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

DHILADELPHIA'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 enthuslasm. Fistic followers thrive in action; they admire a pair of pugs full of the old pep. In an eighteen-minute set-to there is no time for stalling; the boxer must get under way right off the reel. It is a case of jumping into the lead at the cutset, and then to keep on top the boxer must continue at a break-neck pace until the final gong clangs. On the contrary, in a fen-round bout usually a pair of boxers fiddle around, waiting for the other to lead, for five or six rounds, and by the time they get up speed all interest in the contest has gone by the board.

Another point to prove that the six-round game is more interesting for the fans is the fact that the pastime is going so well in Philadelphia. No boxing center in America has been enjoying more pugilistic success than this city. The sport has been on a healthy basis for a long while, and will continue so. Every once in a while a howl for longer bouts is started, but every promoter here will agree that six rounds is the right distance and longer matches would rob the fans of a lot of action. Then, too, shorter bouts allow the promoter to give the public a wider variety of talent, and instead of watching six boxers perform the fans' get the benefit of at least ten boxers. New York's six-round game is to be introduced by Dan McKetrick and Harry Pollok. They haven't decided on a definite date, although they are positive of going through with the plan. The first sixround show is expected to have Benny Leonard, Fred Welsh, Frankie Callahan, Soldier Bartfield and Jim Coffey paired off in different bouts.

BOXING is due to die in New York next month. It may be that McKet-rick and Pollok 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.

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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 titular 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 fly and the heavyweight almost toppled to the floor. For this reason Gibson is willing to let Leonard box Ted Lewis and Mike Gibbons, believing that Victories over this pair would earn for the New Yorker the three-cornered crown of lightweight-welterweight-middleweight champion.

If Benny should be able to do everything Gibson claims for the boxer, Leonard would take his place alongside of the Sphinx and the Pyramids as one of the wonders of the world. Never has there been a lightweight who aspired to such heights. There is no getting away from the fact that Leonard is a sensational and brilliant boxer, far too great for the present lightweight crop. Yet good as he is, the champion is taking in just a little too much territory. It will be a long time before the public or Leonard or Johnny Kilbane forgets what the lightwright title-holder did to the featherweight king here shortly after both had beaten Fred Welsh. Leonard gave Kilbane the worst beating of his career.

KILBANE was just as good in his class as Leonard was in the light-weight 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 be go up against a heavier opponent. Lewis is clever and is one of the hardest punchers in the game, and Benny would be taking a long chance in opposing the Briton. Then it would be laughable to see Leonard try to smash Gibbons on the jaw. The best of the middleweights have tried it and failed.

Weight Favors Leonard Against Britton Tonight

TT 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. He has agreed to weigh in at 139 pounds, and while the weight may have a tendency to handicap Britton, it should be a big advantage for Leonard. Like Leonard, Britton is a clever boxer and a hard puncher, too. But unlike Leonard, Britton never was arrested for knocking out any one. It will be the heavier man's plan to win from Leonard on points, while Benny's main purpose in meeting Britton is to win by a knockout.

Leonard will knock out Britton if he can reach Jack's chin, and that is exactly where the matter of weight comes in. Just as soon as Britton slows up Leonard will be after him like Zimmerman after Collins, with reversed English. Leonard might not succeed in laying Britton low with one punch, but if Benny once gets the drop on Jack the welterweight is bound to hear the birdies chirp. This, of course, is all supposition in the event Britton weakens because of the

KNOCKOUT for Leonard over Britten no doubt would lead to a con-A test 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. This bout, at the weight, also would favor Leonard. Yet victories in both bouts would add no laurels to the lightweight title-holder in so far as welterweight prestige is concerned.

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 limeglare, 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 is the wife of Willie Meehan, the Frisco Fat Boy, and she isn't backward in saying that her Willie is the greatest fighter in the world. The afternoon before Meehan's bout last week with Jack Dillon, Mrs. Walcott handed out a fine line of conversation that would have made any P. A. envious.

Furthermore, all of her conversation proved interesting. She said that Meehan finished training for his contest with Dillon in New York and that Willie did his gym boxing with some of the fastest boxers in the country. Meehan slipped the mittens on with Johnny Dundee and Benny Leonard several times for workouts, and that alone was an honor, if nothing else. Mrs. Walcott says her husband's idea in boxing with smaller men is for the purpose of getting up speed, which in itself is a good idea.

Speaking of future matches for Mechan, Mrs. Walcott said that nothing would please her more than to see the Fat Boy box Carl Morris. Morris appeals to the female P. A. as a huge joke, and she said, smilingly, that it would be a lot of fun for her Willie to box the Strapping Sapulpa Giant. And Mrs. Walcott hasn't the least doubt that Willie would be the winner,

MRS. WALCOTT never attends any of the bouts in which Meehan par-ticipates. She says she doesn't like to watch any one throw punches at the pudgy 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. Built on a top-heavy plan, principally because he made it a business to develop his fighting top. Fitzsimmons was a ludicrous figure as he shifted about before man who were almost twice his size in weight.

