

CORBETT OFFERS TO ACCUSED MURDERER FIGHT

FORMER CHAMPION SAYS HE WILL ENDEAVOR TO RESTORE TITLE TO WHITE RACE.

Leadville, Colo., Jan. 1.—James J. Corbett, former heavyweight champion pugilist, tonight announced his willingness to meet Jack Johnson, if it were necessary, to bring the championship back to a white man.

"My stage career," he said, "is the only thing that prevents me from at once taking up the gauntlet. It makes my blood boil to think that a black man should hold the title—a man who has not shown himself a great fighter. Johnson simply is not in the championship class.

"Jeffries was very foolish in not accepting that \$50,000 offer from him, win, lose or draw, because he is even more than a match for the victor of the Burns fight. If necessary, I will challenge Johnson in order to endeavor to return the championship to the white race."

HOCKEY TEAM CHOSEN AT ISLAND ICE RINK

Two hockey teams composed of well-known young men about town played a very interesting game at the island ice rink yesterday afternoon. The spectators' stand was full of people who had come to enjoy the contest and who were not disappointed, for it was a close and hard-fought game, with the result in doubt until time was called at the end of the last half. There was only one thing to mar the enjoyment of the occasion, and that was that there were not enough men present who understood the game, and for that reason the teams lined up with only six men on a side, whereas the full complement of a hockey team is seven. But as it was the players put up a strong contest, and in every minute of the 20-minute halves there was something doing.

From the material which showed up yesterday a team will be selected to represent Missoula in contests to be held with other cities of the state. The men who lined up for the game are as follows: Ferguson, Stinger, Lundstrum, Thomas Reardon, Clark and Matney for the winning team; and Bailey, Hugh Reardon, Sloane, Dody, Van Patten and Taylor for the losing team. The final score was 6 to 4.

HART AND SCHRECK MAY FIGHT IN NEW ORLEANS

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 1.—So far as Lexington is concerned, there will be no Hart-Schreck fight. The principals left town today with their managers.

Marvin Hart is going to Louisville and Mike Schreck to Cincinnati. An effort will be made to arrange a match in New Orleans, and negotiations will commence at once. Joe Choyinski, who was engaged as referee for the fight has called all bets off.

An offer to visit Australia to box Jack Johnson was received here today by Marvin Hart. The offer came by telegraph via San Francisco. According to information given by substantial parties, he was offered \$10,000 as his end of the purse. Hart has not accepted but his friends say he would most likely do so. Hart has beaten Johnson on one occasion.

LARRY GORDON WINS FIGHT AT GOLDFIELD

Goldfield, Nev., Jan. 1.—Larry Gordon of Butte won in the sixth round today of a scheduled 20-round bout with Harry Krant of Seattle, the latter's second throwing up the sponge. Krant broke a bone in his left hand with the first punch in the first round, and after that virtually was at the mercy of Gordon. The Seattle boy fought gamely for six rounds despite his useless hand and a bad knee, which he severely wrenched in the third round, but was knocked to the floor four times.

Tex Rickard refereed the bout. Gordon has issued a challenge to any man in the world in the welterweight class, but prefers to take on Jimmy Gardner.

YONKERS MARATHON WON BY BOB FOWLER

Yonkers, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Bob Fowler of Cambridge, Mass., won the Marathon race here today, time 2 hours 52 minutes 45 2-5 seconds. John Daly was second, 400 yards behind the winner. Sidney Hatch, Illinois Athletic club, Chicago, was third and Eddie Carr fourth. The race started at 12:45 p. m., with 67 runners on the Empire racetrack. The first 2 1-4 miles was run on the road and the remaining 24 miles on the Boston track. Sam Meller of Yonkers, a former winner of the Boston Marathon, led off, and John Daly, of the Irish-American club, followed close.

UNKNOWN WINS MARATHON.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1.—Joseph B. Miller, an unattached and unknown runner won the second Marathon race between Los Angeles and Venice (15.6 miles) today in 1 hour and 41 minutes. William Stanley, an unattached runner, was second, in 1:42:38. M. L. White of Whittier college was third. There were a score of contenders.

PROGRESS IS MADE IN WORK

TOO MUCH TALK WHEN HE IS IN. TOXICATED LEADS TO SUSPECT'S CAPTURE.

Las Animas, Colo., Jan. 1.—John Harry Dale Smith, for whom the police of the country have been searching for months, was arrested in a saloon here early this morning. Smith is wanted on the charge of brutally murdering Volly Mann, whose dead body was found partially buried in a ravine in western Nebraska. The first inkling the authorities had of the crime was when a woman claiming to be Smith's wife told Chief of Police Armstrong in Denver that her husband had shot a strange man who called at their camp in an isolated portion of Nebraska, robbed him of his team and other possessions, and hastily buried the body. Investigation disclosed the body at the place described by the woman and immediate search for Smith began.

