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## JESS WILLARD WON OVER HIS OPPONENT MORAN IN A TEN ROUND BOUT LAST NIGHT

### Willard Broke His Right Hand In The Third Round But Fought On And Won On Points— Moran Was Clever But Out-classed—It Was Willard's Fight From The Beginning.

Madison Square Garden, New York, March 25.—Willard out-pointed Moran tonight before 12,000 spectators, the largest crowd that ever witnessed a fight in New York.

The fast fighting started with the fifth round, despite the fact that Willard had the misfortune to break the small bone in his left hand.

The fact was a surprise in as much as both of the men battled as fast as they could from beginning to end.

Moran was the aggressor in the whole ten rounds except two and he frequently rushed the champion to the ropes. His timing was poor and he exhibited very little boxing skill. Willard landed three punches to everyone for Moran but failed to show the wonderful boxing ability with which he has been credited and Moran had no trouble breaking through his guard.

Easily it was Willard's fight all the way. It was simply the old story of a big good man against a good small man.

Moran put up a good fight, but he had no skill to equal Willard's size. Willard injured his hand on Moran's head. While Moran was bleeding from cuts on his head he was not badly hurt and was going well at the close.

In the first round there was very little doing except both were apparently sizing each other up.

Willard seemed to be hard to arouse but waked up after Moran landed a hard punch. In the mix-up, the champion had the best and soon had Moran on the defensive.

Moran missed in succession, while Willard jabbed him at will in the face.

Moran showed much cleverness after missing a swing by covering up. In the third Willard sent a hard right to Moran's head and came near setting the fight.

Willard showed for the first time how well he could fight when he wanted to and used both hands at will on Moran's face and body.

In the sixth round Willard shook Moran up with punches but did not follow it up.

Willard forced up Moran to the ropes. Moran's gameness aroused enthusiasm, despite the fact that he was out-sized and out-classed.

Moran tried to land his right to Willard's head but never could. There was very little of the last three rounds except that Willard showed well and the way Willard would land two or three times before he could recover. It was a great fight and both men were given great credit.

While there was no knock-out, it was admitted that Willard had it his way from the beginning.

The fight by rounds:

**First Round.**  
Moran landed the first punch, a left to the head. Willard shot his left and they fell into a clinch. Moran ducked Willard's right and shot his right to Willard's stomach. Willard tried two jabs to the face but missed. Willard missed a left for the jaw and Moran rushed in and landed two blows on the body and two on the side of the head. Willard landed a jab and followed with a right to the body. Moran swung for Willard's jaw but missed and then Willard smashed one to the head and a terrific right to the body. Moran backed Willard to the ropes and Willard stood up under a fusillade of punches. The round ended with both men slugging to toe. Moran's round.

**Second Round.**  
Willard jabbed to the head and they clinched. Moran missed a right to Willard's jaw and then smashed Willard's ear. The blow landed on the champion and he rushed Moran furiously. Moran ducked several jabs for the head and then they clinched. Moran's round.

**Third Round.**  
Willard tried two jabs to the face but missed. Willard missed a left for the jaw and Moran rushed in and landed two blows on the body and two on the side of the head. Willard landed a jab and followed with a right to the body. Moran swung for Willard's jaw but missed. Then Willard smashed one to the body.

**Fourth Round.**  
Willard missed a left to the head and then shot a terrific right to the body. He followed it with one to the head and then backed Moran to the ropes with another right to the head. Moran faked a left and then swung the right to Willard's jaw. It was about even on an exchange of jabs in the center of the ring. Moran backed to the ropes and then rushed out and placed a left in Willard's stomach. Willard came back with a

left and right to the head. They clinched. Willard missed a vicious uppercut and Moran smashed him twice on the ear with an overhand right. Willard jabbed Moran with his left and Moran came back with a left to Willard's body. Moran's round.

