

JESS WILL FIGHT TO DEFEND TITLE

Chicago, July 12.—Jess Willard is not figuring on quitting the ring. Denying reports of his retirement, the heavyweight champion, in a letter to Chicago friends, said that he would be ready to defend his title as soon as the circus season is finished in October.

The champion said he was entirely through with Jack Curley and Tom Jones, his former managers, who have threatened to sue him. "As long as I was working for a salary, Jones and Curley got their percentage on my earnings," Willard wrote. "But the war and bad weather hurt the show business and I received notice that my contract was to be canceled. That would leave me out in the cold, so I thought the circus."

"As owner of the show, and not an employee, I couldn't see where Jones and Curley should be entitled to any part of the gross receipts. So I discharged them."

Willard confided that he weighed in the neighborhood of 250 pounds, which is about thirty pounds above his usual fighting weight, and that with a little training will be able to defend his honors in a twenty-round contest.

"It isn't true that I have refused to box either Carl Morris or Fred Fulton," Willard's letter continued. "Why should I bar them if the public wants me to meet either of them? It is true that I do not like Morris, but that doesn't mean that he's barred."

The Big Kansas has amassed a fortune since he became champion. It is said that he has between \$300,000 and \$500,000 planted away in Chicago banks.

PELICANS WIN ANOTHER GAME

R. H. E. N. Orleans 0 1 0 0 3 1 0 0 0 2 5 10 2 Nashville 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 4 Walker and Stansbury; Deatm and Marshall. Birmingham 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 9 4 Memphis 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 4 2 Black and Harworth; McCall and Reed. Mobile 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 0 0 Chattanooga 0 0 0 4 1 2 0 0 x-7 9 0 Pope and Griffith; Perdue and Peeters.

NATIONAL LEAGUE First Game

R. H. E. Cincinnati 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 5 1 N. York 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 8 3 Began and Clark; Schupp and Gibson.

Second Game Cincinnati 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 2 0 5 10 0 N. York 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 1 Schneider and Wingo; Porritt and Haridon.

First Game St. Louis 3 0 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 7 11 4 Boston 0 2 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 8 3 Doak and Gonzales; Barnes and Traggesser.

Second Game St. Louis 0 1 0 0 0 5 0 0 0 6 12 1 Boston 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 10 0 Meadows and Snyder; Ragan and Traggesser.

Pittsburg 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 3 0 Brooklyn 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 2 Cooper and Fischer; Pfeffer and Meyers.

Chicago - Philadelphia - Game postponed; wet grounds. Two games tomorrow.

AMERICAN LEAGUE First Game

R. H. E. N. Y. 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 6 3 Chicago 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 10 0 Mowridge and Nunamaker; Cicotte and Schalk.

Second Game N. York 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 6 1 Chicago 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 4 x-5 7 0 Shawkey and Alexander; Scott, Danforth and Schalk.

Washin. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 13 1 Cleveland 1 0 2 0 1 2 0 1 x-7 13 1 Johnson and Ainsmith; Bagby and O'Neil.

Boston 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 2 Detroit 2 0 0 4 0 0 2 0 x-5 11 2 Shore and Agnew; Ehmke and Stanzac.

Philadelphia 3 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 5 11 2 St. Louis 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 5 1 R. Johnson and Schang; Rogers and Hale.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

R. H. E. St. Paul 1 0 1 0 1 2 0 0 0 5 12 3 Indianapolis 0 5 0 0 0 0 0 1 x-6 6 2 Grimes and Hagerman; Fillingim and Northrop.

Min. 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 6 0 Louis. 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 3 11 1 Thomas, Beebe. Milwaukee-Toledo - Game completed last week.

May Play His Part In The Great War

Captain Philip H. Sheridan, general staff corps, was born in Illinois July 28, 1880, and was appointed to the Military Academy in 1898 from the District of Columbia at large. In 1892 he was promoted to a second lieutenant and assigned to the Ninth Cavalry. Captain Sheridan is a son of the late General "Phil" Sheridan and is declared to be a chip off the old block. He is considered an able soldier. During the Roosevelt administration he was aide to the President at the White House and during Pershing's recent expedition into Mexico he was a member of his staff. For his services there he was detailed to the General Staff Corps. However, it is thought that he will soon be doing service on the battlefields of France.

