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LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

JEFF KNOCKS OUT THE CHAMPION

In the Eleventh Round Fitz Goes to Grass.

JEFF'S FINISHING BLOWS

OVER THE HEART AND ON THE NECK AND JAW.

JEFFRIES ALSO WON THE FIRST BLOOD

Knocked Fitz Flat of his Back in Second Round Fitz Split Open Jeffries' Eye in Fifth.

Jeffries' Friends Wild With Enthusiasm.

New York, June 9.—James J. Jeffries, another sturdy young giant, has come out of the West to whip champion pugilists. At the arena of the Coney Island Athletic Club to-night he defeated Robert Fitzsimmons, world's champion in two classes—middleweight and heavy-weight—in 11 rounds of whirlwind fighting. He came to the ring a rank outsider and left it the acknowledged master of the man he defeated. He was never at any time in serious danger, and after the size up in the earlier rounds of the contest took the lead. He had the Australian whipped from the 9th round. It was acknowledged that Jeffries would have an immense advantage in weight, height and age, but the thousands who tipped and backed his opponent to win were sure that he was slow, and that he would, in that respect, be absolutely at the mercy of the past master at the science of fighting that he was to meet.

THE TRANSFORMED JEFFRIES.

He proved, on the contrary, that he was just as fast as the man he met and beat him down to unconscious defeat in a fair fight. He is a veritable giant in stature and marvellously speedy for his immense size. Less than a year ago he appeared in New York a great awkward ungainly boy. Today he is the Ethe, active trained athlete. The man who prepared him for his fight worked wonders with him. They taught him a nearly perfect defense, improved his foot movement and instructed him in the methods of inflicting punishment. The transition since he appeared last has been little short of miraculous. At 24 he has defeated Robert Fitzsimmons, Tom Sharkey and Peter Jackson and if he cares for himself he will probably be able to successfully defend the title for many years. The defeated man was just as good as when on the crisp morning on the plains of far away Nevada he lowered the colors of the peerless Cereus. He was just as active, just as clever, just as tricky, and just as fearless of punishment. He went unflinchingly to his defeat. He was the aggressor even at moments when he was bleeding and unsteady and when stung by the blows he received he reeled towards his opponent. He was fighting all the time and punished his opponent, but found him a different opponent than he had met and a difficult man to fight. Jeffries fought from a crouching attitude that was hard to get at. He held his head low. His back was bent down and his left arm was extended. He kept jabbing away with the left hand and no trouble in landing it. It was there that his superior reach told. His giant arm served as a sort of human fender to ward off danger. He showed his excellent defense and the ability to use both hands with skill. He is game, too, for he never shrank from his punishment. It was a great fight to watch and commenced and ended amid scenes of intense excitement. It was all very dramatic.

WITNESSED BY 9,000.

The men fought before a crowd of 9,000 persons and stood up in a great beam of blinding white light. It was like a thousand candles and it showed their great white bodies in strange relief. When the blood came it was of an intense red than usual. There was not a suggestion of interference from the police. Chief Devery occupied a seat by the ringside, but never entered the ring. When it was all over he sent Captain Kerny in to clear the ring. There was no confusion attendant upon the assembling and housing of the big crowd. There was very little betting. There was plenty of money ready on both sides but nobody liked the odds. The Jeffries people wanted two for one for their collateral and the Fitzsimmons people were slow to give it. The great house filled very slowly and it was after 9 o'clock before the police had to bestir themselves and clear the aisles.

Jeffries was the first of the principals to appear. He came through the main entrance and walked the length of the hall at 9:20 to an accompaniment of cheers, while Fitzsimmons, who was accompanied by his Spartan like wife, gained the building and dressing room by a rear door. Fitzsimmons entry into the ring at 10:05 o'clock was made the occasion of a rather theatrical demonstration. Julian was first and then came the fighter. The seconds were next in line and then came two men bearing a great floral piece that was almost funeral in appearance. It was inscribed: "Good Luck to the Champion," but the flowers are wilted now. Fitzsimmons bowed ceremoniously to J. Jeffries was next into the arena and like his opponent

got a demonstrative reception. Fitzsimmons looked lanky and thin but his skin was clear, his eye bright and his step elastic. He made a great display of American flags at his waist. Jeffries looked sturdy and massive and seemed a little nervous.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHT.

