

SPORTS OF THE DAY

He Says Fight Will Be Fixed.

The big fighters, Jeffries and Johnson, and the promoters were given an awful panning in the Washington Herald last Sunday in a signed article by John R. Robinson, manager for Battling Nelson. Robinson states that if the fight is on the square Johnson will win, but wouldn't bet counterfeited money on it himself. He makes no effort to conceal the fact that he's sore at Jeffries because the big Californian asked for eighty per cent of the receipts in the world's tour of Jeffries, Wolgast, Nelson, Moran and others. Part of his wall:

"I saw Johnson work in his gymnasium in Chicago one week ago. On February 29, two days before Nelson and Wolgast fought, I saw Jeffries go through about eight minutes of work in San Francisco.

"If Johnson and Jeffries fight on the level, Johnson will whip the boiler-maker sure as fate. Jeffries can never 'come back.' Johnson is the greatest heavyweight fighter the world has ever produced. He is faster than Corbett, can hit almost as hard as Jeffries could when the latter was in his prime, is craftier than Fitzsimmons, a greater ring general than Joe Choynski, a grander boxer than McCoy or Tommy Ryan.

"This is Johnson as a fighter. As a man he is conceited, a natural-born vagabond, mean and tyrannical and petty, a moral coward, and a discredit to the negro race. He spends money so that people may witness him and marvel. He wants to associate with the whites.

Says Jeffries is Fat.

"Jeffries as I saw him four weeks ago, weighs 245 pounds, is slow and fat, looks older than the average man of forty, short-winded, slow-moving—the very opposite to the smooth, graceful, powerful Jeffries who seven years ago was the wonder of the ring.

"As a man he is lazy, dissipated, greedy, a poor sportsman, and next to Johnson a poor excuse for defending the honor of any race.

"He came back into the limelight not because he wanted to defend the honor of the white race. He came back for the \$2,000 per week for twenty weeks offered by a New York theatrical firm for his appearance on the stage.

It's a Frameup, Sure.

"Now to get down to the real meat of this battle. It presents the greatest mystery in the annals of modern pugilism.

"Personally, I would not bet counterfeited money on the battle. That statement is not original; it is borrowed from Battling Nelson. Nelson made it months ago and at present sees no reason to change it. Nelson saw Jeffries work in Buffalo in December. He watched the big fellow work and telephoned me in Detroit as follows: 'After looking Jeffries over today, I believe he is through for all time, and I would not bet counterfeited money on his chances.'

"Two days before fighting Wolgast, Nelson again looked Jeffries over and made the same statement.

Berger is On It, Too.

"Berger and Gleason are business associates. Tex Rickard is in the combination simply because he is the gambler of the outfit—the fellow who is taking the big risks and whose nerve is required to handle the fighters and the officials. When it comes to holdups, a California county or city official runs a close second to a trust senator. It takes a man like Rickard to handle them.

"Berger swung the fight to Gleason and Rickard. The purse of \$101,000 will be posted after the advance sales reach that amount. The big money gatherer will be the moving picture. I heard a legitimate offer of one-half million dollars made for those pictures in Chicago a few days ago. It Jeff wins, they will be worth a million dollars at the lowest. If Johnson wins, they will be worth not less than \$300,000. And here is where the mystery comes in.

Jeff Will Take no Chances.

"Three-fourths of a million swayed between three men. Enough money to put the average man beyond the ken of want, Jeffries, the most conceited, egotistical man on earth, fighting a negro he despises. Bullheaded, he would never take a chance of losing that fight. Berger, behind the guns, crafty and wise, able to talk St. Peter into giving Joe Cantillon the keys of the pearly palace! Johnson, money loving, crooked, a recognized faker, lacking backbone, handled by a man who made his money out of the lowest form of vice on the Chicago levee—here is the combination against which the great American public must line up.

"The combination is a one to 100 favorite. The poor public is up against a harder elite than the beef trust ever dared to form. Pick the combination and write your own ticket."

The Omaha Athletic Meet.

