FITZ FAINTS IN THIRTEENTH

Cornishman Collapses as He Reaches His Corner at End of Unlucky Round.

O'BRIEN PUTS UP REMARKABLE FIGHT

Philadelphia Man Ducks, Dodges and Sidesteps in a Manner That Bewildered Lanky Bob.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Robert Fitzsimmons collapsed at the close of the thirteenth round of his fight with Jack O'Brien. He had fought hard, but nature could no longer stand the strain and after the gong had sounded for the close of the thirteenth round he walked to his corner and sat in his chair. Then his head fell over on his breast, his whole body collapsed and the fighting wonder of the age was "all in." Referee Graney saw his condition and awarded the fight to O'Brien. While punched in the face and badly cut up and several times in jeopardy, Fitzsimmons always managed to come to and resume the fight. Just at the close of the thirteenth round he landed a left on O'Brien's stomach but the Philadelphian came back with a similar blow and followed it with a left to the jaw. The gong rang for the close of the round and Fitz walked to his corner. As he sat down he said to Graney: "Eddie, he hit me in the stomach and it is all over." Then his head sank and Bob Fitzsimmons was defeated.

Referee Graney said: "Fitzsimmons showed his class. O'Brien is a wonderful boxer, and the old man stood up and took his punishment. Occasionally he showed a flash of his old form, but his strength could not last."

After the fight had been awarded to O'Brien Fitzsimmons slipped to the floor and lay prostrate in the ring. There was a call for a doctor, as it was seen that he was in a state of collapse. He revived, however, in a few minutes and with the assistance of his seconds was able to leave the ring.

O'Brien's Work Remarkable.

O'Brien gave a remarkable exhibition of sparring and footwork. He ducked, dodged and side-stepped in a manner that was bewildering. Fitzsimmons would swing and find only the empty air, and several times nearly went through the ropes from the force of his misspent blows.

O'Brien would straighten up and dash in a wicked cutting left, which, while not possessing knockdown force, was sufficient to jar the old gladiator. Fitzsimmons had the sympathy of the enormous crowd, which jeered and hissed O'Brien when he ducked and ran away. But the Philadelphia man had laid out his plan of battle and could not be coerced into mixing things with the old fighter, who was known to possess a dangerous punch.

Before Fitz left the ring he made a little speech, in which he said that he had done his best. He said he had fought his last fight.

Fight by Rounds.

Round 1—In the first round not more than four blows were exchanged. O'Brien contented himself with dancing about, with Fitzsimmons following but seldom attempting to land.

Round 2—Fitzsimmons crouched low and after O'Brien had missed left for the face he whipped his left and right to the face and Fitzsimmons partially landed a straight left and right to the face and body. Fitz drove O'Brien into a corner and then cleverly ducked a hard left intended for the jaw. In the break that followed Fitz got in a light uppercut to the jaw. O'Brien suddenly shot his left to the jaw and catching Fitzsimmons off his balance drove right and left to the face and then clinched. O'Brien was very quick, Fitz missing him a foot at times. Fitz shoved his right to the face and O'Brien countered with a short-arm jab as the bell rang.

Round 3—As O'Brien backed away Fitzsimmons caught him with a hard left on the jaw and a moment later shot his left to the face. Fitz drove left hard to the solar plexus and mixing it worked his left to the face. O'Brien, just as the bell rang, shot a straight left that caught Fitz on the nose and sent him to the floor. It was not a clean blow, being more of a push.

Round 4—O'Brien forced Fitz nearly through the ropes with a rush and Fitzsimmons fell on his left knee. He was up quickly and shot a stiff left over O'Brien's eye. O'Brien then drew blood from Fitzsimmons' mouth and nose.

O'Brien Strikes Telling Blows.

Round 5—O'Brien planted his left quickly to Fitz's sore face and a moment later drove two more lefts to the same place. O'Brien pegged away with his left and Fitzsimmons again bled profusely from mouth and nose. Finally Fitz caught O'Brien over the mouth, bringing blood from his mouth. O'Brien put in two lefts, but Fitz countered with hard right and left to the jaw.

