

LAUVIGNE WON FROM CONNOLLY.

Boston Man's Seconds Threw Up the Sponge After Eleven Rounds.

HE WISHED TO CONTINUE.

George Ryan Knocked Out Lon Beckwith in Eight Rounds in the First "Go."

BIG CROWDS OF SPORTS ON HAND

Peter Maher and Tom Sharkey Will Meet in This City Next

June for a Purse of \$12,000.

Eddie Connelly, the clever boxer of St. John, N. R., had climbed the pugilistic ladder till he was deemed fit to meet George Lavigne, the champion lightweight of the world.

In one of the fastest fights ever seen on lower Broadway the "Saginaw Kid" demonstrated that the man is not in the ring who can snatch his championship laurels.

In the seventh round Connelly was knocked down almost as many times as Lavigne struck at him, and the Canadian's seconds wisely and humanely saved him from unnecessary punishment by refusing to permit him to answer the bell for the twelfth round.

It was a notable gathering that saw the bout. The grandstand and business world was well represented, while the prominent lights of the sporting contingent shone with unwonted brightness.

Ryan Knocked Out Beckwith.

The opening bout, which was the only preliminary event, served to arouse the enthusiasm of the large crowd. It introduced Lon Beckwith, a colored boy from Cleveland, and George Ryan, white, of Milwaukee, who were scheduled for twelve rounds.

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Kid Forced the Battle.

First Round—The Michigan boy set the pace and stuck to it hard for three minutes. He put in several left-hand thumps on the jaw that put the Canadian on the jump.

Second Round—Lavigne again made a rush and got in his left on the neck. Connelly swung with the right, and missing went to his knees. Connelly gave a blow for blow, and was certainly holding his own as the gong sounded.

Third Round—Lavigne let go his right savagely, but it was cleverly blocked. Lavigne then shook Connelly badly with a right on the jaw. Lavigne tried to follow his advantage, but Connelly danced away and recovered himself. Shortly afterwards Lavigne again staggered Connelly with a left on the jaw and pummelled the Canadian all over the ribs. Connelly seemed angry and a sure loser.

Fourth Round—Lavigne started a fast pace and Connelly clinched to prevent punishment. Lavigne put a terrific right on Connelly's nose, and followed with a left on the face. In a clinch both worked hard on the ribs. It was Lavigne's round.

Fifth Round—Lavigne opened with a right on the body and then there was a hot exchange at close quarters. Connelly landed a hard left on Lavigne's chin and the "Kid" retaliated on the body with the right. Both men were trying to land the right on the jaw.

Sixth Round—Both swung hard but without effect. Lavigne put a right on Connelly's jaw. In a clinch both fought at short arm like demons. Connelly showed more strength than in the opening rounds.

Seventh Round—Lavigne showed two puffed-up cheeks and Connelly had a bad eye. Lavigne started with his usual rush, but the Canadian was wary. Lavigne suddenly countered Connelly on the jaw and again staggered him. Lavigne repeated the right on the jaw and left on the neck. Connelly showed weariness. He tried an offensive approach as the gong sounded.

Eighth Round—Connelly acted on the defensive and managed to jab Lavigne on the nose with the left. Lavigne got in a hard right on the jaw.

leads for the head in succession, but did no special damage. Connelly showed weariness, while the Kid was tireless and constantly aggressive. Lavigne landed a shafting right on the head and followed with a crusher on the ribs. The Canadian went slowly to his corner.

Tenth Round—Lavigne put his right on Connelly's neck and shook him with a left on the head. Lavigne knocked another hard right on Connelly's head, and followed with half a dozen swarms on the neck that staggered the Canadian and caused him to clinch. Connelly was on Queer street and ready to drop when the bell sounded.

Eleventh Round—Lavigne opened with a rib roaster, and with a left hook made him stagger. The "Kid" then poked a left into Connelly's stomach and with a right on the jaw sent him to the floor. Lavigne sent him to the floor five times in succession, but he came to the scratch each time and finally got to his corner without being counted out.

