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## JEFFRIES IS DEFEATED; DRAGGED OUT BLEEDING

Jack Johnson, the Negro, Wins Reno Contest and is Proclaimed Heavyweight Champion of the World.

## IN 15TH ROUND WHITE PUGILIST BATTERED OUT

After Winning Twenty-two Fights, the Californian is Brought to His Knees For the First Time and is Knocked Down Three Times in Last Struggle—Friends Leap into Ring and Beg to Stop Heavy Blows.

## BOTH FIGHTERS TALK

BY JAMES JEFFRIES.

"I lost my fight this afternoon, but did not have the snap of youth I used to have. I believed in my own heart that all the old time dash was there, but when I started to execute, the speed and youthful stamina were lacking. The things I used to do were impossible. Six years ago the result would have been different, but now—well, I guess the public will let me alone after this."

BY JACK JOHNSON.

"I won from Mr. Jeffries because I outlasted him in every department of the fighting game. Before I entered the ring I was certain I would be the victor. I never changed my mind at any time. For the next few weeks I shall play in vaudeville. Then I shall go to my home in Chicago to rest. I do not think I shall fight for several months because I do not know a man who could give me a good battle. No attention will be paid to Sam Langford challenges by me. I do not consider he could give me a good fight."

There was no evidence or hint of the famous "yellow streak" in the part of Johnson.

Johnson proved himself so absolutely Jeffries' master that experts, such as W. Corbett, an Australian sporting and ring expert, declared that Tommy Burns had put up a better fight against Johnson and that the black was only playing with the other 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 weaknesses, he had determined to stop it quickly.

Jeffries had lost the power of defense. A series of right and left uppercuts, delivered at will, sent him staggering to the ropes. He turned and fought back by instinct, as though he was dying hard.

Like Hitting Punching Bag.

With the exception of a few fast rounds, the fight was tame. Jeffries did not have the power in punch to hurt Johnson after he had received blow after blow on the jaw, and his vital power was ebbing. But even before this stage came, Jeffries could not reach the black. The blows, almost all of them, landed with all the speed taken out of them. It was like hitting a punching bag.

The Jeffries' coach was in evidence at times, but during most of the fight Jeffries was found standing straight and working with something of his old aggressiveness.

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 left and right blows to the jaw. Jeffries reeled and fell half way through the ropes on the west side of the ring. Those near him, saw that he had lost sense of his surroundings and the faces at the ringside were a blur—his time had come. He was feeling what he had caused others to feel in the days of his youth and power.

## NINETEEN PERSONS KILLED IN WRECK

Passenger Train Crashes Into Heavy Freight at Siding in Ohio.

## COACHES ARE SMASHED; TIMBERS HURLED IN AIR

While the Freight Is Attempting to Switch "Big Four" Flashes Around Curve at Fifty Miles an Hour and Crash Is On—Crews Jump to Safety—Misunderstanding of Orders.

(By Associated Press)

MIDDLETOWN, O., July 4.—Nineteen persons were killed outright, three probably fatally injured in a dozen more seriously injured in a head-on collision between a freight and passenger train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad today.

Of the killed 18 were passengers, the other victim being a member of the train crew.

Nearly all of the dead and injured were from various parts of Ohio.

Southern persons injured were: James L. Kennedy, Louisville, Ky., right leg and ribs broken.

W. S. Erskine, Memphis, Tenn., back injured, seriously hurt.

Will Litzy, Harrodsburg, Ky., badly burned, condition doubtful.

A. F. Dayton, Latonia, Ky., condition serious.

Frank Edwards, Latonia, Ky.

Scene of Wreck.

The trains were the Cincinnati second section of the Twentieth Century Limited, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railroad (Big Four) and the second section of a freight train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road.

The latter was attempting to make a siding to give the passenger train a clear track, when the flying limited, traveling 50 miles an hour, flashed around a curve and crashed into it.

The "Big Four" train had been derailed to avoid a blocked track on that road at Geneva, a few miles south of here, caused by a freight wreck earlier in the day.

placed upon them and sent to hospitals in those cities.

Coroner J. A. Barnett was summoned from Hamilton and began an inquiry into the cause of the wreck.

## R. A. HOLT PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Well-Known and Popular Young Hampton Man is Dead.

Robert A. Holt, twenty-seven years old, and one of the most popular and well liked young men in Hampton, died at the home of his parents, Capt. Holt and Mrs. Virginia P. Holt, in Arminson avenue, at 5:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He had been ill for several weeks with peritonitis and tuberculosis and for several days his condition had been serious.

Mr. Holt was, until his illness began, employed in the office at the Newport News shipyard, where he was held in the highest esteem by all who came in contact with him. He was a graduate of the Hampton high school and of William and Mary College.

Mr. Holt was a member of Keough's Lodge, No. 29, Knights of Pythias, and was the chamberlain commander of the lodge at the time of his death.

He was a member of the choir of St. John's Episcopal church and also belonged to several of the local musical organizations.

Mr. Holt had a wide family connection, being the nephew of the late Judge George R. Peck.

