

FISTS ARE USELESS

ONLY VOYAL ORGANS COUNT IN THE CONTEST NOW ON.

Number of Rounds Indefinite, Contestants Unlimited, Fists Permitted, and no Referee—All Hands Take a Clip at the Sharkey-Fitzsimmons Fight—Earp sticks to it. That There Was a Foul, Fitz Denies it, Sharkey Regrets it and Corbett Hoots it—Bank Won't Pay the Money—Fight Nears General.

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—Referee Earp, whose decision of the Sharkey-Fitzsimmons fight caused an indignant demonstration from the crowd at the ringside last night, stated this morning that when he decided the contest in favor of Sharkey he did so because he believed Fitzsimmons deliberately fouled him, and under the rules the sailor was entitled to the decision. He would have been willing to allow half fouls—that is, fouls that might be considered accidental—to pass by with only a reprimand, but in such a case as this he could only do his duty.

EARP STICKS TO IT

He said: "There is one thing I regret. I should have given Sharkey the fight earlier in the contest. In the fourth round, I believe it was, Fitzsimmons landed a left-hand blow and returned with his elbow, cutting Sharkey's eye-brow open. The sailor should have had the fight then. The foul blow of the eighth was somewhat plainly by Fitzsimmons smashed with his right on Sharkey's shoulder and then with an uppercut with the left he struck the sailor below the belt. Sharkey was leaning over and the blow knocked him down. It was clearly a foul and before the sailor moved I mentioned that the fight was ended. The first blow had been weak and I believe that the second was intended for an uppercut, but struck foul. No man will now have ever questioned my honor. I have been in many places and in peculiar situations, but to no one ever said, until last night, that I was guilty of a dishonorable act. And I will repeat that I decided in all fairness and with a judgment that was as true as my eyesight. I saw the foul blow."

FITZ DENIES HIS TALK

Fitzsimmons said, after the fight: "Earp knows, and so does Sharkey, that I did not hit the sailor where they say I did. My left landed straight on his stomach, where I had a right to hit him, and to clear place. His tying down my groin was all a part of the game. There was no need for me to foul him because I had him whipped anyway and would have finished him before the end of the round. It was a matter of time, though. As I telegraphed Dan Stuart last night I am willing to meet both Sharkey and Corbett in the same time any night you want to pull the fight off. I will say one thing—Corbett, and that is this, that I don't blame him for saying that he was robbed out of the Johnson fight in his own town. No man has to be afraid of a man who can throw his hands and fight in this city and it is a safe bet that the last big fight San Francisco will ever see is pulled off last night."

SHARKEY'S SAY

Sharkey had this to say of the affair: "I am certain that Fitzsimmons fouled me deliberately to save himself from defeat. "It was getting too plain to him that I was gaining in strength while he was going down hill, so to speak, and rather than be knocked out he thought he would lose on a foul. Had he not delivered that nasty right, I could have whipped him and I would rather have knocked him out, than win the purse on a foul. I don't think he will be anxious to meet me again, however, but if he does—well, I am open to all engagements. I am in the boxing business as a profession. "I intend to win the world's championship if the decision in this case has not already given me the right to that title. I am not going to pose as a talking fighter, either. If any body wants to meet me they will always find me willing."

HOW HE WAS HURT

Physicians and newspaper men who participated in, or witnessed the examination of Sharkey after he was carried from the ring, reported that the blow that he was visibly wounded below the belt. The doctors said that his condition was serious but not dangerous, and ordered him to remain in bed at least two or three days, stating that exercise, or any movement, might aggravate his injuries. Sharkey was seen in bed at his hotel this morning. He was resting easily, though suffering from pain and inconvenience.

WITNESSES OF THE FIGHT DECLARED THIS MORNING THAT A FOUL BLOW WAS UNDOUBTEDLY DELIVERED, BUT MANY BELIEVED THAT IT WAS ACCIDENTAL.

BANK REFUSES PAYMENT.
The Anglo-California bank, on which the check for \$10,000 was drawn by the National Athletic club, today refused payment. The check was presented by Lynch, Sharkey's banker. The bank officials told Lynch that they must decline to pay the check until the courts decide that Sharkey was entitled to the money. The bank officials said they were acting on legal advice.