Round 6—Fitz met O'Brien with a crushing left as the latter led, but the blow was partly blocked. Fitz received two straight left jabs on the face and after missing right and left for the jaw landed a right swing on the ear.

Round 7—O'Brien planted a right over the kidney and quick as a flash worked right and left swings to the jaw. Fitzsimmons went after O'Brien, sending left to the face and a stiff right uppercut to the body. Fitz shot his left to O'Brien's face and followed it with right swing to the body, but O'Brien countered with two wicked right smashes to the face, one of which raised a big lump over Bob's right eye.

Eighth Round is O'Brien's.

Round 8—O'Brien drove a straight left to the face. Fitz worked his left to the jaw twice and O'Brien was cautioned for holding. O'Brien ripped in a nasty left over the eye and a moment later floored Fitz with a stiff right to the jaw. Bob came up apparently groggy. O'Brien then drove his left to the body and forced his man again to the ropes with two hard lefts to the face. As the round ended Fitz appeared to recuperate, but went to his corner rather unsteady. It was O'Brien's round by a big margin.

Round 9—Both appeared tired at this stage and Fitz's face presented a bloody sight. O'Brien, after hooking a terrific right to the jaw, followed it with two wicked uppercuts and as the bell rang nearly raised Fitz off the floor with a right hook to the jaw.

Round 10—O'Brien met Fitz with a straight jab on the face, but Fitz retaliated with a powerful right over the heart and swung his left to the face. O'Brien shot in two lefts to the face as Fitz missed a right swing, and quickly jabbed his left over the mouth. Suddenly Fitz hooked his right with great force over the heart, forcing O'Brien to a clinch. Fitz's two heart punches in this round were the best of the fight.

O'Brien Forced to the Ropes.

Round 11—Fitz in a mix drove O'Brien to the ropes with a terrific right. O'Brien landed two uppercuts. Fitz complained to the referee that O'Brien was hitting low. The crowd hissed. Fitz forced O'Brien to the ropes. Fitz chased his man around the ring, landing a straight left to the face.

Round 12—After Fitz had forced O'Brien into a neutral corner O'Brien electrified the crowd with some fine work during which he shot three hard lefts to Fitz's face and blocked all attempts of Bob to counter.

Round 13—In a mixup Fitz suddenly drove a fearful right to the body and then a terrific hook to the face. O'Brien, however, retaliated with a hard left uppercut to the jaw. Fitz then planted a hard left to the body and they mixed it, both landing right and left blows over the heart.

As Fitz went to his corner he suddenly collapsed, falling to the floor. Blood flowed from his mouth and nose and it was seen that he was badly hurt. A doctor was hastily summoned. Fitzsimmons was able to rise unassisted shortly afterward and left the ring. It appeared he was seized with a sudden fainting fit and hemmorhage as his seconds were working over him conditioning him for the next round. There was nothing to indicate that Fitz was in distress when he took his seat after the thirteenth round had expired. When Referee Graney saw Fitz's condition he immediately awarded the contest to O'Brien.

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GRAND DUKES OF FOOT BALL

McCracken Compares Status of Game to Conditions in Russia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Dr. Henry M. McCracken, chancellor of New York university, discussed foot ball at some length tonight at the annual dinner of the alumni association of the university.

"The question of foot ball," he said, "is fast taking shape. It resembles the Russian question. Over there it is the Russian people against the Russian grand dukes. Here it is the foot ball people against the foot ball grand dukes. The latter call themselves a 'committee on rules.' They are really a committee on misrule. They have reigned for years by virtue of their descent from a defunct ancestor, which I am told was an athletic club of New York city. They realized at their recent meeting that their position was precarious. They resolved each to strengthen himself by obtaining a plebiscite in his favor in the particular university province from which he came. Accordingly, an official announcement comes from Cornell that their university is now represented in the existing rules committee by one of the members. An official announcement comes from Yale that foot ball there is controlled by the graduates rather than by the faculty. Of course the plebiscite there is in favor of the Yale grand duke, who is chairman of the 'committee of misrule.'

