

BENNIE LEONARD HAS CLEAR TITLE

By JACK VEIOCK. International News Sports Editor. New York, June 7. Benny Leonard, new king of the lightweights, is the eighth champion of his class with a clear title to the crown.

Best of all, Leonard is a legitimate lightweight, and no one can gainsay his claim, for he knocked Fred Welsh out after entering the ring at 133 pounds.

It is a pleasure to register Benny Leonard as king of the lightweights, for he is every inch a champion—and a champion with a knockout punch. He punched his way to the lightweight throne over strong opposition, and when his chance came he won his title cleanly.

Back in the early eighties the title follows of the ring began to come into prominence when such battlers as Jack McAuliffe, George Fallman, Billy Frazer and Harry Green attracted attention fighting between 128 and 133 pounds. In England there was no recognized lightweight champion previous to the seventies, though many boxers made claims.

The first American lightweight champion of note was Abe Hickens, who claimed the title after defeating Pete McGuire in five rounds away back in 1868.

Time rolled on and with Hickens' retirement the title lapsed into obscurity for a time, until Joe Collyer of England put forth a claim to it. About the same time Bill Edwards and Arto Chambers claimed the laurels in this country. Edwards was matched with Collyer and defeated him, after which Chambers met and defeated Edwards, winning on a foul in thirty-five rounds.

In 1887 Chambers retired from the game and Jack Dempsey won recognition as king of the lightweight class of the day. Dempsey, however, grew weary in a short time and passed out of the lightweight class when Jack McAuliffe, an unseeded horse (as king of the lights) and defended his crown against all comers until 1893, when he followed in the footsteps of several of his predecessors and quit the ring.

Then came Kid Lavigne, one of the greatest lightweights who ever drew on a glove. The Kid was a real champion and he held his title until 1899 when Frank Erne beat him in twenty rounds at Buffalo.

Erne came next, disposing of Time in 1902. But the color line was drawn and most of the lightweights refused to meet Gans. Jimmy Britt got a match with Erne and defeated him, and then went after Gans, but the negro refused to make weight, and Britt laid claim to the crown. Up to 1905 Britt held his title, until he was knocked out in his famous battle with Pat Nelson at Colma, Cal.

Nelson, unlike the majority of white lightweights, agreed to take Gans on and he lost his first fight with the ever negro on a foul in the forty-second round. Twice after that he knocked Gans out, and his second victory over the negro so weakened Gans that he contracted tuberculosis, which caused his death.

Then came the terrific battle between Nelson and Wolgast in 1910. Wolgast, winning in the fortieth round, Wolgast in turn lost his title to Willie Ritchie in sixteen rounds. Ritchie went to London in 1914 to meet Freddie Welsh, and the Welshman was given a referee's decision in twenty rounds.

Welsh's fame as champion of the lightweights was marked by few real battles, only one of which was on the twenty-round route. This bout was against Charley White, at Colorado Springs, and had it not been for the fact that Welsh had his own referee in the ring, he might have been unowned at that time. His defeat by Benny Leonard marked him as an unpopular career, and also marked a return to the good old legitimate lightweight limit, for Welsh never fought at 133 pounds in any of his battles. Welsh, it must be said, was clever and a great ring general, but his stalling tactics took much from his brilliancy as a boxer and ring scientist.

Benny Leonard, the new champion, won his title in his third meeting with Welsh. The two met twice in New York last year, each winning a popular verdict in ten rounds. Leonard's most notable victory prior to his knockout of Welsh was his victory over Ritchie Mitchell at Milwaukee, when he won in seven rounds.

CLIMBING UP TO FIRST PLACE

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BOY SCOUTS A GREAT AID

Carried President's Message to Many Outlying Districts. Automobiles carried the President's message to outlying precincts in the third and sixth congressional districts in order to place this message in the hands of young men who registered, according to reports of Mrs. A. E. Stone of Morgan City and Mrs. W. S. Holmes of Baton Rouge.

Miss Lillian Meyer of Monroe will represent the fifth district on the board and Miss Katherine Channell of Lake Charles the seventh.

