

The Summer Review

A compelling historical novel on the life of Capt. John Paul Jones has been brought forth by Commander Edward Ellsberg, author of "Hell on Ice," and "On the Bottoms." The first complete story of its kind ever to leave the presses concerning a man who was one of the foremost leaders of his nation, who undeniably gave his heart and life to a cause in which he so firmly believed, and a man to whom very little praise has ever been accorded.

John Paul Jones, pirate, slaver captain of a merchantman at the

age of twenty-one, commander of the first vessel to fly the stars and stripes, John Paul Jones, the man, is still a shadowy figure. History will tell a few of his activities, such as the story of how his good ship the Bon Homme Richard defeated the British Serapis in one of the greatest of all sea battles, that he was the last foreigner to conduct a successful raid on the British Isles. Many other stirring stories may be found in the little history books, but none of these ever portray a picture of John Paul Jones, the man. Who knows what tragedy made him add Jones to his name? Who knows what kind of fighting stuff this man had who could sing out "I have not yet begun to fight" when his ship was sinking? Nobody has ever before revealed the man who made up some of the most colorful and romantic war tales ever to enter a school boy's history book.

Commander Edward Ellsberg tells the story of Jones in the words of Tom Folger, a young Nantucketer, against the turbulent background of men and women caught in the sweep of the Revolution.

From the opening pages to the end of the novel it is a story of headlong adventure. It is a product of long and arduous hours of meticulous research from which include Commander Ellsberg brings vividly to life the character of John Paul Jones as the men who fought under him, and the women who succumbed to his charm, saw him and knew him. The author's recreation of the sea battles, their daring and unconventional strategy, the superb seamanship of Jones, the fierce reality of the cannonading, boarding, fighting, makes superb reading.

Commander Edward Ellsberg brings to it all the vividness of detail and emotional power which took his readers beneath the ocean to the breath-taking salvage of the S-51 in "On the Bottom" and which brought to life in "Hell on Ice" the heroic struggles of the ill-fated Jeannette in the Arctic. And it is inevitable that readers should see in Captain Paul a warning and exhortation for Americans today. There are political wranglings in the face of national danger, speeches and delays in place of action. But John Paul Jones takes out an old crumbling ship with obsolete guns and wins his battles in the face of seemingly insuperable odds.

Athletic Feats

by John Mackey

Confidence and the will to win are the two greatest gifts competitors in the sports realm can own. To this fact two of the world's most courageous representatives of fisticuffdom can attest. Wednesday night before 54,000 delirious fight fans these two gladiators had both. The manner in which they displayed them will go down in the annals of pugilistic history as a contest between the most famous of all famous heavyweight champions, and the cockiest of all cocky contenders.

Champion J. Louis confident that he would chill his impetuous young adversary before the bell for the sixth round was ever chimed, and handsome fiery Billy Conn determined to emerge the victor locked horns at the Polo grounds in a scrap the likes of which has not been witnessed since the evening young Corbett was stopped by big Jim Jeffries in a very similar go. From the opening gong thru two minutes and 58 seconds of the 13th round both Joe and Billy fought like lions, trading anvil-like blows that would fell an ox, and coming back for more dripping with blood and sweat, spurred on only by the will to win.

Spirit such as was manifested by those two lads is beautiful and something of which to be proud. Defeat to either one can not be lamented. Someone had to bow, and bow Billy Conn did and it was done gloriously.

Wily Willy going into the 13th round had one foot on the title throne and only nine minutes before he could put the other on that coveted spot, but Billy chose to cast aside his winning tactics of the previous 12 rounds and close in for the kill. Too bad, a good little man simply cannot slug it out with a good big man. Here was the case of too much confidence on Billy's part as he glided out for the exchange in that famous thirteenth, Champion Joe in a last wave of desperation peeped over his upheld gloves and sighting an opening in Billy's guard after young Bill missed a left jab to Joe's head, the Bomber reached out with that mighty right mitt and tagged the challenger into a senseless daze which he followed with all his lightning fury to drive witless Willy across the ring into a foggy oblivion that ended with Conn prostrate on the canvas and the Champ still the heavy weight king.

For the benefit of any football fans who have been entertaining dreams of witnessing the annual All Star gridiron classic between the Chicago Bears, national football league champions, and the cream of the 1940 college stars; the choicest of the choice seats are already gone and the others going rapidly. The player poll will open July 12.

Notes from the week end nuptials column show that Walter "Butch" Luther will wed his college sweetheart, Marian Bowers. The ceremony will be performed in Denver only a few miles from Fort Warren where Butch is a second lieutenant in the Remount Service. "Butch" was named to Red Grange's player program late last October.

Husker track and field representatives at the National Intercollegiate meet this week end in Palo Alto will be the "Red Racer" Littler to entertain in his favorite event, the quarter mile, and teammates Bob Ginn, Harold Hunt. Ginn has been suffering with an ailing stomach since the Big Six

meet, and has lost between six and twelve pounds since that time. However, if his "tummy" will permit Bob will compete in his favorite event, the mile. Student Hunt is hoping to soar to his new all time high of at least 14 feet. Harold left Lincoln early this week soon enough to afford him time to bask in that alifornia sun and to gain strength.

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