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SCRANTON, PA., SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 18, 1897.

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KID MCCOY WINS FIGHT Creedon Throws Up the Sponge in Fifteenth Round.

THE SPORTS WERE THERE Battle in the Puritan Club's Arena.

The Building is Crowded to Excess. McCoy Backers Offer 3 to 1 on Their Favorite-Jim Corbett's Opinion Before the Battle-Both Men were Confident at the Start.

New York, Dec. 17.—Norman Shelby, of Rush county, Ind., better known in pugilistic circles as "Kid McCoy," is undoubtedly the middleweight champion pugilist of the world. He met Dan Creedon, of New Zealand, tonight in the arena of the Puritan Athletic club at Long Island City, and after fighting fifteen lively rounds, made the foreigner throw up the sponge and acknowledge the "Hoosier's" superiority. Long before the big event took place the frame building in which it was held was crowded to excess. Bets were freely made with McCoy the favorite at 3 to 1. The "Kid's" wonderful science and self-possession were always in evidence, and these, combined with the advantage of height and reach, enabled him to outpoint his more stockily built antagonist. From the moment the men put up their hands in the opening round, McCoy's stock began to ascend. It was "boosted" so rapidly that at the end of the sixth round McCoy's backers were offering 3 to 1 on their man. "McCoy is a wonder," was the universal comment when the fight was over, and no one, even those who bet against him, begrudged him his well won laurels.

Charley White, who trained Bob Fitzsimmons for his fight with Peter Maher, and later trained Corbett for his bout with Fitzsimmons in Carson City last St. Patrick's day, was one of the most interested spectators in the arena. He watched every move made by both men, and when they had left the ring, he said: "In all my ring experience, I have never seen such a magnificent exhibition of the middleweight as that given by McCoy tonight, and if Fitzsimmons is out of the business as a middleweight, the 'Hoosier' has no peer. McCoy gave an excellent illustration of the improved style of fighting inaugurated by Jack Dempsey and improved upon by Jim Corbett. In tonight's fight he was not even hurried and now the heat of us are simply guessing as to how good a man the 'Kid' is. He has all the physical advantages and if he takes good care of himself, it will be a long time before he meets with defeat."

CORBETT'S OPINION. During the preliminary bouts Jim Corbett found time to express an opinion on the outcome of the main contest. "My opinion has been all along that both men are very evenly matched. I have no preference. They say that McCoy has youth, height and reach, but if I may venture an opinion I must say that age does not count and I prefer ring experience. Now draw your own conclusions from what I have said. I am perfectly satisfied that you will see an excellent exhibition of the manliest sport ever."

Creedon was equally satisfied, and said: "The smallest of the ring does not matter, will give a good account of myself, and have no hesitation in saying that I will win." After the two preliminary bouts had been wound up satisfactorily, Mayor P. J. Gleason walked up the main aisle and was received with vociferous cheers. When he reached the ringside a dozen men in blue and red uniforms entered the arena to surround him into the square in the circle. There were loud cries for a speech, to which the mayor replied. He said, in part: "Gentlemen, I am not John L. Sullivan nor McCoy nor Creedon. I am the mayor of this city and I bid you all welcome. This is the first time you have entertained a scientific boxing match, but I can assure you that any prize fighter who came tonight to see a ring fight had better go right now to the nearest office and get his money back. This ring will be occupied only by men who take part in boxing contests."

IN THE RING. The curtain raiser was a six-round affair, in which Steve Flanagan, of Philadelphia, and George Ross, of this city, met at 165 pounds. They started in at a lively pace. Ross being the aggressor and in the first round he landed a hard left on the Philadelphia's face, cutting him about the eye badly. It was five and took in the next three rounds, both boys getting about the ring in lively style, and the fighting was fast. In the fifth round Flanagan landed a hard right on the nose and Ross bled profusely. The Philadelphia played for the body and at the end had his man pretty well worked out. Flanagan got the decision. Jack McKeok, of New York, and Jack Ward, of Newark, N. J., fought eight rounds at 150 pounds. The men met in the fifth they began to warm up and in the sixth Ward landed a couple of

MANY OFFICES ARE NOW FILLED A Batch of Consular Appointments Announced.