Throughout the country the National League for Women Service, whose president in Louisiana is Mrs. Philip Werlein, is undertaking the task of registration for the women's committee, Council of National Defense, it was stated. In line with this, it was decided to ask Mrs. Werlein to be chairman of registration for Louisiana. Her task will be to register all women available for war work.

WHEN THE PARSON BUYS IN A DRY STATE

Denver, Colo., June 7.—"This the place to get liquor permits?" said a sober-visaged individual in clerical-looking garb, as he edged meekly into the office of the county clerk.

"I would like a license to import liquor," said the clergyman. "So would I," said the attendant nervily. "No, my good man, I mean I want to import liquor for my congregation."

QUESTIONS ABOUT LIBERTY BOND ISSUE ANSWERED

The following questions and answers, designed by a Kansas City banker to give information which is frequently asked for by the wage-earners, bring out points that the ordinary Liberty Loan literature does not touch and are worth publishing:

Question—Should the holder of a Liberty bond lose it, would he lose his investment, or would he be protected?

Answer—Liberty bonds are divided into two classes: Coupon bonds, payable to bearer, and registered bonds. Coupon bonds are in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Should any of these bonds be lost or stolen and come into possession of an innocent purchaser, the actual owner would lose. Registered bonds are in denominations from \$100 to \$100,000. Should any of these bonds be lost or stolen, considerable inconvenience would result, but there would be no real loss.

Q.—May a Liberty bond be transferred from one person to another, and if so, how?

A.—A coupon bond may be transferred by delivery only. A registered bond to be transferred must be assigned, registered and delivered.

Q.—Which bond is more desirable for the small investor?

A.—Generally speaking, the coupon bond, because of the ease of transfer and, therefore, a resulting higher price in the open market.

Q.—Will these Liberty bonds probably sell for more or less in the future?

A.—Our best experts agree that should there be no subsequent issue of bonds in addition to the two billion now being issued, the bonds will sell at a premium after the war. Should there be a subsequent issue at a higher rate of interest, the Liberty bonds will sell at a premium after the war because of a provision in the present issue that Liberty bonds may be converted without cost into any government bond bearing a higher rate of interest. This provision should serve to keep the present issue above par.

ENLIST OVER 100 SINCE THURSDAY

One hundred and three men were enlisted for service in the navy by Lieut. S. M. LaBounty, recruiting officer at 730 Common street, since last Thursday. The enlistments for this period exceeded those of the previous week by thirty-nine.

According to the recruiting officer, there was a proportionate increase in enlistments for the navy all over the country. Eleven men were enlisted Thursday, out of twenty-five that applied. Shipfitters, machinists' mates, firemen and apprentice seamen were the branches in which these eleven men enlisted.

Lieut. LaBounty has had printed two thousand circulars which are being distributed in an effort to exploit the fact that men who have registered are eligible for enlistment in the navy until actually called into military service. These circulars are being distributed through the mails and are being placed in the street cars. The circular also contains statements relative to the many opportunities the navy offers to ambitious men between the ages of 18 and 35.

"THE SLACKER," FILM DRAMA, ASKS RECRUITS

Milwaukee, Wis., June 7.—The Wisconsin Defense League has launched the production of a five-act photodrama to be entitled "The Slacker." The film will be used to encourage the recruiting movement, not only in Wisconsin, but throughout the country.

Incidentally, critics say, the film promises to become of the most popular of the early war-time productions, dealing with the immediate causes of the declaration of a state of war with Germany and showing in part the activities and intrigues of German secret service agents in this country.

ITALIANS BUILD FINE ROADS IN ALBANIA

Rome, June 7.—Thanks to Italian-Austrian rivalry, after the war Albania will have the best system of wagon roads of any Balkan state, Greece and Rumania included.

A few days ago a new road, 650 kilometers long, connecting Santi Quaranta with Saloniki, was opened to the public. The road is a monument to Italian labor and engineering. Over three hundred kilometers lie through high mountains and deep gorges. A motor car can cover the distance between the two cities in about twenty hours.

