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WILLARD THE LAST OF THE WHITE HOPE HEAVYWEIGHT PUGS

With the defeat of Jess Willard there passed into pugilistic oblivion the last of the cluster of American boxers known as the white hopes. These heavyweights sprang into existence as the result of a general demand on the part of boxing enthusiasts for the development of a white boxer capable of dethroning Jack Johnson. This desire on the part of devotees of the squared circle were not due to racial hostility, but solely because the personal conduct of the champion had brought boxing into disrepute.

Of all the aspirants for the heavyweight crown, only three managed to get matches with the Negro. These were Frank Moran and Jim Flynn, who failed to make any impression on the champion, and Willard, who won the title.

Carl Morris was the original white hope, and had he obtained a match with Johnson, he would, through his rough, foul methods, have made it very unpleasant for the titleholder. But Morris never got a match with the Negro and lived to be obliterated by Dempsey.

The late Jim Stewart of Brooklyn was for a time encouraged to think he might wrest the title from Johnson, but his crystalline jaw prevented a realization of the hope.

Al Paizer, who had a punch, but was guiltless of boxing science, flashed brightly as a prospective opponent of Johnson, but flickered and faded early in the game.

The most promising of all was Luther McCarthy, who, had he lived, might have given Johnson a strong battle. McCarthy was rugged, scientific and a good hitter. But his chance went glimmering because of his fondness for rough riding. He performed a number of cowboy stunts a few days previous to his bout with Arthur Pelkey and injured the spinal cord in his neck so that the first blow he received from his opponent resulted in his collapse and eventual death.

CARPENTIER VS. BECKETT

British Promoter Claims That He Has Matched Pair.

Reports that Jack Dempsey had already signed to meet the French heavyweight king, "George" Carpentier, got a rise in London, from Promoter Cochran, who put on the recent Beckett-McGoorty fight.

Cochran claims he has the French fighter's name to a contract for a battle with Beckett, the British champion, on two months' notice. He also said that Manager Dempsey had posted a thousand pounds forfeit and made himself liable to heavy damage if his French scrapper met Dempsey before Beckett.

A letter from Jack Kearns stated that he was seriously considering the offer to fight in London, Cochran said. He quoted Kearns as saying: "I repeat that Dempsey is willing to fight the winner of the Carpentier-Beckett fight."

George Carpentier, heavyweight champion of Europe, will probably come to the United States late next December or early in January. The authority for this statement rests in a letter from Lieut. Ben. F. Steinel, who was in charge of the boxing programme of the A.E.F., and who was match-maker for bouts promoted by the Y.M.C.A. for the entertainment of the Yanks in France.

GOLF OF LOWLY ORIGIN.

And the Popular Game Did Not Have its Beginnings in Scotland.

If tennis has a royal lineage, golf, which was later regarded as a rich man's game, had most plebeian beginnings, says the National Geographic Magazine. Contrary to a widespread belief, it seems not to have originated in Scotland, but in Northern Europe. Apparently it was first played on ice, being one of the winter sports adapted to the physical geography of the low countries. Even in the north, though, it evolved to a terra firma stage, as indicated by a sketch in a book illuminated in images, which shows three players each with a ball and one club playing on turf.

By the fifteenth century golf had attained such vogue in Scotland that it threatened the cherished archery, and it is classed with "futeball" and the "merry sports" by James IV. That monarch, however, seems to have disregarded his own edict, as did enough other Scotchmen to keep the game alive.

Like tennis, golf was played by both sexes. Critics of Mary Stuart cited in evidence that her husband's fate weighed so lightly upon her heart that she was seen playing the game in the fields near Seton.

To the Romans also is ascribed a game that suggests modern golf. It was played with a feather stuffed ball and called pagania, because the common people played it—another evidence of the game's lowly origin.

Encouraging Boxing.

"The Game Chicken," a special writer on boxing in Athletic News of London, England, says: "Now it is argued that the Amateur Boxing Association, by encouraging youngsters in the poorer schools to take up boxing as part of their moral education, are laying the foundation-stones for professionalism. Well, what if they are achieving such an object? After all, it is doing really yeoman service for the sport. Compare the professionals of today with the close-cropped, bullet-headed fighter of a couple of decades ago. Billy Wells is a product of a boys' club near Ratcliff Highway, and no matter his merits as a fighter, he has undoubtedly helped considerably to elevate professional boxing. Matt Wells came from the Gordon Club in Spitalfields, an institute where every lad is compelled to wear a collar and tie."

Lacrosse Comes Back.

Lacrosse, Canada's grand old national sport, is fast coming back into its own. During the years the conflict raged in Europe the unthinking often paused to remark, "Lacrosse is dead."

They overlooked the fact that the healthy young Canucks who play the most active and interesting of all games were the first to enlist for overseas.

They have come back, or some of them have, and so has the game. It played its part in training the youth of the Dominion for the sterner duties of the battle field and in saving civilization from Hun brutality. And it is even now playing a large part in the work of reconstruction. For healthy exercise, with its relaxation and associations, is the antidote for all forms of Bolshevism.

M'GILL'S FIRST BIG-TRACK MEET AFTER THE WAR

The Montreal Star says: Montreal will be the scene of the first inter-collegiate athletic meet held since the cessation of activities owing to the war. The championship events on track and field will be held on the McGill stadium on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Some of the most promising talent ever seen will take part in the meet. Reports from all of the colleges are to the effect that candidates for the track teams are more numerous than ever before.

Many of the prominent college stars have been participating in track and field meets under the colors of other athletic associations during the summer months and some of the former intercollegiate records have already been broken by them in their trial runs. Teams from Toronto, Queen's, and Royal Military College will come to McGill for the meet.

Kaiser's Stud Well Cared For.

Paris "Sport" gives an interview with a French officer who was a prisoner of war in Germany when the armistice was announced. He was interned at Jorgan, about three miles away from the famous Royal Prussian Graditz St. 2. He was allowed to inspect the Government stud, where he saw that things were in a prosperous condition. There were five stallions, among them Ard Patrick and two French horses, Nuage and Binjon. The latter has since died.

OPPOSED TO NINE GAMES.

Chicago Owner Gives Reasons—White Sox See Reds Play.

Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the Chicago Americans, declared his opposition to the proposal of the National Baseball Commission that the world's series be increased from seven to nine games. He says that he can see no reason for turning from the custom of playing a series of seven games to decide the world's championship.



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