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JEFFRIES STILL THE CHAMPION

Difference of Opinion Among the Fight Experts of the Country.

Los Angeles, Aug. 9.—Is Jim Jeffries still the heavyweight champion of the world?
The big fellow sent a shock of surprise and incredulity throughout the Queensberry realm when upon the occasion of his depositing a \$5,000 forfeit in New York to bind a match with Jack Johnson, he made the following statement:

"I am still the heavyweight champion despite my retirement. It will be me and not Johnson who will defend this title."

This startling announcement has started a riot of opinions all over the country wherever boxing is discussed. In the writer's opinion, Jeffries has no more right to call himself the present world's champion than he has to proclaim himself the czar of Russia. In response to a telegram sent by the writer to many sporting authorities and celebrities throughout the United States many replies were received, showing a wide diversity of opinion. Probably the most astonishing one came from the man who developed Jeffries from a raw boxer into a champion and who afterward handled him for several years. Here it is:

By Billy Delaney—By crawling out of his match with Squires, Jeffries paved the way for Johnson to become champion. Jeffries is the champion "four flusher" of the world. Johnson is champion pugilist of the world, and if he waits for Jeffries to fight him he will take the title to the grave with him.

W. W. Naughton—Jeffries' contention that he is the bona fide champion is simply ridiculous. He is no more champion of the world at the present time than Theodore Roosevelt is president of the United States.

Tom S. Andrews, Milwaukee, author—Jeffries publicly announced his retirement in 1905 at Reno, Nev., when he said he would turn over the title to the winner of the Root-Hart bout. I consider Johnson the rightful holder at present.

Tom Sharkey—There is only one heavyweight champion and that is Jim Jeffries. As a matter of fact neither Burns nor Johnson ever fought any of the real aspirants of championship honors.

Spike Slatery, San Francisco, Cal.—Jeffries retired five years ago because of lack of opponents. Therefore he has no right to claim the heavyweight title now, unless he wins it back again.

Prof. Harry Gilmore—Jeffries, by his retirement, allowed Burns to defend the heavyweight championship title against Squires and Moir, and then to lose it to Johnson. In my mind Johnson is the present champion.

Ad Wolgast and Tom Jones—Jim Jeffries is undoubtedly the heavyweight champion. There is no way for a champion to lose his title without it being lost in the ring with an opponent.

Billy Papke—Jeffries is still the champion. Johnson's conquest of Burns don't make him champion. Burns don't hold a clear victory over O'Brien.

Joe Woodman, manager of Sam Langford—Jeffries is, in my opinion, still the champion, notwithstanding his retirement. Titles cannot be given away and must be fought for. Jeffries laid off simply because there were no men good enough to meet him.

T. J. McCarey—I certainly am of the opinion that Jeffries is still the heavyweight champion of the world. He retired for the simple reason that there was nobody left for him to fight.

KETCHEL DESERVED VERDICT

Moving Pictures Show He Had Better of Bout With Papke.

The moving pictures of the Ketchel-Papke fight were thrown on the screen recently in San Francisco, and the consensus of opinion was that "Billy" Roche used sound judgment when he awarded the plum to the "Assassin." They are pronounced the finest views ever taken of a fight. Papke's holding tactics were very much in evidence, though Stanley was guilty of the crawfish act occasionally—only he was, to be sure, a little more artistic about it.

The fight critics say that Ketchel's supposedly broken hand played a very important part in the fight in every round after it was thought to be on the shelf. One eagle-eyed chronicler detected Ketchel swinging it for all he was worth in the very last round, and he goes on to say that it was proof positive that the broken wrist story was a clumsy excuse from Willus Britt. Swinging a broken hand and not landing, however, isn't the newest thing in the art of fisticuffs. Ketchel

was evidently on the job, scaring "Wild Bill" within an inch of his life. Fitz used the same trick on George Gardner in 'Frisco a few years back. The freckled one hit George on the top of the head and shattered his hand. Ever after that in the fight Fitz let the left hand have every time Gardner came within range, just bruising the skin on his jaw. Gardner was too thick to appreciate the import of "Bob's" misses, and, remembering the first crack on the head, he let "Bob" get away with the fight in twenty rounds. It was months before Fitz's hand mended.

