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## From Tow-Boy to World's Champion A History of the Life of John L. Sullivan

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CHAPTER XVIII.

Sullivan offered to bet 500 pounds on himself before the battle started, but there were no takers. Then Mitchell's men got their money into action and an offer to place 2,000 pounds on the Englishman was left wanting. Odds about the 5 to 1 on Sullivan.

It had been rumored about the ring-side that Sullivan's ring, however, would not be allowed to win that friends of Mitchell would start a rough-house and break up proceedings if it became impossible for the English gladiator to continue without being hopelessly beaten. These threats may have been made of thin air, but Sullivan's backers called a circle of friends who passed the word around that if anything started shouting would follow.

The fight began shortly after 1 o'clock. It was evident from the very first that Mitchell was in the ring for one purpose—to continue the fight until darkness or something else should intervene. He went to great and every opportunity, and at times leaped in advance of the champion, with Sullivan in hot pursuit. Many times he hit the ground from a slight push at the hands of the champion, and it was claimed several times that he went down when not pushed. These claims of foul, however, were not allowed by the referee. Sullivan knew the tactics of his opponent during the bout and, standing Sullivan in the middle of the ring, called to Mitchell to come on and fight. Sullivan wore a scowl most of the time, Mitchell's face was wreathed in smiles.

Dominate McCaffery, Charles Dougherty, Billy Porter and Arthur Magnus were in Sullivan's corner at the opening of the battle.

The first round terminated when Sullivan's right hand, smashing out at Mitchell, barely touched him. Mitchell went down. A right hand smash that landed fairly, whirled the Englishman to the ground in the second. In the third round Mitchell opened up with his punning and Sullivan asked him to desist.

Every round was practically like this, except for the fact that Mitchell would round in occasionally and hit the champion. These tactics earned him first blood, which was awarded to him by the referee in the eighth round, when a smash opened a cut behind Sullivan's ear, and another cut him over the eye. Throughout the mill after this, a slight trickle of crimson ran down Sullivan's face. The blood finally became matted in his mustache, but he obstinately refused to have it removed.

At the beginning of the fight Sullivan had teased Mitchell with contempt, but when the plucky Englishman fought on and on after taking Sullivan's blows, the contempt turned for a time to admiration and Sullivan whispered at the end of the fifth round that he was going to let Mitchell's man win. His later made a greater mistake, for Mitchell was outwitting and out-generaling the champion.

As the twelfth round started a cold rain and sleet began to fall. A sharp wind was blowing directly into Sullivan's face, and this fact hurt him badly. Mitchell had won the toss for corners and took the corner which placed his back to the sun. Thus Sullivan was at a slight disadvantage all along. His right arm became swollen from constant hammering. His wrist had been broken and was paining him intensely. But he fought on through courage.

As the fight progressed and the cold rain began to have its effect, Sullivan's lack of condition became more and more noticeable. He shivered as he fought and his teeth chattered. But his iron heart would not give up. He breathed hard throughout.

As the thirty-ninth round approached it was apparent both fighters were beaten and could continue no longer. Over the protests of Sullivan's handlers, Sullivan himself, and even Mitchell the referee stopped the bout and called it a draw. One of Mitchell's admirers dashed at the referee with a bottle upraised and tried to brain him with it, but was stopped by others. Another flung himself down in Sullivan's corner and wept. The champion, himself, his arms folded across his breast, said nothing, but scowled at Mitchell and the referee.

**Sporting News and Notes**

A patriotic regatta for college crews may be staged on the Severn river course, Annapolis, this summer.

Princeton and West Point have 200 baseball candidates this spring.

Philadelphia promises to be a center for athletic activity with the holding of the University of Pennsylvania relay races April 26 and 27 and the intercollegiate track and field championships May 21 and 22.

Oxford and Cambridge students pay \$10 a year to support athletics.

Detroit plans to hold an individual tennis tournament among experts from forty-eight cities.

An intercollegiate rifle tournament will be promoted by the war department. Students of various colleges and universities will be given a chance to show their marksmanship by this means. Teams of twenty men are to shoot a match a week for ten weeks and the best score will win the Baker trophy. Individuals on the winning team will be given medals.

