

WILLARD DEFENDS HIS TITLE TONIGHT

Champion Meets Frank Moran at Madison Square Garden in Hundred Thousand-Dollar Bout.

PRACTICALLY ALL SEATS SOLD

NEW YORK, March 24 .- Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, will defend his title against Frank Moran here tomorrow night in a ten-round bout in which the financial side of the contest interest aroused in the probable outcome. Premoted by Tex Reckard, famous for his staging of the Johnson-Jeffries and never been equaled or approached in a bout limited to ten rounds,

Although Rickard started by bidding forced to raise the total to \$71,250 in order to secure the contest, outbidding several other promoters during negotiations, which continued for some days. Of this sum he has guaranteed Willard \$47,500 and Moran half of that amount. When this purse was finally agreed upon, Rickard's disappointed rivals declared that sum was ridiculously out of proportion to the value of the match and predicted that he would lose a barrel of

The former Texas cowboy went about staging the contest in the same manner that he did the Johnson-Jeffries match at Reno, Nev., on July 4, 1910, with the eault that gate receipts of about \$140,000 are assured, and if Madison Square ga:those who desire to witness the battle amount. With the price of seats ranging from \$3 to \$25, according to location, the nd proved enormous from the open of the boxoffice several weeks ago.

Good Seats Expansied. The supply or box and ringside sears there were no \$10 or \$15 seats for sale "xcept by speculators. Even the \$3 and to reservations, which were held until the last few days, were quickly sold out and tonight speculators who have secured scattered seats about the arena are reaping a harvest. So great has been the demand that some days ago Rickard was forced to pay \$600 to a speculator for a box for friends, the original cost of which was \$150. Pully 50 per cent of the sale has been to out-of-town box ing enthusiasts and large delegations are arriving in this city tonight from Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Pitsburgh and other points even further south and west.

Local interest in the bout is, however, extremely keen, as both Willard and Moran have been training here for several weeks and it is expected that there will be thousands of fight fans in and await the outcome of the battle. The police authorities have made special arrangements to handle the throng that will gather inside and outside the Garden, large forces of reserves being or-dered on duty for the occasion.

Odds On the Champ ? The greatest diversion of opinion pre-vails regarding the outcome of the bout. Willard is a 5 to I favorite, with very few large wagers in sight, although in numerable small bets have been made between friends at odds which range from 2 to 1 to 5 to 1, with Willard the favorite in all cases. These odds are not based so much upon the records of the two principals as on the champion's great physical advantages over Moran. Willard will outweigh his opponent close to fifty pounds and will tower five inches above Moran when they meet in the ring. In reach he will have an advantage of about six inches.

Close followers of the two pugilists do not expect to see a clever boxing exhibition, since both men are more noted for their hitting ability than skill in the science of leading and blocking. While Moran is expected to be the more aggressive of the two, it is thought Willard's great reach and height will make it difficult for the Pittsburgher to land a blow that might lead to a knockout. Willard on the other hand, has never shown a disposition to force the fighting in the early rounds of his contests or to use his great strength with viciousness unless badly stung by his opponent's blows.

During his preparatory work. Moran has been practicing with his left hand and has announced with a degree of confidence that he will surprise many who think that he is only a right-handed Willard's great advantage in reach will be a considerable handicap for Moran to offset, and, according to men during their course of training, the champion ought to do a lot of damage with his long left jabs and his wonder-

blew that the Kansan has developed. Doubt has been expressed in some quarters as to whether Willard is actually risking his beavyweight championship the bout with Moran, owing to the facthat the New York state boxing law limits all bouts to ten rounds and barn ision by the referes. Theoretically, at least, it is considered that the title is at stake, and the best informed ring exparts agree that it is possible for Moran to win the title during the battle in sev-

A clean knockout of Willard by Moran he naked.

Botn Willard and Moran Admit They Will Be Victors Tonight

of the principals, promoters and referee title from him last year in Cuba. of the big fight are as follows:

Willard: "I have not figured out any particular line of battle, for I have never seen Moran in action and cannot tell March and in July won by the same route just what he will do. It may take me several rounds to size him up, but once English metropolis. A knockout of Jim I know what he has got! shall be in a Coffey here last October in the third position to go ahead and box for his round surely proved that I was coming weakest point. I haven't the slightest right along. My last bout with Coffey. idea whether it will be a fast or a slow equals, if it does not overshadow, the bout. Much depends upon what Moran does. If me he meets me half way, the bout ought to satisfy every spectator in the garden, for it will be fast and full of Gans-Nelson battles, close to \$160,000 is action from start to finish. If he will involved, establishing a record which has stand up and box blew for blow, I will win decisively.

