ON PUGILISM, BASEBALL, RACING AND ATHLETICS

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WHATEVER else Battling Nelson did last night in his battle with Joe Gans he showed that he is a foul fighter. After reading the accounts of the scrap, people will have more sympathy with the claims of Young Corbett, Eddie Hanlon and Jimmy Britt, who were successively battled off the pugilistic map by the thick-skulled Dane.

Referee Siler had to warn Nelson time after time. Still the Dane used his peculiar style of "headwork" all through the fight.

Nelson bilted Terry McGovern in their six-round scrap in Philadelphia, and when he was called down afterward laughed and said that he "was only rushing his man in Terry's eyes."

IF fighting was fighting—plain fighting, as it might be conducted by a lot of cave men in a primeval forest—instead of the more refined game of boxing with [illegible] Marquis of Queensberry rules, Nelson would be a great champion. Referee Siler, if he did follow the rules strictly, as they read on paper, would have disqualified that long before the twentieth round. Nelson will be wise if he never goes to England to fight.

BILLY Nolan has established a reputation. Every one knows that Nolan was the greatest objector on earth, but his limit was un- [illegible] the ring and refused to let Gans bandage his hands, "because he didn't want to win with bandages on, but just was afraid." It is a wonder that he didn't make Gans take a bath before fighting, on the ground that he had accumulated some germs during the day on the way out to the arena after wrestling in Gans being a fraction of an ounce over the weight record. But Nolan did [illegible] things of that kind. Gans might have balked at a bath, and then there would have been no fight. Nolan again jumped into the ring and objected to the announcement that both men had weighed in at 132 pounds. It is evident that Nolan is something of a pest.

REPORTING a long fight like this one is hard on the newspaper men. If the President, instead of reforming our spelling, would add a few adjectives to the American language he'd make a hit. Gans and Nelson's punches were described as terrific, fearful, awful, amazing, frightful, stunning, fierce, savage, tearing, ripping, horrible, etc., etc. Toward the end of the fight the scribes gave out, and had to fall back upon the plain unvarnished "right-to-jaw" and "left to body" mode of description.

If there are any more finish fights held in Nevada the Legislature will be petitioned by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Sporting Reporters, and a limit of twenty rounds will be imposed.

THE sight of a great crowd of white men standing up and giving three cheers for a negro, as the Nevadans did for Gans after the thirtieth round, when Nelson deliberately struck him after the bell rang, is an odd one in America. It shows just how foul the Dane's tactics were. Nelson, of course, did a great deal to undermine the Dane's popularity by his demands made before the fight. But that was really a small matter beside the butting and fouling that caused Siler, a personal friend of Nelson's, to warn him in every round. Probably if Siler had not been such a personal friend (and I know he was, for Nelson himself told me when he was in Nelson himself told me when he was in Chicago he had to "Chicago" the referee) he would have disqualified Nelson. Siler was in a hard place at that. Several thousand men around the ring were there to see a fight, and it might have been a dangerous affair to stop it even with a good reason to back his action.

GEORGANTUS A HIT WITH HIS GREEK STYLE

Exhibition at Celtic Park Feature of Labor Day Carnival.

When Nicholas Georgantas, the Olympic champion discus thrower, again appears in public either as a competitor or in exhibition of his favorite sport, it is certain that the public will be about ready to fall down and worship this Greek god, for such he appeared to be to the 5,000 spectators at the Tailten games revived by the Irish-American Athletic Club at Celtic Park yesterday.

The exhibition by Georgantas was put on near the end of the programme and was intended simply to introduce the Greek athlete to the local spectators. No effort was made for record throwing, for which, however, the Greek is now in training intending to compete in fall games. His work was purely in the Greek style, the discus being delivered from a short and low sloping pedestal down which he ran in delivering the plate.

