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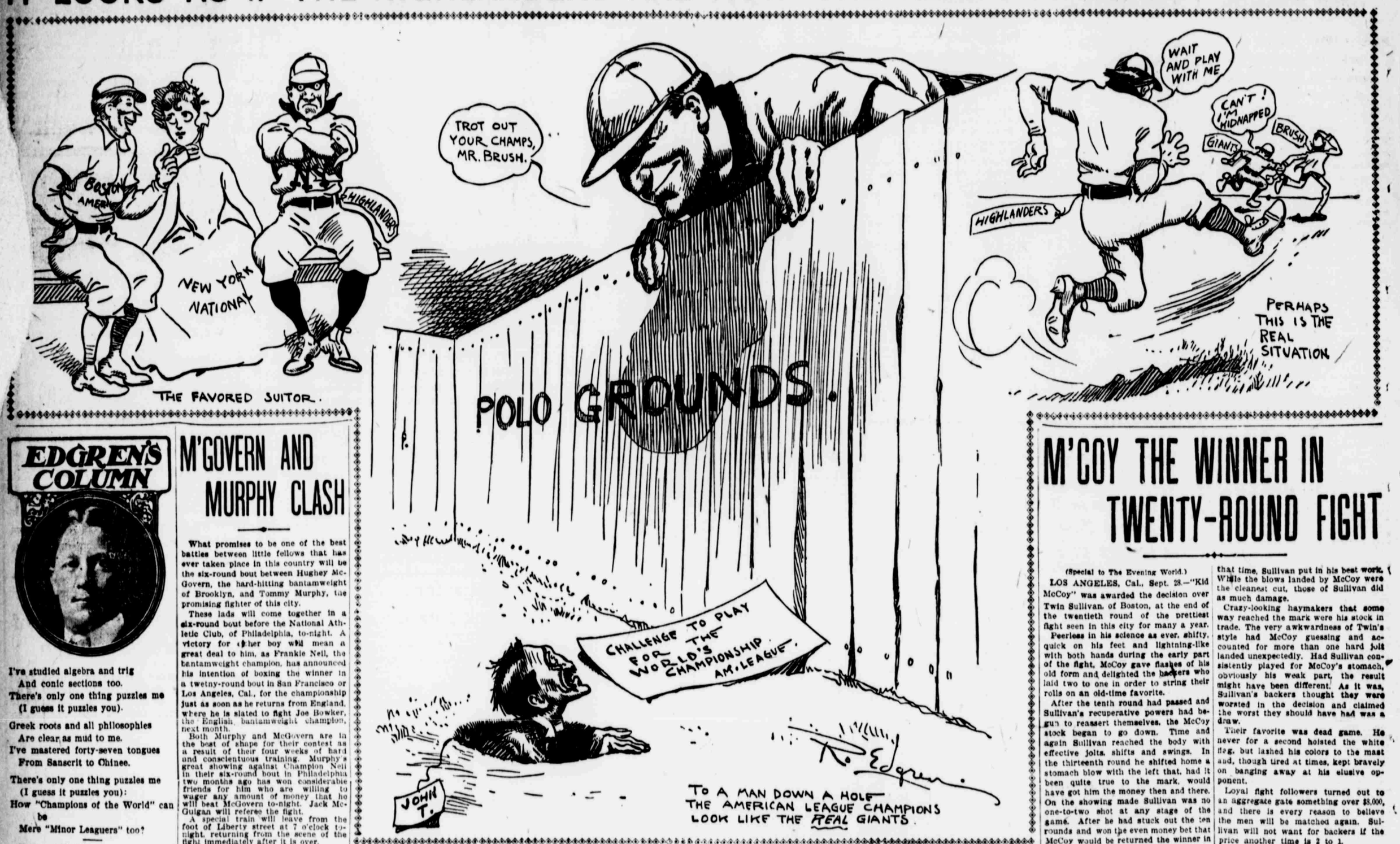
COLUMBIA PLAYS F. AND M. TO-DAY.

NO EXTENSION OF RACING DATES.

IT LOOKS AS IF THE HIGHLANDERS ARE NOW THE REAL NEW YORK "GIANTS."



EDGREN'S COLUMN

I've studied algebra and trig
And conic sections too.
There's only one thing puzzles me
(I guess it puzzles you).

