

JIM JEFFRIES IS THE CHAMPION.

The Man Who Defeated Corbett Fought Fast and Hard

BUT WAS OUT-CLASSED.

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, tonight he defeated Robert Fitzsimmons, world's champion, in two classes (middle-weight 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 ninth 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.

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 lithe, active, trained athlete. The men 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 method of inflicting punishment. The transition since he appeared here 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 will probably be able to successfully defend the title for many years.

FITZ AS GOOD AS HE EVER WAS.

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 Corbett. 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 stunned by the blows he received he reeled instinctively towards his opponent. He was fighting all the time and punished his opponent, but found him a different opponent than any 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 and found no trouble in landing it. It was there that his superior resolu told. That giant arm served as a sort of human fender to ward off danger. He showed an excellent defense and the ability to use both hands with skill. He is game, too, for he never shrunk from his punishment. It was a great fight to watch and commenced and ended amid scenes of intense excitement. It was all very dramatic.

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 calciums 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 Devay occupied a seat by the ringside but never entered the ring. When it was all over he sent Capt. Keony in to clear the ring. There was absolutely no confusion attendant upon the assembling and hoisting 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 tilted very slowly and it was after 9 o'clock before the police had to assist 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 gazed the building and dressing room by a rear door.

WHEN THE FIGHTERS ENTER

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 it.

Jeffries was next into the arena and like his opponent got a demonstration. 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.

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 50 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 blow 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. Fitzsimmons was aggressive again in the third. He was bleeding but fighting viciously.

Fitz made his best showing in the fifth. He began the round with a punch that opened Jeffries' left eye and sent a little torrent of blood coursing down his cheek. He forced Jeffries but the California slipped away from him.

FITZ USED ALL HIS TRICKS

Fitz 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 Fitz's, but he did no particular damage with punches. The eighth saw the beginning of the end, for Fitz never regained his balance after that round. Jeffries began 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 facer. There was fear in Fitzsimmons' corner and Julian yelled to Fitzsimmons to be careful. Fitz 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 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. Fitz 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 Fitz 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 collected but the time was too short. Again did the gong come to the aid of the man who was then going staggering and dazed to certain defeat.

There was a frantic effort to revive the champion, 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 movement 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 timers counted 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 blue coats barred the way. Ten seconds are short, and when the tenth had come there was a new roar of excitement to welcome the victor Julian, Hickey, Kenney and Everhardt gathered up the prostrated 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 forward on chest chest.

The new hero crossed the ring and shook the hands of his rivals after which he was surrounded by his friends who hustled him from the ring and into his dressing room.

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Habana, June 8.—Col. Randall in paying Cuban soldiers at Matanzas yesterday, found that the majority of them had turned over the arms some time before to Gen. Pedro Betancourt, the civil governor of Matanzas. A few of them had certificates but the majority had not. Consequently Col. Randall experienced difficulty and only paid 37 men, though over 300 were in waiting and waiting money.

All opposition on the part of the insurgents to receiving the gratuity from the United States ended today. Lieut. Col. Randall, at Matanzas, Lieut. Col. Rafferty at Sagua Grande and Lieut. Col. Bi-bea at Paso, had large crowds waiting for payment and discharge.

Summer Normal Schools. COUNTY SCHOOLS.

It is now well known throughout the State that we shall have this summer in each county a summer normal school for four weeks duration, with a regular course of study in common school branches. The subjects taught this year will be English, geography and arithmetic, upon which examinations will be held at the close of the school. Each school will be conducted by a faculty of two instructors, each faculty teaching in two counties and thus employed for two months.

STATE SCHOOL.

But there are many teachers who could more profitably spend their time at a higher school. Hence a summer school of a higher grade and varied courses will doubtless be welcomed very generally and even by graded school superintendents and college professors. To meet this need and to raise the standards of education in the state, I am planning to hold at Winthrop college, (Whose cooperation has been secured), a state summer normal school, such as is conducted in many of the leading universities of today. The persons engaged to instruct in the county schools will be required to take courses at the state schools. This school will offer, as elective, courses in Pedagogy, English language, English literature, Anglo-Saxon, constitutional history, political economy, botany, physiology, physics, astronomy, drawing, vocal music and possibly Latin and Greek. Fuller details will be given in a printed announcement later. Each course will be conducted by a specialist, and a particular care will be taken to see that the sciences are taught practically, to lead to their introduction into the graded common schools. Many of the county teachers and most of the graded school teachers of the state will be expected to take advantage of these courses and thus be stimulated along the lines of the most modern development of educational ideas.

