

LANCASHIRE PRIZEFIGHTER; GRANDSON AS TITLE



JOHN GULLY, Champion of the World, and the Battle He Fought Which Gave Him a Decisive Victory—His Grandson, Knighted, Became Speaker of the House of Commons



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From "Pugilistica
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"Hen" Pearce, the "Game Chicken," never appeared in a public fight after he made his first play as the least a person than the reigning champion himself. It was the measure of his great natural ability and his calm faith in his own powers that his maiden effort all but lowered the crest of the "Game Chicken."

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Six-Mile Bottom Gully, who was staying at Norwich, received the following communication from Gregson:

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They met at Six-Mile Bottom on October 14, but the result was not satisfactory. Gully was declared the winner after a fight in which both were terribly punished. Followers of the sport declared that the question of superiority was still unsettled, and a second meeting was awaited with great eagerness.

After Gully had finally established himself in the championship he voluntarily brought his brief pugilistic career to a close. A retired pugilist, engaged in business as a tavern keeper, turfman, racehorse proprietor and finally owner of extensive collieries, he was returned to Parliament in 1832.

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The last cheer had been given and the crowd was breaking up into groups. Bets were being paid, here and there an opinionated partisan had already begun to fight over some part of the battle in pantomime.

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"I expected no less and could hope for no more from 'Bob' Gregson," said Gully.

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"Nothing more, certainly, and you'll admit the Lancashire lad deserves another chance."

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"He does, if ever a man did," said Barclay, answering the other's salute as the horse plunged forward.

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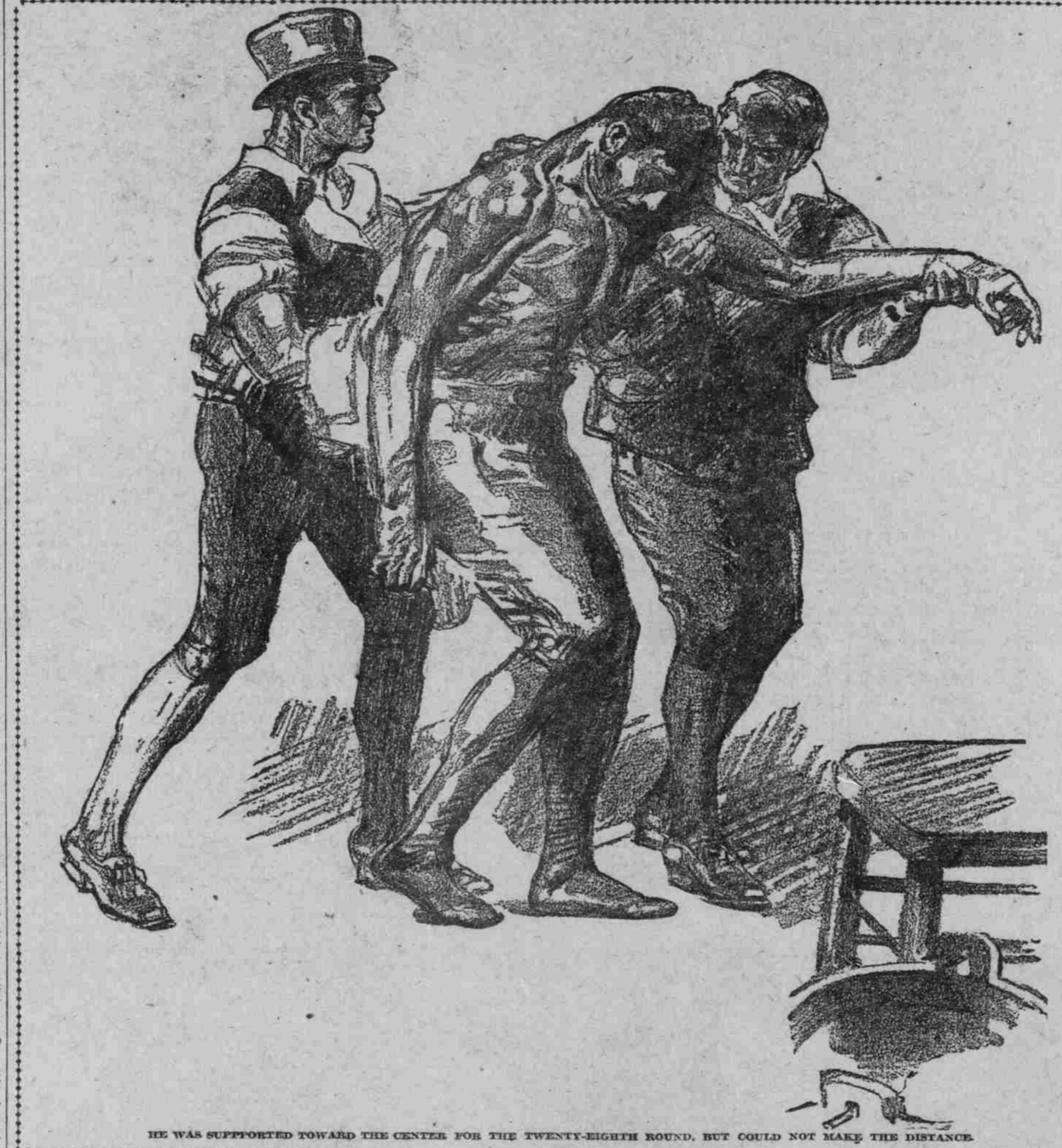
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"Ambition," suggested Barclay.

