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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 equals, if it does not overshadow, the interest aroused in the probable outcome.

Although Rickard started by bidding \$50,000 for the match he was finally forced to raise the total to \$75,000 in order to secure the contest, outbidding several other promoters during negotiations, which continued for some days.

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 result that gate receipts of about \$140,000 are assured, and if Madison Square garden could be made to accommodate all those who desire to witness the battle the total receipts would be double that amount.

Supply of box seats for the match was soon exhausted and a week ago there were no \$10 or \$15 seats for sale except by speculators. Even the \$5 and \$10 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.

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 about Madison Square tomorrow night to await the outcome of the battle.

The greatest diversion of opinion prevails regarding the outcome of the bout. Willard is a 5 to 2 favorite, with very few large wagers in sight, although innumerable smaller bets have been made from friends at odds ranging from 2 to 1 to 5 to 1, with Willard the favorite in all cases.

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 for 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.

During his preparatory work, Moran has been practicing with his left hand and has announced with a degree of confidence that he will employ many of the tricks that are only a right-handed fighter. Willard's great advantage in reach will be a considerable handicap for Moran to offset, and, according to those who have carefully watched both men during their course of training, the champion ought to do a lot of damage with his long left jab and his wonderfully clever right uppercut, the greatest blow that the Kansas has developed.

Doubt has been expressed in some quarters as to whether Willard is actually risking his heavyweight championship in the bout with Moran, owing to the fact that the New York state boxing law limits all bouts to ten rounds and bars a decision by the referee. Theoretically, at least, it is considered that the title is at stake, and the best informed ring experts agree that it is inferred for Moran to win the title during the battle in several ways.

A clean knockout of Willard by Moran

Both Willard and Moran Admit They Will Be Victors Tonight

NEW YORK, March 24.—The statements of the principals, promoters and referee 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 just what he will do. It may take me several rounds to size him up, but once I know what he has got shall be in a position to go ahead and box for his weakest point. I haven't the slightest idea whether it will be a fast or a slow boxer. Much depends upon what Moran does. If he meets me half way, the bout ought to satisfy every spectator in the garden, for it will be fast and full of action from start to finish. If he will stand up and box blow for blow, I will win decisively.

"I am perfectly satisfied with my condition and can go the full ten rounds at top speed if necessary. I am just as fine as I was in Havana and feel more like boxing, as the heavy, damp air in Cuba took some of the steam out of me there. There has been talk about the size of the ring, but I have never inquired about it. I am told that it will measure about eighteen feet inside the ropes, which is plenty big enough for me. I am not going to do any backward running and 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 four lasting 100 days without a break. I can step across an eighteen-foot ring in two strides, so I guess that I can catch Moran in case starts backing away."

Moran: "I have no misgivings as to the outcome of my bout with Willard. I am positive that I will win decisively and carry the world's heavyweight title out of the ring with me. At no previous 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 physically, but in no other way has he any advantage. When I met Johnson in Paris in 1914 the then champion was in much better shape than when Willard took his title from him last year in Cuba.

"Willard has not fought any battle since he won the championship last April, but I have. I knocked out Bombardier Wells in London in ten rounds last March and in July won by the same route from George Sims in six rounds in the English metropolis. A knockout of Jim Coffey here last October in the third round surely proved that I was coming right along. My last bout with Coffey, nearly three months ago, went nine rounds before I got him again. My hands were not in good shape on that occasion, but they are all right now. I claim that I am never in every way, except size, than Willard, and the public will be satisfied with that fact when the bout is over.

"I have not planned how I am going to fight Willard. It all depends on how he acts in the ring. I never saw Willard in action except in moving pictures and I don't know how fast his mind works, but I do know that I can think fast and act swiftly. I can either force the pace or wait. I am positive that I can see an opening and take advantage of it as quickly as any man in the heavyweight class today. I feel that I possess all the qualities that are necessary to win a championship. Wait and see."

Charley White, referee: "I do not expect any trouble in refereeing the bout, because I am sure that both Willard and Moran know the rules thoroughly and are 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 bout themselves."

Tex Rickard, promoter: "I've done my share and it's up to the big fellow now. Personally, I believe that both Willard and Moran know the rules thoroughly and are 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 bout themselves."

Willard would cause the championship to pass, as would the disqualifying of Willard by the referee as the result of a foul 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 ring.

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 ring. White's record covers many years of officiating in all parts of the country when championship fights in all classes were of common occurrence. He has acted in this capacity at many of the most prominent contests in which titles passed, and is conceded to be one of the most expert judges of boxing in the game today.

