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George Hotel, the shoe having been given to Mr. Charles Bell, proprietor of this hotel, at which Fitz is a guest.

"I'm 50 today," said Fitz to a News-Telegram reporter. "You wouldn't know it and neither would I, if it wasn't for the fact that I am reminded of my age by the record which was kept of

my birth." Fitz with his ruddy complexion and straight figure and easy bearing doesn't look anything like a man of 50 and would easily pass as 12 or 15 years younger. Fitz said he refused to let himself admit that he was really that old and offered strong arguments to show that to all interests and

purposes he wasn't. "A man is as old as he feels." said the former champion, "and don't feel a day older than I did when I won the championship of the world at Carson City from

Corbett. "I had the long ring career of years, and engaged in 370 attles. I consider that the only time I was defeated fairly and squarely was in my last fight with Jim Jeffries. He tried to RUPERT'S PALACE OF COMFORT give me the impression that he was dizzy and all in and I thought I was taking advantage of his the prospect of such financial asweakened condition when I sistance would appeal to him even stepped in to land a haymaker. more than the chance to win But he had absolute control of glory as a world's champion. In himself and when I had made my this case Jones discards fame for fatal move he whipped over a fortune. kick that sent me down. It was a winning stall on Jeff's part and fooled me completely."

Fitz said he was born in Helston, Cornwall, England, on June 1913. 4. 1862. His mother was English and his father Irish and Leave Prince Rupert for Vancouver The New Knox Hotel is run on the European from his early days he found plan. First-class service. All the Latest Modern inch as not upol to fight as he d BEDS 50c Ur just as natural to fight as he did I to eat. He left Helston for New club. I expect to go into the en-Zealand with his parents in 1872, gineering profession, either as a and when he was 15 years old he mechanical or an electrical enengaged in bare knuckle fights with men nearly twice as heavy and old as he was and he whipped

them all. fered by Jem Mace, the former the crowning trium the former than the for champion of the world, which championship at the Olympic "But this wasn't altogether championships this June?" was to represent the championship of New Zealand. But Jem didn't come through with the watch. If I remember rightly all got out of that fight was a glass! of lemonade."

Later. Fitz went to Australia. where he took up the blacksmithing trade and the pugilistic trade as well, and finally forsook the forge and anvil for the squared circle, battling his way to the top rung of the fight ladder in spectacular fashion. Not only is it generally conceded that Fitz was the greatest natural fighter and hardest hitter who ever climbed over the ropes, but WASHINGTON BLK. he also has the distinction of heing the only middleweight to win the championship of his class and the heavyweight class as

> "I still have lots of fight left in me," said Fitz, "and will be ready to put up a first class argument if the proposed match between Tommy Burns and myself for \$5,000 a side ever takes place. Tommy is a good man and hits a real punch, but I think I can beat him."

Mayor Whiting of Bassano was in the city on Tuesday trying to secure the match for Bassano and is prepared to offer the fighters liberal inducements to meet there. He feels that if Bassand ever had a chance to bet a heavyweight battle for the edification of the damsiters, and incidentally the advertisement of the progressive little city of which he is chief magistrate in! it now, with the fighters in the same city and easy to approach and talk to, he should be able to sign them up for Bassano if they should decide to come together.

Take home a quart of ice cream when you go. See Keeley.

JOHN PAUL JONES GREAT COLLEGE RUNNER CANNOT GO TO OLYMPIC GAMES

John Paul Jones, Cornell's phe- games, the most coveted and one nomenal distance runner, does easily within his grasp. And in not intend to go to the Olympic a year the world will see the close Fifty years old on Tuesday, games this summer, even if he is of the most remarkable athletic June 4, but looking many years selected by the American Olympic career of recent times, a career younger in spite of his strenu- selection committee. He has been that began only a few years ago ous career, Bob Fitzsimmons regarded as certain of making the as a school boy. stood at the anvil at Chidgey & team, and was considered by It was at Exeter Academy that Clark's blacksmith shop on Ninth everybody to be America's stand- Jones first came into prominence avenue and hammered into shape by in the distance events in and began his long list of vicfrom a straight piece of iron the Sweden. But Jones states that tories. biggest horse shoe ever made in the trip would seriously interfere "I happened to be running Calgary. The way Bob made the with his business this summer, around in the gymnasium one

