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REICH WOULD BE A CHAMPION; HAS KNOCKED OUT MANY MEN

East Sider, Who Carries All His Earnings Home to His Family, Has Been After Bout With Jim Coffey, Which Latter Has Been Unwilling to Participate in; Reich Has a Long Score of Knockouts.

B. RINGSIDE

NEW YORK, April 12.—It has been a long time materializing, but this light of Manhattan has finally produced an undisputed home bred who threatens to become a champion. We respectfully present to the reader, Alfred J. Reich, of Second avenue and 24th street, New York city.

While Alfred J. Reich has given the possibility of becoming a heavyweight champion a great deal of consideration, there is another matter that has occupied his mind these many months. Said matter is a ring combat with Jim Coffey, the Kosomonian giant, who is as popular among the Irish now as Peter Maher was in the days of yore.

Several times Reich has been on the verge of consummating a match with Coffey, but as matters with Billy Gilson's proteges has steadily refused to close negotiations. It seemed rather odd that Coffey should spurn a meeting with Reich when he could extract a couple of thousand dollars for the performance.

It appears that when Reich decided to embark on his professional ring career, he had occasion to train at Cooper's gymnasium. At the same quarters Jim Coffey was going through a training siege for a battle. The young giants went through their motions in different parts of the "bakin' powder king," was sponsor for Coffey and sug-

"BECK'S" AMERICAN CORNER

BY "BECK."

MANAGERS of Rio Grande association ball teams are now busy signing up their players. They should keep in mind the fact that the salary limit is \$1200 a month and if the league is going to be a success, all managers must respect the limit.

NICKNAMES for the El Paso ball team are piling in. Probably a dozen different names have already been suggested, there being many duplications. The recent suggestions will not be published until later in the week. In the meantime, if you have a suggestion, send it in.

PRIZES for star work in the Commercial Baseball league are now being sought by the various managers. The amateurs are deserving of support and merchants will find good advertising value in the few dollars they may give as trophies.

HORSE RACING is over at Juarez until next fall. How much did you lose?

"JACK CURLEY, Tom Jones, Dick Klegin and, in fact, all connected with the big fight—with the sole exception of Willard—were arrested before they left Havana for the failure to pay alleged debts and were compelled to 'come across' before being allowed to take the steamer," says a Havana dispatch telling of the departure of the new heavyweight champion from Cuba. Well! Well! Well!

JESS WILLARD is showing that he is made of the right stuff. After the fight in Havana, his handlers wanted to drop O'Rourke, Savage, Manahan and Memphis, his training squad, and let them hustle for themselves. But Jess thought otherwise. "These fellows stood by me—stood all the hard knocks and all the hard times. Now that I'm on top, I'm going to stand by them. They go along with us." And Tom Jones, Jack Curley and Dick Klegin thought it wise to agree with the big cowboy.

MILWAUKEE Man Wanted. Walter A. Wehrle, your mother last week. Your immediate return necessary. All your financial affairs satisfactorily adjusted. Write us at once. K. H. A. and P. W. D.—Adv.

GEN. VILLA likely had some of his secret police keeping tabs on the new aviation stunts uncovered by DeLloyd Thompson at Washington park on Saturday. Now, if Thompson had pulled those sensations in Juarez, he would have been far too valuable a man to Villa to have allowed him to get back to the United States. And we well understand why Barney and his partner vetoed the proposition to have the thrill festival across the river.

CO-OPERATION on the part of every friend of field and track sports will be needed to get the southwestern championships here next month and then to make them a success. Do your part by dropping in at the "Y" and leaving an order for your tickets.

DALLAS has finally taken notice of El Paso as a baseball town. In urging the fans to get out for the opening game of the Texas league at Dallas, it was urged that "we can't allow El Paso to turn out a bigger crowd than Dallas." Well, can we afford to let Dallas beat us? Be a booster and get your ticket now.

WILLARD WON IN LONGEST BATTLE

No Championship Fight in Which Title Changed Ever Went So Far.

