## BIG FIGHT STAGED MONDAY SUNNY SOUTH IS NOT SUNNY Ban Johnson Agrees with Fultz It Will Be Hard Year for 'Bushers'

Johnson, Cinder Champ, Will Defend Menke Makes Trip to the Training Camps and Discovers Ball Play-Title Against Jess Willard, Hope of White Race. ers' Lot Not Easy One.

RINGSIDE GIVES HOPE CHANCE HOTELS BAD, COOKING WORSE

By RINGSIDE.

By FRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, April 8 .-- Monday, shortly Don't envy the ball player because he after midday, perhaps, we shall have the lingers in the south for a month or so answer. The answer will be to the much- each spring. It sounds like a picule for

mooted question: "Is Jack Johnson still him-but it isn't. the domineering force in the heavyweight "The "sunny south" in March is sunny enough, but the sun seems to lack heat, division?"

Jean Willard, 26 pounds of sinew and In that swing we recently made from rousele, has contrived to obtain the an- Texas across the Florida and then up to North Carolina, we found only one day swer from the big Senegambian himself. Willard has been allotted forty-five in which an overcoat wasn't a necessity. rounds to solve the problem; but it is The weather in the south during last whoily up to himself whether he shall re- March is the representative weather for quire the entire forty-live rounds to ob- March in the south. That's what the natain a favorable answer, or determine the tives told us. That being the case it matter in a shorter space of time and secus that the base ballers might boll out better in the north because in March with less drain on his vitality. there are more warmer days in the north-ern citics than we struck in the three All of which is a preamble to the ap-

ronded Incta: weeks in the "sunny south." Jack Johnson, colored, the incumbent

Only a few of the southern hotels are champion, is to meet Jean Willard, the fully equipped with steam heat and on white challenger, in a scheduled fortynights when the thermometer shoots five-round fight at the Oriental race down around 35 and 40 the occupants of track, Marlanom, about five miles from the nonhestable rooms feel the cold the heart of Havana, Cuba, tomorrow; keenly. Their rooms, except when under Johnson's championship of the universe blankets, are uninhabitable.

is at stake, and the men are to embark But that isn't all that the athletics on their spoch-making journey at 11 have to put up with. A change in cookclock in the morning. ery is another factor that makes their These are salient points in the case.

lot in the spring-time unenviable. Some The speculative is herewith advanced. of the southern hotels use a preparation

It is the humble opinion of the writer made from cotton seed oil for cooking, which doen't agree with the digestive apthat Willard has an excellent chance of paratus of the northerner. restoring the world's heavy weight championship to the Caucasian race, provided have excellent cooks. Some of the smaller Some of the larger hotels in the south

At one of the camps we visited we dis-

Cards? Yes, the players indulge-but

ones haven't. - Big Jess has a fighting heart as hig-or In the south the American plan preas amail-as a pebble. By this we wish valls. The chelce of foods, therefore, is to convey that If Willard possesses any king of a fighting heart at all he should somewhat limited-and not up to the northern standard. have, at least an even chance with the

Sunday Hard on Athletes. dusky champion. The training camp ball player deserves Willard has every natural advantage in genuine sympathy for their lot on Suniomorrow's big fight. He is taller, heavter, more powerful, better developed pro- day in the small southern towns. Everything-except the churches-is closed tightee than a drum. Even the "movie" portionately, than Johnson. Burly Jack will appear like a pigmy when he ranges shows do not operate and the players alongside Willard tomorrow. is hard put to amuse himself on the first.

One most important essintial in Johnday of the week. son's favor is his experience. He has a master fighting brain; is keen to improve his opportunities, and besides he is arrogantly confident-on the surface.