sparks fly proved that he had lost "I would like very much to go day," Jones said, "when the none of his old cunning as one of with the team if the committee coach noticed me and told me to the foremost blacksmiths of Aus- should choose me," Jones de- come out for track. I did so, and tralia, and the small audience clared when questioned on the received some very good coachthat was in on the event watched matter, "but it would mean los- ing. I tried for the school track with interest his skilful fashion- ing the whole summer's work, team for three years, and finally ing of the big shoe from the iron and I do not wish to do that. I made it in my last year. bar 30 inches long and 11/2 by expect to make \$200 or \$300 this "I ran for some time before % inches in width and thickness vacation, and that will be a big winning a race. My first victory into a perfectly shaped shoe, help for my next year in college." was in the Boston A.-A. games in

JOHN PAUL JONES

Jones likewise intends

A Crowning Triumph.

abandon competition and

which will be gilded and draped As Jones is working his way 1909, when I captured the 1,000 and hung in the bar of the King through Cornell it is natural that yard run. Before leaving Exeter my average time for the half mile was 2:02, and I held the school record of 4:30 3-5 for the

> Then Jones came to Cornell, attracted by the fine engineering courses offered at this university. In his freshman year he sprang into notoriety by winning the mile in the freshman-sophomore meet, running in 4:30 on a muddy track. He also captured the cup given to the winner of a series of freshmen-sophomore cross country runs and was first in the in-

sophomore cross country races. Those who were observing him predicted a great athletic future for him, as in practice he was regularly vanquishing such Cor- 38 nell distance stars as Young and Berna, each of whom had won an

championship.

to public notice by winning this intercollegiate cross country championship himself, an unusual feat for a sophemore. Before this race, Jones had been troubled with a sprained knee, see the second secon and it was generally believed that he would not run. But he com-

champion, by 200 yards. possibility of future laurels after "I mean to quit the game for by Tommy Conness when a full

shall not enter any athletic ered it when under twenty, and the half mile, and had the usual not thinking of the hoodoo, gard to this famous mile whether ticularly about winning or makhe had ever felt that he had the ing a new record. I was satisfied before." If Jones persists in his plans, race in hand during its progress, with getting the mile." "I fought for a gold watch of he will thus voluntarily give up he smiled: "Only at the end. 1 "Do you intend to better these

mile.'

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peted and surprised everybody, the hardest race of my career, "No; I shall simply go out of defeating Berna, the former though Hanavan of Michigan town." made it the fastest race I have | So far this season Jones' most Jones' next great achievement ever had. I have run some of notable success was in winning was his historic performance at my hardest fought races up here again the intercollegiate cross

graduation, which will be in June, half mile and the world's mile in very good condition. good after leaving Cornell," he grown man in his prime with ten Cambridge, I did not take any precedent. said, when asked about this, "so years of experience. Jones low- special rest in preparation for "On the day of the race I was with less than half the number rubbing down. Of course, I enof years of experience of Conneff. tered the half mile with increased

the intercollegiate championships in Ithaca, in practice with my country title. This was the first in May, 1911. Here, on the same team mates. Abel Kiviat did not time any athlete had ever dupliday, he shattered two long stand- force me to exert myself in our cated premier honors in this ing records, the intercollegiate race last summer, but he was not event. Before the race there had been much speculation as io mark. The latter had been made "After winning that mile at whether Jones could break this

Jones stated. "I was only as anxious as one usually is when When Jones was asked in re- confidence, but I did not care par- competing on a team. I felt no more nervous than the year be-

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