

LEONARD SHOWS REAL CLASS; MAY TAKE ON BRITTON

Has Made More Than \$700,000 During Ring Career; Spends \$70,000 a Year to Live.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Such a thing as being too good is no nice way to be. It has its compensation, but it also has its beckslaps.

Benny Leonard, world's light-weight champion, says the rewards of greatness are nothing compared to its penalties.

"I'm landed to the skies one minute and put on the pan the next. The panning is what hurts, because the knocks come from my best friends. They all want me to win but if I don't get a victory by a knockout they roast me," the dapper light-weight king says.

Around police headquarters whenever Leonard is announced in a bout they get the reserves ready. The young champion perhaps has more real friends and a bigger following in New York than any other boxer. Harlem and the Bronx are with him to a man and they consider him "their own." Whenever he boxes, they swoop down to the ringside en masse, loaded with money. In their over-zealousness they expect him to knock any opponent kicking in a round or two and when some fortunate happens to stay the distance with him, they cry.

Leonard fought one of his greatest fights recently against Rocky Kansas. After getting away to a bad start, he showed his class as a real champion by winning a decisive decision.

The fans, however, growled—"He didn't knock 'im out. He's going back."

They didn't stop to consider that Kansas never has been knocked out; that he has ribs of steel and a jaw of iron; that he is so awkward he has a clever fighting style and he is one of the most dangerous light-weights in the ring.

They figured only that Leonard is one of the greatest lightweights of all time and that he didn't knock him out.

Early in the bout, the champion looked bad. He missed frequently, his footwork was not up to the standard and above all—his hair got mussed and his face was smeared with crimson. But he had the class, that quality which characterizes the great in any profession—the ability to rise up and strike back when it looks dark and things are going bad.

If it is only an exaction of nature that Leonard might be going back a little. He is still a young man, but he has been in the ring a long time and he may have reached his prime. Perhaps he never will be any better than he is now but there is no reason to believe that he will slip fast. He is still a great champion and worthy of his title.

If the champion was off form against Kansas, it was due more than anything else to lack of work. He hadn't had a real hard fight since the great bout with Richie Mitchell a year ago. If he had trained on a couple of good bouts, there is no doubt that he would have gotten away better instead of using five or six rounds to get going.

Since he has so convincingly shown his superiority in the light-weight division, it is a fair conclusion that he will start his long-planned drive for the welterweight championship. A Britton-Leonard bout for the welter crown has been popular talk for several months and it is very likely that it will be staged in the Jersey City arena this summer. It would be a wonderful exhibition between two great masters and with the following that both boast in New York, the big pine stadium would be at least half filled for the contest.

For more than a year there has been talk of Leonard's plan to retire. During his regime as champion, he is said to have made more than \$700,000. Of course he hasn't been able to save that much. He says it costs him more than \$700,000 a year to live, with all the financial demands that his title burdens him with. However, he has enough laid aside and invested to make his future anything but uncertain.

AT THE HOTELS

CHOLSON.

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UNITED IN DEATH!

GENEVA, Feb. 25.—A couple named Stalder, separated for thirty years, have been joined in death at Kussnacht, near Lucerne.

For reasons they never told, the husband and wife parted a month after marriage, living in opposite ends of the village, bowing to one another on the street, but never speaking.

Recently the wife died. The husband, on hearing the news, wrote a note asking to be buried near her, and an hour later he was found dead.

Physicians found no indications of self-destruction, and friends said he died of a broken heart.

WOMAN AND CHILD PINNED TWO HOURS IN ICE-COLD WATERS

FORT WORTH, Feb. 25.—Two hours of being pinned under a car in the icy water of a creek four miles south of Fort Worth on the Everman road, failed to result as seriously for his wife and child as Jack Sparkman feared while attempting to bring rescuers shortly past midnight Thursday, for both were reported resting well Friday at All Saints hospital.

Sparkman was driving through the sleet, and while crossing a culvert, missed the road, the car turning over and catching Mrs. Sparkman and the child underneath. Unable to free them, the husband walked several miles to a telephone and summoned a Spellman ambulance. With the aid of the driver, the victims were rescued and taken to the hospital.

CONGRESSMAN PEEVED AT LANDIS' RESIGNING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Benjamin F. Welty, former Democratic member of the house from the Fourth Ohio district, made public Friday another letter to President Harding, urging that the resignation of Federal Judge Landis be not accepted.

The former Ohio Representative, as a member of the last congress, sought to have Judge Landis impeached after he had accepted the baseball arbitratorship.

"There is no doubt that the impeachment proceedings against Judge Landis are still pending in congress," Welty wrote, "and I felt in justice to Judge Landis, as well as to the public, that the matter should be disposed of by congress. Judge Landis is either innocent or guilty."

