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WELSH STILL HOLDS ON TO LIGHTWEIGHT CROWN

Willie Ritchie, Former Champion, Forces the Fighting, but His Wildness Costs Him a Victory—Sattlers Fought to Standstill

New York, March 12.—Willie Ritchie, from whom Freddie Welsh snatched the world's lightweight crown in London eight months ago, fought the champion to a standstill in their 10-round battle in Madison Square Garden last night. The former titleholder forced the fighting throughout, but he was erratic, his wild swings being easily avoided by the elusive Englishman. Ritchie was the first to enter the ring. He was given a tremendous ovation from his dressing room up to the time he climbed into the ring. Ritchie was preceded by a large American flag. A minute later Welsh followed, a Union Jack being carried over his head. Ritchie's seconds were Dr. Jeffrey, Dr. Hicks, Billy Grupp and Bob McAllister. Welsh was attended by Harry Pollock, his manager; Grif Jones and Jim Donovan.

Announcer Joe Humphreys in introducing the boxers declared the contest to be for the lightweight championship of the world. Ritchie was presented first, and the crowd cheered as he rose from his seat. The American was apparently the popular favorite. Welsh, however, was also given a warm greeting. According to stipulations, both weighed in at 135 at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The ringside weight of both was announced as Ritchie 135½, Welsh 135½.

The men were called to the center of the ring by Referee Roche and given final instructions and 30 seconds later were on their way. The fight by rounds:

Round One—Both men rushed out of their corners. Ritchie was first to lead, a straight left. Welsh ducked. For a full minute they were in a clinch, neither landing a blow. Welsh was the first to land a long left to the nose. More wrestling followed, and as they broke out of a clinch Ritchie shot a left to the jaw with a little steam behind it. Each man seemed to be content in sizing up the other's attack and there was little fighting. It was an even round.

Round Two—They rushed out of their corners and went into a clinch. Ritchie worked his right hand to the nose. More wrestling followed, and as they broke out of a clinch Ritchie shot a left to the jaw with a little steam behind it. Each man seemed to be content in sizing up the other's attack and there was little fighting. It was an even round.

Round Three—They came out of their corners fast in the third, and Ritchie swung many wild blows that found no mark, save Welsh's arm, but he was not to be denied, and finally planted a right in the stomach. He kept swinging for the body, but Welsh picked off all the blows with his elbows. Freddie stepped back and popped his left to the face. Ritchie tried Willie on the old one-two punch and landed high on the head. Just as the bell rang, Willie hooked a left to the face. Ritchie did all the forcing in this round and deserved the honors.

Round Four—They rushed from their corners and Ritchie sent a right left to the head. Welsh then ripped a right to the head and shot a right to the body. Welsh swung a left high to the head, jabbed twice with the same hand to the face and blocked a vicious right that Ritchie attempted to return. Ritchie hooked a left to the head and they went into a clinch. At the bell they were at close quarters with neither doing any damage. It was Welsh's round.

Round Five—Ritchie led with a left and right in the fifth, but was far short with both. Freddie stepped inside another left and right and went into a clinch. Welsh hooked a left to the ear. They exchanged straight lefts to the face and Ritchie missed a hard right to the jaw. A lot of infighting followed, but no damage was done. Ritchie missed a right and Welsh jabbed with his left. Ritchie did all the forcing, but was wild and had no idea of timing his punches. Welsh shot a left to the face and picked off a wild right swing for his own head. They were in a hot mix-up as the bell sounded and Ritchie worked a right to the wind. It was Welsh's round.

Round Six—Ritchie led with his left, but it fell short and in return he received a left to the head that jarred him. Freddie followed with another straight left to the head, but in the ensuing infighting, no damage was done. Willie chased Freddie around the ring, but could not land. Ritchie ducked two hard lefts to the head, but Welsh blocked what he had to offer in return. After a long clinch Ritchie hooked a hard right to the wind. They were tied up in a clinch at the bell. It was an extremely poor round, but the margin belonged to Welsh.

Round Seven—Ritchie swung a hard left to the body, but Welsh easily blocked it. A lot of fiddling followed, with neither doing any damage. The boxing was so tame that the enormous crowd hooted it at this stage. Ritchie worked himself into close quarters and sent two hard rights to Welsh's jaw and the Englishman hung on. Welsh swung a light left to the head and the crowd hooted and jeered at the tame fighting which followed. Ritchie again worked himself in close and jammed two rights to the body. At the bell they were exchanging body punches, and Ritchie had a big margin in his favor.

