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NEWS OF SPORT

TOM SHARKEY WILL CHALLENGE WINNER

Ex-Sailor Says He Will Start Training Tuesday For Bout with Jeff or Lil Artha.

(W. P. McLaughlin in New York World.)

Tom Sharkey, the man who never gave up the ship, is convinced that he can navigate once more on the treacherous waters of the heavyweight championship situation.

Sez Tom last night: "I will be at the ringside in Emeryville, Cal., on the day day of the fight between Jeffries and Johnson and I will challenge the winner."

"They haven't anything on me—either of them. I know I can lick Johnson. It's a question yet whether or not Jeffries trimmed me decisively."

"To show you that I am in earnest in this matter I will begin active training next Tuesday. I feel as good as I ever did in my life. I am only thirty-six years of age. I have never been foolish in the matter of physical abuse, and I know that I can give Jeff as hard a tussle today as I did in Coney Island. And remember, Jeff is always man enough to say that I gave him the toughest fight he ever got."

"I'm going along nicely in this world and I don't have to get into the ring again through want of desperation, but I have the ambition to get that heavyweight championship tag on me."

"Don't you think you are a little bit passe?" said I feebly, with my hand on the knob of the side door of Tom's palatial cafe on Fourteenth street.

"No, no, nothing like that in mine said Tom. "I'm none of them nobby guys who get away with themselves when the good old cash is coming strong. I eat four meals a day and a snack between times. I sleep ten hours a day and nobody can wake me up when I get to the feathers. Not even when the boys begin to canister each other around the corner. I've got used to it. The guerillas are my pals."

"Now, although I came from Louth, the smallest county in Ireland I notice that the self same county has sent us some of the most famous men in America tonight. And see here, don't forget that Tom Sharkey, yours truly, is about the best of them all."

The best part of this story is that Tom is absolutely sincere. When I expressed a doubt about the possibility of his getting back into proper physical condition for a heavyweight championship battle he said:

"Jeff showed it could be done. I saw it. I know it. But I don't want half the work he needs. I'm working all the time."

So I said "Goodnight, Tom," with the tender intonation in my voice that I used to employ when I was caught cribbing apples in Lynch's garden in Westport, County Mayo.

One has to be nice at times. It's bad to be ugly with Sharkey at any time.

And say—do you know I think he has a good big fight in him at that.

MERELY TICKLED BY FALL

Burlington, N.J., April 8—Walking in her sleep, eleven-year-old Dorothy Fireing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fireing of Conover street climbed out through a second story window the other night and fell head first to the stone pavement in an alley. She was not hurt.

The mother, after the child had been missed, found Dorothy walking about in the alley ignorant of her fall and dazed by awakening on the pavement. Dr. E. F. Rink could find no injury except a faint scratch on the child's forehead. The little somnambulist laughed and said the scratch merely tickled.

THISTLES ELECT OFFICERS

St. John, April 8—At the annual meeting of the Thistle curlers last evening officers were elected as follows:

President—Joseph A. Likely.
Vice-president—A. D. Malcolm.
Chaplain—Rev. L. A. McLean.
Treasurer—D. McClellan.
Secretary—A. D. Stevens.

VERY UNUSUAL

"He's a queer chap. Rich now, but often talks about the days when he was poor."
"And says he was happier then, eh?"
"No; there's where his oddity comes in. He says he's happier now."

MISUNDERSTOOD

Frankie—I saw you twice yesterday, Miss Higgins.
Mrs. H (coldly)—O, I never notice a man when he's in that condition.—Scraps.

JACK JOHNSON NOW IN TORONTO

Confident of Victory over Jeffries-- Put no Trust in Jeff's Press work-- Telling Fib.

Toronto, April 8.—Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight pugilistic champion, arrived in town yesterday from Belleville, where he gave a sparring exhibition tonight with his partner, Monte Cutler. The champion in an interview said:—"I am feeling fine and fit to start on my long siege of hard work for my coming fight with Jeffries on July 4. I spar every day with Cutler, and take a run on the road whenever an opportunity affords. I also feel confident of the result of the coming championship contest, and you can rest assured I will be in the best possible condition when I meet Mr. Jeffries in the ring. I am putting little or no faith in these despatches regarding the so-called mishaps that are supposedly occurring to Mr. Jeffries, and I guess he is putting the same stock in the reports about my seemingly unbecoming behavior wherever I go."

