# MILLION ON BOAT RACE FOR TROPHY

International Yacht Race This Month Will Cost at Least \$2,000,000 - Lipton Spends \$1,000,000.

One of the most important events in the world of sports is an international yacht race for the America's cup. There may be world series in base ball, international polo matches. tennis contests for the Davis cup and other forms of sports, but few of these events create more interest than is centered in a race for the "blue ribbon of the seas." What creates the enthusiasm on the part of millions of people who do not know a boom from a gaff is now one of the worders of the sporting world. Still it is the case and must therefore be accepted without comment.

The only solution lies in the fact that the lay mind is astonished by the tremendous sums that have been spent in races for the America's cup. That men are willing to spend a mil-lion dollars to defend a battered piece of silver that originally was worth only 100 guiness appeals to the popular fancy. To make the situation even more unique, the money is gone forever. Not one penny comes back in the way of "gate receipts." Again, once the series is ended, the yachts that raced are only worth what they will bring in junk. Nothing is more useless than an Amer cup boat when the series

#### Costs Pile of Money.

When Commodore Stevens and his associates originally gave the "100 guineas cup" to the New York Yacht club to be a perpetual trophy for international racing, they never dreamed that a race for the bit of silver would cost a fortune. The ever increasing cost is just the result of circumstances. That a cup race was too much for one man to finance first became apparent after Canada had tried unsuccessfully to capture the cup with the sloop Atalanta.

At present, the cost of defending the cup in one contest is considerable more than 20 times the \$20,000 of a generation ago and more than 100 times the cost of earlier races. The real heavy expense of defend-

ing the cup began in 1893, the year ord Dunraven issued his first challenge. In that year, four can-didates for the honor of defending the trophy were built. Vigilant finally was chosen. It was stated after the series that Vigilant cost something like \$150,000 to build and race. This sum was reduced to possibly \$100,000 through the sale of the yacht, after the races, to George and Howard Gould. Colonia, Jubilee and Pilgrim, the other three American boats, cost about \$250,000, making an overhead cost of at least \$350,000 for the delense of the cup

In 1895, the New York Yacht club spent \$200,000 to build and race De-As there was only one boat which there was practically no use after the series. These astounding however, are insignificant compared with the amounts that have been spent since Sir Thomas Lipton entered the international yacht racing game.

According to reliable information, Sir Thomas spent \$900,000 in his first attempt to capture the Amer-ca's cup. That was in 1899.

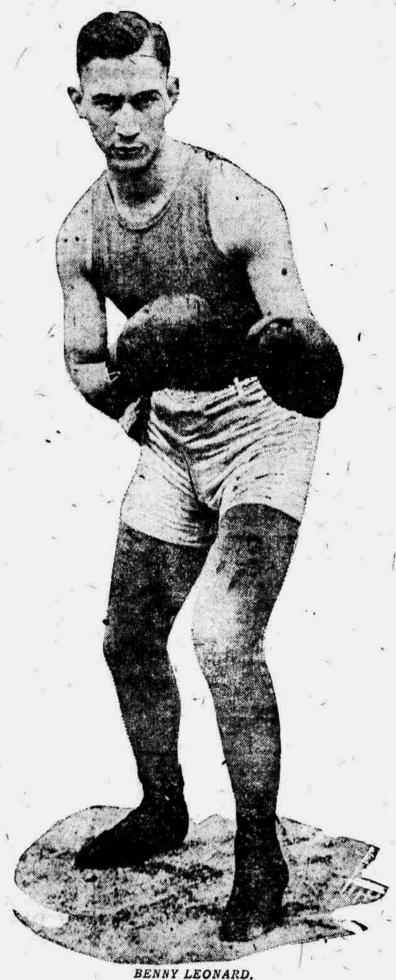
In that year Columbia cost the

New York Yacht club \$260,000 to build and race. Defender was used

y was selected to defend the trophy. For that honor Commedore Morgan paid close to \$100,000. The club spent a good \$20,000 on the series, naking a grand total of more than \$400,000 for the race. By that time the contest had become a million-

Shamrock. He also brought the first Shamrock over as a trial boat. That year the Irish baronet had his first big armada anchored in American waters. Besides the racing a few years ago, it is evident that yachts, he had a steamship, tugmore than \$1,000,000 will be spent boats, steam launches and a steam yacht. When he went back home his bank account was shy \$600,000. The cost of the defense that year was equally as much. The Reliance was the defender and was built close to \$1,000,000 in his present efand raced at a cost of \$455,000. Both fort to lift the cup. First, there was

## WILL SPEND TWO Leonard, Lightweight Champ, Defends Title



built in 1895, this series was not as costly as the previous contest, still Defender was the first cup boat for which the cost of the cost Benny Leonard, lightweight cham- | round hout at Benton Harbor, Mich

the Columbia and the Constitution the original cost of the Shamrock were put into commission as trial IV, which can be set down as \$100, yachts. To maintain these another 000. Then came the trip across the \$100,000 was spent. The race itself cost the club \$25,000. The total outlay for the defense, therefore, figured up to \$560,000. That race saw This also cost a tidy sum. Then the million-dollar mark passed by a came the rebuilding of the craft, a

#### good margin. Too Expensee.

as a trial horse that year, at a cost of about \$60,000. The series cost the club at least \$15,000, of which at least \$2,000 a day was spent for tugbeats and other vessels. In the rough, it cost the organization \$335,000 to defend the cup. Both sides probably expended \$800,000 for the cup series of 1899.