Jess Willard had to fight longer to win the title from Jack Johnson than any other heavyweight champion in the history of the ring. It took Jim Corbett twenty-one rounds to beat John J. Sullivan. Corbett in turn lost to Bob Fitzsimmons in fourteen rounds. Jim Jeffries stopped Fitz in eleven rounds and lost to Johnson in fifteen rounds on July 4. The title left the white race before that day, however. In 1895, when Jeffries first retired, he presented his championship to Maria Hart. Hart then lost to Tommy Burns on a decision in twenty rounds. Johnson took the title from Burns in 1908, and it did not come back to the white race again until Willard whipped the negro in twenty-two rounds.

Incidence in Aces. The oldest heavyweight champion the world ever knew, Johnson would hold that distinction today if he had beaten Jess Willard in Havana. As Chicago turned out, he exactly tied the record held by Bob Fitzsimmons. It is a day. Fitz was born a resident of Cornwall, England, on June 10, 1872. He was precisely 37 years and 5 days of age when Jim Jeffries knocked him out in the eleventh round at Madison Square Garden, N. Y., on March 2, 1912, and was knocked out by Willard in the twenty-sixth round at Havana April 5, 1915, making his age exactly 37 years and 5 days.

When Willard wasn't a Champion. The victory of Jess Willard recalled to boxing fans of Fort Smith, Ark., that had four years ago before he had broken into the game he walked 110 miles from Muskogee, Okla., to Fort Smith in the hope of getting a fight in this city. He arrived at Fort Smith with the soles of his shoes worn completely through and looking like an immense hole.

When he got there he discovered that the authorities had barred heavyweights and he stayed for about a week literally begging for dimes with which to get odd meals. During the whole time he never slept in a bed, but a kindly poolroom keeper allowed him to bunk on a bench.

Willard walked out of Fort Smith and a few weeks later turned up in Chicago. He visited several gymnasiums there and finally Charlie Cutler, the wrestler, noticed him and thought he saw white hope possibilities in the tall Oklahoma. Cutler trained Willard and taught him the rudiments of boxing. The big cowboy worked hard and diligently under the tutelage of the mat artist and improved so rapidly that Cutler induced him to sign a contract to remain under his management for a term of years.

As soon as Jess showed signs of becoming prominent he was coaxed away from Cutler, who sued him and received a judgment for \$1200 for money actually disbursed. This judgment is said to remain unsatisfied to this day.

Aviator Thompson Thrills El Pasoans. Oldfield Makes Speed Trials; Roof Falls

WHEN it is said that De Lloyd Thompson, the new partner of Barney Oldfield, is stealing the limelight from the veteran speed merchant, one can get an idea of the thrills which the aviator handed out at Washington park on Saturday afternoon to a crowd of about 2200 fans. Barney was right there with his usual thrilling dash over the half mile course with his two big speed cars, but it was Thompson who carried off the greater part of the glory. Perhaps it was because the foats performed by the birdman are more modern and novel than those of the veteran speedster. Oldfield's car is a 1914 Buick of about 3000 feet, the aviator performed some real thrillers, such as taking a 1000 foot jump, upside down, and dropping almost perpendicularly for hundreds of feet. As a climax to a sensational program, Thompson demonstrated the use of the aeroplane in warfare. A small fort of stage scenery had been erected on the infield. Circling this and going to a height of about 100 feet, Thompson began to drop smokeball bombs and the accuracy of his work was beyond a doubt. The bombs falling more than six feet from the fake fort. To add to the realism, the "fort" really was a mortar, which exploded in the vicinity of the air craft.

Oldfield's Speed Trials. Oldfield sent his 300 horsepower Christie twice around the track in 1:14, as the opening number of the program. The big car was not at all suited to the narrow and very rough track and sent up perfect dust storms at the turns but it was working in fine shape after its overhauling here. When Barney tried for a record with the lighter Buick, he was unable to do better than 1:17 2-5. In the mile race with Thompson's aeroplane, Barney used the Buick, made the distance in 1:17. He started off at a great pace and made the first half in 36 seconds but then slowed down.

Shed Roof Collapses. One of the exciting incidents of the afternoon was the collapse of a shed roof opposite the track. This roof was built to house the grandstands and was permitted to run in circles for the course made it necessary for him to fly high. Barney won the race.

Charlie Brain acted as official announcer and scored his. His megaphone was a rolled up copy of The Herald.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE FINISHES PRACTICE. The final practice games of the Commercial Baseball league were held on Sunday afternoon at Washington park before a good crowd. Both exhibitions were interesting and well played. The ball was displaced. All the managers were trying to get a line on the respective managers of the other players and there was considerable shifting of positions while every team, except the Puritas, played a batting general.

