EONARD SO OUTCLASSED THOMAS BOUT SHOULD HAVE BEEN STOPPED BEFORE IT STARTED

GAMEST BOXER IN PHILADELPHIA SUFFERS HIS FIRST "KAYO" WHEN THOMAS FALLS BEFORE LEONARD

Only 41 Seconds Before Final Gong and the Iron Man Is Knocked Off—Assimilated Unmerciful Beating; Was Floored Three Times

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

WITH the finish of last night's bout at the Olympia Club only forty-one seconds away, the gamest boxer who ever apped into a Philadelphia ring was battered helpless to the floor. Charley Thomas infered the first knockout of his career and sent down before several hundred right and felt hand wallops handed out by and the career of a boxer whose crit will not be career of a boxer whose crit will not be career of a boxer whose crit will not be ring to take 'em; he rather likes to give em. And he gave Charley when the put in Philadelphia's ring history.

The bout should have been stopped be. The bout should have been stopped before it started. Thomas him been so outtessed in a contest with Leonard in the
ame ring May I a year and that it was a
case of sending the lamb to its shaughter
to rematch the pair. The 1916 cantest
resulted in one of the most one-sided learn
set staged in this city, and hist night's
ratch was even more so. From the outsided in almost every round ringside
spectators yelled to the referee to stop
so bout.

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After assimilating punishment no other human being could have withstood. Thomas fasily was knocked partly through the ropes with a right-hand ponch flush on the jaw. No other boxer would have gotten to his feet again to resume action. But Thomas was not in the habit of going to the foor, no matter how bard hit, and he regand his feet in a liffy Leonard stood redy, and a short, snappy, crushing left book spilled Thomas for the second time. He fell crumpled in a heap and it look Charley three strokes of the referee's arm to get up. Again Leonard was at Thomas in a flash and this time a rightmanter which would have felled an ox knacked the baten boxer halfway out of the ring.

Almost every one present, even the blood-

baten boxer halfway out of the ring.

Almost every one present, even the bloodpilling dyed-in-the-wool bugs in the gaijet, shrilled in unison to "Stop it Stop it."

Half the crowd was on its feet to see the

same boxer safter his first real anneabout,
while many turned their heads the other

viv. It was a terrible sight. On June 8,

1415. Thomas's bandlers threw a spange
into the ring in the seconth round of a bout
with Charley White at Boston, admitting

defat, and the Philadelphia box had not
been knocked off his feet. Jass hight be

went down three times, and there warn't a

man in Thomas's corner who showed enough

puman intelligence to save the gaine young
pir, who would never admit he was beaten who would never admit he was beaten s long as he could stand on his feet.

Themas's Guard Was Down

Both times when Thomas came up for sorte he was struck with the hefty willors of Leonard before Charley could get him arms up. A man doesn't have to be senseles to be knocked out. And game Charley Thomas was knocked out before the finishing blow last night. He was through after he went down the first time and only sensitive went down the first time and only sensitive will be senseled by a trio and finally coupled for a quartet, and while the harmony was put over in good style, this was the least conscious when he got up just before the first struck of the spectators' worker.

While Thomas was beaten from the start, I versation as the big growd we he was in the ring trying his utmost to four winds from the clubbouse.

TRISTATE TENNIS

Large Number of Forfeited

Matches Probably Will

Tristate and Suborban League competitions. that between Germantown A and Cynwyd

A teams.

The match was scheduled to be played on the courts of the Germantown Cricket Club and, as there had been a deluge of rain for

Freat performance in defeating L. C. Wis-tar, 6-9, 7-5. The complete unexpectedness of the victory makes it all the more meri-

WOMEN'S PLAY FOR GEIST

CUP WILL BE HELD FRIDAY

norrow if possible, in order to insure good sairing according to handicaps. They bould be sent to Mrs. George W. Curran. 412 Church road, Overbrook. The golf is the bould be sent to Mrs. George W. Curran.

nedal play, and it is essential that play-with fike handicaps should be paired.

