

# BENNY LEONARD IS MERE YOUTH

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New York, June 12.—Youth has been served in four of the last five battles for the lightweight championship.

Freddie Welsh alone stands out as the only lightweight in recent years who captured the coveted crown from a younger man, and at that Welsh did not win an clean-cut, decisive victory. He came into possession of the championship by winning on points.

Benny Leonard, the new king of the lightweights, is twenty-one years of age. He won the championship from Welsh when thirty-one years old now.

Welsh captured his title at the age of twenty-eight, winning from Willie Ritchie in 1911, when Ritchie was in his twenty-third year. This event marks the only occasion over a stretch of twelve years in which youth was not triumphant.

When Willie Ritchie beat Ad Wolgast for the championship in 1912 he was twenty-one years old, while Wolgast had seen twenty-four summers. Wolgast won the title from Battling Nelson at the age of twenty-two, and at that the Battler was twenty-eight years old, according to the records.

Nelson also won the title in the early twenties. He was in his twenty-third year when he defeated Jimmy Britt the first time in 1905. Britt was twenty-six.

And so on, back through the years, it will be found that on most occasions youth has triumphed. Benny Leonard, now only twenty-one years old, stands out as the most perfect champion developed since the days of Joe Gans. He has a greater number of championship characteristics than any of the title-holders of recent years, and as far as brains go, he is the possessor of a more brilliant fighting brain than Gans had.

Nearly all of the veteran critics who have written of Benny Leonard class him as the wonder-boy of the ring, and he deserves the high rating that has been given him for the most obvious of reasons.

First of all, Leonard is now in the full bloom of his youth, and he is determined to keep youth as long as he can. After he won the title from Welsh he went home to his mother. He did not go out with the boys to celebrate like so many boxers would have done, for he is a young man of careful habits.

Leonard's mechanical ability in the ring is second to that of no champion of the past. He is wonderfully clever and one of the greatest ring generals who has ever worn the crown. His headwork in making his fights is another asset that has won him unlimited praise. He thinks like a flash, and he never forgets a weakness or a strong point in his opponents. Furthermore, he packs a knockout punch.

Physically, Leonard is perfect for his size and inches. He isn't a bunch of whippet muscles, but he is well-filled out for his size and hard as nails. He is a youthful champion, a champion who bids fair to hold his title for an unusual length of time, even though he keeps his promise to meet all comers.

## PAIN KILLER FOR SOLDIERS

New York, June 12.—A new anaesthetic which soldiers may apply to a wound themselves and which will deaden the pain will be in the kit of American soldiers in France if the American Defense Society has its way. The new pain killer, which was described by a speaker before the Rotary club, is the invention of George Edwards, a San Francisco lawyer. He could not get the United States army to take his invention seriously, but the French army did and found it successful. Nikalden is the name of the new anaesthetic. It is sprayed on a wound with an atomizer and stops pain for three hours. Miss Anne Morgan, it was said, is backing a movement for its inclusion in the American soldier's kit.

**MACDOUGAL ALLEY WILL FIGHT FOR ITS NAME**

New York, June 12.—Not without a struggle will the denizens of internationally famous Macdougal alley, haunt of sculptors and painters, give up its name.

Certain over-finicky persons from upper Fifth avenue (who, alloy-votarians say, ought to have stayed there) are urging Botticelli court as a new name for the little blind street: "Macdougal alley is so vulgar," said one of these particular persons today, "and so embarrassing an address to give our friends!"

These remarks made nine-tenths of the alloy boil with wrath and temperament. The innovators have even taken steps to have the city fathers change the name, but such a surge of protest is arising that "Macdougal alley" it is quite certain to stay for all time.

# BILL DONOVAN'S GRAND CATCHER

Alfred John was too unwieldy a name for Walters, catcher on the New York American league club. He looked upon handling it as his ridiculous, like the tail trying to shake the dog. So he chopped it to plain, unvarnished "Al," writes W. J. MacBeth in the New York Tribune.

That's just the style of Bill Donovan's grand little catcher. That's why he is the grand little catcher. He gets out from under everything that is a handicap. You'd think to size him up in uniform that Al Walters was too small and too frail not to be a catcher, but to be a good catcher. And thinking that you'd fool yourself, just as a whole lot of major league scouts down in the Texas states fooled themselves, if ever that old sage had good about choice goods in small players, it goes double for this kid backstop of the Yankees.

Walters has just passed his twenty-fifth birthday. He is still growing though he will never be big, at least during his playing career. John McGraw was one of the smallest men in the game before he hung up his glove. But Walters is plenty big enough and strong enough. Just as is the whipcord type, like Cobb, a youth-always-at-the-zenith of physical strength and endurance. He can hold the speed of Cobb with better grace and apparently greater ease than the heavy Numakar.

