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Fitzsimmons always insisted that Joe Choynski hit him the hardest punch. The bout took place in Boston in 1894. Fitzsimmons borrowed \$1,000 from John D. Spreckels to bet on himself. The fight went along for a time when Choynski suddenly crossed Fitz with a right and dropped Bob to the floor. Bob told the story in this way:

"When I hit the floor, I lay still for a time. I lay still because I was all out. Suddenly I seemed to come to. I rolled over and got to my hands and knees. Then a funny thing happened. Everything was in a terrific whirl. Suddenly the people in the galleries seemed to slide down on me from all sides, chairs and all.

"Then I thought it was time to get up. I said to myself: 'Bob Fitzsimmons, you're going to be married. You've bet the \$1,000 that you borrowed from John D. Spreckels on yourself and here you are on the floor knocked out by Joe Choynski. Get up!'

"And then I tried to get up, but the queer part of it all was that I thought that up was down and down was up. They told me afterwards how the crowd laughed when they saw me rooting my head into the canvas as I tried to get up. Finally I did and I don't remember going any further. They called it a draw. It was the hardest punch I ever received in all my life."

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## Sporting News

### FITZSIMMONS MEMORIAL SERVICE IN CAMPBELL CHURCH, NEW YORK, SUNDAY, ATTENDED BY OLD TIMERS

Boyhood Chum from Helston, Cornwall, was Present— Said  
Bob Inherited His Fighting Qualities From His Father, Who  
was a Policeman and not a Clergyman—House of His Birth  
Still Stands.

New York, Oct. 28. — Men paid their last respects to Bob Fitzsimmons, fighting man, in this city today. They came from far and near, men who had loved the quaint warrior, men who had trembled at his power, men who had fought him toe-to-toe in furious tests of courage and breeding, men who had worked with him and gloried in his conquests—all these and more came to hear a last word or two of "Bob."

Their very presence at the memorial meeting in Campbell church this afternoon was a tribute to the memory of the man who was supreme as a modern gladiator.

There came a little man. A very little man with white hair. He mingled with the rest and nobody noticed him because nobody knew him. Even Joe Humphries failed to nod as the little man walked in silently and took up a position near the organ just as Jim Corbett was telling them that it was an honor to have been defeated by Bob Fitzsimmons.

Boyhood Chum.

"Did you know Bob?" someone asked the little man.

"Did I know Bob Fitzsimmons?" was his reply. "Man, I played with him when we were boys in Helston, Cornwall, more than 40 years ago! Bob went to Australia with his father, mother and some of his brothers and sisters. Bob was the youngest of 10 or 12. I came to America.

"We didn't meet until one night after he had beaten Dempsey.

"He and I talked over our kid days. I was five years older than Bobby. It wasn't so long ago that I met him and told him of my visit to Helston 12 years ago; how I went around to see the house in which he was born. They all asked about Bob, for he was their idol, too.

Father a Policeman.

"The house still stands, a little old miner's hut. Bob's father could step, and don't forget it. I've seen it printed that he was a minister. That isn't true. Bob's father was a policeman, and he was a whole force in himself. He could fight like a streak, and when the miners would get too gay and start trouble at some festival or county fair, old man Fitzsimmons, as powerful as Bobby ever was, was riot squad, reserves and patrol all in one."

### LONGBOAT HAS NOT BEEN KILLED

Toronto, Oct. 29. — Tom Longboat, the famous Indian Marathon runner, who has been officially killed in action in France, is still alive. Captain Tom Flanagan, former manager of the Indian, who went overseas with the same battalion and has returned to Canada, had a letter from him on Saturday in which he threatens to take action against an Indian in the United States who has been representing himself as Longboat. Tom describes some of his experiences in the front line trenches and says that it makes him sore to have this fellow going around the country having a good time on his reputation while he is undergoing such hardships.

#### RING NOTES.

Patsy Cline and Willie Jackson will box in Philadelphia November 5.

Charles Weinert, who was billed to meet Billy Miske at the Boston Armory A. A. says he is suffering from an injured hand and cannot keep the engagement. The club has secured Wild Burt Kenny to take his place.

Danny Morgan, manager of Levinsky, is making a big kick in New York over the decision in the bout in Boston last Tuesday night, but has no real grounds.

George Chip and K. O. Brown have been matched to box at Duluth November 9.

Benny Leonard and Frankie Callahan are going after some of the big dough in New York November 2.

Bill Brennan and Joe Bonds will meet at Lawrence Thursday night. Memphis Pal Moore and Jack Sharkey will box in Albany tonight.

### ALLAN CUP HOLDERS AGAIN IN HOCKEY

Ontario Dental College Will  
Have Strong Team—Oleson  
of Winnipeg will be  
With Them.

Dental Hockey Club of Toronto, champions of the Senior O.H.A., and holders of the Allan Cup again are in hockey. While nearly all their team are in khaki they will be available this winter and word comes from Winnipeg that Joe Oleson, a clever forward, will be at the Dental College this winter. He played with the 223rd Battalion seven last season and developed into the best left winger playing hockey in this city. Joe is fast and has an accurate shot which generally finds the net 2 or 3 times each game. Being almost deaf has hampered him, but not to any marked extent. It was his poor hearing that caused Oleson to be discharged from the army when his unit left for overseas.

### NEW HOCKEY LEAGUE COMING

Montreal, Oct. 29. — A meeting of the directors of the National Hockey Association will be held within a week, when the N.H.A. will suspend operations for the season and in all probability a new league will be formed with teams in Montreal, Ottawa, and Quebec.

### BILL DINEEN SHOT IN HAND

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 28. — William H. Dineen, American League umpire and once pitcher for the Boston Red Sox, accidentally shot himself in the right hand while hunting near Constantia, N. Y., yesterday.

The discharge penetrated the fleshy part of his hand and lacerated several fingers. No serious results are expected.

### GOOD OFFER FOR LEONARD

New York, Oct. 27. — Dick Curley has offered \$20,000 to Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, to box Charley White, Chicago lightweight. Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager, is willing. But there is a hitch over the staging of the bout, as Curley wants to stage it near Chicago. He says Gibson wants to stage it himself. Curley will insist on a twelve round fight. A shorter bout is arranged the purse will dwindle.



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