# MAXWELL TELLS A FEW FACTS ABOUT PROPOSED WILLARD-MORAN BOUT-OTHER SPORTS

# **OVERWEIGHT WAS** WILLARD'S REASON TO POSTPONE GO

### Champion Could Not Get in Shape in One Month's Time

### NEW DATE IS MARCH 25

### By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Perhaps Jess Willard and Frank Moran will meet in New York to battle for the heavyweight championship of the world. It looked for a while as if they would not. Developments in the last few days pointed to an indefpointed to an indefi-nite postponement, with Tex Rickard and Frank Moran unanimously selected as the goats. The match, however, now is scheduled for New York, March 25. The Willard-Jones-Curley Heavyweight



 cided that Jess had the grip, or pneumo-nia, or something, and secured a post-ponement. The orig-inal date, which was be too close for comfort and Jess found it convenient to become violently iii.
Four weeks was too short a time for the champion to get into condition and sicks. champion to get into condition and sick-ness was as good an excuse as any to gain more time.

Curley Heavyweight Championship Com-pany, Inc., had de-cided that Jess had

gain more time. As had been pointed out in these col-umns before, Willard was 60 pounds over-weight and not in the best physical shape. He worked out in a Chicago gymnasium inst week and found that it would be difficult to train down in four weeks so as to be in condition to make a creditable showing against Moran. He realized that the heavyweight title was at stake, and not only that, there was the well-paying contract with the circus. The circus prob-bly is worrying Jess more than Moran. ably is worrying Jess more than Moran

#### **Conflicting Reports**

Reports from Chicago were conflicting. One story was that Willard was so sick that he was confined to his bed and unable to see any one. Another said that Jess was just as well as ever and the champion was spending most of his time riding around in his automobile. Martin riding around in his automobile. Martin Delaney, physical director of the C. A. A., where Willard was training, said that Jess was in good shape Saturday, and if was sick the illness came upon him suddenly.

Then Tom Jones took a hand in the game. To make sure that his meal ticket was in no shape to fight on March 8 or any other time he made a hurried trip to Chicago. Of course, Tom found Jeas withing in agony and unable to even think of defending his title for some time to come. He could not possibly recover for at least a couple of weeks, so the bout simply MUST be postponed. Let's take another slant at Jeas' record

bout simply MUST be postponed. Let's take another slant at Jess' record in the last two years. In April, 1914, he knocked out a ham named George Rodel and in April, 1915, won the championship from Jack Johnson in Havana. Before that he lost a 12-round bout to Tom Mc-Mahon in Youngstown, O.: lost the de-cision to Gunboat Smith in 20; failed to stop Carl Morris in 10 and fought a four-round draw with an impression named Charley Miller. We must admit that it is not much of a record.

is not much of a record. Drazging in the grandoldope, we find that Jess has engaged in only one battle in two years, and that was with Johnson. The big Smoke now claims that the fight was framed and that he "flopped" as per arrangement in the 25th round. This might not be true, but it does not help Willard's record. But it is easily seen that the champion has been out of the game for some time and he is taking a chance when he meets a tough proposi-tion like Moran. Jess needs a few tryout buts before engaging in any title tilts, and this will take time.

