

FITZ WILL RAISE O'BRIEN'S ANTE AND FIGHT FOR \$5,000.

Lanky Bob Takes up the Defl of the Ambitious Middleweight and Indulges in Oratory—Jack Power Will Not Re-enter the Ring.

Jack O'Brien has thrown a bombshell into the ranks of the three crack middleweights—Fitzsimmons, McCoy and Ryan—by posting a \$1,000 forfeit on Wednesday and issuing a sweeping challenge to fight for the world's championship.

Hardly had Kid McCoy's manager accepted the defl Monday morning when there came a rumbling roar over the telegraph wires from Buffalo, where old Bob Fitzsimmons is playing this week with his show. Fitz also accepts, of course, but raises O'Brien \$4,000 in the matter of a forfeit, and, what's more, insists that same, at least, be allowed to stand as a side bet. When old Fitz was shown the Evening Journal in Buffalo containing O'Brien's challenge, he at once flared up and burst forth as follows:

"Jack O'Brien wants to fight me? He's four-flushing. He won't fight me. If O'Brien is in earnest and really wants to fight I won't keep him waiting long. Now, I'll tell you. Next week I will be in New York and I'll post from \$5,000 to \$20,000 with Harry Beecher, sporting editor of the Evening Journal, to bind a match. Let O'Brien cover my forfeit—less than \$5,000 will not do—and after the match is made I'm willing to let any part of the forfeit money go as a side bet. That's good enough, isn't it?"

In the most emphatic manner Fitzsimmons showed that he does not intend to allow the Quaker fighter to pose as the middleweight champion. He says that before O'Brien can claim that title he must beat him.

"I am the only legitimate middleweight champion," continued Fitzsimmons, after his anger had settled. "I never claimed the title. Not me. I went out and won it by good, hard fighting. No one ever beat me for the title, did they? I guess not. And this fellow O'Brien couldn't do it in a month. I'm still middleweight champion, and I'm the lightweight champion, too."

"Because I have been fighting heavyweights for the past ten years is no sign that I can't lick all these middleweights. O'Brien has no more claim to the title than Jack Munroe. Who did he ever lick that gave it to him? Did he lick me in Philadelphia? No, I had him out in 33 seconds of the last round. But I couldn't win. Didn't his manager beg the police to stop it? I heard afterward that O'Brien had it fixed with the police and all the politicians to stop the fight in the first round if he was going to get licked."

After a brief pause, during which

Fitzsimmons again read a section of O'Brien's challenge, he burst out: "So he posted a \$1,000 forfeit. Well, I'll admit that looks business-like, but \$1,000 forfeit won't do. He has got to put up \$4,000 more. I want the forfeit money to go as a side bet. O'Brien, I understand, has plenty of money, and he won't mind a little thing like \$5,000."

Fitzsimmons says he is afraid O'Brien will not fight him more than six rounds. But he adds that if O'Brien says the word, six rounds will do.

Saturday when O'Brien was informed of Fitzsimmons' willingness and apparent anxiety to make the match he said: "I am glad to hear that Fitzsimmons talks in so decided a manner. He must mean business. I will be on hand at the office of the New York Evening Journal whenever Fitz desires, prepared to sign the articles, and will also be ready to post as large a forfeit for weight and appearance as he may demand, and the side bet questions will be settled to Fitz's satisfaction. I shall insist, however, that the fight be at 158 pounds, as I will not fight him at any other weight."

It is a Pipe.

Jack Power, told the Times this morning that the story, that he intended re-entering the prize ring, which was published in the Illustrated Police News, was without foundation. He is of the opinion, that it originated from his attempt to bring Bob Fitzsimmons here, during exhibition week. Jack intends, however, to bring some of the top notchers to St. John, and on that occasion may do the mitts with them for a friendly go, but—"back in the game for good? Not for mine," said Jack.

Corbett and White.

New York, Oct. 18.—"Young Corbett" (William Rothwell) and Jabez White, the English lightweight champion, were matched tonight to meet the first week in January for \$5,000 a side. George Considine in behalf of Rothwell and Charley Mitchell for White, arranged the fight at a meeting in this city tonight. The men will weigh in at 135 pounds at the ringside. The exact date and place of the fight will be decided later, but the club offering the best inducements will secure the match, it is announced.

Jeff to Visit England.