He fought for years, in fact was in his prime at a time when athletes followting his calling were supposed to be home, poring over the old scrap book of past deeds. Pitzsimmons in his day was a natural hitter, and he made a study of vulnerable points and the art of reaching those particular spots by the shortest routs. Bob Fitzsimmons was always better than an even money shot while on his fact, whether he was staggering under punishment or coolly shifting in and out in front of the best heavyweight in the world.

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

Ghastly Even to Think of Lacing Due Eddie Wagond

S a pity the police department doesn't step in and stop the bout Monday seen Beany Leonard and Eddie Wagond. Wagond may be a tough to very well to believe that there is a slight possibility of Eddie applies analysis the New York wonder hear yet it is ghastly to even tilds are that is sure in he canceld. A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE



SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

BOXING fans now are sitting back anx-lously 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. Now that he has made himself a fixture on the pinnacle of the lightweight throne, the fan wants to see a boxer with sufficient class to defeat the champion. Johnny Tillman wants to see a boxer with sufficient class to defeat the champion. Johnny Tillman is anxious to get the chance. "Let Hanlen or McGulgan throw me in the ring with Benny Leonard and he will be up against his first real fight since he became famous via his knockout punch." This is the sentiment of Tillman. "I'll admit that my last bout with Leonard was a marathon and covering-up exhibition on my part. But I succeeded in one thing. I was on my feet at the finish. Leonard was putting everyone to sleep in Philly then, and it was the ambition of a boxer to stay the limit. In that I succeeded. Now that the fans want to see some one win from Leonard, all I can that I succeeded. Now that the law want to see some one win from Leonard, all I can say is that I am willing to try, and Benny will know that he was in a hard bout when it is over. I'll be out to win this time, and not to stay. If Benny is to knock me out, he'll have the opportunity,

for I. too, will try my best to slip one over. I thank you. THILLMAN evidently would be an-TILLMAN evidently would be another kays 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 houts against the Chicago knockout artist and won both. It would be worth white giving Tillman another chance, and if he dogged it as before, then the Minneapolis man should be exiled from Philadelphia for all time.

Evening Ledger Decisions

SOUTHERN A. C.—Knockout Al Wagner rew with Frankie Williams, Eddie Duley de-ated Hattling Stinger. Mike Wagner won from lick Logan, Tommy Williams stopped Allr Jann, Battling Martin knocked out Wille

NEW YORK—Willie Astley ontpointed Benny alger, Hughey Breslin drew with Frankie rown, Joe Lynch won from Mickey Dunn. ATLANTH CITY—Willie Hand won from so O'Keefe, Ray Belmont defeated Rocco Ford, arck Hasman beat George Ronney, Sam Pamino outfought Joe Tuale, Joe Marks outpointed on Hasman, Jim Wilson won from Samuel oblinant, Wallace Murray defeated Tommy Weren.

Eddle McAndrews is another hoxer who de-

Vincent Roggio, of the White Circle, doesn't helieve in changing his name for boxing pur-iones. He is open for competition in the 135-phund class.

Tommy Stevens, weighing 195 pounds, is here from Cincinnatt. The newcomer throws the gauntlet down to Joe Bradley, Billy Hines, Indian Russell, Joe Dillon and Battling Murray.

Eddle Ramsey, whose real name is Frederick liber, is with the military police company at any Hancock, Augusta, Gs. Ramsey formerly ared as a pro, and in the last few years com-etted annually in the Police Carnival bouts.

Charles Cross, local boxer, second and hand man around a club, is among the draftees a camp Meade. Charles is in charge of boxing I big barracks and writes that a lot of glov section goes on dails.

Jack Weinstein, Benny Leonard's Philadel-phia leading rooter, left for New York this morning to see the champion tacks Jack Brit-tion tonight Weinstein's pockets were building rather conspicuously, and 'tis said he has a large bank roll to drop on Benny.

Boving bouts were the feature of the William Patten Arthana: Lodge last night. Eddle Saylor was opposed to Frankle Ray. Frankle McClastey still Al Nelson sparred with Bobby Reynolds. Eddle O'Keefe referred all the houts.

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

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

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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 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 because to not up its fiver regime now, and

A Throwback to Monday

After the last world series game we were talking with Eddie Collins about that fa-

"It's a funny thing," remarked Eddle, but, as it happens, I played my first pro-fessional game with Heinie about ten years ago, in a little New York town. We were 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." plate?

fifty feet for a championship and \$30,000 the chances are you are going to do all the run-ning your legs will let you do. If I could have sprinted as fast as I felt like sprint-ing at that minute I don't believe a grey-hound could have caught me. I can say this

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both just starting out about that time. I "How did you feel?" we asked Collins, when you saw the way was open to the

"I felt," he remarked, "that just about that moment I could beat a rifle ball the rest of the way. When you are running for Zim, I never ran faster in my life before, yet I don't think I gained an inch the en-tire route"
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