Also, a psychological aspect into the controversy. While outwardly Johnson are extremely religious, but more because eral belief that in his heart there larks dreary monotony of chatting among an ingrown apprehension that he may themselves on the street corner or doing lose his title, and all the emplument at the same thing around the open grate cruing therefrom, and thus the source of fire in the hotel lobbies. his easy mode of living will be suddenly and effectively out off. This is believed not as often as in other years. One or to weigh on Johnson's mind more than all two games a week-that's about all they care for. Even card playing palls.

1.4 Johnson is Brazging. "Willard will be sent the way gone by the Sunday blue laws are not so rigidly Johnson is Bragging. all the other 'white hopes' that have met enforced. But these camps are few. me. I will knock Jess out inside of twen- In the south they've become almost as

But such braggadache can scarcely mis- of the Sabbath as they are in New Englead any one who has seen the ridge of land. mperfluous beef around Johnson's walst Some of the camps are located near

"I can hit harder, and am more clever than Willard, and he'll be a plaything is my hands when I get warmed up," Is the sist of Johnson's next statement. But svon this fails to ring true to any

DAVE BAN FULTZ

JOHNSON!

CHICAGO, April 2.-Ban Johnson, pres- 1 Johnson. "Fults is right about a lot of | can afford to pay them?" he asks. "Not ident of the American league, agrees with players finding it hard to make a living the minors; they are strapped: the majors have from 250 to 300 more men than they Dave L. Fultz of the Base Ball Players' at the game, but it must be remembered Fraternity, that this will be a hard the men themselves are partly responsicovered that some of the ball players were going to church three times on season for "bushers," players in minor ble for the ills that have befallen them."

Sunday. Startling, isn't it. The players leagues." went to church so often not because they matters in the base ball war.

Johnson favors abandonment of the

Fultz suggested that an arbitration spring training camps, and believes the owners could not pay last year the

chances are they won't be able to pay "There will be hundreds of ball players of the parks for at least a year if the

need; the National commission has claims for back salaries from hundreds of minor league players who were unable to col lect from different clubs last year, If the

this year. I advocate the closing of many

NEW YORK, April 3.-Those champions

Frank S. O'Nell of the New York State should I fear McGoorty in a long bout?

The Hypodermic Needle By SHOTA COKE. HAVANA, Cuba, April L-(Special Cor-

They pay 40 cents to see Willard train at Havana. And yet we thought chumps dence to the Needle.)-The stage is who kicked in to see wrestling matches were the biggest fools. all set for the terrific battle scheduled

for Havana for April 5. Said stage has been braced with extra beams so that Roger Coker, in a fit of carelessness last week, took on Clyde Cechran one it will not break through when Jack evening. "The only meason I lost five Johnson, who is not an ounce overweight, games," said Coker, "is we only rolled steps upon it. Tom Jones is making himself very popular with the newspaper that many."

boys. He is buying round after round of drinks and never fails to be host at all We beseech you, Mr. Willard, three meals each day. Johnson has an-nounced he will not accept the \$30,000 If the fight you wish to win, When Johnson starts a short-arm fab, Don't block it with your chin. do not want to see the promoters lose

money," sald Jack. Jack Curley refuses Providing Willard wins the fight, when to make any statements. "Please do not use my name," said Curley, "I want no will he give Jonnson another character, publicity. I have nothing to say. "The sake a subscriber. About the same day we inherit \$18,699,000. gate receipts are expected to be \$425,000

> Willard deciares he will wait until the twentieth round before taking the aggresaive, providing he is not knocked out be." fore. Probably Willard intends either to lose or win the fight.

THE SONG OF THE ROOKIE. Twinkle, twinkle, little star, You who knocked the hits so far, But who since the boss did jar, How I wonder where you are.