Three Men Fall Exhausted on the Track—Nebraska Gets Honors. Omaha, April 2.—The first annual indoor meet of the western division of the Amateur Athletic Union occurred last night and brought together one of the largest gatherings of athletes which has ever attended a similar meet held in a western city. Nearly 8,000 people crowded the big auditorium to witness the twenty-eight events for which there were 294 entries.

Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha divided honors fairly well as cities, but the universities of Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska excelled in the competition for college honors. About twenty smaller colleges and high schools also participated and competition among

the young athletes from these institutions was even stronger than among the older ones.

Running races there were plenty, dashes and relays. The quarter-mile dash which closed the evening's running events was the fastest, and was participated in by some of the fleetest men in the west. Hockelman of Chicago beat out Will Tollman of Iowa university by a few inches, and Guy E. Reed of Nebraska university was third, less than a yard behind Tollman.

The relay races were spectacular in many instances and repeatedly the big crowd cheered its best when some runner displayed an extraordinary burst of speed. Three runners fell exhausted from their efforts during the evening, but none of them was seriously injured.

Summary:
50-yard dash Y. M. C. A. championship—Hugh E. Wallace, Omaha Y. M. C. A., first; W. F. Maybury, Kansas City Y. M. C. A., second; Matt Scanlan, Council Bluffs Y. M. C. A., third. Time .65 sec.

50-yard dash, W. A. A. U. championship—F. B. Roberts, Kansas university, first; Fred T. Haddock, Kansas, second; A. E. Messenheimer, K. C. A., third. Time .65 sec.

50-yard dash, high schools—Leslie Man, Lincoln, first; Ben Gates, Des Moines, second; Frank Switzer, Slater, Ia., third. Time .65 sec.

Jeff Discredits Joke Rumor.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 2.—"Not a bear did his duty," laughed Jim Jeffries on his return from the Mount Whitney country, happily paraphrasing Roosevelt's allusion to the fact that the king of beasts had failed to mistake him for a T-bone steak.

Instead of a mangled man, as many of the sporting fraternity expected to see, the "hope of the white race" was as whole as ever. A wild rumor floated around reporting that Jeffries had been mangled under an overturned auto and that a large bear had bitten huge chunks out of his right shoulder. Finally the rumor dwindled down to a slight fracture of the ulna bone.

"Jimmy Britt has that story copyrighted," Jeff replied to his friends.

No Bankers Bowled.

The bankers' bowling club took a week off and no game was played in the series this week. They are, however, arranging for a fast game next Thursday evening.

WHY CANNON DOESN'T GO HOME.

"I'm as Common as an Old Shoe in Danville," the Speaker Says. Washington, April 2.—"Would you like to know why I stay in Washington?"

Speaker Cannon asked the question at a dinner given by one of the members of the cabinet. The president, the speaker and the other guests had withdrawn to smoke following dinner, and the stories were going thick and fast. Everybody wanted to know why the speaker insisted upon staying in Washington.

"You see," said the speaker, "when I am in Danville I don't amount to much. I walk along the street and nobody pays any particular attention to me. I am as common as an old shoe. In Washington I can be something of a personage. Besides, here I find everything I want or need. We get the finest products of any climate, brought specially for us. The liquors come in the wood from Scotland and France."

J. Kling is in Training.

Kansas City, April 2.—A well built athlete, carrying a catcher's glove and a bat walked out on the diamond of the Kansas City Athletic club park yesterday afternoon wearing a Chicago National league uniform. It was John G. Kling, the reinstated member of the Murphy-Chance combination. After reading that "dope" from Cincinnati yesterday, "Jawn" Kling decided it was about time to open the old baseball trunk and pull out those pastime "rags" which he used in the world's championship series of 1908.

"Jawn" tried out that right whip of his yesterday afternoon and after an hour and half's workout he decided that he would do as a member of the Chicago National league baseball club in 1910. Kling's arm seemed to be just as strong and accurate in throwing to the sacks as it was last year when he played in the Inter-city league.

Kling believes that he will receive an official "call" from Manager Chance in a few days and he wants to be ready to play when he joins the cubs. Of course, "Jawn" hasn't fixed up his financial affairs with C. Webb Murphy yet, but he is confident that "Murphy" will fix things all right.

