

THE SPORTING WORLD

TOMMY BURNS WINS IN THE FIRST ROUND

He Defeats Jim Roche, the Irish Champion in Short Order—Practically One Blow Does the Work for the Irishman, and That Was a Short Hook to the Jaw—The Flash So Sudden the Crowd Hardly Knew What Had Happened.

Dublin, March 17.—Tommy Burns, the American heavyweight champion, made short work of Jim Roche, the Irish champion, in the contest in the first round of the first round had been completed by a short hook to the jaw. So quickly did the end come that the great crowd which filled the theatre in the expectation of seeing the Irishman put up a good fight for the title, hardly realized what had happened.

When the men entered the ring it was evident that the sluggish Roche was no match for the more experienced Burns. They sparred for less than a minute, the Irishman acting altogether on the defensive and the American endeavoring to find an opening. Then Burns feinted and quickly put Roche down with a right to the jaw and Roche went down. He was badly dazed and although he struggled to regain his feet was unable to do so before the fatal 10 was counted.

Immediately after the count Roche got to his feet, but staggered about the stage. When he had recovered himself he went over smilingly to congratulate the winner.

The fight to-night was for a purse of \$7,500, which was put up by a syndicate, of which Richard Croker, the former Tammany leader, was a member and which had offered an addition Burns had \$7,000 on himself at odds of 3 to 1. The ring-side betting was 7 to 2 on the American.

The blow which decided the fight was the only one of any consequence during the minute and 38 seconds the men were in the ring. The crowd, which shortly before had cheered Roche to the echo, greeted his fall with the cry "Tommy Burns" so taken back that after a few angry hisses they went out of the theatre.

Burns said of the fight that it was the easiest he had ever had. He had expected that the fight would go a few rounds, although he was never in doubt as to the final result.

Burns stated he was willing to give Roche another chance in the ring. He is now considering an offer provisionally made by the Dublin syndicate for a match with "Bill" Squires under similar terms.

There were seats in the theatre for 3,000 and every one was occupied. Roche received a great reception when he entered smiling and with confident air. Burns, on the other hand, was greeted by a preliminary bout, strolled casually to the ring to the air of "The Star Spangled Banner." He also was well received, but the reception of the fighters was insignificant compared with that given Richard Croker when the master of ceremonies announced that it was largely through the efforts of the former Tammany leader that Roche was able to enter the ring.

Mr. Croker, who was in a box, had to acknowledge the tremendous cheering.

On the stroke of the gong Burns jumped to the center of the ring and started his usual tactics of trying to draw out his opponent.

This seemed to annoy Roche who angrily struck Burns' arm and hand with both gloves to protect it from a threatened blow. Burns a moment later feinted with his left and shot his right over to the jaw and Roche went down unprotected. The Irishman went to the canvas, but not heavily. He slid on his side, and then rolled over, face downward. Very few of the spectators were able to see how it was done and there were cries of "fake."

There was no doubt, however, that Roche went into his best, but he was outclassed.

Roche said to-night: "He did it too quick, that's all."

BINGHAM AGAIN SHUT OUT.

The Baptists Held Down Well For Five Innings—Home Run by Hamrick Off Howard.

Special to The Observer.

Wake Forest, March 17.—Wake Forest shut out the Baptists this afternoon in a splendid game of ball by a score of 5 to 0. Until the sixth inning the game was intensely interesting, neither side scoring. Howard, of the Virginia League, the crack pitcher for Bingham, was tapped by Jersey for a two-bagger in the fifth inning and by Hamrick in the sixth for a home run. The features of the game were Temple's pitching, heavy hitting and great fielding for Wake Forest and Howard's work in the box for the visitors.

Scores by innings: R. H. E.
Wake Forest..... 000 010-5 9 2
Bingham..... 000 000-0 4 3
Batteries: Temple and Hamrick; Howard and Harris. Struck out—by Temple 11, by Howard 2. Base on balls—3 for Temple, 1 off Howard 2. Umpire, Caddell.

NEWBERN WANTS TO GET IN.

Finances Are Arranged and a Franchise Will Be Asked For Meeting To-Day.

Special to The Observer.