In a few days a new piece of road, 110 kilometers long, will be opened to the public and will connect Avlona, on the Adriatic, with Saloniki.

SMALL PURSE FOR WELSH IN FIGHT

Freddie Welsh stands out today as an unlucky ex-champion in one respect.

Welsh got one of the smallest purses for losing his title that has been paid to a defeated champion in some years. His end of the gate receipts for his bout with Benny Leonard was less than \$6,000, and when it is remembered that he was forced to guarantee Willie Ritchie \$25,000 to meet him in London, his reward for taking a beating at the hands of Leonard and losing his lightweight championship crown is ridiculously small.

Purses offered for lightweight championships in the heyday of boxing in this country were seldom less than \$20,000, and the title holder invariably took down the lion's share of the purse.

The record purses for lightweights were drawn by Battling Nelson against Jimmy Britt and Joe Gans. Nelson and Britt drew \$27,000 at San Francisco and \$18,000 at Colma. The Nelson-Gans battle at Goldfield drew more than \$89,000.

BIG NINE ENTRY LIST IS LOW

Enlistments Have Thinned the Ranks of the Collegians. Chicago.—Enlistments for military and naval service have thinned the ranks of athletes in the "Big Nine." Entries announced today for the seventeenth annual outdoor meet of the Western conference, to be held at the University of Chicago next Saturday, contain only 120 starters, fewer than half of the number that competed in the classic last year.

Neither the University of Minnesota nor Wisconsin will be represented this year, athletics at those institutions having been abandoned until the end of the war. The other "Big Nine" universities—Illinois, Chicago, Ohio State, Northwestern, Purdue, Indiana and Iowa—have entered teams. Other institutions to exhibit colors will be the universities of Notre Dame, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri and seven colleges—Simpson, Dubuque, Oberlin, Grinnell, Ames, Superior normal and Michigan agricultural.

There is strong probability that some of the stars now enrolled in the officers' training camps may be able to compete, as the conference committee has ruled that all athletes in good scholastic standing who are attending the camps will be eligible. Proceedings of the meet are to be turned over to an army relief fund.

CHANNEL TUNNEL TO LINK LONDON TO INDIA

London, June 7.—From London to Constantinople by rail! That is the slogan of the interests which are promoting the scheme for a railway tunnel underneath the English channel, connecting the British and French coasts.

Sir Francis Fox of the Royal Geographical Society says that nature has made every provision for the tunnel. She has left a bed of gray chalk between England and France, which is the most suitable material of all through which to bore a tunnel.

After describing the way in which the railway would be constructed, Sir Francis went on to consult the Continental Bradshaw of the future. The Orient express will start from Charing Cross and run through to Constantinople. Here a train ferry would take one portion across the Bosphorus, whence it might traverse Asia Minor, Palestine, join on to the Egyptian railways and thus find its way south by the Cape-to-Cairo route.

Another portion would go through Baghdad to Karachi and India. "Take your seats, please for Constantinople and Calcutta; change at Scutari, Khartoum, Bulawayo, Johannesburg and Cape Town."

The Nord express for Petrograd would connect with the Trans-Siberian line and China. "It may seem to us," observed Sir Francis, "a very remarkable prospect, but it is by no means impossible of realization, that within a comparatively few years travelers from London will be able to reach such distant places as India and China and the Malay states without leaving the railway systems of the world through the medium of the channel tunnel."

MORAN AND FANNING WORK OUT AT O. A. C.

Pal Moran and Arlos Fanning, principals for the scheduled 15-round bout at the Tulane club Monday night, are working out daily at the Orleans and hope to be in good shape to enter the ring. Moran has not fought in a little while and after the post up, expects to make a good showing.

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AND THE AUTO WENT ON Mrs. Alice Lusher, 52, 1221 Sogial street, was struck by an automobile driven by an unidentified white boy at Canal and Burgundy streets and slightly injured. Without stopping to assist her to her feet, the boy drove off.