Periods of recitation will be one hour in length in each subject, six days in the week. Not more than three courses will be allowed to any one student, and the taking of only two will be encouraged, the object being to learn something thoroughly.

Board and lodging will be agreeable, and, (including laundry), will not be over \$12 for the four weeks, possibly only \$10.

The professors will for the most part be chosen from the faculties of our best colleges, State and Denominational; besides whom there will be several noted educators from abroad.

It is expected that several hundred teachers will be assembled, representing every college and progressive school in the State. The intellectual pleasure and the stimulus of these associations and consequent professional spirit should give an impetus to education that will be felt in the remotest corner of the State.

The privileges of the school will be extended as far as possible to others besides actual teachers. County superintendents and members of county boards of education are especially invited.

Fresh from this inspiring study under master teachers, the instructors of the county schools (some of whom will have been instructors in the State school), will go forth to their work with higher standards and greater zeal. It is for this reason that the county schools will be held later (July 15th to August 15th and August 15th to September 15th).

Attendance upon either the State school or a county school will probably be compulsory by regulation of the State board of education. It is hoped that graded school superintendents and boards of trustees will encourage, if not require, their teachers to attend the State school.

The object of this circular is to call the attention of the educational public to the above programme and to appeal to the better equipped and more ambitious teachers to make their arrangements now to attend the State summer school. City superintendents are asked to lay this matter before their teachers, and county superintendents are requested to communicate with such of their teachers as they think will endeavor to take advantage of the opportunities of this State school; all are urged to send me as soon as possible the names of those who express a purpose to attend this school.

Price of board, railroad rates and many other details affecting the success of the State schools are somewhat dependent upon the estimate of probable attendance. I trust that all friends of the proposition will at once communicate with me, giving me such assurances as they can.

John J. McMahon, State Superintendent of Education.

New York, June 8.—Thirty six buildings comprising almost the entire plant of the Nordlinger Chariton Fireworks company at Graniteville, Richmond borough, were blown up this afternoon and the entire fireworks plant practically wiped out of existence. Although the fires which followed the explosion lasted for several hours, the wreck was complete within a few minutes. No lives were lost, and but three persons were injured, two of them seriously.

CLOUDBURST IN TEXAS MOUNTAINS.

Flood of Water Descends Into Lowlands, Carrying Death.

Austin, Tex., June 8.—The cloudburst of yesterday, which swelled the rivers of this portion of the State out of their banks and caused a great loss of property, was much worse than reported last night. Many people are known to have perished, meagre reports tonight place the number at 25.

Today reports came from San Saba and Manardville, small towns 90 miles north of here in the mountains, saying that both towns have been swept by the raging floods and were badly devastated.

In San Saba eight people were drowned, and the entire town is reported under water tonight. The river at this point is one mile wide and running like a mill race. At Manardville 13 houses were swept away, and today several more fell into the swirling torrent and started on their voyage down the stream. The river is reported as rising at both places and grave fears are entertained that the entire country in that neighborhood will be laid to waste.

San Saba is located in a valley and vast tracts of wheat fields are under water. These crops will prove a total loss.

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Governor McSweeney yesterday received the following letter from Dr. L. M. Mitchell of Batesburg:

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Governor McSweeney has written to Dr. Evans of the State board of health, enclosing the above letter and urging that the matter be given prompt attention.

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SUMMONS FOR RELIEF. (Complaint Served)

Burgess Gaither Pierson, plaintiff, against Isaac Ballard individually, and as trustee, Solomon Ballard, Isaac Ballard, Jr., Burgess Ballard, Nancy Ballard, Julia Ballard, Evelyn Ballard, Joshua Ballard, Katie White and Marcus G. Ryttenberg, Harry Ryttenberg and Abe Ryttenberg as copartners as J. Ryttenberg & Sons, defendants.

To the Defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at their office in the city of Sumter, Sumter county, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in this complaint, and the defendant Joshua Ballard who is a non-resident of this State will take notice that the complaint in this action has this twenty-fifth day of April A. D. 1899, been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, State of South Carolina.

Dated April 25th, A. D. 1899.

PURDY & REYNOLDS, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

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