Newbern, March 17.—Newbern will have a team in the Eastern Carolina Baseball League if the opportunity to get in is given on account of the prospects of Rocky Mount's dropping out. Last night the Newbern Athletic association was organized. D. N. M. Gibbs was elected president and William Dunn, Jr., secretary and treasurer. A committee was appointed to go to Goldsboro to attend a meeting of the managers of the league Wednesday. At this meeting Newbern will ask to join the league.

The sentiment is very much in favor of a team and sufficient financial backing has been obtained to put out a first-class team.

TROUBLE IN EASTERN CAROLINA LEAGUE

The Eastern Carolina Baseball League is not going to die a-borning, but there has arisen some trouble that may mean the withdrawal of two clubs. These are Kinston and Rocky Mount, which declare that unless the league is run as an outlaw affair they will pull out. This is to be regretted, but there are two towns which did not get in at first that are wanting to be admitted. These are Newbern and Fayetteville and they will replace, no-doubt, Rocky Mount and Kinston, keeping the league with six clubs instead of eight, as was contemplated at first.

The meeting at Goldsboro to-day to take action concerning this matter.

SAVANNAH RACES BEGIN TO-DAY

Everybody Ready For the Automobile Races Which Begin To-Day at the Theatre—Governor Hoke Smith to Be on Hand To-Morrow.

Savannah, Ga., March 17.—The representatives of the manufacturers having cars entered, the drivers and mechanics of the cars and the technical committee of the American Automobile Association have completed and perfected all final plans and arrangements for the stock chassis races that are to be held on the Savannah course to-morrow and Thursday.

One decision reached was to so modify the rules as to allow the contesting machines to carry extra spark plugs.

The 130-mile runabout race will begin at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. After 7 o'clock not a vehicle or machine other than those contesting and that of the official surgeon will be allowed on the course. Five hundred militiamen will be on guard.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the 140-mile race for the high-powered cars will start.

Thursday, beginning at 10 o'clock, the cars of intermediate power will begin the 360-mile race, the longest road race ever run. Governor Hoke Smith will be the guest of the city that day. The Savannah Automobile Club will be the host of 200 visiting automobilists and other guests at a banquet that night.

Weather indications to-night were for a continuance of the fair, warm weather that has prevailed for the last two weeks. The course, thoroughly oiled, is in perfect condition.

PULLMAN CAR COMES IN.

Fine Auto Driven by Experts in Endurance Contest From Philadelphia to Savannah, Ga., Spends Short Time in City—North Carolina Roads Better Than Those in Virginia.

The once luxurious but now begrimed Pullman car making its debut with the cabmaker from Philadelphia, Pa., to Savannah, Ga., drove into the city yesterday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock and left last night at 7 o'clock for Columbia, S. C., over the route arranged by Mr. Osmond Barringer for the maker City Club under whose supervision the contest is being made. Messrs. Robert Morton, of the Pullman factory at York, Pa., and P. F. Gillette, of the Newark, N. J., agency, are the official drivers of the car and Mr. George Daley, of the Philadelphia press, is the official observer. The Studebaker was reported last night at Columbia, having switched off from the official route, in a line of the least resistance, at Boynton, Va., and made the trip South by way of Merry Oaks, Hamlet and Cheraw, S. C., thus avoiding the bad roads. The Pullman officials claim that this infraction of rules has debarred the Studebaker contestants from further participation as the contest was to be over the official route which was arranged before the start was made.

The Pullman car is of the red-devil type and built very low on the ground. When it appeared on the top of the hill north of the new water pond, nothing could be seen but a staggering dot of red amid a great cloud of white dust which swayed from one side of the macadam road to the other as it covered the ground at a rate of at least 60 miles an hour. To the spectators, who went out with Mr. Osmond Barringer in his White Steamer and Franklin Myer and who stood on the top of the hill south of the water works pond, the car seemed alive. Passing through the valley it quickly topped the hill and the rest of the way into the city was made in company with the two other cars.

Mr. Morton stated yesterday afternoon in conversation with an Observer man that the roads in North Carolina, and particularly in this immediate section, are much better than in portions of Virginia where it was only possible to make 12 miles on some days. The driver is now making good time. The car is in fine shape, no repairs are needed, and under favorable circumstances they will arrive in Savannah to-morrow which is the expected time. The party left last night going via Rock Hill, Chester, Winoboro, Columbia, Augusta, and thence to Savannah.