Greek roots and all philosophies
Are clear as mud to me.
I've mastered forty-seven tongues
From Sanscrit to Chinee.

There's only one thing puzzles me
(I guess it puzzles you):
How "Champions of the World" can be
Mere "Minor Leaguers" too?

Funny, isn't it?

No—not the verse—the situation.

Looks as if the Bostons might cut under the Highlanders for that championship after all.

And suddenly the eloquent voice of John T. Brush has sunk into silence. Not even a whisper. Several hours have passed, and even those nearest the throne have not seen the lips of the Autocrat of the Giants assume that pucker which forms the sound "minor league."

Wouldn't it be funny if the Bostons should win after all, and if after all the Giants should play a series with the champions of the American League for the world's championship?

Baseball a Business.

It is a curious thing that any personal prejudice should be allowed to interfere with a meeting between the Giants and the Highlanders, if the Highlanders should carry off the honors of their league.

Baseball, under modern management, is a business as well as a sport. It is as sure as the science of mathematics that a series of contests between the two best teams in the world, held here in New York, would pack any baseball park even unto the outermost seat of the farthest bleacher.

Such a series would bring in a fortune to the managers.

The remark is not original—but it seems to me that only fear of defeat and consequent loss of prestige could blind the astute Boss of the Giants to this baseball Klondike. Perhaps to a man down a hole the Americans look like the real giants.

If not, then it must be that the precedent established last year of letting the players in on the clean-up is distasteful to Mr. Brush and his associates. It would look queer to the public if the precedent were not followed. It would not be very profitable to the management to follow it.

Therefore no games.

Nothing.

Just a trip or two to Europe for the opulent magnates and one or two opulent players, while the disappointed fans go back to their homes and offices, put away their pencils and score books and try to forget all about it until another season starts.

About that "minor league" shriek by Mr. Brush: Figures that don't lie furnish the best reply that the American League could give. Look at this:

Attendance during season in New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and St. Louis, where both leagues have played:

National League, 1,487,157.
American League, 1,680,207.

Tennis Teams in Close Race.

[illegible] the Kings County Tennis Club [illegible] won the championship of the [illegible] Lawn Tennis League the race [illegible] is being keenly contested between the West Side Tennis Club and the [illegible] Club. The West Side Club [illegible] defeated one of the Cresskill teams, which are in second place, and [illegible] 10 defeats. [illegible] to decide

M'GOVERN AND MURPHY CLASH

What promises to be one of the best battles between little fellows that has ever taken place in this country will be the six-round bout between Hughey McGovern, the hard-hitting bantamweight of Brooklyn, and Tommy Murphy, the promising fighter of this city.

These lads will come together in a six-round bout before the National Athletic Club, of Philadelphia, to-night. A victory for either boy will mean a great deal to him, as Frankie Neil, the bantamweight champion, has announced his intention of boxing the winner in a twetny-round bout in San Francisco or Los Angeles, Cal., for the championship just as soon as he returns from England, where he is slated to fight Joe Bowker, the English bantamweight champion, next month.

Both Murphy and McGovern are in the best of shape for their contest as a result of their four weeks of hard and conscientuous training. Murphy's great showing against Champion Neil in their six-round bout in Philadelphia two months ago has won considerable friends for him who are willing to wager any amount of money that he will beat McGovern to-night. Jack McGuigan will referee the fight.

A special train will leave from the foot of Liberty street at 7 o'clock to-night, returning from the scene of the fight immediately after it is over.

BROOKLYN CLUB IS FINED $100

CINCINNATI, Sept. 28.—August Herrmann, President of the National Baseball Commission; President Johnson, of the American League, and President Pulliam, of the National League, met here yesterday and passed on contested and disputed cases in the drafting list.

The Brooklyn club was fined $100 for playing an exhibition game with Youngstown, Aug. 26. Wheeling made complaint that Youngstown harbored ineligible and blacklisted players, and the commission not only sustained Wheeling's charge, but announced that the fines for such offenses in the future would be much higher.

The charge against the New York National club for playing with Hoboken while having been ineligible, Sept. 15, was referred for further evidence.

The claims of the New York American club for Mulligan and Vincent was referred for further evidence.

Secretary Bruce was directed to notify President Bert, of the Pacific National League, that the money due the New York American League club under the Newton decision must be paid or the player will be ineligible.