**Flash:** Moran won. Willard broke his hand in third round, according to Tom Jones.

Willard landed two uppercuts before they separated and then as Willard held back his right Moran shot an awful left into Willard's stomach. Willard sent a right to Moran's eye, opening a gash above the eye and blood streamed down. Willard's round.

**Fifth Round.**  
Willard opened the session with a left to the face followed with a left to the jaw and then Moran clinched. Moran backed Willard to the ropes during the clinches, sending three punches to Willard's stomach. Moran backed Willard against the ropes again and landed six punches to the head without affecting the champion. They stood in the center of the ring and exchanged jabs and then Willard shot a left to the face and followed it with a right to the body. Moran landed a left to the stomach and Willard came back with a right smash that widened the cut over Moran's eye.

**Sixth Round.**  
They fell into a clinch as they came from their corners. As they broke Willard uppercutted Moran but failed to hurt him. The challenger smiled and resumed his furious rushing of Willard. Willard missed an uppercut and then landed a left to the body. He followed it with a straight right to Moran's bruised eye. Moran sent a left and right to the body and then tried a terrific swing to the head. He missed. Willard's round.

**Seventh Round.**  
Willard opened with a terrific rush and banged Moran fifteen times while the challenger got walloped around the ring. A series of uppercuts staggered Moran still more and a right smash by Willard cut Moran's eye still farther, making Moran's face a smear of blood. Moran rallied, however, and began shooting lefts and rights to Willard's body while he rushed with his head down. Moran hung on to Willard and got a smash under the chin. Willard continued his terrific bombardment. Moran's move broke during this round but Referee White refused to permit to change it.

**Eighth Round.**  
Willard opened with a right to the face and followed with a left to the body. Moran sent two to the body and a left to the head. Willard's jab with his left fell short and then he cornered of Moran's head. Switching lefts and right one after another and it seemed that Moran must fall. Suddenly, however, Moran came to life again and rushed Willard. He sent a terrific left to Willard's head. Followed it with a right to the head and two to the body. Willard backed against the ropes and Moran smashed him twice in the body and three times in the head. The round ended with Moran walloping Willard's head. Willard's round.

**Ninth Round.**  
Moran rushed furiously from his corner and met Willard almost as he was coming from his corner. Frank landed a left and right to the body and then a left to the head. Willard jabbed Moran twice with his left and tried for a long right to the jaw. He missed. Willard crashed a left to Moran's jaw and Moran came back with a right to Willard's jaw. Both men were putting everything they had behind their punches. Moran drove a right to Willard's body, missed a long right to the head and got a right uppercut as he was trying to regain his balance. Willard landed Moran three times. Once again the Pittsburgher seemed partly blinded. Moran landed a right to Willard's jaw and then lunged back waiting another opening. He got it but missed and Willard handed him a vicious right uppercut. Flash: Willard's round.

**Tenth Round.**  
Willard opened with two smashes with his left to Moran's face and then jabbed Moran three times to the body while the challenger bucked around in an attempt to shoot a right to Willard's jaw. Willard sent a left to Frank's body and Moran then rushed in and barged Willard with three punches in a half clinch. Willard backed to the ropes in ducking Moran's right and then came out and shot a long left swing to Moran's stomach. Willard landed two upper-

### HON. N. A. SINCLAIR ENDORSED FOR ATTORNEY - GENERAL

Democratic Executive Meeting—Question of Nominating State Senator Left as Heretofore.

Cumberland Executive Committee met yesterday at the court house and decided to postpone the Democratic rally from April 15th to 22nd.

Colonel George McNeill offered a resolution to allow the county having the right to nominate a senator to do so without the other.

Last Hoke nominated Mr. Johnson and was endorsed by Cumberland and this year Cumberland is entitled to nominate a man.

The idea was to allow the county entitled to the nomination to make it without interference from the other.

After considerable debate the majority decided to leave it as heretofore allowing both counties to do the nominating.

