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Ring Reminiscences

— Fights and Fighters —
(By JAMES PENDERGAST)

The great Australian colored man, Peter Jackson, and Corbett fought for 61 rounds. Both were at the point of physical exhaustion. — I think it was called a draw. They were both so evenly matched and so exhausted that neither could raise his arms. It was counted the longest and hardest contest on record, not excepting the Joe Gans-Battling Nelson fight in Nevada. Peter Jackson fell prone on the floor in the hallway to his dressing room. Corbett tried to step over him and fell also.

Jeff was the perfect physical youth when taken east to New York by Billy Delaney. The service of the great former middleweight champion, Tammy Ryan, were procured to teach Jeff. Ryan was a patient and competent teacher. It took him about three months to get him to use a passable straight left, but he showed championship calibre in short order.

Steve O'Donnell, an Australian boxer, who had a boxing studio at Concord and Washington Streets in Boston, told the writer Delaney had such confidence in Jeffries that he matched him against Bob Armstrong and himself, O'Donnell, in the same ring (consecutively). Armstrong was a mediocre colored heavyweight. Steve was also a heavy. Delaney made a reckless bet that Jeff could beat both, or he would pay \$2,500.00. Armstrong went on first and not only stayed the ten round limit, but really outpointed Jeff. Delaney came to Steve, put it up to him. "This boy has the makings of a champion. If I get him badly beaten or perhaps killed here tonight, I may never get another chance." So Steve didn't get a chance to go with Jeff, nor did he insist on the payment of the \$2,500. I gathered that he and Armstrong accepted a couple of hundred each and were satisfied. Steve was a very generous fellow, with a very obvious Australian vernacular — much like the English. Among Steve's pupils were many "Down East" boys, some of whom were Dr. F. W. Christopher, the late John Ahearn, Harry O'Brien, Jim Kennedy, Jack Grant, Bill McKinnon (the Roxbury blacksmith), the Kenny boys (St. Teresa's), Hugh McKinnon (Antigonish), Jim Kennedy, the writer, and several others. He was a faithful and enthusiastic teacher.

Before I get in too deep and forget it, I must relate the episode of the fighting parson, the late lan-

ent Rev. John Pringle D.D., a native son of the Belfast district of P.E.I. On the route into Dawson, by way of the Atlin trail (up the Stikine River and over the divide into the lakes and rivers leading to the Yukon), he encountered a teamster who was abusing one of his horses unmercifully. This modern Jehu had the reputation of being a bully and the bystanders were afraid to protest. He was regaling the crowd with some of the most lurid and blasphemous oaths used among the mule skinner's fraternity.

The learned doctor was inwardly outraged, but concealed his utter disgust and anger. Nursing his wrath to keep it hot, (like Tara O'Shanter's wife), he gently remonstrated with the "skinner". The fatuous driver mistook his seemingly obsequious manner for being in a state of fear. He thought he had the parson buffaloed and told Dr. John that he would do the same to him only for the "coat" he wore. Dr. John retorted in his basso profundo voice which came from the lowest section of the diaphragm. "My good man, don't let that bother you, I'll take the coat off." The outcome was that the bully got an awful trimming.

The news of Dr. Pringle's prowess preceded him to Dawson (by bush telegraph). Everybody was glad to see the bully trimmed. Dr. Pringle became very popular in Dawson. He was prevailed upon to offer as Yukon councillor and was duly installed. He was also a powerful preacher. I had the pleasure of hearing him in the Dawson Presbyterian Church. Incidentally, the church had a \$30,000 pipe organ, which was quite luxurious considering the time and place. He had a jocular disposition — a joke for all his friends but I don't believe he feared any human being. He was one of the few specimens of an almost perfect physique — six feet two inches, weighing about 195 or 200 lbs. Notwithstanding his jovial manner, he wouldn't allow anyone to push him around. We met one day on one of Dawson's elevated wooden sidewalks, and got into such a talk-fest that we didn't see a man approaching. The man said, "Stand to one side or I'll push you off." Dr. John answered with just a trace of steel in his tone, "Oh no, you won't push anybody off." When I was introduced to him at Grand Forks on Bonanza Creek, he gave me the once over and made the remark, "Ha! the 'Blues' were a good crop."

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New York Fight

NEW YORK, March 27—(AP)—Eddie Giosa, a 48-hour substitute spoiled John L. Davis' eastern debut tonight by holding the Richmond, Calif., lightweight contender to a draw in the 10-round main event at Madison Square Garden. Giosa, an 11-3 underdog, weighed 145 to Davis' 136.

Giosa, a 27-year-old veteran from Philadelphia, subbed for late John Ahearn, subbed for lightweight champion Ike Williams, who was forced out of the bout by a sore right shoulder. The stubby welterweight piled up points in the early rounds but faded late in the fight.

Canada Wins Churchill Cup

LONDON, March 26—(Reuters)—England yesterday drubbed the U.S.-10-2 in the consolation game for second place for the Winston Churchill hockey cup, won Thursday night by Canada.