"I am perfectly satisfied with my condition and can go the full ten rounds at \$40,000 for the match he was finally top speed if necessary. I am just as fine acts in the ring. I never saw Willard as I was in Havana and feel more like can box just as well in a small or large ring. All last summer I boxed three rounds twice a day in a twelve-foot ring, the tour lasting 150 days without a break. catch Moran in case starts backing

Moran: "I have no misgivings as to the outcome of my bout with Willard. I am positive that I will win declaively

would cause the championship to passe as would the disqualifying of Willard blow administered during the contest. If the referee should stop the bout because he was of the opinion that Willard was unable to continue, Moran would be automatically declared the winner and thus become the title holder. Should both boxers be on their feet at the end of the ten rounds no official decision can be rendered and the winner on points then becomes a matter of opinion among those about the ringside.

It is owing to these possibilities that Charley White, the veteran referee and arbiter of many championship bouts, has been selected to act as third man in the of officiating in all parts of the country when championship fights in all classes about Madison Square tomorrow night to were of common occurrence. He has acted in this capacity at many of the the most expert judges of boxing in the game today

How Financial End of Big Mix Compares

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y	Principals. Pugilists' Purse.	Gate
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	**Willard-Moran 7L300	140,000
	Johnson-Burns 35,000	97,000
	**Gans-Nelson 33,500	69.713
	Willard-Johnson 25,000	68,000
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	Papke-Ketchel 17,000	22,40
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Michigan Star Will

Pitcher Charles Ferguson of the Philalphia Americans will not join the Athis Ferguson's home town. Ferguson, next to Sisler, who is with the St. Louis Amerthose who have carefully watched both icans, was considered the star of the good lie proved he had the making of igan for two seasons. President Navin of the Detroit Americans tried to obtain fully cleves right uppercut, the greatest him last year, but Philadelphia had a previous claim.

GETS FIFTY BUCKS FROM CUBS FOR BUMP ON HEAD

For an injury to his head, suffered last mmer, when a piece of steel fell from the score board at the Cubs' park in Chicago, Sol Harris will receive \$50. He sued the Chicago National league club for \$1,000, but the jury trimmed the amount

NEW YORK, March 34.- The statements, better shape than when Willard took his

"Willard has not fought any battle face he won the championship last April but I have. I knocked out Bombadies Wells in London in ten rounds last from George Sims in six rounds in the nearly three months ago, went nine rounds before I got him again. My hands were not in good shape on that occept size, than Willard, and the public will be satisfied with that fact when the bout is over.

fight Willard. It all depends on how he will attend. boxing, as the heavy, damp air in Cuba I don't know how fast his mind works, took some of the snap out of me there. but I do know that I can think fast and it. I am told that it will measure about opening and take udvantage of it as eighteen feet inside the ropes, which is quickly as any man in the heavyweight plenty big enough for me. I am not go- class today. I feel that I possess all the to do any backward running and qualities that are necessary to win a championahip. Wait and eee,"

Charley White, referee: "I do not expect any trouble in refereeing the bout, because I am sure that both Willard and in two strides, so I guess that I can going to put up a clean, hard bout, in accordance with common sense rules of the game. They are both fair, sportsmanlike fighters and will practically referee the tinue for any reason. bout themselves,"

Here is Real Story of Way Great Washington Pitcher Broke Into the American League.

DISCOVERED BY A MERE FAN

The real story of how the Washington club obtained Walter Johnson, recognized as the greatest pitcher in the game today, has never really been told. Cliff Watser, Idaho, after watching him pitch. ring. White's record covers many years Cantillon had a friend who tipped him betting on the various angles of the bout league meeting in New York President Ben Minor related the true facts of the coming of Walter Johnson to the Washmost prominent contests in which titles ington club in 1907. Mr. Minor had a passed, and is conceded to be one of friend who was interested in mines in the west. He is a native Washingtonian, but was living in New York. His name is John McCoy. He made frequent trips to Idaho, where he had interests and one day saw Walter Johnson pitching for that team. He was impressed with the youngster and stopping off at Washto Other Big Bouts Mr. Minor and told him of Johnson. Men ington en route east he dropped in to see in base ball always get a lot of tips on phenoms, and Mr. Minor of the Washington club did not give Walter Johnson serlous thought at the time. In a month or ton and brought clippings showing that Johnson had struck out twenty-two men at Weiser. This, of course interested Minor, who took the clippings and handed them to Joe Cantillon, then manager of the team. Joe, naturally, was amused at the record, and he figured that some time he would take it up with some one and have the boy looked over. There the matter stood for several weeks, when had not and then he said: "Look here, Ben, John I. Taylor of the Boston club is a pretty good friend of mine and unless him to send out for him." There and then Minor got into communication with Cantillon. Blankenship had hurt his finger Not Sign with Mack that he be sent to Weiser and bring Johnson to Washington, where he could be looked over. Within about ten days Blankenship returned with Johnson. To show that Johnson was a wise business practice law at Wayne, W. Va. Wayne man, even at that time, he insisted on being guaranteed transportation back to his home in California if he did not make