CORBETT SYMPATHIZES

New York, Dec. 2.—At the conclusion of the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight in San Francisco last night, James J. Corbett telegraphed Sharkey as follows: "Dear Sharkey, San Francisco, Calif.—Am very sorry at Mr. Fitzsimmons' foul tactics in his contest with you, which prevented your getting a decision over him in a full ten-round contest, and a foul. I am ready to meet you on or before January 1, 1897."
(Signed) "JAMES J. CORBETT."
CORBETT REASSURES IT OUT
Corbett shed no tears of regret today over the defeat of Fitzsimmons by Sharkey. One result of the San Francisco fight, Corbett said to a reporter, would be to put Sharkey in the first rank

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NOT DROWNED YET

CHIPPEWA FALLS PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO BE.

Colonel Jones, of the United States Army, seems to think he knows what He's Talking About and He Hints the Terror-Stricken People Brace Up and Watch the Backwater Run Away Under the Ice—Situation Overcast, Generally—Story of Another Day of Anxiety and Moving Out.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Dec. 2.—The river is falling at the rate of a foot per day, and there is no reason whatever for apprehension," said Colonel W. A. Jones, U. S. A., to an Associated Press representative this afternoon, after he had not only been investigating the situation along the Chippewa river, but also had been in charge of the government engineering works in the northwest had been called here by the local authorities, who sought expert advice in what seemed like an extremity and a critical situation. He continued:

FLAWS UNDER THE ICE

"The situation of the river at Eau Claire and at Chippewa Falls is practically the same. The stage of water at Eau Claire is really the stage of the river, as the flood here is simply caused by the backwater. Most of the water is able to get over the ice and the backwater represents the amount of water that is unable to get away. As the stage of the river goes down more of the water will flow away under the ice and the flood here will be over. The gorge extends about eighteen miles and is made up largely of anchor ice, which is a sort of slush packed closely but not so hard as ordinary ice. The river is running in somewhat cramped quarters, and as the water falls more the ice will drop down into the river bed, where it is likely to stay until spring, the water still running under it. The ice here is not so much as it is in the upper part of the river, where it is starting a regular old-fashioned winter, so that there is every reason to expect the continuance of the ice till spring, and the probability of our having to apprehend any danger. The course of the river will be changed slightly, but as far as that goes, it is constantly changing anyway. It is a very peculiar circumstance that the water is not frozen in conjunction with a flood, but there would have been a flood here, anyway, for you know we had a very heavy series of rains here. The overflowing time and the flood was sure to come, and can see no cause for further fear of damage here."

ICE AND SLEET INTERFERES SERIOUSLY WITH RAIL TRAFFIC

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CATTLEMEN ARE UNEASY

Feed for the Nebraska Herds May Fall Before Spring.
Omaha, Neb., Dec. 2.—Cattle men in the range country are beginning to get a little nervous in regard to the prospect of a heavy loss of stock from the storm will be a calamity for the feed and stock raising industry. The cattle and sheep men are uneasy. What Nebraska cattlemen are fearful of is that they will run out of feed before spring. The winter will be a very hard one, and they will be unable to get their fodder put in this year—more, in fact, than common—but the winter has set in so much earlier that it will require a great quantity of feed in excess of the amount generally consumed.

NOT CONTENT WITH FARMING

Farmer Morton Still Makes Incursions Into Real Estate.
Washington, Dec. 2.—Secretary Morton is very much interested in the success of the movement inaugurated by a preliminary meeting of the representatives of some of the commercial organizations of the country, held in Chicago yesterday, to secure a general convention of the representatives of commercial, banking and business associations for the purpose of framing a practical scheme of currency reform to be presented to congress. He has long been of the opinion that if the business interests of the country would formulate their demands as to real estate legislation and were organized in a unit in support they could bring enough pressure to bear on congress to compel action in the line of their wishes. Almost a year ago Secretary Morton was elected to the position of secretary of the New York board of trade and transportation. On that occasion he said: "Why cannot the New York board of trade and chamber of commerce formulate legislation to be presented by all the commercial organizations of the United States and by petition present it to congress and demand its enactment? Why should bankers, bankers, traders, merchants, manufacturers, and railroad men who use vast sums of currency in their practical every day affairs, leave the finances of the country to the control of a few speculators, gamblers and vagabonds, whose exchanges consist in transferring public offices to one set of place-hunters to another set? Why leave all this critical and crucial period, when the integrity, the honor and the glory of our common country are imperiled, to the advocates of a financial scheme that would disintegrate the country? Why not have a comprehensive plan of reform be confident that congress will accept and enact it into law."

BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT

It is Announced, With Honors that is Given Applicants for Pensions.
Washington, Dec. 2.—Ex parte investigations by the government in pension cases have been abolished by recent action of the Senate, and this is a step of great importance to claimants of all classes and will be of great benefit to veterans. The action is in line with the policy of Congress to give the benefit of the doubt. Until 1878, every investigation made by the bureau was ex parte. The practice was done away with to some extent that year and now it has been abolished, save in criminal cases. The old practice gave rise to many complaints now on file.

MISSOURI NATIONAL RECEIVER

J. B. Owens Drug Company Goes Down in the Crash.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—Thomas R. Wallace of Kansas City has been appointed receiver of the National Bank of that city, which recently failed. Mr. Wallace is a prominent attorney of Kansas City.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 2.—The J. B. Owens Drug Co. failed here today as a result of the Missouri National bank failure. The bank holds notes of the firm aggregating \$11,500.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Prominent Workers Meet in Annual Convention at Boston.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 2.—The National Council of Women of the United States met here today for its annual convention. Mrs. William D. Dickinson, the president, occupied the chair. The presentation of reports and greetings of delegates from organizations comprising the council took up the entire day until prior to adjournment for luncheon.
Among those who took part in the program were Mrs. Lillian M. Stevens of the National Y. W. C. A., Mrs. C. T. H. and Mrs. Margaret Sanders of Chicago, and the Illinois Industrial school. Greetings were briefly presented by Mrs. W. B. W. of the National Y. W. C. A., Mrs. M. W. W. of Indiana, and

HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE DANGER WAS SO VERY GREAT JUST NOW.

Further than that he would not speak until he had investigated more thoroughly. A delegation of thirty or forty citizens of Eau Claire met in the city room at the Hotel on Mayor Lindley of Chippewa Falls. Mayor Henry Bay of Eau Claire, on their behalf, spoke briefly expressing the sympathy of the sister city in this disaster and offering any assistance that may be in their power to give.

SLIGHT OF A FAMILY

Tavilling Escape From an Island in the Gulf of Mexico.
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 2.—A special to the Dispatch from Chippewa Falls, Wis., says: A thrilling escape of a family of five persons four miles below this place occurred last night. The family consisted of a father, a mother and three children. Baker lived with his family, consisting of his wife, two small girls and a boy, in a house built upon an island in the Chippewa river. The ice had piled up so thickly about the dwelling that the family threatened every minute to crush it like an egg shell, so they determined to abandon it and make for the shore. Baker strapped his family to his back and Mrs. Baker did the same for the boy. The old girl then grasped her father's hand and the little party set out on their perilous journey through the mountainous gorge and made for the shore. They leaped from rock to cake advancing with considerable rapidity until they reached a point where the ice had formed a bridge. They first hesitation they started back to clamber up the slippery eminence. When about half way up the oldest girl slipped and fell back and was rescued by her father and the party went on. By this time the crowd of spectators had gathered on the shore and were shouting cheers of encouragement to the brave little family. After a desperate struggle they were able to reach the shore near the shore where the waiting spectators lent their assistance and the little party was in safety.

RAIN IN INDIA HAS CEASED.

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AMERICAN FORT ERECTION.

Lyons, France, Dec. 2.—At a mass meeting held here by the Organized Farmers union the dealers in salt meats adopted a resolution in favor of the exclusion of American products in view of the fall in the price of swine.

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NOT SO BAD, AFTER ALL

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WATCHING IT RISE AND FALL

People at Chippewa Falls Pass Anxious Day.
Chippewa Falls, Wis., Dec. 2.—With the thermometer still hovering very high above zero and the water again climbing, the outlook for this threatened valley is still rather uncomfortable. For fifteen miles between Eau Claire and Eau Claire and for nearly the same distance at Durand the river is a mass of packed ice and timber and hourly becoming worse. The water has been backed up, flooding parts of the city, and the lower levels in the city, but the worst damage is really what threatens, rather than that which has actually occurred. The lumber mills are all shut down and partially engulfed by the water which has frozen and seized them in its closest clutches. Nearby business places and dwellings are in the same predicament, although, being a little farther away from the water, their situation is not so serious. The railroads are not suffering so much as might be expected. The Omaha route along high bluffs and has not been so much hampered in its workings. 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