Referee Siler looked colorless and ill at ease. There was no trying delay in the ring and the big gong sounded out just as soon as the two men had been presented and gloved. When they squared off, Jeffries looked fifty pounds to the good. The opening round was a try out pure and simple and not a single blow of an effective nature was landed. The second round began in a business-like way with Jeffries trying his left. Just as the round closed Jeffries downed Fitzsimmons with a hard straight left on the jaw.

The Champion came up slowly in a dazed sort of way and reeled toward his man. The crowd cheered Jeffries on, but the gong ended the round. Fitz was aggressive again in the third. He was bleeding but fighting viciously. Fitz made his best showing in the fifth. He began the fifth round with a punch that opened Jeffries' left eye and sent a little torrent of blood coursing down his cheek. He forced Jeffries against the ropes, but the Californian slipped away from him. Fitzsimmons was the aggressor in the sixth, and that, too, was his round. He tried all of his tricks with left and right, but was unable to place them right. The seventh might be said to have been Fitzsimmons', but he did no particular damage with his punches. The eighth saw the beginning of the end for Fitzsimmons never regained his balance after that round. Jeffries began the round with a straight left on the face that again brought the blood out of his opponent's mouth. The Cornishman staggered against the ropes, but came back for another face. There was fear in Fitzsimmons' corner and Julian yelled to Fitzsimmons to be careful. Fitzsimmons planted one of his lefts on Jeffries' jaw and jarred him as the round closed. Fitzsimmons looked like a beaten man. The ninth was all Jeffries'. He sent the Australian's head back with a series of lefts, put his right on to the body and avoided any serious punishment. The tenth was in reality where the fight ended. Jeffries rushed his opponent and downed him with a left swing. Fitzsimmons seemed out and there was a moment of the wildest excitement. Julian ran along the side of the ring and sprinkled water on his fallen idol. At the end of seven seconds Fitzsimmons staggered to his feet only to go down again. He was up again and Jeffries poised himself for the finish. He shot his left to the body and tried for the head with his right. He was calm and cool, but the time was too short. Again did the gong come to the aid of the man who was then going, staggered and dazed, to certain defeat.

THE KNOCK-OUT BLOW.

There was a frantic effort to revive the Champion of Champions, but he was clearly gone and his seconds could not restore him. The fate-like gong clanged again and the old fighter wobbled out to meet the sturdy young Hercules who awaited him. It was as courageous and gritty as a dash up to the firing line in battle, but it was hopeless. They were together. It was a splendid moment and full of all that dramatic intensity that characterizes a tragedy. Jeffries was as fresh as at the start. There was a moment of sparring and the giant arms of the Californian shot through the air. It was left and right and over. Fitzsimmons, limp and unconscious, dropped to the floor. Jeffries stepped back, for he knew the force that he had put behind his terrible blows. The fingers called off the seconds that counted out an old ring hero and heralded another, but nobody heard them. The crowd was on its feet howling. There was a rush for the ring, but scores of the coats barred the way. Ten seconds were short and when the tenth had come there was a low roar of excitement to welcome the victory. Julian, Hickey, Kenney and Everhardt gathered round the prostrate man. He was still in a trance. They carried him to his corner and a little blood oozed from his mouth as his head fell downward on his chest.

THE PARSON'S GOOD WISHES.

The new hero crossed the ring and shook the hand of his rival, after which he was surrounded by his friends, who hustled him from the ring and into his dressing room. Jeffries had the good wishes of his clergyman father out at Los Angeles, Cal. This wire was placed in his hand as he reached the ring: "Jim, we know you will win. Keep good spirits; be confident of our blessing. (Signed) Father, Mother and Family."

DANCED WITH DELIGHT.

The scenes enacted in the dressing room of Jeffries which was only a few feet away from that occupied by the defeated pugilist were of the most joyful character. W. A. Brady was dancing with delight from the moment the decision was given that made him for the second time a manager of world's heavyweight champion. "Jeffries is a cracker," he said, "and there is not a man on earth that can beat him. He's a wonder and no mistake. Let them all come to him now, none of them can class with him." Jeffries was surrounded by a host of friends who congratulated him on his well won honor.

