

CHANEY TELLS ROBERT W. MAXWELL KILBANE IS GREATEST FEATHERWEIGHT IN WORLD

KILBANE'S KNOCKOUT WALLOP, FIVE-INCH RIGHT-HANDER, PUTS CHANEY AWAY FOR 10 MINUTES

Defeated Baltimore Contender Is Paralyzed by Blow Which Ends Featherweight Championship Battle in Surprisingly Short Time

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

CEDAR POINT, O., Sept. 5.—"DON'T kid yourself into thinking that I had an easy time of it when I took that punch on the jaw in the third round of the bout yesterday afternoon. I never was hit so hard in my life and was paralyzed just as soon as the blow struck. The best featherweight in the world knocked me out yesterday and I have no excuses to offer. All I can do is to congratulate Kilbane and wish him all the luck in the world." This was Chaney's statement this morning after he had spent a restless night following the biggest battle of his career. He admitted through his battered lips that he was "peered through his swollen eyes, marks left by Kilbane's stinging left jab, and shrugged his shoulders as it to say, "Well, it's all over and I am a lucky guy to be alive."

Chaney was out for 10 minutes after the blow landed. He was carried to his corner by Joe Lewis and Henry Bietzer, where he sat all huddled up in a chair. A doctor was sent for, but before he arrived the challenger had revived and staggered from the ring. It was rather a sudden ending to the battle, and at first the spectators thought that Chaney had quit. There was no quitting, however, for the Baltimore boy was out for keeps just as soon as the blow landed. It happened in the third round after two minutes and 27 seconds had passed.

Chaney Rushes Champion

Kilbane was keeping Chaney at a distance with his left jab and George, furious at being hit so often, started to rush the champion. Twice he was stopped by a shower of lefts, but that did not keep him back. Chaney rushed a third time, and drew back his left to shoot at Kilbane's head or body. The blow never landed. Stepping in, Johnny grabbed Chaney's arm and partly twisted him around. Then he placed his left hand on George's jaw and tilted the head so that it could be reached with a right hook. Quick as a flash, Kilbane sent the blow home and Chaney dropped. He grabbed Johnny around the waist, but the champion shook him off. The Baltimore boy fell to the floor in a heap and did not get up. The knockout blow did not travel more than five inches.

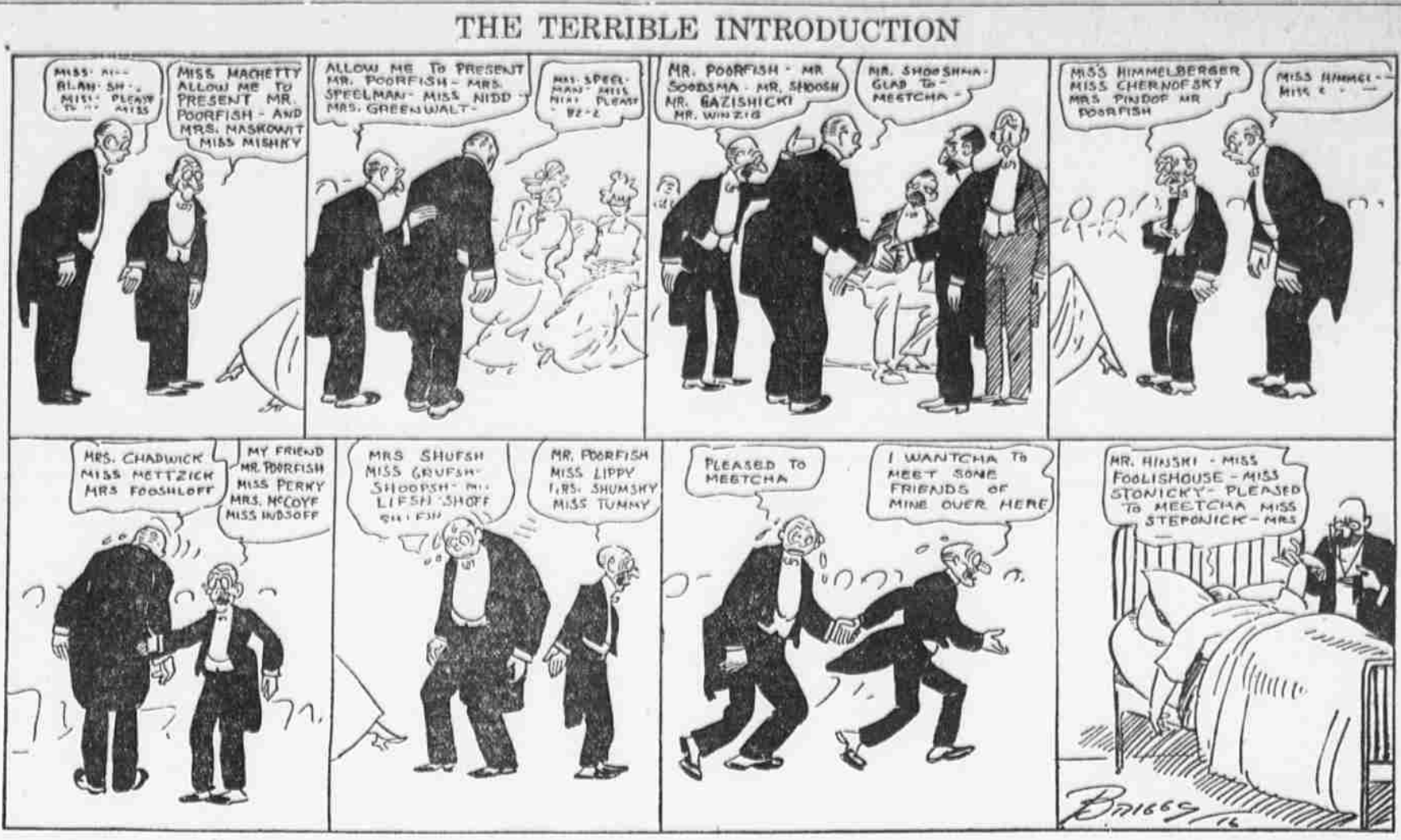
Matt Hinkle, the referee, was as much surprised as any one. He slowly counted three and then said: "What's the matter, George, why don't you get up?" "Keep on counting," shouted Kilbane. "Do your talking afterward."