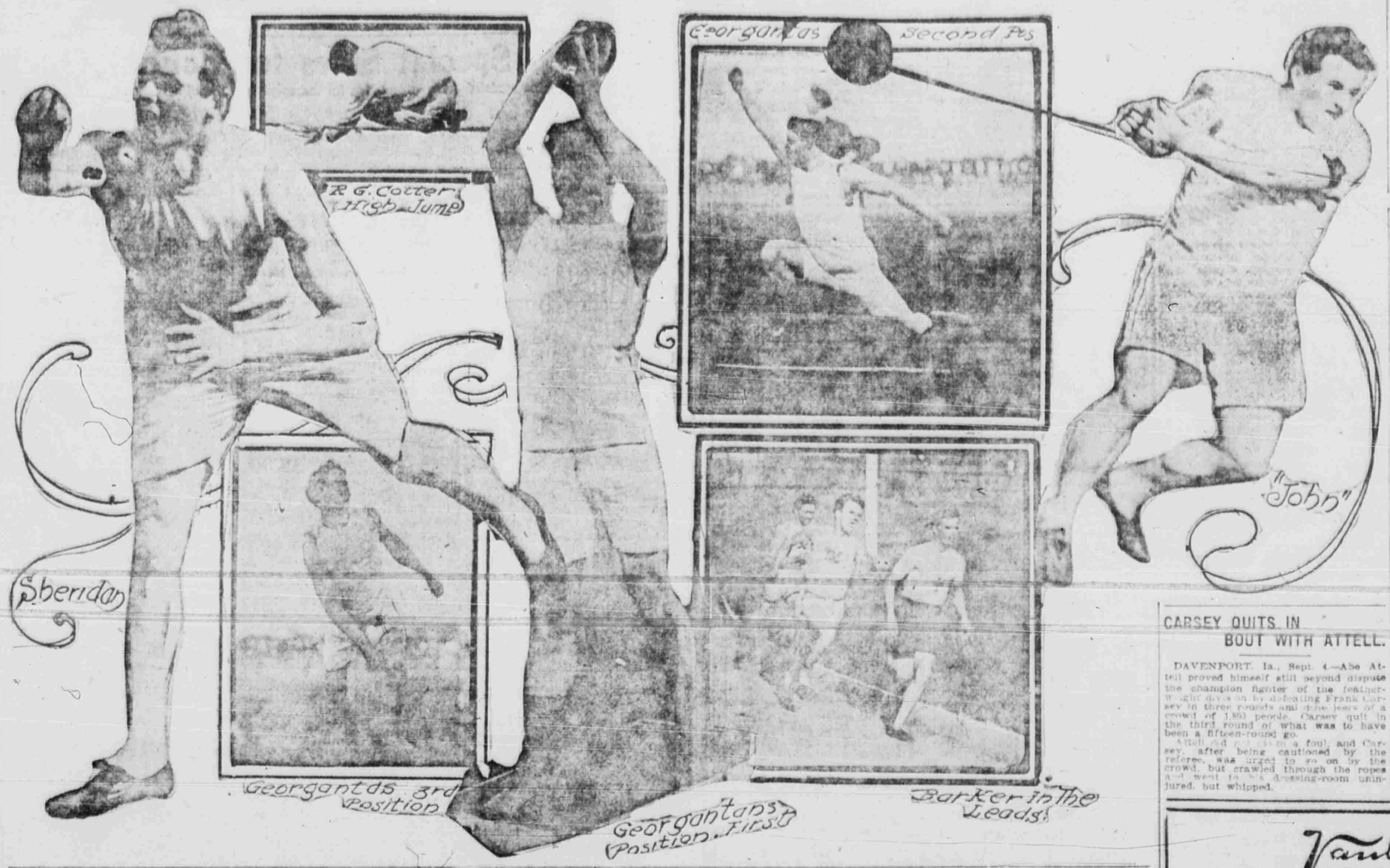
Georgantas is an ideal athlete, about 5 feet 11 inches in height, weighing 200 pounds and well proportioned. His classical Greek face, with short, curly black hair and mustache, with erect carriage and gestures, showing strength, grace and agility, excited admiration. Several rounds of applause greeted the Greek in his exhibition.

TWIN SULLIVAN STOPS DOUGHERTY.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BUTTE Mont., Sept. 4.—The fight before the Butte Athletic Club between Mike Sullivan and Jack Dougherty was won by Sullivan in the nineteenth round on a knockout. It was Sullivan's fight and he came out of it without a scratch, but Dougherty forced the fighting all through the game and showed marvellous staying qualities. He appeared all in in the fourteenth, but he came up for each succeeding round and fought like a tiger until a right upper cut early in the nineteenth round put him down and out.

Striking Snapshots of Famous Athletes at I. A. A. C. Autumn Games



N. Y. A. C. ATHLETES WON'T WAR WITH I. A. A. C. TEAM

Matt Halpin Denies that Mercury Footers Are Sore, and Explains Lack of Entries to Celtic Park Games.

