

JOHNSON KNOCKS JEFFRIES OUT IN THE FIFTEENTH ROUND

BLACK MAN'S FIST TERRIBLE AS EVER

The House Sold Out, and Many Clamored for Seats—Women in Every Part of the Crowd—Winner Pulls Down \$70,600 and Loser \$40,400—The Heat Intense—Much Delay in Starting the Battle at Reno.

BLACK MAN'S LIPS YIELD FIRST BLOOD

Betting at 11 O'Clock Was 2 to 1 on Jeffries, with Plenty of Money Then in Sight on the White Man—Even More on Johnson on Twenty Round Figures—Gun Toter Accidentally Shoots Himself Before Big Show.

Ringside, Reno, Nev., July 4.—Johnson knocked out Jeffries in the fifteenth round. Jeffries was counted out as he hung over the ropes, going down three times. His seconds began crowding into the ring before the time keeper could count ten. The fight was one-sided from the start. The negro blocked the old champion's blows at every stage, and punished him severely in the last five rounds. At the beginning of the thirteenth round experts at the ringside passed out the verdict if Jeff would simply stand, not fight, he might stay the limit. As he came up for the fifteenth round Johnson worked savagely. He sent Jeff down the first time with a rain of lefts and rights to jaw. Jeff took the count of eight twice. Each time Jeff fell outside the lower ropes of the platform. As Jeff got up the second time, staggered for Johnson the latter sprang at him like a tiger with a succession of left swings to the jaw and sent him through the lower ropes, east side, where he lay until counted out.

Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, came next. At 2:27 the introduction of "Tommy" Burns, Jack Gleason, Time Keeper Parling Ketchel and others followed. The crowd began to call for the principals. Ringside—At 2:24 p. m. Jeffries was taking a rub down; stripped, for the ring, in his dressing room. At 2:28 Johnson entered the arena. San Langford came on the platform and announced that he would challenge Johnson, win or lose. Jeffries jumped through the ropes at 2:32. He was followed by Corbett, Choyinski, Berger, Eugene Vanocourt, Farmer Burns, Roger Cornell and Time Keeper Billy Gallagher. Johnson climbed through the ropes at the northeast corner of the ring near his seconds, Billy Delaney, Al Kaufman, Prof. Brunst, George Cotton, Doc Furey and Dave Mills, his time keeper. Stanley Ketchel was already in the ring. Jeffries wore a golf cap and chewed gum. He tried out the ring covering, springing about nimbly. A big sun shade was held over him as Attell wound his hands with tape. At 2:35 Johnson doffed his robe and was introduced. He wore blue trunks with an American flag for a belt. There was no great enthusiasm when the men took seats in their corners. The crowd were too eagerly watching the principals, and too hot, to cheer. When Jeffries took his seat in the favored corner granted him by Johnson, he remarked: "I don't care what corner you put me in, it will be all the same in the end."

FIGHT BY ROUNDS

ROUND ONE. Jeffries walked in and feinted. Both smiled. Johnson gave ground. The colored man landed a straight left and landed lightly on Jeffries face. They were cautious in clinching. Johnson shoved Jeffries away. Jeffries hooked a left to the neck and they clinched. Johnson sent a left to the head. They stood breast and breast, trying for short blows. As they broke Jeffries sent a left to Johnson's neck. The negro stepped in but missed. The time gong rang when they were clinching. The fighting was tame and as they turned to their corners, Jeffries slapped Jack on the shoulder and smiled.

ROUND TWO. Jeffries assumed a crouch but missed the first attempt. Johnson feinted but Jeffries stepped nimbly away. Jeffries sent a right to the ribs, and took a left on his face at close quarters. Jeffries crouched and waited for Johnson, but the negro was not willing. They came together without a blow. Johnson tried an uppercut, but missed. There was a lot of wrestling, but not much fighting. The gong rang without a glow blow having been struck.

ROUND THREE. Both men came up close. "Come in closer," shouted Johnson, hooking a left to Jeff's stomach with terrific force. Johnson jabbed a left to head. They clinched and Johnson slipped a left to back neck, blocking Jeffries' lead. Johnson sent two left jabs to the face, and tried his right for the chin, but missed. Jeffries smiled at these left blows, and continued to bore in. It was simply a wrestling bout thus far. Jeffries kept walking on calmly but missed a left body blow, Jack blocking perfectly. Jeffries did not seem to breathe hard but Johnson appeared nervous as he was rubbed down.

ROUND FOUR. Jeffries took a crouch again, walked in and missed. They came together in a lock. Johnson tried a right for the chin, but missed. They began to exchange talk. "Don't rush, Jim, don't you hear what I'm telling you," said Johnson, as Jeffries forced him back and they clinched. Jeffries put a left to the face, and

CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER IS DEAD

Apparently in Good Health Lately, He Retired Last Night Without a Single Warning Symptom.