Several of Mann's relatives identified the dead body, the identity of the murdered man being traced from certain articles found in Smith's trunk bearing the name of Cecil L. Mann of Raton, N. M., a brother of Volly Mann. Mrs. Smith was placed in jail at Ogallala, Neb., and held as a witness. Smith will be taken to Ogallala for trial.

The arrest of Smith came about through too free conversation while drinking.

AMERICAN VICE CONSUL AT MESSINA ESCAPED

Malta, Jan. 1.—Wireless dispatches received from the British warships at Messina indicate that the king's presence there has aided somewhat in bringing about a better condition. The dispatches say that, although the panic has not subsided, the bulk of the people are behaving well. Martial law was proclaimed on Tuesday at the express desire of King Victor Emmanuel. More than 100 British and many Maltese tourists were in Messina at the time of the disaster.

The dead still lie in the streets, horribly disfigured. The weather is very cold, and frequent heavy rains and hail are experienced. Food is hardly obtainable and there is no water. The wireless dispatches give a long list of British subjects, alive or dead. The only American mentioned is Stuart Lupton, the new vice consul at Messina, and he is safe.

CATANIA IS CONVERTED INTO A VAST HOSPITAL

Catania, Jan. 1.—Refugees from Reggio and Messina continue to pour into Catania, and the city is one vast hospital, with each house in it a ward. Thousands of half-nude individuals of both sexes have gathered along the muddy shores on either side of the ruins of Messina, seeking food or trying to get away by sea. Many children have died from exposure and the cases of madness are increasing. A train from this city succeeded in reaching the outskirts of Messina this morning. It has been learned that Deputy Pulci, who survived the disaster, has died of his injuries.

Last night the warships in Messina harbor threw their searchlights on the ruins to enable the rescuers on shore to continue their work. The work of success is going on steadily, but the forces are still woefully inadequate.

OFFICIALS WILL SEARCH FOR MISSING AMERICANS

Rome, Jan. 1.—Ambassador Griscom this morning sent to Messina Major J. F. Reynolds Landis, the American minister, Attache Bayard Cutting, Jr., the American vice consul at Milan; Winthrop Chandler and the interpreter of the embassy, with full instructions concerning the methods to be adopted in searching for the supposed American victims in Messina and Calabria.

The American ambassador has communicated to the government the receipt of \$50,000 from the American Red Cross, as well as a contribution of \$20,000 from the Christian Herald.

GOOD NEWS RECEIVED REGARDING AMERICANS

Washington, Jan. 1.—Good news from many Americans was received at the state department in a cablegram from Ambassador Griscom at Rome, who reported that the Italian foreign office had assured him that Taormina, Sicily has escaped unharmed. This, Mr. Griscom says, answers many inquiries received from this country regarding relatives and friends there. The Italian foreign office, Mr. Griscom adds, has received a dispatch saying there is no official information with regard to the American consulate at Messina.

"PEACE TO THE DYING PEACE TO THE DEAD"

Monte Leon, Jan. 1.—The experiences of a band of refugees from Messina and Reggio, who made their way on foot into Palmi, is distressing beyond words. The Messina refugees succeeded in getting away from the Sicilian coast in sailboats. After a frightful experience in crossing the strait they landed on the Calabrian coast. Here they were met by haggard refugees from Reggio and the various groups of unfortunates joined forces. Together they painfully climbed the hills. At a certain point they all turned to give a last look at the burning cities. They stood on the mountainside, plunged in despair. A priest who had escaped from Reggio advanced toward the group, some 2,000 persons in all, and blessed them. Then, turning in the direction of Reggio, he solemnly called down the blessing of God on the desolated city. "Peace to the dying," he cried; "peace to the dead."

Men, women and children knelt on the ground and, raising their hands to heaven, prayed for the deliverance of the multitude.

Resumes March. The band then took up its broken and tattered march to Palmi, where the refugees arrived 10 hours later in a torrent of rain. Two thousand had set out at the beginning, but only 500 ragged and emaciated wanderers reached their destination. The others

THOUSANDS EXTEND GREETINGS

London, Jan. 1.—The king of Italy has sent to King Edward a telegram expressing his warm thanks for the noble work and charity of the officers and sailors of the British warships toward the earthquake sufferers. Cook's tourist agency learns from Naples that it is almost certain that no English or American tourists were injured through the destruction of the Hotel Trinacria at Messina, and it is believed that no English or Americans were staying at the Hotel Bellevue, which also was destroyed at that place.

A BURNING CRATER FOUND IN VIRGINIA

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—Great anxiety is being shown by the inhabitants of Greeks, a small town across the border in West Virginia, over the steadily-increasing appearance of a burning crater of seemingly volcanic nature on the side of a neighboring mountain. Flames are distinctly visible at intervals, accompanied by rumbling noises as from internal disturbances. The air in the vicinity is strong with sulphur fumes. The area of the molten mass is spreading and now covers 50 square yards.