Of contested cases in the respective reserve lists the following drafts were not allowed: By New York (National)—All players reserved from Montreal. By Brooklyn (National)—Clement, Eason, Merrill, Mueller and Pattee from Jersey City and Yeager from Montreal.

Of contested cases in the respective reserve lists the following drafts were allowed: By New York (American)—McManus from Buffalo, Yeager from Montreal.

By Brooklyn (National)—Owens from Springfield, Mass.; Courtney and Clymer from Buffalo; Kelly, Burchell, Wiltsie, Adkins, Lewis, Jordan, Jones, Jennings, Mason, Byers and Heydon from Baltimore.

COFFEY TO FIGHT.

Kid Coffey, the crack Brooklyn lightweight, is getting ready for the fall boxing campaign. Coffey has fought some of the best men in the East. Last year he and Martin Canole fought a ten-round draw in Canole's home town. He also has a fifteen-round draw with George McFadden. Coffey would like to make a match with Jimmy Briggs, and will agree to any reasonable conditions, the weight to be 133 pounds. John L. Sullivan, of Lawrence, Mass., will also be accommodated by Coffey at weight.

WOMEN'S GOLF MATCH.

Intercity golf matches for the Clement A. Griscom trophy will engage the women of Boston, Philadelphia and the metropolitan district on the links of the Philadelphia Cricket Club Oct. 7 and 8. On the first day the Philadelphia and M. G. A. forces meet, the winner earning the right to play the Boston champions the second day for the trophy.

Cuban X Giants Vs. Hobokens.

Next Sunday will be the farewell appearance of the Cuban X Giants on the St. George cricket grounds. After the game this star colored aggregation will pack trunks and sail for Cuba, where they intend playing against all the clubs in the Cuban League. The Hoboken team will have their new southpaw, Foxen, to pitch and Pete Lamar will be at the receiving end.

ALMANZOR WORKED IN FAST TIME TO-DAY

(Special to The Evening World.)

SHEEPSHEAD BAY, Sept. 28.—The weather was chilly and damp and the track was in fair condition at the bay course this morning during the galloping hours. The J. R. Drake racers, in charge of Trainer Enoch Wishard, pulled out for Morris Park during the morning. The Valentine lot left at an early hour for Latonia.

A feature of the exercises was a smart move of the steeplechaser Almanzor, who in preparation for appearance in the Meadow Brook at Morris Park reeled off a mile and a quarter with weight up in 2.12 handily.

The principal workouts noted were the following:

SYSONBY—Five furlongs in 1.07, breezing; James Rowe, trainer.
ISRAELITE—Seven furlongs in 1.34, handily; James Rowe, trainer.
BLUCHER—Four furlongs in 0.55, breezing; James Rowe, trainer.
AUGUR—Four furlongs in 0.55 1-4, going with Blucher.
ADRIUTHA—Six furlongs in 1.17 3-4, handily; H. H. Hyner, trainer.
MOLLY BRANT—Three furlongs in 0.43, breezing; H. H. Hyner, trainer.
CAUGHNAWAUGA—One mile and a quarter in 2.16, handily; H. H. Hyner.
LONG DAYS—Five furlongs in 1.04 3-4, handily; Matt Byrnes, trainer.
REVANA—Four furlongs in 0.48, breezing; Matt Byrnes, trainer.
LORD OF THE VALE—One mile and a quarter in 2.15, handily; A. J. Joyner, trainer.
ZEALA—Five furlongs in 1.07 1-4, breezing; A. J. Joyner, trainer.
SANDRIA—Four furlongs in 1.04 1-2, breezing; J. W. Rogers, trainer.
MARTINMAS—One mile in 1.46, handily; R. Wright, trainer.
PRINCE CHING—Six furlongs in 1.25, handily; Matt Feakes, trainer.
NAMTOR—One mile in 1.49, galloping; Frank Regan, trainer.
SANTA CATALINA—Six furlongs in 1.19 3-4, handily; R. W. Walden, trainer.
SPRING SILK—Seven furlongs in 1.35, handily; P. Wimmer, trainer.
PALM BEARER—Seven furlongs in 1.36, handily; J. H. McAvoy, trainer.
GRENADE—Six furlongs in 1.20, breezing; J. H. McCormick, trainer.
GALLEO—Six furlongs in 1.25, breezing; J. H. McCormick, trainer.
SALVATELLA—Five furlongs in 1.10, breezing; Tom Green, trainer.
CINCINNATUS—One-quarter in 0.25 1-2, breezing; James Blute, trainer.
G. R. JOHNSON—One-quarter in 0.25 3-4, going with Cincinnatus.
STOLEN MOMENTS—One-quarter in 0.25, breezing; A. L. Aste, trainer.
ENTEREE—One-quarter in 0.26, breezing; A. Simons, trainer.
AGILE—Six furlongs in 1.19 1-2, handily; R. Tucker, trainer.
HELLO—Five furlongs in 1.06, breezing; W. House trainer.

