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## CHAMPION GANS PASSES AWAY EARLY TODAY

HIS CAREER CHECKERED IN THE  
EXTREME BUT ENDED WITH  
BURST OF HONOR.

## CROOKED FIGHTER ONCE

After a Few Years of Fighting that  
Was of the Lowest Sort, Negro Sudden-  
ly Turned a new Leaf and is  
Given Credit for Ending Life as an  
Honorable Fighter—Left by a Small  
Fortune—Nelson Really Killed Him.

Baltimore, Aug. 6.—Joe Gans, the  
Old Master is no more. He has been  
gathered to the master of all mas-  
ters. Death, with which he fought all  
the courage that marked his marvel-  
ous ring career, has placed the last  
mark on his record. But he went  
down for the last time fighting grim-  
ly, not for a purse, but that he might  
see his old "mammy", and his child-  
ren for the last time and bid them  
farewell.

He died at 8:30 this morning, sur-  
rounded by a group of friends, his  
wife and foster mother, at his home  
in Baltimore.

With the passing of Gans the ring  
has lost one of its greatest lightweight  
boxers and most lovable figures.  
Once admired, then execrated for per-  
mitting himself to be drawn into  
crooked contests; then, after his  
atonement, beloved in spite of his col-  
or, Gans' career is without parallel in  
the annals of the ring.

Tuberculosis, the malady which  
has laid its blighting fingers on other  
great colored fighters, notably Peter  
Jackson and George Dixon, wore  
down the once sturdy frame which  
pulled the black boy through many a  
storm.

Four years ago, lacking one month,  
Gans was one of the most perfect  
fighting machines that ever stepped  
into the ring. One month later, Sep-  
tember 3, 1906, his physical downfall  
began. Forced to wear needed flesh off  
his bones to meet the conditions im-  
posed by Billy Nolan, then managing  
Batling Nelson, for the contest with  
the durable Dane for the lightweight  
championship, his magnificent consti-  
tution was undermined and he was  
never again the great Gans who had  
successfully defended his title against  
scores of fighters from the time he  
won it from Frank Erne in 1902, until  
his second encounter with Nelson  
July 4, 1908.

Two days before the first Gans-Nelson  
battle, Gans, try as he might in  
his stuffy gymnasium, could not tear  
of the pounds of flesh that Nolan said  
must come off. Becoming desperate,  
the negro took to the hot alkali road  
under a blazing sun, repeating the  
performance next day.

**Starved During Training.**  
Nolan insisted that Gans weigh in  
with full fighting togs, scaling not a  
fraction of an ounce over 133. Gans  
needed the money from that fight and  
would have cut off a leg to make the  
weight. For three days he ate little  
more than a bite of toast three times a  
day, slaking his thirst with a tiny cup  
of tea.

When he woke on the day of that  
battle at Goldfield he weighed 133  
stripped, but he had to get below that  
to allow for the trunks and the  
rest of his fighting togs. Out on the  
road he went without a bite to eat.  
At 10 o'clock that morning he had to  
step on the scales for the preliminary  
weigh-in. Nolan insisted that the ne-  
gro must step on the scales twice be-  
fore the ringside scaling. Fearful lest  
he be overweight, Gans worked almost  
until the last minutes. When he  
stepped on the scales he left off part  
of his scanty ring attire. Nolan quickly  
observed this, and made him put on  
the missing garment.

The result of that battle is too well

known to require more than a passing  
mention. For 42 rounds the boys  
fought savagely under a blazing Ne-  
vada sun. Gans, owing to his weak-  
ened condition, being put to the sever-  
est test of his life to keep the onerous  
Dane from whipping him. He was  
forced to resort to every trick he  
knew and the exhibition he gave  
under such trying conditions was  
simply marvelous. A few seconds after  
the opening of the final round,  
Gans went down under a blow that  
Referee Siler held was foul. Gans was  
awarded the battle.

It was the last great fight however.  
The weight had killed him and when  
Gans won the championship from  
Erne in a round, he soon began to  
fade. When he made his last battle,  
which was with Jabez White, the  
Englishman, in New York March 12,  
1909, he was only a shadow. The two  
beatings that Nelson gave him in San  
Francisco in 1908 were the finishing  
touches.

**Starts Fighting at Sixteen**  
Gans was born in Baltimore in 1876  
and began fighting at the age of 16. He  
was substituted for a boy who failed  
to show up at a little local boxing  
show in his home city. He whipped  
two boys that night and his reward  
was \$5.

Gans took up boxing because he was  
inclined to ill health. He displayed

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## CRIPPEN FINDS A LOOP HOLE

TECHNICALLY IN LAW MAY AID  
ACCUSED DOCTOR.