Lefty Weiss was used by the Puritas as a mound artist and he more than made good. Weiss improves with every game and he will be in fine form for the opening of the season next Sunday. The Puritas beat the Everybody team score of 5 to 2. Fisher, Reynolds, Lawrence and Bunson did the battery work for the department before team.

When the Shelton-Payne, formerly the Central, and the new Feldman team hooked up the real hotfoot started. The final score was 11 to 19 in favor of the hardware men but the game was not decided until the last man was out. There was plenty of excitement, plenty of battling and plenty of errors. However, both teams showed that they can do baseball at a little more familiarity with team work will wipe out the black marks.

HILL PITCHES GREAT GAME AGAINST CLEVELAND. Cliff Hill, the El Paso boy who was with Waco last year and is now with the Chattanooga team of the Southern association, won fame on Tuesday when he pitched a magnificent game against the Cleveland team of the American league and almost shut out the big leaguers. The Chattanooga Times says: "Lefty Hill was selected as the first twirler to go the full nine innings and he did so in great glory, only an error depriving him of a shutout. The El Paso hero was in rare form and his change of pace had the visitors going. His flusterousing them to break their necks."

The game was really a pitchers' battle between Hill and Morton, in which the odds favored the former. The southsaw allowed the alleged major league slugger only four hits, two of them infield hits and the others short singles to the garden.

The box score shows that Hill, in three times at bat, hit a single and scored a run. He hit two assists and no errors. Hill fanned five and issued two passes.

LEAGUE MANAGERS SIGN PLAYERS; EL PASO TEAM IS BEING CHOSEN

Entire Team Is to Be Here This Week; Nine Players for Phoenix Have Been Announced; Hurley, of Las Cruces, Has Sent Transportation to Five Men; Managers Are Due to Meet Here and Some Trades Are Likely.

MANAGERS all around the Rio Grande Baseball association's circuit are now busy grabbing up players. McCloskey has two men here already for the El Paso team and four others are on the way. The full team will be here by Wednesday or Thursday and they will then have about 10 days to get into shape. Some of the Phoenix players reported Saturday to Herb Heister, while Kitty Brashers and his full squad will be in Tucson Tuesday, if all goes well.

Bill Hurley, of Las Cruces, sent out transportation to five men Saturday, while Bill Quincey, the new manager for Silver City, is due here today and will send for his men, already assembled at Oakland, Cal., immediately he gets to Silver City. He will be taken to Silver City on Tuesday by president E. L. Hughes and John J. McCloskey. Albuquerque, where the club organization is about the best on the circuit, is saying nothing about players, but those who know George Hess declare that he is far more dangerous when he is saying nothing than when he is real noisy. The other managers are eagerly watching for some announcement from Hess.

Here is Phoenix's list. Just pipe this list from Phoenix and reflect on the quality of ball you can expect: Hoster, Jb; Dowling, Jb; Scanlon, Jb; McArdle, Sr; Pittman, Jb; Coy; cf; Nutt, c; Andrade, p. There are others to come, but until they are signed Heister will announce no names. It will be noticed that he is using three men who made good in independent ball and Heister declares they will deliver in organized ranks.

For Las Cruces, Hurley has already secured Kallio and Beer, two crack pitchers; Tom Roche, an infielder who comes from a baseball family and is reported to be "some slugger"; Toots Elias, a catcher, brother of Jack Elias, the well known Coast league backstop; Bert Daniels, pitcher and outfielder, and others. Bill will play first base himself. The Las Cruces team looks unusually strong in battery men with three pitchers who are of class B quality and a fine young catcher.

Some of El Paso's Team. Just what lineup McCloskey will use is not definitely known, but he has already signed such men as Moore, Bagor, Penfield, Duddy and Hayes as infielders. Johnny Hayes may be shifted to the outfield, however. Johnny, who has been working at the Juarez track all winter, made good in pro ball last season but broke a leg about midseason. The injured limb is now in fine shape and a change looks for a good season. Stoney McGinn, the veteran big leaguer and American association pitcher, will be in charge of the young pitcher.

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