"If there is to be any war between the New York Athletic Club and the Irish-American Athletic Club other than a spirit of rivalry, which must always exist on the field and track, when two such important organizations meet in competition, then it will be declared and carried on by individuals and not by the clubs," said Lieut. Capt. Halpin, of the New York A. C. to-day.

The statement was drawn out by an interview with Capt. Lawson Robertson, of the Irish-American Club, published in the early editions of The Evening World to-day, in which, in explaining the light entry list of the Mercury Footers in the Tailten games at Celtic Park yesterday, Capt. Robertson said:

"This is the work of two men in the New York Athletic Club, who are jealous of our club's success in amateur athletic competitions. The men I refer to are Capt. Charles H. Sherrill and Lieut.-Capt. M. P. Halpin.

"I don't think that they have the support of their organization, but I am going to satisfy myself on that point with a letter to President Van Worner, of the New York Athletic Club. In the mean time the Irish-American Athletic Club will not enter a single athlete in any set of games given under the auspices of the New York Athletic Club.

"It is unfortunate that men like Sherrill and Halpin, who pretend to be such sports, cannot take a beating without showing a bit bitterness of feeling. They have started this trouble and it is up to them to take the responsibility of their action."

Not Case of Soreness.

After reading the above statement Lieut.-Capt. Halpin said: "It would be ridiculous to say that the members of the New York A. C. passed up the Irish-American games yesterday because of defeat in the Metropolitan championships. The I.-A. men won on their merits, and while we cannot but feel disappointed we accept defeat, and while congratulating our opponents, hope to do better next time.

"I could almost doubt this statement from Robertson, who knew where the N. Y. A. C. athletes would be on Labor Day. Several went to Boston, others to Hartford and more to the games of the New York Civil Employees' Benevolent Association at Sulzer's Park, where as a meber of the Association and Games Committee, I got the largest entry list possible. In this connection why does Robertson declare war on the Brooklyn A. C., St. Bartholonew's and othe athletic clubs not well represented a the Tailten games.

Always Entered I. A. A. C. Games.

"If Capt. Robertson reads over his entry lists to former meets he will find that the New York A. C. was well represented at the Indoor Decoration Day and other games, and I have no doubt that the athletes of the N. Y. A. C. will be at Celtic Park in the future when other events may not first claim their attention.

"I believe that the best interest of athletics is in the most friendly spirit of competition and co-operation between all athletic organizations. This may develop into an intense rivalry on the field or track, but off the field good-fellowship should exist. I think this spirit exists in the N. Y. A. C., but if Capt. Robertson feels otherwise I suppose our club will have to struggle along without his assistance."

GOTHAM DRIVERS WON FOUR RACES.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 4.—New York had a great day at the intercity trotting races, given under the auspices of the Gentlemen's Driving Club, of Boston, in which Chicago, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Brooklyn and Boston were represented.

New York amateurs took four out of the seven contests. Andrew Crawford, of New York, with Invader, trimmed the field in the 2.09 trotting race, winning the $1,000 cup, which is the big event of the meeting. Mr. Crawford also won the 2.19 pacing race in straight heats with his bay mare Effie Shannon. In straight heats also James Butler, of New York, won the 2.17 trotting race with Bedella. Dr. H. D. Gill, of New York, with the chestnut mare Sue Dix, won the 2.10 pacing race in straight heats.

RECORD FOR DAN PATCH.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 4.—Dan Patch, in his attempt against time at the Minnesota State Fair yesterday, paced a mile in 1.56 1-2. This breaks the track and State records.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Club.	W.	L.	P.C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P.C.
New York	71	48	.597	St. Louis	63	57	.525
Chicago	72	49	.595	Detroit	66	62	.475
Phila'phia	66	53	.555	Wash'ton	47	74	.388
Cleveland	65	53	.551	Boston	39	83	.320

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Club.	W.	L.	P.C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P.C.
Chicago	95	32	.716	Cincinnati	52	74	.413
Pittsburg	80	43	.651	Brooklyn	49	76	.412
New York	77	48	.642	St. Louis	46	79	.368
Phila'phia	55	68	.447	Boston	40	85	.320

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

New York, 4; Philadelphia, 3. First game.
New York, 9; Philadelphia, 0. Forfeited second game.
Cleveland, 10; Chicago, 3. First game.
Cleveland, 4; Chicago, 3. Second game.
St. Louis, 5; Detroit, 2. First game.
St. Louis, 5; Detroit, 0. Second game.
Boston, 8; Washington, 1. First game.
Washington, 6; Boston, 3. Second game.
New York, 4; Boston, 0. First game.
New York, 3; Boston, 2. Second game.
Brooklyn, 8; Philadelphia, 0. First game.
Brooklyn, 10; Philadelphia, 0. Second game.
Chicago, 7; Cincinnati, 0. First game.
Chicago, 6; Cincinnati, 2. Second game.
Pittsburg, 2; St. Louis, 1. First game.
Pittsburg, 7; St. Louis, 1. Second game.

GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TO-DAY.

New York at Boston.
St. Louis at Detroit.
Philadelphia at Washington.
Boston at New York.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.
St. Louis at Pittsburg.

THOMAS KNOCKS OUT MELLODY

'Frisco Boxer Wins White Welter Title from Easterner in 11 Rounds.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 4.—Joe Thomas, the California welter-weight, knocked out Honey Mellody, of Charlestown, in eleven rounds at the Lincoln Club, in Chelsea, last night. Thomas let himself out in the fourth and blocked well, and did all his execution with his short left and right jolts. Mellody was more open than usual, and he received severe punishment. He was game, however, and never flinched. When he was sent to the boards for the fourth time soon after the eleventh had started, his seconds wisely tossed the sponge into the ring.

"Indian Joe" Greggs won over Jerry Gaines in eight rounds. Gaines was twenty pounds heavier than the Indian.

MONTE ATTELL'S CLAIM OF FOUL NOT ALLOWED.

VICTOR, Col., Sept. 4.—After five rounds of lively fighting Freddie Weeks, in the second minute of the sixth, sent Monte Attell to the mat by a straight left in the ribs, followed by a heavy right swing to the kidneys, and was declared winner by Referee Murphy.

Claims of foul had been made by Attell's seconds, and the referee called upon five doctors to examine him. Four of the medical men reported that he had not been fouled, whereupon the referee made the above decision.

UNK RUSSELL LOSES DECISION TO GALLIGAN.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 4.—"Unk" Russell, of Philadelphia, and Joe Galligan, of Chicago, met here in a ten-round bout. The latter got the decision at the end of the tenth round. Both are effective boxers, but there was but little scientific fighting. Russell seemed somewhat from a blow over the right eye. Galligan was superior to Russell and won an easy victory.

LANDERS IN TWENTY ROUND DRAW WITH WARD.

VALLEJO, Cal., Sept. 4.—Fred Landers, of San Francisco, and Fred Ward, of Peoria, Ill., fought twenty rounds at Team Athletic Club, near Benicia. At Neill declared the contest a draw. Landers had a great left lead, but Ward showed superiority in infighting. It was a hard-fought and stubborn contest.

LIGHTS WENT OUT AND REFEREE SAID DRAW.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Sept. 4.—What was to have been a twenty-round go between Frank Hardin, of Leadville, and Philadelphia Tim Callahan terminated in [illegible] of the seventeenth round by the electric lights suddenly going out, presumably from a burned fuse. The referee gave a draw decision, as no other means of illumination were obtainable. Callahan, however, disapproved of the decision, saying he was willing to continue with any kind of a light.

BURKE PUTS OVER SLEEP PUNCH ON EDELS.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 4.—Billy Burke, of Richmond, Pa., knocked out Harry Edels, of Chelsea, last night in the thirteenth round of what was to have been a bout of fifteen rounds at the Auditorium, but the fight was won in the eighth, from which time Edels only came up occasionally with a rapid blow at the most unexpected point.

Burke sent a fearfully effective left to the mouth and nose, and Edels lost a great deal of blood and took a great amount of punishment, especially in and after the eighth round.

GUNTHER IN FURIOUS FIGHT WITH MAHONEY.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Sept. 4.—George Gunther, of Philadelphia, and George Mahoney, of Milwaukee, fought twelve desperate rounds here last night for the middle-weight championship of the Middle West. Both men were fighting strong at the close of the twelfth, and no decision was given. It was a terrific battle, both men giving and receiving severe punishment.

Mahoney weighed 158 pounds and Gunther was twelve pounds lighter. Gunther's left optic was closed in the fifth, but he rallied and had Mahoney groggy several times. Both fought hard, but wildly in the last round, as equally exhausted. They may meet again soon.

LEWIS GETS VERDICT OVER JIMMY BRIGGS.