"Whether the other five provinces will endorse its graduate who happens to be one of the grand dukes remains to be discovered. It is hoped that at least a few of the seven provinces will refuse to give themselves over, bound hand and foot, to the oligarch who claims to govern in their name."

PRINCETON PROPOSES REMEDY

Faculty Proposes That All Interference in Foot Ball be Abolished.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 20.—President Wilson and the faculty on outdoor sports of Princeton university announced today the principal changes in the methods of playing and conducting foot ball which Princeton believes to be essential for the proper reformation of the game. They urge earnestly on all suitable occasions the following:

First—That in the playing of the game all interference be abolished.

Second—That all coaching by men who are paid in any way, directly or indirectly, or who receive their expenses or any part of them, be done away with.

Third—That the number of intercollegiate contests be materially decreased and the length of the season for such contests be correspondingly shortened.

The first suggestion is for the purpose of abolishing all mass plays and of restoring the original open game. The second suggestion is designed to place the game upon a purely amateur footing and to restore to the players themselves the initiative of which in recent years they have been deprived. The object of the third suggestion is to decrease the amount of time and energy which the players are now obliged to devote to the game.

The committee has instructed Princeton's representative upon the rules committee, J. B. Fine, to urge upon that committee the acceptance of the first suggestion.

EVENTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS

Neva Lee Wins the Salvator Handicap at Ingleside.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Neva Lee won the Salvator handicap easily from a good field. There was an upset in the second, when Grasscutter, the topheavy favorite, failed to land inside the money. Weather clear; track sloppy. Results:

First race, selling, six furlongs: Havenrun won, Major Tenny second, Waterspout third. Time: 1:17⅘.

Second race, Futurity course: Pentagon won, Succeed second, J. K. F. third. Time: 1:14⅘.

Third race, six furlongs: Ed Lilburn won, Angleta second, Dod Anderson third. Time: 1:16⅘.

Fourth race, the Salvator handicap, one mile: Neva Lee won, Gregor K second, San Primo third. Time: 1:43.

Fifth race, six furlongs: Bountiful won, Matt Hogan second, Albemarle third. Time: 1:17.

Sixth race, one mile and seventy yards: Warte Nicht won, Dixie Lad second, Eckersall third. Time: 1:48⅘.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Results at City Park:

First race, five furlongs: Steve Lane won, Hill Lassie second, Mr. Wadleigh third. Time: 1:08⅘.

Second race, five and one-half furlongs: Modred won, Falkland second, Jack Ratlin third. Time: 1:12⅘.

Third race, five furlongs: Girard won, Toots second, Hawthorne third. Time: 1:08⅘.

Fourth race, short course steeplechase handicap: New Amsterdam won, Charawind second, Lord Radnor third. Time: 3:34⅘.

Fifth race, mile and one-sixteenth: Kleinwood won, Lampadrome second, Eclectic third. Time: 1:57⅘.

Sixth race, mile and one-sixteenth: Azalina won, Miss Nannie L second, Royal Legend third. Time: 1:57.

Seventh race, mile and seventy yards: Knowledge won, Evaskill second, Double third. Time: 1:56⅘.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Results at Fairgrounds:

First race, six furlongs: Trigg Morse won, Chauncey Olcott second, Menoken third. Time: 1:22.

Second race, five and one-half furlongs: Collector Jessup won, Paul Clifford second, Arch Oldham third. Time: 1:12.

Third race, mile and seventy yards: Phil Finch won, Pasadena second, Katie Powers third. Time: 1:52.

Fourth race, six and one-half furlongs, handicap: James Reddick won, Lieber second, Deux Temps third. Time: 1:27⅘.

Fifth race, one mile: Colonel White won, Charlie Thompson second, Fruit third. Time: 1:51⅘.

Sixth race, mile and one-eighth: Mr. Jack won, Sincerity Bells second, Los Angeleno third. Time: 2:06.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Results at Ascot:

First race, six furlongs: Peggy O'Neill won, Rustling Silk second, Viona third. Time: 1:15.

