

STRENGTH AND SKILL To Have an Argument of Great Interest in New Orleans To-Night, BEGINNING AT 8 O'CLOCK SHARP.

Fitzsimmons and Maher Reported in First-Class Condition. NEW YORK BETTORS FOR THE IRISHMAN

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW ORLEANS, March 1.—Charlie Mitchell has put himself in condition for his sparring match before the Olympic Club to-morrow night. He refused to meet Corbett because he was not in training.

"I will only take a short rest and then return to America and make a match with Sullivan. That is what I came to America for, and I grew tired of waiting. I was told Sullivan could not fight for 10 or 11 months, and I did not want to be idle all the time. This Jackson match was then proposed. I said I would fight, if I lose, of course my chance will be gone, but if I win I will be about in plenty of time to meet Sullivan when he will be ready to fight."

"What do you think of the Maher-Fitzsimmons fight?" "I think Maher ought to win, unless Fitzsimmons has strengthened and improved wonderfully in the last few years. I saw him perform several times in the country, and I think Hall can whip him. I saw Maher when he fought Lambert, in England. He is big and strong, and a good hard hitter. I took a fancy to him when I saw him fight and afterward Mitchell favored him as much as I did. I think he ought to win on weight and skill."

No Fitzsimmons Men There. There will be no Fitzsimmons men in the Slavin party. They had but one voice, and that voice was all for Maher. Mr. Gallinger, the London writer, was asked for his opinion. "I have never seen Fitzsimmons," he said, "but I know a great deal about Maher. He got second once in an English amateur middle-weight championship, and in Ireland, in connection with a professional pugilist, being patronized by a well-known bookmaker of Dublin, of exceptional standing—Tony Sage. Mainly through his instrumentality, in conjunction with Mitchell, Maher was matched against Lambert, and before half of the first round was over Maher had done the business. Lambert never had a ghost of a show. Then he fought Al Bowman, in Dublin, and readily got away with him. Bowman was considered a promising middle-weight."

Maher's Arrival in America. "We next heard of Maher contemplating making America his home. Sage arranged matters for him with Billy Madden, and since Maher's arrival it is common history that he has won every time he was asked to star. He has made short work of everybody pitted against him. It is my opinion that he is now regarded as the biggest job he has ever had. In the meeting with Fitzsimmons, I think his strength will serve him more than his science, although since his advent in America he has considerably improved in science. While retaining his power to punch right and left, Maher is very loose, easy and close together, and is a very stout puncher. I know nothing about Fitzsimmons."

Slavin Fails to Make a Choice. Slavin fails to make a choice between the two, but if it were a case of odds being laid on Fitzsimmons he would take his chances on Maher. Slavin has the advantage of having seen both men. Hall Believes in Maher. Jim Hall, Fitzsimmons' old antagonist, is also a strong believer in Maher. He will probably try to make a match with the winner of the Maher-Fitzsimmons fight. "I don't think Fitzsimmons will win," he said. "It is not prejudice. Fitzsimmons is clever. He may be cleverer than Maher, but Maher is skillful, is a hard hitter, with true good hands, and it is foolish to talk of a man giving away 21 pounds to such an opponent as Maher."

"But there is no 21 pound difference," suggested a bystander. "Fitzsimmons weighs 170 pounds, and has not an ounce of superfluous flesh on him." Hall looked puzzled, and after a moment's pause remarked: "Well, he trains down and is strong at 140 pounds, and trains up and is strong at 170 pounds, and has not a freak in it. That is all there is of it."

Madden and Fallon succeeded in their scheme of getting Maher into the city without anyone seeing him or finding where he was quartered. For the last two or three days there have been the most contradictory stories about Maher, and it was evident that a great deal of news was being sent out about him for the purpose of misleading and misdirecting the public. Madden and Fallon declared that he would not be here before Wednesday morning, but this was understood to be a mere ruse to detract attention, and that the ring was general that he would be smuggled in ahead of that time. Last night it was reported on good authority that Maher was here, and the rumor was generally accepted. It was, however, without foundation, for Maher was successfully smuggled in this morning, without anyone being aware of it.

supporters will be somewhat disappointed if he falls below 180. Jimmie Carroll came over from Bay St. Louis to-day, leaving Fitzsimmons in charge of Chovynski and Gregains. He also talked his man up to the utmost, and declared that Fitzsimmons was never in better trim. He was weighed up to 176, but this morning was 170, and will fight at that weight, and Carroll insists that he has no superfluous flesh on him, but that he is one of those wonderful men upon whom 20 pounds or so do not show. Fitzsimmons sparred yesterday with Gregains and Chovynski, but it was thought prudent to give this up altogether to-morrow morning, as the ride is a short one of only two hours and cannot fatigue him.