WILL MEET ALL INQUIRIES.

In response to several inquiries, the new champion said: "Fitzsimmons fought a good and game battle and hit me harder than any man whom I have been up against. He can whip Sharkey in two rounds. I would gain nothing by meeting Sharkey again but am willing to meet any man in the world in whom the public has confidence and there need be no fear of my quitting the ring for the stage. I will defend my title as champion at all times and against all comers. At no time during tonight's fight did I feel any misgiving as to my ability to win. I am satisfied that I have well earned

the right to be called champion by beating Fitzsimmons, who was undoubtedly the greatest fighter of the age."

THE FALLEN CHAMPION.

Just as soon as Fitzsimmons reached his dressing room his wife, who was anxiously awaiting the outcome of the fight, greeted the fallen champion affectionately. "Keep up your spirits, Bob," she said, "you fought splendidly and although you were beaten, you are still the prince of fighters." Martin Julian, Fitzsimmons' manager, spoke encouragingly to the defeated pugilist, but the latter seemed not to realize what was being said to him. Fitzsimmons had only partially recovered from the shock of defeat and occasionally murmured: "How did I come to fight him?"

Mrs. Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Dan Hickey bent over the prostrate man and bathed his head and face. Clots of blood had formed in the nostrils and the damaged nasal organ began to be a source of worry to Mrs. Fitzsimmons.

"I have nothing to say regarding the outcome of the fight," she said. "But I feel sure that Bob still has a host of friends who will not forget his past career in the ring."

Manager Julian was downhearted but he put on a bold front. When asked as to his opinion of the result, Julian replied: "Oh, there is very little for me to say. Everybody knows that Bob is game and I feel certain that he still has a warm place in the hearts of many. No matter what comes or goes Bob need not worry about anything as long as I am alive."

THE FIGHT BY ROUNDS.

10:10 p. m.—At the conference held between Fitz and Jeff in the latter's dressing room at which George Siler, the referee, was present, both principals agreed that in case one man was holding with both hands and the other had two hands free, the latter could hit at will. If either or both held with one hand and had one hand free, no hitting would be permitted and the referee should step between and break them.

10:08 p. m.—Fitz enters the ring. He was preceded by Martin Julian. He was accompanied by Yank Kenney and Jack Everhardt; an immense floral horseshoe was presented to him and Martin Julian carried it around the ring. On it was the inscription: "Good luck to the Champion."

When Fitz took his seat in the lucky corner, John Hickey, his other sparring partner, arrived in his corner. The champion was cheered wildly and stood up and bowed frequently in response to the greeting. Fitz was enveloped in a blue and white sweater and looked the picture of strength and health.

Within a minute Jeffries climbed through the ropes, accompanied by Manager W. A. Brady, Bill Delaney, Jack Jeffries and Jim Daly.

10:20 p. m.—Referee George Siler has 10:15 p. m.—Fitz was tipped not to look up at the lights which shone over his head and threw a fierce glare on the ring floor. These lights were placed in position to enable the vitagraph to take pictures of the fight. His seconds held fans over the champion's head in order to keep the light from his eyes. These precautions were not adopted by Jeffries' handlers.

10:17 p. m.—The men were introduced by Master of Ceremonies Fred Burns. Jeffries' name was mentioned first and he bowed to the crowd. Fitz followed.

10:19 p. m.—Fitz is wearing dark blue trunks with a belt of miniature American flags.

10:20 p. m.—Jeffries is wearing close-fitting white trunks.

10:21 p. m.—Referee Siler has just called the principals to the centre, where they shook hands.

10:22 p. m.—Bell rings.

THE PRELIMINARIES.

