JOHNSON TALKS OF "WHITE HOPES"

Thinks Carl Morris Is Huge Joke and Won't Make Good.

CAN'T LEARN FROM BOOKS

Fighting Must Be Learned in Ring, Where Hard Knocks Bring Knowledge.

San Francisco, February 25.—There is no telling, of course, what a year, or even a few months, may bring forth, but for the present the pugilistic situation, so far as it affects the heavyweights, has been completely flattened out by one Jack Johnson.

On the part of the public there is neither interest nor speculation in the doings of the big fellows. The notion has crystallized, apparently, that Johnson is unbeatable, and until something crops up to create doubt on this point, the question of the world's championship may be regarded as something that has been laid away in lavender.

For proof of this hark back to the way Johnson's coming to San Francisco was handled by the San Francisco papers. There were comparatively meagre reports of the champion's arrival the morning after. Since then there has been no mention of him, unless maybe a brief reference to an arrest for speeding. Johnson himself seems quite content to have it that way. Fighting is the thing furthest from his mind, and strange though it may seem, he is not courting publicity.

Enjoying His Long Rest.

He has a bungalow out by the sad sea waves, but it is merely a starting point for automobile trips. It is very seldom that he is to be found there. For Jack Johnson now the world is one big boulevard, and he has discarded his boxing gloves for goggles. He is arrested so frequently that some one has advised him to inquire into the feasibility of securing a season ticket or a book of fine coupons. It has been pointed out to him that he could hand a coupon to each park policeman who stops him for fast driving and thus do away with the necessity of getting up early in the morning to attend court.

Johnson is the dullest subject an interviewer ever tackled—that is, if the interviewer is after "fight talk." In order to get the big black man to discuss with briskness and intelligence any question relating to pugilism one has to lay a foundation for such discussion by posting him as to what is in progress. Without such stimulus his mind is a blank, or, at any rate, his lackadaisial manner would lead one to such a conclusion.

Finally Opens Up.

Johnson was finally persuaded to discuss the outlook a day or two ago by quizzing him about the large number of practically untried heavyweights that were being so extensively advertised. Johnson had not spoken a dozen words before it became apparent that he considers the "hope" industry a huge joke. He warmed up slightly to his subject after a while and prattled along without further questioning.

"This fellow Carl Morris, who has been taken in hand by an Oklahoma millionaire, is the biggest joke of the lot," said Jack. "When he was first spoken of I was slightly interested, and made up my mind to watch his career; but I see he is not to have any career for a while. They are going to coddle him and try and bring him along under cover. They won't allow him to meet even a third-rate man, if my information is correct, but they are going to employ trainers and coachers and give him a private ring education. That settles Morris, in my opinion, because you can't make a fighter that way. Experience is the most valuable part of a fighter's stock in trade, and the only way you can gain experience is by giving and taking hard knocks in real fights.

Must Have Ability.

"Ability, of course, is the first essential with a fighter, but all the ability in the world is useless unless you have learned by experience how to employ it. There is very little difference between a pugilist and horses. I have had something to do with horses. You can take the classiest two-year-old that was ever bred and schooled, and he will be beaten every time you ask him to hook with a four-year-old. I know what I am talking about, and when I read that this fellow Carl Morris was to be kept out of the game and not allowed to gain his knowledge by taking the rough with the smooth, as the rest of us had to do, it did not take me long to decide that he would never be heard from as a championship factor. In addition to teaching him how to handle himself, experience breeds confidence. A man who expects to get to the top of the pugilistic ladder without experience or confidence is a fool."

Johnson holds that the most successful fighters of modern days are born, and not made, and feeling that way about it, he is all the more inclined to scoff at any scheme for turning out a world's champion with the aid of paid professors.

Individuality Counts, Too.

He says that in the old days, when prize fighting was largely undeveloped, and when every student of boxing had to rely upon straight lefts and short crosses as a means of assault, the idea of teaching boxing was all right.

Nowadays, in Jack's opinion, the world-beaters are all fellows who possess styles of their own, and the man who gets his ideas from a boxing manual or a professor of boxing has small chance of advancing.