BARTON HERE TWO DAYS.

J. D. Barton of Gorman, candidate for sheriff was in Ranger Thursday and Friday.

YANKEES DESIRE SERVICES OF STAR OUTFIELDER



Amos Strunk, m.

Amos Strunk, the veteran star outfielder of the Chicago White Sox, and formerly one of the mainstays with Connie Mack's champion Athletics, is much desired by the New York Yankees to round out their club. Strunk would be a great asset for the 1921 champs of the American league.

CHICAGO'S BOY "PONZI" AND SOME OF HIS VICTIMS



Bischoff's office besieged



R. G. Bischoff

Ponzi's Boston operations for "get rich quick" pale beside those of Raymond J. Bischoff of Chicago, who is charged with victimizing 3,500 persons out of \$7,000,000. He was not perturbed by the situation. Shortly after his arrest his office was besieged by investors. The photo shows police keeping back the mob at the door. In the insert is Bischoff, aged 25.

GIRL SHOTS BROTHER WHO OBJECTS TO BEAU

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Lena Russo, 18 years old, was arrested today, charged with having shot her 21-year-old brother Alfonso, when at their home in Brooklyn, during a quarrel which started when he upbraided her for permitting a young man to call and remain late.

Alfonso suffered two bullet wounds. The girl, it is said, told police her father took her part. This so enraged her brother, she is reported to have said, that he began to beat his father, whereupon she dashed into her brother's room, seized his revolver and fired. The police said she fired five shots.

"Permanent" artificial hair-waving for the young men of London costs \$15 and occupies four hours in the operation.

YEAR FOR MOTORIST WHO RAN OVER GIRL

DALLAS, Feb. 25.—R. W. Harr was found guilty of negligent homicide by a jury in the court of Judge R. B. Seay Friday afternoon and sentenced to one year in jail.

The indictment against Harr was returned in connection with the death of Miss Mary Slevins from injuries received last Oct. 27 when struck by an automobile.

KENYON'S SUCCESSOR AS SENATOR SWORN IN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Charles A. Rawson, successor of William S. Kenyon, Republican of Iowa, was sworn in as a member of the senate Friday. An impromptu reception was accorded Rawson on the senate floor. Senator Kenyon, after handing in his resignation, bade farewell to his colleagues. Kenyon expects to leave tonight to assume his new duties as a federal judge.

NORTH AND CENTRAL TEXAS FIELDS YIELD UNCHANGED

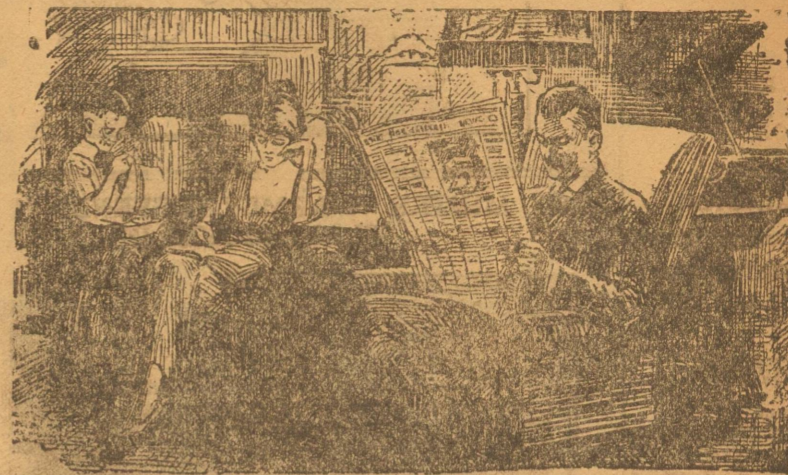
WICHITA FALLS, Feb. 25.—Showing the usual changes in oil runs for the several pools the total daily production of North and Central Texas oil fields remained practically the same as last week for the seven-day period ending Wednesday night. Burkburnett, after a large loss last week, showed a daily gain of 1,000 barrels, the difference being due to pipe line runs. Stephens county lost 1,000 barrels daily while Young county made large enough gains that for the first time in its history its production exceeded 1,000 barrels.

Following are the daily averages for the week: Stephens county, 47,200 barrels; Burkburnett, 36,500 barrels; Eastland county, 12,180 barrels; Electra, 10,050 barrels; Young county, 10,600; Iowa Park, 2,500; Holliday, 1,400 barrels; Petrolia, 300 barrels; Strawn, 1,150 barrels; Moran, 850 barrels; Brown county, 700 barrels; Comanche county, 6,260 barrels.

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