Inspector Allaire wanted to stop the bout, but Referee Roche said Connelly was not knocked out, and the Inspector said he would let it proceed. The boxes were rained and sponged for the twelfth round, but when the gong sounded Connelly would not permit Connelly to proceed, and, in effect, threw up the sponge. Connelly wanted to continue, and cried bitterly when his seconds prevented it. Connelly said Connelly was in distress from Lavigne's body blows. Lavigne stated that Connelly was the hardest man he ever met.

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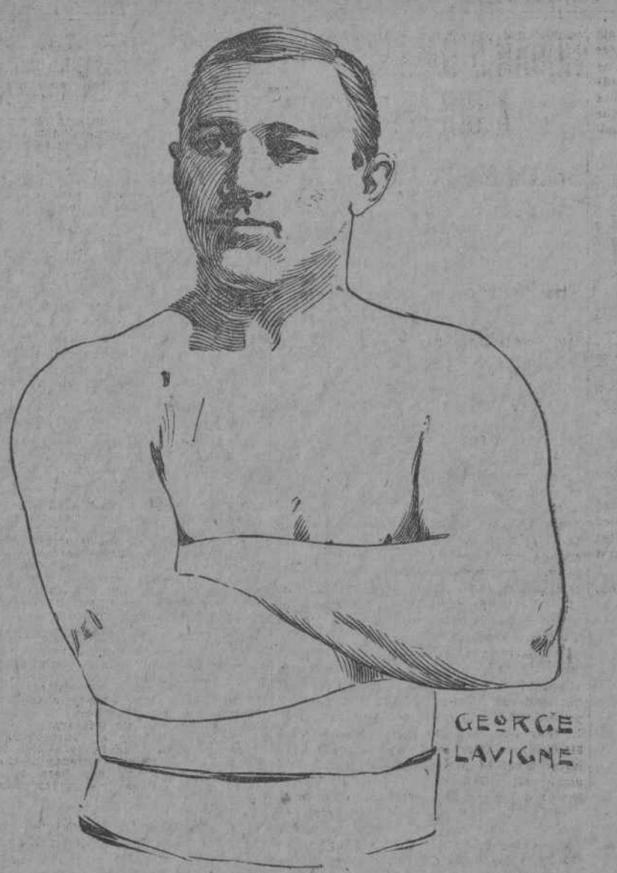
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On the Cycle Paths.

At the crossing of Eighteenth avenue and the western path there is a bad obstruction at present caused by the laying of sewer pipe. Wheelmen should approach the intersection at reduced speed and keep a sharp lookout.

"Heavenly twins" have ceased to be a novelty on the paths. The imitators since the original article was first introduced have come to be almost legion.

It is now the fad with Brooklyn jollies to take their morning coffee and afternoon tea at the tea houses along the paths. Brooklyn's latest fad is to come abreast of each other, there is sure to be a lively split between the stragglers down the Boulevard. Many a case takes place in the early hours of the morning, and sometimes housemen and cyclists manage to slip in one or two between beds in the afternoon.

Leaving the western path at Fort Hamilton avenue riders will find the roads fairly good down Fort Hamilton avenue to Sixth street, south to Fifteenth avenue, west to Coopers avenue, south again to Twenty-second avenue and back to the cycle path. The dirt is deep on Coopers avenue and also on Fifteenth avenue.

Riders coming in from Bensonhurst on Friday by way of Twenty-second avenue were a queer sight when they reached the cycle path. Their clothes were covered with little black spots that glistened brightly in the sun. On closer inspection the black spots proved to be some kind of bug that had made its spring debut. They were a great annoyance, as they had a very familiar and disrespectful way of getting into the eyes of the cyclists.

Just as a matter of curiosity a rider made a collection of the lost nuts and screws that appeared on the western path every Friday morning. The beginning of the path and Maiden's was picked up three pedicab-wheels, six nuts, a regular nut and a circular wrench. None of the articles was rusty, which indicated that they had not been lost from their wheels for a very long time.

The Harlem Wheelmen give another entertainment on May 6.

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Advantages to Be Derived from Joining the Touring Club de France.