How Financial End of Big Mix Compares to Other Big Bouts

Principals Pugilists Gate Receipts: Johnson-Jeffries \$125,000; Willard-Moran 75,000; Burns-Burke 35,000; Gans-Nelson 35,000; Willard-Jeffries 35,000; Jeffries-Corbett 43,328; Corbett-McCoy 28,319; McHenry-Burns 28,000; Nelson-Britt 31,402; Wolcott-Nelson 29,000; Fitzsimmons-Rubin 30,000; Nelson-Gans 27,500; Jeffries-Bullin 19,250; Burns-Nelson 18,000; Johnson-Ketchel 21,000; Nelson-Britt 27,750; Burns-Squires 19,000; Corbett-Sullivan 25,000; Parke-Ketchel 11,000; Estimated. Promoted by Tex Rickard.

MONEY INVOLVED FEATURES BATTLE

Fact that Heavyweight Title is at Stake is Forced Into the Background. A GREAT FINANCIAL PROJECT. NEW YORK, March 24.—Surrounded by the most representative assemblage that ever witnessed a pugilistic encounter in this country, Jess Willard and Frank Moran will meet here tomorrow night in the ten-round encounter of extraordinary possibilities.

While the heavyweight championship of the world, now held by Willard, is virtually at stake, this feature of the contest is forced into the background to some extent by the large amount of money involved in the purse and gate receipts and the types of spectators, who will attend.

According to the predictions of the Moran contingent, there is more than an even chance that the heavyweight title will change hands before the tenth round is completed, but the promoters of the bout have not billed it as a battle for the championship and Willard simply smiles when the possibility of his losing the title is mentioned within his hearings.

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 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 continue for any reason.

In many quarters the probability of any one of these contingencies arising is considered to be remote, but among the admirers of Moran it is accepted as a foregone conclusion that the Pittsburgh heavyweight will put the conqueror of Johnson on the full court. While confidence fairly abounds in the Moran camp and among his close followers, it has had little effect on the wagering. Willard was quoted as a two to one favorite immediately after the slugging of the fight articles, but these odds have shortened to some extent during the last week.

No Official Quotations. 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 odds, but as these are not on record, it is difficult to fix on anything like official quotations. In the bets made on Willard to win a consensus prevails among the experts at the ringside, the champion at present rates a favorite at about 2 to 1. Wagering is 3 to 1 that Willard will not knockout Moran and 5 to 1 that Moran cannot stop Willard. In fact, the betting on the various angles of the bout sinks into insignificance when compared with the many other financial features of the contest.

With the gate receipts of close to \$100,000 assured and a purse of \$125,000 in addition to \$100,000 of moving picture money to be divided between the pups 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 financial project in which the risking of his title was only a mere incident to be dismissed without serious consideration. Tex Rickard, the promoter of the bout, was forced to raise his bid several times before he secured Willard's signature at \$75,000. Moran was originally stumped 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 had everything to lose and nothing to gain in the ring, took care that he was paid handsomely for any risks that he took in meeting Moran inside the squared-circle.

This great initial cost and the large incident expenses have brought the total up to nearly \$100,000, or about \$100,000 a round if the fight goes the full distance. Confronted with these figures Rickard realized that he would have to charge high prices, yet the sale of some 11,000 tickets at figures ranging from \$5 down to \$2 did not prove difficult. Fully twice as many could have been sold and speculators were today receiving double the face value of such tickets as they had obtained.

Those List Includes. Among those who purchased their boxes and obtained choice positions are boxing enthusiasts prominent in professional business, social and theatrical life throughout the country. The list includes former 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; Charles M. Weeghman, owner of the Chicago Cubs; William Ziegler, August Belmont and William A. Brady.

Women of social prominence also will be among the box-seat speculators. Perfect physical condition and supreme confidence in their ability to win the

GIANT ROOKIE IS SLUGGER OF LONG DRIVES.

MARLIN, Tex., March 24.—Benny Kauff, will have to go some to equal the long distance hitting being done by George Kelly, the Giant infield recruit. Every time the lanky recruit connects with the ball it is bound to go a long way, and he has developed a habit of connecting quite often of late. Count that day lost, whose cutting sun doesn't find at least a triple chalked up against the name of the big boy from the Pacific coast.

Kelly has the build for a long distance hitter, having broad shoulders and very 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 handle, he brings it up with a long swing like that of a golfer making a drive off the green.