Havana is wildy enthusiastic over the The to friends unable to produre dope: fight. Great crowds gather to see John-Read the training stuff from Ravana. son and Willard work. The crowd watching Willard today was severely hurt when

Stiehm has started spring foot ball he tripped over a punching bag laying practice at Lincoln. Pretty soon we will on the floor. It is said that the newse hear that he fears Kahsas, Notre Damo paper men here are disgusted and will and Amor. send no more press dispatches longer

than twenty words. Also the flock of B. H. Serkowich, who says he has a fighters here have decided not to send pull with the police and knows, declares out any expert articles written by newsan investigation has been started as to paper men under their names. "That is why our Needle still continues to shoot 'em out. Why, because we have a pull with the government. If you will glance at the top line you

will see the above dispatch is dated April Rubaiyat of April 23. Somehow we have an awful hunch, That opening day will bring A day of cruel winter; And not of gentle spring; That rain will drop from all the clouds, Or else the snow will falf. It always happens just that way On the opening day of ball, Jack Johnson is said to have wreatled a bull while training last week. We didn't suppose Curley would be lending his pet

"I am placed in a pecullar position

since 1 am handling my own business, said Mike, "and I am forced to make statements that cannot sound anything else but egotistical. However, having dispensed with a manager, whose duty it is to shout the praises of the fighting mem-ONLY CHAMPS LIKE TANGOES ber of the party, I am forced to blow my

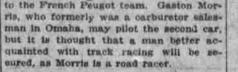
own trumpet. "In the first place I want to know NEW YORK, April 3.-Those champions whoever said I uttered a statement pro-of the fistic realm who are gathering to be afraid of McGoorty? I have golden eggs by the bushel with no par- defeated both McGoorty and Clabby over ticular regard for the poor old goose are the ten-round route, and although it may to get an awful joit ere long. All the great boxing commissions and organizations of the world are to combine in an effort to what's more, I intend to beat them both fag end of the 1814 season and budding compel every world's champion boxer to over the Marathon canter just to convince lawyer of Marshall, Minn., has concluded defend his title in a decision bout at least them and the world in general that I

Athletic commission is the man who is And furthermore, if I did entertain any rathering the idea. He said fear, why should I make a chump out "We who have the interests of the of myself and solicit the publication of

he was too dull to comprehend just why Unquestionably the game is being run in another short bout. If either man is the Minnesota youth should have release into the ground by several champions ready to fight me over the twenty-round papers merely for the asking., so he whose only aim seems to be to collect route, and a club offers a financial inplaced the spurned contract on file, and personally all the money in the world ducement worth the time, I will talk

The Deusenberg company of Minneapo tions. Two new Deusenbergs are now be-

ton, England, has written the manage- with the two now in operation, will make pastime with the Tigers this year. Earl



The Sunbeam Motor company of Lon- ing built for the Indianapolis race which, ment of the Omaha Speedway for entry blanks to the first 200-mile race to be these will probably come to Omaha. It held on the local track, July 5. Two Sun- 1; thought Eddle O'Donnell and Tom

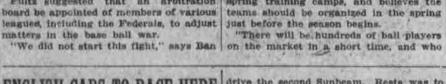
## DEUSENBERG ALSO TO ENTER He has also asked for entrance applica-

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ENGLISH CARS TO RACE HERE drive the second Sunbeam. Resta was to have done so, but switched his allegiance to the French Peugot team. Gaston Mor-Sunbeam Company of London Writes

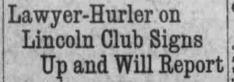
Omaha Speedway for Applications to July 5 Event.

some lakes that teem with fish.



"We did not start this fight," says Ban on the market in a short time, and who war keeps up.

# Lincoln Club Signs



Earl Morse, Lincoln pitcher during the fag end of the 1914 season and budding

that he would be delighted to pursue the once a month. had a hunch a few months ago that he would quit the sport, so he wrote a letter

AND CAVES IN HIS FACE

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to Hugh Jones demanding his release and returning the contract tendered by the Lincoln magnate. Boss Jones admitted keep up the interest in the manly art.

Boxing Commissions and Promoters Tiring of Efforts to Gather Golden Egg Without Labor.