# OFFICIAL AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE, 1916

	AT CHICAGO	AT ST. LOUIS	AT DETROIT	AT CLEVELAND	WASHINGTON	AT PHILADELPHIA	NEW YORK	AT BOSTON	ABROAD
CHICAGO	CHAMPION BATTER Ty Cobb, .370	April 29, 30 May 1, 2 June 20, 21, 22, 24 Sept. 3 (4), (4)	April 30, 21, 22, 23 Mary (30), (30), 31 June 1; July 23, 24 Sept. 2	April 25, 25, 27, 28 June 25, 27, 28 Sept. 28, 29, 30 Oct. 1	May 22, 23, 24, 25 July 19, 30, 31, 22 August 24, 25, 26	May 18, 19, 20 July 14, 15, 17, 18 Aug. 28, 20, 30, 31	May 9, 10, 11, 12 July 6, 7, 8 August 19, 21, 22, 23	May 13, 15, 16, 17 July 10, 11, 12, 13 August 16, 17, 18	Decoration Day at Detroit Labor Day at St. Louis
ST. LOUIS	April 16, 17, 18 19 July 3, (4), (4) Sept. 10, 11, 12, 13	CHAMPION BASE STEALER Ty Cobb, 96	May 4, 5, 6, 7 May 27, 28, 29 Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9	April 12, 13, 14, 15 June 25, 30; July 1, 2 July 23 Aug. 13; Sept. 2	May 9, 10, 11, 12 July 6, 7, 8 August 19, 21, 23, 23	May 13, 15, 16, 17 July 10, 11, 12, 13 August 16, 17, 18	May 22, 23, 24, 25 July 19, 30, 21, 22 August 24, 25, 28	May 18, 19, 20 July 14, 15, 17, 18 August 28, 29, 30, 31	July 4 at Chicago
DETROIT	April 12, 13, 14, 15 June 29, 30 July 1, 2 Aug. 11, 12, 13	April 25, 25, 27, 28 June 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 29, 30 Oct, 1	CHAMPION SLUGGER Cobb, 274 bases	April 16, 17, 18, 19 July 3, (4), (4) August 14 Sept. 10, 11, 12	May 13, 15, 16 17 July 10, 11, 12, 13 August 16, 17, 18	May D. 10, 11, 12 July D. 7, 8 Aug. 19, 21, 22, 23	May 18, 19, 20 July 14, 15, 17, 18 August 28, 29, 30, 31	May 22, 23, 24, 25 July 19, 20, 21, 27 August 24, 25, 26	July 4 at Cleveland
CLEVELAND	May 4, 5, 6, 7 May 27, 28 June 25 Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9	April 29, 31, 22, 23 May (30), (30), 31 June 1, 2 Aug. 11, 12	April 29, 50 May 1, 2 June 20, 21, 22, 24 Sept. 3, (D, (4)	CHAMPION WALKER Eddie Collins, 119	May 18, 19, 20 July 14, 15, 17, 18 August 18, 29, 30, 31	Mny 22, 23, 24, 25 July 19, 20, 21, 22 August 24, 25, 26	May 13, 15, 16, 17 July 19, 11, 12, 13 August 16, 17, 18	May 9, 10, 11, 12 July 6, 7, 8 August 19, 21, 23, 23	Decoration Day at St. Louis Labor Day at Ds- troit
WASHINGTON	June 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Aug. 3, 4, 5, 6 Sept. 14, 15	June 15, 16, 17, 18 August 7, 8, 9, 10 Sept. 16, 17, 18	June 3, 4, 5 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 22, 23, 24, 25	June 6, 7, 8, 9 July 19, 39, 31 August 1 Sept. 19, 29, 21	CHAMPION WHIFFER Ray Chapman, 82	May 4, 5, 6, 8 June 20, 21, 22 Sept. 27, 28, 20, 30	April 17, 13, 14, 15 June 23, 24, 25, 27 October 2, 3, 4	Åprill 17, 18 (19), (19) May (39), (30), 31 June 1 August 12, 14, 15	April 19 at Boston Decoration Day at Boston
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NEW YORK	June 3, 4, 5 July 25, 26, 27, 28 sept. 22, 23, 24, 25	June 6, 7, 8, 9 July 29, 30, 31 August 1 Sept. 19, 20, 21	June 10, 11, 12, 13 August 3, 4, 5, 6 Sept. 13, 14, 15	June 15, 16, 17, 18 August 7, 8, 9, 10 Sept. 16, 17, 18	April 29, 21, 22, 24 July 3 (0), (0), 5 September 5, 6, 7	April 20 May 1, 2, 3 June 28, 29, 30 July 1 Sept. 8, 9, 11	CHAMPION CLUB LOSER Athletics, 109	May 4, 5, 6, 8 June 50, 21, 22 Sept. 27, 28, 29, 30	July 4 at Washing- ton
BOSTON	June 15, 16, 17, 18 August 7, 8, 9, 10 Rept. 16, 17, 18	June 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 August 3, 4, 5, 6 Sept. 14, 15	June 6, 7, 8, 9 July 29, 30, 31 August 1 Sept. 19, 20, 21	June 3, 4, 5 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 22, 23, 24, 25	April 29, May 1, 2 June 28, 29, 30 July 1 Sept. 8, 9, 11, 12	April 20, 21, 22, 24 July 3, (4), (4), 5 Sept. 5, 6, 7	April 25, 26, 27, 28 May 26, 27, 29 Sept. 1, 2 (4), (4)	CLUB BATTING Detroit, .268	July 4 at Philadel- phia Labor Day at New York
AT HOME	13 Saturdays 14 Sundays July 4th. Conflicting dates: May 7, June 25, September 10.	12 Saturdays. 12 Sundays. Decoration Day. Labor Day.	14 Saturdays. 13 Sundays. Decoration Day. Labor Day	11 Saturdaya 13 Sundaya, July 4th.	11 Saturdays. July 4th. Labor Day.	13 Saturdaya July 4th.	12 Saturdays. Decoration Day. Labor Day.	12 Saturdays, April 19, Decoration Day,	CLUB FIELDING New York, .966