Jim Jeffries has made plans to visit England next summer. The champion has received an offer to appear in the music halls at a large salary

and thinks so well of the proposition that he will probably sign the contract. Jeffries is not likely to do any fighting abroad, as England has no real heavyweight at present capable of giving the holiermaker a scrap. It is his intention to settle in New York. His wife, it is said, owns considerable property in Harlem. Jeffries will probably open a saloon if he can secure a good location. As regards a fight he says that if the public will discover some one who can fight and who will be a drawing card he will immediately put on the gloves and defend his title.

Maritime Athletes Win.

R. A. Donahoe, of Charlottetown, won the all-round championship at McGill sports last Friday, winning the broad jump with 20.44, pole vault 97, and second in 120 yards hurdles, 220 yard run, and 16 lb shot. P. E. Powell, New Brunswick, was second in high jump and half mile. M. J. Carney of Halifax, won third in the 100 and 220 yards. C. E. McCuaig won in 10.25 and 23.25 seconds.

WILL SELL RACE HORSES.

New York, Oct. 18.—The Herald says Edward R. Thomas is authority for the statement that the race horses which for a year and a half have been running in his name, but in the joint interest of Messrs. Thomas and Shields, will be sold during the forthcoming race meeting in November. This will terminate a partnership which has had more than a fair share of success. Mr. Shields declared yesterday that he would continue to race next year. He now owns some yearlings, will purchase more and will proceed to form a breeding stud, at the head of which he will place Hermis. Advance Guard, owned by Alex. Shields will not be sold. He will be used by Mr. Shields for stud purposes.

MISS WAINWRIGHT AS VIOLA

Miss Marie Wainwright, one of the foremost Shakespearean actresses of the present day, will appear at the Opera House on Friday next, in a magnificent revival of "Twelfth Night". The success of this admirable actress embrace the whole Shakespearean repertoire. She has played all the great bard's heroines. She was the Ophelia, the Portia, the Desdemona, and the Juliet, with such famous artists as Edwin Booth, Lawrence Barrett, John McCullough and Tommaso Salvini. She was the Ophelia and Desdemona in the Salvini-Booth presentations of Hamlet and Othello, and the Francesca of Mr. Barrett's "Francesca da Rimini" production. Her success in "Twelfth Night" has been so pronounced and she has invested the part with such life-like tenderness, grace and ease, that all unite in acclaiming her the only Viola of the present day.

Only two votes were cast in Georgia in 1860 for Lincoln. One of the voters, Uncle Billy Bowers, is still living in Franklin, Ga., and is nearly 80 years of age. He was born in Georgia and went to the place where he now resides when he was three years old.

DANGER IN MINE FIRE.

Village Threatened and Railways in Peril from Cave-Ins.

New York, Oct. 18.—According to a despatch to the Sun from Snamokin, a fire in the Enterprise mine there, which started on Saturday morning, has assumed such alarming proportions that fears are entertained that part of the village of Excelsior, underneath which the mines are, may be swallowed up by cave-ins if the fire cannot be checked. The Penna. and Reading roads are also in peril. They run over part of the danger zone. The mine fire has raged so fiercely that all the timber in the slope has been consumed, and it is thought the flames pushed their way to the Mammoth vein and ignited it. This mine is the thickest and best in the coal field, and if the coal is ignited thoroughly it may take years to conquer the blaze. Mine inspector Evans of this district, said that if the fire was not out in a few days, it would require many months before the end could be seen.

CHATHAM NEWS

Several Cases of Diphtheria—A Wedding—Death of Luke Mills.

Chatham, Oct. 17.—The death of Joseph, son of Luke Mills, occurred on Sunday, after an illness of several months. He was 17 years old, and leaves besides his parents, brothers and sisters, who have the sympathy of many in their sorrow.

The funeral will be held Tuesday, the interment being in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Miss Sara Ellen, daughter of Wm. Synnot, and Walter Boyle, were united in marriage, in the pro-cathedral this afternoon. The bride wore a stylish suit of navy blue cloth, and blue hat, and the bridesmaid, Miss Maria Condron was also becomingly attired in a blue cloth suit and hat of same shade.

After the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Henry T. Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. Boyle drove to the home of the bride's parents, where they will reside.

They are both very popular, and have the good wishes of many, for prosperity and happiness.