Mr. Gillette appreciated the good roads of this section, being a New Jersey man where all the roads are fine. The "New Jersey" man in the sleep was lamenting the loss of sleep and was of the opinion that he could enjoy rest once more, having escaped with his life from the thick mud of Virginia. The entire party shows signs of fatigue, but is braving the exigencies of the tedious trip with remarkable courage.

Messrs. J. A. Kline, treasurer and general manager of the Pullman factory, and C. S. Pittman, of the Washington, D. C. agency open their night here, having arrived by rail. They gave the boys encouragement and are sticking just as close to them as train schedules will permit. They leave this morning for Columbia, and thence go direct to Savannah.

KINSTON WILL WITHDRAW.

That City With Rocky Mount Will Pull Out of League Unless Outlaw Franchise Be Offered.

Special to The Observer.

Kinston, March 17.—It may be that after all Kinston will not enter the Eastern Carolina Baseball League this year. Rocky Mount is determined to withdraw from the league if the league insists upon joining the pro-seceding association and action by the officials in the Kinston association has resulted in a like determination and both teams will withdraw if the rule is insisted upon. Newbern will apply for the vacancy offered by the withdrawal of Rocky Mount, when the executive committee holds its meeting in Goldsboro to-morrow. Representatives will be sent to the executive committee meeting.

Meeting Called at Request of Rocky Mount.

Special to The Observer.

Wilson, March 17.—To-morrow afternoon at Goldsboro there will be held a meeting of the Eastern Carolina Baseball League, called at the request of Rocky Mount to reconsider the former action of the league providing for protected ball when it is hoped of former action being rescinded and if Rocky Mount withdraws, Newbern or Fayetteville will get the franchise. The question of lengthening the season and increasing the membership of the league from six to eight clubs will also be considered.

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THE REGATTA AT PALM BEACH

Four Events Mark the Opening of the Fourth Annual Power Boat Meet at Florida Resort.

Palm Beach, Fla., March 17.—Four events run off to-day marked the opening of the fourth annual power boat regatta at Palm Beach, all races being run off on the five-mile course on Lake Worth. Ideal weather marked the day and the crowd was large and enthusiastic.

The first event of the day was a five-mile race for boats with a rating, under American Power Boat Association rules, of less than 50. The winner was the Dolphin, owned by Eugene de Klist, of Buffalo.

The second race, a five-mile event for boats rating 50 and above, went to E. R. Walker's Bay City boat.

The general, although E. J. Schroeder's International Champion covered the course in 50 seconds less time than did the winning boat, but was unable to overcome its handicap. The winner's time was 12 minutes 43 seconds.

The third event, a 10-mile race for boats of all classes, went to the Dolphin, the Buffalo boat covering the course in 33 minutes 23 seconds. The last race of the day, a 15-mile race open to all boats, was captured by the Irene, the limit boat, the big handicap being too much for the speeder boats to overcome.

The feature of this race was the flying start of the Dixie, the Schroeder boat covering the 15 miles in 33 minutes 46 seconds.

NEW ORLEANS RACES.

New Orleans, March 17.—Jockey Suster and the long overdue Giorale at 3 to 1 formed the winning combination in today's opening race at the City Park track.

Beltwether at 20 to 1, upset the calculations of the talent by taking down the fifth race in a hard drive from Gold Foot.

First race, 3/4 furlongs, selling: Giorale, 2 to 1; Miss Imogene, 15 to 5; second: Turid, 5 to 1; third: Time, 12 to 1.

Second race, steeplechase, short course, selling: Rejesta, 15 to 5; Lindale, 2 to 1; second: Buckman, 5 to 1; third: 3 to 1.

Third race, 3/4 furlongs, selling: Lorimer, 7 to 5; Wausau, 7 to 5; second: Spunky, 15 to 5; third: Time, 12 to 1.

Fourth race, mile and a sixteenth, selling: John D., 15 to 5; Green Seal, 4 to 1; second: Temacoe, 15 to 1; third: Time, 12 to 1.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs, selling: Beltwether, 39 to 1; Gold Foot, 16 to 5; second: Conney K., 14 to 5; third: Time, 12 to 1.