LATE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS W. W. Thomas of Maine for Minister to Sweden-Hamilton King of Michigan for Sinn-A Number of Treasury Officers Named.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: State—William W. Thomas, Jr., of Maine, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Sweden and Norway.

Hamilton King, of Michigan, to be minister resident and consul general of the United States to Spain. James C. Jordan, of Pennsylvania, to be secretary of legation and consul general of the United States at Bogota, Colombia.

Richard O. Achorn, of Massachusetts, to be secretary of legation of the United States at St. Petersburg, Russia. Treasury—Nathan R. Scott, of West Virginia, to be commissioner of internal revenue. John Peterson, of Minnesota, to be collector of customs for the district of Minnesota.

WIDOWS SAIL FOR KLONDIKE. Nearly Half a Hundred of Them to Double Cape Horn. New York, Dec. 17.—Fifty-five women passengers for the Klondike are on board the steamship City of Columbia, which sailed this afternoon for Seattle by way of Cape Horn.

A Man Who Taught Another to Steal Committed Suicide. New York, Dec. 17.—When Albert Sommers was arraigned in court today on the charge of embezzling from the American Express company, the secret of the suicide of W. H. Bishop, a trusted employe of the company, was disclosed.

TO JOIN HIS PARTNER IN CRIME. Justice Overtakes a Fugitive After Three Years. Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 17.—Bernard Schuster, a noted thief, was lodged in jail tonight to answer charges of robbery and horse stealing, crimes committed three years ago.

Peruvian Affairs. Lima, via Galveston, Dec. 17.—The steamer San Pedro Montt to form a cable-line have been ordered by the government to be used in connection with the Orrego-Lasso is now trying to construct a railway.

NO MORE SEALSKINS. The Bill Just Passed Congress Will Be a Blow to the Fur Industry.

Washington, Dec. 17.—It has developed that the bill relating to pelagic sealing, which has just passed both houses of congress and is before the president, contains a provision of far-reaching importance which has thus far escaped attention.

When the bill was proposed it was generally supposed that its only purpose was to prohibit American citizens from carrying on pelagic sealing. This feature was the only one to attract attention during the discussion.

Those who are thoroughly familiar with the bill say this provision is of far more importance in its effect than the prohibition against pelagic sealing by Americans.

KILLED WITH WEDDING NEAR. Son of a Prohibitionist Governor Fatal Candidate Meets Death.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 17.—John J. Cooper, aged 22, in charge of the elevator in the Federal building, was fatally hurt about 5 o'clock this evening by the explosion of the acetylene lamp in the basement of the building.

WOMER WITH THE COMBINE. Son to Continue Father's Political Career. Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 17.—The Citizens' Republican league has directed an inquiry as to the anti-quay sentiment in this county, and an investigation of Congressman Olmsted's record.

SLAVER OF TERRISS. The Motive for the Crime Found in Letters. London, Dec. 17.—Richard Arthur Prince, who last night stabbed and killed Arthur William Terriss, was arraigned at Bow street police court today and remanded until next Wednesday.

Small Shanty Burned. A small shanty, presumably a tool-house, located near the Erie and Wyoming Valley railroad tracks at No. 5, caught fire about 10 o'clock this morning and burned down.

Murdered by Robbers. South Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 17.—David Lambert, aged 41, was murdered tonight at his home in Shelton by two robbers whom he had surprised in the house.