Harvard Calls Off School Meet

cive to good tennis.

performances of these players canbut he taken too seriously, for the day was tw. cold and dark and the courts very heavy—a quartet of conditions not at all

Be Reinstated

WEATHER UPSETS

It Was Merciless

From the outset it was marriess. With was out to finish his job as quickly as he could. Leonard was just as much surprised as a lot of others that his work usted so long He jabbed hooked right crossed and uppercut Thomas with blows that possessed an little force, but Charley with the fearly and earliest. gritted his teeth and smiled,

A left to the nose in the second round started blood from Thomas's nose and it continued bleeding until the finish. When the bell sounded for the end of the third round Charley had a lump on his left eye the size of a hea's egg, and at the finish of the fifth round that optic was comsletely closed. His right eye also wa

Swolen.
Thomas was rocked and staggered sec-eral times before Leonard finally succeeded in knocking Charley down in the sixth And in that round, with less than a minute to go. Thomas—game (Tharley Thomas—had to Succimo to Nature and feel the sting of a kneekout, decided by every man that uraws on a nair of gloves in the twenty-four-fact fine. But he fought a fearless battle, and several times braught the crowd to its lest when he shoot for lo toe with his op-

Broderick Rallies and Wins

Statey Broderick railled in the fifth and sixth rounds of his match with Young Jee Horsell and was enabled to leave the ring a winner, although he was in bad shape in the second period. Berrell substituted for the second period. Berrell substituted for Young Goldle whose absence disappointed a lot of spectato, and whits he was thought easy picking he gave Broderick a real tough ride over the route. Frankle Chirks never backed better than in his bout with Saramy Diamond, a New Yorker and Chirks in the Chiral Control

Yorker, and Clarke won as he plensed. He had the better of every round and several times right handers to the jaw almost sent camoud to the floor.

Young Medway and Young McGovern sent through baif a dozen frames to an

put over in good civic this was the least of the steedators worker. Game Charley Thomas ""slaughter" was the topic of con-

PENN MEETS LEHIGH AT LACROSSE TOMORROW

Announcement is made that the lacross same of Penn and Lehigh will stage a contest, free to the public, on Franklin Field onserrow afternoon. The winner of the match will be admitted to the Intercol

leginte Lacrosse League next year. The baseball game between Penn and the Permisylvania Railroad team, which was a heduled to be played on Franklin Field this afternoon, has been postponed until Thursday afternoon.

The Tristate Tennis Lengtic, which has snjoyed nearly ten years of competitive play with goodfellowship and sportsmanship, had Saturday's schedule somewhat married by a cluster of defaults. Fortunately, they were confined to only one match, but unfortunately they occurred in the most importunity of the confined state of the confined state. BASEBALL FANS MAY BE TAXED

Magnates Hope to Enact Law for Added Individual Charge for Game

SUCCESSFUL IN CANADA

and, as there had been a deluge of rain for the preceding twenty-four insures and a drizate on and off all Saturday morning, with no intervening sun, it is not surprising that four members of the Cynwyd team assumed that there would be no teunis and therefore did not make what they considered would be a futile trip to Manheim. Captain Hawk, of the Cynwyd team, under a strict interpretation of the rules, offered a default to Germantown. This offer was declined by Germantown and the declination in turn refused by Captain Hawk. As NEW YORK, May 8 American fans probably will have to pay aschall's share of the war tax.
Magnates in all leagues are bending their mergics toward the enactment of a Federal aw which will require the payment of a declined by Germantown and the declina-tion in turn refused by Captain-Hawk. As the league has always been averse to de-faults, the matter will be taken up at a special meeting of the executive committee, which in all likelihood will order the de-faulted matches played at some future date. Such a decision would be pleasing to the followers of the league, who have been look-ing forward to a close context for the leadstamp tax before a fan passes the gate. They claim the requirement of a tax on a glub's gross receipts, as has been suggested, would ruin many clubs. Haseball, in fact, would have to go out of business

or forward to a close contest for the lead-trible between Germantown and Cynwyd and would relieve the weight of responsiin some sections.

President John K. Tener, of the National League, is one supporter of the plan to tax. billty for any part of his team's loss from Deter Hawk's shoulders, caused by his offer to default' and would coincide with "Intelligent consideration of the proper method of faxation," Tener said today, "by which clubs might continue to operate and

Germanown's sportsmanific original offer.
The fact that out of 125 players on the sineteen teams in the Tristate and Sulfan Leanues scheduled to play or Saturday only nine appeared, six of them at their lates the six of them at t the same time provide the largest reve-ne for the Government, would result in tax on each admission or the net receipts. The latter judgment of Congress when understands the nature of our business ill show the right way."
It is pointed out by many baseball men. heir home club, where they most likely would have been regardless of the weather. Ferns sufficient proof that the bad condi-tions for the bad condi-

tions for playing tennis on Saturday were thous for playing tennis on Saturday were more than merely doubtful. Of the three matches played, two were in the nature of surprises. Thiden, who is in fine form now, was expected to win from Waljace Johnson. it is pointed out by many basecan from including Ed G. Barrow, president of the international League, that a tax on gross receipts would be unfair. Some clubs, it is believed, would be absolutely unable to stand such a burden and would be forced to close their gates. Barrow said the stamp system of taxation is being successfully used by Canada. who has had only two days of play. Johnson took the middle set, 6-2, but Tilden ran away with the decider, 6-1. Hawk, who has been in great form, was most unexhas been in great form, was most unex-pectedly and decisively defeated by Pear-ton, 6-2, 6-1, atthough the latter has played but little this season. N. W. Swayne gave

