OUR FIGHTING AMERICAN TARS

Navy Produces Many Very Proficient Glove Wielders.

SHARKEY WAS BEST OF ALL

Ring Contests Have Been Held for Years on Uncle Sam's Warships and Once Jimmy Ross Also Won English Title.

"The Yankee sailors are noted all ove the world for their game fighting quality?" said the old New York sporting man to his friends the other night during a fanning bee about incidents of the prize ring. "I remember away back forty-two years ago when I shipped aboard the United States Steamship Pawnee as a boatswain and sailed for South America.

"I wanted to see the world and I certainly did see it too with a great deal of satisfaction from the dock of a man-o'war. When we got to Montevideo in September, 1867, we had the United States Steamship Guerriere with us. On board both vessels there was a bunch of lads willing and anxious for a little sport. Finally Jack Mitchell and Billy Turner. two sturdy young tars, agreed to fight it out under the old London prize ring rules. They both belonged to the Pawnee and put up a slashing battle of twenty-two rounds. each taking severe punishment for more than an hour, when we decided that they had gone far enough and the fight was called a draw.

"The next month we had a couple more hard mills, the first being between Pete Keeland and Joe McAvoy of the Pawnee. They fought at Rio and McAvoy had enough in five rounds, lasting just fourteen minutes. In the same ring John O'Connell, alias Blunt, met Jimmy Ross, the champion of the navy at that time. After a good battle for nine rounds Ross was declared the winner and proceeded to issue a chullenge to any man-o-wars man in the world.

Ross Had a Wallop. "Ross was only a middleweight, but he had a terrible wallop and was also as game as a pebble. One evening a lot of the boys went ashort at Rio for a lark. They ran up against a crowd of greasers who were very insulting and swore that they could clean up the Yankees with ease. There were five greasers who were particularly offensive in their tirade against Uncle Sam. After some hot challenges Ross stepped forward and declared he would fight each of the five greasers, one at a time, with ten minutes rest between battles. They laughed at the offer at first, but finally agreed to have one fight and selected the biggest greaser as Ross' op-

The men stripped quietly, and the Rio gang thought they had a cinch. It was a go-as-yau-please scrap, a regular rough and tumble affair. The big greaser made a desperate grab at Ross' throat, but tibe sailor ducked and responded with an uppercut that put his antagonist on the floor. In a second Ross was on top of the greaser, butting his face into a pulp. The Rio gang was amazed at Ross' quickness and the flerce punishment he handed out and soon agreed to buy drinks for the crowd in order to save their man from further harm. Ross' three-minute victory settled the whole shooting match, and after that the Yankee tars commanded much more respect in Rio.

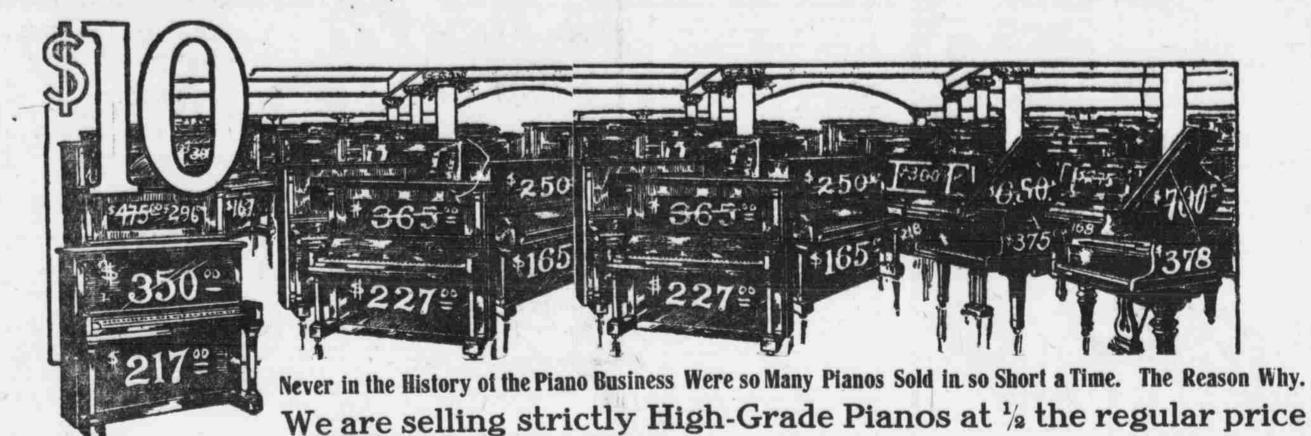
Betford-Taylor Battle.

