

### FIGHTING TALENTS HOLIDAY GOSSIP

#### Freckled "Bob" Issues Sweeping Challenge.

Offers to Fight Any Man in the  
World But Champion  
Jeffries.

Bob Fitzsimmons recently issued a challenge to box any man in the world, barring only Champion Jeffries. He does not state in his challenge whether it is also open to Kid McCoy, who is now in England. Should, however, the latter come together a Chicago club is willing to offer liberal inducements. Fitzsimmons, since his acquiring property at Bath Beach, N. Y., has induced the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company to give its patrons much better service. He has an excellent piece of property there, and it is a very profitable one. Fitzsimmons experienced a great deal of opposition to prevent him buying the property there, but it was only by getting a friend to buy it for him and then to transfer it to him that he acquired the title. Billy Madden, the well-known pug promoter, is also located on Long Island, and has started a physical culture school at Dyker Heights, and has already nearly 200 applicants for his school.

"Kid" McFadden of San Francisco and "Jockey" Bennett met in a 9-round contest before the Pastime Athletic Club of Sacramento, Dec. 17, the contest going the limit. McFadden, who failed to weigh in at the specified limit—125 pounds—was given the award. McFadden now wants to meet Toby Irwin, who recently defeated Jack Clifford.

According to the Chicago sporting authorities, Bob Fitzsimmons is the only heavyweight Mayor Harrison will permit to box in that city. Tattersall's Club having offered a purse of \$7,000, or 50 per cent of the gross receipts, for a contest between Gus Ruhlin and the lanky Cornishman. McGovern and Broad drew an \$8,000 house when they met in a six-round bout here, the seating capacity of Tattersall's—8,000—being taxed to its fullest capacity.

Walter Campbell of Chicago, who trained and seconded Perry Queenan of Seattle for many of his contests, is due here in a few days. He writes The Journal, and wants an engagement with a prominent waterweight.

Tommy Ryan, now of Kansas City, has side-stepped out of his match with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, having failed to cover the latter's \$1,000 forfeit now in the hands of Al Smith of New York for a match with him for the middleweight championship.

"Kid" McCoy, who is now in England, recently declined a meeting with George Gardner before the Fort Erie (N. Y.) Club. The elusive "Kid" writes: "The purse offered—\$1,500—is not large enough. I will not meet Gardner unless \$3,000 is offered."

Jack Jeffries, brother to Jim, the heavyweight champion, has issued a challenge to Jack Johnson, the colored boxer of Los Angeles, who recently defeated Fred Russell.

Peter Maher, nothing daunted by his recent defeat by Kid Carter, is to box Tom ("Jabben") Carey six rounds at Philadelphia within the next two weeks.

Jim Palmer, England's heavyweight champion, is to engage in a novel contest at Paris within three weeks' time. Palmer will undertake to stop M. Charlemont, the French champion, at "La Savate," the French style of boxing. Palmer permits Charlemont to use his feet, whereas Palmer will only depend on the English style. The affair is for eight rounds.

Champion Jeffries says he expects to

be in New York at an early date and that he may make a match or two with some of the heavyweights who have been anxious to meet him. In a letter to Fred Block, the Gotham sportsman, the champion writes: "I am in better health than I have been in years and if feeling worse for anything I ought to hold the title for years. I am anxious to visit New York and look up my old friends. As to my match with Jim Corbett, I cannot say. Up to date I have not agreed to box him." Joe Goddard, the Australian heavy weight boxer, who was recently shot in the head by a constable in an election riot in Camden, N. J., has so far recovered from the effects of his wound that he has been removed from the Camden County (N. J.) Asylum and is now being held under \$1,000 on a charge made by Constable Robert Washington on a charge of assault and battery. Goddard's friends so far have been unable to secure bail for the ex-Australian champion, who gave the late Peter Jackson the fight of his life.

### JEFFRIES MEETS WORTHY FOE

#### Fails to Knock Out Jack Munroe in Four Rounds.

Champion James Jeffries received the greatest surprise of his pugilistic career on Saturday night when he failed to knock out Jack Munroe, the Butte miner, in four rounds. Munroe posted \$20 that he could stand four rounds in the ring with Jeffries, without receiving a knock-out. The big fellow immediately grasped at the offer, thinking he could easily destroy Munroe, but the husky miner easily sidestepped him, besides jabbing him several hard punches, once forcing Jeffries to his knees. Now Jeffries is sore—very sore. He does not seem to care for the one round more he could have knocked Munroe out. The champion questions the decision of the umpire, and claims that his action was unwarranted.