Two new cases of diphtheria were reported yesterday, and one, to-day.

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Society today presented Miss Maggie McNaught with a very beautiful silver tea-service and sugar shell. Miss McNaught who has been a valued member of the Sunday school, and Endeavor, expects to leave on Wednesday for St. John, where she will be a principal in an interesting event.

REV. A. J. PROSSER WAS INDUCTED.

Waterloo Street Free Baptists Heartily Welcomed Their New Pastor Last Night.

Rev. A. J. Prosser, was formally inducted to the pastorage of Waterloo street Free Baptist church, last evening, in the presence of a large gathering of the local clergy, and members of the congregation. Deacon William Peters, presided. The meeting opened with devotional exercises, after which a male quartette sang a selection.

Rev. A. B. Cohol, delivered an address, on the relations of the pastor to the people. He spoke particularly of the importance of the pastor being a leader in his congregation. Rev. David Long spoke on the relations of the people to the pastor. The congregation should show their appreciation of their pastor's efforts, by their hearty co-operation in his work.

This was followed by a solo by Mrs. Cooper, after which Mr. Peters briefly welcomed the pastor on behalf of the people.

Rev. Dr. Gates then spoke. He said a few weeks ago, they had bidden farewell to one pastor, and now they were gathered to welcome another. He congratulated the congregation on getting one so soon. Dr. Gates also spoke for some length on the union of the Baptist and Free Baptist bodies. Twenty years ago it was thought advisable to unite if possible, and since that it had been discussed at different times. But Dr. Gates believed it to be very near at present.

Rev. A. J. Prosser, made a brief reply in which, he thanked all for their kind welcome. He hoped he never had to leave St. John.

After a solo by Mr. Galley, short addresses were given by Rev. G. W. Hamilton, Rev. Christopher Burnett, Rev. Mr. Ferguson, Rev. Mr. Stackhouse, and Rev. A. A. Ridout of Fredericton.

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HARD BATTLE WITH BANDITS.

Soldiers and Mexican Desperadoes Have a Sanguinary Encounter and Lives are Lost.

Mexico City, Oct. 18.—Three killed and fifteen more or less seriously wounded was the result of an attack by bandits on a residence near here and a subsequent encounter between the bandits and soldiers who were sent in pursuit of them.

The dead: Laurino Frias, Santa Julia, Nestor Flores, Bandit; Soldier, name unknown.

Crazed by drink, three bandits, Flores, Saledo and Herrero went to the residence of Vincento Godinez at Santa Julia, a northern suburb of this city and called for Godinez. When he issued from the house, accompanied by Laurino Frias, a servant, the bandits opened fire upon them. Frias was instantly killed and Godinez badly wounded.

When news of the tragedy reached the authorities of the city, twelve rurales were at once despatched to a plantation, whither it was learned the desperadoes had fled. A pitched battle ensued. Not a soldier in the squadron escaped unhurt.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamship Manchester Importer sailed from Manchester, on the 15th inst., for this port.

The steamer Ocamo came out of dry dock yesterday, at Halifax.

The steamer Minto is installing the Marconi wireless telegraph system at Commercial wharf. She will sail in a day or two for the Newfoundland coast and the St. Lawrence, to test the stations erected at these places last fall.

The steamer Lord Lansdowne sailed from Cardiff for Halifax on Saturday.

R.M.S. Tunisian, Captain Vipond, with 910 passengers and a general cargo, arrived on Saturday. Having landed passengers and Quebec cargo, she left for Montreal at 11 p. m. same day. Owing to a heavy gale the Tunisian was detained six hours off Rimouski to land the mails.

Pugwash, Oct. 17.—The tern schooner Sebago, of Boston, 370 tons, Captain G. Finley, bound to Dalhousie from Grand Narrows, C. B., broke both anchor chains at Cape Tormentine pier on Saturday and run for Pugwash for safety. The captain, who had never been on this coast before, made the harbor in excellent shape without a pilot and beached the schooner, where she will lie until the next high tides. The captain considers Pugwash the safest and best harbor he ever entered. It is possible that the Scho brigs to St. John's, Nfld., for the Maritime Clay Works. The gale was very severe and Captain Finley who is a St. John boy, was highly complimented by old sailors on the mastery way he handled his vessel coming up the harbor.

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