His Release May be Demanded Be-  
cause of Alleged Legal Flaw.

Quebec, Aug. 10.—The fact that  
Crippen and Leneve were arrested on  
board a vessel, which territory is un-  
der federal jurisdiction, may prove a  
serious technicality in the way of the  
trial. Attorneys representing Crippen  
may demand a release for the prisoner  
on the ground of an illegal arrest.

**To Resume Crippen Inquest.**  
London, Aug. 10.—Prot. Bepper,  
London's leading surgical expert, will  
present his report at the resumption  
of the inquest over the alleged re-  
mains of Belle Elmore, the actress  
wife of Dr. Crippen tomorrow. All that  
was found of the body of Mrs. Crippen  
was turned over to the distinguished  
doctor, who has devoted many days  
to making a minute examination.  
Whether Dr. Crippen shall be convicted  
of the crime with which he is  
charged, depends to a considerable ex-  
tent upon the testimony to be offered  
by Dr. Pepper.

The preliminary autopsy failed to  
reveal even the sex of the victim. The  
absence of certain organs, which had  
been carefully removed, hampered the  
work of the investigators. Unless it  
can be shown that the body found in  
Crippen's London house was that of  
a woman, and that woman presumably  
Mrs. Crippen, many attorneys believe  
that the trial of Crippen will result in  
his acquittal on the ground of insuffi-  
cient evidence. Crippen's conflicting  
statements and his flight all point to  
his guilt, but this circumstantial evi-  
dence will likely fall to the ground if  
the prosecution is unable to prove that  
Belle Elmore is dead. Much depends  
upon the attitude of Dr. Crippen and  
his girl friend at the trial.

**Mutual Benefit Association.**  
Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 10.—A national  
convention of the Catholic Mutual  
Benefit Association of Canada, was  
opened here today. The last report of  
the auditors showed that the society  
had a balance over all liabilities in the  
reserve fund of over \$300,000.

**Long Branch Carnival.**  
Long Branch, N. J., Aug. 10.—A  
series of sports this afternoon and  
river carnival tonight will be the in-  
augural features of the Long Branch  
carnival. The celebration will close  
Saturday with an automobile floral  
parade and a Mardi Gras carnival at  
night.

## CREAGER PLACED IN SHADOW OF SUSPICION

ASKED McMURRAY FOR LOAN AND  
ACT IS THROWING HIM IN  
BAD LIGHT

## WILL BE RECALLED TO STAND

McAllister Congressional Hearing In-  
dicates that Congressman Creager  
Played to McMurray for "Loan" in  
Return for Congressional Influence  
—Hamon's Testimony Precipitates  
New Phase of Hearing.

New York, Aug. 10.—A letter threat-  
ening death to William Edwards, a  
street cleaning commissioner, who over-  
powered Gallagher, who shot Gay-  
nor yesterday, was received today. The  
letter is written in German script,  
couched in vulgar language. It de-  
clared Edwards will be dead within  
24 hours. It was signed, "A Friend  
of Gallagher's."

**Swift Justice Administered**  
Hoboken, Aug. 10.—New Jersey will  
mete out swift justice to the assailant  
of Mayor Gaynor. Prosecutor Garvan,  
of Hudson county, began the inquiry  
today, and will present the evidence to  
the grand jury tomorrow, asking for  
an indictment against Gallagher. It is  
predicted the trial will begin early  
next week.

Marvin says: "We are expecting an  
indictment against Gallagher for as-  
sault with intent to kill. The penalty  
is a maximum sentence of twenty  
years. I shall ask the extreme pen-  
alty as under the commutation law,  
the sentence will amount to twelve  
years with good behavior. A change  
for the worse in Gaynor's condition  
will probably delay the prosecution of  
the assailant.

Gallagher spent a sleepless night.  
When told he would receive a long  
sentence, even if Gaynor recovered, he  
wept. It is believed he was drinking  
heavily before the shooting, and that  
the sudden stoppage of stimulants is  
causing nervous reaction, as officers  
assert he is breaking down.

Frequently during the night Gallag-  
her paced the cell, occasionally sitting  
down and holding his head. He com-  
plained of the wounds inflicted on his  
head by Commissioner Edwards, who  
punished him severely at the time of  
his capture.

## FLINT SLATED TO TAKE FOLIO

BALLINGER'S PROBABLE SUCCE-  
SOR IS FLINT OF CALIFORNIA

Political Wind Indicates that He is  
Man Wanted for Secretary

Washington, Aug. 10.—Senator  
Flint of California, is slated to succeed  
Ballinger, according to credited ru-  
mors. Politicians, believing Crane and  
Ballinger discussed the retirement of  
the secretary at St. Paul for the sake  
of the party at the coming campaign.  
It is believed Flint, who is announced  
to be a candidate for re-election, is  
tentatively selected for the place.