Brooklyns vs. Murray Hills.

The Brooklyn National League team will play the Murray Hills at Olympia Park, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street and Fifth avenue, on Sunday. The Brooklyns will have their regular team in the field. The game should be close and exciting as the Murray Hills will have a National League pitcher to twirl for them. Oscar Jones or Cronin will pitch for the Brooklyns.

Baseball, Polo Grounds, To-day, 3.30 P.M. Chicago vs. New York. Adm. 50c. up.

NOT LIKELY THAT RACING SEASON WILL BE EXTENDED

Much is being written just at present concerning the introduction of a bill in this State providing for an extension of the present racing season in order to meet the demand which it is said will be made upon the Jockey Club for dates for the Morris Park course.

It is not likely that any such bill will be introduced for many reasons. In the first place, to begin April 1 and run to Dec. 1 in this State would kill the Washington meeting, or at least handicap it seriously. Washington would have to begin racing the first week in March, and its fall meeting would change to a winter meeting, beginning Dec. 1 and running until nearly Christmas.

Not at All Likely.

It is not at all likely that Mr. Belmont is going to see his pretty bit of Washington property handicapped in this fashion. Washington is one of the best money-makers on the circuit. Purses are small and expenses cheap. Again, it is not at all probable that the Jockey Club would care to have any discussion in the Legislature on racing matters.

Legislative bodies are peculiar, and perhaps the opportunity might be seized to deal the game a body blow. Thirdly, it is not likely that the Morris's are anxious to go back into the racing game. They do not want the property to lie idle, and rather than have such a thing happen would no doubt apply for dates.

If the Morris brothers had had any burning desire to get into the racing game they could have done so long ago instead of granting renewals of the Westchester Club's leases. A simple solution of the problem and the one that will probably be decided upon is for the Jockey Club to take a lease of the Westchester course, maintain it as a training ground and charge up to each racing association a prorata share of the expenses.

Would Not Lose.

In this way none of the racing associations would lose any dates; Belmont Park would take Westchester's allotment and there would be no friction in any quarter. The racing associations would no doubt accede to this rather than run the gantlet of a legislative inquiry or lose dates by lopping off a few days each to let Westchester in. It is very probable that the whole affair will be amicably arranged.

PRACTICE OF PRINCETON TEAM IS ENCOURAGING

(Special to The Evening World.)

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 28.—The regular practice of the Princeton 'varsity was quite encouraging. Time and again the 'varsity backs ploughed holes in the scrub line for gains varying from five to fifteen yards. Short, Cooney and Stannard tore great gaps in the scrub rush line, and the whole team appeared to be infused with new life.

The offensive work of the team was excellent, but at times the men did not seem to be very strong on the defense, for several times the scrub backs made good clean gains through the line. Hammell, one of the Freshmen candidates for halfback, distinguished himself by a pretty run around the scrubs' left for a touchdown, the only score of the afternoon.

Stannard is losing much of the awkwardness which was so evident in his work, and will doubtless make an excellent tackle, as he has a good combination of weight and speed. Dick Keith, the little scrub halfback, also distinguished himself by a sensational run of thirty yards through tackle. Burke was the only one between the little halfback and a touchdown, but succeeded in stopping him by a pretty tackle. The 'varsity will probably line up as follows this afternoon.

Left end, Crawford; left tackle, Cooney; left guard, Rafferty; centre, Butcher; right guard, Short; right tackle, Stannard; right end, Ward; quarter, Burke; right halfback, Foulke (captain); left halfback, King; fullback, McCormick.

WILTSE WILL PITCH.

