

RENO WILD

Great Crowds in the Hotels and at the Trains

Reno, Nev., July 2.—The confusion and squabble over the details of the ring and the arena took a new angle this morning, when Jack Johnson moved into the city in search of Tex Rickard. Johnson declared he was not satisfied with the overhang of the platform outside the ropes. The roped square is twenty-two feet and the platform itself a little over twenty-three feet. Johnson wanted more space beyond the ropes, and was after Rickard to see that an additional foot all around is added, giving the usual two feet of platform beyond the ropes.

The big negro's appearance in town created much interest, and a rush of newcomers for his motor, which drew up in front of Rickard's hotel. Johnson came in the guest of Dick Shevlin the Yale athlete, in the latter's car. No sooner had it stopped in front of the hotel than a curious throng jammed about it, staring at the big black fighter, who sat in the tonneau, laughing and joking, apparently with no thought for the great battle but two days off.

Whenever he comes to town he dresses in a loose fitting square black suit, with soft shirt, open at the throat, and a Panama hat. This garb accentuates his size, and he looms among the crowd seemingly as big as any other two men in sight. While he sat in the car today his "golden smile" flashed continuously on the picturesque throng around him.

Rickard came down from his room about 2 o'clock. He looked as though he had spent a restless night in spite of the worries and ever-recurring obstacles that have confronted him at almost every step.

"Suppose you'll be glad when it's over, Tex?" was suggested.

"You bet I will," said Rickard. "But I feel fine today. Slept all night."

A swarm of "war correspondents" had already gathered in the hotel lobby. They began a flank movement on the promoter, but he evaded the rush and slipped across the street to a cafe for breakfast.

While Johnson waited, Rickard was breakfasting in seclusion and was not to be found. It was thought, however, that the discussion regarding the ring between the fighter and promoter would be held later in the day.

Big Purse of \$101,000.
One of the first matters to which Rickard was booked to give his attention today was the putting up of the balance of the \$101,000 purse. Stakeholder "Big" Jim Sullivan already has \$50,000 of the money in hand.

Twenty thousand was deposited in New York where the articles were signed and \$30,000 more went into a San Francisco bank vault about two months ago. This amount was brought to Reno and today \$51,000 was added to it in a local bank before noon.

Sharkey and Fitz.
Every train from the east and west today left many additions to the crowd of prospective fight spectators already gathered. A number of ring celebrities were due to arrive during the day, including Bob Fitzsimmons and Tom Sharkey. Besides these many sporting men from all parts of the country and large additions to the army of sporting writers and literary men already mobilized, were expected.

With early hours of the morning, the city began to show something of the excited expectancy that will not pass away until the fight is over. Hereafter there have been few of the fight fans abroad before 10 o'clock in the forenoon, most of the gossiping and "before the battle" arguments being confined to the afternoon and evening and lasting into the small hours of the morning. Today, however, the hotel lobbies were crowded before 9 o'clock and crowds rushed to the depot to meet every train and the clamor of welcome resounded along the platform as the cars disgorged the dusty travelers.

"Well, how does it look now?" was the first greeting from every new arrival. Because of the many and sudden changes in the fight situation during the past week, any one who has been out of touch with Reno for two days or more fears that something else might happen to bring about another change.

"Everything fine and lovely," was the reassuring response to all such queries.

"Fighters ready, arena ready and crowds coming in every minute."

Mrs. Jeffries Busy.
While her husband played cards at his Moana Springs cottage and talked of Truckee river trout, Mrs. James J. Jeffries, in the interests of the family, spent most of the morning in Reno, saving money in attorney's fees.

For more than an hour she was in the office of the lawyer who drafted the contract between Jeffries and the picture concern to which the former champion recently sold his share in the films, effecting a material reduction in the size of the original \$5,000 claimed by the man of law for his services.

BUBONIC PLAGUE AT HONOLULU.
Honolulu, July 2.—A suspected case of bubonic plague was discovered on the steamship Chiyu Maru, which arrived today from Hong Kong.

The Waseda baseball team arrived today from Japan for a series of games with a picked nine from Oahu. The team was welcomed by the mayor of Honolulu and a committee of prominent Japanese residents.

CLOSING OF THE BANK OF BILLINGS

Washington, July 2.—The First National Bank of Billings was closed today by director of the comptroller of the currency, the bank having been reported by the examiner to be insolvent.