> decided to keep him, and he carried his Darney with Rochester. Al Darney, who had a trial with the Firates last spring, has been signed by Manager Tommy Leach for his Rochceter

> season was over he called attention to

the event he had failed is surely should

be willing to do so seeing that it had

the transportation, making the point

Harris to Manager. Owen Harris has been named manager of the Piedmon' team in the new Poto-

MONEY INVOLVED

Fact that Heavyweight Title is at Stake is Forced Into the Background.

GREAT FINANCIAL PROJECT

NEW YORK, March 24.-Surrounded by the most representative assemblage that ever witnessed a puglistic encounter in this country, Jess Willard and Frank Moran will meet here tomorrow night in a ten-round encounter of extraordinary possibilities.

casion, but they are all right now. I of the world, now held by Willard, is While the heavyweight champtonship claim that I am better in every way, ex- virtually at stake, this feature of the contest is forced into the background to some txtent by the large amount of money invilved in the purse and gate re-"I have not planned how I am going to ceipts and the types of spectators, who

According to the predictions of the in action except in moving pictures and Moran contingent, there is more than an even chance that the heavyweight title will change hands before the tenth There has been talk about the size of act swiftly. I can either force the pace round is completed, but the promoters the ring, but I have never inquired about or wait. I am positive that I can see an of the bout have not billed it as a battie for the championship and Willard simply smiles when the possibility of his losing the title is mentioned within his hearings.

Cannot Give Decision.

Under the New York state boxing law no decision can be rendered by Referee Charley White, and the only way that Moran could win the title would be by I can step across an eighteen-foot ring Moran know the rules thoroughly and are knocking out his opponent, winning on a foul committed by Willard, or to have the contest stopped by the referee because the champion was unable to con-

Tex Ricard, promoter: "I've done my any one of these contingencies arising is and carry the world's heavyweight title share and it's up to the big fellow now. considered to be remote, but among the out of the ring with nie. At no previous Personally, I believe that both Willard admirers of Moran it is accepted as a stage of my life have I been in such fine physical condition nor have I ever felt more confident of defeating an opponent. Willard is a bigger man than I am physical will be specially a been a big undertaking will and I want the climax to be in keeping."

Admirers of Moran it is accepted as a foregone conclusion that the Pittsburgh heavyweight will put the conquerer of Johnson for the full count. While constitution is a bigger man than I am physical condition nor have I ever felt money. It has been a big undertaking Johnson for the full count. While confidence fairly radiates in the Moran ically, but in no other way has he any advantage. When I met Johnson in Paris in 1914 the then champion was in much in the climax to be in keeping. In the Moran among his close followers, it is all the day in absolute quiet and an nounced he would not leave his head at riple chalked up against the name of the big boy from the Pacific coast. Kelly has the build for a long distance trust company, it is said. favorite immediately after the singing of the fight articles, but these odds have HOW JOHNSON WAS FOUND shortened to some extent during the last

No Official Quotation.

There are no official quotations or odds on the outcome of the bout and nothing that resembles wagering by professional betters. Undoubtedly hundreds of private wagers have been made at various adds but as these are not on record, it is diffloult to fix on anything like official quotations. In the bets made on Willard to win a consensus verdict among the experts at the ringside, the champion at present rules a favorite at about the Colts, is practically certain the en-Biankenship discovered him out at 2 to 1. Wagering is 3 to 1 that Willard will not knockeut Moran and 5 to 1 that Another story was to the effect that Joe Moran cannot stop Willard. In fact, the off, but during the recent American sinks into insignificance when compared

With gate receipts of close to \$150,000 to \$10,000 of moving picture money to be event. divided between the pugs and promoters, wagers of \$5 and \$10 look like copper cents scattered in a treasury reserve vault.