EXPECT MANY BIDS FOR JEFFRIES FIGHT

New York, Aug. 8.—Many bids for the Jeffries-Johnson heavyweight championship fight are expected within the coming ten days, but it is well understood that only states will permit a heavyweight championship mill within their borders—Neve and California.

"This country is the place in which to fight for the championship," Jeffries told his manager, Sam Berger, before leaving for Europe last week, "and don't forget that when you consider the bids."

Hugh McIntosh, who put on the Johnson-Burns fight in Australia, is awaiting Jeffries' arrival in Europe and will doubtless make an alluring proposition to the retired champion to battle with Johnson in the antipodes. Offers for the mill are not unlikely to be received from the National Sporting club of London and the Cirque De Paris.

With the selection of the battleground and the placing of the forfeit in the hands of the stakeholder, Jeffries and Johnson will at once go into active training.

Berger said today that there would be no difficulty about arranging the final matters with Johnson.

"No unusual demands will be made by Jeffries," said Berger. "Jeffries wants to fight under conditions that Johnson and the public will think fair."

BASEBALL

BASEBALL STANDINGS.

Table with columns: National, American, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, St. Louis, New York, Chicago, Brooklyn, Washington. Columns include Won, Lost, P.C.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

Table with columns: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Oakland. Columns include Score, R.H.E., Batteries.

Los Angeles Defeats Sacramento.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 8.—Both of the games between Los Angeles and Sacramento today went to Los Angeles. The morning game was characterized by heavy hitting by Los Angeles, fourteen hits being recorded for the home team. Score: R.H.E. Los Angeles 11 14 4 Sacramento 6 6 1

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Vernon Batteries: Christian and Lewis; Hitt and Hogan.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

Denver, 5; Topeka, 6. Denver, Colo., Aug. 8.—Score: R.H.E. Denver 5 9 7 Topeka 6 8 1

Wichita, 2; Pueblo, 14.

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 8.—Score: R.H.E. Wichita 2 11 2 Pueblo 14 9 2

Des Moines, 9; Lincoln, 5.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 8.—Score: R.H.E. Des Moines 9 14 3 Lincoln 5 9 5

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE.

Vancouver, 3; Spokane, 7. Spokane, Wash., Aug. 8.—Score: R.H.E. Vancouver 3 8 2 Spokane 7 7 3

Tacoma, 4; Aberdeen, 3.

Aberdeen, Wash., Aug. 8.—Score: R.H.E. Tacoma 4 4 4 Aberdeen 3 9 1

Seattle, 4; Portland, 3.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 8.—Score: R.H.E. Seattle 4 9 2 Portland 3 8 1

Sioux City, 2; Omaha, 3.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 8.—Score: R.H.E. Sioux City 2 7 0 Omaha 3 7 1

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

At St. Paul: First game—St. Paul, 2; Toledo, 3. Second game—St. Paul, 1; Toledo, 0.

At Milwaukee: Milwaukee, 5; Louisville, 2. At Minneapolis: Columbus, 7; Minneapolis, 5.

At Kansas City: First game—Kansas City, 5; Indianapolis, 4. Second game—Kansas City, 2; Indianapolis, 3.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AT THE EXPOSITION

Seattle, Aug. 8.—The national championship games of the Amateur Athletic union will be held in the stadium of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition next Friday and Saturday and a large number of the best men in the country are on the program.

In the 120-yard hurdles Smithsonian of Portland, the world's record holder at 110 meters, will contest in the 120-yard hurdles with Shaw of Chicago, the holder of the world's record for the distance. Smithsonian will also compete with Hillman in the 220-yard hurdles.

At the five-mile race Bellars of the New York Athletic club, the present champion, is entered, as is Osa C. Smith of Little Rock, Ark., who holds the indoor record.