Second race, mile and seventy yards: Brigand won, Rubiana second, Pachuca third. Time: 1:47.

Third race, five and one-half furlongs: Don Domo won, Escalante second, New Mown Hay third. Time: 1:07.

Fourth race, seven furlongs: Good Luck won, Masterson second, Vino third. Time: 1:07⅘.

Fifth race, mile and seventy yards: Potrero Grande won, The Hugenot second, Ebony third. Time: 1:46.

Sixth race, Futurity course: Tramoter won, Seaslck second, Alderman third. Time: 1:11

COLUMBIA FACULTY IN CHARGE

Announcement That New Athletic Scheme Has Been Devised.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The decision of Columbia university council, which is expected finaly to settle the fate of foot ball at the university, will not be announced until Friday or Saturday. The council met yesterday and arrived at a conclusion, which it was explained would be given to the students today. The fact that the decision is to be withheld until the beginning of the Christmas holidays is taken by the undergraduates as a further indication that the decision is adverse.

The Columbia Spectator, the student publication, in its issue today declares that the council's decision was withheld for the purpose of avoiding any demonstrations by the students. Dean Severs of the school of applied sciences, in an informal address to one of his classes today, said that the faculty had decided upon a big athletic scheme which would place Columbia in a unique position in the college world. The new athletic system, he said, would be something of a revelation to the students. He advised them not to get excited or act hastily, but to trust the faculty to do the best thing for Columbia.

Dean Severs' remarks are believed to mean that the faculty itself will manage all the college's sports in the future, putting them on a sound basis.

WITH THE BOWLERS.

In a special match game on the Association alleys the "Frisco" team rolled the highest total yet reached by five men on the new alleys. French was high man of the ten with 610 and Cochran was but three pins behind him. Tonight the Cudahys and the Benos bowl. Score:

WEBERS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
McCague	202	200	190	592
Forscutt	162	221	158	541
Weber	151	158	186	495
Zimmerman	204	201	190	595
Conrad	188	180	146	514
Totals	907	960	870	2,737

FRISCOS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Francisco	186	200	185	571
French	210	168	232	610
Clay	184	203	169	556
Anderson	197	190	189	576
Cochran	202	224	181	607
Totals	979	985	956	2,920

The Lemp Falstaffs took two out of three games from the Kamos on the Metropolitan alleys. Crooks was high on single game, also on totals. Scores:

FALSTAFFS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Carman	176	158	140	472
Klouck	176	223	168	567
Hinrichs	157	188	141	486
Berger	188	186	192	566
Beselin	191	166	154	511
Totals	888	919	796	2,602

KAMOS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Rush	150	160	169	479
Bengoon	158	152	180	925
Davis	173	166	200	539
O'Connor	138	138	176	408
Crooks	174	154	244	572
Totals	788	788	969	2,544

Exhibition Skating at Auditorium.

Amateur exhibitions at the Auditorium were the magnet to attract a large crowd Wednesday night and the races and exhibitions were well worth the while. The races were just incidental to the exhibitions and were as a finale to each exhibition. In the ladies' race Mrs. Robert Cuscaden was easily the winner and gave a marvelous demonstration of what a woman can do on the rollers. The judges awarded her first; Miss Augusta Schmidt, second; Miss Ida Eller, third, and Miss Anne Lane, fourth.

Clinton Higby was the best in the men's exhibition, with Roy Oceanbien second and Ralph Mackay third.

In the mixed skating Clinton Higby and Miss Schmidt were the favorites with the judges as well as with the crowd. Roy Oceanbien and Miss Eller were second and Ralph Mackay and Miss Rena Rumohr third.

The skating races between Pitt, instructor last season, and Harley Davidson has been postponed until next week. Three races will be run, one Monday, one Tuesday night and the third Wednesday night.

Society Fight in Athletics.

