

Fans Wanted to Lynch JOE GANS When McGovern Kayoed Him

Reminiscing of the days of the old Tattersall Arena in Chicago, French Lane, a white writer, reconstructs that famous bout on the night of December 13, 1900, when Joe Gans Baltimore's pride, was knocked out by Terrible Terry McGovern.

Gans was dropped for the count in the second round, the fans insisting that the bout was a frame-up. Going back down memory lane, the writer says:

"While Gans was training at Harry Forbes's gymnasium, a plot was hatched. It was of such far reaching effect that it is doubtful whether the plotters themselves realized what the result would be.

Referee Unaware of Plot

How many there were among the schemers has never been disclosed. Gans was one of them. His manager, Al Herford, of Baltimore, was another. Vernon Johns, representing a clique of gamblers, was still another.

McGovern himself was unaware of the plot, and persons who claimed to have been on the inside of what happened at Tattersall's on that December night say Harris and Referee Siler were also innocent of what was going to happen.

Betting on the fight did not indicate any unnatural angles until the large crowd had assembled.

Match Money Bet

A half hour before the fight, Johns the gambler, with a bookmaker's satchel hanging from a strap around his neck, plodded up and down the aisles, walked into the boxes where the high priced customers were gathering, and offered to bet any amount up to \$20,000 that McGovern would win. He found a ready market.

Fifteen minutes before the fight, Johns made the rounds again, and offered to bet the same amount that McGovern would win on a knockout. Once more he wagered an enormous sum, for Gans to all appearances had trained faithfully and was the mightiest foe McGovern had ever been asked to whip. Few fighters had knocked Gans off his feet.

Wagers \$20,000 More

With the fight but a few minutes away, with the fighters ready to leave their dressing rooms, the last preliminary near the end, Johns made the rounds for the third time. He walked upon the rails between the boxes, offering to wager any part of another \$20,000 Gans would be out before the end of the fourth round. This time there was a stampede to cover his money.

It was unnatural betting, and final-

ly had stirred the crowd into a turmoil. "Something's wrong," was the rumor which traveled like a wireless message from the high priced seats to the noisy boys in the back row.

Harris consulted the referee about it. "Don't worry; if there is anything wrong, they won't get away with it," was the reassurance he got from Siler.

Gans Content to Dodge

Gans did not enter the ring with much enthusiasm. A few seconds later McGovern, in the best condition of his career and keyed for the fight of his life, crawled through the ropes. Although outweighed some eight pounds, McGovern looked the stronger.

When the bell clanged, McGovern tore after Gans in his most "Terrible Terry" manner. Gans avoided his wild, furious rushes, but did not endeavor to strike back. He seemed content to dodge McGovern's punches. He ducked and sidestepped, and a few times jabbed lightly with his left to keep Terry out of hitting distance.

The first round was all McGovern's, although he had landed only a few solid punches. If it had not been for the strange betting there would not have been any suspicion as to the way the first round was fought. It looked as if McGovern's attack prevented Gans from steadying himself and punching back.

Suspicion Grows

However, suspicion among the spectators was growing in great volume. There were angry murmurings in all parts of the arena from persons who had wagered on Gans.

Gans had heard the murmurings, and when he came out for the second round, his usual bronze colored face was of an ashen gray and he appeared to be laboring under a terrific strain.

Gans Down for Count

McGovern charged toward him with his customary rush. Gans met him with a straight left. McGovern fired a volley of punches in the direction of Gans's head. One of them

CAN'T SASS COP IN ABYSSINIA

Addis Ababa—Addison E. Southard, U.S. Minister to Abyssinia, was knocked down by a policeman during an argument January 1.

His car had run over the foot of a native woman.

The Abyssinians have quick tempers and hatred of all foreigners, especially whites. During the week of the coronation of the emperor last year, J. A. Rogers, globe trotter and author, was invited to lecture on the treatment of colored people in the United States. He declined when advised that it would probably cause the massacre of all the American whites in the country.

The emperor, Haile Selassie, a Christian, and his supporters represent a party which does not desire too close friendship of whites. They defeated the Mohammedan party, which was led by the deposed emperor, a descendant of the late Emperor Menelik.

Selassie, after defeating the former emperor, clapped him in prison.

hit Gans on the mouth and knocked him down.

The referee started to count. As he chanted "three" blood began to trickle out of Gans's mouth. He was in a half sitting position and made no effort to get to his feet. He stayed there until he was counted out.