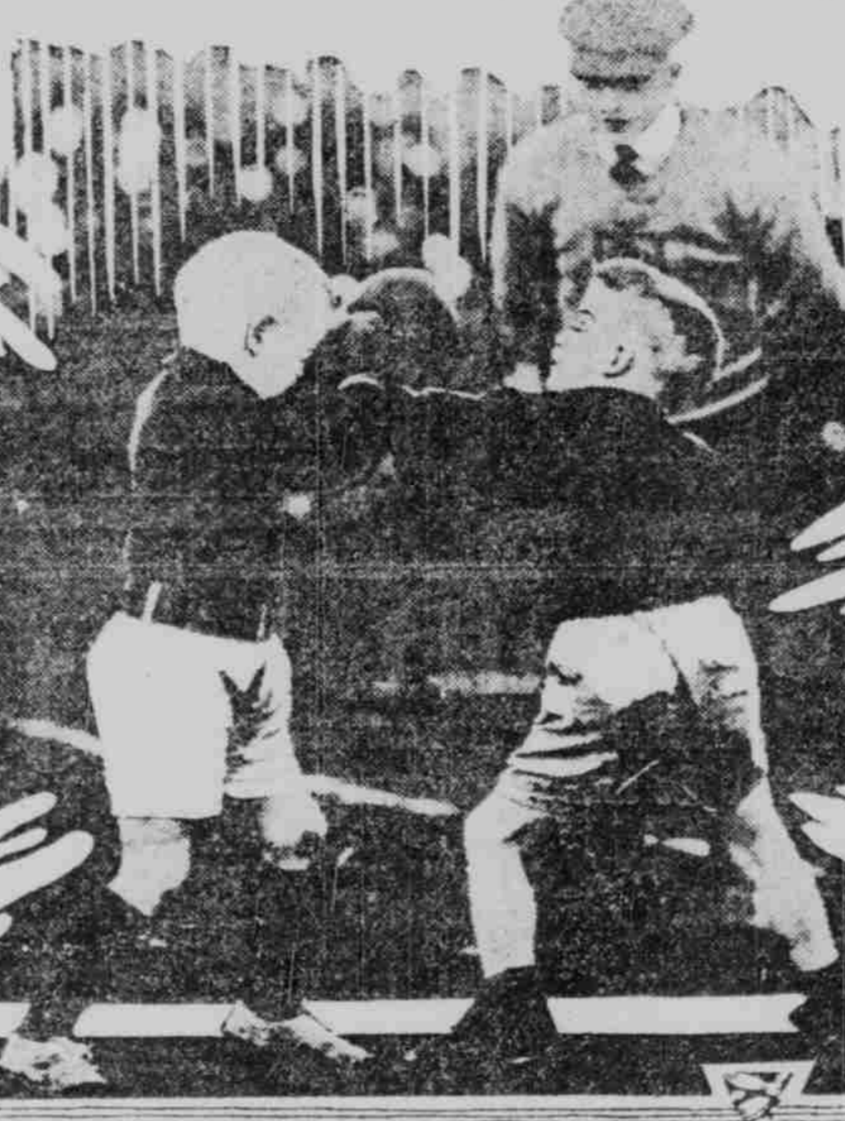
Terre Haute, of Cleveland, champion of the interstate three-quarter mile hard world's title match between Augie Kischkefer, of Chicago, and Robert Gannex, of St. Louis, to take place in Chicago, March 13, 14 and 15. The match will be 150 points in blocks of 25 points a night.

The Dartmouth athletic council will stage a series of seven athletic carnivals to include track and field contests, boxing, wrestling, tug-of-war and military features.

The western conference track and field championship meet will be held in Chicago, Saturday, June 8. It will mark the reappearance of Michigan in the sports of the big ten.

The Colorado Three-Cushion Billiard League just launched is composed of six clubs representing establishments in Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs.

### "FOR DUSTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP"



Albie sends left to head.

Out at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash., these two "dustweight" battlers fought a spirited six rounds recently at a Red Cross benefit performance. They are Albie, six, and Jumbo, four, sons of W. H. Davis, superintendent of the Vancouver Island Athletic association. They have netted the Red Cross \$4,000 by their fistie exhibitions.