Forced to Raise Bid. So far as Willard is concerned, the bout from the very beginning has been a fi- of the Jetter team could not get tonancial project in which the risking of his title was only a mere incident to be will afford plenty of comparison, how-Tex Rickard, the promoter of the bout, was forced to raise his bid several times tefore he secured Willard's signature at so McCoy again stopped off in Washing- \$47,500. Moran was originally signed to box for Rickard at \$15,000. The latter voluntarily raised Moran's share every time the Willard price was boosted a notch, with the result that Moran's share of the purse is just half of what Willard received. Moran repeatedly stated he expected to make his big money after he had won from Willard, while the latter with everything to lose and nothing to McCoy again dropped in on Minor and sain in the ring, took care that he was asked if anything had been done about paid handsomely for any risks that he getting Johnson. He was told that there gain in the ring, took care that he was

This great initial cost and the large inidenti expenses have brought the total you get this kid right away I will tell up to nearly \$100,000, or about \$10,000 a round if the fight goes the full distance Confronted with these figures Rickard realized that he would have to charge igh prices, yet the sale of some 11,000 lickets at figures ranging from \$25 down as many could have been sold and speculators were today receiving double the

Those List Includes.

Among there who purchased their boxes pitching corps of the University of Mich- a great pitcher even then and when the and obtained choice positions are boxing championship in golf, has been anenthusiasis prominent in professional business, social and theatrical life that if the club was willing to pay it in throughout the country. The list includes fore State Supreme Court Justice Morgan O'Brien, State Supreme court Justice Keogh, Styvesant Fish, jr., John Phillip Sousa, Colgate Hoyt, Theodore Shontz, David Relasco, Anthony J. Drexel, Jr.: Mayor Curley, Boston: M. Weeghman, owner of the Chicago Cubs; William Ziegler, August Belmont and William A. Brady.

Women of social prominence also wil be among the box-sext speciators. Perfect physical concition and supreme confidence in their ability to win the are to be held.

popular verdict on points or by knockout were the high lights today in the training camps of the two puglists. Neither FEATURES BATTLE did any serious work and both reiterated tonight they were in absolutely the pink of condition and ready to so ten rounds of condition and ready to go ten rounds at top speed if necessary. Willard announced that he expected to weigh just about 220 pounds when he entered the ring, and Moran estimated his weight at about 203 pounds. Willard will have the advantage in weight, height and reach over Moran, but this does not dismay the latter, who takes great pleasure in citing the cases of scores of large boxers knocked out by their smaller opponents.

> Many See Moran Victor. While a great number of the followers of leading puglistic contests, including good judges of the game from experience inside and outside the ring, believe that Willard will defeat Moran, the Pittsburgh man has a host of friends who are equally positive that he will be the vic-

Among the most preminent of those who have declared in favor of Willard are: James J. Corbett, James J. Jeffries, Bob Fitzsimmons, Kid McCoy, "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien, Joe Choynski, Terry McGovern, Jack Cooper, Jack Gleason, Martin Julian, George Considine, Billy Newman and Jack Skelly.

Jack Johnson, the ex-champion, who met both men, believes that Moran is the better man and that the result of Saturday night's contest will prove it. Johnson's belief in Moran is shared in by John L. Sullivan, Jim Coffey, Tom Sharkey, Jack McAuliffe, James W. Coffroth, Dal Hawkins, Jimmy Johnstone Bill Gibson, Dan Hickey and Benny Leo-

Announcement was made by the pro moters of the fight that they had turned over to a private stakeholder the unpaid balance of \$60,000 due the principals. The money probably will be paid to the men before they enter the ring. The total purse was \$71,250, but Willard received Kelly, the Giant infield recruit. Every \$7,500 for signing the articles and Moran,

motion picture camera today, but Moran quite often of late. Count that day los spent the day in absolute quiet and an-

South Side Teams Will Enter State **Bowling Tourney**

and the Jetter's Old Age teams from the South Side will enter the state championship meet at Lincoln next week, The Jetters have already made arrangements to enter and Hurb Garlow, manager of tering his five at the same time.

Bowling in class A Magic City teams ably be postponed until two or three weeks because the Stock Yards leagues with the many other financial features of do not finish before that time. It is possible that a handicap tournament can be arranged before this late date and arsaured and a purse of \$71,250, in addition rangements are being made for such an

The special match between the Garlow's Colts and the Jetter's Old Age teams will not be held, according to announcement of Garlow last evening. A meet schedule for three weeks back had to be cancelled because members

Rickert New Business Manager of Toledo

TOLEDO, O., March 2/.-Lloyd Rickert secretary of the St. Louis Americans for evelen years and president of the St Louis Federals for two years, has accepted the business managership of the Toledo American association team, according to word today from the training camp at Dawson Springs, Ky. Ed Sweeney, a catcher, with the New York Americans for a number of years, has been signed by Bresnahan.

