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MEN-MOUNTAINS TO BATTLE EACH OTHER FOR CHANCE TO TAKE A CRACK AT BIG JESS' CROWN



BY PAUL PURMAN.

The question of whether Jess Willard will defend his title and against whom probably will be decided Labor day at Canton, O.

On that day Carl Morris and Fred Fulton, the biggest and perhaps the best of the heavyweights, Willard expected, will mix in a 15-round decision match.

Whether the winner will have a chance at Willard is still a question, but Matt Hinkle, who is promoting the bout believes Willard will consent to a match as soon as he can get in shape after his circus season.

Hinkle says he has been unable to get any definite statement out of Willard, but he has done more than any other promoter in getting Willard to commit himself.

"When I get ready to box, I will see you Matt," Willard told Hinkle and there is a suspicion that he went even further and promised to go on with a match, but if he did Hinkle is not talking about it.

American heavyweights today are not much to brag about. None of them come up to the measure set by the champions and near-champions of other days.

Imagine Tom Sharkey or Bob Fitzsimmons in the same ring with either Fulton or Morris, if you will, and guess how long it would last.

Nevertheless Fulton and Morris are the cream of the runners-up for Willard's title today, and if anyone is to list his crown from his head it must be one of them.

So in the game of creating new champions Carl Morris the Sapulpa freeman and Fred Fulton, the Minnesota plasterer will swap wallops for 15 rounds or less on Labor day.

Some 450 pounds of flesh will be

CARL MORRIS

FRED FULTON

JESS WILLARD



propelled around a 24-foot ring with the hope that the winner will get a chance to meet another 250 bulk of bone and muscle for the alleged honor of holding the world's heavyweight championship.

There is not much to choose between the pair. Fulton has the advantage of height, towering some six feet seven inches into space.

Morris is perhaps the more rugged. Both are slow, unswifly and awkward, and if 15 solid punches are struck in the 15 rounds it will be an eighth wonder.

Both men are attributed with weaknesses which real fighters should not have.

Morris is lazy and so far as ring records show there has never been a chronically lazy fighter who ever got much of anywhere.

Fulton is said to possess a well-developed streak of saffron. On two or more occasions he has either quit or deliberately fouled when the going was a trifle too strenuous.

But in spite of all this thousands will spend their good money to see these two buffoons in action.

There is no question about Hinkle's sincerity. Hinkle is perhaps the squarest man in the fight game today, and his idea in matching the pair is merely to obtain, by elimination, the man best fitted to meet Willard.

NEW OFFICERS VISIT THEIR HOMES HERE

Captain Knapp and Lieutenant Barnes Home From Fort Harrison.

Lieut. Homer F. Barnes arrived home yesterday from Fort Benjamin Harrison where he had been in the training camp for several months. He passed his examination successfully and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He is here to spend a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Barnes, and is under orders to report at Chillicothe, O. August 29th.

Capt. Ulysses Knapp, U. S. A., is home from the Fort Benjamin Harrison Training camp to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Knapp. Capt. Knapp received his commission after passing a successful examination. He will report to Chillicothe, O. within a few weeks. Capt. Knapp was formerly captain of Company H, West Virginia National Guard.

Lieut. Wayne Shuttlesworth, who recently was commissioned second lieutenant at Fort Benj. Harrison training camp, arrived home yesterday on a twelve day visit with his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Shuttlesworth on High street. Lieut. Shuttlesworth came under orders to report for duty at Chillicothe, O., but the order has since been countermanded with instructions to await further orders.

The Littler the Better. Wife—Can you let me have a little money, John? Hub—Certainly, my dear. About how little?—Boston Transcript.

