

his face split and battered to such an extent that he was absolutely unrecognisable. From this he never recovered, and was a mere chopping block for his opponent right up to the finish, which came in the seventh round. I have seen many men punished, but never did I see a man get such a devilish gruel in so short a time as Hall gave Slavin. I do not believe, and I say it in all honesty, that the defeated man once put a glove on the winner in the whole seven rounds.

The victory was so complete that the yarn was started that Slavin must have been drugged, and some senseless critics pointed out that the big fellow did not fight nearly so well as he did against Jackson; they forgot that Jackson did not nearly break Slavin's neck with a crashing night-hander on the point in the first few seconds of their battle. To put a stop to this talk I offered to make another match for Hall and Slavin and put up £1000 and add another £1000, and give the big man his own time to fight in and his choice of styles, but Slavin would have none of it, and he was wise, for in the condition Jim Hall was that night he could have whipped Slavin the best day he ever saw, and not have turned a hair.

Mitchell refers to his fight with Jim Corbett, and pays a compliment to a well-known Australian boxer of 23 or 24 years ago which will, I am sure, be much appreciated by those who knew the man. Says Mitchell: "Big Steve O'Donnell, the Australian, was a nice chap, far too kind-hearted and gentle ever to have become a great pugilist. I can't think what made him come into the game; he was clever, but would not have punched his worst enemy when he had him beaten. He was a very well-educated man, and ought to have been a bishop rather than a pugilist. As a teacher of boxing he was quite the thing, game enough, too, but no venom."

GENERAL NOTES.

"Well, we have a new champion, and the sport world is well pleased," writes the one-time famous heavyweight boxer, Joe Choynski, in reviewing the heavyweight situation. "No more negro champions, though if I were in the game I would consider myself a coward to refuse to meet the best black. It was surely a rotten fight from all accounts. I knew Johnson could not get into condition. He had a fatty heart, and it made him do the fool. Willard is naturally phlegmatic, and his youth wore Jack out. Any man over 6ft. 3in. is too big for a fighter. If Willard fights he will be dethroned before many bouts. We have a likely champion in Jim Coffey, of Dublin. Willard will no doubt rake in the coin to the tune of 1000 dollars a week for about two years, and will be the popular idol. Saw Ritchie beat Griffiths all the way recently in six rounds. Griff. could not find him. Fitzsimmons got married again, to Mrs. Emmy, a cat and dog trainer. Poor Bob!"

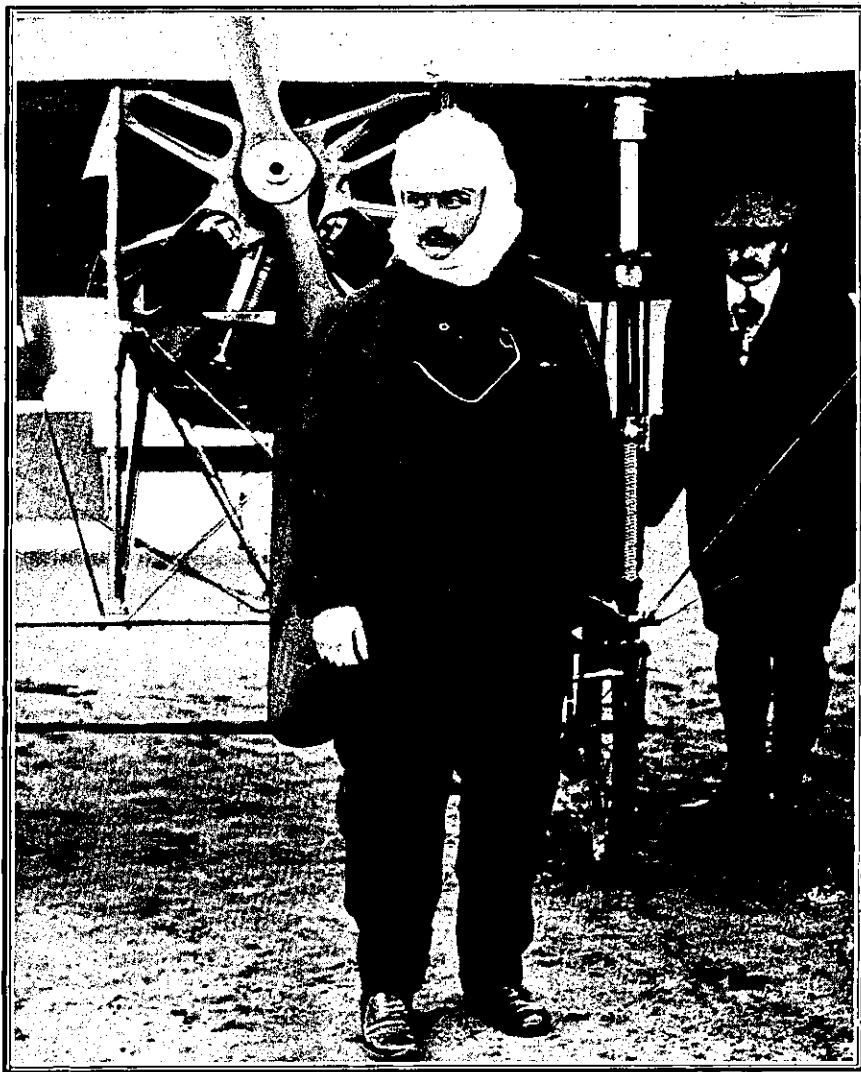
The heavyweights, Bombardier Billy Wells, champion of England, and Dick Smith, who had earned the right to challenge the holder of the title, met at The Ring, London, on May 31, when Wells won in the ninth round.