Some baseball men who see Walters in action predict a wonderful future for the lad. Already the writers are beginning to compare him with Ray Schalk, the wizard backstop of the White Sox. Schalk, like Walters, is unusually fast on the bases and unusually dangerous with the bat. But so far this season Walters has outshone the Chicago star in every department.

Al Walters is one of the few, the very few, who establish himself permanently in the affections of the home fans in the first big league game. Hal Chase, with the Yankees back in 1905, did the same thing. George Sisler later repeated with the Browns. From his first game in the fall of 1915 till this day nothing but universal praise has been showered upon the little Yankee backstop by New York fandom.

Walters made himself the very first day he got a chance to catch a big league game. Strangely enough, the self-same Schalk was pitted against him that afternoon. Paddy Baumann, second base for the Yankees, made a wonderful start off Buck Weaver, but threw wildly past Walter Pipp, Weaver, dashing on toward second, found the ball in Peckinpah's hand awaiting him before he got within twenty feet of the station. Walters had backed up the throw for one of the prettiest plays to which Yankee rooters had been treated in many years. It wasn't the custom for the backs to back throws when Ed Sweeney was first catcher of the Yankees.

Bob Gilkes, scout for the New York Americans in the Southwest, sent Alfred Al Walters up to the Yankees in the fall of 1915. After two seasons with Saskatoon the vigorous youth graduated to the Wreck of the Texas League. Gilkes had no sooner clapped eyes on him than he got busy on the wires and through the mails. Before the Fourth of July he had the Yankee office here all stirred up with big good reports on the kid. The boy-officer sent one of his chief scouts to watch the youngster. The report of the latter was favorable in its way, but intimated Walters was too light for major company.

"You'll make the mistake of your life if you let this fellow get away from you," Gilkes wrote Captain T. L. Huston. "I don't care if he is little in size and weight. He's the biggest thing in ability you ever saw. Within three years he'll be the greatest catcher of the game. Hell make the people forget Ray Schalk."

That last sentence clinched it with Huston. The White Sox were at the Polo grounds the day Gilkes letter arrived. That afternoon Schalk did almost everything to the Yankees that imagination can picture. He got three or four hits, including some extra basers, piled a few bases and stopped the Yankee runners in their tracks.

"Get Walters right away," the captain wired Gilkes that night.

**NEW YORK MAYORS MEET IN BUFFALO**

Buffalo, N. Y., June 12.—Mayors and other city officials of New York state municipalities met here this afternoon for their eighth annual conference, which will continue three days. Mayor Walter R. Stone of Syracuse presided; Mayor Louis P. Fuhrman of Buffalo welcomed the delegates and Mayor Cornelius F. Burns of Troy delivered his address as president.

# PELicans AGAIN HANDED DEFEAT

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From indications it will be up to Leonard and Ruth to hold the fort against the White Sox, Yankees and Indians, or at least do 75 per cent of the pitching against those clubs.

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## AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Philadelphia . . . . . 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 2 6 2  
Cincinnati . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 8 2  
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Boston . . . . . 0 1 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 4 1 1  
Pittsburgh . . . . . 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 - 5 1 5  
Alten and Tragesser; Cooper and Wagnor . . . . .  
New York 3 0 2 0 0 5 0 0 6 0 - 10 12  
Chicago . . . . . 0 0 1 0 0 4 0 6 0 - 6 1 1  
Selkirk and Racine; Seaton and Elliott . . . . .  
Milwaukee . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 2 0 - 3 1 0  
St. Louis . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 8 0  
Rickey and Killifer; Ames and Livingston . . . . .

**R. R. FROM U.S. TO RUSSIA PROPOSED**

A through route from the United States to Petrograd by way of Canada is outlined in a lengthy report to the Winnipeg Grain exchange. The scheme has been considered for some time and negotiations with the railways and governments which will be involved in the project will be opened in the near future.

Increased transportation to the westward without running the risk of submarines sinking ships and assistance in the war for Russia with munitions and food will result if the proposed connection is established.

The plan provides for a standard railway line from the United States through British Columbia and Alaska with Bering strait and a line from the Siberian coast to the Trans-Siberian railway. Large ferries would carry freight and passenger cars across the thirty-six-mile wide strait.

Negotiations have been opened with the Russian government to improve the Trans-Siberian railway. The United States commission to Russia will take up that phase of the proposed line with the new Russian government.

Men back of the undertaking believe that within a few years an international railway will connect New York with Petrograd. They are taking into consideration the possibility of the war lasting several years. The promoters of the project are satisfied that future benefits would justify the vast financial outlay that will be necessary. They declare that a few years of world peace would make the most important railway route on earth.