MUTILATED CHILDREN YARN

Kansas City, July 12.—A rumor concerning two mythical Belgian orphan victims of mutilation at the hands of Germans is afloat in Kansas City and has caused Georges Mignolet, Belgian consul, no end of trouble. The story concerns the sending of relief funds to Belgium by a Kansas City woman. Several months after the money was supposed to have been sent two Belgian boys, their hands amputated at the wrists, were said to have arrived at home in Kansas City. The story has gone the rounds in various parts of the city and has been thoroughly investigated by Mr. Mignolet, who has found it utterly without foundation.

MATHEWSON PUTS THE REDS WITHIN REACH OF FIRST DIVISION

By Jack Veiook. New York, July 12.—Christy Mathewson has made good as a manager.

He has accomplished the wonder of wonders in the role of chief skipper of the Cincinnati Reds, and his success stands out as one of the notable features of the 1917 season. Those who doubted Mathewson's ability to make a go of it in Redville did not harbor doubts because they thought he lacked ability, but because of the fact that the Reds have been chronic losers for so long that lifting them out of the ruck looked like an impossibility without a wholesale shakeup in the team.

But Matty has fooled 'em all. He has developed the Reds from the gutter within a few short months, and has accomplished it without adding a great deal of new talent to the club. Matty has a few new players in Redville, but the majority of his players were on the Cincy payroll when he took the reins late last season.

When Matty left the Giants to pilot the Reds there was an immediate evidence of new spirit in the playing of the team. He was made manager before Cincinnati invaded the east for the last time in 1916, and the fans in New York, Boston and Philadelphia marveled at the snap and ginger displayed by the erstwhile listless Ohioans.

During the winter Matty made a few deals. The acquisition of Shortstop Kopf, Dave Shean and one or two others followed by the signing of Jim Thorpe, marked the extent of his operations in the player market. He said he had confidence in the Cincinnati club because it had showed its willingness to play ball for him during the last few weeks of the 1916 race, and he went quietly on his way, predicting nothing, but expressing hopes that Cincinnati had seen her last of the National league basement apartment.

Matty's Surprising Showing. Fandom wanted to see Matty make good, but fandom was as full of doubts as the ocean is of salt. No one thought for a moment that July Fourth would see the Reds climb into fourth place in the pennant race. Seventh place was the very best that was predicted for Cincy. No wonder the bugs marveled. No wonder Cincinnati fans commended to hold up their heads and take the liveliest interest in the team that they have evinced for years.

Camouflage Practiced by the Chicago Food Bandits

Exploitation of war conditions to raise food prices to consumers "for the benefit of the few who are handling food products," was reported by the federal grand jury in Chicago Monday after an investigation of several weeks. The Elgin Board of Trade, where are fixed through the country, received special attention from the grand jury, which pointed out that the board holds only 15-minute sessions each week.

"Because Elgin was at one time a creamery center, the report says, 'the people of United States continue to follow prices quoted as 'Elgin price,' although very little butter is now made or legitimately traded in there. It seems that a few traders and dealers, most of whom are Chicago traders, take advantage of this situation to go to Elgin once a week and make a few trades on the Elgin board of trade, and thus establish a price for butter for those who follow Elgin quotations through the country."

A Fifteen-Minute Session. "The board opens at 11:15 and closes at 12 noon Saturday of each week. It is a question whether the Elgin board is a real and bona fide market for the purchase and sale of butter, it appearing that it is merely a place where trades are made as a basis for Elgin quotations by men who are in most cases Chicago traders who could make these sales in Chicago without taking the trouble to go to Elgin if their only motive is to buy and sell butter."

