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BIG SMOKE SAYS HE IS COMING BACK

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MEXICALI, Mex., April 1.—Jack Johnson, former champion of the world, has started "bearing back."

I am under contract with a big American fight syndicate today which calls for three fights, the final one for the championship. Johnson declared today. "I am going to come back, not only in the fight world, but with the government of the United States. After my first fight, which will be with Fred Fulton, I am going to return to Chicago, give myself up and fight for proof of my innocence in the new trial that was granted me when I acted foolish and ran away."

That pretty well epitomizes the big black man's plans today as he walked

aimlessly around this little Mexican town within the shadow of Old Glory, the shadow of his former home from which he fled nearly half a dozen years ago. Jack refused to name the men forming the syndicate which has him signed, but if he has gold and plenty of it to further his plans, he says.

Johnson is en route with his wife, two sons and two servants to Tijuana, Mexico, from San Diego. It is in that Mexican town where his first fight of importance will be staged since his Waterloo at Havana if his plans do not go awry.

"I was asked to come to Tijuana by this syndicate," Johnson advised. "The plans are already pretty well along and I believe negotiations already have been opened with Fulton to fight me at Tijuana at an early date. I want a man to San Francisco and Los Angeles today to gather up a sporting partner and a training staff. I will go to Tijuana Sunday or Monday to begin training. No man on earth can beat me when I want to fight," he added.

"Willard," he said, "was never a fighter. He was just a big jolly fellow. Why, I had a dozen or a time flopping that night. I was supposed to go in the tenth, but I couldn't find a chance and when I did, I ran on that hot canvas. I burned me so badly that I couldn't hardly stay long enough to take the count."

"Carpentier" I've worked with the French boy lots of times. The first American fighter that meets him will

beat him sure.

"It's foolish, it seems like, to try to him as a contender for the championship, to take him over here from France to meet the champion. Why, even American fighters that ever went to France whipped Carpenter as soon as they met. If the Frenchman ever meets anybody before he does Dempsey, he'll never meet that fellow, because Carpenter won't be a drawing card anymore."

"He's fairly clever, you. Just fair. He can hit a little and then you've said it. I've seen him fight in Paris several times and worked with him myself. I believe I know. He would be pie for me and I hope to meet him after I get a crack at Fulton."

"Those's the best man in the states today—Fred Fulton. They say look at Dempsey. I'd like to look at him in the ring and I expect to some day after I've met Fulton and Carpenter and I'll see meet them if money will talk, because my syndicate has the 'jerk'."

Johnson said that James W. Coffroth is not included in the syndicate.

**HARBOR MAN
NEW CHAMPION**

George Carpentier Sees F.
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ley Garner.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Private Frank Vashard of Fort Eustis, whose home is in Indiana Harbor, Ind., won the heavyweight boxing championship of the Department of the East, United States Army, by defeating Private Charles Garner of Fort Wright, N. Y., last night. The welterweight title went to Private Clarence Null of Fort Wright, who bested Private Louis Pusack, Port Ontario, Private William Mitchell of Fort Wright won the bantamweight final from Private Bobby Cole of Camp Meade. A knockout in the second round earned Private the Seifstein of Fort Meade the honors in the light heavyweight class from Private William Fitzgerald. Private Dominick Kotarsky of Camp Dix won the middleweight title by knocking out Private Al Larsen of Fort Myer in the second round.

Georges Carpentier, European heavyweight champion, refereed the featherweight final, won by Private Joe Kressner, motor transport corps, New York, who received the decision over Private Frank E. Burke of Camp Dix. Private George Lawrence of Camp Lee won the light weight title by default.

M. Descomps, "Carpentier's" manager, referred an exhibition bout. Louis Gen. Robert E. Bullard awarded the prizes.

**S. O. MAIN OFFICE
IN THE LEAD**

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
WHITING, Ind., April 1.—The Main Office is still leading handily in the Standard Oil A. A. bowling league, the Dilettakers, in second place, being over 100 points behind. John Canner leads in the individual averages with 13. Canner set a new high average in the league for a match with 203.25, and also tied

Wilkinson's high record for single game with 256.

The Mainists led the Barrel House team in all three games of a match in the Standard Oil A. A. bowling league Tuesday night at Wilkinson's alleys. Mainist Shop Game totals, 846, 792 and 835. Grand total, 2473. Team average, 825 1-2.

Barrel House Game totals, 712, 541, and 822. Grand total, 2275. Team average, 758 1-2.

B. Perrill Takes Flynn's Measure

Bud Perrill won easily from Maurice Flynn and Tommy Holderson, mounted Paddy Chang in the double wind-up at the Indiana Harbor Auditorium last night. Perrill was in the pink of condition and made the bout one-sided that it was uninteresting. Holderson and Chang, however, were about evenly matched and only a smart beginning in the eighth round gave Holderson the better of the argument.

The fight card started with a packed house early at the hour set, when Young Flynn of Chicago stepped into the ring with Mike Polksy of Hammond, both substitutes. Flynn apparently outweighed Polksy by several pounds, but Polksy put up a game fight and although he got a little the worst of the argument was still going strong at the close of the four rounds.

Young Polksy of Kensington proved too tough for Kid Mack of Tulsa, Okla., and won a shade. Mack was the more clever of the two but lacked the punch to hurt Polksy, who waited his chance and landed some effective blows about the body and face. Mack left the ring with one eye entirely closed.