### Moreover, Moran Knew the Check Was Good Frank Moran refused to claim Jess Willard's forfeit. Tell it not in Ascalon

Nor whisper it in Gath, But Frank Moran has boldly braved The Boxers' Union wrath. Though it's the truth, we cannot chide Those who say we fake it:

Tex Rickard offered money to A man who wouldn't take it. --- Walter Trumbell

money Jess would be still \$2500 ahead of the game. Moran also has a \$2500 forfeit up, but that, too, was presented to him by Rickard. From where we are sitting it

Rickard. From where we are sitting it appears that Mr. Rickard is the only one who will be "stung" if the sidestepping is successful. **O'Brien vs. Revoire** Philadelphia Jawn O'Brien will send Brother Jack against Eddie Revoire in Norristown next Tuesday night, over the 15-round route. Brother Jack will allow his opponent at least 10 pounds advantage in weight, but he is anxious to keep busy and show the public that he can take them on regardless of their avoirdupois. O'Brien's victory over Henry Hauber last week helped him considerably and a win over Revoire is expected to make the other

# **DR. JOHN KEOUGH TO WED HOLYOKE GIRL ON MARCH 6**

# Former Penn Athlete Quietly Engaged to Miss Burke Since Christmas

COACH AT WEST PHILLY Dr. John J. Keogh, coach of the West

### TENNIS FAN WISHES EXPERT TO CRITICISE JUNIORS' PLAY

knows about tennis the more he likes

Hoping that this suggestion may prove of use to you, I remain, very sincerely yours,

GRANVILLE E. TOOGOOD.

GRANVILLE E. TOOGOOD. The above letter is the first really out-spoken opinion and suggestion I have got-ten on this matter. It is a very good one and is quite in line with our idea. At all these junior tournaments the man in charge will gladly give any ad-vice AFTER the match to any boy de-siring it. Tennis custom forbids coach-ing or talking to players during play. We hope that Mr. Toogood will enter not only the junior events next summer, but that we will receive his entry for the junior indoor tournament to be held at the armory the end of this month for boys under 16. It is the boys who con-sider themselves "dubs" that are often the most capable of improvement. Enter all the events possible if you want to improve. Thank you for your letter and suggestion, which is a good one, and if you have any other ideas let us have them. ment is to increase the interest and skill of the younger players, and aimee constructive criticism is a big factor in one's improvement, why not have some competent person observe and point out the weak points of each fel-low's game during the tournament? Lots of follows, such as myself (who am too much of a dub to enter), are anxious to leara, but unfortunately do not have the advantage of honest and helpful criticism from an expert. But in this tournament the person in authority present, with the aild of a few notes made during play, could start him off on the road of practice in the needed direction. This should certainly result in a general improve-ment both in skill and the degree of interest shown, for the more a fellow

### SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

Spartan defeated Underdown No. 1 team we games out of three in the Arthan League eries last night on Keystone Alleys. North Irish Pat Bradley, of Gray's Ferry, will take his second appearance here temphs aince is return home from Australia. He will a 50-50 with Henry Hauber, of Fairmeunt, i the windup at the Broadway tonight. sto 50-50 with Henry Hauber, of Fairmour in the windup at the Broadway tonigh Bradley's first bout was with Marty Farreli.



TEAM HOME JULY

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President Johnson announced that, C. J. Dunn, the new Cleveland owner, is not the former Mayor of Chicago, as had been printed in a local paper. Johnson says Dunn is one of the largest contractors in the West, and a man of the type who will be a credit to the game. He de-plored the fact that Cleveland capital could not be secured, and added that every effort was made to have the club con-The American League 1916 schedule, an-nounced today, sets the date for cracking open the season at April 12, the same day Opening games are annual to the sail games October 4, one day earlier than the last game in the National circuit. Opening games are announced as follows:

Detroit at Chicago, St. Louis at Cleve-

land, Washington at New York, Philadel-phia at Boston. Chicago will play at Detroit, Cleveland

at St. Louis, Philadelphia at New York and Washington at Boston on Decora-tion Day double-headers.

July 4 games will be as follows

rally was picked up all over the country When "Wild Bill" Donovan heard of I

effort was made to have the club con-trolled by home capital, but no one was interested. Trade Rumor Spiked A wild yarn was printed this morning that a trade was under way between the White Sox and Yankees, whereby Joe Jackson, the famous slugger, would go to New York in exchange for Fritz Maisel. The rumor started in Chicago, and natu-rally was picked up all over the country.

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**NEW DRAFT RULE** 

TO HIT SNAG AT

American Circuit Magnates

Express Desire to Turn

Down Ebbets' Suggestion

COMMISH SESSION OFF

By a Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Prior to going into session at 1 o'clock this afternoon several American League magnates ex-pressed a desire to turn down the new draft rule suggested by Charley Ebbets, of the Brooklyn club, and ratified by the National League. President Ban John-son, of the American League, said he could see no reason why the rule should be

could see no reason why the rule should be adopted, but that he would present it

the adopted, but that he would present it at the meeting. "The rule reads all right, and probably it is, but I don't see why it should be adopted," said Johnson." The rule covers only the drafting, and from experiance in the game I always have found that the minor leaguers who are most desired are

The game I always have found that the minor leaguers who are most desired are always purchased. "Some of our greatest players have been secured in the draft, but in every instance but one club put in a draft for the players. As the main object of the rule is to allow the second division club the preference in the destring and first

the preference in the drafting and first division clubs generally purchase instead of draft, I see no value in the rule,

"I have no voice in the matter. It is my duty to place the National League's reso-lutions before the American League. They

will vote as they see fit, and I will be perfectly satisfied with anything they As it is a well-known fact that Johnson's ideas usually are approved by the other magnates, there appears to be little chance for the rule being adopted. It is just an-other instance of the National League acting and Ban Johnson coppering the move. In this matter Johnson is certain to be upheld by the other magnates.