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HE WAS SUPPORTED TOWARD THE CENTER FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ROUND, BUT COULD NOT MAKE THE DISTANCE.

The crowd scarcely breathed as the boxers fell on guard and began to spar warily, waiting for a safe play and warning slowly into action. Gregson proved to be surprisingly nimble on his feet and there was promise of a clever exhibition before the real work of the battle was opened.

In Whirlwind Combat. The thing happened between two winks. Gully was sparring along neatly, apparently quite willing to approach the issue gradually.

Both fighters were fresh and willing at the opening of the sixth round. They clashed immediately, standing knee to knee. Gully took several hard blows to the ribs and part for them with slashes of the most rallying manner.

Gully, though shaken by the last blow, was greatly elated by the punishment inflicted on the champion. Gully staggered into a clinch and tripped, pulling Gregson with him.

At the end of the half minute Gregson stepped to the center eagerly. His manner had changed, and every watcher knew that he would not be taken unawares again.

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At the opening of the third round he started to take the pace. Gregson met his onslaught with a steady and straight drive to the chest, knocking Gully across the ring and pursuing him until he was forced to retreat.

In the interval it was seen that Gregson had suffered severely. His face swollen and bleeding, Gully felt himself unopposed, save for the weakening blow to the forehead.

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While he was being carried to the corner Gully was conscious that he had received a sharp chin and had suffered more than he could well afford, but the sight of his rival, panting on "Joe" Ward's knees, and the fact that the giant was in great distress with his wind and had lost the sight of his left eye.

End of the Battle. At the opening of the ninth round Gully danced to the center with renewed vigor and awaited the slower Gregson, whose chest was labored and heavy.

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High Cost of Living Hits Preachers

Religious Rambler in Boston Herald. A religious rumber of discontent is being heard in ministers' meetings, and through the church papers, upon the subject of ministers' salaries. The increasing cost of living has hit the clerical profession, and some have not increased, but everything else has, including the demands upon the preachers. With an average income of less than a skilled mechanic, and a position that demands an expensive style of life, the clergy are scarcely to be censured for bringing their problem within their own circle.

age amount invested, so that a very simple business calculation proves that the minister gets in his salary only a moderate interest on the amount he has spent in getting his education, and gives his personal service entirely gratuitously to the work of the ministry, as he receives absolutely no income on the moderate income on his investment. If the average minister invested in securities paying a moderate rate of interest, the amount he spends for his education, he would have as large an income as he does now, and without any labor whatever. In other words, he could live the life of a gentleman and live as well as he does now.

Along with the question of salary goes the allied one of some form of pension for the aged, which would be met in practically all denominations. Even the Baptists, who have always stood strong for independence and individualism, are taking action upon the subject. The Massachusetts conference of Baptist ministers has voted to make provision for all members who have been ten years of age and who have been in consecutive years in the pastorate in the state. The same subject was vigorously discussed at last meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

One cynical minister declared, out of his bitter personal experience: "What the churches want today isn't a minister who can feed the sheep; they want one who can milk the government." The common sense that it is the "call" of a larger salary which ministers frequently hear when they move has been taken up and vigorously discussed by other clergymen who are now writing on this subject: "One statement surprises me. I am sorry to record that it is believed that eight out of ten of our ministers move at the call of money rather than at the call of God. Have we any way of knowing when the call of money (as it is called) is not the call of God? Does not the call of a larger salary usually mean a larger field, a larger equipment, opportunity to get more of the things needed to do the Lord's work and a work for God to do as much as in the field?"

Now the average salary has been found to be about \$200. This gives a financial return of about 5 1/2 per cent on the aver-

age amount invested, so that a very simple business calculation proves that the minister gets in his salary only a moderate interest on the amount he has spent in getting his education, and gives his personal service entirely gratuitously to the work of the ministry, as he receives absolutely no income on the moderate income on his investment.