

"BATTLING" LEVINSKY FEEBLE HOUCK AT LANCASTER; BENEY LEONARD AFTER DUNDEE

Tragic Story of the Ring From Chicago, Home of Many Ex-Pugs

Alive and well in Chicago to-day are half a dozen boxers who in their day were the best in the world, all champions in their class and for a long time invincible, among them being "Punchy" McFarland, "Tommy" White, Harry Gilmore, "Eddie" Sarny, "Jimmy" Barry and George Gardner.

It was little "Jimmy" Barry, of this class who went to England to fight Walter Croot, their best man, for the bantamweight championship of the world, perhaps the most sensational battle for world honors ever fought, was a contest which for speed, cleverness and the countless number of exciting incidents which came before and after it has stood for years as the most memorable and thrilling battle ever fought by the little fellows.

It took place December 6, 1897, at the National Sporting Club in London. Croot registered from Leytonstone, England, and Barry from Chicago. Prior to this battle Barry was the undefeated bantamweight champion of America, having defeated Joe McGrath, who claimed to be the champion of Ireland, in three rounds on February 6, 1894.

Barry's win over Croot in London at his last year's draw, Harry Harris, one of the greatest 115-pound boys in this country, make him a great world champion, and when he is crowned, perhaps the greatest undisputed and undefeated champion in the world.

"Tommy" White was in England in the fall of 1897, and "Jimmy," sighing for new worlds to conquer and knowing he would feel safe with his old-time pal, quietly took passage on the Majestic, and no one was more surprised than White when Barry located him.

The afternoon of the day Barry arrived in London, accompanied by White, he visited the National Sporting Club, at that time under the management of John Fleming, who had built up the club so it was known as the "greatest boxing institution in the world."

A match was at once made with Walter Croot, who had a standing challenge to meet any man at seven stone seven pounds (105 pounds) for \$100 (\$500 a side and a purse of \$250 (\$1,250). After putting up his \$500 side stake, "Jimmy" had less than \$3 as a working capital.

Being a world's championship battle, the night of the fight the club was crowded to the doors with the sporting aristocracy of London, but in Walter Croot's corner were two of America's sporting aristocracy also. They were "Tod" Sloan, the famous American jockey, who at the height of his glory, and Captain Anson, of the Chicago Cubs.

For nineteen rounds the contest went to the limit. First round, second, and third, and though I had fought the hardest and best I could and it seemed impossible to do any more, the sight of White's tears seemed to change everything.

Knowing the referee would naturally favor their home man, White was crying, and Barry near the end of the contest to "go in and keep it until you get him." But, although "Jimmy" would try hard, he could not corner the elusive Croot.

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Now the war is over and the deserts which usually come to a champion's lot should be realized before long. If the plans of Manager Billy Gibson materialize he and Benny will begin reaping the late harvest, beginning January 13 next when Leonard is matched to meet Johnny Dundee, at Newark, N. J.

Dundee always gave Leonard a great fight. Now will be the chance to see just how much Benny has advanced or just how far Jonny has slipped.

Leonard, says his manager Billy Gibson, will take a long swing from one end of the country to the other, meeting the best here and there. This boxer bids fair to become popular with the public because of his steady work in war service.

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After traveling some of the principal streets, the procession moved to the Mayor's office where Mayor Keister made the address of welcome, the band and community singing had a part in the welcome home.

Quite a few Harrisburgers were expected to return home with the band, but the number was small. The men, however, brought the welcome news that there is a large number of old National Guardsmen from this city, recuperating from wounds received in France, at the Maryland cantonment.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



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COLONEL HARVEY ADVISES NATION AGAINST LEAGUE

Tells New England Society We Have Troubles Enough of Our Own

New York, Dec. 24.—Asserting that President Wilson had called for Europe "in eager pursuit" of the entangling alliances against which Washington warned the nation, Colonel George Harvey denounced the League of Nations plan in an address last night at 113th annual dinner of the New England Society of the city of New York.

"Would we not better still the ferment in Mexico and Peru and Chile and San Domingo and Costa Rica," Colonel Harvey demanded, "before attempting to foist everlasting peace upon the Balkans? And have we no vital problems within our own boundaries crying for solution?"

Recalling "a precisely similar alliance that came into existence in 1812," Colonel Harvey quoted Daniel Webster's speech in which he opposed the preservation of peace "by bringing the power of all governments to bear upon all subjects."