Joe Lannin, owner of the Boston club, said he was against the rule, preferring to leave well enough alone and for the

two leagues to go along on the old lines. Frank Navin, owner of the Tigers, heartily

Puts It Up to League

LEAGUE MEETING

#### Vacation for Moran

And in the meantime, Frank Moran has left Sulphur Springs to indulge in a slight vacation until Jess recovers sufficiently Vacation until Jess recovers sufficiently to resume training. Perhaps Frank is un-willing to take an unfair advantage of the champion and will start even with him again next week. Moran is in good condition right now and could jump into the ring against the hardest opponent. He has developed his wind and stamina in the great outdoors and feels able to take a fall out of the Woolworth Build-ing. Moran will weigh about 205 when he ing. Moran will weigh about 255 when he meets Willard. That will give Jess the advantage of 50 to 79 pounds in weight.

Moran is certain that he will defeat Willard and is anxious to get him into the ring on March 25 or any other date that might be selected. He proved it yesterday when he met Tex Rickard and refused to accept a perfectly good check to make up for the disappointment and delay.

This unusual scene was pulled in the Claridge yesterday after Frank hustled to New York to take another look at the bright bright lights and get the straight "low down" from Tex.

"Frank," said Tex, "I am sorry that the bout has been postponed and that this delay has been forced upon you. I know how you feel and to square matters, here's my check for \$2500 as a sort of a balm." Moran shoved the check back at Rick-ard, and looking him straight in the eye, said. sald:

"I don't want the money, Tex, and I want to say right now that I'm going to stand by you and see the thing through, no matter what happens. It's rather a novelty to be dealing with a man as square as you. Don't bother about me. Just get Willard into the ring on the night that suits your hear and the the table that suits you best and I will be repaid thousand times over."

It is safe to say that the Willard-Jones Curley combination will not consent to a match next month if it possibly can be avoided. A date next September would be more to their liking. True, Willard has a \$5000 forfeit posted, but he can afford to lose that, as Tex Rickard gave him \$7500 for signing. If he lost the

MARRYING OFF MAYBELLE

over Revoire is expected to make the other boxers sit up and take notice.

Jack Carroll, the heavyweight who flat-tened Lew Fink, will appear against three unknowns in the same show. It will be a real tryout for Jawn's new "hope," and if he makes good Jawn intends to send him against some of the regular heavyweights in the big town.

#### Erne After Borrell

Jim Feeny breaks in today with the following:

following: i wish to inform you that Raiph Erne is now under my management and has been in attict training for the last three works. Erne stands ready to meet any middleweight in the world. Joe Borreil pre-ferred. Raiph was not in condition for his last contest, and his long layoft affected his work. Now that he is in his cld-time form be wants to show his admirers in dear old Richmond that he can beat Barreil and guarantees to stop him within six round or forfeit his entire purse.

#### Chance for Chaney

George Chancy will have an opportunity to show that he is a legitimate feather-weight if he heeds the challenge hurled at hum by Tommy Buck, who has just re-

turned from an invasion of the West. Tommy tells us that he will box Chaney at 122 pounds ringside and dares him to accopt. And Tom says he has \$200 in real accept. And Tom says he has \$200 in real American currency to go as a forfeit for weight.

### DILLON AFTER MORAN GO

Hoosier Says He Could Knock Out Pittsburgh Heavy

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.-Sam Murbarger, manager for Jack Dillon, today offered to bet \$10,000 at even money that his man could knock out Frank Moran in 10 rounds.

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will begin an instructorship in the Uni-versity of Pennsylvania Dental School, from which he was graduated three years ago. Miss Burke is a teacher in the Hol-yoke schools, and is a graduate of the high school three and also the Sloyd School, of Boston. The pair met in 1508 at

a dinner party at York Harbor, Me. a dinner party at York Harbor. Me. Doctor Keogh's home is at South Had-ley Falls, Mass, and he has won fame as one of the best all-around athletes in that vicinity. He first attended Amherst Col-lege, playing on the varsity football team, but later changed to Penn. While at Penn he was a member of the varsity football and basketball teams and was well known for his fighting spirit. After the couple return from their honeymoon they will

Thost a great chance to catch headers by loans all three to The Underdown squad bowled in the Brat attack on the plus. Spartan won the second game the total plus being 896 to 885, ired the final by 11 plus. Wil-, the highest single game score Spartan captu ar's 204 was of the series. 

