

# FESTIVE CARD IS PEERLESS

## EASTERN EXPERTS SAY IT IS UNBEATABLE

Pacific Athletic Club Offering in Trio of Battles Includes Two World's Championship Contests

**BY JAY DAVIDSON**  
Now that it is assured that the Britt-Herman battle will surely be held at the Naud junction pavilion during Fiesta week, Manager Tom Nolan of the Pacific Athletic club is entitled to the distinction of framing up three of the greatest battles possible of arrangement.

Never in the history of the ring has any fight promoter succeeded in bringing together at or near to one time three contests of the importance and attractiveness of his card for the next five weeks.

Two of the battles will be for world's championships, Battling Nelson being called upon to defend his claim upon the lightweight championship and Abe Attell giving battle in defense of the featherweight honors.

Interest in all these contests is not confined alone to the west, but is the leading thought of every sporting writer and sportsman in the country. The eastern and western press is devoting unusual space to discussion of these fights and all agree that in importance and attractiveness they are without equals.

The only suggestion made thus far of an improvement in the card is that if Battling Nelson and Joe Gans were pitted against each other it might make a more attractive battle than as it now is arranged, but such a battle is an impossibility, as Gans is unable to make the championship weight limit and all consideration of such a battle is out of question.

At the time when Nelson and Herrera meet and Britt and Herman are to box, Los Angeles will be thronged by fifty thousand Shriners and visitors from every section of the United States.

**Notables Coming**  
In addition to the festal crowds there will be large delegations from Butte, San Francisco, Bakersfield, San Lake, San Diego and every other city of any importance or size in the west who will visit Los Angeles to witness the battles.

Likewise the great cities of the east will send large delegations of sportsmen and visitors and the prospect is favorable for the gathering in Los Angeles of the greatest and most notable crowds of sportsmen and men who are prominent as battlers and in all departments of the sporting game.

Among those who have signified an intention of coming or who are expected to be present may be mentioned James J. Jeffries, undefeated champion of the world, Jack O'Brien, light heavyweight champion and claimant of the relinquished heavyweight title, Jim Corbett, former champion; Bob Fitzsimmons, former champion in the middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight divisions; Terry McGovern, former featherweight champion; George Siler, famous referee; Bat Masterson, veteran referee and prominent sporting writer, and many other more or less prominent in the sporting world.

Nearly all of these have already expressed their intention of coming to Los Angeles in time to witness the battles and with Battling Nelson, Abe Attell, Jimmy Britt, Kid Herman, Aurelio Herrera and Frankie Neil the gathering will include practically the full list of notables and champions, save Gans and Walcott.

In the aggregation will be the heavyweight, light heavyweight, middleweight, lightweight and featherweight champions of the world and the bantam champion of the United States, in addition to the numerous former champions and all will be introduced from the ring.

**Eyton to Referee**

It is probable that Charley Eyton, official club referee, will be the third man in the ring with the battlers in all the contests. It is assured that he will referee the Attell-Neil and Britt-Herman scraps, and Manager Nolan and Aurelio Herrera have signified their satisfaction at the suggestion of his name in connection with the big mill.

Eyton has officiated in this capacity at all the battles held by the club in recent months and his work has generally been of a satisfactory nature. He is one of the most competent referees on the coast and has the fullest confidence and respect of the public.

If Nolan and Manager Jacobs for Herrera do not object to the club referee he will be the man. In the event that such objections are urged it is probable that George Siler may be asked to serve, but this is a bare possibility. The referee question has not been discussed yet, but Nolan said a few days ago that he would be willing to accept Eyton if he found him competent. He also said that he preferred a local man for the position, because the fans would have greater confidence in a referee whom they knew and respected.

Champion Jeffries has positively declined to appear in the role of referee upon numerous occasions and his retirement from the ring as his reason for not wishing to participate in the fighting game further than as a spectator.

**Nelson Defends Title**

If anyone doubts that Battling Nelson is lightweight champion of the world it is only necessary to converse with the little Dane a brief period of time to be disabused.

Nelson swings his cane viciously when this question is broached and says with a great deal of positiveness that he is the champion, and not only champion in name but in fact, as he believes he is the best man in the world at his weight and is willing to prove it.

The only condition which kept him from fighting Joe Gans when they were talking fight some months ago was Joe's inability to make the weight, 133 pounds ringside. Gans wanted to do 133 pounds at 3 o'clock, which would mean 137 pounds ringside, or in the welter division.