Now that Jeffries has been stopped, "Lanky" Bob will do some shivering in his matted skin, since he made a bet that he could knock Munroe out inside of four rounds.

Munroe is a hard, heavy fighter, full of grit and speed, and will undoubtedly make things decidedly interesting for the fighters who are roaming about the country seeking the destruction of men and the replenishment of their treasures.

Manager Clark Ball will meet Munroe today and endeavor to arrange a go between Fitzsimmons and Munroe to take place next week. Several millionaires of Butte have offered a wager of \$1,000 that no man in the Northwest, barring Jeffries and Fitzsimmons, can stand against Munroe 10 rounds. This was announced late last night.

### RUHLIN AND FITZSIMMONS.

Billy Madden's efforts to bring about a struggle between Gus Ruhlin and Bob Fitzsimmons seems to have stirred up the pugilistic clubs throughout the country to bid for the prospective mill. Ever since the encounter was first broached, Madden has received a number of offers, the latest coming from a club in Chicago. Billy got word to give a purse of \$7,000 or 50 per cent of the gate receipts for a six-round bout between Ruhlin and "Lanky" Bob, the same to be held some time in February. This is \$4,000 more than the Penn Art Club of Philadelphia is willing to give. It is estimated that the receipts of such a battle would not be less than \$30,000, for Chicago just now is an excellent stamping ground for glove contests. Madden wired his acceptance, and the only thing necessary now to clinch things is for Fitz to accept. The offer has been mailed to him and he may be heard from any day.

It is understood that there will be no objection by the authorities to the mill, as both pugilists are well liked in the Windy City. It is said that the mayor is in favor of the bout, and will grant a permit in case it is ratified.

### ARMY AND NAVY DISCUSS FOOTBALL

#### Sailors Claim to Have a Grievance.

Requirements at West Point Are  
Unfair to Annapolis  
Pigskin Men.

At the next meeting of the representatives of the football teams of West Point and Annapolis eligibility rules will be discussed. The fact that the regulations admit students to West Point who are two years older than those who can enter Annapolis has caused a good deal of discussion at Annapolis, and an effort will be made at the meeting to frame rules which shall be as stringent as those at the big colleges where the one-year residence and the four years' playing rules are enforced. Annapolis students declare that if the two academies had the same rules as Harvard and Yale, Daily, Torrey, Bunker and Graves would not have played on the West Point team, while none of their team would come under such a rule if adopted. A baseball game has already been arranged between the two institutions, and before the football game for next year is decided upon the effort will be made to establish eligibility rules. The baseball teams have won one game each, and the football teams four each, so it is thought to be a proper time to make the new rules.

### STATUS OF MEMBERS.

The cadets at the two institutions have not, however, taken into consideration the effect of such rules upon the West and Navy Departments, and before they take any radical steps they would better find out the feeling in regard to the matches. In the first place, the question of bona fide students at the colleges has been the most important one in deciding the status of members of the various teams. This question cannot come up at either West Point or Annapolis, as entrance examinations do not go by favor, no matter how good an athlete a candidate may be. Every man at the two institutions is there on his merits, and football, baseball and other sports are recreations which must be indulged in only when there is nothing else to do, and they are not allowed to interfere with drill or studies. Those who take part in the sports have to do so when the time fits, and no concessions of any kind are made to athletes. If eligibility rules are made for the games between the two institutions other than the only one possible—that each member of the team shall be a cadet—there will be trouble at all times, and if any squabble ensues over a game the Departments might take the best means of settling it—fording the games. West Point and Annapolis have nothing to gain or lose in their recreatory sports, and the cadets would better let rules alone as far as eligibility is concerned.

### FACULTY MEETING.

At a recent meeting of the faculty of the Montana State Agricultural College held at Bozeman, final steps were taken to join the Northwest Intercollegiate Association. The report was made that nearly all the nine institutions represented at the conference at Spokane last October had joined. The new league begins operations January 1.

Stags has announced his intention of giving his football men winter work. He figures that the team's prospects are very rosy, and he wants to keep the men in the best of shape all the year round.

### VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 22.—

The 17th Infantry and the All-Stars, of Portland, played the best game of football seen on the grounds this season here yesterday. The score was 9 to 0. Steele, Flanagan and Butler were the star players for the infantry.