Trading in canned foods, the grand jury found, is carried on under a system which compels the consumer to deal with middlemen and prevents trading directly with the canner. One result of this is the price of canned corn, which sold from canner to wholesaler in 1916 at sixty-five cents a dozen, and is now selling to the retailer at \$1.75 a dozen, and to the consumer at a still higher price. It was pointed out that in the case of tomatoes,

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All the credit for the slowing of the Reds must not be handed to Matty, however. He deserves the big share of it, and he is getting all that is coming to him. But the players must come in for a share of praise, too, for after being used as the National league's doorman for so long a time they have made a comeback that shows admirable spirit.

Matty may not manage to finish in the first division this year, although there is not telling what those Reds may do if they finish their second eastern invasion in good form. But Matty has pulled the Reds out of the ruck, and he has a ball club that can wallop the ball and put up a corking game in the field. The Cincy pitchers, particularly Fred Toney, are showing rival National league clubs a world of stuff, and it looks now as if fifth place will be the lowest berth the Reds will accept this year, while they stand better than an even chance to hold a lease on one of the first four places when the race comes to a close.

Old Rosebud Comes Back

More than fifteen thousand racing fans jumped to their feet at the Aqueduct race track on July 1 and gave a rousing cheer for Old Rosebud, the horse that came back. Old Rosebud, the marvel of the west several years ago, carried the weight of 130 pounds to victory in the Carter handicap on Independence Day, winning from a class field, which included such horses as Bronco and The Finn, and the finish was one of the most thrilling seen in the east this season. Jockey Butwell was hard pressed to push Old Rosebud's nose across the wire first, and the wonderful spirit and gameness of the six-year-old gelding was alone responsible.

Here's the history, in brief, of Old Rosebud, the Carter winner: He was bred by J. E. Madden, who sold him as a yearling, for \$700, to his present owner, H. C. Applegate. As a two-year-old he was an undervalued speed marvel and won twelve times in fourteen starts. As a three-year-old he won the Kentucky derby of 1914 in 2:03 1-5, which remains the record for that classic. Brought east, he broke down in a race at Belmont park.

INVITES DOUGLAS TO RETURN MATCH

The Bee has received the following letter from Roger Simons, brother of Arthur Simons, who met Douglas Monday night:

"I take the liberty to write you wishing to inform you and all of Arthur Simons' friends that he is willing to meet Jack Douglas in return bout and willing to bet two hundred dollars that he can defeat Douglas.

"We are willing to meet him under same conditions of last Monday's fight with the exception of Mr. Hubie O'Brien as referee. We would like to box Douglas on the 23rd of July as we feel Monday's battle put Arthur on edge after a long lay off.

"After Monday's fight I told Mr. O'Brien I thought he had erred in his decision and he told me to wait for the papers' opinion and they would disprove my opinion and if the majority of the papers thought Simons won he would make a public apology to me.

"I think same is due as your valuable paper, the Daily States and Item think as I and 95 per cent of the attendants who hissed his decision.

"ROGER SIMONS, 'Manager of Arthur Simons, 'The South's 116 pound Champion.'"

Mandot May Meet Dolan or Virgetts

Red Dolan is up against a very stiff proposition Monday night, when he takes on Philly Virgetts for fifteen rounds at the Louisiana Auditorium, for he it known that the ambition of both Dolan and his versatile manager, Tommy Walsh, is to get Dolan matched with Joe Mandot. The latter has not listened very cordially to suggestions of such a match, but if Dolan should be so fortunate as to defeat Virgetts in a decisive manner it would be rather awkward if Mandot should continue to refuse to meet the Sunburst.

DOUGLAS AND HERMAN MATCHED FOR AUG. 6

Pete Herman, bantamweight champion, makes his first appearance in the local ring since winning the title from Kid Williams, in a ten-round bout with Jack Douglas at the Tulane club August 6, according to announcement made by the director of the Howard street arena. The scrap will be a no-decision affair. Herman, by this time expects to sufficiently recover from the boils which have kept him out of the ring. After the Douglas bout, Walsh expects to take the champion East for matches with Kid Williams and Frankie Burns.

