

TO-NIGHT'S BATTLE.

Goddard and Maher Both in Very Fine Condition for the Contest.

AUSTRALIAN A FAVORITE.

Outsiders Cause a Surprise or Two Down at Guttenberg Track.

LOCAL BASEBALL OF INTEREST.

Secretary Tracy Gives His Opinion About the Two-Minute Trotter.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

(SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—For some unknown reason the opinion seems current that pugilist Peter Maher has neglected to get himself in proper condition for his battle with Goddard, and is in consequence incapable of really making it interesting for the barrier champion on Thursday night.

A number of newspaper men and sports, including Dave Holland, Maher's backer, and John Brady, visited Maher yesterday.

Maher never looked better in his life. His skin is as white and firm as human training skill could possibly make it.

There is not an ounce of adipose tissue visible. His flesh to the touch is as hard and tough as shoe leather, and his splendid condition reflects great credit upon his faithful trainer, Tommy Clark.

When Maher first commenced the arduous task set before him he weighed something in the neighborhood of 194 pounds.

Yesterday, in the presence of reporters, he tipped the scales at exactly 175 1/2.

The methods he employed in getting rid of the obnoxious superfluous flesh he illustrated.

Peter's first taste of hard work comes to him in the morning, when his already familiar footsteps are heard as they travel at a gentle trot back over the hill of Navesink.

He usually takes a ten-mile spin and then returns to his abode. Then follows the punching-bag exercise, which usually lasts 40 minutes or so.

This leather-covered apparatus, by the way, is deemed most efficacious by Peter. The same over his work that he but more force than usual in his blows and bursts the bag to pieces.

A new one had to be substituted. After this had been dispensed with he tried his strength at the "wrist machine," then a trial of his wind, skipping the rope, and a few minutes with the dumbbells.

After this follows a brisk exercise with the "medicine" ball, and the subject of the contest is followed in the afternoon, only that the walk is stretched to 15 miles, and running up and down 50 steps for 20 minutes is added to the programme.

He is rubbed down good and hard this time in alcohol and then takes a short walk.

The betting to-day was 5 to 3 and as high as 6 to 4 on Goddard. Maher's stock is going up and the immediate friends of both men to-day bet money; at least they deposited money as bets. There are many suspicious people who think the contest is "fixed."

If it is Maher who will win it, he has a good chance to win on the square.

MEYER AND BURGE.

The Western Cyclone Wants to Fight the English Champion Lightweight.

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ARMS ON THE LAKES.

A Matter Standing Since 1817 That Is in Need of Modernizing

IN VIEW OF SOME WALLIKE SIGNS.

Democrats Begin an Assault on the Silver and Sugar Laws.

THE BIG MONEY NEEDED BY UNCLE SAM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The President to-day, in answer to a resolution, transmitted to the Senate the report on the agreement between the United States and Great Britain concerning armament on the great lakes.

The resolution called explicitly for an opinion from the State Department as to whether the arrangement of 1817 is now held to be in force.

The Secretary of State, in his report to-day, states that the correspondence exchanged in 1804 shows that it is so regarded.

It does not appear, he says, that any British or Canadian naval vessels are now or have been for many years stationed on the lakes.

No information has been received as to the number, tonnage and armament of British vessels stationed in these waters, but it has been recently stated on the authority of a report to the Treasury Department that two vessels for the Dominion Government have been constructed at Owen Sound, Ontario, and that although they are not yet ready for service they are to be stationed on the lakes.

The Secretary then adds significantly that "additional weight is perhaps lent to this latter aspect of the report by the precautionary steps that appear to have been taken to guard them from the possibility of capture."

The dimensions of the locks in the St. Lawrence river exclude the entrance into the lakes of any vessels exceeding nine feet draft or 200 feet in length; and the vessels borne on the Great Lakes list which appear to be capable of passage from the deep sea to the lakes are some 43 tugs drawing eight feet and armed with rapid-firing guns.

As between the two countries, the arrangement of 1817 is to be regarded as still in existence, and only terminable in good faith by six months' notice of abrogation on either side.

The circumstances and form of the original arrangement of 1817 have not been reported to the Senate, but it is understood that a reciprocal regulation of the two Governments for reciprocal regulation of a matter within the administrative competence of each.

The question of the spirit which controls the arrangement is of greater importance to their interests than any narrow contentions respecting its literal observance.

Mr. Foster then makes the following recommendations: "It seems most desirable now, in view of the long lapse of time and the vast changes wrought in these and other no less important respects, that the arrangement be revised and made to conform to the present order of things, and with such adaptation to the exigencies of the future as prudence may forecast."

MISS LAURA CLEMENT, always a great favorite in Pittsburgh, has recovered from the illness that has prevented her appearance with the Lillian Russell Opera Company during the week.

THE attractions at the World's Museum Theater next week will be Joseph D. Clifton and Louise, with their stock company in the melodrama "Harper's Ferry."

JOHN RADT, the long-headed man, who comes to Harry Davis' Eden Musee next week, is said to be a truly wonderful monomaniac.

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PRECAUTIONS AT CHICAGO

Against Letting in Any Packages That Might Bear Cholera Germs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Secretary of the Treasury has approved the recommendations of the Collector of Customs at Chicago that wrappers and packages containing exhibits for the World's Fair may be burned or otherwise destroyed at the discretion of the collector.

