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JOHNSON WHIPS JEFFRIES.

Former Champion Knocked Down and Out for the First Time in His Career—Fifteen Rounds Fought.

John Arthur Johnson, a Texas negro, son of an American slave, is the first and undisputed heavyweight championship pugilist of the world. James J. Jeffries, of California, winner of twenty-two championship fights, the man who never was brought to his knees before by a blow, Monday night passed into history as a broken idol. He met utter defeat at the hands of the black champion in the fifteenth round.

While Jeffries was not actually counted out he was saved only from this crowning blow by his friends playing with Johnson not to hit the fallen man again, and the town was brought into the ring from his corner. At the end of the fifteenth round Referee Tex Rickard raised the black arm and the great crowd fled out glum and silent.

Jeffries was dragged to his corner, bleeding from nose and mouth and a dozen cuts on the face. He had a black, closed eye and swollen features and he held his head in his hands, dazed.

Johnson walked out of the ring without a mark on his body, except a slight cut on his lip which was the opening of a wound suffered in training.

Ring experts agree that it was not even a championship fight. Jeffries had a chance in the second round, perhaps but after the sixth, it was plain that he was weakened and outclassed in every point. After the eleventh round it was hopeless.

After the third round Johnson treated his opponent almost as a joke. He smiled and blocked playfully, warding off the bear like rushes of Jeffries with a marvelous science, now tucking a blow under his arm, again plucking it out of the air as a man stops a baseball.

With the exception of a few fast rounds, the fight was tame. Jeffries did not have the power in his punch to hurt Johnson after he had received blow after blow on the jaw and his vital power was ebbing.

But even before this stage came Jeffries could not reach the black. The blows almost all of them landed with all the speed taken out of them. It was like hitting a punching bag.

The fifteenth round started with a clinch after Jeffries had failed to land on the body. Johnson then tore loose and before the spectators were prepared for the finish, he sent Jeffries down with a lightning left and right blows to the jaw. Jeffries reeled and fell half way through the ropes on the west side of the ring. Those near him saw he had lost sense of his surroundings, and the faces at the ring-side were a blur to him. His time had come. He was feeling what he had caused others to feel in the days of his youth and power.

Jeffries painfully raised himself to his feet. His jaw had dropped; his eyes were nearly shut, and his face was covered with blood. With trembling legs and yielding arms, he tried to put up a defense but he could not stop a terrific right smash in the jaw followed by two left hooks.

Liquids were applied to the fallen champion's bruised face but his heart was something that could not be reached. As soon as he regained his senses of persons and of the rapid fire vents that had pushed him into oblivion, he took his head in his hands and groaned:

"I was too old to come back," he said.

George Harting, official timekeeper, made the following statement: "Time was called at 2.45. Johnson entered the ring at 2.28 and Jeffries entered four minutes later. The fight lasted 15 rounds. The time for the last round was 2.27. The fight was stopped at 3.41. In the 15th round there were three knockdowns. The first two of these were each of nine seconds duration. The last one was eight seconds, then Jeffries seconds rushed in, and the referee gave the decision to Johnson. There is no doubt that independent of this action, Jeffries would have been counted out."

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Mr. D. D. Barrier Sells His Store—Change at Livery Stable—Bicycle Accident—Mrs. Welsh Doing Well After Operation—Personal Notes.

One of the biggest modern day farms was completed last Thursday—listing property. The month of June is by all odds the poor man's month, a period wherein all men are equal in that they possess very little of this world's goods and what they do have is of poor quality. It is wonderful when we come to think about that so many people in the throes of abject poverty during the month of June should possess sufficient recuperative power, from a material viewpoint, to live through another year. And yet they do, getting poorer as the years go by. Our soil and climate produce wonders, when we see two dollar hogs in June develop into 500 pounders till Christmas, twenty dollar mules raise another big crop, six dollar cows overstock the market with butter and so on down the list. And looking at the proposition from another direction, what a striking contrast between insurance values and those for taxation.

Mr. D. W. Mullis has purchased the grocery store of Mr. D. D. Barrier and will conduct a grocery store at the same stand in the future. Mr. Barrier will devote his time to his extensive farming interests.

A business change has taken place at the Fisher-Foil Livery Co. stables whereby Messrs. F. W. Foil and P. R. Moose will have charge of the business, Messrs. DeBerry Foil and Thornton Fisher retiring.

Miss Grace Miller is visiting relatives in China Grove. A message received here yesterday evening says that Mrs. Mary Ella Welsh, who underwent an operation in Charlotte last Saturday, is recovering nicely. Her many friends are glad to learn of the favorable conditions.

Mr. O. A. Barringer is spending some time in the national capital looking after some real estate deals in which he is interested. Messrs. G. F. McAllister, P. A. Moose and Miss Ethel Corzine spent Sunday in China Grove.

Mrs. Sallie Misener has gone to Misener Springs to assist in the dining department during the rush for the next few weeks. Mr. D. D. Barrier spent Sunday in Charlotte with his sister, Mrs. M. E. Welsh.

