

# LATEST DOINGS IN SPORTLAND

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## Dundee Beats Jackson At The Arena But Bout Is Declared A Draw

New Haven, Conn., March 25.—Johnny Dundee and Willie Jackson, both of New York fought 15 fast rounds to a draw at the Arena here last night.

At least that's the way referee Dave Fitzgerald saw it. And that's just the way Fitzgerald rendered his decision but the majority of the fans who filled this spacious battling ground from cellar to roof differ with Fitzgerald's judgment. That privilege they have.

Dundee should have been declared the winner but as Scotty Monteith, manager of the Scotch Wop said after the fight while in a heated argument with Referee Fitzgerald, "What's the use of kicking and grumbling, it's all said and done, the fans got their money's worth, so let it go at that."

No bout ever held in this state produced more sensational moments, both battlers fighting with the tenacity of two bulldogs from start to finish. Dundee was clearly entitled to the verdict but Referee Fitzgerald who consented to referee only after every pressure had been brought to bear, ruled adversely and lifted the arms of both scrappers in token of a draw. The decision failed to meet with the approval of a majority of the ringers who voiced their disappointment with hoots and hisses.

Local fans have seen many a fight in their day but probably few of them compared with the one placed on the boards last night. The bout was advertised as a grudge affair and the actions of the principals bore out this fact without one particle of doubt. Dundee had an old wound to heal with Jackson as a result of the memorable scrap in Philadelphia a year ago when the Scotch-Wop took the count in a single round. And Dundee came here last night destined to return the compliment. He failed to accomplish his purpose but had the satisfaction of knowing that he received a handsome parting. Both Dundee and his manager, Scotty Monteith, were wild with anger over what they termed a "blind decision."

While Dundee's margin of success was not the widest in the world, he packed up just enough points to offset the work of Jackson. Jackson landed the cleaner and heavier punches but these blows could not begin to even up for the innumerable jabs and jolts which Dundee sent home throughout the battle. Dundee seemed to have Jackson in distress on more than one occasion, despite the fact that he packs no punch, but the Hebrew whirlwind always came back strong and made a fight of it.

Dundee took more chances in last night's fight than at any time of recent years. If he appreciated Jackson's punching ability he failed to show it. Time and again he backed away to the ropes and submitted to a punch, only to rush at Jackson with full speed and connect on the jaw. He measured Jackson several times late in the battle in hopes of putting over a possible kayo but his punches lacked the necessary steam.

Jackson got away to a beautiful start and easily won the first round. Both boys set a hurricane pace, but Jackson gained honors in the round through superior hitting ability. In the second round Dundee came back strong and landed a fusillade of hooks and jabs to Jackson's face which caused the blood to flow. In this session the blood rashed from Jackson's face while Dundee jumped to and fro, landing five blows to Jackson's face without a return. In the third round Dundee continued his rapid-fire attack on Jackson's bloody face and near the close of the session he staggered his opponent with a right hook to the jaw. Jackson fought back furiously and landed several good blows to Dundee's kitchen but none of them caused him to rock.

Jackson started the fourth round with his left hand extended and popped several straight punches to Dundee's body without a return. After being rushed to the ropes, Dundee started his jumping-jack tactics, leaping high into the air and evening up the honors for the round with rights and lefts to the face. Jackson smashed

## JAWN M'GRAW GOES UP IN AIR EARLY

Marlin, March 26.—John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, flew to Waco late yesterday afternoon. After the game McGraw got out of his uniform and went to the landing field where Capt. Miller and Capt. Hayhurst dived him up in a flyer's rig. He was strapped into the front seat of a big army eagle and, with Major Clifton acting as aerial mahout, the little Napoleon set sail on the 26-mile flight to the Waco camp.

## CHANCE FOR LOCAL K. OF C. BOWLERS.

A team of duckpin bowlers, known as the Knights of Columbus five, stands ready to meet any of the K. of C. council teams in the state for a series of games for the Knights of Columbus championship. William Rafferty is manager of the Hartford team. Here's a chance for Elmer Fitzgerald's local Knights team to get into action.