### animal to Jack like that. GREEDY PUG TO BE JOLTED that must establish him a champion with-

fooling the public, say the fighters.

gurantee unless the gate justifies it.

and everybody will make money. Tom

Jones announced today that if Willard

wins the fight he will not make a trip

of the theaters in the United States, but

will meet all comers as fast as they ap-

pear. "We have no desire to make money

by merely showing Jess at the theaters."

said Jones, "Jess will fight all and de-

fend his title against everybody in the

world. And he will engage in no ten-

nothing less than forty-five rounds

round no-decision bouts, but will fight

of ultimate victory will be greatly en-banced. Jack has gone so far as to take precautionary measures to insure his fu-ture in case, of defeat, as he has threat-ened to name bala to it the wory nicest weather of aned to open a hotal in Havana shortly. the year. The meroly wishes to know in advances whather the halives would look upon the moposition favorably. Shrewd boy, that Trainer Tuthill

Guards Title Carefully. Another matter that tended to show fohnson's upset frame of mind was indicated by the deliberation with which be chose the referee. A score of names of prominent arbiters were offered by the Willard backers, but Johnson refused to

It now appears certain that nothing will crop up at the sleventh hour to prevent the match. For a while after Hathe battle, it seemed as if it would never the permitted to be held. A faction of rival promoters endeavored to intimidate Inck Curley, Dick Elegin, ot al.) into the belief that they would resort to any artifice in order to slop the bout taking place. But President Menocal has peronally approved of the match, and the supposedly Chamber of Commerce can to nothing to hinder the bout, as that nody is practically a dead issue on the foland.

It was also declared by a prominent teeling, and possibly start uprising, but it is now learned that this statument was made with the intention to create inter-set in the bout

So Johnson and Willard will get to filmes had to pitch strotches at a time. champion may be crowned. Anyway, it hitter it would do no harm to have him

## To Hold Townsend Memorial Shoot at

A memorial shoot in lioner of the late I tell you they are too much pampered. lifty Townsend will be hold at the Omalia. Gun club, July 4 A trophy has been do-nated by the Townsend Gun company and the shoet will be held each year on the holiday date.

Billy Townsend's name will be entered in the list of shooters and a vacant per is the list of shooters and a vacant per leftere the trape as the squade line up will mark the place Townsend so often will be entirely a club affair and will be the annual commendation by the club of the fine on him, uid as soon as he situated the fine on him, uid as soon as he situated in shoots of trap shooting in source to fine on him, uid as soon as he situated the fine on him, uid as soon as he situated the fine on him, uid as soon as he source to fine on him, uid as soon as he source the source he fine on him, uid as soon as he source to fine on him, meing the sport of trap monthing in

### Lannin Dans Mitt.

inding golf stremanns enough at Lanala of the Red Son has his man in base ball practice a

and seriously: otherwise he would not the warm sunshine in a balmy climate." Rests, will pliot one of the Sunbeam mahave trained so assiduously since being That sounds good. But that listen's like chines. Chassagne is regarded as one of That sounds good. But that listen's like the sale of southland's press scent. We the talk of southland's press scent. We the most spectacular drivers in the world. The tear of possible defeat is upon Johnson, and if he enters the ring in a perturbed state of mind. Willard's obance And me're most awfully sind that an Plorida. And me're most awfully sind that me the tear of possible defeat is upon Johnson, and if he enters the ring in a perturbed state of mind. Willard's obance And me're most awfully sind that me tear and plorida. perturbed state of mind, Willard's obance And we're most awfully glad that we here assures that at least one may will ville. The nigger boy, however, as soon vide for a salary reduction, in conform-

Larry McLean, Rube Marquard and Chief Meyers

Ty Cobb was with the Tigers two days awaited results. The latter came today without giving the man who shoves his Ty Cobb was with the Tigers two days when he did something sensational. In an exhibition game at Mobile he hit a ball The ball

business, and the sooner the better. If I am going to go along claiming the world's championship title I might as well clean

up the class thoroughly, and if Jack Dilion can make sis pounds I will be happy to take him on. My brother Tommy can beat the average run of these middleweight aspirants and he has shown his quality by knocking out Buch Crouse and beating Hilly Murray. If Lichtenstein of Walsh wants to talk business they and he will back me up in my efforts to will find me a willing listener."