NEWS FROM BOWLING ALLEYS

THE following letter has been received

by the Eventso Langen's tennis editor:

Sir-In response to the invitation in your latest article to contribute any suggestion bearing upon the proposed junior tournament. I beg to offer the

following: Since the purpose of the arrange-ment is to increase the interest and

Progressive topoled over 948 pins in the first name distinct Northwestern No. 1, Donley Lal-ying 138 and Windel 191. Grey knowled down 305 m his last game for Progressive, while within recorded a 212 sector in his second

In 'Artisan League, Section B. Union surprised Underdown No. 2 by Winning two games from the pure sectors. Union won the first by S pins, helped by 56 plus allowance.

Johnny Maloney, Jocal amateur boxer, will leave on the Oscar II, which carried the Ford below party to Europe several months ago, today to compete in championship bouts at Demmark, Norway and Sweden. Two other hads who will accompany Maloney are William Sprangler, of New York, a mid-dio and light heavyweight, and John Karpinski, of Cleveland, a weiterweight.

Pete Herman, the New Orleans Italian ban-tam, plans to leave for a Northern tour near week. The Southerner's first fray this elde of the Masson and Dixon line will be at the Orym-pla Club in this city. Jack Hanlion clinched a match between Herman and Lew Tendler, Pebruary 28.

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St. Louis at Chicago, Detroit at Cleve-land, New York at Washington and Bos-ton at Philadelphia. he raised an awful howl. Vollmer Breaks Tank Marks

Chicago at St. Louis, Cleveland at De-troit, Philadelphia at Washington and Boston at New York, is the Labor Day schedule.

### MOORE TO MEET FARRELL IN SPECIAL BOXING SHOW Bobby Gunnis to Make Debut as Pro-

### moter and Matchmaker

A SENSATIONAL SHOW National A. C. National A. C. SATURDAY NIGHT-SATURDAY NIGHT Sollar Carmanski vs. Quartermaster Smith JOHNNY NELSON vs. JEAN CONSTANCE EDDIE WALLACE vs. FRANKIE WAGANUS SOLLY BURNS vs. EDDIE WAGOND Lack Brougen vs. Dos Ayroado Jack Brazzo vs. Joe Azvedo

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Olympia A. A. Broad & Bainbridge MONDAY NGUT-6.30 STANLEY EETCHEL VS. LEFTY TYLLE CHARLES METCHEL VS. LEFTY TYLLE GUNNY RITCHLE VS. GUSSIE LEWIS FREDDY KELLY VS. AUGUE BATNER JIMMY MURPHY VS. BENNY LEONARD Adm. 25c, Bal. Res. 50c, Arena Res. 75c, 21.

### Them Is True Words of Percy's

THINK CARRYING A LOT OF GENTLEMEN WELL, TO MUCH THERE'S ONLY A BEER INTO PEOPLES' A LOT OF GENTLEMEN WELL, TO MUCH THERE'S ONLY A RATHER HAVE YOU PAST IN DRINKING HOUSES IS A WADDYE MEAN FUTURE! LOOK AM WELCOMED FUTURE? DRINK IT THAN T MY WHY AT AT TH' HOMES ONLY DIFFERENCE IS A FUTURE IN T NOT ! ACQUAINTANCES! GENTLEMAN' OCCUPATION! ON MY SHOULDER! OF OUR DRIVIN' IT! F BEST. PEOPLE! for a Stee CANT \$8,500,000 ital stock It will b terred and ization is \$1. lieved that th 401 tensions, but 11 11/1 NEW YORK NEW YORK P Hapity from Recall residency, 640-100 Tograde, - Marked Taley Top Lordages, Batto - Marked Taley 25/8240

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