Mr. Fred Morrison, of Spencer, spent yesterday here. Mrs. Albron Peck, of Concord, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Heilig. Miss Nina Nussman and Mrs. C. F. James have returned from a pleasant stay at Misener Springs.

Rev. J. P. Miller will leave in a few days for South Carolina and Georgia in the interest of Mont Amoens Seminary. Arthur Green had the misfortune to be thrown from his bicycle this afternoon which resulted in a broken arm. Dr. Moose set the broken limb and he is reported as getting along nicely.

Mrs. W. A. Elliott, of Charlotte, is visiting old friends here. This was Mrs. Elliott's former home a number of years ago. Mrs. Kate Foil and Mrs. M. A. Foil are guests at Misener Springs. Mrs. Joe Arthurs, of Charlotte, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. W. Eady.

50,000 Sleepers Strawn About Coney Island Beach. Following a sweltering night, during which the mercury registered 85 degrees an 8th the percentage of humidity was the highest for the summer, New York awoke Monday gasping with no prospects for an immediate change.

The parks, roofs, fire escapes and beach resorts were turned into camping places Sunday night, where thousands tried vainly to get refreshing sleep. The humid atmosphere caused more suffering than when the mercury was hovering about the 100 mark, and the emergency hospitals and regular institutions all reported cases of prostration.

AUTO AND BUGGY COLLIDE.

Mr. L. E. Lipe's Machine Knocks Out a Buggy Driven by the Cook Boys.

Sunday afternoon the machine of Mr. L. E. Lipe and a buggy occupied by Duncan and Otto Cook collided in a pea field, a short distance from the home of Mr. J. Lee Stone, on the Kannapolis road, with the result that the top of the buggy was knocked clear of the running works and the occupants were sent whirling through space for a distance of fifteen feet, Duncan Cook receiving several painful bruises. The buggy and the machine were going in opposite directions, and just before they met each other the horse became frightened and made a mad dash across the pea field. The machine also took a spin out in the field, and when about fifteen feet from the highway the two collided with the above results. Lipe claims that he saw the horse was frightened and run his machine out in the field to avoid a collision. Cook testified that he gave Lipe the signal to stop the machine, but instead he drove out in the field and met the horse and buggy. From the evidence at the trial this morning it seems that both of the parties made a strenuous effort to avoid each other but made the mistake of going in exactly the same directions to do so. Mr. L. T. Hartwell appeared for Cook and Mr. T. D. Maness for Lipe. At the conclusion of the evidence Recorder Puryear taxed Lipe with the cost in the case, amounting to \$6.00. The case was appealed.

Knocked Out in the First Round.

A certain negro of this city, well known for his insolence, and possessing a common failing to many people, that of talking too much, was naturally very much elated last night over the fact that Jack Johnson retained his title as champion of the world in the fight Monday afternoon. It was all good and well for him to talk and about the praises of Johnson, as loud as he pleased, but he seemed anxious to debate the matter with someone and made the grave mistake, which he is no doubt painfully aware, of selecting the wrong man to discuss the matter with. The negro walked into a store Monday night and approached one of Concord's quiet young men and began to discuss the fight. The young man told him to cut it out, that he did not want to talk to him. The negro kept his tongue going and on being told the second time to stop his tongue he made some insolent remark, whereupon the young man picked up a stool and proceeded to do for the negro what Jeffries failed to do for Johnson, put him out with the first lick of the first round. The negro will no doubt let up in his gloating as his experience last night should awaken within him a feeling of sympathy for the man who has received a knockout blow.

Spencer Shops Running Full Time. Effective Saturday the working hours of the employees of the Southern shops at Spencer were increased from eight to nine hours a day. The order came by wire from Washington and the men were at once placed on full working time. This change gives great satisfaction among the men and he increase in the pay roll will amount to a considerable sum, approximately \$10,000 a month.

Tom Settle Lands a Job. Thomas Settle, of Asheville, has been appointed by Attorney General Wickersham to assist Assistant Attorney General Lloyd in the conduct of suctom cases. His headquarters will be at New York and his salary will be \$5,000 a year.

The nomination of ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams as United States District Attorney in Western North Carolina to succeed Eugene A. Holton, may be expected shortly. This information was given out today by a friend of the Republican State Chairman, who says that the appointment will shortly be announced from Beverly, the summer home of the President, in compliance with a promise made by Mr. Taft early in the winter.

COUNTY MATTERS.

Jurors for August Court—Some Other Items of Interest.

The following are the orders made by the board of county commissioners Monday:

That J. M. Burrage, G. S. Klutzz and J. P. Morrison be appointed a committee to investigate bridge over Reedy Creek.

The same committee was appointed to investigate road in No. 1 township, from Pharr's mill to the Meeklenburg line as per petition and report at the meeting next Monday.

That J. M. Burrage and the county surveyor make a survey of the road from Faggart's to Bost Mills.

That G. Ed Kestler be appointed a committee to arrange settlement with the sheriff and report at the Monday's meeting.