"Show the man who only knows the old order of leading, crossing, and has no wrinkles of his own, and I'll show you a fellow who will be licked every time he stands up," said Jack, and he said it as though he believed it.

CLEAR SAILING FOR AMATEURS

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what penalty should be inflicted for the non-appearance of any team at scheduled games, to a man the managers voted for a fine. There was no hesitancy when it was suggested to make each team deposit a fixed sum of money as guarantee of good faith. All were agreed that a definite, positive agreement should be entered into between the several teams as to what outside teams should be played, if any, and as to the number of players which each team would be allowed to carry.

It was the desire of every one present to put as many safeguards around the league as possible. If any points have been overlooked they will be brought up at the various committee meetings yet to be held. The managers signified their intention of sticking by anything which might be done by the committees.

Prospects of Great Sport.

Unless plans miscarry to a grevious extent, when the season opens, on April 8, the baseball loving public of Richmond will be given an opportunity of seeing a class of amateur ball never produced heretofore in this city. While the teams will be composed of practically the same men seen on amateur diamonds for several years past, there will be present that solidity of organization without which a league cannot exist. The men are thoroughly imbued with the spirit that the Richmond Amateur Baseball League is here to stay.

They know that if they fall down on any part of the contract, there is some one else to take their places. If any team falls down there are others teams waiting to step in. But if one may be guided by the spirit so far manifested there is little reason to believe that any team will be found lacking.

Schedule Committee to Meet.

A meeting of the schedule committee, composed of E. N. Gregory, Jr. and Gus. Malbert, will be held tomorrow night. At that meeting the several parks at the disposal of the league will be considered. Distance from car lines, condition of the parks and similar questions will be disposed of first. It will be the aim of the committee to frame as equitable a schedule as possible with the material available.

This schedule will then be presented to the board of directors of the league, composed of the managers of the eight clubs. Such changes as may be deemed wise can be made. In fact, the schedule which will be framed by the committee will be purely tentative, and maybe rejected in whole, if the directors so decree.

It is not yet known when the committee on by-laws and constitution will hold forth, though it will doubtless be within the next few days. There is not much time between now and the opening of the season, and a great deal of work remains to be done.

Plans Track Meet for League.

Superintendent Hadcock, of Christ Church Association, who was prevented from attending the meeting at which officers were elected, writes, stating that he is satisfied with what was accomplished, and is much pleased with the business-like methods of the meeting. He is already arranging to hold a track meet after the baseball season is over, open only to members of the league. Such a plan is admirable from every standpoint.

It will serve to get the men closer together, and, what is more important, will keep interest alive during the winter months. The various events will be made to conform to the ability of the men. It may be that the league will be perpetuated during the winter months by forming an indoor baseball league. But all of this will be further discussed at another meeting.

The eight teams with their managers follow: Virginians, W. J. Hechler; Battle Axe, W. H. Parker; Richmond Athletics, F. M. Collier; Barton Heights, L. L. Gregory; Skreemers, G. L. Wilcox; Alcos, L. M. Browning; C. C. A., P. W. Hadcock.

Brady Awarded to Danville.

Auburn, N. Y., February 25.—The board of arbitration of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues announced these awards of players to-day: A. P. Brady, to Danville, Va.; Player Simmons, to Raleigh, N. C.

MAPLE SPILLERS GET INTO FORM BY STEADY WORK

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Deasey	10	1,719	172
Cosby	39	5,122	171
Midget	21	3,575	171
Reighter	3	514	171
Sutterlin	27	4,561	169
Smith	22	3,663	167
Martin	18	2,987	166
Sheridan	21	3,479	166
Perdie	30	4,920	164
Curry	29	4,740	163
Roe	3	488	163
Hulcher	12	1,947	163
Gallegher	30	4,823	161
Handley	29	4,650	161
Langhorne	11	1,941	161
O'Brien	27	4,276	159
James	5	787	158
Edwards	11	1,729	157
Cook	23	3,575	156
Sweeney	14	2,187	156
Booker	29	4,491	155
Lumpkin	13	2,006	155
Bliley	30	4,647	152
Davis	23	3,479	151
Kennedy	27	4,052	150
Glaze	22	3,289	150
Barrow	24	3,461	145
Gunn	3	420	140
Bixby	18	2,482	139
Jones	5	638	128
Grey	9	1,095	122