The most important action of the committee was the endorsement of Hon. N. A. Sinclair for Attorney-General. The resolution was offered by Mr. George McNeill and unanimously carried which undoubtedly means that Mr. Sinclair's name will be presented as a candidate for Attorney-General of North Carolina in the coming primary.

Heretofore there has been only two avowed candidates for the position, Mr. T. H. Calver, of Raleigh, and Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville.

### "HANDCOCK" ORDERED TO GALVESTON

(By International News Service.)  
Washington, March 25.—The Navy Department ordered the Hancock from Key West to Galveston. No reason has been assigned. Officials indicated that the transport would be held for any emergency.

Four hundred marines are being held in readiness so that they can be rushed to Galveston.

The Hancock was ordered from Philadelphia to Pensacola. It was said that 500 marines were to be taken on at Pensacola.

### LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMENCEMENT PRIZE FUND

The following is a complete list of the names of those contributing to the county commencement prize fund to date:

- F. D. Williams—Hat.
- W. E. Kindley—Embroidery lace.
- M. L. Courtney—Baseball glove.
- National Bank—\$5.00.
- Stein Brothers—Pair shoes.
- B. F. Beasley—Scarf pin.
- Schufford and Rogers—Silk shirt.
- Carolina Grocery Company—\$2.00.
- Judge Printing Company—\$1.00.
- Fayetteville Furniture Company—\$4.00.
- Huske Hardware Company—Baseball glove.
- Hotel Rosemont—\$2.00.
- J. H. Eggleston—Cuff buttons.
- Adams Grain Company—\$4.00.
- Dr. K. G. Averitt—50 cents.
- W. J. Byrd—Five pounds coffee.
- C. L. Beville—\$5.00.
- W. J. Royall—\$1.00.
- J. G. Shaw—\$2.00.
- Cumberland Savings and Trust Company—\$5.00.
- Standard Book Store—Two fountain pens.
- Dr. J. H. Judd—50 cents.
- Dr. W. S. Jordan—50 cents.
- Fayetteville Light and Power Company—\$2.00.
- La Fayette Hotel—\$2.00.
- Upton Jewelry Store—\$5.00.

We appreciate the generosity of these liberal hearted people and request our school children and patrons to patronize them as much as possible.

S. M. PATTON,  
W. F. MOBLEY,  
C. D. FRANCK,  
Committee.

cuts after Moran landed a long swing and Moran came back with two to the body. Willard landed a short uppercut and Moran retaliated with a right smash to the jaw. Moran missed a left to the body and the fight ended there. Willard's round. Willard won points.

## GERMANS CONTINUE GREAT OFFENSIVE

Semi-Circle 75 Miles Long Pouring Shot And Shell Into The French Lines.

### CITY REPORTED ON FIRE

Germans Are Attempting To Outflank The French East Of The Meuse—Incessant Fire Kept Up.

(By International News Service.)

London, March 25.—The Germans on the 75-mile semi-circular front before Verdun are pouring an incessant shell fire upon the French works.

Incendiary shell fire have set the city on fire, according to the German reports.

The bombardment which seems to have been confined to the north front of Verdun have now spread to Woivre.

The most intense fire is being directed against the French line where for the last few days there had been more or less firing.

A tremendous artillery duel has been started in the Avnes court sector. The Germans are attempting to outflank the French troops east of the river.

### VARSER AND LYON FOR DELEGATES

Mr. L. A. Varsar, of Lumber, passed through the city yesterday and when asked by a News' man if he was a candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention, said that he was not in the usual sense, but that if the people wanted him to represent the State in the National Convention that he would be glad to do so.

Mr. Varsar is an able, clean and while a little reserved is a very affable gentleman.

He is mighty good timber for a delegate and the district would be honored by having such men represent it in the National Convention.

Our townsman, Mr. Terry Lyon, has also been spoken of for the position with Mr. Varsar.