ST. PAUL MAN SIGNED BY CHATTANOOGA

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 12.—Int fielder Berghammer, of the St. Paul club of the American Association, has been signed by Chattanooga, it was announced today by Manager Elberfeld. Berghammer will be used as utility man.

STILL OPPOSED TO WAR

Chicago, July 12.—The Socialist party in the United States has approved by overwhelming majority the statement of the party's attitude toward the war with Germany, submitted by the majority of the committee on war and militarism appointed by the St. Louis convention last April. The party's executive committee here announced that the vote in favor of the majority proclamation was 21,639 to 2,752. The Socialist party opposes the United States being in the war, but advocates application of socialist doctrines to war measures and urges conscription of wealth, as well as of men, and public ownership of all national industries vital to the prosecution of the war.

SMALLER MEN ACCEPTED

Washington, July 12.—New army regulations made public today reduce the minimum weight limit for recruits from 120 to 110 and the minimum height from 5 feet 4 inches to 5 feet 1 inch. This will add thousands who otherwise would be exempt to the national army to be paid in the draft, and opens the doors of the regular army and national guard to many volunteers turned down in the past.

RACING RESULTS AT AQUEDUCT

FIRST RACE—Two-year-old maidens; five furlongs. Gonsora, Schutinger, 9-2; 9-5 1; George W. Avery, Troxler, 5, 2, 1; All Bright, Buxton, 5, 2, 1. Time—1:02. Scratched: Starry Banner, Josie A., Dianthea, Ballastaria, Paddy, Oriskany and Gayan Boy.

SECOND RACE—Steeplechase; four-year-olds and up; two miles. Shaheen River, Allen, 2, 7-10; The Brook, Klensch, 6, 2, 1; Slipshod, Powers, 3-2, 1-2. Time—3:29 2-5. Scratched: Ben Wyatt, Ormshead.

THIRD RACE—Three-year-olds; one mile. J. J. Lillis, Kleeberg, 2; Paddy Wtack, Lyke, 1-2; Kilmer, Buxton, 6. Time—1:40. Scratched: Dorcas, Wooden Shoes, Brooklyn, Viewpoint, Polrona.

FOURTH RACE—Six furlongs. Ed Cuddehe, Knapp, 6, 2, 1; Rhine Maiden, J. McTaggart, 9-2, 9-5, 2-5; Brooks, Rowan, 16, 5, 2. Time—1:14 2-5. Scratched: Fernock, De-fense, Adalid.

FIFTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up; one mile. Rolly, Butwell, 7-10, 1-3; Armanant, Troxler, 8, 5-2, 1; Spectre, Griffith, 20, 6, 3. Time—1:14 2-5. Scratched: G. M. Miller, Robin Goodfellow, Melodrama, On-va, Balgoe, Dan.

SIXTH RACE—Two-year-olds; five furlongs. Bully Boy, Butwell, 1, 1-6; Cousin O'Mine, Buxton, 8, 2, 1-2; De-cisive, Ryan, 7-5, 1-1, Time—1:00 1-5. Scratched: Trophy, Jusque au Bout, Winsome Vera, Lady Rookie, Prunes, Bappy Go Lucky, Nominee.

ROTARY CLUB SHOCKED HIM

Bare-Legged and Vivacious Damsels Too Much for British Officer. St. Louis, July 12.—Captain F. C. DeSomerbrast, English army officer, who is in St. Louis to make several addresses on England's side of the war and war conditions in general, could not reconcile bare-legged cabarets with patriotism and departed abruptly without having delivered his scheduled address from a banquet of the Rotary club at Sappington inn, St. Louis county, Monday. Explaining his action, he said:

"I was asked to speak on war. Naturally I felt that the question was a serious one and demanded a serious hearing, and I was surprised to notice at my arrival the noisy, hilarious actions of the members. I sat by the chairman, and the shouting grew more and more vehement as time passed. The first part of the program was a military tableau of the spirit of 1917. Then followed the thing which so disgusted me; a group of young women in disgracefully scant attire who danced and sang and proceeded to sit on the laps of the men, hugging them and acting in a most disgusting manner. 'I turned to the chairman and said: 'This hurts me mentally and physically, and I feel that I cannot stay any longer.' I went out of the room. 'One of the men turned to me and said: 'Why, this is the spirit of America.' I became angry and answered: 'If this is the spirit of America, God help it. You are smirching the American flag.'"