Sixth race, mile and a sixteenth: Water Cooler, 4 to 1; Lady Almy, 10 to 1; second: Caar, 15 to 1; third: Time, 12 to 1.

Seventh race, mile and a sixteenth, selling: Jack Witt, 11 to 5; Warner Griawell, 5 to 1; second: Glaxman, 15 to 1; third: Time, 12 to 1.

Hart Wins Over Willie on a Foul.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 17.—Before a large St. Patrick's Day crowd, Marvin Hart, the world champion, was awarded the decision in the fourth round over John Willie of Chicago, on a foul in their bout here to-day. The men had agreed to break clean. Immediately following a clinch and as Hart was stepping on Willie's foot, Willie swung his hand right to the ear, sending Hart sprawling. Hart was unable to respond and his ear may be seriously injured.

BASEBALL GAMES YESTERDAY.

At Atlanta: Atlanta (Southern) 5; Macon (South Atlantic) 3.
At Montgomery: Philadelphia (American) 4; Montgomery (Southern) 2.
At Wake Forest: Wake Forest 5; Bingham School 0.
STATE COLLEGE GAMES TO-DAY.
At Davidson: Davidson vs. Lenoir College.
ATTEMPTS TO WRECK TRAINS.

Two Made Within Two Hours Near Greenville, S. C., by Placing Obstacles on Track on a Heavy Grade.

Special to The Observer.

Greenville, S. C., March 17.—Two unsuccessful efforts were made to wreck main line passenger trains of the Southern Railway near this city Monday morning by placing cross-ties on the tracks. The first attempt having been made within two hours of the first and not a mile distance. Both trains were northbound, the first being fast mail after 9 o'clock, and the second No. 42, scheduled to depart two hours later. On account of a heavy grade at the place selected by the wreckers, the train was running at exceeding 35 miles an hour. Had the obstructions been struck by trains running in the opposite direction a far worse fate may have resulted in that the high speed attained by those moving south.

No arrests have been made and no clues obtained, but a negro who was found in the woods near the scene of the attempt was given a long chase by a special officer who was sent to the scene, but he finally made his escape. Officials of the road believe that man was the sole motive prompting the act.

MOOREVILLE NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. Goodman Having Waterworks Installed in Residence and School—Rev. A. L. Stanford to Conduct Revival.

Special to The Observer.

Mooreville, March 17.—Mr. George C. Goodman is having waterworks installed in his residence and school. The water will be pumped into a tank holding 365 gallons, situated at his residence by an electric motor, and thence by hydraulic pressure to his store. The work of installation will soon be complete.

Mr. J. R. Malcolm returned yesterday from a business trip to Washington, D. C.

Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of the Methodist church of Lenoir, will conduct the revival services at the Methodist church here, beginning next Sunday.

Presiding elder, Rev. J. N. Higgins, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock and will hold the business session of the quarterly conference some time Monday.

The Poochontas, Va., Prohibition Victory Declared Null and Void.

Roanoke, Va., March 17.—The local option election held in Poochontas, Va., December 19th last in which the "dry" won by 19 majority was to-day declared null and void by Judge W. J. Henson, sitting at Tazewell in the Circuit Court. The ground on which the election was declared void was that it was held within two days of a congressional election. The law provides that no local option election be held within thirty days of any county, corporation, State or national election.

The judgment of the Circuit Court shall be final.

PRIZE FIGHTERS ARE WELL FIXED

Facts Disprove a Recent Statement of Jake Kilrain—Jeffries, Sullivan, Burns, Jack O'Brien, Britt, Billy Myer, Charley Mitchell, Jim Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Tommy Ryan, Sharkey and Others Well Fixed.

New York Sun.

Prizefighters as a rule are poor financiers. Some of the top notchers have made fortunes when in their prime, but have squandered their money like the time-honored drunk sailor. Jake Kilrain, who once fought John L. Sullivan for the heavyweight championship, the other day filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court in this city. Although he admitted that he had won \$250,000 in prizes, theatrical engagements and as boxing instructor, a big fortune, he was only left \$57.10. Kilrain stated that there never was a good fighter who saved or invested his money. But there are facts which show emphatically that this has not always been the case.