Manager Nolan, however, asserts that Battling shall never meet Gans. Nolan is a brainy manager and realizes that when Nelson steps into the ring against an inevitable foe his champion regarding the result, and if there is one thing Nelson and Nolan are jealous of it is the battler's clean record in the ring.

Nelson contends, therefore, that he is the lightweight champion and will hear to nothing else than that his battle with Herrera involves the championship honors and title.

In view of the demonstrated fact that Gans cannot make the lightweight limit and has defaulted in defending his title because of this inability to make weight, and because Gans is now and has been for some time fighting

# PRINCIPALS IN THE COMING PUGILISTIC CARNIVAL



ABE ATTELL

in the welterweight division and is matched with Walcott to fight for the welter title, the world accepts the Nelson-Herrera battle as one for a legitimate title.

Nelson is in the best of health, is strong and in excellent condition. He is several pounds overweight, but expects to work off the surplus weight while climbing the mountains at Catalina during the next ten days.

After he has thus reduced he expects to whip himself into condition without delay or great exertion. Two weeks' work at Fairview, ending with the final fortnight of earnest effort in combating off at Arcadia, are expected to put him right on edge for the battle of his life.

**Training in Barn**

Aurelio Herrera is training in a barn. His assistants and sparring partners are with him. Also his manager, with all his surroundings and "romantic" settings Herrera should make good.

Tommy Jacobs, the white top kid, is directing the Mexican in his training and incidentally making life miserable for his battler by putting him through a daily routine that is as strenuous as it is strange.

Herrera says this is his chance to roost on the top rung of the lightweight ladder and "me for that." Usually negligent in his training, Herrera will not only break a world's record for workouts and conditioning processes, but will shatter another record when he enters upon an enthusiastic course of consistent work with the single idea of entering the ring in the best condition of his career.

Local fight fans are due for a huge surprise when Herrera begins to peck away at Nelson in his attempt at jabbing home a title. In all his scraps in Los Angeles Herrera has fought a slow, careful and painstaking battle, using his long arms to keep the other fellow away until an opening was presented for planting that awful right on the sleep point.

Because he has stood up and took punishment in his efforts at landing the one grand punch Herrera has not been rated as a pretty fighter, but when he sails in with Nelson and does his share towards making it a slap-bang affair: from first to last the fans will sit up and take notice of the new style of the Mexican.

In other words, when Nelson and Herrera begin to bang at one another it will be a fierce and fast contest. Under these conditions it will be more attractive than ever, as both are past masters at taking punishment and at the best give-and-take artists in the business.

**Britt vs. Herman**

Second in the consideration of the fights is the Britt-Herman match, although no world's championship is involved. The interest that attaches to this battle, which occurs May 7, is for two reasons justified. First, both are natural born fighters; second, both are popular with the local fans.

This mill is expected to be one grand scrap, as both boys are clever, game and willing and each is a ring general of unusual ability. The battle will be fast and furious from the tap of the gong until the end, because it is impossible for either to box in the slow-going, easy style so common to many of the top-headers.

Jimmy Britt and Kid Herman are scrapping for the top rung in the ladder. Jimmy has been there, but was scrouged out by Nelson and he is coming back on his own. Jimmy has another idea. He proposes to show the world that a champion can really come back and regain his lost laurels. If Britt wins he will be entitled to return to the ring with Nelson, regardless of petty money differences between them.

Herman also has an idea. He believes he is of championship caliber, and because his friends share his belief he will spare nothing to justify their good opinion of him by getting to the top of the heap as speedily as possible.

Herman began boxing in Chicago and because he is one of the smallest of the lightweights he was not counted as much. He was forced to compel recognition by hard knocks and consistent work in the ring. He compelled the world to sit up and take notice.

**Herman is Confident**

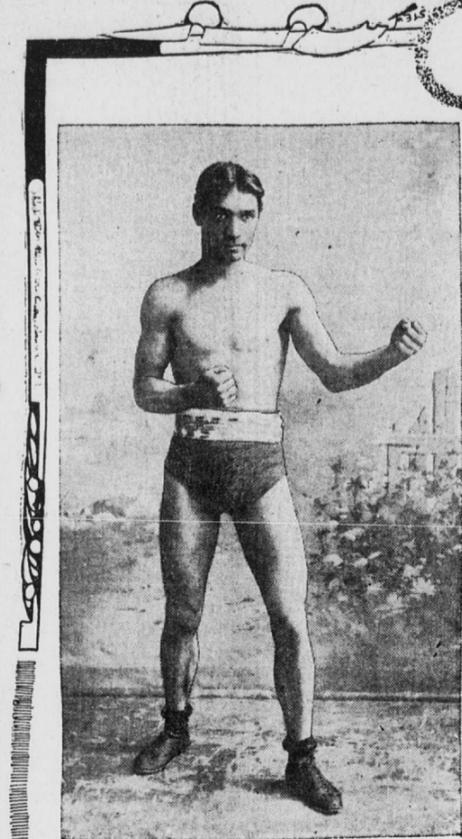
Until within the last twelve months Herman was a "local" scrapper around Chicago, but when he completed the task of whipping all the lightweights in the Ghetto he began to thirst for greater honors.