The Chang-Holderson bout was the feature of the evening and gave the audience something worth watching. Neither took any chances, apparently still remembering the two former bouts in which neither was able to gain a decisive victory. Chang early in the fight almost knocked Holderson's teeth out, the same which he opened in the last fight, and did most of the leading without gaining an advantage until the eighth round. If Holderson hadn't got started in the eighth with a right to the jaw, Chang could probably have drawn a shade on his leading, as the one bloodiest blow of Holderson at the start of Holderson for a whole round and came out at the end of the bout a bit gory. Holderson again had the better of it in the last round, but in spite of his inexperience was unable to make his victory decisive.

Flynn did not seem to be in condition for this first fight on the air while Perrill was never better. It proved a disappointment to the crowd because of the ease with which Perrill was able to hit Flynn and keep from punishment him self. Flynn improved toward the end of the bout and came out none the worse for wear.

Perrill will be matched for the next fight on April 24th with either Eddie Friedman or Jimmy Haslon. Either should give Bud a workout and make the fight interesting.

MELCHIOR STOPS DOYLE IN ROUND

KENOSHA, Wis., April 1.—A new weight class for Jack Melchior's group was uncovered here last night in the form of Tony Doyle of Chicago, who stopped Jack Doyle, much heralded Canadian heavyweight champion, in less time than it takes to tell the story.

The big fellows appeared in this wind-up of the Coliseum show, scheduled for two rounds, but the bout lasted 1 minute and 20 seconds. Once these pupines were unhooked, Doyle landed one hammer-blow left. Melchior the other two, the first a hard right to the head that rocked Doyle and the second a terrific left hook to the jaw that put the Canadian off watch for the count.

Melchior weighed 183 and Doyle 188. Both striped in this shape, but when the bell began there was nothing to it but Melchior. Tony displayed all the earmarks of a coming champion, finishing the job with such artful devious as to draw the plaudits of the big crowd, though many were disappointed at the brevity of the fight.

The first preliminary of eight rounds was a corker. In this Walter Grusick shaded White Sox, Grusick, Grusick finished with both eyes all but closed, but grim to the core and having a slight margin. They weighed 138.

The second heat of eight rounds was a trifling tame. Johnny Hagen getting a shade over Sammy Davis. They weighed 120 pounds.

Training Camp News

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., April 1.—The Cubs came back strong at the San Francisco Pacific Coast League team yesterday, taking the game, 8 to 6. Alexander and Vaughn pitched and the lineup was mostly composed of the regulars. Herzog, it was announced, can continue to play without an operation.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, April 1.—Scooter Heath, rookie pitcher for the White Sox, is to win over the San Antonio Texas League team yesterday. He showed up in big league style in every phase of the hurling game and it looks now that he has clinched a place with the White Sox.

Up To Benny Leonard.

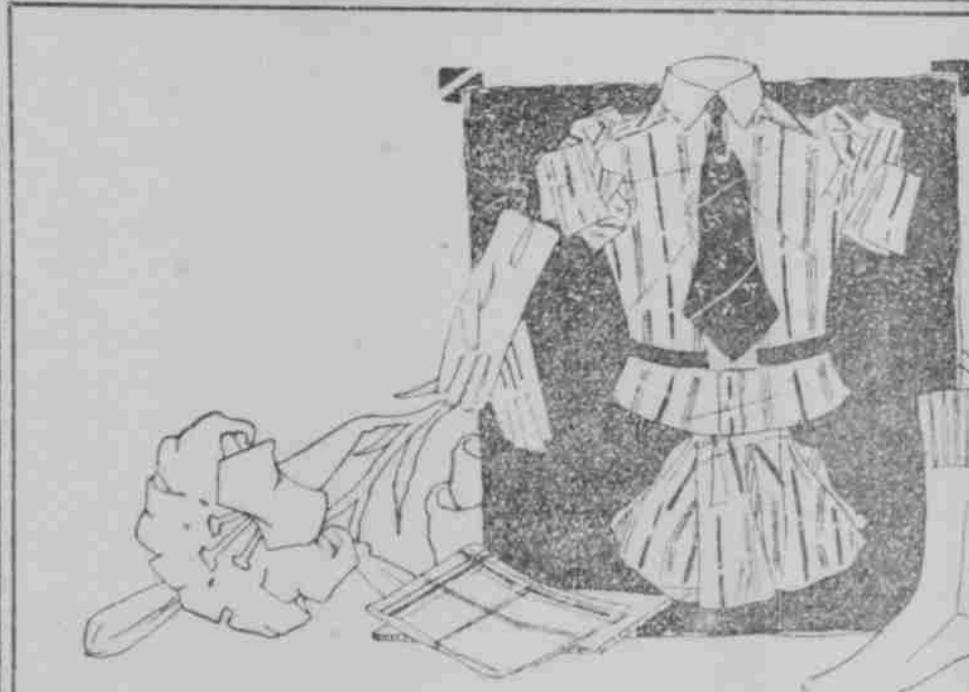
NEW YORK, April 1.—An offer to post a bet of \$1,000 that Benny Leonard, lightweight champion of the world, can not knock out or even knock down Georges Lapin, champion of France, in a twenty-round bout was made here yesterday by Francis Descomps, his manager.

He also offered to post \$6,000 for a fight over "any distance, any time, any place" between Polo Herman, world's bantam champion, and his boy, Charley Ledoux, champion of France.

Mlle. Farman, Fifteen

Seeks Air Pilot's License

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)—Paris, April 1.—Mlle. Farman, fifteen, a French aeronautics student, Farman, who has not yet reached her sixteenth year, probably will be the youngest airplane pilot ever registered in the world. She expects to take her pi-



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