The U.S. team — the Bates Club from Lewiston, Me.—and the English squad had both been beaten by Canada in the first two games of the round-robin series. The world champion Lethbridge Maple Leafs beat the U.S. team 5-0 Wednesday and the English side 4-3 Thursday.

RESCUED FROM CAVE

BRISTOL, England, March 27—(Reuters)—A search party today rescued a party of three men and two girls who had gone astray in a deep cave near here. The quintet lost its flashlight and huddled in the dark for 22 hours.

MUST PROVE MOBILITY

VANCOUVER — (CP) — A charge of being drunk in charge of a motor-car was dismissed in court here when defence counsel argued the crown had failed to prove the car was able to move. The crown admitted it had been towed to headquarters without having been tested.

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Record Sugar Beet Crop In Britain

LONDON, March 27 — (CP) — Sweet news for British tax-payers: A record sugar-beet crop has saved the country more than \$25,000,000 (\$75,000,000).

Fred Willey, parliamentary secretary to the Food Ministry, announced the good news in the House of Commons. He said British refineries have just finished handling the last of a crop of 5,200,000 tons of sugar beet.

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By George Clark



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Fredericton and Vicinity

Mr. Wesley Murray, Montreal, spent the Easter holidays in Fredericton, the guest of his mother, Mrs. N. S. J. Murray.

Miss Maebelle MacLennan has returned to Charlottetown after spending the holidays at her home in Pleasant Valley.

Mrs. Pomeroy Murray, Breadalbane, and her daughters Eleanor and Juretta, P.W.C. students were recent visitors to Fredericton the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Murray.

Mrs. Milton Weeks, Mrs. James Murray, Mrs. Ella Abbott, Mrs. Harry Weeks, Mrs. John Bertram, Mrs. F. W. Cutcliffe and Mrs. W. E. Stevenson were visitors to the city during the past week.

Mrs. N. A. Cutcliffe was hostess to several members of the Fredericton Women's Institute on Tuesday evening, March 20. During the evening a quilt to be donated to the orphanage was completed.

A New Brunswick car and a car driven by Jack Bernard, Hunter River, were involved in an accident at Fredericton on Tuesday evening. Both cars were damaged but luckily all the occupants escaped without injury.

Funeral services were held in Boston on Monday, March 26 for the late Mrs. Fred Small who passed away suddenly at her home in Milton, Mass. on Friday evening, March 23. Mrs. Small, the former Gertrude Green of Pleasant Valley, had many friends and relatives in P. E. I. She was married to the late Ben Cutcliffe and during their married life were regular summer visitors to the Island.

The Easter Sunday church services were well attended. In the morning Rev. W. B. MacPhail brought the Easter message to a large congregation in Pleasant Valley United Church. Special Easter music was rendered by the choir. In the evening the members of Fredericton Christian Church presented a lovely Easter message in story and song. Mr. Wesley Murray presided during the service. Several special numbers were sung by the choir. The interior of both churches was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers.

Mrs. Heber Weeks entertained the United Church Ladies Aid at her home on Monday evening, March 19. The president, Mrs. James Murray presided. Meeting opened by singing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross". Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Sixteen members answered the roll call by paying one cent for each size of shoe. Mrs. F. W. Cutcliffe was ap-

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pointed auctioneer and the autograph quilt was sold to Mrs. N. A. Cutcliffe. Plans were made to hold a poverty party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stevenson on Wednesday evening.

March 28. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. N. A. Cutcliffe. Roll call to be answered by your second name. Lunch committee: Mrs. Milton Weeks and Mrs. James Murray. Meeting closed by singing the National Anthem after which lunch was served by the hostess assisted by the committee in charge and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

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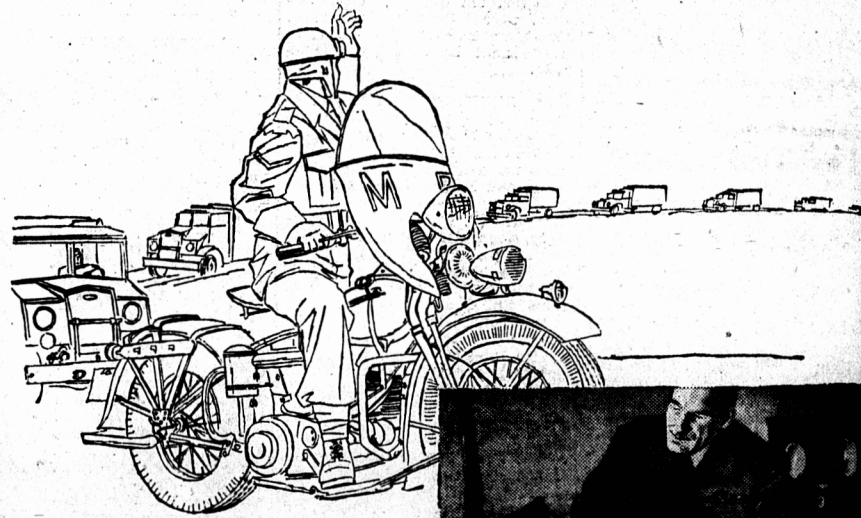
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