MUNICIPAL GOLF AND TENNIS ASSOCIATIONS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 24.-The National Municipal Golf association and the to 33 did not prove dificult. Fully twice National Municipal Tennis association are to be organized at a three-day meeting, which will open here today. De'e face value of such tickets as they had gates from many cities attended confer

> A \$1,000 golf trophy, to be awarded an nually to the winner of an inter-city

The trophy must be displayed in public in the city in which it is won for six months after the contest, and it shall b known permanently as the St. Louis Municipal Golf trophy. A similar trophy for inter-city tenni-

contests will be donated annually by the United States Lawn Tennis association. The two associations will foster fresolf and tennis for the people of large c ties. It is planned to organize the country into sections, and after the sectional golf and tennis championships have been decided, state champlenship tournaments



GEORGE KELLY,

MARLIN, Tx., March 24.-Benny Kauff, will have to go some to equal the long distance hitting being done by George time the lankly fecruit connects with the ball it is bound to go a long way, and whose cetting sun doesn't find at least long arms which enables him to reach a ball far on the outside of the plate; as he holds the bat away down on the

STORZ BOWLERS SHOOT **GRAND TOTAL OF 2,589**

handle, he brings it up with a long swish

TOLEDO, O., March 23.-(Special Telegram.)-The Storz team of Omaha shot 2,589 on the second squad at the Ameri- the main bout about an hour later, can Bowling congress tonight. Fourteen teams on this squad were from South Bend Ind. Cochran, anchor man on the Storz team, hit for an even double cenwill close next week. A South Side tury in the first game and aided his team tournament will be held, but will probfirst game. Score:

Totals 507 811 Indiana Victors NEW ORLEANS, March 24.-Timely

hitting today enabled the Cleveland Americans to defeat the New Orleans Southern association team, 4 to 2.

AN OLD BIKE RIDER

Minneapolis Grappler Who Meets Joe Stecher Was Bioycle Rider and Souller in Sweden.

STRONG IN HANDS AND ARMS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March M.-Besides being a wonderful wrestler, Henry Ordeman, the famous Minneapelis heavyweight grappler, who meets Jee Stecher at Lincoln, Neb., on the night of March 31, is a remarkable all-round athlote. Ordeman stands six feet, weighs \$16

pounds, and is a spendid specimen of physical manhood. He was bern at Bergen, Norway, thirty-one years age, While a young man, he gained a wide reputation all through Norway as a bicycle rider, wreatler and souller, He has wen many medals for bike racing and rewins. Henry is especially proud of one beautiful gold medal which was presented to him by Mrs. Ole Bull, widow of famous Norwegian violinist, after he had won a rowing race at Bergen,

By working as a blacksmith and row ing, Ordeman has developed wenderful strength in his arms, hands and back, strength in his arms, hands and back, Cycling gave Ordeman splendid leg muscles, Wrestlerg who have tackled Ordeman claimed he is strenger in his hands and arms than Champion Gotch, Stanislaus Ebysske and Tussiff Mah-

Ordeman came to this country at the age of 18 and has resided in Minneapolis ever since, Since breaking into the wrestling game seven years age, he has stowed away a comfortable fertune. Most of his money is invested in Minneapolis real estate. Henry is very popular in the Mill City because of the fact that he is such a clean cut fellow, He does not drink nor dissipate in any manner, is happily married and the father of three pretty little girls,

Fight Will Start About 8:03 Omaha

Time This Evening NEW YORK, March 24.-Unless the plans of the State Boxing commission go astray Willard and Moran will enter the like that of a golfer making a drive off ring tomorrow night at 9:30.

The plan of the commission is to start the opening preliminary at 6:30, Three fourround and one six-round bouts will be staged before the championship event, This plan will bring Jim Savage and Battling Levinsky into the ring for the semifinal of ten rounds about \$:30 p. m., and The big bout will thus start at \$130 Omaha time and 7:30 Denver time.

Magee Returns Hot Crack at Stallings

In one of his raving moods on the bench George Stallings hauted Sherweet Magee over the coals. Magee wasn't quite agile enough in the outfield that day to suit his boss, "There you are," exclaimed George to Sherwood when the latter came in between innings, "playing the field on one foot!" "Uh, huh," responded Mages tranquilly, "that's a hard thing to do, I'm the only outfielder in the league that can do it."

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