Shamrock II cost Sir Thomas \$450,000. Constitution was built that year at the cost of \$250,000 to defend the trophy. Commodore Morgan, who then was the sole owner of the Columbia, put it into commission as a trial boat. It finally was selected to defend the trophy. the game and since it first was built, it is safe to say that almost another \$100,000 has been spent on the craft. The figures do not include the

> by American yachtsmen in the pres-ent defense of the trophy. Olympic Team Athletes Lipton Spends \$1,000,000.

to meet to hold the race in July

and \$600 a day, against \$75 and \$100

with ocean-going tugs worth

matter that probably set the Irishman back another \$50,000.

Now comes the 23-meter Sham-At the end of the 1903 seres, all rock to race against the other hands agreed that an America's cup yacht. In round figures, it costs at race was entirely too costly. Fin-

North Bend, Neb., has challenged the world to a game of horseshoes. The North Bend shoe hurlers want sums that have been spent to race to meet any team in the world, five these yachts in 1914-15 and so far games at North Bend and five somethis season. Also when one adds on the storage bills that have been Bend is manager of the team.

## paid to keep the craft since 1914, to say nothing of the expense that the New York Yacht club will have

Arrange Basket Series Syracuse and Cornell are to clash in basket ball at Ithaca January 9 and at Syracuse March 5, 1921.

Must Get Own Passports

## FULTON-WILLS **BOUT OFFERS A** OF ACTION

Slashing Heavies Should Provide Some Real Sport for Fistic Fans — Match Almost Certainty.

rounds to a decision.

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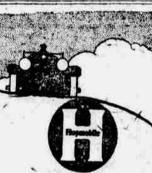
only to lose out in the end, are inclined to that way of thinking.

In Wills, the Minnesota behemoth will meet a scrapper who can deal out punishment in large, heavy gobs.

And Wills is clever, too. His left wand. like Fulton's is supposed to be his best bet, and like Fulton he is fast for a big fellow. Because of the sent and expenditure of \$1,300,000. ments—the establishment of the State Boxing commission and the completion of the club's palatial

Practically Booked. The uncertainties connected with

the bringing together of Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier in battle for the world's heavyweight itle led the officials of the International Sporting club to look elsewhere for talent for their first big how, and the Fulton-Wills affair tial effort in promoting fisticuffs. No match now in the realm of possibility offers promise of more ction than a scrap between Fulton The gigantic plasterer and the black panther both stand over six feet in their socks both carry more than 200 bounds of bone and muscle. There will be no disparity in weights bethese two, such as there Dempsey and Carpentier. It will be mastadon vs. nastadon when they meet, and as Wills has everything at stake in is efforts to break into the limelight and Fulton must live down his own admissions of faking, there



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bout between them will be fought the qualifications of these big mittstrictly on its merits. In such a sters the officials of the Internationcase there is but one conclusion- al Sporting club believe they have their meeting will be come collision. arranged a match that will be wel

They'll Have To Fight. Under the rules that will govern poxing in New York henceforth any evidence of collusion between two fighters will result in the disbarment of both fighters and their managers that the fighter or manager against

To feturn to the match-Fulton and Wills are splendidly paired. The Fred Fulton vs. Harry Wills, 15 plasterer is one of the biggest men who has ever donned ring togs in this country. Unlike most big menmatch that promoters in various starting anew to win ring hurels he sections of the country have been has apparently overcome his old angling for ever since Fulton re- weakness-a supreme distaste for The Minnesota plasterer and his saw Frank Moran give him every-trate on foot ball, base ball and track manager. Tom O'Rourke, turned thing from Mary Ann to a left hook deaf ears to all offers until recent- with all the Moran weight behind it, ly, however, when the match was practically clinched by the International Sporting club of New York.

Will all the Moral weight behind it, only to lose out in the end, are inclined to that way of thinking.

In Wills, the Minnesota behemoth

worth while, and from this distance it surely looks that way.

#### Suggest New Rules.

from further participation in the game in New York State. A black a proposition by Scotland that no ball slipped into the box by the International Sporting club will mean the state of the opposing goal. There is not for a day, or a week, or was a state of the opposing goal. There is not for year after year. whom it is cast will be stated for oblivion. So stalling or taking will be facal.

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