## OFFICE TEAM WINS.

The Office bowling team of the American Chain Co. won four out of seven games in the bowling match against the Factory team last night and are around today giving the boys in the plant a lesson. The American Chain Athletic association has decided to turn over the money paid by the Jones to the Red Cross benefit instead of holding a banquet, which is a real patriotic spirit.

## MOLLA BJURSTEDT WINS SEMI-FINAL

Although it was only yesterday that the women's national indoor tennis championships began at the courts of the Seventh Regiment armory, in New York, Miss Molla Bjurstedt, the famous Norse racket wielder and holder of the national outdoor championship, is now enconced in a semi-final round bracket. This leap from first round to semi-final was accomplished at the expense of three opponents, all of whom were forced to acknowledge the superiority of Miss Bjurstedt by an overwhelming score. In the three matches she lost only six games, which is a remarkable record in tennis.

The players who fell before the aggressive Norse girl were Mrs. L. Z. Murray, Miss Helen Bernhard, and Mrs. S. Waring. They were vanquished in that order. Miss Bjurstedt is now a bracket further advanced than any other player in the tournament, which went through two rounds. The play of the Norse expert was convincing proof that she is as formidable in her game as in the past.

## KID NORFOLK WINS.

Philadelphia, March 26.—Kid Norfolk, the Panama flash, had little trouble in beating big Jack Thomson of Joplin, Mo. Here last night before the Olympia A. A. in six rounds. Although outwheeled by 30 pounds, Norfolk made his heavier adversary look cheap and took every one of the six rounds in the fourth round Thomson was sent to the mat at the bell.

## JESS AND FREDDIE AGREE ON TERMS

Chicago, March 26.—Final articles for a bout between Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, and Fred Fulton, challenger, on July 4 were signed here yesterday in the presence of Col. Joseph C. Miller, the promoter, and a number of boxing "celebrities."

According to these articles Willard will receive 75 per cent of the net profits, while Fulton is to get a flat sum of \$20,000. The agreement also stipulates that Col. Miller has the right to sell or transfer the bout "to such person or persons as he may see fit."

It is further provided that Willard and Fulton shall establish training quarters in the vicinity of the city where the bout is to be held for at least three weeks prior to the meeting and that the number of rounds shall depend upon the laws of the State where the battle is fought.

Fred Fulton, in frock coat and cane, and Jess Willard, more moderately dressed, faced a battery of cameras after the articles were signed, and as they stepped away the latter remarked:

"I guess we are a pair of the biggest guys you have ever snapped."

Willard also remarked that he was well satisfied with the articles as drawn and that it made little or no difference to him where the bout was held.

## Funeral of Mike Donovan Tomorrow

New York, March 26.—The funeral of Mike Donovan, known to the world over in boxing, who died early Sunday morning, will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow from Sacred Heart church, Shakespeare avenue and High Bridge. The interment will be at St. Raymond's cemetery.

The honorary pallbearers were announced last night, as follows: Dr. G. S. Hammond, president of the New York Athletic club; Jeremiah T. Mahoney, Fred R. Fortmeyer, William H. Page, former president of the New York A. C.; J. M. Motley, Arthur Briabane, Bob Edgren, sporting editor of the Evening World; William Muldoon, A. Deer, George D. Vanderpool, H. H. Baxter and the officers of the First Field Artillery.

Telegrams and letters expressing sympathy poured in on Mrs. Donovan yesterday, and one from Col. Roosevelt said that he would attend the funeral on Wednesday if well enough.

## KAUFF READY TO MAKE SACRIFICE

Though it has been reported—and probably truthfully so—that the local board at Pomeroy, Ohio, has seen fit to keep Benny Kauff in Class IA of the National Army draft, the little center flier has not yet been officially advised of the loss. This is a matter of far more importance than the pennant chances of the Giants or any other ball club to be considered, and the foremost of these is the work of training our forces to defeat the Huns. No one realizes this more than Benny and John McEwen, and if Uncle Sam needs the little slugger the sacrifice will be gladly made by both the player and the New York club.

