Ritchie in battle. The American championship was not inventive enough for them. It was an empty title according to their way of thinking, and there was no occasion to boost Ritchie's stock by insisting on fighting him, and thus enhance Willie's drawing powers.

But now that we have Freddie Welsh, the world's undisputed lightweight champion, in our midst—among us, and of us—well, that's somewhat different. Already the lightweights are clambering for a whack at Welsh. And only a few months ago Freddie was being avoided like a pestilence. Truly, what a difference a few months—and a world's title—make.

There is every reason to believe that Welsh will not put on the gloves for a real ring battle for quite a number of months, surely not before the year is out. First Frederick will insist that the "light" boys participate in an elimination tournament and he will oblige by taking on the winner. This series, regardless of where it is conducted, will take us far into the winter. Meanwhile, while waiting for a suitable opponent, Welsh will gather in as much easy money as can be earned by telling the American public from behind the footlights how he vanquished our noble champion, one Willie Ritchie.

At present, there are only three lightweights of note whose past performances warrant a meeting with the champion. Willie Ritchie, as ex-champion, is entitled to a return match. Charley White, as conqueror of Ritchie before Willie was enticed to his doom (pugilistically conversing), is deserving of a chance. Then there is our own Leachie Cross.

Cross would give Welsh the battle of this life. It is asking a good deal of Welsh to select Cross as his first adversary, but if Freddie could dispose of Leachie in a manner that would leave no doubt of his superiority, then the Britons would be classed with the regular champions.

It is not at all unlikely that Welsh will change in his first battle, since he acquired the title, in this city. Manager Harry Pollok has suggested that Ritchie and White fight it out; then the winner tackle Cross, the victor of the latter bout to be chosen as Welsh's first opponent.

Ritchie and White have practically signed for a return meeting at Milwaukee. Meanwhile, Cross is traversing the country, meeting any worthy foe and picking up quite a wad of loose currency. Cross is firm in his belief that if given a chance at Welsh the Hebrew race would have a lightweight champion for the first time in history.

Already great interest is being manifested in the doings of the cumbersome fellows. Gunboat Smith will not have to wait long to get into action, for before he even stepped on Yankee soil he was the recipient of a bevy of challenges.

One of these he can hardly afford to overlook. It is the one that bears the name of Jess Willard, the attenuated Westerner who is being groomed to take the title away from Jack Johnson. Willard, to be seriously considered, must first put Smith out of his path—and that is quite an undertaking for even a fellow of Willard's length and heft.

Promoters all over the country have alluring bait out for this match which would be by far the best heavyweight offering in a number of years. Willard and Smith are universally looked upon as the two leaders of the American heavyweight crop, and a match between them would attract quite an assemblage.

So while the carnage on the other side is to be deplored, it really has saved boxing to America for this winter at least.

ATTENDANCE AT TRINITY REACHES HIGH-WATER MARK

All New Dormitories Completely Filled. Five Law School Men Pass State Examinations.

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DURHAM, N. C., September 12.—Students continue to pour into Trinity. Already the freshman class has reached the high-water mark in numbers, as more students are now in the college than ever before. The dormitories, including the new one just completed at Trinity, All of the new dormitories are completely filled, and to accommodate the overflow it was necessary to renovate the Epworth Building, the place formerly occupied by the Trinity Park School, and has been adapted to the purpose. The Epworth Building is the last in the group of dormitories on the campus which the Trustees of Duke University have recently purchased, and it is being used for the first time as a dormitory this year. The Trustees have been very liberal in providing for the comfort of the students, and the dormitories are being equipped with all the modern conveniences. The Trustees have also given the faculty a free hand in the matter of the employment of additional teachers, and the faculty has been very fortunate in being able to secure the services of some of the best teachers in the country. The new teachers are all men of the highest character and of the highest scholarship. The Trustees have also given the faculty a free hand in the matter of the enforcement of the rules and regulations governing the conduct of the students, and the faculty has been very careful in the matter of the enforcement of the rules. The result is that the morale of the student body is the best that it has been for many years. The Trinity Park School, which was formerly a part of Trinity College, but which for the last few years has been a separate institution, has been very successful in its work, and it is now in a position to do a great deal more than it has been able to do in the past. The Trustees have decided to make the Trinity Park School a part of the Trinity College, and to make it a preparatory department of the college. The Trustees have also