Was Big Surprise

The result of this much-talked-of battle was a big surprise to the followers of boxing, but at the same time it bore out for the first time in history the dope spilled by experts. Chaney was not conceded a chance

Evening Ledger Decisions of Labor Day Ring Bout

Cedar Point, O.—Johnny Kilbane knocked out George Chaney in the third round of the featherweight title decision over Charles White, 20 rounds.
Baltimore—Kid Williams won from Frank Brown, 10 rounds.
Olympia—Denny Kaufman won from Johnny Erie, 10 rounds. George Lewis outboxed Billy Fitzsimmons, Jack Malone defeated Bill Walters, Al Nelson outboxed Jimmy McCabe, Young Dundee beat Frankie Clark.
Canton, O.—Johnny Griffiths defeated Myron de Rivera, 12 rounds; Johnny Alberts beat knockout Duff in 12 rounds.
Fredericks, E. L.—Young Jack O'Brien won from Fred Green, 10 rounds.
Evansville, Ind.—Gene Delmont beat Battling Schottz, 10 rounds.
Watertown, N. Y.—Joe Jeanette knocked out Jack Hubbard in the fifth.
Piquette, Ind.—Gene Delmont beat Battling Schottz, 10 rounds.
New Orleans—Frankie Russell knocked out Joe Manoli, 10 rounds.
Racine, Wis.—Spikie Kelly defeated Jack Duffy, 10 rounds.
St. Louis—Young Denny knocked out Nallo Jerabek in the first.



by the wise persons and he didn't even have that. To use plain, hard language, Kilbane made a sucker out of Chaney while he was in the ring. The Baltimore boy was helpless from the start and it easily was seen that there could be but one ending to the bout. George could not get past Kilbane's left jab. He tried every possible means, but the tantalizing glove always was in his face.

Kilbane acted just like Joe Gans when he was in his prime, using his left until his opponent was in position to receive a knockout and then sending the haymaker home. After holding the usual arguments about gloves and everything else, the lightest set was selected and the bell rang. Johnny immediately began using his left and in 10 seconds Chaney's face was as red as the setting sun. They clinched and George landed a light left to the body. Then Kilbane hit Chaney in the left eye with his right and split his glove. This blow partially blinded the challenger and he welcomed the rest which followed the intermission while another glove was put on Kilbane's hand.

Chaney Is Helpless

When the battle was resumed Chaney was as helpless as a babe he was bewildered, and a swelling appeared under the injured eye. Jab after jab was sent to Chaney's head. George shook his head and tried to hit the smiling face of Kilbane, but his blows never landed. Many times Johnny just stuck out his left hand and held Chaney at a distance while George swung wildly with his left and right, the blows missing by inches.

In the second stanza it was just the same, Johnny, fighting carefully at all times, stepped around, jabbed repeatedly, and smiled at Chaney's futile efforts to land his famous left smash that earned him the title of "knockout king." But Chaney was only

hitting the air; he couldn't land and he had no defense.