"I will be ready to play the day I join the team," said Kling yesterday. "Don't be surprised if I catch the first game of the championship season."

FINE KLING \$700.

Cub Catcher Must Pay Fines to Play Baseball. Chicago, April 2.—The national commission has decided that Catcher John Kling must pay \$700 fine and must play for at least one year with the cubs at his 1908 salary of \$4,500.

Kling is satisfied. "That \$700 is a lot of coin," he said in Kansas City, "but I suppose I am stung. If things go along all right, I expect to join the cubs in about ten days—maybe."

The finding of the national commission was made public officially. The finding provides that the Chicago club may not trade, sell or release Kling

for a period of one year, and that neither the Chicago club, nor any other club or person connected with organized baseball, shall pay Kling his fine or reimburse him for its payment in any way, directly or indirectly.

The verdict also calls upon the Chicago club to show cause why it should not be fined for tendering Kling a new contract after he had made himself ineligible.

The feeling here is that, in spite of the national commission, Charlie Murphy will probably lose \$700 where Kling can find it, and thus pay the catcher's fine.

Advice from Kansas City says Kling is worried about the clause forcing him to accept his old salary. In view of the fact that it was reported the Brooklyn club offered "Noisy John" \$10,000 a season to be manager of that club, his old 1908 salary is quite a come-down.

PEARY'S LAST DOG DEAD.

Public Exhibitions Hastened the End for One Survivor. Portland, Me., April 2.—The last survivor of the pack of dogs which reached the north pole with Commander Robert E. Peary, died here today, his strength worn out by the approaching spring weather and by the unaccustomed surroundings of dog shows at Boston and Portland, where he had been placed on exhibition. The dog was Commander Peary's favorite selected by him as the first of the pack to go on the last stage of the most memorable exploring expedition in the frozen north.

Orchard News: Sheriff Miller and County Attorney Rice were in Orchard on Tuesday with complaints against local parties on the charge of selling liquor. A search was made of one house and three barrels of "Cream of Hops" found and confiscated. The proprietor was, however, released on his own recognizance, to appear at the next term of the district court, after having waived preliminary examination before the justice.

The wet goods found belong in the class of so-called temperance drinks, and it is generally believed that the party is entirely innocent of willful violation of the law. Two other parties were, however, taken to Neligh, where they were released on bonds for their appearance at district court.

Another Spanish Letter.

Another Spanish letter has been received in Norfolk. This time the letter was addressed to William C. Ahlman, who is offered \$160,000 if he answers the letter by cable, and later goes to Madrid to pay the expense of a trial of a Spaniard who claims he is a banker and under arrest in Spain. The alleged banker says he has in the secret pocket of a trunk which is being held by the Spanish officials, a document which will enable him to recover \$180,000. This he wishes to save for his "darling daughter." The contents of the letter are about the same as those written to others in this territory recently and the hand writing, although in English, is identical with that of a previous letter, which was written in Italian and Spanish. The letters will probably be turned over to the postal authorities.

FOR A SANER FOURTH.

Madrid, 11-3-1910.—Dear Sir: Although I know you only from good references of your honesty, my sad situation compels me to reveal to you an important affair in which you can procure a modest fortune saving at the same time that of my darling daughter.

Before being imprisoned here I was established as a banker in Russia as you will see by the enclosed article about me of many English newspapers which have published my arrest in London.

I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of 480,000 dollars I have in America and to come here to raise the seizure of baggage paying to the registrar of the court the expenses of my trial and recover my partman-tuan containing a secret pocket where I have hidden the document indispensable to recover the said sum.

As a reward I will give up to you the third part, viz., 160,000 dollars. I cannot receive your answer in the prison but you must send a cablegram to a person of my confidence who will deliver it to me.

Awaiting your cable, to yours truly, in all my secret, I am sir, yours truly, Demidoff.

First of all answer by cable not by letter as follows:
Gosvalvez Gacometrezo 23 Tercero Cetra A, Madrid. "Yes," Ahlmann.

SHE HAS FASTED 45 DAYS.