AMATEUR BASEBALL NOTES Pearce A. A. has Memorial Day, a. m. and a. m. open and would like to arrange games for his date with any first class clut. E. Steven-on, 254 East (mark) street.

Contrary to the general opinion, the womo's play, for the Geist Cup will be held is Friday at the Overbrook Golf Club, just was aunounced in the original schedule. Entries should be sent in today or to-

ena Charter's Color Meet Postponed

LEONARD-THOMAS BOUT BRUTAL; SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ARRANGED

> By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Exening Ledger

PERHAPS last night's bout at the Olympia A. A. can be considered a boost for the boxing game, but if it is, the boost will send it to the bottom. Benny Leonard and Charley Kid Thomas boxed in the windop and it looked like a race between a Packard and a Ford. To carry it further, it resembled a battle between a full-grown strong man and a child. For seventcen and one-half minutes this gary spectacle was staged before a crowd of 5000, and the audience witnessed the most uneven battle ever presented in a local ring. Thomas didn't have a chance from the time he entered the arena until he was battered into insensibility near the end of the sixth round. It was not a boxing match. If was a brotal exhibition of punching, with one man in-flicting all of the punishment and the other tering in vain to stave off a knockent. To me it was a pathetic punching party, only a beyor was used instead of a punching

Benny Leonard is a baxer. He earns his Evelihood in the squared circle, where the old law of the survival of the fittes; still holds good. It is his business to battle with the liest men in his class and it also is his business to prove he is the better man. He has a long string of knockouts to his credit, but in the majority of cases he stood just as much of a chance-to get knocked out himself. Several times Benny has refused to continue an unexen match and stood back rather than inflict unnecessary punishment. He wanted to do it last night, but the referee refused to stop the

boot until the finishing punch landed.

Thomas also is a boxer and one of the gamest men who ever stepped into a ring He, too, earns his livelihood in the squared circle, but that does not mean that he should step out of his class to do so. He knew there was but one chance in a million to win from Leonard; his handlers knew it and the matchmaker of the club was aware of it. He had boxed Benny once before and learned then that he was no match for the New Yorker. The hout to him meant the payment of so much money to take

a beating and he entered the ring for that purpose. This is no attempt to discredit Thomas. He evidently needed the money and got Leonard, too, does not deserve reproach. He was asked to box Thomas, and it was purely a business proposition with him. He knew that he had something "soft," and it was an casy way to earn \$1250. He did what was expected of him and he did not relish the Job.

The real blame rests on the shoulders of the man who made the match. He was not deceived, for he saw the same pair has at the same club a year ago. Then it was a one-sided buttle and only a question of how long Thomas would stay. Jack Hanlon is a good matchmaker, but he made a big mistake and made it with both eyes wide open. He never should have arranged the bout in the first place. In a year he puts on something like forty-four shows and arranges 270 bonts, and there isn't a man in the world be wan't slip up on in one of them. It might have been bard to select an opponent for Leonard, and Thomas was the only man who would take a chance, but he should have healtaled before gratting him on.

Those who saw the awaying, bleeding hover standing helpless against the ropes

In the sixth round, with both hands partly raised but in no shape to defend himself, eried out to have the uneven buttle stopped. It was a pathetic sight, where brutality reigned rampant. Even Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager, collect out to the referee to stop the one-sided fight and turned his head away when the fact bloss was struck,

As was said before, Leonard cannot be blumed. Nor can Charley Thomas, one of the gamest men who ever donned a glove. For the first time we must pass it on to Matchmaker Hanlon, with the hope that he considers his future matches from a bexing standpoint, and not the bex office.

BOXING BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Now Up to Governor to Say Whether Commission Will Regulate Sport

MEASURE WINS, 126 TO 28

HARRISBURG, May 8. Pennsylvania is to base a State Athletic lummission if Covernor Brumbaugh goes along on the plan. The House last night by ! come of 126 to 28, passed and sent to the lovernor the Catlin bill defining and regu incernor the Catlin full defining and regulating hoxing, sparring and wreating contests and creating a commission of three members to carry its provisions into effect. There was no debate. The full, earlier in the session, was defeated in the Schate only to be reconsidered and sent to the House with but a handful of votes opposing.