Riot Follows

Scenes which smacked of a riot followed. Spectators who had lost thousands yelled "Robbers!" "Fake!" "Lynch him!" "Get the referee!" "Throw the faker into the lake!" The crowd surged toward the ring. Gans had escaped down a side aisle to his dressing room.

What would Referee Siler do? What could he do? Gans had been hit. He had been knocked down. Blood was ebbing from his mouth where McGovern's blow had landed. Siler had done all he could. He had counted Gans out.

Once again the tumult and the turmoil subsided at Tattersall's, but this time there was a difference. A disillusioned crowd scattered. The last murmuring stragglers wended their way north and south on State and Dearborn Streets. The lights in the famous arena were turned out. The last chapter of Tattersall's had been written, for a short time later the manly art of self-defense was declared an outlaw in Chicago. And it remained an outlaw long after Tattersall's degenerated into a junk heap.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS NEED TO GET TOGETHER

By G. H. B.

"At first I thought I'd see Miss B—and tell her all about this whole trouble. What do you think? Should I see that Frank's teacher, a sweet young girl who seems to love all the children alike, knows his side, or should I keep out of it altogether?"

This is an extract from a letter from a greatly troubled mother whose little boy is being pestered and tormented by several of the children at school, though he has many friends, is popular, and a regular boy on the playground. This has been going on for some time, and the child is being made unhappy in other ways.

His mother hesitates. "Shall I go to his teacher?"

Of course. Why not? I know why not. I know the teachers' side and the mothers' side both, from experience. Mothers have a feeling that children must fight things out among themselves. If a child is very much out of tune with the class, or maladjusted, or having trouble with his lessons they hesitate to go to school and talk it over with the teacher.

They think, first, that the teacher will think they are complaining. Then they think that perhaps it makes things too soft for their children—that it may make sissies of the boys and unfit them to hold their own later on in the "cruel world."

Mob Spirit

Now, as a matter of fact, this is not so. A group of children are sometimes like a crowd; they may operate in a quite different way from the way a normal, friendly child would act. "Mob psychology" is the term which describes it. It may get a whole class following one or two who are bullies, or cruel, or merely thoughtless.

Mob psychology may show itself even with children in picking on one child, or ostracizing one child to a degree where it becomes a persecution. And the individual victim suffers tortures, while the class is psychologically hurt, too, by such actions. Mob psychology is a peculiar thing and will often turn decent, intelligent people into demons. So, a class cannot always be al-

lowed to exercise power unrestrained—nor should a few who may be ring-leaders or who have a special dislike be allowed to infect a whole group. Children in school know how these things may happen. Experienced teachers know it, too, but often only by having it brought to their attention in some way.

For teachers cannot be expected to see everything. Of course, the happiness and spiritual welfare of children is in their hands, but they often work under great pressure, and so cannot be expected to know and see everything. Many things they should know which have nothing to do with the subject matter they teach, but sometimes the only way they can know it is if some one tells them.

Perhaps a great to-do is made about the class record in attendance and this makes your child unduly upset over staying at home when he needs to. Your child may be actually losing weight because he grows frantic over the possibility of being late for school in the morning and so won't eat breakfast—or gobbles it.

He may be losing sleep because his homework is so heavy—when each teachers assignment added to that of the others piles up so that he has no time for play or leisure. Children may actually "haze" a new child in the class.

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Thinking It Over

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so bad, unless you are unusually tough. Most people like a lot of company, so why not take relish in passing away a few hours with that person who is always and forever with you and about you.

You know most of us wouldn't get so awfully angry when others tell us what they think of our personalities and actions, if we took the time to associate more with ourselves, and find out that most of the time the other fellow is pretty near right in his accusations.

So occasionally I go into a huddle with myself . . . sez I to Me, "Now you go around here broadcasting a lot

of gloom, and a bit of stale jokes and not a small heap of free advice, and ever so much bombast that are responsible for folks dodging your conversation.

"And if you will take a good square look in the mirror you will be able to get your dearest enemy's exact point of view when she said you positively could not be classed with the 'pleasingly plumps,' and so as the old girl was right, why get riled about it?"

And I begin to realize what a big cheese most of us are . . . even to ourselves . . . if we take the time to get acquainted. But it helped me. And I'm sure it will help you. If you want the truth, unadulterated, and with plenty of proof, go into your room and get a line on yourself.

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