R. W. Goodhart has been appointed receiver.

On March 29 last, the date of the report to the comptroller of the currency, the bank included among its resources \$1,383,349 in loans and discounts, and \$134,403 in cash and cash items.

The liabilities included \$150,000 in capital stock, \$51,518 in surplus and undivided profits, and \$1,692,425 in deposits.

A MINISTER IN TROUBLE

His Prayer Was a Libel on One of His Congregation

Springfield, July 2.—Rev. R. B. Fisher, of Neoro, Ill., has been made a defendant in a \$5,000 suit.

"O Lord, make Brother Stroh a better man, cause him to pay his debts and have him cease backbiting," fervently supplicated the minister in a prayer which startled his congregation and started Stroh upon a line of action culminating in the suit for libel.

Other "faults" of the parishioner were cited in the minister's prayer and divine interference was asked for to rectify them.

"Now you'd better make another prayer and straighten things up with the Lord," declared Stroh when the pastor concluded his prayer. But Dr. Fisher refused.

OFFICER SHOT AND KILLED

Leavenworth, Kan., July 2.—Ambrose Donahue, a merchant policeman of this city, was shot and killed by an unknown man whom he attempted to arrest early today.

Donahue and two railroad workmen heard a shot in the railroad yards and, upon investigation, found a man in a box car. When they ordered him to come out, he fired, killing Donahue.

The murderer continued to shoot as he jumped from the car and escaped across the bridge into Missouri. His pursuers shot at him several times. A posse started in pursuit of the fugitive.

WORLD'S MARKETS

Bank Statement.
New York, July 2.—The following is the clearing house bank statement: Loans, \$1,215,537,000; increase, \$15,755,000.
Deposits, \$1,208,273,800; increase, \$7,197,500.
Circulation, \$48,418,000; increase, \$71,000.
Legal tenders, \$68,377,600; decrease, \$1,349,900.
Specie, \$252,609,300; decrease, \$6,008,500.
Reserve, \$320,926,900; decrease, \$8,156,800.
Reserve required, \$302,068,450; increase, \$1,709,395.
Surplus, \$18,918,450; decrease, \$9,956,175.
Ex-U. S. deposits, \$19,422,775; decrease, \$9,891,425.

Chicago Livestock.
Chicago, July 2.—Cattle, receipts, estimated at 300; market steady. Beeves 5.35a5.50; Texas steers 4.25a 6.80; western steers 5.40a7.35; stockers and feeders 4.60a5.15; cows and heifers 2.80a7.00; calves 5.50a8.25.
Hogs—Receipts estimated at 8,000; market easy. Light 10.00a10.40; mixed 8.50a9.35; heavy 8.45a9.20; rough 8.55a8.85; good to choice 8.60a9.15; bulk of sales 8.55a9.15.
Sheep—Receipts estimated at 6,000; market steady. Native 2.75a4.85; western 2.50a4.85; yearlings 5.00a 6.00; lambs, native 4.75a5.40; western 5.25a7.75.

Omaha Livestock.
Omaha, July 2.—Cattle—Receipts 100. Market unchanged.
Hogs—Receipts 8,500. Market, 10c lower. Heavy \$8.75a8.85; mixed \$8.75a8.80; light \$8.85a9.00; pigs \$7.00a8.50; bulk of sales \$8.75a8.85.
Sheep—Receipts 7,000. Market steady. Yearlings \$4.75a5.50; wethers \$2.60a4.20; ewes \$3.40a4.10; lambs \$6.25a8.00.

New York Money.
New York, July 2.—Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/4-4 5/8 per cent.
Sterling exchange nominal, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.84 1/2-4.84 1/2 for sixty-day bills, and at \$4.85-80 for demand.
Commercial bills, \$4.83 1/4-4.83 3/4.

MONEY ON THE FIGHT

Tex Rickard Expects His Profits to Be \$100,000

Reno, Nev., July 2.—Training activities have ostensibly ceased in both the Johnson and the Jeffries camp and Reno has settled down, with what quiet it may, to await the big battle on next Monday. There being little of interest at the fighters' headquarters, the greater part of the crowds remain down town today packing the streets, hotels, gambling places and fight headquarters.

Discussion regarding the merits of the principals is rife, and each man seems to have many supporters. But the arguments are cool and as yet the police have had no trouble with the throng which has come here to see the contest.

Fight followers do not expect any surprises from the Johnson camp. The negro said he is through and his word is taken for it. But it is well known that the whimsical Jeffries may change his announced plans at any time. The result is that no one would be surprised at anything the big pugilist might do.