The act best is taken in view of the prevalence of cholera in some of the cities from which exhibits may be expected. It is held that while there is no danger from new merchandise, the germs of contagion may be conveyed in the wrappers.

STRAIGHT STAGE TIPS.

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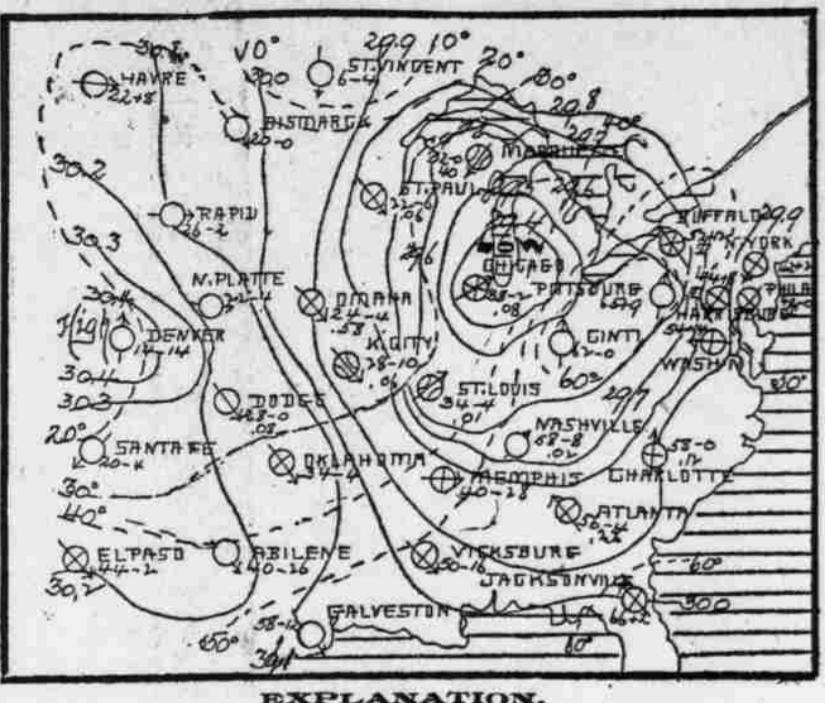
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OUR DAILY WEATHER MAP



EXPLANATION. CLOUDLESS, PARTLY CLOUDY, CLOUDY, RAIN, SNOW. Arrow files with wind. First figures at station indicate temperature; next figures indicate change in temperature; and third figures indicate amount of rain or snow.

FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA—Rain or Snow; Higher and Dangerous South-westerly and Westerly Winds, With a Cold Wave in the Extreme Western Portion of Western Pennsylvania.

FOR WEST VIRGINIA AND OHIO—Local Rain or Snow; High Westerly Winds; a Cold Wave.

WEATHER CONDITIONS—The storm has moved slowly northeastward with increased intensity. It has been accompanied by rain in the eastern half and snow on the western side, and by heavy southwesterly gales in the Lower Ohio Valley, easterly gales over Lakes Michigan and Huron and high northwesterly winds in the Lower Missouri Valley.

THE LOCAL FORECAST OFFICIAL OF THE WEATHER BUREAU FURNISHES THE FOLLOWING: BAROMETRIC—3 A. M., 29.88; 3 P. M., 29.74; 9 P. M., 29.69.

RELATIVE HUMIDITY—3 A. M., 94; 3 P. M., 85; 9 P. M., 79. PRECIPITATION past 24 hours from 8 P. M., .45.

TEMPERATURE—3 A. M., 41; 12 M., 64; 3 P. M., 67; 9 P. M., 65. Highest, 70; lowest, 49; average, 60, which is 2° above the normal. Seventy degrees is the highest temperature during December since December 9, 1888, when it was 72°.

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES. Louisville Items—The Stage of Water and the Movements of Boats.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 7.—Business good. Weather cloudy. River stationary, with 1 feet 11 inches on the falls, 5 feet 10 inches in the canal and 7 feet on the falls.

THE A. E. Woodruff passed up for Cincinnati. The Alice Brown will leave Madison for Memphis Saturday morning.

What Upper Gages Show. WARREN—River 1 1/2 feet. Clear and warm. BANGOR—River 3 1/2 feet 10 inches and rising. Clear. Thermometer 55° at 4 P. M.

THE NEWS FROM BELOW. EVANSVILLE—River 5 feet 7 inches and stationery. Indications of rain.

THE FIRE RECORD. Pottsville—After a day and night of incessant labor, the fire in the airway of the Eagle Hill colliery, between M. E. Church, one of the oldest of its denomination in the city, was damped 8000. It was originally created in 1818; burned down in 1858, and was afterwards rebuilt.

Homestead—Old Fellows' building damaged \$2,900. E. Cronin's loss on stock of furniture on the first floor was \$4,000, insured. The building recently became the property of Alexander Hutchinson, of Pittsburg, who is remodeling it for hotel purposes.

THREE-STATE BALANCE. PARKERSBURG—A feud between Farmers David Akire and Perry Collins ended in a terrible fight with fists and guns. Akire was mortally wounded.

AN Interesting Little Booklet. Messrs. Hardy & Hayes, the well-known jewelers of Smithfield street, have just issued a little book entitled "Facts on Cut Glass." The book is neatly illustrated, and incidentally it advertises "Natural Gas" as a gas, which Messrs. Hardy & Hayes are sole agents in this vicinity.

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