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LANGFORD AND FLYNN BOUT PUTS LOS ANGELES BACK ON THE MAP

ENTIRE SPORTING WORLD AWAITING RESULT OF THEIR BATTLE THURSDAY

Fighting Fireman Forces Pugilistic Critics to Acknowledge His Class and Take Him Seriously for First Time in His Career. Never Given His Proper Place Among Scrappers Because Until Recently He Never Had Done Anything Especially Sensational—Victories Over Papke, Willis and Boston Terror Compel Fans to Figure Him as Having Chance to Beat Samivel

BY JAY DAVIDSON

LOS ANGELES comes into its own again this week as the center of interest among the followers of things pugilistic because it will be the scene Thursday afternoon of the only ring battle of any importance to be fought during the week. The 45-round battle at Vernon, to be fought Thursday afternoon is attracting more than ordinary interest because Sam Langford, for several years regarded as one of the two or three great fighters left in the bigger divisions since the enforced retirement of Jeffries, will be fighting for his pugilistic life, and all his ring prestige will be at stake in a scrap with a man who decisively whipped him only a few weeks ago. At that time Jim Flynn was not regarded as a serious contender in the divisions below Jeffries and Johnson, because he always had been fighting second and third raters, and taking small money as his reward for posing as the great trial horse.

Now all is different. Following up his quick knockout of Joe Willis, the last day of 1909, he went into battle with Langford over the ten-round route and beat the Boston terror in the last nine rounds of that fight. He showed such vast improvement in these two fights, as compared with his previous showings, that the fans began to wonder if they had not rated him far below his proper credit. He showed conclusively in the fight with Langford that he is an improved fighter in every way, being more adept at boxing and in the art of self-defense, as well as in his offensive milling, and since then he has been rated with a plus mark opposite his name, showing that while the fans are a bit doubtful of his right to class with such fighters as Langford and Ketchel, they are desirous of having further proof in this regard before writing a definite decision.

The fact that the fans are all at sea regarding the probable result of this fight is best indicated by the lack of betting upon the result. While Langford was a 5 to 1 shot at their last meeting, he now rules only 2 to 1, with practically no betting at all upon the result. This shows that the fans figure Langford as the probable winner, but that they are unwilling to bet that way. Another significant fact is found when one considers the extraordinary advance seat sale. When the tickets were placed on sale last Wednesday morning there was such a rush for them that Manager McCarey could not leave his downtown office until late in the afternoon, and before he left there were reservations for more seats than ever had been made in a single day for any previous fight. He now believes that the entire house will be sold out by tomorrow night, and is frantically sending out calls for those who have made reservations to call for their tickets on penalty of losing them after a certain hour, owing to his desire to accommodate all who want to see the fight without inconveniencing anybody who may have made reservations in advance.

Langford Holds Flynn in Respect

Another significant fact is found in the arrival during the week of George Byers, the former middleweight fighter and the best all around trainer of fighters in the country. Manager Joe Woodman, after considering the importance of winning this fight and the possibilities that Flynn may be better than he has been figured, sent a hurry-up call to Byers at Boston, and the negro hastened to Arcadia and immediately took charge of Langford for the training period. Sam has been following the directions of Byers like a school boy and is fast getting into the best condition of his career. He is training harder than he ever trained before because he expects a tough fight, and knows that he must be at his best to win. He no longer holds Flynn cheaply and will not go into the ring puffed all out of shape with over-confidence.

Flynn is a vastly improved fighter in many ways. He will be heavier than when he met Langford the last time. He will be more confident of the result because he whipped Langford decisively in that ten-round battle. He will be in the greatest condition of his career because he never trained so hard and so faithfully in all his career. He is learning how to be clever at boxing and at blocking, and has developed a punch that gives him great satisfaction every time he tries it out. With all these advantages to favor him this time the fighting fireman is going into the ring ready to win or die in the attempt, and Langford will find that he has as tough a job on his hands as he ever had when he tries to reverse the verdict of the scrap of February 8.

