

See that fly? Kill him!

With all his faults, a fly doesn't bother one as much as does a mosquito.

They are fighting in Nicaragua, but why they are fighting no one seems to know.

Blondes are becoming fewer, according to statistics. So many are "letting it go back dark," nowadays.

The individual census cards make a pile 16 miles high. And the man higher up presumably is the top card.

A liberal supply of sentimentalism is good for a man; it keeps him from brooding over his non-performances.

A St. Louis man chewed up a \$5 bill with a sandwich. At that it was about as cheap as a piece of meat of corresponding size.

Massachusetts woman wants a divorce because her husband keeps a live lobster in the house. Well, what's she been keeping?

And now a Deloit professor will tramp in the African wilds. How does he know those cannibals will be able to discriminate between a professor and a missionary?

A Chicago surgeon has discovered how to graft new extremities on the bodies of his patients. Science should, in this way, be able to assemble a man superior to the natural article.

A man who started to cure by fasting one of the ills that flesh is heir to has made the discovery that it cured all ailments in his case. Having become defunct he is free from all disease, even the fever called living.

Because Chinese immigrants have been detained on Angel Island, the Chinese residents have boycotted American goods. Just what their reasoning is, is difficult to understand. Evidently, however, they are trying to meet boycott with boycott.

The thrifty Dutch also are buying large amounts of American bonds and other securities for permanent and safe investment. The Netherlands are a canny folk, and when they make a purchase of this kind it is pretty strong testimony to the excellence of the bargain.

That Culebra cut is one of the great difficulties in constructing the Panama canal. Latest reports show that a vast mass of stone and mud has dropped into the excavated channel, involving a whole lot of extra work. But this is one of the contingencies that had to be considered, and American pluck and perseverance will carry the job through in the face of all obstacles.

Physicians have succeeded in making the stethoscope and telephone so sensitive that the heart beats of a patient in London were distinctly transmitted to a seismologist on the Isle of Wight. It is expected that this will be of great use in enabling physicians to keep in more sensitive touch with their patients at all hours.

The new battleship South Carolina has returned to Norfolk after a trip at sea for target practise with a new record with big guns, having made sixteen bullseyes in sixteen shots with the twelve-inch weapons. With a score like that to their credit the jacks of the South Carolina must come pretty close to the championship for good shooting.

The ex-Shah of Persia appears to have settled for himself at least the problem of what to do with deposed monarchs. He is studying medicine and hopes soon to become a practising physician. And that is a much more honorable and commendable proceeding than dwelling apart in sullen idleness or plotting revolutions against his country. Some other "exes" might imitate his example with much credit to themselves.

Of course it is guesswork as yet, and no one will know the actual population of the United States until the decennial federal enumeration now in progress shall be completed. But word comes from Washington that census officials, basing their opinion on what has been learned thus far, believe that the total for the country will be not far from 100,000,000, which will surpass most estimates made previously.

A Chicago judge bars wife beaters from citizenship. He might also bar them up away from the rest of the world.

Here's a man complaining because "his wife eloped with his best friend." Friend, perhaps, was just trying to prove it.

When there are a few more flying machines the commuter who works in France and lives in England will have a living chance.

JACK JOHNSON WINNER

JEFFRIES, HITHERTO UNDEFEATED, KNOCKED OUT IN 15TH.

FAILURE TO "COME BACK"

Now Demonstrated—The Great Jeffries Hopelessly Outclassed—Johnson an Alert Panther.

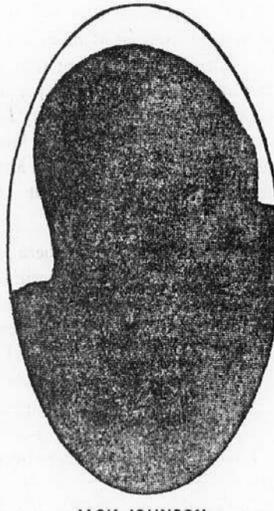
Reno, Nev.—John Arthur Johnson, a negro from Galveston, Texas, the son of an American slave, is the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world.

Jas. J. Jeffries of California, winner of twenty-two championship fights, the man who never before was brought to his knees by a blow, Monday passed into history as a broken idol. He met utter defeat at the hands of the black champion.

While Jeffries was not actually counted out, he was saved only from this humiliation by his friends pleading with Johnson not to hit the fallen man again, and the towel was brought into the ring from his corner. At the end of the fifteenth round Referee Tex Rickard raised the black arm and the great crowd fled out, glum and silent.