"In the early part of 1868 Harry Betford of the Pawnee and Mike Traynor of New York met in the ring at Montevideo and fought one of the hardest battle I ever after receiving a terrible punching. On the between Tom McGrath and Barney Farrell | was no decision. of the Guerriere. After a terrible struggle which lasted more than two hours the men fell from exhaustion and the mill was de clared a draw. They were so fearfully punished that they were kept in a hospital for nearly a month. Farrell, by the way, said he was a cousin of the noted Joe Coburn, then the heavyweight champion of

Shortly after this scrap Joe Garron and Dan Dempsey fought in a coal bunker aboard the Guerriere. Dempsey won by closing both of Garron's eyes in the fourand nineteen minutes. After this affair the dieweight champion of America. Pawnee and the Guerriere were ordered home and the United States Steamphip Davis, an Englishman, was one of the Lancaster's crew and he challenged any man kinds of fighters. They had the gloves in the fleet to a combat. Mike Landy ac- on day and night, and there were both cepted and the battle took place aboard the boxing and slugging matches galore. cruiser. It took twelve rounds for game Mike to put a stop to Big Bill.

aboard the Unite States steamship Cali- in the fleet After walloping The Terror fornia in the Pacific ocean. He defied out in seventeen rounds, Baldy was arevery tar in the navy. One fine day Ted rested, paid a fine and was on the job was ashire at Valparaiso when he ran into bright and early the next morning washing Temmy Roundhead, who a short time be- the deck. fore had a hot go with the well known Tommy Chandler. disputed Driscoll's claim to pugilistic honors. They fought twice along the coast between

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big dock at Rio not long after I saw the ringside. Each man claimed a victory, but considered Mahoney the better man. About feated. flercest rough and tumble battle of my life it was such a mixed up affair that there the same time the United States steam-

British Terror Tamed.

"In 1871 the United States steamship Plymouth was one of the European fleet. Aboard of her was Tom Huniborne, a fightof the fleet for several years. On the ran, who had no ring record, but who volunteered to tackle the aggressive Briton on French soil. They slashed away for thirteen rounds, when Colter was declared Trenton was in European waters when Big half century. 'But who'll hold the money the winner. Colter afterward married the Johnny Edwards and Dan Fab had a and referee the bout?" A number of teenth round, the battle lasting one hour widow of Dan Kerrigan, at one time mid-

"When the American fleet was at Key West in 1873 Billy Boyle of the United hotel there which was the hangout for all was overpowered. remember how Baldy Sours knocked out The Terror from New Orleans, who came 'At this time Big Ted Driscoll was over to Key West to wipe out all the tars

"On the United steamship Colorado in Roundhead 1874 were Tim Mahoney and Dave Casey.

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hour and ten minutes, Traynor winning in the navy and they fought like tigers Key West and Norfolk, but neither had a ceived his discharge, he handed the fight away in a couple of rounds, but Sharkey ship Swatara was out in New Zealand. A navy a freak fighter called Sallor Brown. burley Englishman ashore boasted that he He was a game fellow and could fight, could lick any man on the Yankee warship. too, but was very erratic. One night he As soon as Jack Flannigan heard of it he went aboard an English man-o'-war at asked to go ashere, where he met Thomp- Sydney, Australia, and offered to fight anyson, the Briton, and they fought for more body. They were going to throw Brown ing Englishman, who had been the terror than an hour on the turf until darkness overboard for his daring challenge, but stopped the mill. The next day they met finally one of the crew offered to box him same vessel was Billy Colter, alias Cock- again, and after battling for forty-three ten rounds for \$60, thinking the Yankee rounds the Yankee sailor was declared the was either half daffy or didn't have the