The Metropolitan Club Meeting. When the Metropolitan Club found that Ryan would not be able to meet Needham in his ring, on account of his sickness, it set about finding a substitute who would take his place. It was at first thought that the original fight itself ought to take place, but a later day, when Ryan was recovered, and the doctor insisted that Ryan would not be well within two weeks, and he would require probably two weeks more of training to put himself in condition, which would make a delay of a month. Needham growled at this, although the club offered to pay his expenses here in the meantime.

The long delay, however, was a serious matter, as the crowd now here would be gone in a few days, and the attendance would be much smaller at a later meeting. The club has sold 3,200 tickets, taking in over \$10,000, and did not like the idea of being knocked out of this. Various propositions to arranging another match were suggested. Billy Meyer was approached, but he refused to entertain the idea for a second, declaring that he was entirely out of training and it would be folly for him to enter the ring.

A Match Fetched Up With Burke. A match was finally patched up with Burke, who has been training Ryan. Burke is the champion lightweight of Texas, and has enjoyed an unbroken record of 24 victories, and claims the lightweight championship of the South. He is 22 years of age and weighs 137 pounds. He has been the boxing instructor of the Young Men's Gymnastic Club of this city. He was to have been in Ryan's corner, and was greatly disappointed when Ryan was taken sick. As soon as the President of the Metropolitan mentioned the subject Burke agreed to accept the place of Ryan, and Mike Conley, the Irishman, who is acting for Needham, accepted the proposition and articles were signed at once.

No fight probably ever came so soon after the signing of articles as this, for the match was arranged this morning and fixed for 8 in the evening. The fact that Burke has been training Ryan necessitated his doing a great deal of work himself, and while he was in thorough training himself he was in a fair condition for the fight, but Needham repudiated when Ryan was taken sick. Last Night's Betting in New York. A special from New York late last night says: The only discussion last night among the New York sporting public was the Maher-Fitzsimmons fight. The feeling of sympathy for Maher had not abated. But reports of his willingness to fight which have come up from the South have made many of the Irish champions' would-be backers hold off. There are so many Irish-Americans in this city that the good wishes for Maher can be readily explained, and the small betters, those who put up from \$20 to \$10, are all with Peter. The men who stake their hundreds and thousands are men who bet to win. These men think they have a chance that justifies them in backing Maher.

There is very little Fitzsimmons money hereabouts. The persons who want to be behind Fitz are also small betters. Jimmy Lynch, the 122-pound champion, bet Jack Sheehan, in Billy Sexton's billiard room, on Broadway, \$10 on Fitz. Sheehan already had \$700 on Maher. Rod McMahon, Lynch's backer, is taking the Maher end, and has laid out \$400. He has \$200 more to go the same way. At Warren Lewis' place there are \$500 of Maher money, which can be taken at any time to-day. Steve Brodie laid \$300 to go on Maher, in case he could not get all he wanted in New Orleans. Maher Reported All Right. Billy Madden yesterday sent a telegram to a well-known bookmaker in this city, saying that Maher was all right. This was in reply to the reports that Peter was "off" in his training. Jack Quinn, the Scotch light-weight champion, who won \$250 on the Lynch-Halligan contest, will put the whole amount on Maher, but can't find a taker. Dick Hoye, the Bowery restaurant-keeper, wants to place \$150 on Maher. Charley Burke from the South, who has bet \$100 to bet on Maher, and Jeff Carpenter, of Delaney & Forsyth, will put \$250 on the Irishman. Fitzsimmons men are few and far between when it comes to putting up cash.

MANY HOT FIGHTS ON. The Mayorality Campaign but One of a Number of Hot Allegheny Contests.—The struggle for State Delegate the Warrenton of the Lat. The contest for the Republican nomination for Mayor of Allegheny, while hot enough to satisfy the most ardent political worker, has not been allowed to throw a shadow over the several other political contests in that city of politicians. Besides this contest the Republican factions are squared away in a lively fight for national delegates. After the withdrawal of Blaine from the Presidential race it was agreed among the Southern warriors that William Withers and John W. Chalfant should without a fight be sent to the National Convention. A telegram from Senator Quay in Florida indicated that Mr. Chalfant would not be a satisfactory delegate and Harry Clevor was named as the man. The Chalfant people are not satisfied with the arrangement and their fight is second only to the Mayorality contest. The fight for the Legislature in the two Allegheny districts, with Senator Rutan leading the anti-Quay forces and Messrs. McDonald and Robinson opposing him, follows in importance and interest. But the fight for delegates to the Republican State Convention leads them all in interest. It was reported yesterday that in an election precinct in the First district \$300 was placed in the hands of ward workers to carry the precinct. There are but 90 votes cast in the precinct. It was also reported that in many cases in the First district \$50 have been paid for single vote, and it is claimed that the fight will cost one of the four candidates for delegate at the lowest calculation \$6,000.