That a survey of the road from Glass to Bethpage be accepted. The following is a partial list of the pay orders passed by the board: To J. M. Burrage, chain gang expenses for month of June \$657.13.

To Dr. J. W. Wallace, services at the county home and jail for month of June, \$16.00; smallpox cases, \$80.75.

Jno. J. Cox work on road in No. 2 township \$14.15.

J. E. Parnell, part payment on grading road near G. F. Barnhardt's, \$100.00.

Jno. A. Lefler, work on road in No. 11 township, \$8.75.

The bonds of C. L. Sims and W. D. Garmon, road supervisors, were approved and accepted.

The board adjourned until Monday July 11th to hear complaints as to tax returns and transact any other business that may come before the board.

The following is a list of the jurors drawn Monday for the August term of court: Lewis M. Shaver, H. A. Cruse, Travis Endy, C. A. Murph, C. M. Ross, Ed. L. Isehour, Robt. Y. Gray, Joe Sossamon, J. J. Bunn, Ed. S. Ervin, G. L. Teeter, S. A. Linker, J. S. Gray, Clarence J. Allison, W. O. Porter, F. A. Lipe, J. R. Kizer, D. M. Pless, J. L. Fry, R. C. Kizer, W. A. Peninger, J. A. Sims, C. F. Wagoner, Jno. W. Phillips, B. H. Revels, W. H. Heglar, Jno. C. Shinn, H. C. Calloway, G. H. Troutman, J. L. Johnston, J. E. Troutman, Mike Garmon, P. P. Townsend, Jno. W. Morris, of No. 3 and J. T. Eady.

BIG STRIKE AVERTED.

Railroad Employees in the South Will Get a Big Increase.

F. P. Curtiss, vice president of the Order of Railway Conductors, has announced the basis of increase of pay to be given to conductors, flagmen and traveling baggage masters of railroads in Southeastern territory involved in the wage controversy just settled under the Eardman act. The increase will be allowed in two installments. The first was dated back to take effect from July 1 and the other to go into effect April 1, 1911. The following is the increased new scale on the basis of 100 miles:

Conductors on passenger trains from \$2.20 to \$2.50 and on April 1, 1911, to be raised to \$2.75.

Traveling baggage masters from \$1.10 to \$1.35 and later to be raised to \$1.50.

Passenger flagmen and brakemen from \$1 to \$1.25, later to be raised to \$1.50.

Conductors on through freights from \$3.18 to \$3.55, later to be raised to \$3.75.

Brakemen and flagmen on through freights from \$1.75 to \$2.35 later to be raised to \$2.50.

Conductors on local freights from \$3.80 to \$4.15; later to be raised to \$4.25.

Brakemen and flagmen on local freights from \$2.30 to \$2.63, later to be increased to \$2.75.

Excursion to Richmond, Va. The Southern Railway will operate their annual excursion to Richmond, Va., Tuesday, July 19, at very low round trip rates. Tickets will be good to return on regular trains up to and including Thursday, July 21, allowing two days and one night in Richmond. For further information as to rates, schedules, etc., see your nearest agent, or write R. H. DeButts, Passenger Agent, Charlotte, N. C. The train will leave Charlotte at 8 p. m., Harrisburg at 8:33, Concord at 8:50, Glass at 9:03, Kannapolis at 9:03, stopping at all stations. The round trip fare will be only \$4.50 from all points from Charlotte to Linwood, inclusive.

Mrs. W. F. A. Propst and Miss Wilson spent yesterday in Salisbury.

CHIEF JUSTICE DIES SUDDENLY.

Justice Melville W. Fuller Stricken With Heart Failure, and Dies.

In fulfillment of an oft-expressed wish that he might end his long life in the very room where his wife breathed her last, six years ago, the venerable chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Melville W. Fuller, died suddenly of heart failure early Monday at Sorrento, Maine, his summer home. Not only did the leader of the American judiciary round out his days in the same room where his wife had passed away, but it was in the state of his nativity, the state he loved so well, that his long life ended. Chief Justice Fuller was 77 years old.

Justice Fuller had not shown any symptoms of illness. Sunday he attended the church of the Redeemer (Episcopal), where the Rev. Freeman conducted the services. He retired about the usual hour, and to all appearances, in his customary health.

His daughter, Mrs. Francis, heard a call from her father's room early Monday morning, and upon answering it, saw at once that her father was seriously ill. Summoning the Rev. Freeman, Mrs. Francis sent him for a physician, but when the physician arrived the justice was beyond assistance.

Merchant Ends His Life With a Pistol. During a fit of despondency, caused by ill health, Earl Johnson, aged 35 years, a merchant at Troutman, Ire-dell county, shot himself in the breast Sunday morning using an old pistol to commit the deed. The ball entered over the heart, glancing around, coming out on the side and Johnson is at his home in a precarious condition. Some months ago he completed a term of service in the United States army and was later operated upon four times for appendicitis, leaving him an invalid. This is supposed to have induced him to end his own life.

Special prayer meetings were held in four negro churches in Chicago Sunday in behalf of Jack Johnson. In the negro quarters excitement was intense.

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