"I intend to gradually work up to the hard work that is necessary for fight of this kind by doing a little strenuous exercise every day, and in another month I will be doing my work in a routine. I do a lot of running in my training, believing there is nothing like it for getting the wind right, and I mean to have Tom Flanagan out in California with me to look after that part of my preparation."

Johnson will spar here tonight and Saturday.

MONTREAL HAS OVER HALF MILLION PEOPLE

With its Suburbs Canada's Largest City Has Population of Almost 600,000.

Montreal, April 8.—That Montreal has over half a million, not counting the suburbs, was the report made to the Board of Control by Controller Wanklyn.

"The statement has been prepared," said Mr. Wanklyn, "by a competent expert, and I have every reason to think that it is perfectly correct. The information was so important that I deemed it my duty to bring it before the Board."

The statement by wards was:

Wards.	Population.
East, Centre West	5,000
St. Ann	30,000
St. Joseph	27,000
St. George	25,000
St. Andrew	20,000
St. Lawrence	30,000
St. Louis	35,000
Lafontaine	28,000
St. James	20,000
Papineau	45,000
St. Marys	22,000
Hochelaga	20,000
St. Jean Baptiste	30,000
St. Denis	55,000
Duvernay	17,500
St. Gabriel	27,500
St. Henry	32,500
St. Cuneonde	12,500
Mount Royal	3,500
Delormier	8,000
Laurier	40,000
Total	530,000

SUBURBS.

Maisonneuve	22,500
Westmount	14,000
Verdun	10,500
Ville Emard	4,500
Notre Dame de Grace	4,000
Ville St. Paul	3,500
Outremont	3,000
Total	62,000

The other controllers expressed pleasure at the information, and decided to file the statement.

ROYALS' LINE UP

Columbia, S.C., April 8.—The first intimation of the probable line-up of the Royals for the present season has been given out by Manager Barrow, and is as follows:—

Pitchers—Keefe, Jones, Winter, Siever, Wilson, Wiggs and Hoch.
Catchers—Krichel and another to be secured.
First Base—Cockill.
Second Base—Smith.
Third Base—Yeager.
Short Stop—Nattress.
Outfielders—Corcoran, Jones, and two others to be secured.
Utility man—Colvin or Hall.
Barrow said that while this line-up had not been finally decided on, it was as near as could be reached at the present.

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BATTLING NELSON

NOTORIOUS PERSON

Philadelphia, April 8—Battling Nelson appeared in the U. S. district court Wednesday to testify in his suit for \$10,000 against Lawrence McCormick and George C. Boldt, proprietors of the Bellevue Stratford hotel. He wants the money as compensation for the humiliation and mortification which he had to undergo when he was put out of that tavern last August.

Briefly, Nelson's story was that he wired his manager, Jack Robinson, to engage a room for him at the Bellevue Stratford on Aug. 2, and later the same day he arrived. When it was learned that Nelson was in the hotel two of the house detectives told him his patronage was not wanted. They said if he didn't leave the hotel they would throw him out. But something had happened to the lock of the door and "Bat" could not open it. Finally the detectives went away.

The next morning Nelson went out to attend to some business and when he returned he found that his baggage had been taken out of his room and some one else's had been put in. He remonstrated, but the clerk at the desk said there were "no more rooms vacant."

Lawrence McCormick testified in defense of the suit. He admitted that Nelson had been requested to vacate his room because he was a notorious character, a prize-fighter, and the hotel did not wish to be bothered with persons seeking interviews with him.

The case will be resumed tomorrow.

ASHAMED OF ELEKTRA.

"The production of Elektra," says Mr. Duncan, brother of the famous dancer, and incidentally acquiring a good deal of notoriety on his own account, "though taking its name and situation from the Greek drama, is modern and degenerate in intent and effect. I knew Van Hofmansthal the author of the play, when I was in Vienna, and when his "Elektra" was produced he begged me not to go and see it, telling me that he was ashamed of it."

Teacher—Now Willie, tell us one of the principal events in Roman history, and mention the date.
Willie—Mark Antony went to Egypt 'cos he had a date with Cleopatra.—Harper's Bazar.

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