### "THE SPOILERS" HERE APRIL 28.

Mr. A. M. Walters, Southern representative of the L. & R. Feature Film Company, of Washington, D. C., was in the city yesterday and booked Mr. Drake, manager of The Lyric, "The Spoilers," for April 28th and 29th. "The Spoilers" is a picturization of Rex Beach's great story of the same name. Produced by the Selig Company in nine reels, featuring the popular stars, William Farnum and Kathleen Williams. This is one of the greatest photoplays now before the public.

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS BY HON. JNO. A. OATES

(Special To The News.)  
Hope Mills, March 24.—The commencement address for the Hope Mills grade school will be given by the Hon. Jno. A. Oates on Friday, April 7th, at 7:30 p. m. The commencement sermon will be delivered by Rev. Porter, pastor of the M. E. Church at 11 a. m., April 9th. The public is cordially invited.

Lieut. D. B. Byrd left last night for Portsmouth, where he goes to take a course in aviation.

### CUMBERLANDS OPPORTUNITY.

We notice the name of our distinguished fellow countyman, Hon. N. A. Sinclair, as a probable candidate for attorney general of North Carolina. In our opinion it is high time that this section of the State should be in the State's official family, and we know of no man with greater ability and who will add more to the luster and pride of this section if he is put on the State ticket, than Neil A. Sinclair, of Cumberland, as attorney general. That office may have been filled by one of equal but by no one of superior ability. And we call upon the patriotic members of the Democracy of Cumberland to present him to the primary as their unanimous choice.

(Signed)  
CUMBERLAND'S  
MILITANT  
DEMOCRACY.

## CRISIS BETWEEN U. S. AND GERMANY

Consul Armstrong Cables That More American Lives Have Been Lost.

### OFFICIALS ARE WORRIED

The Last Vessel Torpedoed Was On Its Way To Portland, Me.—No Warning Given—U. S. May Take Action.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, March 25.—Another acute crisis in the relations between the United States and Germany when American Consul Armstrong at Bristol, Eng., reported that four Americans had probably fallen victims to a submarine attack when the Englishman was torpedoed and sunk en route to Portland, Me., from the English coast.

Coming right on top of the wholesale sinking without warning, officials were considerably disturbed and Secretary Lansing immediately cabled to Page and Armstrong, American consuls in England to rush all available information. They were also asked details of the attack on the Sussex. American were also aboard the Sussex when she was attacked. One American was killed.

No action will be taken by the United States government until all the facts are obtained.

Officials were very much disturbed in regard to the issues which have arisen in the last day or two. It was said that if it should be shown that Englishmen torpedoed without warning and if the advice as to the Sussex to show the same conditions some action by the United States government will be taken.

The probabilities may be that the vessels may have tried to escape and may therefore have contributed to their destruction.

### LEAGUE BALL.

On next Thursday, there will be a meeting held in Fayetteville of the representatives from Lumberton, Parkton, Raeford, Laurinburg, Red Springs and Dunn, which places form a league for baseball for the coming season. On the above date, schedules will be arranged. The Y. M. C. has added a pitcher and two new catchers. The public may expect to see some real ball-playing from the beginning.

### WHAT I WOULD DO

In answer to the lady who composed the piece headed if she could only vote, I would put at the head of this Democratic table one dish of choice Oats, and as for your Booger Taylor he could not cut a robe to fit a clown. The suit is made and on the Scotch lad that will serve this Democratic meal. I would remove your long-stemmed Rose and in its place I would put a plate of grits, grown at your merchant mill and then I would get your Democratic cook to prepare this dainty meal. I would invite your old fire chief to partake of this Democratic meal and when it comes down to fishes you have selected a very little fish to furnish the brain food for this big Democratic feast. Then you talk about having a Carver to carve the Democratic meal. He has carved at many a Republican banquet and is pretty well up on his job, but I would go across the creek and bring over the old war chief and set him down at the banquet and let him have plenty to eat at the political meal.