Flynn Has Been Underrated Heretofore

The fans have been underrating Flynn for a long time because he has become almost a fixture in Los Angeles, where fighters are handicapped because of their local residence. He has been a great old trial horse here, taking on almost any old fighter that wanted a job and needed a tryout. He has made a great record for himself, but never has been given proper credit for the class he represents in the ring. He has held himself too cheaply in the past, for one thing, and has permitted the fans to rate him as only a trial horse because he did not pick his opponents. These fans were surprised out of their boots when they saw the fireman enter the ring with Langford and make the Boston terror turn his back and run away a la Jack O'Brien, and they were more surprised when Flynn showed so much cleverness at boxing and blocking that Langford could not hurt him. They were almost dumfounded when Flynn responded to the call for the fifth round, and they could hardly believe their eyes when they saw him stick out the full ten rounds and win an unquestionable decision over the negro. Even now, with his recent victories over Joe Willis and Langford to speak for him, the fans are remarkably slow in giving him the credit that is due him, and will not be fully convinced that he is a classy fighter until he has whipped Langford again.

Flynn Likes Long Distance Scraps

There is some room for doubt regarding the result because the fans cannot get any definite line on the two scrappers at a distance. Both have gone the twenty-round route, but further than this there is nothing on record. Flynn has shown as much of a liking for long fights as has Langford, and has made as good a showing at twenty rounds as has the Boston negro. He probably will be just as strong at a distance as he would be at ten rounds, and with a determined, courageous fighter, who has class, distance does not materially affect his chances unless he is a speedy boxer, depending upon speed and cleverness alone to win for him. Flynn is not what one would term a speedy boxer, and he depends upon his strength and his ability to wear down an opponent to earn his victories. Therefore, one must concede him as good a chance over a distance as that given to Langford. The negro has won most of his victories at ten rounds and less, and has not won more than three fights at a greater distance in three years, although fighting several. These facts should indicate that there is no real advantage for either in the distance that the fight is scheduled to go, as each seems capable of going on with the battle to the limit, if a knockout does not stop it before.

AMATEUR BILLIARDISTS PLAY FOR TITLE IN APRIL

Date Finally Announced by Committee of Governing Association and to Be Held in Brooklyn

NEW YORK, March 12.—A date has finally been set for the annual championship tournament of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players. The tournament will begin April 4 at the Hamilton club, Brooklyn, and the game will be 100 points at 1/2 ball line. Six prizes will be awarded, and the winner of the first prize becomes the national champion. The emblematic trophy must be won twice before it becomes personal property. H. A. Wright of San Francisco won it last year, but surrendered it to the national association when he joined the professional ranks. Among the prospective contestants are former champions J. Ferdi-

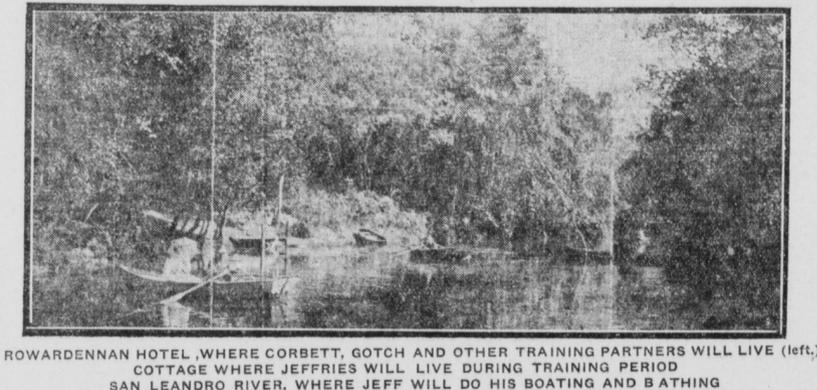
MURPHY IMPORTS SOME OLD SOD FOR PRESIDENT

CHICAGO, March 12.—President C. W. Murphy of the Cubs left last night for New Orleans, where he will see his team play the Cleveland series. Before leaving Murphy put in a bid for the sod which is being imported from Ireland, and on which President Taft will stand when he addresses the Fellowship club on St. Patrick's day. Murphy says he wants to put the "old sod" near the home plate at the west side grounds.

REFUSES \$100,000 FOR HORSE

NEW YORK, March 12.—Racing men here learned today that Richard Croker recently refused an offer of \$100,000 for Orby, his Derby winner, now in stud at Glencrest, Ireland. The offer came from the Italian government, and was refused promptly. Croker says the horse is worth twice that price.