**Swedish Bishop Speaks.**  
Providence, R. I., Aug. 10.—Bishop  
K. H. G. von Scheele, officially repre-  
senting King Gustav V. and the  
church of Sweden, will speak here  
today at the local celebration of the  
fiftieth anniversary of the Swedish  
Lutheran church in America. The  
bishop is accompanied by Lady von  
Scheele.

## GAYNOR'S LIFE IS NOT DISPAIRED OF AS YET

GREAT THROUGHS HUG HOSPITAL  
TO LEARN LATEST NEWS  
FROM BEDSIDE

## WON'T PROBE BULLET NOW

His Condition Not Such that It Would  
Be Safe to Probe for Lead Unless  
An Affection Sets in That Would  
Necessitate Such Action—Tempera-  
ture is Nearly Normal—Slept Three  
Hours Last Night.

Hoboken, Aug. 9.—Dr. Lederle, of St  
Mary's Hospital, issued a bulletin at  
eleven this morning, regarding the  
condition of Mayor Gaynor: "The  
Mayor continues to do well. There is  
a unanimous opinion among the at-  
tending surgeons that an operation is  
not necessary at this time."

He slept three hours last night, and  
took some chicken broth this morn-  
ing. He seemed stronger, following  
the shock of the shooting yesterday,  
and the probing for the bullet. He  
was able to talk freely with his wife  
today.

Hospital physicians have examined  
the X-Ray photographs and agreed  
not to remove the bullet unless infec-  
tion is developed. It is declared to be  
remarkable that the bullet "ended its  
course where it did without severing  
blood vessels. In order to remove the  
pieces of lead, the doctors must cut  
through the veins and arteries. It  
will probably cause weakness from  
loss of blood when the strength is  
needed to resist the shock caused by  
the wound.

A consultation at noon decided upon  
a plan of treatment.  
Every bulletin issued is awaited by  
a tremendous crowd, which sur-  
rounds the hospital since Gaynor was  
taken there. His temperature at the  
time of the third bulletin was one  
and one-quarter degrees above normal.  
When strength has returned the pa-  
tient will be taken to the mountains  
for a rest.

Details of police were assigned in  
handling the throngs and although  
the crowd was orderly, every effort  
was made to keep the people quiet  
when favorable bulletins were issued.  
Authorities shut off traffic in Willow  
avenue for a distance of one block

## MORE MEN FILE THEIR PAPERS

JUDGE, TREASURER AND RECORD-  
ER EACH HAVE ASPIRANTS

County Political Aspect Situation  
Takes on Active Tone.

Three candidates have stepped to  
the front in filing nomination papers.  
County Judge J. C. Henry, John Frawley  
and I. R. Snook are the men, who  
have filed their nomination papers for  
nomination to the offices of county  
judge, county treasurer and county  
recorder, all on the republican ticket.  
Mr. Henry was elected four years ago,  
for his first term. Mr. Frawley has  
been county treasurer for several  
terms and Mr. Snook was elected  
county recorder two years ago for his  
first term.

**Congress of Architects.**  
Brussels, Aug. 10.—Creation of an  
international bibliographical and  
documentation union is the principal  
matter before the convention of the  
International Congress of Archivists  
and Librarians.

each way from the hospital. Motor-  
men running cars in the vicinity are  
ordered not to sound gongs and to run  
at slow speed. The street in front of  
the hospital is kept clear, and only si-  
lently moving automobiles are allowed  
to approach the doors.

Gaynor's brother, Thomas, from  
Springfield, Ohio, almost a twin to the  
Mayor in looks and bearing, arrived  
today. As he ascended the steps of  
the hospital, an audible murmur of  
puzzled surprise arose from the crowd.  
Within the hospital the mayor lay,  
apparently suffering considerably. He  
is cheerful, and joked freely with the  
nurses, particularly bewailing the lack  
of solid food.

**London Whacks Roosevelt.**  
London, Aug. 10.—London newspa-  
pers liken the shooting of Governor  
Gaynor of New York, to the assassina-  
tion of Boutros Pasha by Ibrahim  
Wardani, in Egypt. The Evening  
Star says: "The assassination of  
Premier Boutros is paralleled in the  
attempted assassination of Mayor  
Gaynor. Will Roosevelt dare prophecy  
disfranchisement in New York City, or  
a forcible dissolution of Tammany  
hall. He should do so, in order to be  
consistent with recommendations re-  
garding the English rule in Egypt. We  
hope the crime will bring home to  
Roosevelt his folly in his execution to  
these affairs."

