

THE BIG FIGHT DECLARED OFF.

Match Between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton For Heavyweight Championship Falls Through.

The twenty-round fight scheduled for March 4 between Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, and Fred Fulton, of Minnesota, for the heavyweight title, was declared off by Tom Jones, the manager promoter, who were partners of Dominic J. Tortorich in promoting the bout.

A disagreement between Jones and Burns over the latter's insistence that Fulton meet some other first-class fighter before the Willard match caused the cancellation. Jones said there was a strong probability that Willard and Fulton would fight for the championship in Milwaukee, February 22.

Announcement was made by Tortorich and Burns December 24 that they had decided to try to substitute Frank Moran, of Pittsburg, for Fulton in the match with Willard. A few days later Burns announced he was willing to take over the Willard-Fulton agreement alone and stage the fight here as originally arranged, excepting that Willard should take a percentage of the receipts instead of a \$32,500 guarantee.

Players Signed By Durham For 1916.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 6.—Camnitz, brother of the famous Pittsburgh National League pitcher has been signed by the Durham Club, of the North Carolina League for the 1916 season.

Blair, an amateur, of Philadelphia, has been signed as an outfielder. He was recommended on dependable authority as one of the best amateur players in Philadelphia. White, another Philadelphia player, was drafted as catcher.

Robert Lee, shortstop, of North Dakota, was included in the new line-up of players purchased by the Carolina League.

Dutch Hoffman, former player with the Richmond team of the International League, who played with Clifton Heights, Pa., last year, is manager of the Durham club.

Bowler Hat.

Although, according to Sir James Linton, the bowler hat was worn by the ancient Greeks, its beauties were not discovered by Englishmen until about a century ago.

Mrs. A. M. W. Stirling, the biographer of Coke of Norfolk, says that it was first made fashionable by Coke's nephew, William Coke, "who decided that a hat originally designed by William Bowler, a hatter in the borough, would suit his requirements." To the popularity of Billy Coke is generally ascribed the word "Billycock," but Sir James Murray thinks otherwise.

The New English Dictionary traces its origin to "Bully cocked, used 1721, probably meaning 'cocked' after the fashion of the bullies." — London Opinion.

Cider Has an Awful Kick.

Farmers in the vicinity of New Carlisle, Ohio, have found a way to beat the local option laws.

Thousands of gallons of city were made in that section this fall, and the farmers have discovered that by running it through a cream separator the water is extracted, leaving little but the pure alcohol remaining.

"It's got an awful 'kick,'" declared one farmer, who allowed his barrel of cider to set in the warm November sun for two weeks before giving it the separator test.

LIVE SPORTING TIPS.

Harry Willis and Sam Langford have been matched to meet in a twenty-round scrap at New Orleans this month.

Memphis boxing fans refused to turn out for Freddy Welsh. Evidently they do not care for this make-believe champion and his modern dances.

Two big colored heavyweights, Harry Wills and Dave Mills, are helping Jim Coffey get into trim for his bout with Frank Moran, in New York, this month.

Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, who fled to Europe after being convicted of violating the Mann act, and who thereby forfeited a bond of \$20,000, wants to come back.

Carl Morris is willing to enter the ring against Jess Willard, but stipulates that the bout be a long one, say 45 rounds. What a piker, he might have made it fifty.

Fred Kelly, world's champion high hurdler and hero of the 1912 Olympic games, will become an aviator on his graduation from the University of Southern California next February.

Billy Gibson, manager of Benny Leonard, seeing that there is some sort of a hitch in the proposed match between Freddy Welsh and Charley White, offers to put Leonard in White's place.

Johnny Kilbane will risk his featherweight title, he having accepted an offer of a twenty-round bout with George Chaney. The bout will be staged in Baltimore and Kilbane is guaranteed \$5,500.

With more than 4,000 gun clubs scattered throughout this broad land, the time is not far distant when there will be trap shooting league in every State. There is not a State or Territory now that cannot boast of a number of gun clubs.

Dan Morgan, manager of Baitling Levinsky, now claims that the latter is the light heavyweight champion. Morgan points to Levinsky's work against all the light heavyweights. He claims Levinsky has beaten Coffey, Dillon, McMahon, Porky Flynn, Jack Geyer, Weinert, Gunboat Smith and Bob Moha. Morgan says Levinsky wants to meet Jess Willard in a limit bout from one to forty-five rounds.

Sam Wallach, manager of Leach Cross, was offered a match for Leach with Charley White, of Chicago, for 12 rounds at the Hippodrome A. C., of Boston, on Tuesday evening, January 4, but when Sam asked for a guarantee of \$2,500. Promoter Miah Murray, of the club, called off the negotiations. Murray was willing to offer Cross a guarantee of \$1,000, with an option of 30 per cent of the receipts.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER.

Superior Court,
February Term, 1916.

WILLIAM LAMB vs. PHOEBE LAMB.

PUBLICATION NOTICE.

This is an action for absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony on the grounds of adultery, and it appearing that the defendant is a non-resident of this State, and an order of publication having been made in said action, conformably to the statute.

Now, therefore, this is to command said defendant Phoebe Lamb, to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, to be held at the court house in the City of Wilmington, N. C., on the 7th day of February, 1916, to answer, or demur, to the complaint of the plaintiff in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for relief demanded in his complaint.

W. N. HARRISS,
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