**MAYOR BROWN OF HAMMOND A FAN**  
America First, Hammond Second and Then Baseball for This Executive.

The Hammond city hall reporter in his daily sojourn to the municipal temple has learned the following things about Mayor Dan Brown:

He doesn't drink.  
He never smokes.  
He carries no keys.  
He does not play billiards or cards.  
He does not dance and seldom attends theaters.

But—oh, boy, how he loves baseball. Mayor Brown is a dyed-in-the-wool fan. Seated back of third base in his shirt sleeves he is in a seventh heaven.

**OWLS SCHEDULE FOUR GAMES FOR SEASON END**

WHITING, IND., March 14.—Although the regular basketball season is about at an end, the Whiting Owls have scheduled four more games with three of the strongest teams in the country. The first of this series of games will be with the Army Y. M. C. A. of Camp Grant, Rockford. This team is composed of the pick of the men and officers at Camp Grant, and have only lost a few games, two of them being to the Fairbanks-Morse team of Beloit. These games were won by the Beloit aggregation by a one and five point margin. Camp Grant will play in Whiting on Saturday evening, March 15th. The strong Fairbanks-Morse team comes here on the twenty-third, followed by the strong Elm Rose of Indianapolis who will play on the 27th and 28th.

The Whiting Owls have shown considerable strength in the last few games and the games mentioned above will certainly attract the attention of the basketball loving public. The boys under the guidance and leadership of

### WILLARD AND FULTON MAY SIGN UP TODAY FOR BATTLE ON JULY 4

ST. LOUIS, March 14.—Fred Fulton, heavy-weight fighter, and his manager, Mike Collins, left here tonight for Kansas City, where they expect to sign for a championship bout with Jess Willard and Fulton on July 4. Telegrams to Collins from J. C. Miller, who will meet Fulton and Collins in Kansas City tomorrow, says that Willard has agreed to meet Fulton on July 4.

Collins said that while he did not know what terms would be offered to Fulton, the Minnesota fighter would be willing to accept one-third of the receipts rather than miss the chance to fight the champion. A New Orleans promoter, it is stated, has offered \$125,000 for the fight.

Fulton this afternoon was matched to meet Jack Dempsey in a night-round, no-decision bout, on May 20.

If the weather is favorable to an open-air contest, the bout will take place at Newark, N. J., if the weather necessitates an indoor meet the contest will be called off in case Fulton is matched to fight Willard.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 14.—When asked today whether an offer of \$125,000 had been made from St. Orleans to stage the proposed Willard-Fulton bout in that city, Willard said he knew nothing of such an offer. Willard said he expected to hear of an agreement from Kansas City tomorrow.

### Dodgers to Train at Hot Springs 2 Weeks

NEW YORK, March 14.—Twenty-two Dodgers will train for fifteen days at Hot Springs before the curtain is raised on the big show this summer. There will be nine pitchers in the outfit. Ollie O'Mara, the Robins' shortstop, left for the South today. Jake Daubert, star first baseman of the Dodgers, will join the team shortly. Hi Meyers, outfielder, signed his contract today.

### Boston Braves Off For Florida Camp

NEW YORK, March 14.—Business Manager Walter Haggood and Players Henry and McGraw composed the advance guard of the Boston Braves which went through New York yesterday en route to Miami, Fla. Other members of the Braves started for the training camp from their homes in various parts of the country. Rudolph, Konechky and Herzog are still holding out.

### Athlete Sells Dogs Too High; Is Arrested

NEW YORK, March 14.—John Orlin, a basketball player, was held in \$2,500 bail yesterday by United States Commissioner Hitchcock. He is charged with selling mongrels as pedigreed English bulldogs. According to postoffice inspectors, mongrel dogs with pedigrees attached sold for \$25 to \$50.

It is all right to put a flag in your window, but the war will be won a lot quicker if you will invest in War-Savings and Thrift Stamps also.

**CORN BREAD—NUTT SAID—ARMY FED.**

### Mike Donovan Is Sick

NEW YORK, March 14.—Mike Donovan, former middleweight champion of America and for many years instructor of boxing at the New York Athletic club, is fighting for his life here today at a hospital, a victim of pneumonia.

### TIE THE GARBAGE CAN TO THE DASHUND'S TAIL.

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