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worthy of a champion. Rousseau is on the editorial staff of "Le Temps" and he will swing that paper in line when it comes to putting our efforts into effect. Victor Bryer is with us too.

club of London will lend his aid also. He is England's first man in boxing. I have been in touch with him and he agrees that a man should risk his title in decision bouts. Mr. Baker of Australia has promised to join us in a world's governing body. The state commissioners of Wisconsin and Montana are strongly in favor of our plan and will join us in an endeavor to make boxing what it should be. There isn't a big promoter or a club in the land that won't welcome this plan. "We are not alming at any particular champion, but we all feel that the getrich-quick campaigns being conducted by some of our present day titleholdors tend to ruin the game because of the very element of commercialism that surrounds these campaigns. The least we can do for the sake of boxing is to try to do away with this golden no-decision idea with which all our champions seem to be obsensed."

O'Neil's plan to force champions to box decision bouts periodically he almost jumped out of his shoes with joy. "That sounds almost too good to be

force that fellow Welsh to step out and sive me a chance to prove that they robbed me of my title? It should be done. What does he care about the public? Not a tinker's rap tap, I tell you. He's money mad, barnstorming and doing everything

must be considered. When you drive him into seclusion with these everiasting. nothing-doing, bloodiess, stupd, no-decision bouts you kill the sport absolutely. I fought Joe Rivers, the toughest man they could find for me, in my first bout after winning the shampionship. We were on the floor half the time. It was anybody's championship. That's what they want, that's what stimulates boxing and it's the only thing that will go to save a great American Institution."

### Phantom Gibbons Offers to Take On All Long Route

**Declares** Pitcher Should Hustle More

prominent arbiters were offered by the Willard backers, but Johnson refused to consider any name on the list fraining that he was to be "jobbed" out of his life. His tite means his life to Johnson, and he has guarded it carefully. pitchers have too much of a "anap" job nowadays. He says they would do much batter work if they were forced to pitch twice a week and play three other days in the outfield, like the pitchers used to do in the old days.

Tuthill points back to the numerous ex-amples of ancient flingers who used to consider themselves neglected unless they pitched three times a week and played in the outfield on other days. The trainer remarks that pitchers are the most lucurious class of men in the world; with only one day's work a week and on the other six days nothing but a life of case. "Modern pitchers are are entirely to much pampered," says Tuthill, "and ranch owner that the battle between n black and a white would ongender ratial feeling, and possibly start uprising, but times had to plich every day at long

while man has had to win back the as a rule. Bomotimes an outfielder will go through a whole game without having to touch the ball with his hands. Pitchers of today have a bad habit of thinking that there is something the matter with them. It is all Imagination. Some of Gun Club on July 4 them stan informat acties and pains. Whenever they are called on to pitch there is something the matter with them

## But Gives it Back

showed me he was trying to act all right, he got his monry back again. "Vincent Campbell, who started with he Feds last season, was for loaling on the bases. I fined him \$6. That season he stole minety-seven bases, when the best he ever had done previously was seven-teem. Of course I remitted the fine. in New York. James Henry Smith, a recruit, has been when the Bube, Marguard, does not strong working behind the bat real often of late, and John McGraw amiles serenely and

"Eugene Corri of the National Sporting

When Willie Ritchie was told of Mr.

true." he said. "Do you think they can he can to ruin the game.

"It's the man with the little \$5 bill who

NEW YORK, April 8.-If M # Gibbons doesn't get back soon and do some of als very fine fighting around these parts