Rowardennan Park, Near Santa Cruz, Where Jeffries Will Do His Training for Fight with Johnson, Beginning About April 1



ROWARDENNAN HOTEL, WHERE CORBETT, GOTCH AND OTHER TRAINING PARTNERS WILL LIVE (left); COTTAGE WHERE JEFFRIES WILL LIVE DURING TRAINING PERIOD. SAN LEANDRO RIVER, WHERE JEFF WILL DO HIS BOATING AND BATHING

ROWARDENNAN park, nine miles up in the mountains east of Santa Cruz, has been selected as the permanent training quarters of Jeffries and it is here that he will put in the three months of hard work that he expects to be sufficient to make him the same old invincible and unbeaten champion of the world that he was after he had beaten Corbett, Sharkey and Fitzsimmons. This park was selected because of its peculiar fitness as a location for a training camp, being away up in the mountains away from the humdrum of city life and yet possessing all the comforts and conveniences of that same city life. Rowardennan park was laid out by Hugh Tevis, the multi-millionaire, and H. F. Anderson, a wealthy real estate man and politician of Santa Cruz, about nine years ago. Tevis died in Japan after he had built a fine home at Rowardennan park, and Anderson succeeded him in ownership of the resort. They spent about \$75,000 in making improvements upon the then wild tract of land, and now it is a famous summer resort, with quite a large number of summer houses owned by such men as Lieutenant Governor Warren Porter, John Mays, millionaire promoter of the Coast Counties Gas and Electric company, Henry J. Crocker of Frisco; Dr. W. B. Coffey, surgeon-general of the United Railroads of Frisco; John Tait, the Frisco caterer; Col. A. J.

Andrews of the Diamond Palace, Frisco; Dr. J. P. Sargent, millionaire business man of the northern metropolis, and Rothwell Hyde of the Hyde estate, as well as many others of equal prominence in the social and business world of the Pacific coast. Jeffries will be furnished with a cottage for his residence during his training period, and his trainer assistants, including Jim Corbett, Frank Gotch and Farmer Burns, will be quartered at the Rowardennan hotel, which has a rooming capacity of 270 persons. The San Leandro river runs through the park and is one of the features of summer life at the resort, being wide and deep and suitable for boating and bathing purposes. Fishing also is one of the favorite pastimes at the resort, and it is a cinch that Jeff will enjoy life to some extent in patronizing these various methods of passing away his idle moments. Rowardennan park is located at the top of the hill from Ben Lomond station on the Southern Pacific railway and commands a fine view of the ocean and the surrounding valleys. Berger will be at Rowardennan park next Sunday to begin arrangements for building a hotel and a gymnasium inside the training hall. Anderson, owner of the resort, is a councilman at Santa Cruz and a wealthy business man. He easily figured that Jeff would be a big attraction for his summer resort and lost no time in making such enticing inducements that the champion and his manager could not decline. During the training period, beginning April 1, Rowardennan park will be occupied by about one hundred persons, in addition to the regular summer tourist colony, and this number will include Jeffries' party and his training corps of ten or fifteen persons and newspaper men from all the prominent daily newspapers of the country.

CLAREMONT NO MATCH FOR OXY

LOCAL ATHLETES WIN OUT BY 88 TO 34 SCORE

Whittier Squad Annexes Only One First During Annual Contest Yesterday on Baer Field

Oxy 88, Whittier 34. Only one first went to the Whittier squad yesterday in their meet with the Occidental athletes on Baer field, and though the lack of competition the meet proved rather uninteresting to the spectators. The final score was: Oxy 88, Whittier 34. Only in the two-mile race, which was won in the finish stretch by Richardson from Whittier's crack Marathoner, White, who was doped to have a chance to win over the two-mile route in the 45th round of the race, did the bleacherites give vent to any rah-rahs, but then for a while it resembled a real track meet. Fred Thompson figured in the 45th round, but he was not in the race. Fred Thompson figured in the 45th round, but he was not in the race. Fred Thompson figured in the 45th round, but he was not in the race.

Jack Kipper, partner of Jeff, represents the best type of a friend one might care to meet. His friendship for Jeff could not be stronger or more loyal if the big fellow were his own brother, and all that is necessary to start a riot in the South Spring street cafe is to say something derogatory to him. He is not putting the dinge has a chance to win. That is no joke about Kip wanting to bet the saloon on Jeff to win, as he will call anything that begins in Frisco the local team of anything like respectable odds. It will be back to railroading for Jack if the coin wins, and if there is enough Johnson money in sight the day of the fight Kip will have the family plate staked on his pal.

