

'The Sportlife'

BY TOM STOWE

WILL TOLERANCE TAKE A HOLIDAY?

Now that the "pain-in-the-tum" from that Braddock-Baer pink tea party has eased up a bit, let's take a squint at what should be a real boxing attraction for a change, the Carnera-Louis scrap. Upon its outcome depends, to a great extent, the future of pugilism. It involves the so-called black menace to the fight racket, which many times heretofore has presented complicated situations and caused race riots.

Louis, the dark-skinned Detroit bomber, has the amazing record of 61 knockouts in 76 bouts to his credit. Whether or not he can sink the gigantic Italian is the question of the hour. It has fight followers everywhere embroiled in arguments and bets. The fight is expected to draw twice as many customers as the Braddock-Baer mess. Louis is the favorite but judging from Baer's defeat Shirley Temple might make any of them look like a palooka.

If Carnera wins, the public will probably care little what follows, but if Louis drops him for the count, there will be much speculation as to who will be matched against him. Baer has previously promised not to draw the color line, but if it comes to a Louis-Braddock match, don't be surprised if some fight promoter or court ruling blocks Louis from a titular chance.

Northerners in general do not object to a negro being allowed to compete in athletics. Some southerners feel it is a disgrace for a white man to meet a negro except at a lynching. When you live in the south for a while, this feeling becomes dyed in your blood. There are convincing arguments on both sides of the question.

Nevertheless a white-black fight for the title would probably outdraw any other match that could be arranged. In any event it will be interesting to see what happens both in, and after, Tuesday night's appetizing battle.

Here's what several prominent Miamians had to say when asked by MIAMI LIFE for their opinion regarding inter-racial athletics:

ERNE SEILER, MIAMI RECREATION DIRECTOR: It depends largely on what section of the country is involved. Up north it may be all right but down south—well, why stir up old feeling. Personally I believe it would be better for the welfare of the country not to permit athletic competition between these two races. The Carnera-Louis scrap should not be permitted.

ED HEDDEN, REAL ESTATE DEALER: My sincere belief in this delicate matter is that mixed athletics are not for the best interest of the country. I have seen too much racial trouble in Illinois to see anything but trouble in such a privilege for negroes. Tuesday's fight should not be allowed.

PROMOTER LARRY KELLY, MIAMI BEACH ARENA: I don't believe we'll ever see a negro fighting for the world's heavyweight title. Jack Johnson's domestic troubles left a bad taste in the public's mouth when he was champion. I'm opposed to mixed athletics. Negroes get too boisterous and cause a lot of trouble. Better they keep by themselves.

TOM THURSDAY, SHORT STORY WRITER: The whole "boxing" game is repulsive to all civilized intellects. The men and women who make for progress never attended prize fights. When you ask me whether or not I think a black lunkhead and a white numbskull should be permitted to box in public, I answer, Why not? If a few race riots are the result, it is a certainty that those injured are of no biological moment in the onward march of man's ascent from monkeyhood.

WE'LL SOON KNOW

Few baseball players in recent years have won such overnight popularity as "Alabama" Pitts, ex-Sing Sing athlete. His fight for permission to play in organized baseball was carried to the sport's supreme ruler, Judge Landis, before it was won. Landis' decision has been editorially lauded throughout the country. Now all that remains to be seen is just how good a ball player Mr. Pitts really is. For his sake, here's hoping he's a crackerjack. But don't forget that Sing Sing and minor league baseball are not in the same category. In any event, however, he can't say he hasn't been given a chance.

O'DELL'S RECORD IN DANGER

Mickey Dougan, Cleveland's promising light-heavy, may snap Benny O'Dell's string of 13 straight wins when they clash at the Miami Beach Arena Monday night. Mickey is the chap who had Bob Olin on the floor three times before he lost a two-point decision in Cleveland last March. Matchmaker Larry Kelly also has another star attraction in the Bobby Miller-Sammy Paris featherweight scrap. Paris hails from the Swooky City of Pittsburgh and Miller comes from city of good cigars, Tampa. Each of the double-windups will be ten rounds and there are three preliminaries in addition.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

LAST NIGHT'S Yale-Harvard regatta on the picturesque Thames River in Connecticut's old New London is the oldest sporting event in American intercollegiate history dating back before the Civil War.

Jeffrey, son of that famous author, the late Arthur Somers Roche, will punch out sport copy for a Palm Beach publication when spine-chilled tourists migrate southward next winter.

Henry McLemore, that colorful and breezy United Press sports writer, who can make you laugh even when the landlord is knocking at the door, will ankle up to the

altar again shortly with a Daytona eyeful.

—Max Carey, late of the Pittsburgh Pirates, but now a transplanted, ready-to-blossom Miamian, stole 51 bases in 53 attempts back in 1922. Sort of looks as though Bill Frey could use some of this speed to advantage these trying days.

—Mrs. Ted Husing, ex-wife of the world famous radio sports announcer, now has a new hobby sitting opposite the noon-day breakfast table—an orchestra leader. Wonder if this songster will become as bothersome to her as Ted's sport gab.

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IF druggists should not make wonderful poker players when they are so adept at keeping a straight face while filling a prescription for one cent worth of salts for which they charge two dollars

HOW much that grand old lady, Viola B. Johnson, beauty expert, won at table stakes recently against some of the best poker players in Miami

WHY Judge Uly Thompson continues to issue injunctions against the City of Miami without notifying the City Attorney

WHEN, if ever, Dave Curtiss will learn the meaning of and practice the teaching of the old adage, "Do unto others as you would have them do to you"

IF a certain Cafeteria hostess will shorten her vacation, now that her boy-friend has taken up where he left off

IF Esther will accept a certain proposition made her by Phil . . . and if he doesn't wonder how we knew

WHO the Frankenstein was that Mary was seen going into the theatre with . . . and if she wasn't afraid in the dark

WHO the girl was that got so tight last week that she didn't know when her boy-friend left . . . and if she didn't wonder about a lot of things the next day

IF Jerry really saw a friend off last week . . . and why he said that it was so very important

WHY Jerry Weaver doesn't have much to say for himself lately . . . and if there is any truth in the rumour that his "mike" has gone dead

WHO were the two old men that raced from First street to the Wonder Bar the other evening . . . and why one of them had to fall down for an alibi

IF Miami ever saw a nicer party than that given last Sunday by Jim, and Mrs. Quigley at their S. W. 10th St. home to celebrate their anniversary . . . and if everyone there hasn't voted them the Town's best host and hostess

IF Al E. knows that his girl friend's husband is a very jealous man . . . and that he is not always out of town when they think he is

IF business hasn't picked up a hundred per cent since Polly went back to work

WHY Marie thought that she got tight on ten Tom Collins when six of them were only lemonade . . . and if that is why she is so anxious to get to New Orleans where all the frappes are

WHY Allen, the coffee man, made the punch so strong and if it interfered with the bride and groom and did the liquor come from the Pig & Whistle.

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