STORZ BOWLERS SHOOT GRAND TOTAL OF 2,589. TOLEDO, O., March 23.—(Special Telegram)—The Storz team of Omaha shot 2,589 on the second squad at the American Bowling congress tonight. Fourteen teams on this squad were from South Bend Ind. Cochran, anchor man for the Storz team, hit for an even double century in the first game and aided his team in bringing it up to a total of 907 on the first game. Score:

K. G. Seiple..... 1st. 2d. 3d. Total
C. E. Terrell..... 177 164 175 516
C. J. Cain..... 147 152 152 451
Gus Tomlan..... 130 137 208 475
C. M. Cochran..... 200 170 221 591
Totals..... 907 811 971 2,589

Indians Victors. NEW ORLEANS, March 24.—Timely hitting today enabled the Cleveland Americans to defeat the New Orleans Southern association team, 4 to 2.

Municipal Golf and Tennis Associations. ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 24.—The National Municipal Golf association and the National Municipal Tennis association are to be organized at a three-day meeting, which will open here today. Delegates from many cities attended conferences.

A \$1,000 golf trophy, to be awarded annually to the winner of an inter-city championship in golf, has been announced. The trophy must be displayed in public in the city in which it is won for six months after the contest, and it shall be known permanently as the St. Louis Municipal Golf trophy.

A similar trophy for inter-city tennis contests will be donated annually by the United States Lawn Tennis association. The two associations will foster golf and tennis for the people of large cities. It is planned to organize the country into sections, and after the sectional golf and tennis championships have been decided, state championship tournaments are to be held.

Rickert New Business Manager of Toledo. TOLEDO, O., March 23.—Lloyd Rickert, secretary of the St. Louis Americans for eleven years and president of the St. Louis Federals for two years, has accepted the business management of the Toledo American association team, according to word today from the training camp at Dawson Springs, Ky. Edweeney, a catcher, with the New York Americans for a number of years, has been signed by Bresnahan.

Michigan Star Will Not Sign with Mack. Pitcher Charles Ferguson of the Philadelphia Americans will not join the Athletics this season, but will continue to practice law at Wayne, N. Y. Wayne is Ferguson's home town. Ferguson, next to Sleser, who is with the St. Louis Americans, was considered the star of the pitching corps of the University of Michigan for two seasons. President Navin of the Detroit Americans tried to obtain 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 summer, when a piece of steel fell from the score board at the Cubs' park in Chicago, Bob Harris will receive \$50. He sued the Chicago National league club for \$1,000 but the jury trimmed the amount he asked.

South Side Teams Will Enter State Bowling Tourney

The Garlow's Colts, city champions, and the Jetter's Old Age teams from the South Side will enter the state championship meet at Lincoln next week. The Jettors have already made arrangements to enter and Herb Garlow, manager of the Colts, is practically certain the entering his five at the same time.

Bowling in class A Magic City teams will close next week. A South Side tournament will be held, but will probably be postponed until two or three weeks because the Stock Yards leagues do not finish before that time. It is possible that a handicap tournament can be arranged before this late date and arrangements are being made for such an event.

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 of the Jetter team could not get together. Their showing in the state meet will afford plenty of comparison, however.

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Henry Ordeaman is an old bike rider. Minneapolis Grappler Who Meets Joe Stecher Was Bicycle Rider and Souther in Sweden. STRONG IN HANDS AND ARMS. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 24.—Bastides being a wonderful wrestler, Henry Ordeaman, the famous Minneapolis heavyweight grappler, who meets Joe Stecher at Lincoln, Neb., on the night of March 25, is a remarkable all-round athlete. Ordeaman stands six feet, weighs 210 pounds, and is a splendid specimen of physical manhood. He was born at Bergen, Norway, thirty-one years ago. While a young man, he gained a wide reputation all through Norway as a bicycle rider, wrestler and sculler. He has won many medals for bike racing and rowing. Henry is especially proud of one beautiful gold medal which was presented to him by Mrs. Ole Bull, widow of the famous Norwegian violinist, after he had won a rowing race at Bergen.

By working as a blacksmith and rowing Ordeaman has developed wonderful strength in his arms, hands and back. Cycling gave Ordeaman splendid leg muscles. Wrestling he has tackled Ordeaman claimed he is stronger in his hands and arms than Champion Gelo, Stanislaus Ebysko and Yusuf Mah-mood.

Ordeaman came to this country at the age of 18 and has resided in Minneapolis ever since. Being breaking into the wrestling game seven years ago, he has stowed away a comfortable fortune. 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 Commission grant astray Willard and Moran will enter the ring tomorrow night at 8:30. 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 semi-final of ten rounds about 8:30 p. m., and the main bout about an hour later. The big bout will thus start at 8:30 Omaha time and 7:30 Denver time.

Magee Returns Hot Crack at Stallings. In one of his raving moods on the bench George Stallings hauled Sherwood Magee over the coals. Magee wasn't quite as gentle as he is credited 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 Magee tranquilly, "that's a hard thing to do, I'm the only outfielder in the league that can do it."

George Kelly. GEORGE KELLY.