

BOXER HAS NO TIME EVEN TO THINK OF STALLING IN A RING MATCH OF ONLY 18 MINUTES

SIX-ROUND BOUTS ARE POPULAR WITH THE FAN BECAUSE OF SPEED UNDER WHICH BOXERS ARE TAXED

New York Promoters to Emulate Philadelphia by Cutting Down Distance of Matches—May Be Scheme to Save the Game

PHILADELPHIA'S idea of limited-round boxing bouts is about to be upheld by New York promoters. That a six-round match is more interesting for the fan than one of longer duration goes without saying. A fan who has seen a Philadelphia six-round show and then a program of ten-round bouts will be convinced without a doubt that the shorter matches are faster and instigate more enthusiasm.

BOXING is due to die in New York next month. It may be that McKetric and Polak are scheming to save the game for the metropolis. By shrinking the bouts four rounds, thereby increasing action, they may try to convince Governor Whitman that the critics of "stalling and fakes" would subside.

Benny Leonard Taking in Too Much Territory

JUST because Benny Leonard hit Jim Coffey, the heavyweight, hard enough on the chin to make the big Irishman's knees sag, Billy Gibson is dreaming of a triple title honor for the most wonderful New York lightweight, Leonard and Coffey do a lot of boxing in the gymnasium, and according to Gib's dope Benny let one by and the heavyweight almost toppled to the floor.

KILDANE was just as good in his class as Leonard was in the lightweight division, and the latter won. It was the ancient story of a good big man against a good little man. There is no reason to believe that Leonard would reverse the order of things should he go up against a heavier opponent.

Weight Favors Leonard Against Britton Tonight

IT CANNOT be said that Benny Leonard is launching himself into the welterweight class when he meets Jack Britton at New York tonight. Britton has been showing great form in the 142-pound division and ranks, with Ted Lewis, as the best of the mob. But Britton is not boxing as a welterweight tonight.

A KNOCKOUT for Leonard over Britton no doubt would lead to a contest between the lightweight champion and Lewis. Ted-Kid, through his talkative manager, Jimmy Johnston, has been hot on Leonard's trail for a match at 135 pounds, weigh in at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the contest.

Willie Meehan Has Good Press Agent in Mrs. E. C. Walcott

ON SEVERAL occasions a female manager of boxers has loomed up, but at no time have they proved successful. Now another woman has broken into the boxing limelight, this time as a press agent, and Mrs. Eugene Christopher Walcott appears to be able to put over a lot of good stuff for her husband.

MRS. WALCOTT never attends any of the bouts in which Meehan participates. She says she doesn't like to watch any one throw punches at the pugny person. However, if Willie is to be matched with Morris, Mrs. Walcott says she would rather pass up a good drama to see the bout, believing it would prove the best comedy in the world.

Fitzsimmons Reported Close to Death

THE news that Bob Fitzsimmons is close to death in a hospital in Chicago is deeply regretted the world over. Greatest of all fighting men, he is the most picturesque of his kind. A freak in size, weight and appearance, he was the marvel of the roped arena and his equal will never be seen again, perhaps.

WHEN he beat Jack Dempsey in New Orleans the first remark that the sobbing Nonpareil made in his dressing room was, "That fellow's a devil. He can whip the world." And Fitz worked wonders with the gloves in three classes.

Ghastly Even to Think of Lacing Due Eddie Wagon

IT'S a pity the police department doesn't step in and stop the bout Monday night between Benny Leonard and Eddie Wagon. Wagon may be a tough fellow and it is very well to believe that there is a slight possibility of Eddie's surprising the New York promoter by being able to last the full 18 minutes.

A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE



SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

BOXING fans now are sitting back anxiously waiting for a boxer to come through with the ability to win from Benny Leonard. After the New York phenom began knocking off his opponents with consistency the public wanted to see a boxer who could stay the limit with Benny.

Tommy House, retired featherweight, will lead a grand march on the eighth annual ball of the Commission Club of Philadelphia next Friday night. The proceeds of the affair will be for the benefit of Central State Hospital, who lost both legs while with the Third Regiment.

TILLMAN evidently would be another key victim of Leonard's if he were to open up against the champ, yet one never can tell. Tillman was picked easy for Charley White. He opened up in both bouts against the Chicago knockout artist and won both.

Evening Ledger Decisions

SOUTHERN A. C. 11th and Catherine. MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 22. Young Buck Fleming vs. Jack Lester. Tommy Higgins vs. Eddie Wagon. Benny Leonard vs. Eddie Wagon. NATIONAL A. C. 11th and Catherine. SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 20. Mike Kelly vs. Stuckie Kelly. B. O'NEILL HIGH CLASS CONTESTS. Admission 25c. Res. 50c. 7:30, 8:00, 8:30.

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BASEBALL MAKING STRIDES IN FRANCE

Allied Soldiers Did Not Care for the American Sport at First

BIG CROWDS AT GAMES

By GRANTLAND RICE. Lieutenant George Melville Taylor, of the Canadian overseas contingent, who is a nephew of President Ed Barrow, of the International League, is another who reports a big European advance in baseball. "The Canadians and Americans," he says, "are playing the game at every chance, and the crowds that watch these games are increasing each week. It is taken for granted that after this war is over European sport lovers, especially among the English, will want a game with plenty of snap and dash, just what baseball offers. They didn't care much for the game at first, but they are beginning to pick up their finer points now, and the general attitude is shifting. Over there they believe that it is now only a matter of time after the war when we'll have a real world series between winning American and European teams."

A Throwback to Monday. After the last world series game we were talking with Eddie Collins about that famous chase with Zim.

"It's a funny thing," remarked Eddie, "but as it happens, I played my first professional game with Heinie about ten years ago, in a little New York town. We were both just starting out about that time. I thought about this later, and while I was glad enough to win, I was sorry to see that fate made Heinie the goat of the series."

"How did you feel?" we asked Collins, "when you saw the way was open to the plate?"

"I felt," he remarked, "that just about that moment I could beat a rifle ball the rest of the way. When you are running fifty feet for a championship and \$10,000 the chances are you are going to do all the running your legs will let you do. If I could have sprinted as fast as I felt like sprinting at that minute I don't believe a greyhound could have caught me. I can say this for Zim, I never ran faster in my life before, yet I don't think I gained an inch the entire route."

"You are mistaken," writes a morose by-

GUNNING NOTES

The pheasant and squirrel season opens in this State tomorrow. New Jersey hunters have spent tomorrow at the Westmont Field Club. The card is a program of fifty targets. Lewis class system to govern.

Up-State hunters are in the mountains scouting for a shot at Mr. Bruin. The season opened last Monday.

The big southern transposing classic is slated for January 21 to 23 at Pinchot, N. C.

Jack Weinstein, Benny Leonard's Philadelphia landing partner, left for New York this morning to see the champion tackle Jack Britton tonight. Weinstein's pockets were bulging rather conspicuously, and he said he had a large bank roll to drop on Benny.

Boxing bouts were the feature of the William Patten Artisans' Lodge last night. Eddie Swiler boxed Eddie McKeefe, and Al Nelson sparred with Bobby Reynolds. Eddie O'Keefe refereed all the bouts.

Eddie O'Keefe was scheduled to box in the semi in the Leonard-Britton bout in New York tonight, but because of a torn ligament in his right hand, suffered while sparring, he was forced to call off the bell.

Young Blades, a newcomer here, will box in the semi at the Olympia Monday night. He will meet Johnny Maloney in the other bouts. Pete Howell boxes Young Medway. Tommy Hogan takes on Eddie Higgins and Young Buck Fleming meets Jack Lester.

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