With Wiltse, of the Giants' pitching staff, in the box for them, the Newburgs will try and even up the score with the Central Islips at Equitable Park next Sunday. In their last game, which was an eleven-inning affair, the Newburgs were defeated. Wiltse will positively pitch for them Sunday, and they have hopes of defeating the home team.

MUNROE AS REFEREE.

Jack Munroe refereed the contest last night between Johnny Burdick and Kid Broad at Watson's Theatre. Munroe was to have been present on Monday, but was called to Boston on important business. "Young Corbett," who was slated to do the honors last night, gave way to Munroe, who was on hand, having just returned from the Hub. Corbett will in all probability referee the bout to-night.

COLONIAL GIRL IN ANOTHER FAST TRIAL

(Special to The Evening World.)

GRAVESEND, N. Y., Sept. 28.—The training hours at the Gravesend course were most agreeable this morning. The trainers lined the quarter stretch and there was a greater show of spirit during the galloping hours than has been seen since the meeting began.

The most conspicuous work of the morning was furnished by Trainer C. E. Rowe's Colonial Girl going a mile gallop in 1.41 3-5, this being part of her preparation for her engagement in the Oriental, at a mile and a quarter, to be decided on Saturday, the last day of the meeting. The distinguished racer did her gallop in fine style and is undoubtedly in fine racing fettle.

The best workouts were as follows:

ANNIE RUSSELL—Five furlongs in 1.04, handily; W. Barrick, trainer.
LADY MINTO—A half-mile in 0.53, breezing; W. Barrick, trainer.
EUGENIA BURCH—A mile and a quarter in 2.12, handily; W. Smith, trainer.
MEMORIES—One mile in 1.45, handily; W. Clay, trainer.
ZEALA—Six furlongs in 1.17, handily; O. Decker, trainer.
THE CAPTAIN—One mile in 1.47, galloping; George Barbee, trainer.
COLONIAL GIRL—One mile in 1.41 3-5, handily; C. E. Rowe, trainer.
MY MATE—Five furlongs in 1.03 1-2, handily; D. Collins, trainer.
WASWIFT—Six furlongs in 1.17, handily; R. Campbell, trainer.
FLYING SHIP—Five furlongs in 1.05, all out; W. Clay, trainer.
DOVECOTE—A half-mile in 0.53, breezing; J. Odom, trainer.
KING PEPPER—Six furlongs in 1.19, galloping; F. Weir, trainer.
JUVENAL MAXIM—Six furlongs in 1.19, galloping; F. Weir, trainer.
CHRYSITIS—Four furlongs in 0.50, handily; F. Burlew, trainer.
TIM PAYNE—Six furlongs in 1.22, breezing; J. Neumeyer, trainer.
OXFORD—Quarter in 0.24, handily; J. McLaughlin, trainer.
STUYVE—Half-mile in 0.50, handily; R. Campbell, trainer.
ROYAL SUMMONS—Three furlongs in 0.39, easily; George Frasch, trainer.
STAMPING GROUND—Mile in 1.47, handily; George Cornell, trainer.
DAINTY—Mile and a quarter in 2.13, driving; W. Jennings, trainer.
PROPER—Mile and a quarter in 2.13, driving; W. Jennings, trainer.
HILDEBRAND—Six furlongs in 1.18, easily; R. Campbell, trainer.
DICK BERNARD—Mile and an eighth in 2.00, handily; F. Taylor, trainer.
LEONIDAS—One mile in 1.46, breezing; F. Taylor, trainer.
FIRST MASON—Mile and an eighth in 1.59, handily; C. E. Rowe, trainer.
AUTO HOOD—Six furlongs in 1.20, easily; J. Neumeyer, trainer.
GOLD DOME—Five-eighths in 1.04, breezing; J. McLaughlin, trainer.
LORD ADVOCATE—Five-eighths in 1.06, breezing; J. McLaughlin, trainer.
BILL CROZIER—Five-eighths in 1.05, breezing; J. McLaughlin, trainer.
DEL CORONADO—Half-mile in 0.51, handily; J. McLaughlin, trainer.
COY MAID—Five furlongs in 1.05, handily; T. Welsh, trainer.
FATHER D.—Five furlongs in 1.05, breezing; D. Carter, trainer.
PRIORITY—Five furlongs in 1.05 breezing; D. Carter, trainer.