## FIRES SEVERAL SHOTS

Otto Nerad, proprietor of a boarding house at 910 Hospital street, yesterday fired several shots from a revolver during a quarrel with Charles Grafft, civil engineer of the Trans-Mississippi Terminal Company, who had been living at the house. Both were arrested for fighting and disturbing the peace. Nerad additionally being charged with discharging firearms in the city limits. Nerad says he fired the gun to attract attention of the police.

**CHARGE LOTTERY VIOLATION**

Another negro was taken into custody yesterday on a charge of violating the lottery law. He is William Hartwell, 60, 1517 Tehoutonias street. Patrolmen Sharp and Fernandez arrested him at Calliope and Front streets and say the last lottery paraphernalia in his possession.

**PRICE IS PROMOTED**

G. M. Price will be made district passenger agent of the Gulf Coast Lines effective Friday, according to announcement of the company.

# A REAL TIP ON CHICAGO RED SOX

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Pittsburgh . . . . . 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 - 5 1 5  
Alten and Tragesser; Cooper and Wagnor . . . . .  
New York 3 0 2 0 0 5 0 0 6 0 - 10 12  
Chicago . . . . . 0 0 1 0 0 4 0 6 0 - 6 1 1  
Selkirk and Racine; Seaton and Elliott . . . . .  
Milwaukee . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 2 0 - 3 1 0  
St. Louis . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 8 0  
Rickey and Killifer; Ames and Livingston . . . . .

# RACING ENTRIES AT MONTREAL

FIRST RACE—Purse, \$600 added; three-year-olds and up; claimings six furlongs.

Dominion Park . . . . . 106  
Baby Rasch . . . . . 101  
Goff Volant . . . . . 101  
Bright Sand . . . . . 99  
Gardley . . . . . 101  
Parfait . . . . . 101  
Cardamine . . . . . 101  
Maznik . . . . . 101  
Armine . . . . . 102  
Montreal . . . . . 107  
Base Film . . . . . 99  
Sealy . . . . . 111  
Annie Edgar . . . . . 99  
Miss Gayle . . . . . 107  
Beautyspot . . . . . 101  
Shrapnel . . . . . 109  
Hastem . . . . . 107  
SECOND RACE—Claiming; \$700; 3-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

Macmenile . . . . . 95  
Therwood . . . . . 96  
Trazzy . . . . . 102  
Samuel R. Meyer . . . . . 106  
Martre . . . . . 110  
Dirigible . . . . . 93  
Sleepy . . . . . 99  
Impressive . . . . . 105  
Safety First . . . . . 108

THIRD RACE—Purse, \$800 added; 3-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

Fleetabell . . . . . 99  
Filigree . . . . . 109  
xJ. J. Murdoch . . . . . 111  
Squelder . . . . . 117  
King Neptune . . . . . 104  
Moscow . . . . . 104

FOURTH RACE—Purse, \$700 added; four-year-olds and up; steeplechase; selling; about two miles.

Cougar Club Handicap; 3-year-olds and up; one mile.

Cynosure . . . . . 112  
Stucco . . . . . 152  
Chas. F. Grainger . . . . . 116  
Chevron . . . . . 113

FIFTH RACE—Purse, \$600 added; three-year-olds and up; handicap; six furlongs.

Water Lady . . . . . 113  
Trial by Jury . . . . . 111  
Ineq . . . . . 101  
Back Bay . . . . . 111  
Hauberk . . . . . 118

SIXTH RACE—Purse, \$700 added; three-year-olds and up; handicap; six furlongs.

Alatana . . . . . 110  
akatic Canal . . . . . 103  
Violet Bonnie . . . . . 107  
Blue Paradise . . . . . 110  
aViva America . . . . . 110  
Ocean Sweep . . . . . 121  
aC. T. Worthington entry . . . . .

SIXTH RACE—Claiming; \$800; 3-year-olds and up; mile and a sixteenth.

xFight Fair . . . . . 86  
Solid Rock . . . . . 108  
Brian Boru . . . . . 110  
Waterproof . . . . . 115  
xBeauty Shop . . . . . 105  
Flitaway . . . . . 108  
rasmussen . . . . . 115  
Steal Heart . . . . . 115

SEVENTH RACE—Claiming; \$800; 3-year-olds and up; mile and a sixteenth.

Water Witch . . . . . 105  
Wadsworth's Last . . . . . 109  
Steeth . . . . . 113  
Yenghee . . . . . 108  
Jack O'Dowd . . . . . 112  
Star of Love . . . . . 115

Eighth Fair . . . . . 103  
General Picket . . . . . 99  
Prim Hardy . . . . . 105  
Monocacy . . . . . 113  
Requiem . . . . . 94  
Wadan . . . . . 105  
Edith Batman . . . . . 103

Weather, clear; track, fast.  
Apprentice allowance claimed.

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