

THE GREAT BATTLE.

Interesting Opinions About the Coming Fight Between Dempsey and Fitzsimmons.

The Australian a Big Favorite.

English Sporting Authorities Call the Saltford Harriers Down for Alleged Professionalism.

CLEVELAND CLUB WANTS CARROLL.

And Fitzsimmons Can Have Fidler McKeever-General.

Without doubt the most important, and what promises to be the most exciting international prize fight that has taken place since the historic contest between Tom Sayers and J. C. Henman is scheduled to take place between Jack Dempsey and Bob Fitzsimmons on January 14 at New Orleans.

Already it is the leading topic of conversation in all the sporting circles of every large city in America, and betting is beginning to be lively.

There is a strong feeling in the sporting circles here that he will certainly defeat the Australian.

The latter, it is claimed, is a much overrated man and will not be able to stand up to the test.

It is generally believed that he is a good and powerful middleweight and that he is an overrated man.

A special from New Orleans says: "The Australian is the favorite here and will be the day of the fight."

It is all gone well and will be in excellent condition and his trainer, Jimmy Carroll, declares him to be the best he has ever seen.

He is very active and a hard hitter. He never tires of boxing.

Special from New Orleans says: "Dempsey is a training quarters, says: 'Dempsey is in first class condition and is confident of victory. He believes in Fitzsimmons is too tall for a good and powerful middleweight and that he is an overrated man, but declares that the Australian will be greatly defeated.'

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The American Champion Skater Greatly Admired by the Britishers.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Donoghue's skating was most favorable comment in Holland, where this week he won the amateur championship against a host of European experts.

It is generally admitted in this country, and it is generally admitted in Holland, that he is an overrated man, but declares that the Australian will be greatly defeated.

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The Suffolk Harriers Charged With Violating Amateur Rules in America.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Suffolk Harriers, since their return, have been given very severe criticism regarding their doings in America.

It is asserted that although the team, to its promoters, was unobjectionably a financial failure, yet, with scarcely an exception, the men have won some nice races.

They must have received payments over and above their actual personal expenses, so that, at any rate, they have not been entirely successful in the right to be considered amateurs.

Willing to Wrestle Lutberg.

Ed Reilly, the local lightweight wrestler, was in this office yesterday, and during a conversation, stated that he is much disappointed at the lightweight wrestler in the country accepting his challenge.

He is eager to secure a match. He is quite willing to travel to New York, and the championship. There has been much talk about Lutberg's being a wrestler, and here is a chance for him.

A Local Gold Swindler.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—David Dalton, who some weeks ago crossed the channel, swimming on his back, commenced this morning a long cold swim in 12 hours.

A Man for McCoy.

A local sporting man called at this office yesterday and left the following statement: "I think John L. Sullivan can win six rounds, Slavin being anxious to meet the American and best him at his own game."

The Road Scoundrels Coming.

Manager Davy, of the Fifth Avenue Museum, has engaged Fred Plasted, Wallace Rose, Jack Lagan and Captain Bond to give rowing exhibitions on their "ton boats" during the week commencing January 4.

A PROBABLE DEAL.

The Cleveland Club May Wish to Exchange McKeever for Fred Striker.

Special Telegram to the Dispatch.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—If the directors of the Pittsburgh Baseball Club are agreeable, it is not improbable that, when the proper time comes, the directors of the League club in this city will make a proposition to exchange some one of its men, perhaps McKeever, for Fred Carroll.

It is stated that the Cleveland club is very much in need of a catcher to alternate with Zimmer. The club would like to see Fred Carroll, but it is not certain that he can be had.

As stated in THE DISPATCH of two weeks ago, the Cleveland club is in favor of Tebeau playing at second base for Cleveland next year.

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A VILLAGE TRAGEDY.

Two Men Court the Same Maiden, and One Dies Mysteriously.

HIS RIVAL TELLS MANY STORIES.

The United Mine Fire Growing More Serious at Last Account.

A CREW TO BE RUN INTO THE MINE.

Special Telegram to the Dispatch.

MULLEN, Dec. 27.—This village is considerably worked up over a murder. George Plinter, an Austrian, deliberately shot and killed a man whose name is given as Plinter.

The shooting is supposed to have been the outcome of a genuine love affair. Plinter, whose home was in Mover, a short distance south of this place, was visiting Plinter's brother, John Plinter, who keeps a respectable boarding house at Mullen.

The afternoon the proprietor had occasion to visit Mr. Pleasant to do some shopping, leaving his wife and brother-in-law at home.

It is surrounded by Hattie Work and is Under Control.

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Buttser's janitor air was gone. Captain McLaughlin and Detective Van Gerichten and Lyman were his body guard. One of Justice O'Reilly's clerks received him in the private room.

Mr. William Duryee Hughes, the other divorce mill man who wilted under the sun, was also in the room, and he appeared to enjoy Mr. Buttser's humiliation.

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LOCAL RIVER NEWS.

The River Continues to Fall but the Coal is All Down.

The Keokuk State will be the Monday Clin d'air boat.

The Scoop had a big load of passengers for Cincinnati, but her freight was light.

The river is still falling, and yesterday it registered but little over 5 feet. The coal is about all down the river, however.

COMING up the river on her last trip, the H. K. Bedford lost all the buckets but two from her wheel. This handicapped her so she could make but two miles an hour. The ice caused the trouble.

ALMOST A RESURRECTION.

The Terrible Experience of Mr. Phillip A. C. Beaver as Told by Himself.

His Condition Had Continued for Years --The Story of His Final Rescue by Drs. Copeland & Blair.

Mr. Phillip A. C. Beaver, who lives at Wilkinsburg, Pa., and is in the employ of the Union Switch and Signal Company, of Swisshouse, Pa., has the following to say in commendation of Drs. Copeland and Blair:

"I think my catarrhal trouble was hereditary. I had been afflicted more or less all my life. But for the past ten years I suffered constantly, the disease and attendant pains being more severe than ever. I was almost entirely blind, and I was little better than a dead man.

After reading the statements of patients who had been cured by Drs. Copeland and Blair while suffering almost as well as I ever was, I decided to try their treatment, although I expected when I paid out my money that it would be like all the rest--for nothing.

"I imagine my surprise and delight to find that I improved steadily under their splendid care, until now I am as well as I ever was in my life. I need not tell you my symptoms, I had them all, and so I need not describe my present condition, eyes, ears, lungs and stomach, and, in fact, nearly every portion of my body was affected by this infernal disease. Drs. Copeland and Blair not only furnish their patients all medicines, but give them also a regular medical local treatment--and, as a result, my condition is now such that I can do my work as usual. I would not do it for half the price. They saved my life, for had it not been for them the disease would have brought me to my grave."

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