With all these fights now fairly on the Republican politicians are revolving in a bitter war and many of those who work only during political contests are out day and night serving their friends at the regular rates. The Allegheny Democrats have not been stirred up to the fighting point. Henry Boker decided yesterday that he would accept the nomination for Mayor. The Democratic City Committee will meet to-night to make the nomination. The Kennedy Republicans of the Second ward, Allegheny, met last night at the ward schoolhouse. Thomas A. Parke, Chairman of Common Council, presided. He denied that he was not in earnest in his contest for delegate to the State Convention, and he expressed confidence in his ability to win.

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THE LAKE COMMERCE. Prospects That the Great Stocks of Grains to Be Moved Will PUT UP IRON ORE FREIGHTS. Ore Docks at Cleveland Are Being Cleared Up in Spite Of THE GLOOMY OUTLOOK FOR THE TRADE

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. CLEVELAND, O., March 1.—The outlook for lake commerce the coming season is very encouraging to vessel men, and they confidently anticipate a profitable season. The great stock of wheat in the Northwest will provide more grain cargoes than in any spring for many years, and freight rates are correspondingly firm. Contracts for wheat from Chicago to Buffalo at 3 1/2 cents a bushel have been made within a few days, and one owner reports an offer of a 60 days' contract for wheat at 4 cents from Duluth. These figures make the rate on ore firm at \$1 from Escanaba to Ohio ports, \$1.15 from Marquette, and \$1.25 to \$1.35 from Ashland and Two Harbors.

While this is much better than contract rates last year, it is actually from 4 to 8 per cent below the average contract rates during the last ten years, and the apprehension that the high rates of the ore and steel are arising seriously, accordingly seems to vessel owners to be a scare for revenue only. However, the vessel men fail to give due weight to the dull iron situation. If it continues, it will undoubtedly happen that a very high rate on ore will materially lessen sales.

At present the ore docks are being cleared up in a very encouraging way. The past week about 25,000 tons were taken out of Cleveland against freight rates that had as much the corresponding week of last year, and unless something happens to check the present movement, there will be less ore on the Lake Erie docks when navigation opens than at any time for many years.

A Large Fleet in Reading. The danger to the one trade from high lake rates would be much greater were it not that the lake shipyards have been busy all winter and will have launched a large fleet by the time the season is fairly begun. Forty-five vessels are building, 32 of which are steel and 40 are wood. Seven of these are Government lightship tenders and will, of course, not count in the freight situation, but the remainder includes among them two immense 5,000-ton freighters built by the Globe Works here for the Minnesota Steamship Company and a number of large "whalebacks."

The average size of the bulk freight vessels launched on the lakes increases each year, the notable feature this season being the greater breadth of beam. Both the Minnesota steamships referred to above are 40 feet beam, while but one or two of the vessels built last year exceeded 40 and none were over 42. That deeper channels are secured by Government improvements, greater breadth of beam is the only means left of securing vessels of larger carrying capacity, the narrow river ports making greater length objectionable.

The greatest development in the Lake Superior iron districts continues to be in the Vermilion range. An immense new ore dock is being built at Two Harbors, at a cost of \$125,000, for the Duluth and Iron Range Railroad, and it is stated at least 400,000 tons more ore will be shipped from that port this year than ever before.

New Ore Docks of Great Capacity. But this is not the only development in that section. The Duluth, Mesaba and Northern range has a complete new district, and at the village of West Duluth is preparing to build ore docks that will rival those of any of the other ore ports, being higher than the highest at Two Harbors, and costing in round figures \$200,000. They will have the immense shipping capacity of 1,000,000 tons a year.

No special boom is noted in any of the other districts, though the general report from each promises to maintain the output of last season and perhaps increase it. It seems likely, therefore, that the total ore output this season will equal, if not surpass, the unprecedented amount of two years ago. One of the most important reports recently in connection with the lakes is that of shipping coal across Lake Michigan in coal cars on immense barges. The Hocking Valley and Toledo and Ann Arbor and West-Michigan Railroad are said to be in the deal, which contemplates the building of four great steel tow barges on which loaded coal cars will be ferried across from Frankfort to Keweenaw, a powerful ice-crusher suitably equipped to be employed to keep open a channel during the winter. The project is generally looked upon as a daring but rather promising one.

FIFTEEN DEAD, TEN MISSING. Seal Fishermen Driven Off by a Breeze From the Newfoundland Coast. ST. JOHNS, N. F., March 1.—Fifteen of the men who were driven off from Trinity by a fierce breeze while seal hunting on Saturday, perished from exposure, and ten are still missing. The north coast is barricaded with ice. A steamer which went out to search for the missing men has been unable to get along, and grave doubts are felt of their being found alive.

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