> "In 1877 the United States steamship rough, unfair go, for when Edwards was Britishers offered to be both referee and getting the better of it in the fifth round stakeholder, but Brown wouldn't have the Fab gang broke into the ring, and although Edwards tried to fight them all at

Ross Again to the Pore.

ford was in South America in 1879 Jimmy Rosa was abroad, and one of his pupils, Harry Esterbrook, challenged him to fight to a finish with hard gloves. They fought on shipboard in February and Esterbrook managed to stay through ten hard rounds. a pretty good showing for a novice. The Bowery boy, at that!" Hariford had another man on board looking for fistic honors named Mickey Welsh. He challenged Ross to fight for the middleweight championship of the navy and a belt. They met aboard the Hartford on March 39, 1879, before a big crowd of saliors from the other ships in port. Weish put up a game battle, but he was com-

elled to surrender in the nineteenth round. he was up in a jiffy and at it again like Two weeks later a fine boxing exhibion was given on the Hartford and the belt was presented to Ross. A large number of Englishmen were present and two days afterward Tom Evans of the British warehip Garnet, who claimed to be the champion of the queen's navy, challenged any man in the Yankee fleet, but none of the heavyweights on the Hartford stepped to the front. Jimmy Ross, though a middleweight, sent word, however, that he would meet John Bull's champion. When they faced each other at Mount David on May 6 Evans looked like a giant alongside of Ross. It was a swift, hard fight of seven rounds, when the Englishman went down with two broken ribs and other injuries, whereupon Ross was hailed as the champion of the American and English navies and held the belt for three years against all comers, when it became his

personal property. "The United States steamer Trenton had a new crew sent over in 1881. Among them were Mike Carroll and Jim McClellan, a brother of Prof. Billy McClellan, who was twice defeated by Prof. Mike Donovan. Carroll and McClellan agreed to fight on shore in France and the former won in eleven rounds, as McClellan sprained his

leg and could not do himself justice. Officers Stopped This Mill.

There was a great giove fight on board the United States Steamship Minnesota on Washington's birthday, 1881, between George Miller and Jimmy Ross, the champion. It was an exciting affair, for after lasting seven rounds in thirty-four minutes the officers of the ship were obliged to stop the mill to prevent a free-for-all scrap among the outsiders who had come to see the go from other vessels. Shortly after this match Miller met Walter Welsey of the United States Steamship New Hamp shire and knocked him out in six rounds. The winner received a challenge from Henry Leonard of the United States Steamship Constitution, but as Miller had re-

until there was a riot in progress at the decided advantage, although most of us over to Pat Logan, whom Leonard de- was a heavyweight, while Brown at that gerous business. It is regrettable that such

"Along about 1983 there loomed up in the

"'All right,' said Brown, producing his

"'Haven't you got an Irishman aboard? Lancaster was sent to Rio in 1870. Big Bill States steamship Dictator kept a sporting once, he could not get a square deal and I'll trust a good Mick any time!' roared Brown. Then half a dozen sons of Erin came forward and Brown selected one "While the United States steamship Hart- named Rafferty as stakeholder and another named Murphy as the referee. They were both stokers, big, husky fellows.

"'Now I know I'll get fair play,' said the Yankee, putting up his coin and stripping for action. 'All I want is a square deal, boys. I'm an American! A New York

Brown Made Good. "The officers and crew looked upon the whole affair as a joke, but when Brown shot out his left and brought the claret from the English tar's nose it looked different. They say it was a redhot mill. with both men soon covered with blood The Yankee went down several times, but

the Britisher went down and out. "I win. Give me the dough, Rafferty," cried the freak, jumping from the ring like an Indian. He got the money and left the English warship amid much confusion and amazement. Sallor Brown fought some long, hard battles in the navy, some of which he won, but he was always dead game and he had to be knocked out cold