## HOGAN EXPECTS RECORD CROWD

Billy Hogan, matchmaker for the Union Boating club, which organization will stage the big fistic event between George Chip and Harry Grib, in the Casino on April 1, says this morning that he expects the biggest crowd that has witnessed a boxing show in this city to be on hand at the Grib-Chip affair. Hogan has his card complete and tickets for the show will be placed in the various cafes and cigar stores during the week. Several applications for choice ringside seats have been made to Matchmaker Hogan by those who believe in the "early worm" theory.

## SCRIBES TAKE TWO FROM DEAF MUTES

Capt. Donegan's Newspapermen's bowling team were in real fighting spirit last night and took two out of three games from the Deaf Mutes at the Park City alleys. Bakos of the speechless five rolled high single of 111 and high total of 306.

## DAN O'NEIL ILL.

Holyoke, March 26.—Dan O'Neil, president of the Eastern League of Baseball Clubs, is ill in his home here. The nature of his illness is not known but it is not believed to be serious. It was learned that there is no reason to believe his condition is serious enough to cause any further delay of the Eastern League meeting, which is expected to take place shortly after the meeting of the International League owners in New York tomorrow.

## MRS. BARLOW VICTOR.

Pinehurst, N. C., March 26.—Miss Elaine Rosenthal of Chicago, titleholder of the United Women's North and South Golf championship, was defeated in the first match round yesterday by Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow of Philadelphia. The Philadelphia player went out in 44, was three up at the turn and beat the champion three up at the 16th hole.

Mrs. Hurd and Mrs. Hammer meet today in the semi-finals, while Mrs. Barlow plays Miss Dugan.

## Peter-the-Great Enjoys Fully Equipped Bungalow



Elite horse racing circles have been invaded by the bungalow craze and "Peter-the-Great," the famous 2:07 1/2 sire, has a bungalow home to himself at the estate of Stoughton A. Fletcher, the Indianapolis millionaire horseman. The bungalow cost \$1,500 and is fully equipped with electric lights, hot air and cold water, large electric fan for the summer time and even a porch and flower boxes. In the photograph "Peter-the-Great" is "airing" by the side of his bungalow home. Mr. Fletcher purchased "Peter-the-Great" just a year ago from W. E. D. Stokes, the New York turfman, for \$50,000.

## Fistic History

It will be thirty-nine years tomorrow since Arthur Chambers defended his title in the lightweight division in a battle that was among the longest and hardest fought in America. In number of rounds it surpassed even the famous Burke-Bowne battle in New Orleans in 1878, when the Irishman and the mulatto lightweight pounded each other for 110 rounds. The opponent of Arthur Chambers in that historic encounter on March 27, 1879, was Johnny Clark, and they battled 136 rounds before Chambers was declared the victor.

Clark fought like a demon and several times during the long struggle it seemed that he would triumph. In the end the superior stamina and cleverness of the champion prevailed. Chambers retired from the ring soon afterward and the title which he had held since 1872 was permitted to lapse, and was claimed by George Fullames, the Canadian, Charley Norton and Jack Dempsey.

Arthur Chambers might have claimed the lightweight championship of the world, as he won the American title by defeating Billy Edwards, who had whipped Joe Collyer, the English lightweight champion. Chambers held the lightweight title for seven years and retired undefeated. Both of his two greatest battles were fought on Canadian soil. His fight with Edwards, by which he annexed the title, was staged on an island in Lake St. Clair. It was pretty much of a fake, as Edwards, a slim, graceful boxer, was having all the best of the argument when the sturdy Chambers, badly battered and all but beaten, was declared the victor of a foul. At the end of the thirty-fourth round one of Arthur's seconds hit him on the shoulder. After time had been called Chambers clinched and dragged Billy down on top of him. In a few seconds he screamed, "He's biting me!" The referee saw the marks of teeth on Arthur's shoulders and gave him the decision. Edwards was so enraged that he bit the referee and then ran to the lake and jumped in. The water was very shallow and he soon reconsidered and crawled out.