James J. Jeffries, the retired heavyweight champion, is decidedly on the velvet. He owns a profitable saloon in Los Angeles, and a big cattle farm a few miles away, while his wife has money in her own name. It is said to have been her personal wealth and she had objections that made Jeffries retire from the ring. To-day he lives like the boss of the household, too, for after the big boilermaker received \$1,000 recently for refereeing a fight at Long Beach, he started out to paint the town, only to drive a bargain on the scene and lead him home by the ear. In his own name Jeffries must be worth close to \$100,000. Unlike John L. Sullivan he has never much of a spender and seldom showed a desire for a gay life. A few years ago when Sullivan was dead broke he sent a friend to Jeff for \$100.

"What has the fellow done with a hundred dollars?" asked the Californian, with a look of surprise.

"I suppose he needs it for living expenses," was the reply.

"What? Well, you go back and tell Sullivan if he wants to go into business I'll give him the hundred," growled the husky champion. The message was promptly delivered, who was hurt at first, then amused.

"He'll give me a hundred if I want to go into business," said Sullivan in disgust. "Does he think I want to be a poor man?"

Bob Fitzsimmons, who fought for a \$40,000 purse with Jim Hall but only got a part of the money, is reported to have lost much of the money he earned in the prize ring on his theatrical ventures. He has a farm over in New Jersey, however, and still sports big diamonds.

Tommy Ryan, former middleweight champion, has feathered his nest well. He is said to have about \$100,000 in addition to a large fruit farm in Michigan. He was always a careful lender and never enjoyed a reputation as a wine opener.

Jim Dunne, who is the deputy commissioner of highways in Brooklyn, is probably among the richest of the former prize stars. Dunne is worth about half a million, it is said, which he made out of street cleaning and other city contracts. He has a large family—all his boys are college graduates—and is a worthy parent. Dunne is a prize fighter and has been active in the '60s. He is now a well-preserved man of 69 years and can outplay any of the young fellows at handball—an exercise in which he indulges daily.

Reports have come recently from the Klondike that Frank P. Slavin, the former Australian fighter, has been unusually successful in mining copper and silver in that region. He keeps him in comfort for the rest of his days.

Although Tom Sharkey recently swore off his income tax in this city he is said to be worth a good many dollars. His saloon alone is valued at \$75,000. He also owns real estate in the city.

Kid McCoy, who rides about town in a \$4 million car, is well fixed. His wife is wealthy and McCoy is one of the high flyers of the Great White Way.

Billy Madden, who fought several hard battles under the old London rules on the turf nearly thirty years ago, is now taking an active part in Brooklyn politics. Last year he ran for State Senator on the Independence League ticket and came very near being elected. Madden is also a speculator in real estate and has some \$60,000 in his credit. The heavyweight, Gus Ruhlin, also resides in Brooklyn and owns a saloon. By taking Madden's advice Ruhlin has banked a good round sum.

John M. Laffin, who fought John L. Sullivan in the Garden in 1884, is another retired prize fighter who has made his money in the winter in Florida hunting and fishing and enjoys the same kind of sport in the far North during the summer months.

Frank Craig, the Harlem Coffee Cooler, has a fine residence in a London suburb. He married a wealthy white woman in England and retired from the ring some time ago. When he sports around London he drives a tandem and passes the cockneys like an Indian prince with money to burn.

Mysterious Billy Smith, who was formerly one of the wilder fighters in and out of the ring, is now a hotel proprietor at Portland, Ore. He attends strictly to business and can show a good sized bank account to his old friends who pass through the city.

Young Mitchell, former middleweight champion of the Pacific coast, keeps a saloon in Frisco and owns some valuable property.

Alec Grainger is a successful fight promoter in Frisco and has pulled off some important battles, his rakeoff from which enables him to write his check up into the thousands.

Horace Leeds, once a crack lightweight, is in the dredging business in Atlantic City and is well to do. Jack Everhart at last accounts was running a hotel at Revere Beach, near Boston. Eddie Currie owns some real estate in The Bronx and is known as a fearless race-track operator. Spike Sullivan is giving physical culture lessons and raising chickens at Sheephead Bay. Spike owns his house and a valuable plot of ground.

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