Yankee Soldiers Well Fitted Out For Winter, Relatives Here Reassured

Tours, Dec. 24.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Mothers, sisters and sweethearts in America need not worry about protection of their soldiers in Europe against the rigors of the coming winter. The Quartermaster Corps specialists in France declare to the Associated Press that the boys are better equipped than the majority of them ever were in civilian life.

Each soldier has two pairs of heavy hand-clothes and drenched shoes which are impervious to water, five pairs of wool socks, three suits of wool underwear, two complete wool uniforms, two wool G. D. flannel shirts, one short but heavy overcoat, trench suit, and one pair of wool knit spiral puttees ten feet long.

Every soldier has also an overcoat cap that has a felt protector to pull down over his ears. He is not allowed to wear the old issue of campaign hat that his folks at home are used to seeing. He has wool gloves and one-finger leather mittens over them, and each soldier is provided with at least three blankets and a waterproof slicker or raincoat.

In addition to all this, every soldier on outdoor duty has a leather waistcoat to wear beneath his overcoat. This leather waistcoat is newly issued and much admired.

PLAYER LIMIT CAUSES WORRY

Whole Bunch of Athletes Will Be Ticketed For Minor Leagues

A twenty-one-player limit, as recently adopted by the American League, means a lot of work and worry for the managerial gents of the junior circuit between the present and the start of the 1919 flag race. Pruning a big league roster may seem a simple thing, but it's not, and figures prove it.

What is going to save some of the managers—not to mention the players—is the little clause about men in service being carried on the inactive reserve list until thirty days after their discharge by Uncle Sam.

Red Sox Have Big List For cutting possibilities the Boston Red Sox offer an unique situation. President Harry Frazee has under reserve the nucleus of two pennant-winning teams, probably never in the history of baseball has one club owned such a collection of talent.

It might be well to mention right here that the general rule eventually buy the Red Sox will realize something better than \$100,000 from the sale of the forty-three players who may dispose of some of these athletes before he lets loose of his ball club on which he will have to be termed a "smart guy."

Frazee finds himself with this remarkable string of talent because he was quick enough to land on the golden opportunity just a year ago. Making money in the winter and the winter of the respective contenders assures a hotter race and increased attendance.

The cutting down process is going to bring on a lot of sales at a price as low as \$10,000. Some of these may come. Once in a while one team will become top heavy with first string men and other clubs will need players in a few positions. Thus under a low player limit the material is better scattered, and to the benefit of the fans.

"Battling" Levinsky Scheduled to Box Leo Houck, Native Son, Tomorrow at Lancaster

Lancaster boxing fans are looking forward to a treat to-morrow, when Frank Kline's physical culture school "biggest little club in the United States," is to stage a star bout between Leo Houck and "Battling" Levinsky.

A bout of importance is that between "Sailor" Globish and "Rube" Bennett. Globish looked pretty good here the other night when he showed at the Motive Power Club. Nate Isaacman, native son, is to meet "Buck" Free, of York; "Johnny" Gill, of Philadelphia; Charlie Yeager, Lancaster, meets Ray Sargent, of York. The bouts start to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock sharp. The admission is 25 cents; reserved seats, \$1.10.

Little Talks by Beatrice Fairfax

If a girl is sixteen years old and working earning enough to pay for her board and keep, how much liberty is she entitled to?

Her mother, if she is wise in her day, should not be so strict. The girl's father does not go straggling off with every Tom, Dick and Harry that comes along. For Sweet Sixteen is too young to have any real knowledge of the human nature.

Sixteen is an age of thrills and enthusiasms, and the world is a place of roses, rainbows and star dust. Everything is either sunshine or shadow, comedy or tragedy, there are no half-tones, no halfway values. This state of mind is reflected in the vocabulary of Sweet Sixteen.

It is "just crazy" about chocolate sundae. It would "rather eat than eat oatmeal," it "adores" white uniforms, and all these exaggerated expressions are quite true; it feels that about everything, life is at top speed.

Alas, what a taming influence mere living exercises on these young hearts in a few years. But it is in their wild, unbridled state that we are dealing with them. In the days when it is a breathless adventure to walk downtown and look in shop windows, when a movie ticket is an admission to El Dorado, when the tenor in a light opera is a prince to dream about for weeks afterward.

RUSSIANS BURY DIFFERENCES IN PEACE PRELUDE

Work Toward Common End; Lvoff and Kokovsoff Are Among Leaders in Paris

Paris, Dec. 24.—Prince Georges E. Lvoff and Vladimir N. Kokovsoff, both former Russian premiers, are among the prominent Russians who have arrived in Paris to assist the movement of unifying Russia and restoring order there with Entente aid. The Russians here, representing many parties have apparently reconciled their political differences and are working toward a common end.