Standing of the Clubs.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Jewelers	30	18	12	.600
Engravers	30	18	12	.600
Times-Dispatch	30	16	14	.523
Meat Packers	30	15	15	.500
Plumbers	30	14	16	.467
Amer. Loco. Works	30	9	21	.300

MAY RACE AGAIN OUT IN ILLINOIS

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ting aside of a percentage of the gross receipts to be used as a fund in conjunction with a breeding bureau, the aim of which will be the development and perpetuation of the thoroughbred

Many Reforms Needed.

"Much needs to be done," said Mr Carey, "if racing is to be resumed in Illinois. I mean in the way of reform. I don't consider it impossible, however. In fact, I believe that there is just a chance, in the very near future. The first move, of course, is to seek favorable legislation. This is imperative, for neither I nor my associates would think of opening up under the present laws of the State. I think that if the proposition was put before the people in an honest, straightforward manner little difficulty would be experienced at Springfield.

"The real trouble, apparently, has been that no attention has been paid to the farmer, the man who dominates the situation, when it comes to a vote. Personally, I think that if the vote was confined to Cook county, a racing measure would carry by an overwhelming majority. Now, there's the rub.

"I have been watching the great work of the Canadian Breeding Bureau, through whose offices racing in Canada was saved, and I believe that Mr. Ryan has done more to solve the gigantic remount question than any individual, either here or abroad.

"I am in favor of establishing just such a bureau in Illinois, the reputation of which will be nation-wide. The work of the bureau, as in Canada, would be the careful selection of stallions suitable for breeding purposes, and donating them to the farmers free of charge, who, in turn, would stand them for a nominal fee of, say, $5, to be used only for their maintenance.

"I would also advocate that a percentage of the gross receipts of the race-track be taken by the government to be used in conjunction with the breeding bureau and the improvement and maintenance of good roads. In view of the fact the remount question is just now attracting the attention of Congress, I am sure it is worth considering in Illinois.

"A great deal of confiscatory legislation has been directed against the bookmaker, or rather the gambling evil. Personally, I believe bookmaking as a profession to have joined the lost arts. I think the solution of this problem lies in the pari-mutuel machines, seen to advantage in Kentucky, in France and Australia. In both of the latter countries the government profits handsomely, while the breeding establishments maintained are second to none. I also understand that the mechanical devices are to be installed on all Canadian tracks for the spring meetings. This, I believe, is evidence of their fairness and practicability.

"All of this could quite easily be accomplished through the offices of a State racing commission, similar to that in vogue in Kentucky, which would be the autocrat, respecting conduct, dates, etc., connected with the sport."

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HOWITZERS WIN AT BASKETBALL

Christ Church Association Loses in Good Game by Close Score.

In a fast and interesting game last night, the Howitzer basketball quint defeated the fast team from Christ Church Association on their own floor by the close score of 24 to 23. The game was spirited throughout, the score at the end of the first half being 14 to 13 in favor of C. C. A. and ending 24 to 23 with the Howitzers holding the big end.

This was the fourth game between these two teams, Howitzers winning three out of four, each game resulting in close scores.

Bell and Tucker did the majority of the goal pitching for the Howitzers, while Schaff and Dyson did the best work for C. C. A. The line-up follows:

Howitzers.	Position.	C. C. A.
Tucker	Centre	Murdock
Bell	Forward	Schaff
Tillery	Forward	Dyson
Rowe	Guard	Stutz
Nickel	Guard	Bryant

Summary: Referee, Conway, Y. M. C. A. Umpire, Seay, Howitzers. Scorer, Hadcock, C. C. A.

These two teams have arranged to play another game at the Howitzer's Armory on inspection night, March 8.