DAUGHTER AND CLERGYMAN WAS WITH HIM AT THE LAST

Death Came a 6 a.m.—The Eminent Jurist Was 78—His Body Is to Be Interred at Chicago.

Bar Harbor, Me., July 4.—Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller of the United States Supreme court is dead. The death of the chief justice was entirely unexpected. He had apparently been in good health lately and there were no premonitory symptoms of any kind of trouble. Yesterday he attended church as usual and when he retired last night he was to all appearances in his customary health. Death came about 6 o'clock this morning. His daughter, Mrs. Nathaniel Francis, and Rev. James E. Freeman, who was Justice Fuller's guest at the latter's Sorrento cottage "Main Stay," were with the jurist when he died. Funeral services will be held at Sorrento and the interment will be in Chicago. The date of the funeral is not yet fixed. He was in his seventy-eighth year. For many years he spent his summers at Sorrento at a summer colony located at Frenchman's Bay, five miles from Bar Harbor.

President Taft Informed. Somerville, Mass., July 4.—President Taft was seated in a big grand stand on Highland avenue, reviewing the Independence Day parade, when news of the sudden death of Chief Justice Fuller was conveyed to him by the Associated Press. "I am greatly shocked and grieved," said he, "at the death of Chief Justice Fuller, for whom I had formed a warm attachment." The president refused to comment on the matter or say what action he would take.

started blood from Johnson's lip. The crowd yelled: "first blood for Jeffries," but Johnson only smiled. As Jeffries walked in Johnson shot a snappy left to the face. Jeffries sent a left to Jack's face. Johnson came back with a right, but Jeffries ducked it. The round ended—Jeffries' round.

ROUND FIVE. Jeffries walked straight to Jack and tried to land a left. Both sparred cautiously. Jeffries left for the body was blocked. In a clinch Jeffries shoved Johnson back easily, and when they broke Jack swung a left for the body but missed. Johnson shot an uppercut, and cut Jeffries' lip slightly. He missed, but stung Jeffries' face with his left. "Go on Jeffries," shouted Corbett, "that left is a joke."

Jeffries stepped in, shot a straight left to the back's head, and the crowd cheered. The gong found them in a clinch. The pace was slow, with no damage to either man.

ROUND SIX. Again Jeff crouched. They stepped around each other, Johnson trying to send in stiff lefts to the jaw. Johnson cut Jeffries' cheek. They again tried each other's embraces, but neither was willing to take a chance. Jeffries rushed, but missed a left for the body, and took a left on the chest in return. Johnson kept talking to Jeffries when they clinched. Jeffries, chewing gum, waded in. He missed Jack with a left, took a left and a right on the head. Jack got a left on the face. Jack missed Jeffries' right eye. Jeffries' nose was bleeding when the gong sounded.

When Jeffries took his seat the seconds got busy with the eye but Jeffries said it was all right. This was Johnson's round.

ROUND SEVEN. Jeffries walked right in but before he had a chance Jack led with right and left and missed. Jeffries' eye was badly swollen, and he rubbed it with his glove. He feinted and tried to draw Johnson on, but the negro declined. Jeffries stepped in with a left for body, missed and took a left on the head. Jeffries hooked a left to the head. Johnson laughed loudly. Jeffries got a left on the



DISTRICT RETURNS COME IN SLOWLY

And Result of Democratic Congressional Primary in Tenth is Still in Dispute.

The democratic congressional nomination in the Tenth remains unsettled. The returns from the county conventions, which, incidentally, are incomplete, show that J. M. Gudger, Jr., has a lead over W. J. Cocks, his strongest opponent, but that he is short several votes of a nomination on the first ballot. With returns already in and estimates of the vote of three or four counties, and with Graham not heard from, it is indicated that should Mr. Gudger carry Graham solid with the county's eight votes he would still be short a majority on the first ballot by a fraction of a vote.

The vote from the county conventions is coming in slowly and in instances the vote submitted is disputed. Only complete official returns will settle the controversy. The friends of Mr. Gudger still maintain that he will have a majority on the first ballot, while friends of Mr. Cocks maintain that the returns already in show that Mr. Gudger will not have a majority on the first ballot; that he will be several votes short and that the nomination will resolve itself into a convention fight. It is evident from the present status of the case that the congressional convention to be held here next Tuesday, July 12, will be an interesting gathering.

RACE RIOTING

Augusta, July 4.—A race riot is in progress at Uvaldia on the Georgia & Florida Railroad. At least three negroes have been killed.

THE WEATHER. Forecast until 8 p. m. Tuesday for Asheville and vicinity: Continued unsettled weather with probably showers tonight and Tuesday.