Jimmy Hill, the well-known Australian featherweight, met the Victorian lightweight boxer, Herb McCoy, the other night in Brisbane, but found the task beyond him, Hill's seconds throwing in the towel in the tenth round.

A London cable announces that Bombardier Wells, the well-known fighter, has enlisted in the Welsh Regiment.

In a boxing contest at the National Sporting Club, London, the other night, for the featherweight championship of England, Llew Edwards got the verdict over Owen Moran, who was disqualified in the tenth round.

Mr. R. J. Henderson, of the Akron Beacon Journal, who was at the ring-side when Johnny Griffiths and Willie Ritchie fought, writing under date, Pittsburg, April 10, says:—"By a remarkable finish here Friday night, Johnny Griffiths, the Akron lightweight, won a draw with Willie Ritchie, champion of America. Griffiths was pushed as hard as at any time in his ring career, and during the early stages of the battle it looked as though the Californian would pile up a winning lead over the champion of Ohio. Four thousand enthusiastic fans gathered at the Duquesne A.C. to see the six-round battle between the foremost contenders for the crown now worn by Freddie Welsh. Griff-



FAMOUS FRENCH AIRMAN FALLS INTO THE HANDS OF THE GERMANS—M. GARROS, who is reported to have been captured by the Germans.

iths offered no alibi, so it would be inconsistent of me to attempt to explain why he did not win by a good margin over the westerner. But the truth is that for the last ten days Griffiths has been unable to do any boxing, owing to a spilt lip. Griffith met and defeated Johnny Harvey at Columbus Monday night, but since that time the Akron boy has not drawn on a glove. He showed his lack of gymnasium boxing in that the Johnny Griffiths who met Ritchie time and again was a poor judge of distance. The first round was even, Ritchie had the second. Griff. copped off the third, Ritchie took the fourth and fifth, while Griffiths was strong in the sixth and the final round, earning a draw. After having seen Griffiths and Welsh battle in Akron, it is hard to understand how the Englishman (Welsh) ever won the title from

Ritchie. As a fighter the present title-holder is not to be compared with the boy from whom he won the crown. And at this time I would like to brand as false those rumours which rob Ritchie of all cleverness. But just a little about our Akron boy. No battler in a hemp-bound square ever made a grander finish than did Griffiths. Johnny must have realised that up and until the sixth the Californian had the advantage, for when the closing session arrived he went out and gave battle as very few of the top-notch lightweights of the day would dare to do. Griffiths took all kinds of chances as he was working for a knock-out. His fork-fin seemed to gain its old-time snap, and he drove the ex-champion from one side of the ring to the other. I do not mean that Ritchie was slipping. But I do want it understood that Johnny was box-



NEW ZEALAND TROOPS IN EGYPT—"No Thoroughfare." The camel boy finds that a pass is required.

ing in his old-time form. In the first round, Ritchie, who throughout the bout displayed much aggressiveness, opened the cut on Johnny's lip, and he kept playing for the remainder of the battle on the bleeding wound. Outside of Johnny's lip, and a thin stream of gore which was early started from Ritchie's nose, there was no sign of punishment evident upon either boxer. Even those papers which decided that Ritchie had a shade in the milling did not hesitate to say that the Akron boy showed championship form throughout. When Johnny walked into Newell's Hotel after the bout he showed little ill-effects of the tough going, and declared that he was not hurt by one of Ritchie's blows. Ritchie landed his most dangerous blows in the fourth round, when a smashing right to the stomach seemed to fairly lift Griff. off his feet. It was then that Johnny displayed his ability to withstand punishment, for the jam in the wind did not slow up the Akron boy in the least. He came back strong, and was doing his share of the mixing when the gong sounded. A well-known citizen dropped dead while the fight was raging."

BELGIUM.

A thread of gossamer! A lovely line Set by a master in a brave design; A hand that toiled while spun the world through space; Peace, patience, labor—then the Belgian lace! A brush, a palette and the colors ground, True to the life that spread those colors 'round; Touch upon touch, each of the next a part; Peace, patience, labor—then the Belgian art. A noble model in a builder's mind Month after month, year after year refined,

Stone upon stone, laid up with pious care, And then Malines Cathedral in the air! Ah, gracious God! What demon is so fleet

To lay these wonders ruins at our feet? —Blanche Wilder Bellamy, in "New York Times."

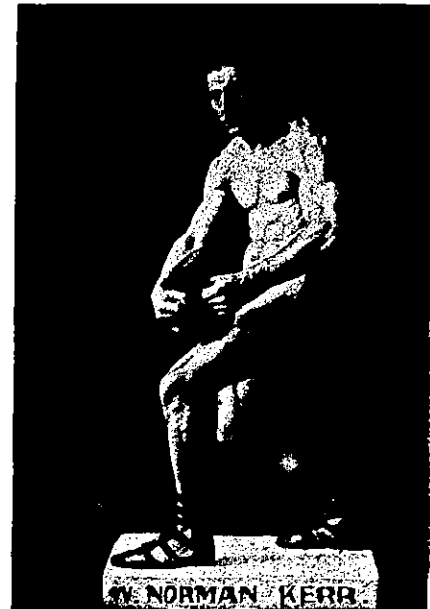
Since the beginning of the war Germany has lost its colonial empire. These possessions, which represented an area five times that of the Fatherland, had cost Germany about £66,000,000. Almost all of the result of this expenditure has been lost to Germany owing to the might and power of the British Fleet. Apart from this, there are, roughly 1,000,000 Germans of military age interned in foreign parts who cannot get to Germany because they are isolated. This 1,000,000 extra fighting men might have been decisive in the early stages of the war. All this is due to the British Fleet, and yet there are some who say, without a knowledge of the facts, that the British Fleet is asleep and not active.



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