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Exponents of the Manly Art.

London, Dec. 23.—[Special Telegram to The Herald.]—There has never been a more disgraceful exhibition than the prize fight which took place today near Brims, between Frank P. Slavin, the champion of Australia, and Jim Smith, who claims to be champion of England.

This match for the championship of £1,000 was being won from the outset with suspicious which soon proved to have been only too well founded. It was a matter of common talk that Smith's party had sworn to win by any means, and that the plucky Australian was not a bit daunted and calmly faced the possibilities with Smith and the mob.

It had been ordered that Smith should leave Cannon street for Dover on Saturday night, Slavin following Sunday morning. The Birmingham champion, however, with party missed the train, and nobly joining the Slavin contingent both sides started together, greatly to the annoyance of the management, who had hoped to be able to divert the attention of the authorities. Smith crossed from Dover to Calais and working round to Lille made that ancient town his headquarters, but subsequently coming on to Arras he put up at the Hotel de Londres, which is about three hundred yards from Slavin's hotel. Here there was ample proof that the ugly rumors current in London were correct.

A hired gang of ruffians from Birmingham paraded the town at night making the streets hideous with their horse play blasphemy, and a lot of well known owners of raw horses residing at New Market were seen among these ruffians, who were subsequently traced to the hotel where Smith was staying.

Final arrangements for the fight were completed at 11 o'clock Sunday night, when it was agreed that each side should leave by different routes for the battle ground on the 24th inst. The place selected was in the private grounds of a gentleman who lived about half an hour's drive from the town of Bruges. A better place for a fight had never been chosen. The ring was pitched on a beautiful piece of ground generally used as a lawn tennis court.

Smith and his friend were the first to appear on the scene. At 5:20 the men entered the ring. Slavin was seconded by Joseph Cane and Bob Kirby, Taylor acting as the Australian's body holder.

Joe Vesey was appointed referee, with W. Riley as umpire for Slavin and Fleming for Smith, while Charles G. Jones acted as time-keeper. At 5:25 the fight commenced. Smith is four inches shorter than his opponent, and he looked dumpler than ever and decidedly out of condition. Slavin at the last moment slipped off his moustache and appeared in splendid trim and appeared brilliant of countenance.

After the usual handshaking had been indulged in the pair paraded the ring, and nearly fifty seconds elapsed before a blow was struck. Both had a very serious look. Slavin was evidently suffering from extreme anxiety. The Australian, however, soon got to work with telling effect.

The hired gang of ruffians began their diabolical work of the very start of the fight, flourishing their sticks and staves around Slavin's head constantly. The Australian fought Smith into his corner. Slavin was repeatedly knocked about the head and badly kicked and mauled, yet he followed his man everywhere and fought like a tiger. On one occasion Smith got hold of Slavin round the body, and both had a struggle, but the hired mercenaries with their sticks and knuckle dusters beat him furiously about the head and body. It looked like murder. It was in the third round that Slavin kicked Smith clear off his legs with a terrific right hander, and from this point to the end of the thirteenth round the Australian had matters pretty well all his own way so far as his opponent was concerned. Smith was by this time badly used up and a cry of police being raised a general stampede took place among the Smith coterie. Not so with the Australians, who stood their ground and waited four minutes before the Smith party, finding their cause unsuccessful, returned, and another round was fought. The end soon came as Slavin, when fighting in Smith's corner, received a tremendous blow behind the left ear from a knuckle duster, both men falling to the ground, as Slavin had a tight grip on Smith. The referee, almost petrified, said:

"I shall refuse to act any longer as referee. It is impossible for Slavin to get fair play. I declare the fight is drawn." Then walking over to Slavin's corner he said: "I will not stay here to see you killed."

A general uproar followed and Slavin, seeing all was over, hurried from the ring and dressed. He then walked briskly to the station and caught the 9:47 a. m. train from Brims, and took the boat from Ostend to Dover. He left the company of a few gentlemen and journalists at the latter place and took the earliest available train for Margate, while Smith and his party missed their train at Brims.

I cannot too emphatically state that Slavin would have won the fight with consummate ease had he been given fair play, and that rowdy scoundrels which were enacted around all concerned. That a gang of ruffians acted at any time be hired at Birmingham to break up a fight is well known, but that those ruffians should be openly encouraged by well known patrons in the sporting world is past all comprehension. Blackguardism killed the old prize ring, but its attempted revival has been a trash extinguished by today's disgraceful scenes.

Slavin arrived at Margate at 7:30 this evening and was met with a flattering reception. During his training in the town he had become a general favorite with those who took an interest in the event. Sympathy was almost wholly on his side. He was met by a four-in-hand and the town band and proceeded to the Elephant hotel, the band playing "See the Conquering Hero Comes." He was loudly cheered. As the elephant hotel there was a large gathering of people and his reception was most enthusiastic. He briefly addressed the people, thanking them for the reception he had received. His intention, he said, when he left England was

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