He is survived by his parents, three sisters and one brother. The latter are Miss Lavinia Holt, Lady May Holt, Julia Holt and William Holt.

Mr. Holt was a member of the Hampton Frogs, an organization composed of a number of well known young society men in Hampton.

The complete arrangements for the funeral services have not been made, but the services will occur tomorrow afternoon from Old St. John's Episcopal church.

## FALLS OVERBOARD AND DROWNS IN ROADS

Fort Monroe Artilleryman Loses His Life—Body Not Recovered.

The Daily Press, Hampton Bureau, July 4.

Falling from the deck of the mine planter General Samuel M. Mills, into Hampton Roads Sunday night and being unable to swim, Private William Gardner, of the One Hundredth and Sixty-ninth company, coast artillery at Fort Monroe, was drowned before assistance could reach him.

He was 23 years old and his home was in Pleasantville, Pa. He had been in the army two years and was generally liked among his comrades.

Just how he came to fall overboard is not fully known, but his comrades are of the opinion that he made a misstep and fell into the water. The body had not been recovered up to 10 o'clock tonight.

Inquest unnecessary.

## FRANK SEARS SENDS BULLET INTO BRAIN

Inability to Support Bride as He Wished Cause of Young Man's Suicide.

## AFFECTIONATE LETTERS TO WIFE AND PARENTS

Dr. Vanderslice, Elizabeth City County Coroner, Deems Inquest Unnecessary After Reading Pathetic Messages Found in Room—Dead Youth Was Raised Here and Married.

Dependent because he was out of work and consequently unable to provide for his bride of a few months in the way in which he thought he should, Frank E. Sears, a well known young man, committed suicide at 9 o'clock last night by shooting himself in the right temple with a revolver at the home of his father, William H. Sears, on Venable avenue, Ryeview.

The ball from the .32-caliber gun crashed into his brain and life was almost extinct before his father, mother and brothers, who were attracted by the sound of the shot, could get to his side.

When the young man ended his life, his wife, who was Miss Annie Fenimore, was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Fenimore, on Forty-fifth street. She was immediately notified and soon was beside the dead body of her husband.

Mr. Sears' sister, Miss Anna L. Sears, was at the Bell theater when friends notified her of the tragedy.

In City During Evening.

An hour before he ended his life, Mr. Sears was in his city. He boarded a street car for home about 8 o'clock, arriving there about 8:20 o'clock. He retired to his room and a half hour or more afterwards the household was startled by the report of the pistol.

The parents rushed to his room to find their son lying on the bed with a gaping wound in his right temple and the revolver lying beside him.

Before ending his life, the young man wrote two letters, one to his bride and the other to his parents. Both were couched in affectionate terms, but in each the writer complained that he had not been able to provide for his young wife as he should have and that now he was out of a job and could not find work.

These letters were left on the dresser in the room and were found by the parents. The one addressed to the bride was given to her when she reached the home.

Inquest unnecessary.

Sometime after the tragedy, the authorities of Elizabeth City county were notified and Dr. Vanderslice, the county coroner, went to the house. After viewing the body and hearing the statements of the parents, Dr. Vanderslice decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Mr. Sears and Miss Fenimore were married about two months ago. They made their home in Washington, where Mr. Sears was employed, until about a week ago when they returned to this city. Mr. Sears was about 20 years old and the young widow is a mere girl. Both have a host of friends who were shocked by the news of the tragedy. News of the suicide spread rapidly last night, being carried from mouth to mouth and flashed over many telephones.

Mr. Sears was raised in this city, attending the city public schools and later working in his father's butcher shop on Washington avenue. He was well known on the gridiron, having played for a number of years with the St. Vincent's football team. Last fall he secured a good position. He returned this evening to claim Miss Kent, more as his bride.

## PRIZE FIGHT FOLLOWED BY SERIOUS RACE RIOTS

MISSES HIS FOOTING; CAR CUTS OFF BOTH LEGS

Norfolk Man is Fatally Hurt While on His Way to Ocean View.

NORFOLK, VA., July 4.—With both legs cut off above the knee as the result of a misstep when he attempted to board an outgoing Ocean View car yesterday afternoon, John Efstathou, of 212 Church street, died last night at St. Vincent's hospital. Conductors A. J. Putnam and C. B. Vick and Motorman W. S. Turner, were arrested on a charge of running over and killing Mr. Efstathou. They were held for their appearance in the police court next Thursday.

According to the best information obtainable, Mr. Efstathou was on his way to Ocean View and tried to board an outgoing car in front of 399 Church street, when he missed his footing and fell between the motor car and the trailer. The screams of the passengers who saw the young man miss his hold and tumble between the cars, attracted the attention of the crew and the cars were brought to a standstill as quickly as possible, but not before the front wheels of the trailer had passed over the victim's legs just above the knee.

Still alive, Mr. Efstathou was taken from beneath the car and hurried to the St. Vincent's hospital in the police patrol. He was attended by Dr. Suttton and Mr. Dupuy, but he died about two hours after the accident happened.