Therefore, the few who are journeying out over the dusty trail to his camp, every one keeps in close touch with the white man's moves for fear that he may decide to take on some fighter or several fighters some day—or for that matter, the night before the championship contest.

A good example of the fans' distrust of Jeffries was shown yesterday and last night. Following the arrival of Sam Langford here, the report gained circulation that the negro and Jeffries would box fifteen rounds during the evening. At the time the story started the ex-bolter-maker's camp was deserted, except for his immediate associates. A report that Langford had been seen going towards the Jeffries camp with his fighting paraphernalia came next.

Then began a general exodus from the city to Moana Springs. They traveled in wagons, on street cars and in automobiles. Some even expressed the belief that Jeffries might box fifteen rounds with Langford, Jim Corbett having said such a program would suit him very nicely.

But the visitors were disappointed. Jeffries did not box. Corbett assured every one that there would be no more boxing at the camp. Langford said he had no intention of sparring with Jeffries. But these reiterated assurances did not satisfy the crowd and many were up early today to keep a watchful eye on Langford and make sure he did not slip away to Jeffries' place to participate in the fighter's unique sunrise exercise.

Betting on Fight.
While the gambling places are well filled at all hours, the scarcity of bettors at the commissioner's headquarters is somewhat surprising to the wagering fraternity. Betting improved a bit last night, however. At Tom Corbett's it was announced today that about \$15,000 was placed on Jeffries at 10 to 6 1/2. With two exceptions the amounts were under \$2,000. Jim Corbett has \$5,000 at his brother's place to be bet on Jeffries. A New York man has left \$10,000. Both wagers are to be placed at the prevailing odds.

But betting commissioners expect large amounts of money will be placed today and tomorrow. They explain that the crowd here now is composed in major part of men who have business in Reno and not to wager money. The arrival of special trains from the big cities between now and Monday morning, will boost the betting, they believe. Tex Rickard's final announcement that he would positively referee the fight, will probably cause money to loosen up.

A few of the extremely cautious folk are holding off their money until the remaining \$51,000 of the purse is placed in "Big Tim" Sullivan's hands. This is to be done some time today, according to the arrangement effecting between the promoters and Sullivan here last night. Tex Rickard assured Sullivan that he would either turn over the amount in cash or in check form today.

Profits for Rickard.
Rickard has recovered from all nervousness he may have felt over the financial outcome of the battle. He now believes the profits from the battle alone will amount to \$100,000.

"I expect the receipts to be about \$250,000," he said. "Our expenses have been a little less than \$100,000. We should clear about \$100,000."

Seat sales here, since the pasteboards were brought up from San Francisco by Jack Gleason, have been highly pleasing to the promoters. Practically all of the \$50 and \$10 seats are gone. The higher priced seats sold quickly on account of their good location and a large part of them were reserved before the sale opened here. Many bought the \$10 seats because they were high and spectators who hold them will get the benefit of a breeze, if one is blowing on the day of the battle.

Fans who expected to purchase \$5 seats will be disappointed for there will be none at this price.

"Folks who want to pay \$5 will have to get telephone pole privileges," said Rickard laughingly.

Many people who bought tickets before the fight was transferred and had their money refunded are now seeking to have their original accommodations back again, Rickard said last night. But as fast as the money was refunded for tickets, the pasteboards were again placed on sale.

it is doubtful if many succeed in getting their original reservations.

All is not yet serene between Rickard and the contractors who built the arena. The structure will be completed tomorrow and Rickard says he is going to have immediate possession of it. The contractors, however, declare they will not relinquish it until July 5. The builders fear the men who drew the plans for the big battling place may put up signs advertising that they erected it, as they tried to do Wednesday and get these advertisements into the moving pictures.

Gotch in Reno.
Celebrities continue to arrive here on every train. Frank Gotch, the champion wrestler of the world, created a stir about the hotels last night when he walked around greeting friends.

None was happier to see Gotch than Jeffries himself. When the giant Iowa farmer-wrestler appeared at the gate of Jeffries' yard, the pugilist rushed out and grasped his hand warmly.

"It's great to see you, Frank," he shouted gleefully. "I've been anxiously awaiting your arrival."

Gotch was much impressed with his friend's condition. He freely predicted victory for Jeffries.

"He looks the best that I have ever seen him," said Gotch. "I can't begin to say how much better his appearance is than it was when I left him at the end of our theatrical tour. And it was good then. This work in the mountains has done wonders for him. Why, he is as tan as a shoe sole and his muscles are hard as iron."