Quite a large delegation of San Francisco sports will be at the ringside Thursday afternoon when Langford and Flynn hook up for their 45-round scrap. There is nothing of importance to hold them in Frisco, and they have been stubborn enough to laugh when Flynn is given a chance to win from Sam, but they are coming south to see the new star perform just the same. There will be more Frisco sports at the ringside than ever attended a local fight since Jeff quit the ring.

Los Angeles will have two strong teams in competition for all the prizes hung up at the annual tournament of the American Bowling congress that begins in Frisco the last week in this month. The Morleys and the Bruns-wicks will give most of them a hard fight for first honors, and the prospect that one of these teams may capture the five-man honors has aroused unusual interest in the sport here. Players who will be strong in the two-man and the individual events will be among those who will go as members of these two teams.

Hen Berry says that one of the most pleasing bits of news that he can hand out to the fans is that all ideas that the Angel hand is weak behind the bat are wholly erroneous. Hen says that Smith will prove to be another Easterly before the season if half finished, and he thinks Grindle and Pfirman will prove so invaluable that they cannot be spared.

Baseball cranks are anxious to see the Angels and Vernons play a series of games before the season opens, just to get a definite line upon their respective strength, and this series would draw bigger crowds than the series with the White Sox regulars. The cranks are loyal to the two teams, but there is so much uncertainty regarding the strength of the two teams that

RIGHTER TAKES LEAD IN BOWLING TOURNAMENT

DETROIT, March 12.—William Richter, a member of the Chalmers-Detroit team of Chicago, jumped into the lead in the individual event of the American bowling congress tournament tonight by rolling 692. This series put Richter in the lead for the grand average prize with 1884. Richter's 692 has been beaten only once in the history of the congress tournaments. Archie Wengler of Chicago rolled 699 in 1908.

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RIALTO GOSSIP

By Jay Davidson

HEN BERRY will not be one of the ornaments at the White Sox-Vernon game this afternoon at the Chutes, as the little dimpled darling went north last night with his Angel pets and will adorn the visiting players' bench at Bakersfield during the afternoon. No baseball magnate that ever lived took a more sincere interest in his team or got so much real pleasure out of their victories or mourned more at their defeats than Hen. He simply could not stay behind while the boys were playing away from home.

Charles Comiskey and his regular team of American league pennant chasers will come to the southland during the week and are scheduled to open at the Chutes next Thursday afternoon. If possible to persuade Comiskey to do so, the opening game will be postponed one day in order not to conflict with the Langford-Flynn fight at Vernon. As the players want to see this scrap, it hardly will be any difficult matter to get Comiskey to agree to the postponement.

Jim Morley said yesterday that the date for the two-night engagement of Willie Hoppe and Ora Morningstar, the balk-line cranks, at his Spring street parlors, had been moved up from March 26 and 27 to March 23 and 24. This change in dates was made at the suggestion of the players, and probably will be a popular move, as a midweek date always proves more convenient for business men to get away than would be the case if the dates had remained at Friday and Saturday nights.

Francis Anderson, the Santa Cruz business man who owns Rowardennan Park, where Jeff will train for his fight with Johnson, entertained a small party of friends at a private banquet at the Ship hotel, Venice, last Friday night. Among those attending were Anderson and wife, Morley and wife, Mrs. Elmer C. Morrow, Miss Landers and A. L. Hill. Anderson likes our climate and says Los Angeles has nothing on Santa Cruz in the summer months.

At Wilsand of the Leisy Brewing company of Cleveland, Ohio, is passing a vacation in sunny Southern California and incidentally is meeting a lot of Cleveland people here that he never dreamed of getting this far from home. Like everybody else who comes here, he is half way influenced to stay here for all time, but business interests offer a serious obstacle.

Better keep an eye on that fellow Murphy that Cap Dillon has placed out in left field at some enterprising major league scout will have him caged before the drafting season is fairly started this year. He is hitting the Sox twirlers like they were amateurs, batting at a 1.000 rate yesterday. Bernard also hit 'em up at a perfect clip, while Gill got a brace of safeties in three tries. A hitting team cannot be beaten, and it looks like Berry had made some wise choices in getting these new men.