IOWA CITY, Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—At the annual meeting of the athletic association tonight the Sigma Alpha Epsilon machine received its first defeat in two years, the slate framed up by the Phi Delta Theta athletic combination going through without a hitch. Andy Shalmers of Des Moines was elected president for the coming year; Harvey Law of Waterloo, vice president; Ed Barrett of Des Moines, treasurer, and Irving Hastings of Spencer, secretary.

Sporting Brevities.

Muggsy McGraw and Ted Sloane have opened a billiard hall in New York.

Manager Tenney of Boston has put Harry Wolverton and Cannell on the market. No one has made a bid as yet.

Lee Tannehill is said to be on the ragged edge with the Chicago Americans and Commy may trade him. Lee is not much with the stick, but he has improved a great deal in fielding.

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Men on Blackwell Island Fight Fire Under Officers' Orders.

WOMEN PRISONERS RESCUED FROM FLAMES

Regular Fire Department of New York Prison Proves Inadequate and Inmates Are Called Upon for Assistance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Men forgot that they were convicts and remembered only that they were men, on Blackwell Island early this morning when the male prisoners, marshaled by their keepers into a fire fighting and lifesaving corps, bore from the flaming floors of the women's ward 594 frantic women and from the hospital beds fifty more.

Starting in the sewing room of the workhouse and from a cause which has not yet been definitely decided, the fire had reached a fierce blaze at 2 o'clock when it was discovered. The fire engine on the island proved inadequate and a call for help was sent to the city department. Seven engines were sent over, but were not sufficient to save the women's workhouse from destruction.

On the top floor of this building were cells for the women and every one held one or two prisoners when the fire occurred. These women became frantic with fright and were soon choking with the dense smoke that filled all the halls and their cells.

That most of them did not perish is due to the recent installation of a system by which in emergencies every cell in a tier can be opened simultaneously with all the others.

Regular Force Inadequate.

When the extent and danger of the blaze became apparent the warden marshaled his regular fire fighting force of employes and soon all were at work.

The flames spread so fast, however, that this force proved hopelessly inadequate. Then it was decided to trust to the male prisoners' sense of manhood and they bore the test well.

Released from their cells and marshalled into small bodies, they entered the burning building and went at the work of fire fighting and rescue with utter disregard of the danger to themselves. The flames were crackling all about them, and they plunged through the densest smoke when they brought out in their arms the last of the women prisoners. The fire bells and the shouts of the men at work could be heard all over the island, and in the hospitals and buildings of the other institutions there was a panic, which was quieted with difficulty by the nurses, physicians and keepers.

The fire was confined to the women's workhouse.

Although only part of the convicts were used in rescuing the women, those who remained locked in their cells made frantic appeals to be allowed to help. As the screams of the women penetrated to their cells some of the convicts fell upon their knees, beating the bars with their fists and imploring the guards to let them out to fight the fire. When refused they begged that at least the guards go to the rescue, promising that they would be their own jailers.

The fire, lasting over two hours, and consuming all of the women's prison, the hospital and half of the workhouse, lighted up the shores of Long Island and the shipping in the East river and gilded the tall buildings on the New York side of the river. The wood work in the workhouse, being fifty years old, burned almost like paper. The loss is estimated at $50,000.

Ferry Houses Burn.

Two of the immense terminal buildings at the foot of West Twenty-third street, on the Hudson river, were burned today. The loss was estimated at $550,000. Crowded ferryboats and hundreds of passengers were unloading at the terminals when a series of explosions were heard and immediately dense volumes of smoke filled the great buildings, followed quickly by flames. Great alarm prevailed, and the ferryboats, despite the flames, kept landing passengers from New Jersey at portions of the docks and terminals which were not on fire. The police from four stations had to be summoned to keep order. Several employes of the railroads were severely burned and five men were reported missing after the fire was under control. The new ferryhouse of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and of the Jersey Central railroads were almost total losses. They were the newest ferry terminals in the city, the Lackawanna building still undergoing its finishing touches, and the Jersey Central having been completed only two months ago. The terminals of the Erie railroad and of the Pennsylvania were in such danger for a time that the fire department centered almost all its efforts on saving them. One small freight shed belonging to the Erie and part of the dock was damaged.