### GOVERNOR WILL STOP THE FIGHT

#### Terry McGovern and Young Corbett Cannot Battle at Detroit.

Latest developments in the efforts of Young Corbett and Terry McGovern to get on a fight will give those who have been after the mill with the axe ever since it was first announced another opportunity to touch it up and do a little talk about there being something doing. There is no doubt that the fighters knew before they awarded the fight to Detroit that they would meet with the opposition of Governor Bliss if they attempted to pull off the mill there, and it cannot be understood why they went ahead with their plans when sure of such strong opposition.

### GOVERNOR WILL INTERFERE.

Several Detroit newspapers published an interview with Governor Bliss in which he said that he would stop the fight at least 24 hours before the fight was awarded to Detroit. The men will be accused of hunting up battlegrounds where they are sure that the officials will interfere with the fight. The effect of awarding the fight to Detroit is the same as it has been in all other parts of the country—that place is closed to all fighters. The mere announcement that the fight was going to be held in Baltimore had the effect of stopping the game down there, and hereafter only 10-round bouts will be allowed. It is probable that in Michigan fights of all kinds will be stopped.

### LAW IS SEVERE.

The efforts of these youngsters to get on a fight is doing injury to the game than several men killed in the ring would have done. The law in Michigan is so strict on the question of fighting that it cannot be conceived how the fighters ever got it into their heads to go there. According to the law, prize fighting is a felony punishable by five years imprisonment and a fine of \$2,000.

Not many of the big boys would take chances with games of that kind. If the fight is pulled off in the state and the fighters escape, they can be pursued all over the country like criminals and brought back to Michigan to face the charges against them. The law provides that the men who have anything to do with arranging the fight are as guilty as the principals, and the newspapers are not allowed to mention the mill. The law goes even beyond this and holds all spectators guilty of breaching the law, and they are subject to fines and imprisonment. With such a law in force it seems as though the fighters and the promoters must have been joking when they met and formally awarded the fight to Detroit. There are plenty of other good men in his class in the country he has not whipped yet, and the best thing he can do is go about and hunt them up and drag off the coin while he is in a position to do it.

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### SAYS THE COAST IS GOOD ENOUGH

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#### Speaks of the Severe Cold in New York—Praises the Lewis and Clark Fair.

I. Lerner, Pacific Coast representative of the H. B. Clavin Company of New York, is a guest at the Portland for a few days, en-route to his home in San Francisco on a three months' trip to New York. In an interview with a Journal representative, Mr. Lerner said:

### SUFFERING FROM COLD.

"I am indeed glad to get back to the Pacific Coast, as the cold in New York and other large cities in the East is almost unbearable, especially since there is such a scarcity in coal, which is the main fuel used.

"While in New York this trip it has been my unpleasant lot to witness several deaths from hunger and cold among the working classes. We living out here on the Pacific Coast can have no idea of the great amount of suffering in the East from cold among the rich and poor alike, on account of the lack of fuel caused by the recent coal strikes.

### TRADE CONDITIONS.

"As to trade conditions, they have never been as good, in New York, as they are at the present time. In fact, the present trade conditions all over the country have never been surpassed. I see very favorable conditions right here in your city. It has grown wonderfully in the past year and I am pleased to say that your city will, without doubt, prove to be one of the main ports in the country in a very short time."

### Asked about the Lewis and Clark Fair.

Mr. Lerner replied:

"To be frank with you, I don't know much about it. You hear nothing about it in the East, and very little of it in California. I should like to see the exposition a success, and in my opinion it seems that there must be more advertising done to insure success. There is very little, if any, advertising matter regarding the Lewis and Clark Fair, in the East, and the same conditions prevail in California.

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### COULDN'T BE BRIBED

#### Football Manager Eshleman At-tempts Crooked Deal.

Carl D. Eshleman, football manager of the University of Washington, has been suspended from that institution for a period of one year, for an alleged attempt to extort money from Big Bill Allen of Pullman, Wash.

Allen claims that he received an offer from Eshleman to act as coach of the University of Washington, providing he would share the salary with him. Allen is reported as having become incensed at the attempt made to bribe him, and forwarded the letter to the faculty at Seattle. At a meeting of the committee it was decided to suspend Eshleman.

### WINNINGS AT INGLESDIE.

SAF. FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The first 31 days of the meeting at Ingleside ending Saturday, the new California Jockey Club

### EXHIBITS COMING IN.

Exhibits intended for the Japanese National Exhibition are being sent to the Upper Alaska dock at the foot of Franklin street. Among the exhibits will be a case of Oregon Riesling wine, sent by A. Rueter of Forest Grove. This will be the only one of its kind. Mr. Rueter has received a silver medal for his wine at Buffalo and a gold medal at Charleston, and does not expect to come away empty-handed from Japan.

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