Slowly, because unknown, he waded into the lightweights wherever he could get a battle and he usually won. Gradually it began to dawn upon the fight world that another star was to be considered and he fought his way into this consideration.

The most important battles of his career were those fought at Los Angeles, when he defeated Eddie Hanlon and drew with Herrera, although he had met and defeated some of the best men in his division in the east.

When he entered the ring to box Eddie Hanlon he was the short end of a 10 to 7 shot, the native son being held at nearly 2 to 1 over him. Herman made good by whipping Hanlon to a standstill.

When he was matched with Herrera there were few who believed he would get out of the ring unaided. For fifteen rounds he battered the Mexican around the ring, and although the native son fought like a whirlwind in the final round, he was unable to put him out, and Herman was given a draw, which decision represented the



AURELIO HERRERA



JIMMY BRITT

conservative and fair-minded opinion of the audience. Neither had any distinct advantage.

By the two battles Herman fought his way into the favor of the Los Angeles fans and he will today vie with any of the ring artists in popularity. There are fans in Los Angeles who believe Herman will some day be champion, regardless of his small stature.

Herman believes he will win from Britt, being equally as confident as the native son, and if he should realize on his hopes he will be man whom "they" will have to beat for the title.

**Attell vs. Neil**

The first fistie argument on McCarey's card is the Attell-Neil battle for the world's featherweight championship, which is scheduled for April 20.

The legitimate featherweight title is involved in this scrap and there is no quibbling or splitting hairs over this fact. Attell holds the title and is risking it in the meeting with Neil.

Los Angeles fans will be called upon to give evidence of their interest in the game by supporting a real world's championship contest, and it seems at this time as if the pavilion would be miserably inadequate even for a Los Angeles audience.

This battle will bring together the two greatest featherweights in the world, either of whom would be accepted as the champion were the other not in existence.

The battle will also bring together two champions in a scrap for a championship. With Attell holding the featherweight title and Neil the un-

disputed American bantam champion, the mill will take on the flavor of a real battle and will afford the fans the first opportunity of witnessing a scrap between two champions.

Attell is the king of the glove artists, big and little, and there is none so clever as he in the artistic and scientific pointing of the game. Abe depends upon his ability to keep the other fellow off until a favorable opening is presented whereby he can jab home the sleep tablet.

Neil is the direct contrary self to this style of fighting. He believes in going in and knocking the other fellow's block off his shoulders. He generally does it, too.

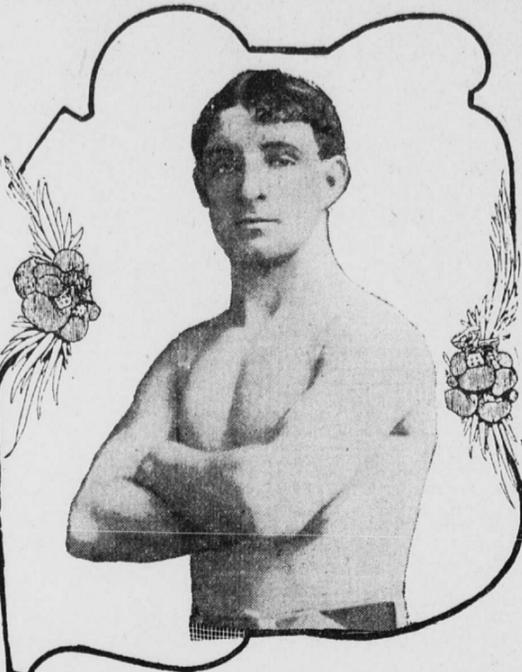
This will be one of the greatest battles ever pulled off in Los Angeles. It is seldom that local fans are privileged to witness glove arguments between king pins and this one will furnish the opportunity.