Round 1.—Both men in centre of ring. They feinted with Fitz breaking ground. Jeffries keeping almost in the middle of the ring. Jeff is evidently trying to get the right over. Fitz led left to head, but Jeff ducked cleverly. Jeff led left and fell short. He led for stomach and again fell short. Again led a left swing for jaw, but Fitz was out of the way. Jeff tried right for Bob's left forehead, but Fitz blocked and got away. Fitz tried left, landing on neck. Fitz essayed a right swing for the neck, landing lightly and they came to a clinch, but broke clean. Jeff tried a straight left for jaw, but did not reach and Fitz blocked an attempt at a left hook, shooting his left to the ear as the bell rang.

Round 2.—Fitz in middle ring made Jeffries break ground and Fitz sent left to head. Jeff countered with stiff left on face. Jeff tried for body but was nearly blocked. Jeff tried right for Bob's left forehead, but Fitz blocked and got away. Fitz tried left, landing on neck. Fitz essayed a right swing for the neck, landing lightly and they came to a clinch, but broke clean. Jeff tried a straight left for jaw, but did not reach and Fitz blocked an attempt at a left hook, shooting his left to the ear as the bell rang.

Round 3.—Fitz looked very determined when he came up for this round with Jeff on the aggressive. They clinched twice without doing damage. Fitz tried a right hook for the body but failed and it was then seen that he was bleeding from the nose. First blood claimed for Jeffries. After another clinch Fitz landed a hard left on Jeff's face and repeated it three times. Coming to the centre of the ring Fitz landed a left swing on the jaw and a left hook on the ear. Jeff came back with a left hook on the side of the head and they came to a clinch. After some feinting Jeff sent both hands to the body and drove Fitz back with a left on the chest. Fitz endeavored to land a left swing on the head and they clinched. Fitz landed

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THE PEACE-MAKERS AT CRUCIAL STAGE

Yesterday the Most Important Session of Conference.

AMERICANS LOSE GROUND

PERMANENT BOARD OF ARBITRATION DOES NOT WIN SUPPORTERS.

PAUNCEFOTE'S PROPOSAL THE LIMIT

And is Made the Basis of the Discussion Though American and Russian Proposals May be Added as Amendments.

The Hague, June 9.—The peace conference entered to-day upon its most important stage, when the drafting committee of the third section took up arbitration. According to a foreign delegate, the American scheme does not seem to have obtained the support of many of the delegates.

The proposals of Sir Julian Pauncefote, head of the British delegation, has the advantage of not saddling the powers with the expense of a permanently sitting tribunal. The drafting committee was in session for three hours, although not a single conclusion was reached, with the exception of the acceptance of the British scheme as the basis upon which to discuss the establishment of a tribunal of arbitration.

The great powers think it impossible, it is said, to go beyond Sir Julian Pauncefote's proposals. The American and Russian projects have not been abandoned. Sir Julian Pauncefote's will merely be taken as the basis of discussion; and the American delegates assure the correspondent of the Associated Press that the chief points in the American and Russian proposals will be incorporated as amendments.

THE HAVOC OF THE FLOOD.

Later Reports Confirm First Advances as to Loss of Life.

Austin, Texas, June 9.—Information tonight from the flood-stricken district along the Colorado river to the northwest of this city fully confirms former reports of loss of life and property. All telegraph and telephone wires are prostrated. Several people are known to have perished and many more are unaccounted for at present.

R. F. Wells, a prominent farmer living a few miles north of the city, in attempting to rescue his family by boat last two daughters and barely succeeded in saving his own life and that of his wife and one small child. The body of one of the daughters, Lydia, was recovered today hanging from the top of a tree. During the day something like one hundred people who had been swept away in the first flurry of the flood, were rescued by means of volunteer parties in boats from their perilous positions in tree tops. Parties are still out searching for them.

A FATAL DERAILMENT.

Forty-Five Passengers Injured in An Accident on the K. C. P. & G.

Kansas City, Mo., June 9.—Between forty and forty-five passengers were injured, four perhaps fatally, by the derailment of train No. 4 southbound, on the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad, three miles south of Grand View, Mo., at 9:30 o'clock last night. The injured are residents of Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

BECOMING AMERICANIZED.

Cubans Lynch Antonio Garcia, a Bandit Chief.

Santiago de Cuba, June 9.—An official report from Holguin today describes the lynching of Antonio Garcia, a bandit chief, who was taken from the generalmercy by the indignant citizens and hanged; Holguin is one of the most lawless in the island and this summary punishment, under all conditions, is regarded as a favorable symptom.