Round Eight—Ritchie rushed from his corner in the eighth and met Welsh in his own corner. He missed a left and Freddie crossed a right to the jaw. Ritchie kept leading with left and right, but Welsh blocked cleverly. Ritchie started a right hand swing from his shoe tops, but Welsh ducked it. Welsh jabbed his left and they went into a clinch. As they broke Ritchie partly slipped to the floor. They went to close quarters and Willie hooked a left to the jaw. Ritchie did all the forcing but was unable to land cleanly. Welsh, however, did not attempt to fight back and the former champion deserved a shade for at least trying.

Round Nine—Ritchie started the spring in the ninth and all Welsh did was block and hang on. Both men were



EASTERN LEADERS TO PLAY

The Conquerors of Reading Will Meet Independents To-morrow Night at Chestnut Street

Camden having defeated Reading on Tuesday night the present leaders of the Eastern Basketball League will be the attraction at the Chestnut street auditorium to-morrow night. Harrisburg having decisively defeated the Trenton five the locals expect to take the leaders into camp. It will be a fast game.

The same lineup which represented the New Jersey city in the pennant climb will be in Harrisburg to engage the Harrisburg Independent five. Captain McCord has had his team out for practice this week and held the last one this afternoon.

The game will be called at 8 o'clock and will be followed by the usual dance. Another exhibition of modern dances including some which have never been seen in Harrisburg will be given by L. P. Dickey and Miss Marie Boileau. Jasper, of the Eastern League, will play their first exhibition game in Harrisburg against the Independents on Tuesday night, March 16. While this team is last in the Eastern League the team is made up of several individual stars and will give an interesting exhibition of basketball.

PRIZES FOR M. E. ATHLETICS

Germantown Club Disqualified—Local Runners Get Medals

The Germantown Boys' Club having been disqualified, one of their runners in the Foresters' Day meet in Point Breeze Park in Philadelphia August 15 last year being declared ineligible, the Methodist Club, of Harrisburg, running from scratch and finishing fourth will be advanced to third place and receive bronze medals.

On the local team were L. Hall, E. Barnhart, A. Winn and E. Flickinger.

WILLARD OFF FOR HAVANA

White Heavyweight Starts for New Fight Grounds

El Paso, Tex., March 12.—Jess Willard accompanied by his manager, Tom Jones, left yesterday for Havana, where the big heavyweight is scheduled to meet Jack Johnson in a fight for the championship on Easter Sunday. Only Wednesday Willard said the financial arrangement had not been completed, but his trip to Havana is taken to indicate that the money end of the matter has been satisfactorily arranged.

Soph's Lick Freshies

The Freshmen lost to the Sophomores yesterday in the Tech interclass league, score 25 to 11. Davies and McFarland played best for the Sophs while Frank and Kaufman did the Freshmen's best work. The lineup:

Sophs. Freshmen.
McGann F Kaufman
Stark P Huston
McFarland C Weibly
Pollock G Prock
Wolf G Baker
Substitution: Sophs, Davies for McGann; Challenger for Stark, Fohl for Wolf. Field goals, Prock, 1; McGann, 1; Davies, 6; McFarland, 3; Pollock, 1. Foul goals, Kaufman, 9; Pollock, 3. Referee, Killinger; scorer, Melville; timer, Murray; time, 20-minute halves.

Hummelstown Reos Winners

Hummelstown, Pa., March 12.—The Hummelstown Reos turned tables on the Reserves here yesterday, winning by a score of 40 to 36. The lineup:

Reserves. Reos.
Landis F Rupert
Levens F D. Patrick
Musser C Stout
Corty G Smith
A. Patrick G Cassel
Field goals, Landis, 7; Levens, 4; Corty, 3; Musser, 1; Smith, 10; Stout, 6; Rupert, 4. Foul goals, Landis, 3 of 3; Levens, 3 of 3. Referee, G. Ludwig; time, 20-minute halves.

"Fed" League Meeting Postponed

Chicago, March 12.—The schedule meeting of the Federal League, which was set for Pittsburgh next Saturday, has been postponed until Monday and will be held in Chicago, it was announced yesterday. The postponement was caused by the suit filed by the Kansas City Federal League Club, which seeks to restrain the league from transferring its franchise to Newark, N. J. The hearing was continued by Circuit Judge Baldwin Wednesday until Monday when the contending counsel will be given two and one-half hours for argument.