ALEXANDER AND HACKETT WIN IN FINAL ROUNDS

New York, Aug. 8.—The national doubles championship, Alexander and Hackett, and their challengers from the Pacific Coast, George Jones and Maurice McLaughlin, gained the final round of the tennis tournament on the turf courts of the Knollwood Country club at White Plains, today.

The Pacific Coast players began the day by defeating R. D. Little and R. Leroy and Larned and Wrenn won the last set of their unfinished match against M. H. Long and H. M. McQuiston, the California-Texas pair.

VANDERBILT'S SEASICK WINS.

Paris, Aug. 8.—William K. Vanderbilt's Seasick II won the Prix De Longchamps, two miles and one furlong, at Beauville today. Mr. Vanderbilt started Bat's Delight in the Prix D'Houlgate, six furlongs, for two-year-olds, but the horse was replaced in the Prix De Domini, Maseux, Carnes' El Blair started but did not get in the money.

ELMER COLLINS WINS RACE.

Clifton, N. J., Aug. 8.—During the second heat of a motor paced bicycle race, the best two in three ten mile heats, here today, Jimmy Moran, of Chelsea, was thrown heavily, fracturing his collar bone. Elmer Collins of Boston, won.

CHINA WITHDRAWS OBJECTIONS.

Tokio, Aug. 9.—It is believed that the Chinese minister to Japan has

received instructions from Pekin in which the objections of the Chinese government to the reconstruction of the Antung-Mukden railroad and its conversion into a standard gauge line are completely withdrawn.

G. A. R. SPECIAL TRAIN

Ogden to Salt Lake City, Via Oregon Short Line.

Wednesday, Aug. 11th, 8 a. m. Special returning leaves Salt Lake 11 p. m. The \$1.10 round trip rate on sale daily Aug. 8th to 14th, good to final return on any O. S. L. train. Final limit August 17th.

HUNTSVILLE PEOPLE ANXIOUS FOR CAR LINE

Nils Lofgreen, ex-mayor of Huntsville, was very anxious for the revival of the circus day parade incident he wished to state that it is true that it was his horse that caused the trouble, but that he was not driving it. He said that his wife drove to town with some of the children to see the parade and as they would not have had time to drive to a livery stable and get back to see the parade Mrs. Lofgreen drove up to where the accident took place and witnessed the parade. Mr. Lofgreen could not account for the actions of the beast, because, he claims, it had always been so very gentle that they could trust any one with it.

He also stated that he hoped the Rapid Transit company would soon complete the proposed interurban line to Huntsville. He said that the people of the street car line to be run through there, as it would open up a great market for them in Salt Lake. Asked why he slighted Ogden, he replied: "A man can get more for his goods in Salt Lake and we have for some time past just hauled the marketable stuff to Ogden and shipped it to Salt Lake. This line will make Salt Lake more accessible and we want it badly."

G. A. R. NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT EXCURSION TO SALT LAKE VIA DENVER & RIO GRANDE R.

Fare \$1.10 round trip. Tickets on sale August 9th to 14th; good to return until August 16th.

ARMY OF VETERANS IN SALT LAKE CITY

Salt Lake City, August 8.—The advance guard of delegates to the forty-third national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was reinforced today by thousands who entered the portals of the city during the day and far into the night.

Among today's arrivals were the delegates from Ohio, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Montana, Washington, D. C., Michigan, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Chicago, West Virginia, Iowa, Colorado, Pittsburgh, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Indiana and Kansas.

In addition to the delegates, there were thousands of delegates to the auxiliary organizations and excursionists.

In keeping with the day the arrival of the various delegates was unattended by confusion and as each delegation arrived, it was conducted to its quarters and its tents were quietly erected. Department headquarters were opened, old comrades were sought out and reminiscences exchanged.

By those who had previously arrived the day was spent in excursions to points of interest and the amenities of social life.