Jeffries was dragged to his corner bleeding from nose and mouth and a dozen cuts on the face. He had a black closed eye and swollen features and he held his head in his hands, dazed and incoherent.

Johnson walked off the ring without a mark on his body except a slight cut on his lip, which was the opening of a wound received in training.



JACK JOHNSON.

Ring experts agree that it was not even a championship fight. Jeffries had a chance in the second round, perhaps, but after the sixth it was plain that he was weakened and outclassed in every point, and after the eleventh round it was hopeless.

It was the greatest demonstration the ring has ever seen of the failure of a fighter to "come back" after years of retirement. The youth and science of the black man made Jeffries look like a green man. The great Jeffries was like a log. The reviled Johnson was like a black panther in his alertness and defensive tactics.

Johnson proved himself so absolutely Jeffries' master that experts such as Corbett, the Australian sporting writer and ring expert, said that Tommy Burns put up a better fight against Johnson, and that the black man was only playing with the white man. The end was swift and terrible. It looked as though Johnson had been holding himself under cover all the rest of the time, and now that he had measured Jeffries in all his weakness he had determined to stop it quickly.

Jeffries had lost the power of defense. A series of right and left upper cuts, delivered at will, sent him staggering to the ropes.

The fifteenth round started with a clinch after Jeffries had failed to land on the body. Johnson then tore loose, and before the spectators were prepared for the finish he had sent Jeffries down with lightning-like left and right blows to the jaw. Jeffries reeled and fell half way through the ropes on the west side of the ring and those near him saw that he had lost the sense of his surroundings, and that the faces of the ringside were a blur to him. His time had come. He was feeling what he had caused others to feel in the days of his youth and power.

Johnson came over to the spot and stood posed over his adversary, his body ready for a left hook if Jeffries regained his feet.

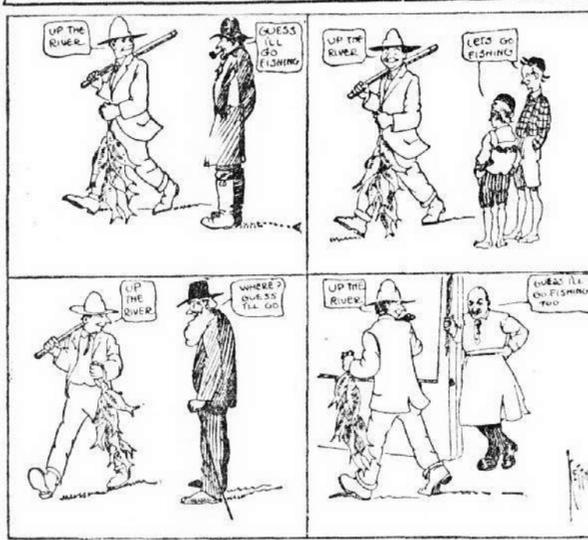
Jim Corbett, who twice had gone down before Jeffries' blows and who had stood in Jeffries' corner all during this fight, telling Johnson what a fool he was and how he was in for the greatest beating of all his life, ran forward now with outstretched arms, crying: "Oh, go back, don't hit him."

Jeffries painfully raised himself to his feet. His jaws had dropped, his eyes were nearly shut and his face was covered with blood. With trembling legs and yielding arms he tried to put up a defense. But he could not stop a terrific right on the jaw, followed by two left hooks. He went down again.

Jeffries' physician and other friends jumped into the ring.

"Stop it," they cried. "Don't put the old fellow out."

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PASSING AWAY OF SENATOR McENERY

During His Services As Senator He Was Known As An Independent Democrat—Sherman's Tribute.

New Orleans, La.—United States Senator Samuel Douglas McEnery died at his home Tuesday morning.

Senator McEnery arrived from Washington Monday morning, suffering from an attack of indigestion. He was taken to his home where physicians were hastily summoned. The Senator rallied somewhat after being treated, and showed marked improvement. Later his condition took a turn for the worse, and early on Tuesday morning he lapsed into unconsciousness and death came peacefully.

During his services as senator Mr. McEnery was known as an independent democrat, who voted frequently with the republicans. This was true particularly in tariff legislation. Throughout the last two revisions of the tariff he contended jealously for the protection of the cane sugar interests, and was willing to make many concessions to the majority party in return for favors shown to him. At times his attitude provoked some criticism from his party associates, but this never swerved him from his independent course. The fact that Senator McEnery was afflicted with almost total deafness prevented him from taking an active part in debates.