RACING RESULTS AT LOUISVILLE

FIRST RACE—Purse \$800; maiden colts and geldings; two-year-olds. Jas. Foster, Goose, 15.50, 7.50, 4.30; Butcher Boy, Goose, 19.50, 10.60; Lucky B. Address, 9.60. Time, 1:01. Scratched: Free Cutter.

SECOND RACE—Claiming; \$700; three-year-olds and up; six furlongs. Irregular, Taylor, 12.10, 4.90, 3.30; Hasty Gora, Wingfield, 5.50, 3.70; Lendthal, Hanover, 3.50. Time, 1:14 3/5. Scratched: Mab, Elkton, Belgian Trooper.

THIRD RACE—Claiming; \$800; two-year-olds; fillies; five furlongs. Honolulu, Murphy, 4.60, 2.70, 2.50; Koran, Capaille, 3.00, 2.90; Sasena, Connelly, 5.70. Time, 1:01 3/4. No scratches.

FOURTH RACE—Purse \$1,000; 3-year-olds; mile and seventy yards. Cudgel, Murphy, 4.80, 3.10, 2.80; Opportunity, Kelsey, 6.00, 4.90; Miha, Claver, 5.10. Time, 1:12 3/5. No scratches.

FIFTH RACE—Purse \$800; 3-year-olds and up; six furlongs. Phocion, Flax, 7.20, 3.10, 2.90; A. Middleton, Address, 4.10, 3.80; Tom, Jr., Goose, 6.50.

SIXTH RACE—Claiming; \$800; 3-year-olds and up; mile and a sixteenth. Cliff Field, Lapaille, 7.10, 3.00, 2.80; Zim, Kelsey, 2.80, 2.50; Princess Janice, Thurber, 5.00. Time, 1:18.

SEVENTH RACE—Claiming; purse \$800; 3-year-olds and up; mile and a sixteenth. Watsonproof, Connelly, 5.00, 2.90, 2.60; Sun Maid, Murphy, 5.30, 3.50; Margaret E., Hunt, 4.70. Time, 1:17 2/5.

RACING RESULTS AT BELMONT

FIRST RACE—Purse \$600; two-year-olds; five furlongs. Bughouse, McAtee, 6.5-2, 1; Drastic, Butwell, 7.5-3.5; Little Devil, Troise, 9-2, 9.5-1.5. Time, 1:00 1/5. No scratches.

SECOND RACE—Steeplechase, 4-year-olds and up; two and a quarter miles. Zellwood, Klenka, 7-2, 6.5-3.5; The Carnot, Stevenson, 6, 2, 1; Sparks, Kennedy, 12, 3, 7-5. Time, 5:00. Scratched: Sarsonet.

THIRD RACE—Three-year-olds and up; six furlongs. Night Stick, Collins, 7.5-1.3; J. J. Lillis, Kleeger, 11.5-1.2; Paddy Whack, O'Brien, 5-2, 3.5-1.3. Time, 1:12 2/5. Scratched: Brumby, Double Eagle and Nylon.

FOURTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up; handicap; one mile, Rhine Maiden, Ball, 10, 4, 2; Wistful, O'Brien, 8, 3, 7-5; Celandri III, Fairbrother, 11.5-1.5, 2.5. Time, 1:11. Scratched: Sunbonnet, Screenet.

FIFTH RACE—One mile; 3-year-olds. Skeptic Knapp, 1-7; Manister, Toi, Keogh, 7.5-1.2; Defense, J. McCaggart, 10, 1. Time, 1:10 1/5. Three starters.

SIXTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up; one mile. Ed Roche, Butwell, 1, 1.5; Precise, McGraw, 10, 2; Queen of Sea, Troise, 8.5-1.2. Time, 1:11. No scratches.

TWO CENTS TAX ON ALL BANK CHECKS PLAN Washington, June 7.—A new tax of 2 cents on all bank checks and drafts over \$5 expected to raise about \$100,000,000 in revenues, was added to the war tax bill today by the senate finance committee. The committee also struck out all house taxes on dues of social, athletic and sporting clubs, from which \$10,000,000 in revenue were expected.