John McVarish, Scranton fight promoter, who brought the bitt here in Petrunty and who has been coming here every week since to see that it was kept alive and sent on

to see that it was kept alive and sent on its way to the Governor, today expressed himself as confident that Governor Brumbankle will sign the measure.

The Carlin bill establishes a State with lette commission consisting of three mem hers to be appointed by the Governor. They are to serve for four years. Members of the commission are to each receive \$1200 per namum. They are to clost a secretary, who is to be paid \$1800 per year. The com-mission is to report annually to the Gov-ernor. Sole invisiliction over all beging contests is given the commission. No listle en-counters are to be staged without the pro-moter or promisters first securing a license. The applicant must be the owner of the premises where it is intended to stage the contests or must show a lease of at least a year's term. Applicants for State licenses must file with the Auditor General a bond in the sum of \$150m. Under the bill the commission is to have access at all times to the books of the licensed cirils or in-dividuals putting on the contests; within dividuals putting on the contests; within twenty-four lours after a boxing tournament is staged, the licensee must report to the commission the whole number of fifthers for the contest and the amount of the gross receipts. A tax of 5 per cent of the gross receipts must be paid at the same time, the money being forwarded to the State Treasurer. Five days' grace is allowed to pay this tax. Failure to do so shall work a forfeiture of the bond.

There are to be no "dead-head" tickets issued except under the rules of the com-mission. Persons under eighteen years are

mission. Persons under eighteen years are barred from participating in or being a speciator of a contest.

A clause intended to provent fake fights reads that "The license of a corporation permitting such a contest shall be revoked and the corporation shall not thereafter receive a license." Fighters figuring in a sham or collusive contest for the first offense shall be barred from the ring for six months. For the second offense they shall be barred from atmission to or noticing. be barred from admission to or participat-ing at any time in a contest in the State. Boxing bouts are limited to ten rounds. The fighters are to wear giores weighing

at least six ounces.

The building in which it is proposed to hold boxing centests must be properly ventilated and protected against fire and other danger. The commission may require a certificate of inspection to be filed with the application for a license. Individuals convicted of violating any of the provisions of the act may be made pay a fine of not more than \$500 or sent to jail for six months, or both. Conviction of a corporation would carry with it a revocation of the club's license. glub's license.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

Oymple-Benny Leonard knocked out Charles "Kid" Thomas, sixth: Patss Brod-erlek defeated Young dos Borrell, Frankie Clarke won from Samms Diamond, Young Medway drew with Young McGovern and Frankie Kieln stopped Edule McNults, second.

Lancaster-Leo Houck won from Jackle Clark, Hilly Whitz best Joe McCarron. Harrisburg—Henry Hauber best Frankie Maguire, Walls Nelson and Whites Fire-serald.

MEMPHIS—Jack McCarron defeated Mick King.

FITTSBURGH-Johnny Ray drew woth

Tomorrow's Pimlico Entries

First row selling two yearsold fillies values, \$15 firstness - Wise, 197 Mass Post-

Third rate selling, for three-year olds and p. 1 mile - 15H Heaven, 115; Plantose, 108; Ulti Culterplan, 115; Plantose, 119; Hamilathon, 110; Life 108; Liftin Alie, 115; Landell, 115; Edia Hyan, 99; Inflied H. 113; Landell, 115.

Fronth race, selling, two year aids, 4% for sign-Cave Man, 115, 2Risponde, 107, Scart, 42 Seeset Marguerite, 112, Plancy Gupp, 115, and Lubber Gupe, 115, Rea Gung, 115, Ste beleet, 115,

Pitth race, the Woodbury Handburg, three correlates, nile - Utiline up. 123. King Herrod (nile) 123. King Herrod (nile) 123. Capital Har, 100. Melodrams, 100. Priceus, 112. Tumber, 106. Kentucky Boy, 116. At M. Dica, 103. Meridant, 109. Sea Gul, 110. Fruit Cala, 124. Le Phiosagre (mix.) 105. Landar, 108. Principla Mullens, 110. Surveyer 11 (mix.), 105.

timp : 163.