### WHAT I WOULD DO

This piece is written by  
G. F. TALBOTT.  
(By International News Service.)  
New York, March 25.—Dr. Arthur Waite had planned to poison seven persons, it was alleged today.

He was determined that nothing should stand in the way of his obtaining the Peck millions.

It was established that the dentist Horton woman of mystery in the case and her husband Harry Horton.

(By International News Service.)  
London, March 25.—British troops operating in Mesopotamia seized a small Turkish boat on the right bank of the Tigris, it was announced this afternoon.

Rev. J. W. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, was in the city yesterday.

Messrs. P. L. Borden, Carson Borden, Tom Dewey, H. A. Parke, W. P. Rose, of Goldsboro, spent yesterday evening in the city visiting their friends, Messrs. Cook and Nutt, of the Cook-Nutt Drug Company.

## HEAVY FIGHTING AROUND VERDUN

French Shell German Positions—A General Engagement Expected Soon.

### GREAT ARTILLERY ACTION

Heavy Artillery Action On The Bank Of The Meuse, And Also In The Argonne Region—The French Are Energetic.

(By International News Service.)

Paris, March 25.—The French War Office issued this statement that in the Argonne violent artillery action was reported today at several places.

There was heavy artillery action on the Meuse and in the Argonne.

No infantry action took place during the day. The French are energetically shelling the German positions. A general engagement is expected all along the line soon.

### MIRAGE BALKS BRITISH ARTILLERY IN ARABIA

(By an Official British Press Representative.)

Sheikh Saad, Arabia, Jan. 13.—(By Mail)—The ground between the Tigris River and the hills was the scene of the battle of Sheikh Saad. The land is maliciously and fanatically sterile. Even the agone and the kharnog come to an end. It was over this ruddy ground that the transport wagons bumped and jolted with their freight of wounded on the evening of January 7th.

It was evening when our steamer moored near the battlefield. We went out to meet them as they streamed in over the mud-colored flat, and gave what aid we could. Many were walking very erect, some of them with the stiffness of effort. These were the less serious cases. The stretchers and transport wagons came in later. One was struck with the hardness and stolidism of the British and Indian alike.

"Beg your pardon, sir," says a British private; "can you tell me where the ambulance is?" and he depreciates the support of my shoulder, though his calf is bandaged, and it is painful for him to put his left foot to the ground. "I am all right, sir; it's nothing serious."

He lifts up his shirt, and points to a puncture in his stomach. His face is bloody and bandaged.

"It is nothing," he explains; "took off a bit of my gums."

He will not rest, but moves on toward the distant Red Cross flag and the funnels of the steamer on the river. Here at least should be rest, warm tea, and comforts for his wounds. But in Mesopotamia it is as far cry to the smooth motor ambulance of France, the rapid transit to the hospital, where an hour or two after he has received first aid, doctors and nurses are ready with every saving device that science can provide.

We have heard the guns overnight and again in the morning as our paddle steamer with its attendant lighters forged up stream. The first shell disturbed a flight of sand grouse which came wheeling across the river in such myriads that we who were watching from the roof of the bridge forgot the shells and turned our glasses on the birds—a skein of plumage half a mile long tying itself up in loops in the most complicated evolutions, the van suddenly wheeling around, while the rear, an opposite point, then converged in a loop. They were dark at one turn, silvery the next, as the sun caught their underwings through the black smoke of a monitor.

(By International News Service.)  
El Paso, Tex., March 25.—General Cavara at Jaurez gave out the statement that at Madera Villa forces are retreating towards San Geronimo, south of El Oro, near where the American soldiers are co-operating with the Carranza forces.

(By International News Service.)  
London, March 25.—The Minister of Marines issued an official statement concerning the attack on the British ship Sussex, the English steamer carrying 350 passengers torpedoed by a submarine.

The captain saw the torpedo about 100 yards away and tried to avoid it but the explosion caused a great panic aboard.