Vice President Sherman, upon hearing of Senator McEnery's death, sent the following telegram to Mrs. McEnery:

"I am deeply grieved by the startling news of Senator McEnery's death. Close association with him engendered affection and respect. I feel a personal loss. His state and country lose a firm and faithful servant. To you and his family I offer my tender sympathies."

The body of Senator McEnery was laid to rest Friday at New Orleans.

CAPTURED MADRIZ CUSTOM HOUSE

Scrap Lasted Twenty Minutes—Total Casualties Were Fifty—Officers Captured.

Bluefields, Nicaragua.—The government custom house at Pearl Lagoon was taken Thursday by the rebels under General Masias. The officers in the customs service were captured, as was General Matuty, who was formerly associated with the revolutionary cause. Estrada's men also captured a large cannon and some provisions and ammunition. The fighting lasted only twenty minutes, and the total casualties are said to be fifty.

The steamer Columbia, with coal and provisions for the government gunboat Venus, stopped off the lagoon Thursday, but not receiving the signals agreed upon, departed, probably for Greytown. It is thought that President Madriz will order a custom house opened at Cape Gracias.

New Braunfels Schools.

New Braunfels, Tex.—The city public schools closed Friday with appropriate exercises at the opera house, with about five hundred people present. The graduation class consisted of ten, four young men and six young ladies, some of whom are preparing to enter higher institutions of learning. The New Braunfels schools are in session ten months in the year.

Ship Cattle for Grazing.

Orange, Tex.—The record of one boat operating between Orange and Johnson's Bayou since Jan. 1 of this year shows that nearly 6,000 head of cattle were transported from the bayou country to Orange, Beaumont and Nibletts Bluff, the majority of the cattle being brought to Orange for grazing advantages and for shipment.

Powdrill Denied Bail.

Center, Tex.—In the examining trial of J. O. Powdrill, who is charged with murdering his son, Oscar, some eight miles of Center, several days ago, the defendant was remanded to jail without bail.

Melons Declining.

Hempstead, Tex.—The melon price is considerably off. The crop is being injured by the blight which is destroying the vines. Several cars are being loaded daily.

SENATOR TURLEY DEAD

Was One of the Few Who Declined Renomination—Died in Same House He Was Born.

Memphis, Tenn.—Former United States Senator Thomas B. Turley died at his residence Friday after an illness of several weeks, aged 65 years.

Senator Turley was appointed to fill the vacancy in the senate caused by the death of Senator Isham G. Harris, and at a special session of the legislature was elected to serve the remainder of the term, which expired in 1903. At the expiration of this term he declined to stand for re-election, and was succeeded by the late Senator E. W. Carmack. This was the only public office ever held by Senator Turley. Senator Turley died in the same residence in which he was born.

STATE TREASURY DEPOSITS.

Various School and Asylum Funds of State Receive Credit of \$103,705.26 During the Past Month.

Austin, Tex.—A total of \$103,705.26 was deposited by the state treasurer during the month of June to the credit of the various school and asylum funds. Of that amount \$67,670.88 was principals and \$35,734.38 was interest. This does not represent the receipts for that period for, under the new law, only about eighty per cent is required to be deposited each month, the remainder being kept in order to make refunds where title to lands did not pass, though first payments had been put up. Frequently attempts to purchase or lease school and asylum land fail because of errors or conflicts and the state refunds the money. The twenty per cent is retained each month for that purpose and what is left is deposited the following month.

MOVING THE PEACH CROP

Five Thousand Cars of Elbertas To Be Shipped—Crop is Above the Average.

Marshall, Tex.—Two thousand cars of Elberta peaches is the crop expected from the Jacksonville and East Texas fruit district this year, it is stated. Already, according to authentic information, 1700 cars of tomatoes and early peaches have been transported to points East. The crop this year is said to be much above the average in yield.

New Texas Postmasters.