## LANGFORD HOLDS LONG END

SCRAP TONIGHT WILL THIN OUT  
"POSSIBILITIES"

Al Kaufman Will Tackle Johnson if  
He Wins Fight Tonight.

Philadelphia, Aug. 10.—Rain this af-  
ternoon threatens to postpone the big  
Langford-Kaufman battle which was  
to take place tonight.

Philadelphia, Aug. 10.—Al Kaufman,  
the Frisco heavyweight, and Sam  
Langford, the Boston "Tar Baby,"  
will hook up for six rounds at the  
American League baseball park this  
evening, old Jube Pluvius permitting.  
The men, both of whom aspire to the  
heavyweight belt now worn by Jack  
Johnson, will meet at catchweights  
for a guaranteed purse of \$5,000.

If Langford is successful, it is said  
he will challenge Johnson for a \$20,-  
000 side bet in real money. If Kauf-  
man shows up well, Hugh McIntosh  
is said to be ready to make an offer  
of \$25,000 for a battle between Kauf-  
man and Johnson in Australia.

If weather conditions should not be  
favorable for tonight's boxing bee, it  
will be pulled off on the first clear  
night following.

Harry Edwards is promoting the  
affair.  
Langford continues to be the favor-  
ite.

**Catches Mallard Duck**  
Photographer Ritter holds the dis-  
tinction of catching, or rather captur-  
ing mallards out of season, without a  
gun. He found one on Sixth street in  
front of his studio last evening, and  
took it into captivity.

**Eagle's Carnival.**  
Eagle's Mere, Pa., Aug. 10.—Many  
decorated boats are entered today in  
the annual lake carnival, and the af-  
fair promises to be more of a gala oc-  
casion than ever.

**Round-Up of Elks.**  
Livingstone, Mont., Aug. 10.—Monks  
of Mone-Tal-Nak will hold high revel  
in this city this evening as the fea-  
ture of the annual carnival and state  
convention of Montana Elks.

**Stay Causes Fire.**  
Portland, Aug. 10.—The explosion  
of a colloid stay in a woman's shirt-  
waist, caused destruction by fire, of  
the United States Laundry today, at a  
loss of \$80,000. Two hundred are tem-  
porarily out of employment.

## DEATH THREATS FOLLOW THE SHOOTING

MAN WHO CAPTURED GALLAGHER  
IS DOOMED BY FRIEND OF  
CRANK PRISONER

## SWIFT JUSTICE PROMISED

Prisoner in Hoboken Cell Weeps when  
Told that he Must Spend Long Term  
in Prison if Gaynor Recovers—  
Black Hand Threats Received and  
Worry Police—If Gaynor Grows  
worse, trial will be delayed.

McAllister, Okla., Aug. 10.—Con-  
gressman Creager will be called to  
testify regarding the alleged reports  
on his part to borrow money from Mc-  
Murray. This decision followed the  
testimony of Hamon that Creager  
made what is considered a direct re-  
quest of McMurray for \$1,000. Ham-  
on's testimony intimated the money  
was asked in exchange for Creager's  
influence.

Hamon testified he was in Creag-  
er's office at Washington, June 2. A  
luncheon was suggested and the two  
men went out together and were join-  
ed by McMurray. Creager suggested  
to McMurray he needed \$1,000 for ex-  
penses. McMurray did not loan the  
money to Creager.

On cross-examination Hamon testi-  
fied he considered Creager's words a  
direct request for money. He said  
Creager told McMurray that he intro-  
duced the McMurray bill to congress.

**Aviator Hurt.**  
Verdun, France, Aug. 10.—A flight  
in a monoplane today resulted in an  
accident to Lieutenant Ballangers, of  
the French army, who was painfully  
injured, when the aeroplane struck a  
fence, and overturned. The driver's  
hand was crushed.

**Official Calling Days.**  
Beverly, Aug. 10.—Monday, Wednes-  
day and Friday will be "conference  
days" with Taft. The president de-  
cided to see visiting politicians who  
want to talk over the coming cam-  
paign on those days. Others will be  
devoted to vacation except when im-  
portant administration matters come  
up for settlement.

**LYNCHING AFTERMATH COSTLY**  
Thirty-Nine Indictments for Lynching  
Detective

Newark, Ohio, Aug. 10.—The grand  
jury today returned thirty-nine in-  
dictments, five for murder in the first  
degree, in the connection of the lynch-  
ing of Detective Etherington several  
weeks ago.



Present County Judge who has de-  
clared his intention of becoming a  
candidate for re-election.