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BOWLING RESULTS

CASINO LEAGUE

Orpheums defeat Monarchs—MONARCHS

Bentz	149	127	165	441
Senior	140	174	212	526
Dunkle	186	170	127	483
Ford	164	182	166	512
Atticks	215	181	223	619
Totals	854	834	883	2571

ORPHEUMS

Ross	215	245	145	605
Rotts	168	178	136	482
W. A. Miller	177	201	192	570
Beck	179	217	208	604
Wilson	199	175	244	618
Totals	938	1016	924	2878

P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE

Engles win two games, but lose match—GIANTS

Martin	137	178	153	468
E. C. Smith	144	155	119	418
C. Saul	131	121	162	414
Fagan	151	162	160	473
Myers	192	186	215	593
Totals	755	852	810	2417

EAGLES

Bitner	161	135	173	469
Hartzell	156	206	128	490
Paul	164	147	162	473
Askin	141	152	157	450
Diller	205	189	192	586
Totals	827	829	809	2555

AT THE CASINO

Plumbers top Bricklayers by 115 pins—PLUMBERS

Klitche	186	155	191	532
Petrov	147	160	135	442
T. Shellhammer	139	121	162	422
Shellhammer	164	124	159	447
Plank	116	183	144	443
Totals	702	743	731	2176

BRICKLAYERS

Miller	150	135	182	467
Chubb	140	135	121	396
Dinger	97	142	129	368
Kuntz	141	128	133	402
Keel	161	130	132	423
Totals	689	670	702	2061

Big Spuds overwhelm Little Spuds—LITTLE SPUDS

Carter	133	155	113	401
Behm	136	116	164	416
Dervine	108	124	168	400
Miller	116	87	125	328
Schmink	164	156	169	489
Totals	657	638	739	2034

BIG SPUDS

Vanetta	131	177	134	442
Ely	126	163	179	468
Bennett	121	153	158	432
Peters	136	176	109	421
Speraw	143	171	139	453
Totals	657	840	719	2212

CENTRAL GAMES CANCELLED

Death of Professor Steele Causes Postponement of Basketball

Faculty Athletic Director Britram W. Saul last evening called off the basketball games of the Central High school fives scheduled to be played this evening in the Chestnut street hall when the news of the death of Professor William Sherman Steele, principal of the school, which occurred in a sanitarium in Lakewood, N. J., yesterday, reached this city last evening.

The boys' team was to engage the Altoona High school five while the girls were to have played the Sunbury High school girls' five. These games will be played some time in April, the date not having been selected yet.

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1,756,763 CATHOLICS IN PA.

Church Has 16,309,310 Members in U. S., According to New Directory

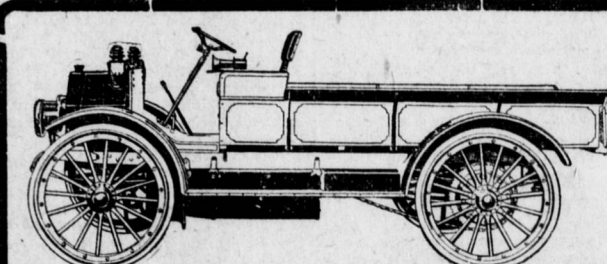
New York, March 12.—There are 16,309,310 Catholics in the United States according to the advance sheets of the Official Catholic directory, published and copyrighted by P. J. Kennedy & Sons. The increase in the number of Catholics in 1914 was 241,325. Pennsylvania Catholics number 1,756,763 and New Jersey 585,000. New Jersey having passed Michigan and Wisconsin, reaching seventh place in the list of States. Pennsylvania is second only to New York.

There are 18,944 Catholic clergymen in the United States. Of these, 14,008 are secular clergymen and 4,936 priests of religious orders. The increase in the number of priests was 426, and 310 Catholic churches were established. There are 14,961 Catholic edifices in this country, 9,883 churches with resident priests and 5,078 mission churches. Eighty-five ecclesiastical seminaries have 6,770 young men studying for the

priesthood. There are 284 Catholic orphan asylums, with 45,742 orphans therein; 5,488 parishes with parochial schools and 1,456,206 children enrolled.

Colonel Bettler Here
Colonel Lewis E. Bettler, secretary of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg Commission, called on Governor Brumbaugh yesterday to explain demand for the republication of the commission's report and request that the bill for such republication receive executive sanction. It is proposed to print 25,000 copies.

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