Tommy Sullivan and Arthur Rice fought a 20-round draw at New London, Conn., on March 26, 1901, just seventeen years ago today. Connecticut was then a popular fighting ground for the boxers, owing to the proximity to New York city, where the game was prohibited. Sullivan and Rice were among the leading contenders for the crown worn by Terry McGovern. Earlier in the year Sullivan had whipped Joe Bernstein at New Britain and Billy Barrett at Hartford, and Rice had defeated Hugh McPadden at New Haven. Tommy Sullivan succeeded Young Corbett as champion in 1904, and held the title until 1908, when he was defeated by Abe Attell.

Joe Goss, former heavyweight champion of America, died on March 20, in his 47th year. He was a native of England, and fought his first ring battle in 1852. In 1863 he fought Jim Mace, and put up a game battle with the gypsy, but was knocked out after 55 minutes of fighting.

In 1866 he met Mace again and fought a draw, but in a third contest Goss was again defeated. Joe afterward came to America and in 1876 he fought Tom Allen, another Englishman, for the American heavyweight title. This was at Covington, Ky., and Goss won on a foul. Goss also whipped Jimmy Elliott, another title claimant, and was the acknowledged king of the American heavies until 1890, when he was matched with Paddy Ryan, a native of Ireland, at Collier Station, Va. Goss was then in his 42nd year, and by far the oldest man who has ever held a heavyweight title. In spite of his age he put up a game and scientific battle, and it was not until 87 rounds had been fought that the Irishman, who was nearly 14 years his junior, put the old veteran to sleep. At 40 Goss was probably the best man the game has ever had at that age, with the possible exception of the late Bob Fitzsimmons, who was also a great gladiator at the two-score mark.

Napoleon Lajoie will be a big drawing card in Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Brooklyn, where he hasn't played in a National League game since 1900.

Some of the major league clubs are going to be shy of capable pitchers this year. In both circuits there will be not more than 20 good southpaws.

## RIBBONS TO MEET NORWALK TONIGHT

Basketball fans will have their innings tonight at Colonial hall when the Blue Ribbons tackle the fast Norwalk aggregation. The Norwalk contingent has been strengthened by the acquisition of Dehnert and Bergcamp and the locals will have to be on the job every minute to grab off a win.

The Ribbons will present the same lineup tonight as was used last week. Clinton and Swenson will take the forward positions; Powers will jump center, and Holman and White will occupy the guard stations.

The Norwalk line-up will be somewhat changed and undoubtedly greatly strengthened. Johnson and Reach will play forwards; the speedy Dehnert, the sensation of the league, will jump center, and the guarding work will fall upon Bergcamp, a Penn State league star, and Joe Dreyfus who returns to the game tonight after a two-week layoff caused by a sprained ankle. Tom Thorpe will referee, and Josey Waters will be in charge of the Big Ben.

The league standing to date is as follows:

	W.	L.	P.C.
Ansonia	12	9	.572
Bridgeport	12	10	.524
Norwalk	8	9	.471
Jersey City	8	11	.421

## Sporting Chatter

The Pirates have a shortstop named Caton who is smaller than Maranville.

Three weeks more and the major league teams will be answering to the "play ball" call.

About that time, perhaps Paul Krichell and his local Americans will be batting 'em out in practice at Newfield park. Here's hopin'.

James E. Gaffney, former owner of the Boston Braves, who still follows baseball closely, wired his congratulations to President W. F. Baker of the Phillies last week for ordering Herzog to stop practicing with Pat Moran's players.

Boston fans do not feel sure that Herzog will make them forget Rabbit Maranville. The Rabbit was satisfied with a \$7,000 salary last year, but Herzog says \$10,000 isn't enough.

Larry Doyle and Jess Barnes declare that they will play with the Giants or not at all. This ultimatum should hasten the appearance of Herzog in the Braves' regalia.

George Stallings, in securing Bunny Hearne, the Planter left-hander, shows how badly he is in need of pitching material.

The press box at the Polo Grounds will be located in the upper tier this season. Sad news for pests!

War economy has hit the Pirates, as it has everything else. Last Spring the club took about forty players to the Southern training camp, but this year Manager Bezdek has only twenty-three men with him.