Starts in Paint Shop.

The fire started in a paint shop in the Lackawanna building, presumably from a defective electric wire. A ferryboat was just discharging 500 passengers into this building, when smoke, flames and a series of explosions burst from the paint shop nearby. So rapidly did the flames spread that when the fire department had gotten to the work the intense heat was already melting the copper sheathing on the walls of the building. A 240-foot tower of the Lackawanna building, burning from top to bottom, fell into the Hudson river, carrying a three-ton clock down with it. The roof of this building fell, leaving little except walls standing, and the Jersey Central building was almost as badly wrecked.

The rescue of $200,000 worth of tickets and cash from a safe in the Jersey Central offices was a feature of the fire. A. H. Jackin, an officer of the road, ran into the office and got possession of the valuables before he was overcome by smoke. Some clerks carried him out of the buildings.

Hundreds of trunks are reported to have been destroyed in the two burned terminals.

W. G. Pesler, vice president and general manager of the Jersey Central, announced that the ferryhouse of his company was a total loss.

Bids for Roads Considered.

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FIGHT ON INCORPORATION

Saloon Question Enters Into Controversy at Town of Buxton.

COAL COMPANY OBJECTS TO PROPOSAL

Owns All the Real Property in Town of 5,000, and if Incorporated Would Be Forced to Pay Practically All of Taxes.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Hon. B. H. Buxton, the founder of the town of Buxton in Monroe county, was a caller at the office of Governor Cummins today and was in conference with the governor on the matter of the incorporation of the town of Buxton. The grand jury of Mahaska county had petitioned the governor to recommend in his message a law requiring towns of over 500 population to incorporate. Buxton has 5,000 and over. Concerning the matter Mr. Buxton said today: "The movement to get the town incorporated comes from the saloonkeepers. If incorporated the population of over 5,000 would entitle the saloonkeepers to operate under the mulct law, which they cannot do now. The Monroe county grand jury keeps them all shut up. They have to either obey the law or move out. Only a little of the town extends into Mahaska county and the chief trouble is from that source, as the Mahaska authorities are not so vigilant about enforcing the law. The coal company owns all the houses and property and it has offered to pay the expense of all the extra deputy sheriffs necessary to keep the law enforced. The town is a great deal better governed without being incorporated than it would be if incorporated."

It is recognized that the coal company does not want the town incorporated as owning all the property it would be taxed to pay for the expense of keeping up a city government. The matter is expected to be brought up in the legislature in some form.

Pottawattamie Made Gains.

According to the dairy commissioners' report, made public yesterday, the shipments of butter from Pottawattamie county during the year ending September 30 increased from 336,811 pounds to 541,130 pounds.

Fight Over Membership Clause.

The biggest fight in the history of the Iowa State Traveling Men's association will occur at the annual meeting next month over the membership clause. The clause says traveling salesmen for wholesale houses, collectors and solicitors. The directors have admitted state officials and any number of business men of all classes. It is claimed they were admitted illegally. If so then they will demand the return of their money, but there are about 3,000 of them and they have been paying in $9 a year, or a total of $27,000 a year. If they are not legally admitted to membership and are entitled to the return of their money the association would be made bankrupt. The total membership is about 22,000.

Hardware Men Here.

A secret meeting of hardware jobbers of the state was held here today at the Savery hotel by members of the state association. It was stated by some of those present that the meeting was merely to discuss some conditions of the trade in the state. Nothing further could be learned as to the purpose.

Birdsall Supports Knox.

Information today from Waterloo is to the effect that Senator O. B. Courtright of that city yesterday received a telegram from Congressman Birdsall stating he would recommend Ed Knox to be reappointed as marshal for the northern district of Iowa. Birdsall is ranked as a Cummins man and Knox is recognized as a standpatter. The telegram threw politicians at Waterloo in a commotion, as W. M. Law of Waterloo, a Cumming man, was a candidate for the position.

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