ADOPTS RESOLUTION AGAINST OPPOSITION

Baltimore, Jan. 1.—The governing council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science today adopted a resolution offered by William H. Welch of the Johns Hopkins university condemning the anti-vivisection movement. The resolution says: "Animal experimentation has been of incalculable benefit to medical science and art, the progress of which is absolutely dependent on experimental methods, as are all the physical and natural sciences," and declares "scientific experiments on living animals are essential to the maintenance and progress of medicine and of biology."

SHOULD SEEK WORK AS FARM LABORERS

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Promoters of the national convention of the unemployed agriculture today suggested that the unemployed leave the large cities and seek work on the farms where there is an urgent demand for labor. The letter, which was a reply to an invitation to attend the convention here beginning January 22, was received with little favor.

CRUISER ARRIVES

Willemstad, Jan. 1.—The United States cruiser Des Moines arrived here today.

had succumbed on the awful journey and fallen powerless by the wayside. More appalling than the destruction of the towns and villages themselves is the terror of the survivors. The spectacle is horrible. The wounded, bleeding, ragged refugees are human skeletons, who stagger here and there, dragging their bruised feet with effort and staring vacantly in all directions.

Food is Needed

Those less afflicted tell contradictory stories, remembering only the tragedy of which they personally were the victims. It would be useless to revert to the story of the destruction of the towns; they are exceeded by the horror of the present. Dr. Castellino, who is charged with the direction of relief from Reggio, declares that the question of the survivors is more harassing than the question of the dead. The government army and marine, might as are their efforts, remain impotent before the immensity of the misery. Money is without value. The indispensable need is food, clothing and tents for shelter. These must come quickly. Each day's delay increases the list of dead.

KING VICTOR EMMANUEL EXPRESSES HIS THANKS

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Leave the Line

Mrs. Roosevelt had left the line before the public was admitted to the White House. So had most of the cabinet ladies and others who had been invited to step behind the line. Miss Ethel had mingled with the crowd throughout the morning, but she, too, disappeared with some of her young friends early in the day.

MAKES NEW RECORD

Pretoria, Jan. 1.—R. E. Walker, the South African sprinter, today established a new world's record of 102.5 seconds for the 100-meter dash. Walker won the 100 meters at the Olympic games at London in 104.5. A few days ago he ran 100 yards in 92.5 seconds.

COULON WINS

Kansas City, Jan. 1.—After six rounds of furious fighting before the Missouri Athletic club here tonight, Johnny Coulon of Chicago, bantamweight champion of the world, was given the decision over Mike Orrison, a local fighter. The men weighed in at 105 pounds.

SCORES TWO FALLS

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 1.—Leo Pardo of Chicago defeated Al Kuber of this city before the Olympic Athletic club today in two straight falls, the first in 10 minutes 10 seconds and the second in 16 minutes 15 seconds.

FIGHT A DRAW

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Emergency Kelly of New York and Tommy Kilbane of Cleveland fought six rounds to a draw here today. The bout was to go 15 rounds, but Mayor Bond ordered the number reduced to six rounds. Kilbane was the aggressor.

BRAKEMAN KILLED IN WRECK

Seattle, Jan. 1.—Following a collision of Northern Pacific freight trains in the yards at Toppenish, brakeman Ganner was burned to death at 3 o'clock this morning. The wreck tied up traffic all day. The wreck was destroyed by fire.

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The final shipment to complete our order for two hundred of these splendid garments, of which the first one hundred was sold in less than two hours and the next seventy-eight in about as many minutes. No more of these really fine petticoats to be had at less than \$3 each. They are beautifully tailored, with deep flounces, corded ruffles finished with scallops and Swiss eyelet embroidery, with dust ruffles underneath; made with glove-fitting yokes; in brown Heatherbloom, that rustles like silk taffeta and wears better. Today, while they last, \$3

Petticoats for only **\$1.89**

Regular \$1.00 Silks at Half Price, 50c a Yard

Too bad there are so few of them, otherwise we would have the greatest silk sale ever known in Missoula today. As it is there are bargains for but fifteen fortunate buyers, the early birds.

One lot, fifteen pieces in all, of fancy silk, in lengths varying from 4 yards to full dress patterns; regular \$1 quality of material; choice today, while they last **50c**

Women's Fine \$4 and \$5 Shoes at \$1.95 a Pair
Broken Lines, Made With French Heels

Some of the finest shoes ever shown in this store are included in this remarkable offering. Every pair would be considered a splendid value at double the price named for today, to effect a speedy clearance.

34 pairs women's fine dress shoes, made of patent kid, with plain toes and box kid topping, in lace style, with hand-turned soles and medium French heels; regular \$5 values, today **\$1.95**

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Women's Fancy Beaded Slippers, made in single strap style, with French heels; regular \$4 values, today **\$1.95**

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