Stair vaces the Jockey Club Selling Handleap, three bearwide, 6 furious selling Handleap, three bearwide, 8 furious selling Handleap, 118; Southeap Handleap (16), Impended 13; Southeap Handleap (16), 100. Three Cheers, 98
Seventh race, selling three year olds and up nits. "Brickley, 110, Bayalis; 198; Kindas, 113
'Thursday Nighter, 36; Thinger, 110, Reburg Lamadon, 114, The Sieves, 115, "Edith Handleap, 114, The Halling Miss, 95
bone Star, 115.

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The third race was divided and will be run a the third and seventh races, respectively.

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OUT OF THE GAME

Hi Myers will be unable to get into Brooklyn's line-up as a result of an injured right shoulder, suffered in trying to make a hard catch. Gil-hooley, of the Yanks, suffered a like injury here.

Bingles and Bungles

The Mildness of May

For offernoon tens cold and durit and devare, a solution is now man chilled and reach and There's superships wrong today," said he bod blow it.

My matter freezes up in I can throw it."

Vesterday's hero-Babe Ruth. He won his site atendant game of the season, downing

The Yankes won a bull game and lost a dur. The das sinced Francie Chaoley while he Yanks supped the Athletics

TRISTAM AND TYRUS WOULD HAVE BEEN SWATTING AROUND .500 WHEN .400 HITTING WAS ALL THE RAGE

Counting Free Passes as Safeties Would Have Made Prime Waiters Like Huggins and Bush Shine Around .350 Mark

By GRANTLAND RICE

The 1917 Color Scheme Blood and flame-So the world turns red Where the glow of the game Hovers over the dead; Flame and blood— Where the red drifts curl

And the crimson flood
Is an endless whirl;
Flame and blood by the hill and stream,
Blood and flame in the dreams we dream,

Where out the road that is gushing red The earth drives on to its fate ahead. Win or lone-That's a selim of Fate-

That's a whim of Fate—
For none may choose
When the Red Gods wait
Through the gunk and flash
From the endless roor
Where the great guns crash
And the flesh sparts gore;
Flume and blood are the flowers rife

That bloom alone in the yards of life, Where out the road that is gushing red The world drives on to its fate ahead.

"Don't overlook the fact." writes a noncombatant, "that in those prineval days a buse on bulls counted as a hit. No wonder they were up there around 440 or such. Where would Cobb to Speaker be today if a pass went as a base hit?"

There's something in this idea, at that. Speaker last season collected 21f breshits and eighty-two passes. His average, according to modern ways, was a paltry 323. if Tris had been given credit for eight two passes, as the old-timers were, be average would have been lifted to .467. Given credit for bases on balls, Ty Cobb

a 1911 would have batted 489, in place of Last season Bert Snotten batted 282 But Bert also collected 111 passes, which under the 1887 system would have lifted the Brownie star up around 400. Quite a

difference. Miller Huggins and Donie Bush would have been 350 bitters the greater part of their careers if free passes had been scored is base hits. Accomulating is batting average over the free-pass route is about as difficult as collecting a meal over the free-lunch route.

In the summer of 1861 a drunner boy, at the age of fifteen, colleted with the Errst New Hampshire Regiment, Later on he com-Tris Speaker's catch of a drive by trawford pleted the war's span as a cavairyman.

Space of the Indians defeat at the hands of the This man is still an active force in base-

O'R wandering attention has been called | ball, and on Wednesday of this week he o recent mention of those 400 hitters celebrates his seventy-first birthday. We refer to Frank C. Bancroft, business manager of the Cincinnati Reds and one of the leading figures of the profession for

exactly forty years. "Old Banny"

Old Banny, still a kid at seventy-one, managed the New Bedford club in 1878, and won the New England Leogue pennant. That was thirty-nine years ago.

In 1879 be went to Worcester and had Jim Murtrie for his team captain. There he turned out Harry Stovey, Arthur Irwin, Lee Elchmond, Charley Bennett and Al

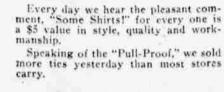
In 1881 he handled Detroit, and there he brought on such stars as Ned Hanion and Charlie Bennett.

It was in 1884 that Banny, managing Providence, won the first world series ever mayed. His Providence stars beat the Metropolitan champions, 6-0,*3-1 and 11-2. These games were played on the old Polo Grounds just thirty-three years ago. Banny had Radbourne and Sweeney for his pitchers, two of the greatest that ever faced

the wood. In 1891 Banny went to Cincinnati, and In 1891 Bainty went to chichnan, and for twenty-six years he has traveled the circuit with the Reds and has handled the cash in more than 4000 ball games. Today he is still on the job, one of the most popu-jar and one of the most competent men that



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