Neutralists arriving in Paris from Petrograd, which they left early in December, say food conditions there are constantly growing worse and that the position of foreigners is especially hard since all the neutral legations have been withdrawn. Neutral caretakers in charge of embassies and legations are unable to obtain food and will probably be forced to leave.

Total Casualties in War Are 31,591,758; 7,909,768 in Death List

Casualties of both sides in the world war, according to official and estimated figures, total 31,591,758. Of this total, the Allies lost 4,559,768 men dead, as against the Central Powers' 3,350,000.

The table of killed and dead of wounds follows:

Country	Central Powers	Allied Powers
Germany (including naval)	2,000,000	
Austria (end of May, 1918)	800,000	
Bulgaria (estimated)	250,000	
Turkey (estimated)	300,000	
Total	3,350,000	
Russia		1,700,000
France		1,400,000
Great Britain		400,000
Italy		200,000
Rumania		200,000
Belgium (estimated)		150,000
Serbia		150,000
America		22,769
Greece (estimated)		25,000
Portugal (estimated)		4,000
Total		4,559,768
Grand total	7,909,768	

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Assistant District Attorney Fleming read extracts from numerous anti-war articles from the files of the paper. One was entitled: "The Navy Gives Receipts." It referred to the fact that window service flags for homes of men in the military service of the United States had been issued. It concluded with the inquiry: "How much longer will women continue to swap their husbands and sons for a steady piece of cardboard?"

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Attorney Seymour Stedman, for the defense, read an editorial on free speech from Hearst's paper, in which he offered in evidence.

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BIG WELCOME GIVEN BAND OF THE OLD EIGHTH

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Fred B. Harry Home After Naval Service

Fred B. Harry, well known merchant, returned this morning from Hampton Roads, where he was mustered out of the naval service.

Mr. Harry enlisted in the navy last summer and left his store in the hands of employes until the end of the war. He will at once resume his business.

Mr. Harry will spend Christmas with his father, George Harry, who will also have as his guests over the holidays Mrs. J. H. McCulloch, his sister, and I. N. Harry, his brother.

Hard Time to Settle Canton, O.—It is about as hard for Cantonians to keep track of their time as it has been for residents of Cleveland, where the clock hands are shifted back and forth with pleasing and reckless abandon. Only a few days ago this city returned to central time. The new order of things is to continue until New Year's Day, when, in accord with the Inter-State Commerce Commission's ruling relative to railroad time, Canton will revert back to eastern time again.

'Yours Truly' Club Will Battle the Independents on Christmas Night

The leaders of the American League will be the attraction at Chestnut Street Auditorium on Christmas night. The American League is composed of such teams as St. Elizabeth, Rockwood, Garnett, Hancock and Vinco. These teams have all appeared in Harrisburg and the visitors will appear with a very strong lineup.

'Yours Truly' is the name of the visiting team. Preparations are being made at Chestnut Street Auditorium to accommodate one of the largest crowds ever witnessing a game in this city. This is the annual meeting of college boys home for the holidays and also of many Harrisburg people who come back to spend the holidays.

The Independents have started their old stride again and they will give good account of themselves when they line up with the Yours Truly Club. Dancing will follow the game.

New York, Dec. 24.—America's overseas battleships—battle fleet—nine superdreadnaughts—with the Connecticut, flagship of Admiral Mayo, commander of the Navy, as escort, will arrive off New York harbor just in time to lead the review by Secretary Daniels Thursday morning.

Tarsus in Two Games at Tower City Tomorrow

The Tarsus school of gymnastics basketball team will journey to Tower City to-morrow to play two games, one at 2:30 and the other at 7:30.

The Tarsus tossers haven't played a regular scheduled game for two weeks but have been practicing in their gym with local care teams.

Tower City has a very strong team and is one of the leading teams in the coal regions, playing such teams as Pottstown, Pittston and Nesquehoning.

The following players will make the trip: Peck, Farrow, Laughery, Long, Holohan and Marks. Tarsus has a game pending with Reading High school to be played at Reading on Thursday. Reading is in the Pennsylvania State League.

Santa Claus to Appear Before Kiwanis Club

Santa Claus will appear at the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club Friday noon in the assembly room of the Y. M. C. A. A real Christmas tree will be there and gifts will be dispensed.

The meeting is postponed from the regular meeting day, Wednesday, to Friday because of Christmas.

Among the applications for membership to come before the meeting are those of Peter Magaro, owner and manager of the Regent theater, and W. H. Harman, chorister at Messiah Lutheran Church.

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