VETERAN ANSWERS LAST CALL.

News Received Here of Death of W. S. Smith's Father.

News was received here of the death of the death of W. S. Smith, of this city, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Smith, who is Associated Press operator in The Daily Press office, had been called to Clover on account of his father's illness and was at the bedside when the end came.

The deceased is survived by a widow, who is seventy years of age. He was a gallant Confederate soldier and, in accordance with his dying request, he was buried in his Confederate uniform, with the bronze cross of honor pinned upon his breast.

## THOUSANDS ARE SERVED

P. V. DeGraw Tells of Extensive Rural Mail Work.

ARE OVER 41,000 CARRIERS

In Speech at Raleigh the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Shows Wonderful Growth of Service Within Short Period of Years.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 4.—Reviewing in great detail the legislative history attending the development of the rural free delivery service in this country, P. V. DeGraw, fourth assistant postmaster general, today declared that "from the viewpoint of morale, that service was far in advance of any other of the civil service. In order to sustain that claim for excellence the fourth assistant postmaster general quoted statistics to show that last year out of 41,000 carriers only 175 had been dismissed for cause."

Mr. DeGraw's address was delivered before the North Carolina Convention of Rural Carriers Assembled here. He appeared as the representative of the postmaster general.

Operation Extensive.

"There are now in operation throughout the United States 41,089 rural routes, served by 41,997 rural carriers," he said, in summing up the present force engaged in that work. "The appropriations for rural delivery and maintenance of rural delivery for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1910, was \$27,269,000 and the appropriation for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1910, is \$28,839,000. Since rural delivery was first established the approximate sum of \$296,128,500 has been spent in extending and maintaining the service."

Many are Killed and Seriously Wounded—Tronble is Reported from Towns and Cities All Over Country.

## ROANOKE WHITE MAN SHOT THROUGH HEAD

Three Hundred Sailors March Through Streets of Norfolk Looking for Negroes—One is Beaten Almost to Death Against Stone Steps of Postoffice Building—Cells at Police Station Are Filled With Men Arrested.

(By Associated Press)

NORFOLK, VA., June 4.—Jack Johnson, by defeating Jim Jeffries today, was responsible for the worst race riots this city has experienced in many years. Hundreds of enlisted men from the various battleships at this station, aided by youths, attacked negroes all over the city, and tonight many are in the hospitals with broken heads and bruised bodies.

Three hundred sailors marched through the streets hunting for negroes. They beat a negro almost to death against the postoffice building and bloodstains were left on the stone work.

Practically every cell at police headquarters and the second district stations are filled with negroes, sailors and young white citizens. Police Chief Kizer late tonight requested Major L. W. T. Waller to send assistance, and a detachment of marines and sailors, heavily armed, were hurried to the city.

6:20, 7:00, 8:00 was under control again, but more trouble is feared.

E. Keville Glennan, city editor of the Virginian-Pilot, had his collar bone broken by being struck with a brick thrown by a negro. Mr. Glennan is now at St. Vincent's hospital.

ROANOKE, July 4.—Six negroes with broken heads, six white men locked up and one white man, Joe Chockley with a bullet through his skull and probably fatally wounded, is the net result of clashes here tonight following the announcement that Jack Johnson had defeated Jeffries.

The trouble started when a negro, who had just heard the news from Reno, said:

"Now I guess the white folks will let the negroes alone." A white man replied, "No," and the two clashed. Police had difficulty landing the negro in jail, being compelled to draw their revolvers.

Later a negro shot Chockley and escaped. The chief of police had saloons all closed at 9:30, an hour ahead of the regular closing hour. City Physician Arminson said Chockley may die tonight.

Cuts Negro's Throat.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, July 4.—Disturbances broke out immediately to-night on the announcement of the Johnson victory at Reno. Three negroes were badly hurt inside of an hour after the flash of the result and the police were called to quell several minor disturbances and to break up fat fights.

Charles Williams, a negro, was a little too vociferous in announcing the outcome on a street car and a white man slashed his throat from ear to ear. The negro almost bled to death before he reached the hospital, to which he was carried.

Riot Calls at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, July 4.—Less than half an hour after the decision of the fight was announced, three riot calls were sent into police precincts in the negro hill district. Street cars were held up, and insulting epithets were hurled at the passengers. The police beat the crowds back with their clubs to permit the passage of the street cars. Patrolmen have been summoned to this district from all sections of the city.

Three Negroes Killed.

AUGUSTA, July 4.—A race riot is in progress at Valdosta, on the Georgia and Florida Railroad. At least three negroes are killed.

Trouble at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, July 4.—Rioting in a negro quarter of St. Louis at Market street and Jefferson avenue followed the announcement that Jack Johnson was the victor in the Reno prize fight. The police finally clubbed the negroes who were blocking traffic and making threats.

Seventy Arrests at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, July 4.—Seventy negroes, half the number of whom were arrested tonight in the "black belt" of this city for disorderly celebration of Johnson's victory. One negro was killed.

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