It proved that a good left-hander had no chance in the world to beat a good right-hander. It was like the Willie Moore-Hobbs bout at the Olympia last week. Moore had no defense for a right hook and Chaney was in the same boat.

"No excuses are necessary," said George. "I have met many boxers in my day and have been hit by them, but Kilbane hit harder than any I ever met. He is good enough to beat any lightweight in the world, and I predict that he will be the next champion if Welsh gives him a chance."

The bout was run off smoothly and an orderly crowd of 7000 was present. The ring was pitched right in the amusement park and was the same as if it were placed in Willow Grove. The scenic railroad worked continuously while the bout was on, and every time there was a lull in the amateur the raucous shouting of the boosters at the other shows in the park could be heard. The receipts were \$30,757, which gives Hinkle a profit of \$7000.

Versions of Kilbane-Chaney Bout by Leading Experts

By Henry Bietzer, manager George Chaney: "I am certainly stunned and hurt. I can't say too much for Kilbane, but I will believe down in my heart that George could have beaten him a year ago. I know George isn't as good now as he was a year ago simply because he has not been boxing often enough."

By Jimmy Dunn, manager Johnny Kilbane: "The greatest fighter in the world under 125 pounds. My faith in Kilbane always has been perfect. I always felt he would outclass Chaney, but to tell the truth I didn't think he would outclass him so completely."

By Matt Hinkle, promoter and referee: "It was a wonderful finish to a championship bout so decisive, so clean cut. But it leaves no room for argument. Naturally in my capacity of promoter I am sorry it did not last longer for the spectators' sake, but what can you expect, when such a remarkable fighting machine as that boy Kilbane is one of the principals?"

By Johnny Kilbane: "I am satisfied now. I just wanted to show a few persons who insisted without reason in repeating me that I am entitled to the consideration which goes with my title. For Chaney's sake I'm sorry. I don't like to hurt any man's career. But I'm glad to do it."

By George Chaney: "I was beaten by the greatest champion in the world. I'm not trying to fool myself or any one else. I had a chance, I know now that Chaney was a mighty able one."

Von Kattengell Tops Gunners
RED BANK, N. J., Sept. 5.—Ed Von Kattengell, of the Riverside Gun Club, this place, won the interstate championship at the Monmouth Fair traps yesterday by breaking 147 out of a total of 160 birds.

Meredith Beats Higgins in 500 Yards

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 5.—The annual field games and track meet of the Catholic Club held here yesterday had as a feature a special 500-yard run between Ted Meredith, running under the colors of the Meadowbrook Club, and Joe Higgins, the Holy Cross star, running unattached. The race was a thriller, Meredith breasting the tape with Higgins just a few inches behind. Overton and Braden, of Yale; Caldwell and Brander, of the Irish-American A. C., also gave fine exhibitions.

Wins From Terrible Turk
Waldok Zyznski, the Pole, won a wrestling match from Karo Mustarbo before a small crowd at the Cambria Athletic Club last night. In 3 minutes 52 seconds Zyznski dropped the Turk with a vice-wrist clutch, and the latter received internal injuries. After a delay the contestants again resumed the match, but when Zyznski again pinned his opponent to the floor in 2 minutes 55 seconds the Turk offered no opposition. Renato Gardini won in two out of three falls from Carl Steinbach.

Bitterling Outshoots Ketchledge

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Sept. 5.—Good scores were made yesterday at the blue-rock shoot by members of the Lehigh Rod and Gun Club. Bitterling defeated Ketchledge in three matches, 65 to 54, with 75 targets to the man. Bourlier broke 27 out of 50 and Moyer 26 out of 50.

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WELSH DESERVED BOUT ON POINTS, SAYS ROCHE

White and Lewis Claim "Robbery"—Fans Dissatisfied With Championship Contest

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Sept. 5.—Billy Roche, referee: "I simply decided the fight on points. Welsh landed the most blows, which constitute Marquis of Queensberry rules. If they don't want to fight that way let them get some new rules."

Charley White: "I had to fight two men—the referee and Welsh. To win from him you've got to knock him cold. Referee Roche's decision was the roughest I have ever seen."

Nate Lewis, White's manager: "I think it is time for the press and public of America to demand that Freddie Welsh defend his title in a fair and square way. Billy Roche's decision in giving the fight to Welsh was the worst robbery ever perpetrated."

Harry Polak, Welsh's manager: "Welsh hit three blows to White's one. He led the fighting and three-fourths of his leads landed. Roche's decision was all right."

Freddie Welsh: "I fought simply and straight to retain my title. I used every method I know to pile up points, and I had White topped on that score easily."

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