More American cyclists will tour abroad on wheel this year than ever before. The following foreign regulations in regard to bicycles will be of great assistance to them; Americans arriving in France with a bicycle, not for sale, but with the purpose of making a tour through the country, are required to deposit the same amount as though the wheel were for sale, the deposit to be returned upon departure from France. A tourist may leave by any frontier.

Throughout France every wheel must be provided with a gong or bell capable of being heard at a distance of fifty yards. A plate bearing the name and address of the owner must be attached to the bicycle and lanterns must be lighted at sundown. Cyclists must take the right on meeting a vehicle and, when passing one, must take the left, decreasing speed and sounding the bell. In crowded thoroughfares the cyclist must dismount and lead his wheel. Cyclists are forbidden to cycle on pavements and footpaths reserved for pedestrians, except in the country, where the roads are being paved or mended. The cyclist must moderate his speed when meeting pedestrians. Cycles are carried free as baggage on all railroads, and the railroad companies are liable for damages, the amount of indemnity depending on the class in which the cyclist is travelling.

All cyclists visiting France are strongly advised to join the Touring Club de France. In Germany there is a duty of three cents per pound on bicycles, and no restrictions whatever.

In Austria tourists are required to deposit \$10 at the custom house, where they must swear to a declaration that the wheel in their possession is not for sale, and that it is intended to remain only temporarily in the country. The money is refunded upon departure.

Tourists entering Belgium are required to make a deposit at the custom house of a sum equal to 32 francs and a valise. This amount is refunded upon departure. Members of the Touring Club de France are exempt from this amount providing they do not remain in the country longer than six months.

In Denmark the deposit required is equal to 10 per cent ad valorem. Be sure that the customs officer places a lead seal on the cycle. The deposit is refunded only at the custom house where it was made unless a special permit is obtained permitting the tourist to leave by some other customs bureau. In Egypt the same formality is come through with as in Denmark, except that 8 per cent ad valorem is charged and but 7 per cent refunded.

The duty in Greece is \$2 each, in addition the cyclist must pay a hotel tax of 40 cents. Of the \$2 tax \$1 is refunded, that is, unless it is eaten up in fees.

The money is refunded at the custom house. In Italy each bicycle is assessed \$8.11. The money is refunded at the custom house. Members of the Touring Club de France are not obliged to make the deposit, receiving, when they enter the country, a pass which must be returned.

In Portugal, Roumania and Russia the conditions are the same as in Denmark. In Portugal, however, the cyclist may deposit his money at the frontier.

In Luxemburg a deposit is required, members of the Touring Club de France being exempt. In the Netherlands tourists are required to deposit their money at the frontier.

In Spain, in addition to the regular deposit of duty the tourist will be given a temporary pass of six months' duration, which will cover him 20 cents. The deposit will be returned when the tourist crosses the frontier. The Spanish are very cautious in dealing with bicycles and tourists who wish to obtain the services of a commissionaire on the frontier. If a mistake is made in the declaration the amount of duty will be forfeited and a fine imposed.

Sweden is wrapped up in formalities. Cyclists are obliged to deposit a sum equal to 15 per cent ad valorem. When the cyclist enters Sweden via the customs bureau of Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmo, Landskrona, Helsingborg, Stoustad, Christianburg or Stockholm, no special formalities will be observed. If, however, entrance is made by any other customs bureau, a letter will have to be addressed to the Director-General of Customs, asking permission to enter. It is not to have the deposit refunded in this case, the cyclist will have to leave the country by the port of entry. In other cases the deposit will be refunded by one of the above mentioned customs houses. If the tourist remains over sixty days the deposit is forfeited.

In Turkey the same formalities prevail as in Egypt.

In Switzerland a deposit is required, but members of the Touring Club de France are exempt under similar conditions to those imposed in Italy.

News of the Cycle Clubs.

Country runs are becoming thick and fast. The Glenmore Wheelmen will have one from the city line, Brooklyn, to Patchogue and return to Tatum's Hotel, Jamaica South, on Sunday, June 6. The entrance fee will be fifty cents, with a silk souvenir.

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