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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 "beating back."

"I am under contract with a big American fight syndicate today which calls for three fights, the first 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 foolishly 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 and its courts of law from which he fled nearly half a dozen years ago. Jack refused to name the men forming the syndicate which has him signed, but it has gold and plenty of it to further its plans, he says.

Johnson is on route with his white wife and two servants to Tijuana, Mex., across 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 made to go along and I believe negotiations already have been opened with Fulton to fight me at Tijuana at an early date. I sent a man to San Francisco and Los Angeles today to gather up a sparring partner and a training staff. I will go to Tijuana Sunday or Monday to begin training. No man on earth could 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 streak of a time flopping that night. I was supposed to go in the tenth but I couldn't find a chance and when I did flop on that hot canvas it burned me so badly that I couldn't hardly stay long enough to take the count."

"Carpenter," he worked with the French boy lots of times. The first American fighter that beats him will beat him sure."

"He's foolish, it seems like, to test him as a contender for the championship, to test him over here from France to meet the champion. Why, every American fighter 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, yes. 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 a pie for me and I hope to meet him after I get a crack at Fulton."

"There'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 sure meet them if money will talk, because my right hand has the best," Johnson said that James W. Coffey is not included in the syndicate.

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WILKINSON'S high record for single game with 256.

The Machinists 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 alley.

Machine Shop: Game totals, 850, 792 and 833. Grand total, 2475. Team average, 825 1-3.

Barrel House: Game totals, 712, 741, and 822. Grand total, 2275. Team average, 758 1-3.

## B. Perrill Takes Flynn's Measure

Red Perrill won easily from Maurice Flynn and Tommy Holderson sounded Paddy Chaney in the double wind-up at the Indiana Harbor Auditorium last night.

Perrill was in the pink of condition and made the boys so one-sided that it was uninteresting. Holderson and Chaney, however, were about evenly matched and only a snarl beginning in the eighth round gave Holderson the better of the argument.

The fight card started with a packed house promptly at the hour set, when Young Finnian of Chicago stepped into the ring with Mike Polak of Hammond, both substitutes. Finnian apparently outweighted Polak by several pounds, but Polak 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.

The Chaney-Holderson bout proved too tough for Red Mack of Tulsa, Okla., and won a shade. Mack was the more clever of the two but lacked the punch to hurt Polak, who waited his chance and landed some effective blows about the body and face. Mack left the ring with one eye entirely closed.

The Chaney-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. Chaney early in the fight almost closed Holderson's left eye, 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, Chaney would probably have drawn a shade on his leading, but this one blow placed Chaney at the mercy of Holderson for a short time and came out at the end of the bout a bit groggy. Holderson again had the better of it in the last round, but in spite of his advantage was unable to make his victory decisive.

Flynn did not seem to be in condition for the last fight on the card when he met Perrill. It proved a disappointment to the crowd because of the ease with which Perrill was able to hit Flynn and keep from punishment himself. 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 16th with either Sailor Friedman or Jimmy Hanlon. Either should give Red a workout and make the fight interesting.

## MELCHOIR STOPS DOYLE IN ROUND

KINOSHA, Wis., April 1.—A new aspirant for Jack Dempsey's crown was uncovered here last night in the form of Tony Melchoir of Chicago, who stopped Jack Doyle, much heralded Canadian heavy-weight champion, in less time than it takes to tell the story.

The big fellows engaged in the wind-up of the Coliseum show, scheduled for ten rounds, but the bout lasted 1 minute and 20 seconds. Only three punches were thrown. Doyle landed one harmless left. Melchoir 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 out for the count.

Melchoir weighed 133 and Doyle 185. Both stepped in fine shape, but when the battling began there was nothing to it but Melchoir. Tony displayed all the earmarks of a coming champion, finishing the job with such artistic dispatch 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 Grayback shaded Willie Delwood. Grayback finished with both eyes all but closed, but gave to the core and having a slight margin. They weighed 113.

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

## Training Camp News

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
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 picked and the lineup was mostly composed of the regulars. Herzig, it was announced, can continue to play without an operation.

## 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 George Fopie, champion of France, in a twenty-round bout was made here yesterday by Francis Descombes, his manager.

He also offered to post \$5,000 for a fight over "any distance, any time, any place" between Polo Hornan, world's hardest champion and his boy, Charley Ledoux, champion of France.

## Mlle. Farman, Fifteen

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
PARIS.—Mademoiselle Andree Farman, who has not yet reached her fifteenth year, probably will be the youngest aviator ever registered in the world. She expects to take her pilot's license this summer.



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