Washington.—Texas postmasters appointed: Falba, Walker county, Willie G. Lawlis, vice G. J. Lawlis, removed; Free, Terrell county, Emma L. Simpson, vice J. L. Tarver, resigned; Glencove, Coleman county, James A. Hamilton, vice J. P. Tatum, resigned; Milburn, McCulloch county, John B. Teague, vice J. C. Thomas, resigned; Mount Houston, Harris county, Edward R. Schminzler, vice A. L. Standiford, resigned; Nabors, Jones county, Laura A. Bouldin, vice E. M. Lusk, resigned; Placid, McCulloch county, John S. Seago, vice O. H. Robbins, resigned; Trent, Taylor county, Aubrey C. Terry, vice J. M. McFerrin, removed; Waverly, Walker county, Ruby L. Cohn, vice M. M. Cohn, resigned.

Charles White Second Referee.

Reno, Nev.—Charles White, the widely-known New York sporting man was appointed second referee of the Jeffries-Johnson contest Thursday by agreement of the fighters and Promoter Rickard. White will be at the ringside and in case of accident to Rickard will step into the ring and take charge of the contest.

Mrs. Lillja Dead.

Houston, Tex.—Mrs. Lillja, who, with her daughter, Elvira, was burned Saturday night, as the result of a kerosene stove explosion, died Tuesday. Mrs. Lillja was fearfully burned about the hands, face and the upper part of the body. She survived her daughter only a few hours.

Killed by Lightning.

Greenville, Tex.—Lightning Tuesday struck and killed Brack Moore and injured Tom Cochran, two farmers.

NEW RAILROAD RATE LAW

WAS SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN TAFT AND KNAPP.

Commission's Increased Power to Be Exercised Only When Rates Are Believed Excessive.

Beverly, Mass.—President Taft had a long talk Friday with Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding the administration of the new railroad rate law. At the conclusion of the interview it was made plain that the added authority given to the commission by the new statute is not to be used arbitrarily or for the purpose of hindering the railroads in the conduct of their legitimate business. The power to suspend new rates, probably the most direct weapon placed in the hands of the commission, is to be used only in exceptional cases.

Chairman Knapp told the president that the commission had refused an application under the law for a suspension of increased rates on horse vehicles and automobiles. He said there was nothing in the face of things to show that the new rates were unjust or unreasonable.

The Interstate Commerce Commission will not attempt to fix definite rates for the railroads, and the power of suspension will be applied only to rates when a preliminary hearing gives indication that they are excessive. In all such contested cases the president was informed that the commission will endeavor to arrive at the facts at the earliest possible moment.

From time to time since the new law went into effect there have been indications that some of the big railroads have been considerably worried as to the extent and manner in which the rate-regulating clauses of the new law would be employed by the commission. Stock manipulators in Wall street, the administration had been informed, were trying to trade upon this doubt and to make the most of the situation to their own advantage.

It can be authoritatively stated that it was never intended that the new law should be a club or that it should be a means of profit taking by bears in the market. The commission will not "run amuck" and will do nothing to jeopardize the interests of investors.

DEATH OF VIRGINIA'S FAVORITE SON

Senator Daniel Passed Away at a Lynchburg Sanitarium Wednesday From a Stroke of Paralysis.

Lynchburg, Va.—John W. Daniel, senior United States senator from Virginia and for more than thirty years Virginia's favorite son, died at the Lynchburg Sanitarium Wednesday, his death being due to a recurrence of paralysis. The immediate cause of death was a cerebral hemorrhage sustained at noon Wednesday in the right portion of his brain, involving the right side. This was in addition to the paralysis of the left side, which was sustained last winter while in Florida for his health.

Dissolution was very rapid, for when the final and complete failure of heart action began it progressed with great rapidity, and in five minutes the patient was dead.

The funeral of Senator Daniel was held Friday at Lynchburg, Va.

Taxable Value Estimates.

Austin, ex.—The controller Friday received the estimates of the taxable values of the following counties: Anderson County—Value, \$11,818,900; decrease, \$358,420. San Augustine County—Value, \$4,322,403; increase, \$54,853. Upton County—Value, \$1,169,090; increase, \$46,240. Midland County—Value, \$5,500,000; decrease, \$129,893. Andrews County—Value, \$1,256,345; increase, \$324,945. La Salle County—Value, \$4,189,232; increase, \$19,814. Moore County—Value, \$2,462,921; increase, \$72,626. Wilson County—Value, \$9,648,200; increase, \$442,950.

Storm at Estherwood.

Estherwood, La.—Estherwood was visited by a severe electrical storm and heavy downpour of rain, over six inches of rain falling in the last forty-eight hours. During the height of the storm the steeple of the new Catholic Church was struck by lightning, tearing off part of the covering and running down the front of the church, tearing off boards and opening the front door, throwing pieces of lumber a hundred feet from the building.