CARL SCHURZ IS RE-ELECTED Made President of the National Civil Service Reform League.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 17.—The National Civil Service Reform League today re-elected Carl Schurz president by acclamation. The remainder of the officers selected are as follows: Vice-presidents—Charles J. Adams, Philadelphia; Henry Hitchcock, St. Louis; Henry Charles Lea, Philadelphia; Augustus R. MacDonough, New York; Franklin MacVeigh, Chicago; J. Hall Pleasants, Baltimore; Dr. Rev. Henry C. Potter, New York; William Fairlie, New York; Dr. Rev. P. J. Ryan, Philadelphia; Secretary—George McAneny, New York; Treasurer—A. S. Friswell, New York.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED. Resolutions were adopted urging support of the civil service law and denouncing any attempt by Republican congressmen to repeal it.

BEATTY ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE. Bold Plot to Get the Forger Out of Jail is Thwarted. Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 17.—Bold but unsuccessful plans to escape from jail were made by T. Charley Beatty, former prominent Chicago lawyer, former supreme secretary of the A. P. A., and ex-principal of Colwater, Mich. schools.

Wounded by a Confidence Man. Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 17.—During a dispute at the Exchange hotel today, James C. McNamee, known as 'confidence man,' shot and mortally wounded William McNamee, of this place.

Died From Scalds. Lancaster, Dec. 17.—Irwin Ditzler, the four-year-old son of Harrison Ditzler, of Clear Spring, died today from scalds received by falling into a bucket of boiling water.

Stemship Arrivals. New York, Dec. 17.—Cleopatra, La Gascon, Havre, Umbria, Liverpool, Bona, Genoa, Naples, etc., Marselles-Arrived; Britannic, New York for Naples.

CASE OF MURDERER HILL. Attorneys Still Trying to Save His Neck by Technicalities.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—Clerk A. C. Heron, of the clerk of the courts office, completed during the day two certified copies of the record in the case against Philip Hill, who, on Dec. 8 last, escaped hanging because his attorneys appealed the case to the Supreme court, less than an hour before the time set for the hanging.

When the case is called before the Supreme court, Assistant District Attorney John S. Robb will probably ask the court to quash the appeal, on the grounds that the date of execution was set, and that it did not act as a supersedeas because neither the Supreme court nor a lower court judge signed the appeal.

BUSINESS IS LARGE. Payments Through Banks are Greater Than in the Year 1892--Production Exceeds Past Records.

New York, Dec. 17.—R. G. Duq & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say in its issue tomorrow: Close to its annual holiday halt, the business of the year is surprisingly large. Payments through banks are again 2.5 per cent. larger than in 1892, heretofore the year of greatest prosperity, the production of iron and woolens and boots and shoes, is larger than ever before, exports exceed all past records, and failures for the two weeks have been the smallest in five years.

IN THE HOUSE. The house today completed the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, excepting a paragraph relating to the civil service. By agreement the debate on this latter paragraph will go over until after the holidays.

Attempt at Train Wreck. Chicago, Dec. 17.—An unsuccessful attempt to wreck the last mail train from New Orleans to Chicago on the Illinois Central was made last night near Lima, six miles from the city. A bomb was placed across the track at a place where the embankment is very steep. The train struck them while running at a speed of fifty-five miles an hour, six of the plates being blown to bits. Fortunately the engine did not leave the track. The motive was presumably robbery.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING. Weather Indications Today: Showers, Followed by Fair. 1. General—Creedon Meets His Waterloo in the Prize Ring Congressional Debates. The President Makes Many Appointments. Schurz Re-elected President of the Municipal Reform League.

THE HERALD'S WEATHER FORECAST. New York, Dec. 18.—In the middle states and New England, today, clear, much colder weather will prevail, with fresh northwesterly winds becoming high off the coast followed by a 'cold wave' and minimum temperature of about 29 degrees in the Delaware valley tonight.

THE DEBATE SPIRITED Use of Alcohol is Discussed in the Senate.

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DIVERGENCE OF OPINION. Bill Passed for the Relief of the Klondikers. Senator Stewart Arrives to Sustain His Assertions Made Against the Administration. House Completes the Consideration of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill. A Financial Discussion Awakened.

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