a wildcat. Finally in the eighth round

Brown got home a wallop on the jaw and

before he'd quit. "Tom Sharkey, when a saller, put Brown

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time was only a welter. Sharkey was excesses exist, for it is of the utmost imone of the best big men the American portance that the young should be given navy ever produced. He knocked out Rough Thompson twice, Nick Burley in eight rounds, George Washington in twe and Bily Tate in four. Up to 1896 Sharkey claimed the championship of the navy and then obtained his discharge that year to become a professional pugilist. His first battle after leaving the navy was with Joe Choynski, whom he defeated in eight rounds. Then he mixed up roughly with Jim Corbett in a four-round bout, with no decision, at 'Frisco, and shortly afterward the harmful factor which wise teachers frehe won on a foul from Fitzsimmons in eight rounds under a questionable decision rendered by Wyatt Earp, a gun fighter letes. Without this outlet the children who went into the ring with two revolvers

stuck in his belt. "Sharkey gave Jeffries two great battles. one of twenty rounds and the other of twenty-five. Although the decisions went | tically in abeyance. While, therefore, the against Sharkey in both contests, he made

wonderful showing. Burke Succeeded Sharkey.

"Another noted pugillat produced by the

navy is Sailor Burke, formerly of the monitor Florida, who was recently mentioned as a possible opponent of Stanley Ketchel. Burke spent four and a half years in Uncle Sam's service, enlisting when he was 16 years old. During that time he gained much fame by defeating every tar he went up against. Just before Burke's discharge about two years ago he was selected to meet three of the best men in the navy at the Grand Opera house, Rockland, Me. They were Sallor Byrnes, welterweight champion of the Atlanta; A. J. Pauline middleweight champion of the Texas, and Ed Cunningham, heavyweight champion of the Texas. Burke says he weighed or 138 pounds at the time, yet he defeated these three fighting sailors all in one night with a rest of fifteen minutes between the bouts. It was a great night for Sailor

"American sailors are famous the world over for their fighting and they are the champions of the deep sea. Some of the young tars spin interesting yarns about trimming all comers in far away countries They love to fight with their gloved fists and glory in their triumphs."

MARATHON RACES BANEFUL Medical Authority Points Out Dangers and Urges Prompt Suppression.

The dangerous Marathon races should be suppressed, and the medical profession must do its share in making known the reasons why such strains may cause permanent damage. One of the ancient contestants died at the moment of victory, and the modern races have been signalized by many serious cases of heart strain or acute dilation pot fatal, particularly in undeveloped boys. It has been stated that youths will hereafter be excluded, but it is strain to which no human being should be aubjected. Indian runners make longer journeys, but it is generally at low pressure, and it is a matter of training from infancy; but even in them we cannot safely say it has proved harmless. Many a white boy now training for Marathon races is causing permanent injury to heart and arteries, which is sure to wreck him twenty or thirty years hence, when he loses his ability to "compensate." Let all parents be warned to forbid any athletic exercises which cause undue and prolonged heart

strain. The nervous exhaustion of athletes h another cause for condemnation of great efforts. The "stale" athlete is not the only one exhausted, and there is a beginning

apprehension that all "training" is danample opportunities for much activity Muscular fatigue is not to be dreaded; indeed, Dr. Rowland S. Freeman (American Journal of the Medical Society, November 1908) denies that it occurs in New York school children, though Dr. W. S. Christopher of Chicago has reported that it shows itself within an hour of the opening of the morning session and progressively increases until the noon recess, the afternoon showing similar conditions. The necquently relax to avoid a nervous fatigue different in no respect from that of ath seem to explode as soon as school is over and curiously enough this muscular exertion can be made even when mental fatigue is so great that attention is pracmodern movement for playgrounds and school sports must be supported as a necessity of urban life, we should sternly repress the all too common tendency to per

mit or even encourage children to "train"

for any great effort, for they will surely

be injured by the twin evils of strain and

nervous exhaustion. The family physician

here has a serious advisory duty.-Ameri-

can Medicine.

lawyer, and the lawyer had endured a patiently for an hour and a haif. Then unseen by the caller, he pushed a small knob at the end of his desk and a boll rang in the adjoining room.
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