Can't Evade Texas.

Washington.—President Taft Wednesday said rather positively that he will go to Texas this fall. He said a definite program can not be announced, but he regards it settled that he will go to Texas in November.

Chinese Are Scared.

Naco, Ariz.—Two Chinese establishments at Camanea, Sonora, have wired the Chinese minister at Washington demanding protection from Mexicans who are said to be preparing to wreck all Chinese stores and run the owners out.

\$200,000 Church.

Orange, Tex.—The Lutzer Memorial Church, which is being constructed at a cost of over \$200,000, is nearing completion.

SABINE ISLANDS GOES TO LOUISIANA

About 8000 Acres Involved in Decision by Interior Department—History of the Case.

Washington.—Acting Secretary of Interior Pierce has reversed the general land office and held that the Sabine Islands, which have been the subject of controversy between the States of Louisiana and Texas, are within the jurisdiction of Louisiana and are part of the public domain of the United States. The land office was ordered to carry out the instructions issued in 1907, to have the islands examined to establish their swampy character with the view to issuing patent to Louisiana, the State having made application for it. These islands embrace about 8000 acres of land, which are close to Beaumont, Texas, oil fields and are believed to be rich in oil and gas.

Texas contended that the international boundary commission, appointed by the United States and Republic of Texas, which surveyed the boundary along the west bank of the Sabine River in 1849, followed the east channel around the islands in controversy and also built up a strong case on prescription and the admissions of the Louisiana map makers that the islands were in Texas. On the other hand, the land office of Texas has made admissions that the islands were sold by the State under a mistake of jurisdiction.

The opinion, which is in the form of a letter to the commissioner of the general land office, states that there is no discrepancy between the map and the journal of the boundary commission, as was contended by Texas; that until congress gave Texas permission to extend her boundary to the middle of the Sabine River that state had owned no part of the river and only to low water mark, and that congress in granting an extension to Texas could not have granted any territory which was under the jurisdiction of Louisiana.

TRIUMPH FOR AMERICANS

German Campaign of Slander Against the Deutsche Vacuum Oil Company Fails.

Berlin.—The long and venomous campaign waged by German newspapers and rival industrial interests against one of the German branches of the Standard Oil company—the Deutsche Vacuum Oil company—has just been brought to a victorious end for the Americans involved.

A well-known Hamburg newspaper for months printed such a series of attacks on the "American graft methods" alleged to have been practiced by the vacuum company in the conduct of its German business that the public prosecutor of Hamburg felt constrained to make an official investigation with a view to eventual indictments. The prosecutor has now concluded his investigation, especially of the work of E. L. Quarles, American manager of the German company's sales department, and announces that no necessity exists for pursuing the inquiry further.

No evidence of anything warranting prosecution was found against Mr. Quarles, and the costs of the entire inquiry will be borne by the state.

The result of the investigation constitutes a notable triumph for American interests in Germany. It is not the first time that Germans finding themselves unable to compete with Americans on ordinary terms, have resorted to slander.

Wreck on Katy.

Waxahachie, Tex.—A northbound freight train was wrecked on the Katy Friday morning one mile south of Red Oak. Sixteen cars went into the ditch.

Mart School Bonds Registered.

Austin, Tex.—The attorney general's department Thursday approved and the controller registered \$40,000 Mart independent school district schoolhouse bonds, twenty-forties at 5 per cent. It was these bonds which the attorney general's department refused to approve, holding the Mart independent school district invalid. Mandamus was filed against the attorney general and the Supreme Court upheld the validity of the district.

New Carload Rate.

Austin, Tex.—The railroad commission Wednesday approved a rate of 8c a hundred pounds on can goods, carload lots, minimum 36,000 pounds a car, from Galveston and Port Bolivar to Beaumont and Orange, effective July 15, expiring Dec. 31. Special authority was granted for the adoption of a rate of 3-4c a ton a mile for transportation of ice, carload lots, from Houston and Galveston to Jacksonville and Troupe. Effective July 1.

Cuban Primaries Turbulent.

Havana.—Scenes of great disorder attended the primary elections Friday by the Havana Zayista faction, held for the purpose of electing delegates to a convention which will arrange the terms of the union between the Zayista and Miguellista branches of the liberal party.

Ice for Runge.

Runge, Tex.—Friday was the first day the Runge creamery and ice plant furnished ice for the town.