And Still a Cleveland Girl Refuses to Eat. Cleveland, April 2.—Cora Osek, 22 years old, was arrested yesterday after she had fasted, her friends said, for forty-five days. The girl was taken to the county jail, where no persuasion could prevail on her to eat. She was so weak that she could not stand upright, but she insisted that she would fulfill an oath of fasting for two months even if it killed her.

Major Fowler Dead.

Oelrichs, S. D., April 2.—Special to The News: Major Fowler, for many years a resident of Stuart, Neb., died here Thursday.

ON THE Stage

Confess to Horse Theft.

Niobrara, Neb., April 2.—Special to The News: Dave Kito, an Indian, voluntarily surrendered to Sheriff Vlasnik and confessed that he and a confederate (name of latter not learned) had stolen horses from John Premeau and John Pappan several months ago. The sheriff and Constable Earnest Conklin started with Kito to arrest the accomplice, who was believed to be on or near Kito's place. It is reported that both prisoners are now lodged in jail at Center.

The man who was shot near here several days ago is now recovering from his wounds.

B. & M. SHOP MEN STRIKE.

Will Walk Out at Havelock, It is Said, Unless Wages are Raised. Lincoln, April 2.—Boilermakers and helpers in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy shops at Havelock to the number of 285 have given the officials until today to sign a new wage scale. The men demand the abolition of piece work and the substitution of a fixed wage of 40 cents an hour for the boilermakers and 30 cents for helpers.

All the union painters and paper-hangers of Lincoln, about 150 in number, went on strike to enforce demands for an increase from 35 cents an hour to 40 cents. The boss painters offered to compromise on 37½ cents but it was refused.

Sixty Omaha Autos Burn.

Omaha, April 2.—The garage and automobile livery of H. E. Frederickson and company at Twenty-second and Farnam streets was entirely destroyed by a fire which started shortly before 2 o'clock this morning. Sixty automobiles were stored in the garage and none were saved. They belonged mostly to private owners. The loss will exceed \$75,000.

Raid at Orchard.

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High School Section.

On account of the absence of Supt. J. H. Kemp of Wayne, who left the city after he had been taken ill at the Pacific hotel, H. H. Hickman of Wausau presided over the high school sectional meeting Friday. Supt. C. W. Demel of Niobrara was absent but his subjects, "Should the County Superintendent Conduct Eighth Grade Examinations for Town or City Schools in His County?" was discussed by J. L. McBrien of Lincoln and several others.

The paper of Jennie A. Hall of Neligh on "The Comparative Value of the Study of German and Latin in the High School," was also missing but her subject was thoroughly discussed by Miss Kingsbury, teacher of German and Latin in the Wayne normal school, who compared the values of Latin and German.

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SKINNER TO BE CHANTECLER.

New York, March 29.—It is officially announced that Otis Skinner is Charles Frohman's selection for the title role in the American production of "Chantecler."

Nearly every widely known actor in America has hoped that to him might fall the distinction of acting the principal part in this play, already world famous. Whatever may be the American verdict of Rostand's work, the play is sure to be the most widely discussed of next season's outputs and to the actor of the title role there is endless advertising.

Vague hints have suggested several distinguished actors for the part of the rooster, which M. Guitry is acting in the Theater Porte St. Martin production, and the wisecracks have been at their wits' end to guess in which direction Frohman's lightning bolt would strike. At one time it was rumored that Mr. Frohman might give the part to Maude Adams, and at another time there was a report that Edwin Stevens might be intrusted with the role.

PLAY AT 2:45 A. M.

Mr. Skinner is at present on tour in "Your Humble Servant."

Press Representatives of Middle West Guests of Liebler & Co.

Chicago, March 29.—For the first time in the history Chicago a theatrical performance is to be given on which the curtain will rise at 2:45 a. m.

In commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth performance of "The Fourth Estate" in this city on April 12, Liebler & company will act as hosts to the working newspaper men of Chicago and editors and correspondents from towns in the middle west. Every seat in the Studebaker theater will be occupied by report-

ON THE Stage

The Traveling Salesman Soon.

Not in a long time has there been manifested in advance of a play's coming so much interest as is already expressed by Norfolk and surrounding towns in the forthcoming production of "The Traveling Salesman," which will be the attraction at the Auditorium Saturday, April 16, for matinee and night.