INDUSTRIAL FAIRMONT

Drilling for coal on the Haymond property on Locust avenue has been abandoned, temporarily at least, although operations may be resumed later. The workmen sank a shaft to a depth of about ten feet and then drilled from the bottom of that in an attempt to determine if coal were present, but about the only thing they seem to have accomplished is the establishment of a shallow well of muddy, impure water. The shaft caved in after the drilling operations had been started and then at great labor and expense the dirt was removed and the pit walled with stone. The test hole was then sunk to a depth of about eighteen feet but no coal was found and the workmen seem to have tapped a subterranean stream for the excavation rapidly filled with water and the attempt to bail it proved futile. It was planned to utilize that particular piece of land in widening and straightening Locust avenue at that point and the city has been for some time negotiating for the purchase of the property. The owner would not sell, however, and there was some talk of condemning it, but when the drilling for coal was begun and plans for the erection of a handsome apartment house on the site were made public the city decided not to condemn property under development and made other plans for widening the street. Now the "developments" have been stopped, although it is still possible that the apartment house may become a reality.

Men are working on the F. B. I. Professional Building both day and night in an effort to complete it without further loss of time. A number of the rooms have already been let and the entire building will be occupied very soon after its completion. The sound of hammers and saws may be heard coming from the upper story through

the night and into the wee small hours of the morning as the workmen labor at their task, while the lower floors are being rapidly finished and the store rooms on the ground floor will soon be ready for occupancy.

The filtering plant which was recently installed in the Y. M. C. A. is now being used to filter the water for the swimming pool and a marked improvement can be seen in the water, although there is still a great deal of dirt in the pipes which discolors the pool slightly and which it will take some time to remove.



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FIXING APPROACHES TO RIVER BRIDGE

Plans Have Reached Point Where Engineer Meusser Must Know.

E. H. Harder, designing engineer for the New York Concrete Steel Engineering company is in Fairmont today consulting with City Engineer S. B. Miller relative to the new bridge that will be constructed across the Monongahela river.

Engineer Meusser, of the same company, is now busy in New York drawing up several plans for the new bridge, but before he can continue further it was necessary to send Mr. Harder to Fairmont to decide definitely on certain approaches to the bridge. The engineers are trying to make the east side approach as near the Monongahela railroad station as possible.

Mr. Harder states that the company is doing all it can on the bridge plans and will have them completed and ready to submit to the Board of Affairs before many days.

LAWSON EXPLAINS BIG COAL MOVEMENT

Cars B. & O. Offers Must be Used Exclusively in the Lake Trade.

D. R. Lawson, secretary of the Central West Virginia Coal Operators association returned yesterday from Washington where Tuesday he attended a meeting of the presidents of the various railroad companies, the secretaries of the district coal operators associations of West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania, the dock operators along the Great Lakes and F. C. Baird of the Lake Erie Bituminous Coal Operator's association.

The 100 per cent car supply that has been promised by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company is for coal operators who will ship coal to the Great Lake region six consecutive days. This regulation has been made to induce the shipment of free coal to the lakes. As yet the Baltimore and Ohio railroad is the only company that has made such a proposition.

Beginning August 1, there remains but sixteen weeks in which seven million tons of coal must be shipped to the lakes, which means an average of over one million tons of coal per week in gve to ten thousand ton cargoes.

The proposition offered by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company is

on the same basis of railroad fuel cars in that the cars are not charged against his percentage. This has been in effect since August 9.

F. C. Baird who has the Great Lake situation in charge reported at the meeting Tuesday that he has made arrangement with the Great Lake vessel owners to have the vessels at the ports ready to take the coal across the lake.

If the enormous amount of coal is shipped to the lakes as is being planned in the sixteen remaining weeks there must be no delay at the docks or on the part of the railroads. The pooling system is into effect all along the lakes and this is expected to greatly help toward the rapid transportation of coal.

Then the Sea Roared. Skinny Bather (on vacation)—Do you have many wrecks here? Old Fisherman—You're the first I've seen this season.—Boston Transcript.

The Sin of Omission. Boy—Can a person be punished for something he hasn't done? Teacher—Of course not. Boy—Well, I haven't done my geometry.—Christian Register.

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