Fight fans will have all the fun they crave if they go to Doyle's Southside club or to Arcadia this afternoon. Langford and Flynn have arranged an extraordinary show at their camps for the last Sunday of the training period. Langford will box fifteen or more rounds and Flynn says he will not think of quitting until he has boxed twenty rounds. These maulers are about ready to cut each other's throats, and are in such fine condition now that their shows this afternoon should be peaches.

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U. S. C. TRACK MEN VICTORIOUS

DEFEAT POMONA 73 TO 48 AT CLAREMONT

Richardson Clears Bar in Pole Vault at Twelve Feet Three Inches, Raising His Own Record

U. S. C. 73, Pomona 48

When the cinder path athletes of the University of Southern California and Pomona met at Claremont yesterday afternoon the hardest fought meet of the conference thus far resulted, although the local squad won out by the good margin of 73 to 48. The surprise of the meet was the defeat of H. Sloane of Pomona by both the U. S. C. representatives, Throop and Martin, in the 100 and 220 dashes. Sloane had been picked to win both events over Throop by some of the best judges of sprinters in the southland, who held that his experience and past records made him the favorite. As Sloane has been troubled with a bad leg recently it might explain his reversal of form, but nevertheless Throop is now the king sprinter of Southern California, having shown in his last two performances that he is a consistent ten-second man.

Richardson of U. S. C., clearing the bar in the pole vault at 12 feet 3 inches, which better his former Southern California record by very nearly six inches, was the feature of the day and marks him as a coming champion with the long pole. The results: Mile run, won by Hall, U. S. C.; 100-yard dash, won by Wood, U. S. C.; 200-yard dash, won by Throop, U. S. C.; 400-yard dash, won by Seward, Pomona, third; distance, 123 feet 11 1/2 inches.

One hundred-yard dash, won by Throop, U. S. C.; Martin, U. S. C.; time, 10 seconds. One hundred and twenty-yard hurdles, won by Lennox, U. S. C.; Good-sall, U. S. C.; second; Clark, Pomona, third; time, 16.04.

Four hundred and forty-yard dash, won by P. Sloane, Pomona; Walton, U. S. C.; second; Wallace, U. S. C.; third; time, 62.62. Two hundred and twenty-yard dash, won by Throop, U. S. C.; Martin, U. S. C.; second; Sloane, Pomona, third; time 21.64.

High jump, won by Clark, Pomona; time, 5 feet 7 inches. Shotput, won by Trotter, U. S. C.; Kingman, Pomona, second; Richardson, U. S. C., third; distance, 42 feet. Broad jump, won by Good-sall, U. S. C.; Gillette, Pomona, second; Hall, U. S. C., third; distance, 20 feet 5 inches. Relay race, won by U. S. C.; team composed of Wallace, Walton, Stine, Lorber, Newlands and P. Sloane; time, 3:31.94.

Officials: George Braden, referee; Ralph Noble, starter; C. E. Fuller, clerk of course; Timers: J. Valle, Dr. Sumner and Bovard. Judges of finish: Dr. Williams, Dr. Knowles and Roland Valle. Judges of jumps: John Graf, Miller and Corbin. Judges of weights: Walden, Palmer and McClure. Metz, Marshall and Gordon, announcers. Joe Neals, scorer.

COLLEGE ROWING DATES ANNOUNCED FOR SPRING

NEW YORK, March 12.—The principal college rowing date for the year are as follows: April 21—Harvard vs. Navy, at Annapolis. April 30—Princeton vs. Navy, at Annapolis. May 14—Columbia vs. Navy, at Annapolis. May 21—Georgetown vs. Navy, at Annapolis. May 21—American vs. Henley, at Philadelphia. May 21—Syracuse vs. Navy, at Annapolis. May 30—Harvard vs. Cornell, at Boston. June 4—Washington vs. Wisconsin, at Madison. June 25—Intercollegiate regatta, at Poughkeepsie. June 30—Harvard vs. Yale, at New London.

WINS SKATING RACE

When H. M. Whittaker of Indianapolis and Tracy Stewart, the local mercury with the rollers, met for the second time since the opening of the Mammoth skating rink, a stirring race resulted, Stewart winning over the two-mile route in the fast time of 6:48. To the winner went a \$50 purse.

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