MORNING AT RENO; A HUNGRY THROG

Restaurants Almost Gave Over Attempt to Feed the People—Crowds of Pugilists, Followers, Writers, Thieves, Gamblers, Beggars, Detectives, Riffraff—A Hundred Expert Telegraphers.

RENO, Nev. 4.—When the sun that lifted its rays above the sagebrush hills this morning set over the Sierras there passed into comparative oblivion a mighty man. Out of the southeast came cool winds, and a clear sky gave promise of a perfect day for what promises to be the last great heavyweight prize fight in the United States. Pugilists gathered here in their last stand.

No Change in Details. The morning of the fight brought no change in details that would make up the stage setting. The gong for the first round was scheduled to ring at 1:30 (Pacific coast time). The arena seats 17,000. Ticket purchasers swarmed in front of the ticket office this morning. The main struggle this morning was among thousands endeavoring to get something to eat. Restaurants had almost given up the attempt to feed the hungry multitude. It was a weary throng that started toward the arena as the clock moved toward noon. In the crowds were pugilists, sports who followed and bet on them, men who write of fighters' doings, thieves, gamblers, beggars, detectives and all the casual riffraff that follows big sporting events. They were burned by one fever.

Pool rooms were busy taking bets. During the early hours the odds remained the same as last night, Jeffries the favorite at 10 to 6. They were pushed down to six at one time by a bet of \$10,000 on Jeffries, made

by H. H. Frazee of Chicago, who will manage Jeffries' round-the-world tour.—If George Considine of New York bet \$5000 on Jeffries at odds of 10 to 6. Larger betting was anticipated at the ringside, with possible change in odds in favor of Johnson. News from the Camp of the Fighters. The latest news from the camps was that both men would wait until the last minute before motoring to the ringside; dress at their camps, even to putting bandages on their hands, before starting for the arena. Both men rose early and went on the roads for a short spin to limber up. On the way to the arena Jeffries took his wife to a newspaper office to wait until the fate of her husband had been decided, getting the returns round by round.

Jeffries' chief second is James J. Corbett, who was champion until whipped by Fitzsimmons. Johnson's chief second is Billy Delaney. It is appalling to think of the number of words written about this contest before another sunrise. In cold figures of the telegraph companies 750,000 words were to go over the wires if Johnson won. If Jeffries, somewhat less. A force of 100 expert telegraph operators gathered here to dispatch the news of the "fight of the century" to the world.

Fighters Examined by Doctors. Both Jeffries and Johnson arose early, each announcing that he felt in fine spirits and physical shape. Both fighters were formally examined.

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MR. SETTLE LANDS NICE, FAT PLUM

Will Assist in Court of Customs Cases, and His Salary Will Be \$5000 a Year.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington Saturday night conveyed the pleasing intelligence that Hon. Thomas Settle of Asheville had been appointed by Attorney General Wick-erham to assist Assistant Attorney General Lloyd in the conduct in the court of customs cases, with headquarters in New York and with a salary of \$5000 per year.

While friends of Mr. Settle have been informed for weeks that something really good was coming to the distinguished North Carolina republican, it was not generally known just what plum he would get, and the information that he secures a \$5000 berth in the federal service will be most gratifying. Mr. Settle was informed two or three days ago that he had been selected for the New York place, that his commission would be forwarded at once and since receiving this information he has been making ready for his departure for the metropolis. Mr. Settle expects to leave for New York this week and at once to assume the duties of his new position. He will, however, retain Asheville as his place of residence.

Mr. Settle is recognized as one of the most brilliant speakers in the state if not in the south, and a man who has fought well the battles of his party. Two years ago he stamped the Fifth district and other portions of the state in the interest of the republican ticket, and it is conceded that he was largely instrumental in bringing about the election of his friend, Representative John Motley Morehead. He represented the Fifth North Carolina district in congress for several years and has written a number of entertaining and widely circulated articles on the republican party in the south.

Roosevelt Will Visit Atlanta Oct. 9. Atlanta, July 4.—Former President Roosevelt, an intimate friend of the late Joel Chandler Harris, is coming to Atlanta October 9th, "Uncle Remus" day, and will deliver an address on the evening of that date in the auditorium under the auspices of the Uncle Remus Memorial Association.

Thirty Reported Killed In a Collision of Trains

Dayton, O., July 4.—Thirty people are reported killed in a collision between a freight and a passenger train near Hamilton on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railway this afternoon. A special train carrying surgeons has just left for the scene. Later—25 to 30 Killed. Cincinnati, July 4.—A telephone

message to the Associated Press from Hamilton, O., says the New York flyer on the Big Four was wrecked by a head-on collision with a freight near Middleton, Butler county, shortly after noon. It is estimated 25 to 30 are dead. The train was due at Cincinnati at 1:30 p. m. 21 bodies have been recovered.