TRACK ATHLETES TO BE KEPT BUSY

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and the meet under such auspices would attract so large a crowd, that it would appear to be the acme of unwisdom to let the matter drop through.

Meet Will Be Held.

Oh, there is no question but that the meet will be held. Manager Corley, of the college, has his arrangements so far made that, even should the Blues not take part, the open air meet will be held by the college alone. The Blues are offering no objections, and, so far as can be learned, neither is the college. It was simply necessary that the faculty be consulted, though it appears probable that such action was largely perfunctory, because it is not thought that any objection will be interposed.

Another question to be decided at the meeting to be held Tuesday night is the date of the indoor track meet to be held between the Blues and the college. A tacit agreement was reached at the previous meeting—always provided the faculty did not object—to hold the meet March 24.

College Going to Washington.

Richmond College goes to Washington for the Georgetown meet on March 4 to meet the Maryland Aggies in a relay race, and the Blues have an inspection early in March which will prevent the meet being held on any earlier date. So it appears that the original date will be finally determined upon. All of the prep schools and other organizations in the city, recognized by the A. A. U., will be invited to take part in the indoor meet. A tentative list of the events for the indoor meet follows:

Fifty-yard dash, 50-yard hurdle, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, and 880-yard dash closed to the Blues and college; 50-yard dash, 50-yard hurdle 440-yard dash, open. High jump, 12-pound shot-put and pole vault, open. There will be relay races between eight of the grammar schools, under the direction of L. T. Jones, physical director in the public schools. Relay races will also be held between the Blues and College; McGuire's and Academy, between the high School and another school not yet determined upon; Y. M. C. A. against C. C. A., and First Regiment against Howitzers.

Midget Races Interesting.

The grammar school races should be interesting. The plan at present proposed is to have four schools from the West End and four from the East End compete, the winner in each division to enter the final.

The one great drawback is the limited space for the accommodation of the crowd which will be on hand. For this reason, invitation will be by card.

Immediately after the return of the college track squad from Washington, Manager Corley and Coach Hagaman will get together and start arranging the events for the open-air meet. It is now thought that the feature events will be the relay races between Richmond College and George Washington, Virginia and Georgetown, and with the Blues racing against the Y. M. C. A.

Naturally, these things have not been finally determined upon. They have simply been talked over. There will be a great deal more talking before everything is completed. Several handicap events will be included in the program for the open-air event.

College Races Aggies.

Coach Hagaman will take to Washington Captain Taylor, Vaughan, Strother and Meredith. These four will form the relay team, while Strother is entered in the fifty-yard hurdles, Vaughan in the 880-yard handicap, and Meredith in the fifty-yard dash and twelve-pound shot put. If the men show the form they have been exhibiting during the past few days they should come back winners.

Richmond has been deprived of a big track meet for several years. Interest is intense, and with Richmond College and the Blues joining hands and working together for the success of the open-air meet, there is no reason why it should not measure up to any held anywhere. All that is needed is the support of the public. Richmond College is making an effort to take the place in athletics which the school deserves. Unfortunately, the school is handicapped because of insufficient funds. There are numbers of college alumni in Richmond, and it is up to them to come to the aid of the boys.

Just a little encouragement means a lot to the men, and it should be forthcoming. Personally, the writer believes that it will be.

LOWERS OLDFIELD'S TIME.

Bragg, in a Flat, Covers Mile on New Orleans Track in 52.60 Seconds.

New Orleans, La., February 25.—In a race against time this afternoon at the Fair Grounds, Caleb Bragg, in his big Fiat Cyclone, clipped several seconds off Barney Oldfield's mile record for this track, covering the distance in 52.60.

The feature of the opening of the Mardi Gras speed carnival was the hour race, participated in by cars of two classes. Tower, in a Warren-Detroit, won the Class A event, covering fifty-three miles. Kulick covered fifty-five miles in a Ford, and captured the large car race.

Burman made an attempt to lower Bragg's record for one mile against time, but only made 53.09. He, however, won one of the most exciting events of the day when, starting from scratch, in a field of thirteen cars, he captured first prize in the ten-mile handicap free-for-all in 10:18:41.

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