M'COY THE WINNER IN TWENTY-ROUND FIGHT

(Special to The Evening World.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 28.—"Kid McCoy" was awarded the decision over Twin Sullivan, of Boston, at the end of the twentieth round of the prettiest fight seen in this city for many a year.

Peerless in his science as ever, shifty, quick on his feet and lightning-like with both hands during the early part of the fight, McCoy gave flashes of his old form and delighted the backers who laid two to one in order to string their rolls on an old-time favorite.

After the tenth round had passed and Sullivan's recuperative powers had begun to reassert themselves, the McCoy stock began to go down. Time and again Sullivan reached the body with effective jolts, shifts and swings. In the thirteenth round he shifted home a stomach blow with the left that, had it been quite true to the mark, would have got him the money then and there. On the showing made Sullivan was no one-to-two shot at any stage of the game. After he had stuck out the ten rounds and won the even money bet that McCoy would be returned the winner in that time, Sullivan put in his best work. While the blows landed by McCoy were the cleanest cut, those of Sullivan did as much damage.

Crazy-looking haymakers that some way reached the mark were his stock in trade. The very awkwardness of Twin's style had McCoy guessing and accounted for more than one hard jolt landed unexpectedly. Had Sullivan consistently played for McCoy's stomach, obviously his weak part, the result might have been different. As it was, Sullivan's backers thought they were worsted in the decision and claimed the worst they should have had was a draw.

Their favorite was dead game. He never for a second hoisted the white flag, but lashed his colors to the mast and, though tired at times, kept bravely on banging away at his elusive opponent.

Loyal fight followers turned out to an aggregate gate something over $8,000, and there is every reason to believe the men will be matched again. Sullivan will not want for backers if the price another time is 2 to 1.

McCoy opened the fight in his old-time style, attired in his favorite costume of black satin running pants. He looked to be in fair condition and Sullivan appeared superb. McCoy had about ten pounds the best of the weights.

The early part of the fight was splendid from a scientific viewpoint. Both men were fresh. The cleverness of McCoy never shone to better advantage. In Sullivan he found no Munroe, but a seasoned, crafty, cool-headed veteran of the ring, who knows as well as any how to take and how to avoid a beating.

McCoy's left hand opened up Sullivan's nose early in the game, and at intervals the Kid paid his attention to the damaged member with good effect. Sullivan sent home more than one good smash to McCoy's figurehead, but it was as good a friend to the Kid as ever and the claret came very sparingly.

Tim McGrath, handler of Sullivan last night, refused to criticise the decision. "All I ask for is another match," said Tim. "I am not going to say I'll beat this fellow, but there won't be any two to one bet on the result."

FREEDMAN AT THE GIANTS' BENEFIT

The sale of seats for the benefit to be tendered the New York National League Baseball Club at the New York Theatre Sunday night opened yesterday. The first person to purchase seats was Andrew Freedman, who paid $500 for two orchestra chairs. Shortly afterwad Joe Yeager purchased one seat for $50.

The programme has not been completed, but among those who are certain to appear are Alice Fischer, Grace Cameron, Corinne, Peter F. Dailey, Montgomery and Stone, Eddie Foy, Robert Graham, Harry Corson Clarke, Dan McAvoy, Herbert Cawthorne, Gilbert Gregory, Edwin Stevens, William Prusette, Nella Bergen, Leslie Leigh, Mattie Marty, Adolph Zink and Mark Sullivan. Ted Sloan is to act as master of ceremonies.

OLYMPIC GAMES TO BE REVIVED

The committee in charge of the athletic carnival to be held by the Pastime A. C. at Madison Square Garden on New Year's eve have decided to make the affair an Olympic revival in honor of the Olympic games which are held every four years, the last being held at St. Louis recently under the direction of James E. Sullivan, Chief of the Physical Culture Department at the World's Fair, who is a member of the committee in charge of the coming meet. Mr. Sullivan will select and arrange the athletic events, which will be exactly the same as those held at the St. Louis Exposition.

A Track Committee has been appointed, the members of which have plans under way to turn the Garden on that night into an arena, with appropriate decorations, similar to those used at the ancient Greek games. Another committee has been appointed to invite Mayor McClellan to preside on that night and fire the shot that will announce the first event.

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