Everybody seems to have heard of this play, which is said to bubble over with wholesome mirth, and which keeps the audience laughing from the rise of the curtain to its fall.

Henry B. Harris, who is sending "The Traveling Salesman" to Norfolk has already made good with local theatergoers in "The Lion and the Mouse" and "The Third Degree." James Forbes, author of "The Chorus Lady," made famous on the stage by Rose Stahl and now running in serial form in The News, is author of "The Traveling Salesman."

The story of "The Traveling Salesman" concerns "Bob Blake," a jovial drummer, who is compelled to spend his Christmas day in a lonely village of the middle west, and on arrival finds in the presence of "Beth Elliott," the ticket agent at the depot, a most congenial person. They strike up an acquaintanceship which soon ripens into affection, and for the first time in his life, the young, well-worn drummer discovers that he is enthralled with the sweetness and beauty of a charming young lady. Through her he learns that she is about to lose a tract of land, and he at once takes steps to protect her rights, and thereby runs counter to his employer, who has laid plans to obtain what the girl thinks is a worthless piece of real estate, but which has suddenly assumed considerable value, as it is needed by the railroad company to complete some improvements. They have in view, "Blake" jeopardizes his own position in espousing the rights of the girl, and this leads to many interesting complications. The comedy of the play is of a most delicious character, and seldom before in the history of the stage has there been a play which includes so many laughs as does "The Traveling Salesman."

So well does it depict the life of the drummer on the road that it has won the endorsement of the United Commercial Travelers of America and the Travelers' Protective association. If the success attained by this play in New York and Chicago is any criterion crowded houses should await its advent in this city.

Henry B. Harris will send "The Traveling Salesman" to this city with the original New York and Chicago company, which includes Mark Smith, James O'Neill, Jr., Clifford Stork, Lawrence Sheehan, Theodore Kehrwald, Daniel Jarrett, Guy B. Hoffman, Emmitt Shackelford, Robert Hamilton, Miss Miriam Nesbitt, Miss Diana Humecker, Miss Marion Stephenson and Miss Virginia Hamilton.

Says a Los Angeles dispatch: Mrs. Leslie Carter in sixteen years earned \$2,000,000. And when she quit David Belasco she had just sixty-five cents in the world. She began again owing \$250,000, with mortgages on her mother's home, on her own costumes, her automobile and on her future. She has been forced through bankruptcy, but is paying every legitimate debt she owes as fast as she earns the money. Recently she paid \$1,800 to her creditors. Supremacy thrives on vicissitudes, it is said by philosophers. If that be true, Mrs. Carter is having the best of training for the fulfillment of her ambition, which is to produce the greatest play with the best acting of modern times.

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ON THE Stage

Elaborate Invitations Shortly Will Be Sent Out to the Editors of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana. A committee of active newspaper men has been formed which will take charge of the Chicago arrangements and handle the tickets for the employees of the newspapers of this town.

Sloux City is to get "The Third Degree" this month. It's the same company Norfolk got last fall.

ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR HOCH.

He Brings "A Message From Kansas" to North Nebraska Teachers. Ex-Governor Hoch of Kansas, in his introduction of "The Message From Missouri," praised ex-Governor Folk of Missouri, who spoke here Thursday, as a man "who is loved by good men and feared by bad men." To the Nebraska teachers the Kansas governor said he brought greetings from 12,000 Kansas teachers and to the county superintendents he brought greetings from 195 superintendents of his state. The governor did not mention politics but during his address, in which he detailed almost the entire history of Kansas, he stated that he was in favor of woman's suffrage and believed that any sensible man, when it comes to the question of purely taxation, was in favor of a woman having her rights when she is paying her own taxes. The governor's message from Kansas was a boastful one and, although he stated that his state, being the hub of the United States, had the largest colleges, normal schools, etc., he also stated that he would not say they were the best.

"A message from Kansas," said the governor, "is true to nature. I believe the world is growing better every day. To me it's a beautiful world and I pity the man who cannot take himself by the hand and say, 'Shake, old boy, I truly am glad you were born.'"