"Will he win? That's a useless question. Of course he'll win. I should say that somewhere between the fifteenth and the twentieth round he will knock Johnson out. You may be certain of this. The fight won't go over twenty rounds and Jeffries will carry off the big end of the purse."

Gotch will visit Jeffries at his camp before the fight, but he says he will offer him no advice. "Farmer" Burns, who taught Gotch the wrestling game, will give Jeffries all the information he needs about the tricks of wrestling. And then Jeffries picked up considerable amount of information from Gotch while they were on their theatrical tour last winter, too, which the ex-bolter-maker says he has not forgotten.

Everything is calm at Johnson's camp. The negro has ceased all work with the exception of walking. His entire camp says he is fit and last night the champion's partners gave proof of their sincerity in their statement by placing \$5,000 with a betting commissioner to be placed on Johnson at the prevailing odds.

HEAVY LOSS BY FLAMES

Canadian Northern Has Much Property Destroyed by Fires

Winnipeg, Man., July 2.—The Canadian Northern railway announced today that its loss this week by bush fires in the Rainy river district was 125 box cars, 30 depots, station houses, freight sheds, water tanks and \$500,000 worth of yard material.

Last night, Elmo, Ont., was cut off from communication and was surrounded by fires.

Only one house remains in the village of Miscampell.

Farmers in all directions are abandoning their homes and are taking the women and children to places of safety.

INCREASE IN THE NEW YORK TAXES.

New York, July 2.—A substantial increase in tax rate faces the New York property owners the coming year. Estimates based on the tax rolls show that the rate will be about \$1.76 as compared with \$1.67 this year.

New York's rate will be very close to the average rate of the big cities of the country. The increase in assessed valuation this year is \$235,000,000 as compared with \$84,000,000 last year.

FIREMAN BURIED UNDER WALLS

St. Louis, July 2.—Capt. Michael J. Lyons, of the fire department and a fireman were killed and two other firemen and a workman were injured in a fire which destroyed part of the Paters-Pierce Oil company's store house here today. Loss, \$200,000. Lyons was buried under falling walls.

The store house covered two city blocks.

VICTIM OF WILD MANIA

Son of Henry Watterson Shoots a Saloon Proprietor

New York, July 2.—Conflicting reports as to the identity of the man who yesterday, at Saugerties, N. Y., while apparently demented, shot and slightly wounded Michael Martin, a saloon proprietor, were cleared up today, when it was learned that Martin's assailant was Ewing Watterson, eldest son of Col. Henry Watterson, of Louisville, Ky.

Watterson is under arrest at Saugerties. Col. Watterson, who is in this city, was apprised of his son's outbreak and plans to go to Saugerties late today or tomorrow to look after the young man's interests. From him the circumstances of the case were learned.

Ewin Watterson, his father says, has for some years been the victim of a form of religious mania, which has failed to yield to treatment. In the effort to better his son's condition, Col. Watterson placed him for some time on a ranch in the west and when this environment failed to result in improvement, bought him a farm in the Hudson river hills near Saugerties, where it was hoped the air and quiet surroundings would benefit him.

Ewin Watterson, according to the reports from Saugerties, entered Martin's place of business yesterday and created a disturbance. After some words with the proprietor, Watterson opened fire, shooting Martin three times. None of the bullets inflicted serious injury. Watterson was locked up and word was sent to his father in this city.

From what could be learned of Col. Watterson's plans, it is believed an application will be made to have his son placed in a sanatorium or asylum. His mania had never before manifested itself in a violent form.

Another son of Col. Watterson, Harvey W. Watterson, was killed in this city in November, 1908, by falling from the 19th floor of a Wall street office building.

JEWES TO LEAVE FOR PALESTINE

Pittsburg, July 2.—Prominent Jews from all sections of the world, many of whom will leave next year for Palestine, where they will make their permanent home, are in Pittsburg to attend the annual convention of the Federation of American Zionists, which opens tomorrow. Already about 300 delegates from sections of this country have registered, many of whom are women. Every delegate is interested in the world-wide movement of the Jews for emancipation in the proposed establishment of a nation in the holy land.

Some of the prominent Jews that are here are Dr. Joseph Nash of New York, secretary of the federation; Louis Leplek, editor of the Maccabee; Bernard G. Richards, secretary of the Jewish Kehilla; M. Chazan and Rabbi Jacob Meles of New York.