Connie Mack is looking around for a second baseman and several pitchers. When the major league clubs begin to unload their young players Connie will put several of them under the microscope for careful examination and possible use in his outfit.

On the other hand, Mack is known to place his reliance mostly on veteran players. He's had too much trouble with the youngsters. The lineup of the Mackmen for the start of the 1918 campaign shows that Connie prefers the "tried and true" players. Behind the bat he plans to use both Thomas and Cady, veterans who spent several years with the Boston Red Sox. Veau Gregg is one of his boxmen, and he also has seen years of service with the majors. Neither Elmer Myers nor Rube Schauer are newcomers. George Burns and Larry Gardner are slated for in positions, while Walker, Jamieson and Kopp, all of whom have had experience with other clubs, are in the outfield.

Fight twenty rounds to a decision in New Orleans? Too hot, says Jess Willard. For his coming battle with Fred Fulton the champion is likely to disqualify every city except such as permit short bouts to no decision. Milwaukee, where ten rounds to no decision are permitted, offers Willard \$125,000, so it is reasonable to believe that he will lean toward that offer. At Milwaukee Fulton could win the title only by knocking Willard out inside ten rounds. Atlantic City also may come along with a big offer for the fight, and there Willard would be in all his glory. A fight at Atlantic City would have to be limited to eight rounds, eight ounce gloves, and it probably would draw a great crowd. Young's Million Dollar Pier is the place there best suited for a fight.

It will be remembered that Willard no so long ago wanted to defend his title for the benefit of the Red Cross. That body declined the offer. The War Department's Commission on Training Camp Activities would be only too glad to accept Willard's contribution. How much is the champion going to set aside for the fight for that purpose?

## TRAFFIC COPS WIN.

The Traffic Cops went wild on the Park City alleys last night by copping a two to one victory over Grant's Specials. Next week the Newspapermen will roll a special match with the Main street crowd. The Newsies were defeated in the last match with the Specials.

## Fate Of International To Be Decided At New York Meet Tomorrow

The National Commission has grown tired of the dilatory tactics of the International League, and unless the tottering minor league takes some prompt, decisive action tomorrow, the commission will probably step in and declare all the players of the International circuit free agents.

The International League has been quibbling over its affairs since last fall, and in the meantime scores of the league's players have been writing to the commission trying to force the organization to take some action one way or another, so that they could look for baseball jobs for the coming season.

The International League informed the commission that it would decide on their course for the coming season yesterday, March 25, and the commission anxiously waited for the verdict. Last week Acting President Chapin of Rochester placed the date of the meeting for tomorrow and the National Commission isn't at all pleased at the delay.

There are more than 100 players in the International League who do not know where they stand, and if the league had come to some decision months ago, many of these players would have been able to get positions in other leagues. As it is, they have been held up until it is too late to land anywhere and, as a result, the majority of them will be thrown out of work for the coming season.

Several of the players of the Buffalo club who have not yet received all their salaries for playing last season have been retained by the league and have not been able to negotiate for jobs. Many of the players have presented a pretty strong case against the league. What the International League was aiming at was to have the commission grant them protection for their territory and their players for the coming year, in the event of their not being able to operate. As this would be manifestly unfair to the players and would be contrary to the rules of baseball, the commission would not consider any such proposal.

The International has been postponing action on the ground that it was waiting to see what action would be taken at Albany on Sunday baseball. With this excuse, they have been able to hold their players far over the regulation period, for all contracts have been sent out by March 1. They were granted an extension of time to April 1 for sending out the contracts, but as that time approaches, the chances for the league starting again look gloomier than ever.

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In holding their players on the reserve clause of their contracts the club owners of the International plan that they will probably be able to sell many of the players if they vote to discontinue. However, now that the National Commission has taken the matter up they may decide to make all the players free agents regardless of what action the league may take tomorrow. The protests from the players have been so numerous that the commission will take some action, and whatever move is made will undoubtedly be in favor of the players.

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Barrow openly declares that the league has not done the right thing by its players. He thinks that the league should some time ago have written them to sign where they pleased.