MARRIAGE AT RED SPRINGS.

Red Springs, N. C., June 9.—(Special.)—Thos. M. Cunningham and Miss Flora McKinnon were married in the Presbyterian church at 9 a. m., on June 7th. The church was crowded. Some say it was the biggest wedding in the history of the town. Over fifty beautiful and valuable gifts were received.

CASSATT SUCCEEDS THOMAS.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 9.—The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at a special meeting, today elected Mr. A. J. Cassatt, a director of the company, president, to succeed the late President Frank Thomson.

MOLINEUX IS RE-ARRESTED.

New York, June 9.—Roland B. Molineux was today released on \$5,000 bail. He was immediately re-arrested on a warrant charging him with the murder of Catherine J. Adams.

GALA WEEK AT JONESBORO.

New Machinery for the Cotton Mill—Building to be Erected.

Jonesboro, N. C., June 9.—(Special.)—This has been a gala week for Jonesboro. Tuesday and Wednesday was commencement at Jonesboro High School. Rev. N. M. Watson, business manager of the "Old Raleigh," delivered the annual address. His subject was "The Practical Value of An Education." The address was replete with good common sense and made a fine impression on the large audience assembled to hear him. The program of the exercises for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings consisted of recitations, instrumental and vocal music and drills. The pupils acquitted themselves creditably, and reflected honor on themselves and their instructors.

Jonesboro Cotton Mills will put in considerable new machinery during the course of the next two months. The mill is in a very prosperous condition. Watson & Godfrey have already placed the contract for the erection of a large commodious brick store. Several other firms are speaking of doing the same thing.

THE HOMAGE OF ROCHESTER.

It Dedicates a Monument to the Late Fred Douglass.

Rochester, N. Y., June 9.—Rochester paid homage to the memory of Frederick Douglass to-day. The occasion was the dedication of a handsome monument which consists of a pedestal and figure of heroic size. The monument was unveiled by Miss Gertrude Heath Thompson, and Governor Roosevelt delivered an address.

THE ARMY CANTEN.

Three Arrests at Camp Meade to Test Attorney General's Decision.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 9.—Three arrests have been made at Camp Meade, near Harrisburg, to test the validity of the decision of Attorney General Griggs, annulling the law passed by the last Congress, prohibiting the sale of liquor at army canteens.

TO FIX ON A CANAL ROUTE

PR:SIDENT APPOINTS A COMMISSION FOR THIS PURPOSE.

They are to Determine the Most Feasible Route Across the Isthmus of Panama and Report to Congress.

Washington, June 9.—The President today appointed the following commission to determine the most feasible and practical route for a canal across the isthmus of Panama: Rear Admiral Jno. G. Walker, United States Navy; Hon. Samuel Paseso, Florida; Alfred Noble, C. E., of Illinois; George S. Morrison, C. E., of New York; Colonel Peter C. Haines, United States Army; Professor William H. Burr, of Connecticut; Lieutenant Colonel Oswald H. Ernst, United States Army; Lewis M. Haupt, C. E., of Pennsylvania.

By the terms of the River and Harbor act, under which this commission was appointed, the commission is to examine and investigate all the Isthmian routes and report to Congress upon two or more of them. Congress appropriated \$1,000,000 to defray the expenses of the commission. Admiral Walker, who is at the head of the commission says that he will call the members together at the earliest practicable moment. The time between now and the meeting of the next Congress is so brief that it is of importance that the work of the commission should begin immediately.

A SCHOONER WRECKED.

Fate of Her Crew Unknown—Believed to Have Been Drowned.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 9.—The three-masted schooner George A. Hayes, the home port of which vessel is Philadelphia, was found wrecked about six o'clock tonight by the life-saving crew of the Barnegat Station, two miles off Barnegat. The crew is believed to have been drowned.

PLUNGED DOWN EMBANKMENT.

Conductor and Fireman Dead—Engineer May Die.