A TRAGEDY OF COLOR

Supposed Negro Discovers He is White Man. Paris, Ky., July 12.—Through the discovery made in Cincinnati that he is a white man Maxie Kohler and his negro family face a dilemma which threatens to wreck his life and break his wife's heart. When 8 years old Kohler and his sister were taken from a Cincinnati orphanage and adopted by Nat C. Rogers, a wealthy Kentucky landowner. When the foster father died Kohler was made to believe he was a negro and was forced to associate with other negroes on the farm. His sister disappeared. Kohler finally moved to Paris, married a negro woman and prospered in a small way. And his wife and two small children were making him happy until a few days ago. Then he learned he was born of white parents. The medium was a Cincinnati newspaper carrying an advertisement asking information of his whereabouts. He answered, and in a few days received a letter from a small town in Oklahoma. The writer was his sister, now the wife of a wealthy man. In correspondence Kohler told her of his supposed negro blood and asked her for proofs that he was really white. The answer included photographs of his father and mother, and convinced Kohler. Letters from other relatives confirmed this. Then Kohler wrote of his negro wife and babies. The answer broke his heart. His relatives refused to have anything more to do with him.

RACING ENTRIES AT EMPIRE CITY

FIRST RACE—Three-year-olds and up. One mile. xEd Roche 101 Election 109 Ballad 409 xl J. Lillis 115 Courtship 103 Star Finch 101 xYonwa 101 Blue Thistle 103 xImp, Nylon 121 Phlorion 109

SECOND RACE—Three-year-olds and up. Six furlongs. Mother Machree 107 King Haggott 129 xWagaa 102 Basil 107 Counsel 103 xMac Murray 113 xMargaret L. 99 Dan 107 xPolly J. 113 Imp. Sorcerer H. 107 xThe Baroness 99 Broom Sweep 109 Scaria H. 107 None Such 104 xSpring Song 103 xRight 102

THIRD RACE—Two-year-olds; five and a half furlongs. xTippity Wilchet 107 xStella Mia 99 Papp 117 Poacher 104 Star Spangled 102 Edith F. 99 Land Lubber 102

FOURTH RACE—Empire City handicap; \$5,000; three-year-olds. One mile and an eighth. Roamer 126 Spur 112 Duddy's Choice 102 Borrow 124 Dick Williams 109

FIFT RACE—Four-year-olds and up. One mile and a sixteenth. G. M. Miller 115 xCarlton G. 107 Pastmaster 103 The Grader 115 xEd Bond 114 xChecks 110 xStalwart Helen 98 xFovedale 111 xPhaudito 108 xTobacco Box 103 Sosius 115

SIXTH RACE—Maiden two-year-olds. Five furlongs. Currency 115 Runcraft 115 Top Coast 115 Mal Yolie 115 Trophy 115 Dr. Johnson 115 Belmore 112 Perplexing 112 Imp. Ben Lui 112 Apprentice allowance claimed. Weather clear; track slow.

DRAFT WILL CLAIM 2424 FROM NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans with a population of 365,957 must give 2,424 men to the draft, and Louisiana with a "dummy" population of 1,688,882 will furnish 11,231 in the draft. These figures were announced from Washington yesterday. New York City, with a population of 6,501,185, must furnish 43,382 of the 687,000 to be raised.

THIRTY DAYS AND \$50 FINE

Cost of Being Idle in West Virginia These Days. Charleston, W. Va., July 12.—As a war measure West Virginia is demanding that all her male residents between 16 and 60 years old make themselves of service to the state and nation by engaging in some "rainful" occupation and is emphasizing this demand by rigid enforcement of the new state vagrancy act.

Twelve men charged with violating this law began serving thirty-day jail sentences today, and each will pay a \$50 fine. While other convictions have been reported from various parts of the state, these sentences are the most severe yet imposed.

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