**Where They Train**

The locations of the several training camps has not yet been definitely settled, but it is probable that all the battlers will be getting down to hard work within a few fleeting hours and here are the real facts:

Battling Nelson is in Avalon, Catalina island, where he will spend ten days rusticiating, recuperating and resting. He also expects to walk several hundred miles up and down the mountain sides before he returns to the continent and incidentally work off about twelve pounds overweight.

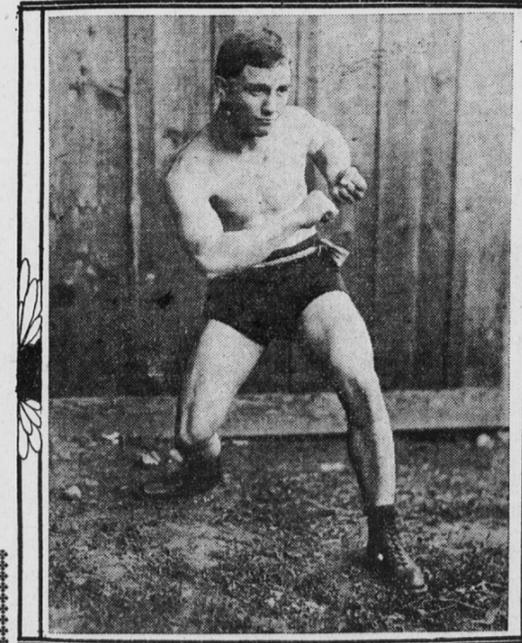
After his return he will spend two weeks at Fairview, near Newport, where a temporary gymnasium will be



FRANKIE NEIL



BATTLING NELSON



KID HERMAN

erected. During his stay at Fairview Bat will do light training only.

Two weeks before the date of his scrap with Herrera he will go to Baldwin's ranch at Arcadia and get down to hard work. A gymnasium will be erected on the ranch near the Oakwood hotel and here Bat will do his heavy work and point himself for the big argument.

Herrera has already established training quarters at Forty-ninth street and Central avenue and will do all his work there. Consistent hard work and ample facilities will contribute to putting the Mexican in condition for the one grand effort of his career.

Jimmy Britt is taking the mountain cure for his obesity and will spend two weeks in the open air with Sam Berger as trainer. During his stay in the mountains Britt will do light work only.

Britt will come to Los Angeles two weeks before his date and establish training quarters at Santa Monica. From that city he will do his road work and put on the finishing touches for his battle with the Ghetto champion.

The Kid made a conditional purchase of gymnasium articles last night and will fit up a modern camp. He expects to get started at hard work at once and will be assisted by Kid Bartley of Chicago, who fought once in a preliminary here and was once an aspirant for the hero's scalp.

Herrera is in good condition now and will only need the finishing touches to fit him for the engagement with the native son.

Attell is training at Lewis's gymnasium on South Spring street. He does road work every forenoon and is as busy as a cranberry merchant every afternoon. Training partners have been selected from among the local colony of amateurs and Abe is working like a Turk.

Frankie Neil will condition himself at Croll's Gardens, Frisco. The little champion of American bantams is unaccustomed to the balmy breezes so common in Los Angeles and preferred training at home. He will come to Los Angeles a few days before the date.

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"I am willing to offer the big fellow \$120,000 to fight Hart, Burns, Kauffman, Fitzsimmons, O'Brien and Ruhlin. This is \$20,000 a fight. It's a lot of money, but I figure it would be a good investment, for the pictures of these fights would be worth a mint of money to any man."

If these fights should take place, the only arena in which to hold them is at Colma. It would be Coffroth's idea to pull off the fights a week apart, every Saturday afternoon. The weather would undoubtedly be fine all the time and just right for the picture machines, the main factor in the gigantic scheme.

At present this talk is nothing more than speculation. The champion has not said he would return to the game, though many think he will if the purse is large enough.

Jeffries is said to be in need of a bit of spare change at the present time and a cool \$100,000 is about as much as tempt even richer men than the peer of gladiators. So there is a chance to see him go some more.

**SUTTON WINS FROM CUTLER**  
Billiard Experts Play Slow Game at  
Afternoon Meeting of Balk Line  
Tournament at New York

By Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, April 10.—George Sutton, who has gained an international reputation as a billiard expert, defeated Albert G. Cutler of Boston in the championship tournament at 18-2 balk line by a score of 300 to 220.

Sutton gave a fine exhibition of his skill, his two highest runs being 115 and 109, with an average of 20.

Cutler made several apouts, his best efforts netting him 61, 50 and 40 respectively, his average being 8 20-25. The Boston man was outclassed, however, as Sutton's wonderful gathering shots and brilliant nursing gave him a commanding lead early in the game.

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