Norfolk, Va., June 9.—A special freight train which left Norfolk tonight over the Norfolk and Western Railroad ran into a washout two miles beyond Suffolk, resulting in the death of Conductor S. L. Sowers and Fireman H. Poole. The engineer was caught under the engine and may die. The train went down an embankment 30 or 40 feet.

SHOT HIS WIFE'S INSULTER.

Odum, Ga., June 9.—Joe W. Harris shot and instantly killed H. R. Bennett near here today. Both are white. Bennett was a well-to-do farmer and church member. Ten days ago it appears Bennett went to the house of Harris in his absence and made improper proposals to his wife. Upon his return home the matter was reported to Harris. The men met this morning and Bennett was shot dead.

THE BOUNDARY OF ALASKA DISPUTED

A Temporary Boundary Will be Arranged.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

CHOATE AND SALISBURY WILL ATTEND TO FORMALITIES.

ONLY ONE SERIOUS HITCH OCCURRED

That was Over Divisional Point on Dalton Trail Boundary Will be Maintained Two Years, During Which Dputed Points May be Discussed

Washington, June 9.—When the State Department closed yesterday it was with the expectation on the part of the officials that the modus vivendi upon the Alaskan boundary dispute, which has been under negotiation in London, would be completed and signed today. The signing probably will take place in London as between Ambassador Choate and Lord Salisbury, unless the program is changed over night.

Assuming that the agreement is on the exact lines of the instructions sent, the modus vivendi will fix the provisional boundary line between Alaska and Canada at three points nearer the head of the Lynn Canal. These points are as follows: On the White Pass, at the old Canadian custom house in the pass; on the Chilkoot Pass, likewise at the Canadian custom house, which has existed for the past eighteen months; on the Dalton Trail, just above the Indian village of Klukwan.

The first two points were easily fixed; the hitch of moment has been over the location of the divisional point on the Dalton trail. The point named is at the head of canoe navigation and fifteen miles above tidewater, which the Canadians sought so strenuously to reach. The modus vivendi provides only for a temporary delimitation, but there is good reason to believe that the lines it will establish in the end will be accepted by both parties as the best possible solution of the vexed boundary issue.

THE NEWS IN LONDON.

London, June 9.—The correspondent of the Associated Press learns, upon high authority, that the Alaskan modus vivendi does not imply that the boundary question has been settled or compromised, but simply that a temporary boundary has been arranged and will be preserved for two years, which interval will be available for the settlement of the main question at issue.

It is also learned by the Associated Press that the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph H. Choate, is hourly expecting the consent of the authorities at Washington to a compromise arrangement on the lines of a prospective settlement and for carrying on the discussion in the high commission. While yielding in certain matters, it is understood Mr. Choate has been able to effect an arrangement satisfactory to the United States. He has been largely helped by the reasonable attitude assumed by the Canadians during the past week. The Canadian High Commissioner, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, and the Marquis of Salisbury are agreed on the line of compromise.

The Exchange Telegraph Company this afternoon says it understands the Marquis of Salisbury and the United States Ambassador have reached an agreement regarding the Dalton trail, on the Chilkoot Pass, which has been such an obstacle in the settlement of the modus vivendi.

THE VOLUNTEER PROBLEM.

Cabinet Discusses the Advisability of Skeleton Regiments.

Washington, June 9.—The Cabinet in connection with the possible necessity of enlisting a force of volunteers, today discussed tentatively a plan for the enlistment of several skeleton regiments in Manila from among the volunteers who desire to remain in the service and the subsequent filling out of these regiments with recruits enlisted in this country.

STORER ARRIVES TODAY.

No Political Significance Attaches to His Delay.

Madrid, June 9.—Mr. Bellamy Storer, United States Minister to Spain, will arrive here tomorrow evening from San Sebastian, the summer residence of the Spanish court. His delay has no political significance whatever.

THE PARIS BREAKING UP?

Coverack, Cornwall, June 9.—All hands were called on deck of the Paris this evening in anticipation of the breaking up of the steamer which, it is feared will happen unless the weather improves.

WOODMEN TO MEET AT ST. PAUL

Kansas City, Mo., June 9.—The head camp of the Modern Woodmen of America to-day selected St. Paul as the place of meeting in 1901.