Simon Goldzoin and his family of St. Louis will leave for Palestine in a few weeks, while I. Borushak of the same city, who is also here, is one of a party that will follow within a year.

The business sessions of the convention begin tomorrow morning and will continue until Wednesday.

WALKER DEFEATED BY AN AMERICAN.

London, July 2.—In the Amateur Athletic association championship meet at Stanford Bridge today, "Texas" Ramsdell, of the University of Pennsylvania, won the 100-yard dash by a foot from R. E. Walker, the champion, in 10 1/5 seconds.

Walker, who is a South African, first obtained prominence by winning the hundred-metre dash at the Olympic games in 1908. He made the world's record for the 100 yards of 9 2/5 seconds at Aberystwy.

WIND AND RAIN IN ARKANSAS.

Rockwood, Ark., July 2.—One person was killed and several injured by a destructive wind and rainstorm which swept over this section last night. Telegraph and telephone communication with the surrounding country is badly crippled but it is believed that the damage has been heavy. Half the buildings in Gould, a neighboring town, were damaged.

BODY OF SOLDIER BURIED AT SEA

Miami, Fla., July 2.—Complying with a request contained in his will

EDISON ON AEROPLANE

Great Inventor Points Out Some Problems to Be Solved

New York, July 2.—Thomas Edison is watching the aeroplane development with the keenest interest. In an interview given out here today, he comments as follows on Glenn Curtiss' recent experiments at Hammondsport in attempting to drop bombs onto a target resembling in shape and size a modern war vessel.

"The experiments are very interesting and give us an insight into the big possibilities which must be solved by the aeroplane inventors. An invention for making the aviator's aim more accurate should not be difficult to devise. I do not think a gun would be the ideal plan. I rather think that some way should be invented by which the missiles would be let down a tube as soon as the object was sighted and the aim carefully sighted. On the other hand the answer to the destructive effect of such a bomb, if it actually struck the deck of a heavily armored battleship, striking the deck, to my mind, would not do any serious damage unless an explosive were used. Experiments along this line will now be in order. Another thing the aeroplane, such as Curtiss uses, is very delicately poised in the air. Traveling at great speed their ability to remain in the air is dependent solely on the maintenance of the speed and of their equilibrium. I cannot help thinking that the dropping of a missile weighing, say, twenty-five pounds, unless maneuvered with the greatest care, which again might tend to offset accuracy of aim, would seriously jeopardize the equilibrium of the plane. But I am absolutely convinced that the future of flying lies in the perfection of the helicopter machine, which will not be under such a handicap."

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Holiness Church Will Ask God to Help Johnson

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The Negro Holiness church has not yet built a house of worship here, and a large tent was constructed today for the accommodation of those who will attend services Monday.

There are about 1,200 negroes and it is expected that a majority of them will attend the meeting. According to the program announced, the negroes will pray and sing religious hymns until Johnson wins the battle "if it takes all night."

Arrangements have been made to have the result of the fight bulletined by rounds at the meeting.

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ACCIDENTS IN A LARGE CITY

New York, July 2.—The report of the National Highways Protective Society for the month of June, 1910, shows that there were fewer accidents in New York for that month than in any month since January, 1909, in which one child was killed by an automobile. Twenty-two persons were injured, eight of whom were children under 16 years of age. Trolley cars killed three and injured one. Three children and one man were killed by trucks.

ROOSEVELT IS IN GREAT DEMAND

New York, June 2.—A large proportion of the letters which burden Theodore Roosevelt's desk at his uptown desk each day are from churchmen, of faiths as various as the localities from which they write. Requests for him to speak in missions, before gatherings in all parts of the country are particularly numerous.

During his sojourn in Africa, Mr. Roosevelt saw much of Christian missionary work and evidenced a large interest in it.

The American board, the oldest of American missionary organizations, is to celebrate its 100th anniversary this coming October, when it will have not only many important addresses, but also the most remarkable collection of missionary exhibits ever made. Efforts are being made to induce Mr. Roosevelt to speak at this celebration on missions in general and his personal examinations of missions in Africa.

OFF FOR THE POLE WITH A DIRIGIBLE

Kiel, Germany, July 2.—The Mainz, bearing Prince Henry and the entire complement of the Zeppelin party arranging for the Polar balloon voyage, sailed for Spitzbergen today. There were scientists, who will study conditions in the far north with a view to determining whether the project is practicable, included in the company.

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