

JOHNSON RETAINS PRIZE RING TITLE; OUTPOINTS MORAN

Pittsburg Fighter Stays Twenty
Rounds With Negro
Champion.

MORAN'S FACE IS BATTERED

Johnson Smiling and Unmarked
at End of Contest—Crowds
Jeered Both Fighters
Repeatedly.

PARIS, June 27.—Jack Johnson still holds the heavyweight championship of the world.

In a hard-fought battle at the Velodrome D'Hyver here tonight the negro easily defeated Frank Moran of Pittsburg, on points in a twenty-round contest. Moran was game and stubborn, and did most of the leading, and made many friends.

Johnson's superior skill and his effective uppercutting wore down his opponent and won the fight, which at times seemed amateurish.

Terrific uppercuts, on which Johnson relied in many previous battles, were brought into play on his young adversary, who was unable effectively to block them. They repeatedly were sent to Moran's jaw when he least expected them and several times the Pittsburger was sent wabbling, but there was not a single knock-down or anything that looked like a finishing blow. At the close, Moran's face was bleeding from cuts on the nose and under the left eye. Johnson showed no marks.

Towards the middle of the contest it appeared as if Moran would not go the twenty rounds, but he kept driving. Although he reached the negro, his blows lacked force and were comparatively ineffective. Now and then he tried to land hard on his adversary, but swung wildly through space. Moran took his punishment well and part of the time the negro toyed with him when he saw he could do so without danger.

Towards the end Johnson had the Pittsburger at his mercy. Moran was apparently fearful and clung to Johnson's body for support, at the same time trying to land, but without success. His manner of fighting and holding in the last half of the contest caused unfavorable comment. The tactics of Johnson on several occasions brought a caution from the referees and jeers from the crowd.

Many French spectators, who seemingly did not understand boxing, voiced their objection to infighting, but cheered, resounding harmless whacks.

The great amphitheatre presented a wonderful sight. Although there were some empty seats, the tiers were crowded with representatives of every element. Several hundred women in handsome gowns applauded the two pugilists as they struggled up and down the ring. Among the women were those who bore such great names in French society as Baroness Henry De Rothschild, the younger Duchess D'Uses, Countess Mathieu De Noailles; the Poet Princess De Lucinge; the Duchess De Rohan; Princess Morouzeffe and Countess De Proumiers.

Johnson's white wife occupied a prominent place, wearing as many diamonds as most of the great ladies. She cried out shrilly from time to time:

"Hit him, Daddy." "Come along, Pop." "Now then, Jack let him have another." Gloved hands joined in the applause that rang through the building as the two gladiators struggled for supremacy.

Spencer Eddy, former American minister to Argentine, sat near the ringside. Near him sat the Duke of Westminster, while not far away were the Earl of Sefton; Louis Barthou, former premier of France; the Marquis De Lafayette; the Duke of D'Uses; Marquis De Breuteuil; Baron James De Rothschild and Count

Here and there were dark faces, some of them negroes from Senegal, Dahomey and the West Indies. Two negro members of the chamber of deputies from Guadalupe showed intense interest. Other dark faces included Prince Dhulep Sinds of India, and Omer Sultan Pasha of Egypt.

Several hundred Americans were in the best seats. They included Mortimer Schiff of New York; Ex-Senator C. W. Watson, of West Virginia; Richard Croker, Jr., J. Ogden Mills, Herman B. Duryea, Alfred Vanderbilt, D. A. Reid, and E. H. Thomas, all of New York; E. C. Brown, of Chicago, and Frank P. Hitchcock of St. Louis.

After the fight Johnson pointed out that no champion of his age ever before defended the title and won. He is 35 years. He appeared little the worse for the battle.

"They thought I could not last twenty rounds," he said. "Well, didn't I? I am satisfied. I have done nothing for two years except ride fast. In another six weeks I will be ready to box anybody.

"Moran has a real hard punch with either hand. I know because I have been there. If they always landed, there is not anybody who could stand up against him. He is a good boy, all right, and I enjoyed the fight. Carpentier was a fine referee."

It was the first time a French champion had refereed a big match, and Georges Carpentier expressed great pleasure at the experience. He thought it one of the best fights he had ever seen. Asked if he would like to take on Johnson, Carpentier said:

"Johnson is a little bit too heavy

Moran in his dressing room after the fight said:

"At the worst it should have been a draw. I was the aggressor throughout the whole twenty rounds and I was not hurt. The cut over my eye is only an old one reopened. It was received in training. I believe I had the best of nearly every round. The blow that really hurt was one on my nose and for this Johnson was warned. That stopped my breathing and sent the blood trickling down my throat. That was the only real hurt Johnson gave me. I shall return to my camp and train for another fight. My manager has one in mind."

Moran spent a social hour with friends at a hotel then had his cuts attended to by a doctor and motored to his quarters at Meriel-Sur-Oise.

No statement of the receipts was given out.

It was announced that the gate receipts exceeded 200,000 francs (\$40,000.)

Before the fight Johnson said: "I was never more sure in my life than I am today. It is now a question of true sportsmanship. If Moran wins tonight he will win by strength, skill and better generalship. If he wins, I shall be the first to congratulate him from the bottom of my heart."

Johnson has made plans for a tour of Europe in an automobile. The journey will include visits to London and to Moscow and he says he will later return to the United States.

Morgan said as he entered the ring: "It will be a tough fight while it lasts, but I do not think it will last. I cannot figure that it going to last twenty rounds. I am in the best condition of my career and naturally do not expect to be the loser."

The Pittsburg fighter added that whether he won or lost, he expected to be battered. He said he intended to return to his training quarters at Meriel-on-the-Oise for a rest.

Moran asserted that he felt the responsibility rested on him of representing the white race. His four sisters in Pittsburg sent him an encouraging message, while an uncle who is dying in Ireland wrote him a farewell letter in which he said he had prayed for his victory.

The crowd at the arena tonight was in full dress, as Parisians regard the match in the same way as they would an important night at the opera. The reservations made include a great many for women. Among the prominent personages of France who were present are Duke Louise D'Uses and the premier.

The French management issued a public appeal to spectators of the fight not to allow their enthusiasm to go beyond proper limits, and made an especial request that no attempt be made to give advice to the referee, Georges Carpentier, the French champion, no matter what might be thought of his decisions.

Moran entered the ring weighing a shade under 195 pounds, while Johnson weighed 210. The articles contained no stipulations as to the weight of the contestants. Johnson slept eleven hours last night. After being massaged, he ate four soft boiled eggs, stirred up in a bowl of bread, and finished his meal with a dish of iced strawberries. For lunch he had a plain pound cake. He lives usually a vegetable diet. He said this m

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