When darkness overspread the city presented a holiday view with its decorated streets thronged with a moving crowd among which were interspersed hundreds of survivors of an army that once was, who no longer walked in the flush of youth and early manhood, but with the halting step of age and with sleeveless coat and seamed cheek, and the burden of the years.

Main street from South Temple to Fourth South was covered with flags and bunting through which ran festoons of incandescent lights and the buildings facing the street were similarly decorated.

On every side were displayed pictures of the heroes of rebellion in a setting of electric lights.

At the First Methodist church, there was a joint meeting of the different church organizations which took the character of a patriotic praise meeting which was addressed by local and outside speakers.

Delegations will continue to arrive until Tuesday night and the time intervening will be largely in preparation for Wednesday, which is the feature day of the encampment, when from ten to fifteen thousand veterans will parade. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, camp fires will be held at which several prominent national figures will speak.

There will also be held during the week regimental reunions and meetings of various auxiliary organizations such as the women's relief corps, the ladies of the G. A. R., the Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War, the national association of army nurses and a number of others.

In the program of entertainment provided will be four big concerts at the tabernacle where special music will be given by the tabernacle choir.

Other features of entertainment include a dip in the inland sea and excursions to neighboring resorts.

Outside towns of the state have joined with this city in providing entertainment for the visitors and as a result of this co-operation there will be flowers in profusion and as the veterans march down the street in grand parade they will be showered with flowers thrown by young ladies.

The parade on Wednesday will be two miles long and will be of a strictly military character. Forty departments will be represented by from fifty to five hundred members.

On Thursday and Friday, the business sessions of the encampment will be held at which officers will be elected and the place of holding the next annual encampment chosen.

For this honor, St. Louis and Atlantic City, are the principal contenders. It is expected that a number of other cities will make courtesy bids but the final selection will be thought to be between the two cities mentioned.

For commander-in-chief, former Governor Van Sant of Minnesota and former Attorney General William Ketcham, of Indiana, are the only names discussed.

CONFERENCE AT THE TABERNACLE

The quarterly conference of the Ogden stake was held yesterday in the tabernacle at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. President Thomas B. Evans presiding.

The morning session was opened by the choir and congregation singing "We Thank Thee, O God for a Prophet." The invocation was offered by Patriarch David McKay, after which the choir sang "Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire."

Elder Joseph R. Morrell of the stake high council, then gave a report of the work being done by that body and also spoke at length of the work of the priesthood. He explained in detail the courses of study for the different quorums, which he likened to the different grades of a school. He further stated that the most important work should be done in the home, also that in the early training of the child depends to a great extent his future career.

His talk was very interesting and instructive throughout and was much appreciated.

Elder Geo. E. Ferrin of Huntsville, one of the presidency of the high priests' quorum, also a member of the high council, the second speaker, gave a brief report of his quorum, saying that it was in very good condition and that its members, although most of them were very old, were very enthusiastic and attended their meetings very regularly.

He also said that there were two branches of the high priests' quorum, one holding its monthly meeting in Ogden and one in Huntsville. After giving his report Elder Ferrin gave a very interesting sermon on the question, "Has God Need of Our Work?" He brought out the affirmative side of the question very forcibly, taking as examples many of the ancient prophets both in the old and new Testaments, also others since the reformation among them Luther Calvin and the Mormon prophets.

Following Elder Ferrin's remarks, Miss Maud Belpap sang "Hear Us, O Father."

Bishops Francis Bingham of Middleton and Arthur M. Ferrin of Liberton, two of the younger bishops of the stake, submitted favorable reports of the condition of affairs in their wards. Ruben T. Reese of the Sevier quorum, gave a similar report of his quorum, also giving in detail the object of its organization.

President C. F. Middleton, of Weber stake, spoke briefly of his lasting affection for the people over whom he presided for so many years and his joy in the rapid growth of the church. He also said that the way to be happy was to be contented, and to do one's full duty and not to make up excuses.

After the singing of the solo and chorus "Calvary" by Miss Maud Belpap and choir, Bishop E. A. Olsen offered the benediction and the conference was adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session was opened

by the choir singing "Jesus Once of Humble Birth." Invocation was then offered by Elder N. J. Harris.

The general and stake authorities were presented by President of the Stake Clerk Evans and unanimously sustained by all present.

Sister Sarah M. Taylor, president of the Stake Relief society, gave an interesting report of their labors and of the benefits which were derived from their work by members of the stake. She also urged the mother to attend to their meetings and to follow the course of study outlined for them.

Elder L. S. Hodgson, superintendent of the stake Sunday schools, in his report stated that the stake boards and local boards were doing their best to make a success of their work, although somewhat handicapped by a scarcity of active and capable workers, owing to their having been organized just one short year.

Sister Katherine Wright, superintendent of the Primary association, bore testimony of the success being attained by that organization.

Following Sister Wright's talk, Horace S. Ensign of Salt Lake City sang the solo, "Face to Face."

The next speaker, Second Counselor Wilford M. McKendrick, gave a short address, saying in part that to those understanding the doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, there was no fear of the grave, the old fear being wiped away in the knowledge of an after life in the eternal kingdom of God. He also spoke of the practicability and progression of the gospel of Christ and of the great likeness of the teaching of the latter-day prophet to those of ancient times. He further said that the way to obtain the best results was to follow the "Law of Talents," explaining in detail that each one should try to make use of the talents given them and not to do things for which they were not suited.

The congregation was next favored by Mr. Ensign singing "Resignation."

First Counselor C. C. Richards expressed the great pleasure which the services of the day had given him, and the benefits derived from attending such meetings. He also exhorted those who were backward in doing their duty, saying that if they were not willing to follow the teachings of Christ that they would become unworthy of being numbered among his children. He also spoke of the rest a person could obtain by attending their meetings where an entire change of thought was received, thus taking the mind away from the labors and thoughts of the day.

President Evans in a short summary of the day's program bore a sincere testimony as to the wholesome manner in which he had been sustained by his able assistants from his counselors to the last board member.

He also asked the parents to teach their children by setting them good examples. He further spoke of the seriousness of life and of the great importance of training the young people for their future work. In conclusion he quoted from the second chapter of "Paul's Epistle to Titus," which would be well for all

to read as it contains good advice for both young and old.

The closing number, solo and chorus, "Hosanna," was sung by Mr. Ensign and choir, after which Elder Parley Wright offered the benediction and the conference was adjourned.

The musical program was under the direction of Prof. Joseph Ballantyne and was much appreciated, especially the work of Mr. H. S. Ensign.

OPENING NIGHT OF ENCAMPMENT

Last night was the opening night for the entertainment of G. A. R. visitors which has been planned by the G. A. R. Executive Committee. The lights up Washington Ave. blazed forth and the City Hall square was a scene of dazzling splendor.

The feature of the evening was the band concert given by the Nichols Concert Band, under the leadership of Prof. E. V. Nichols. The music was superb and loud were the praises given by people who stopped and enjoyed the sweet strains. About 500 people listened to the concert and were loathe to leave the square, hoping that one more selection would be rendered.

Tonight at 8 p. m. the same band will render the following programme: Opening March—Invincible Eagles. Sousa. Serenade—Chiquita. Taubert. Selection—Songs of the South, Dalby Waltz—La Circus. E. A. Amely. Marches—A True Soldier, Jas. L. Humoresque—'I'm Araid to go Home in the Dark. Tampe. Serenade—La Poloma. Yradler. March—Salute to Our Navy. Hepker. Barn Dance—S. R. Henry. Mills. Serenade—Antia. Allen. March—Music and Mirth, Barnhouse. The Whistler and His Dog. Pryor. Finale The Star Spangled Banner. Directed by Prof. E. W. Nichols.

On Saturday night Prof. Nichols will lead the Industrial School band, in a concert to be given at the City Hall. The School band will go to Salt Lake tomorrow at 11 a. m. and stay there ready to march in the parade Wednesday.

There will be band concerts every night in the week excepting Wednesday.

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