SAGINAW, Mich., Sept. 4.—Harry Lewis, of Philadelphia, had the better of the bout with Jimmie Briggs and got the decision last night. The mill went three rounds, and at no time was there danger that either boy would be put out, the exhibition being a clever one rather than a fierce affair. Briggs made it fairly rough at that from the seventh to the twelfth round, when he tired.

ELBERFELD'S ROWDYISM MAY COST TEAM THE PENNANT

To-day the Giants have the field to themselves, and as usual will proceed to annihilate Boston.

The Highlanders proceed to Boston and there hope to lay a foundation that will finally result in shoving Chicago away from the coveted pennant.

People in this town are wont to believe that the real live sensations spring from the Polo Grounds and that Harry Pulliam has a corner in the trouble market. Now you fans who believe that have another guess coming. Just go up on the hill some balmy day and you will see enough riotous proceedings to keep you reading dope for a month to come.

Incidentally it might be well to call your attention to the fact that the Highlanders have taken the lead in the American League race and are going to make Chicago hustle to regain her laurels. But they did it at a costly sacrifice. Elberfeld, the acting manager, is liable to be on the shelf for some time to come. Without him the Highlanders will be on a crutch. Nobody is to blame but Elberfeld himself and if his club loses out through his absence he will be a lad very much to the remorse.

Tried to Spike Umpire.

In the opening game he deliberately tried to spike Umpire O'Loughlin on the foot in the presence of 20,000 people, and there is no way of getting away from the offense. He is guilty. The crowd agreed with O'Loughlin whether his decision was correct or not, and Elberfeld was loudly hissed.

All umpires try to do what is right, and at that their lot in life is not altogether happy. In fact, no baseball official up to date has ever developed into a mirth-producer on the vaudeville stage. Elberfeld is a good-natured and broad-minded fellow off the field, and why he should so far forget himself as to indulge in the capers of yesterday is beyond ordinary understanding. In all likelihood he will be severely dealt with, and nobody but the club which pays him a salary will suffer.

The Giants have been accused of nearly every crime on the calendar, but in the two years that I have watched them I have never seen anything to equal the performance of Elberfeld. Following quickly on the heels of the Elberfeld performance Umpire O'Loughlin was compelled to forfeit the second game to New York, and altogether it was a very strenuous afternoon.

It was so dark another inning would have been impossible, and by a little judgment the Athletics could have secured a draw.

BOZEMAN BULGER.

BOSTON ATHLETE WINS SIX PRIZES

L. Sheppard was the only successful athlete to toss the caber at the fifteenth annual games of the New York Caledonian Club, held at Washington Park, Maspeth, L. I. Sheppard made the toss on the second attempt, and the distance was 37 feet 9 inches. Six competitors tried the toss. Sheppard also got first prize in throwing the 16-pound hammer, with 104 feet 10 inches. William ("Fish") Marsh, of Boston, carried off first honors of the meet, as he won all first prizes. Robert Todd, the former West Side Athletic Club and the three-mile ex-amateur champion, won first prize in the one and three mile events, which were the long distance races of the day. A. McDonald did the best work in the closed events and captured three first prizes.

HORSES WORKED ON FAST TRACK TO-DAY AT BAY

Logistilla in Good Form and Should Do Well in Race.

Training conditions at Sheepshead were much improved to-day, the weather and track being almost perfect for fast work. The best workouts noted were:

PENARIS—Five furlongs in 1.02 1-5, breezing. Is fit to race.

BAT MASTERSON—Five furlongs in 1.02, breezing. Looks well.

DR. GARDNER—Six furlongs in 1.15, breezing. Has early speed.

MORTIBOY—Five furlongs in 1.01 3-5, handily. Speedy and fit.

MOLLIE DONOHUE—One mile in 1.43, handily. She is fit.

WRENNE—Six furlongs in 1.17 2-5, breezing. In good trim.

ROSEBEN—Six furlongs in 1.16 2-5, galloping. In good form.

BAY TWIG—Four furlongs in 0.49, handily; has early speed.

RYE—Six furlongs in 1.17 3-5, galloping; is fit and good.

SKYLARK—Six furlongs in 1.17 2-5, breezing.

OUTCOME—Six furlongs in 1.15, handily; seems very good.

ANGLER—One mile in 1.43 3-5, handily; doing well.

SINGLE SHOT—Six furlongs in 1.17 2-5, handily; ready to race.

GEORGE S. DAVIS—Five furlongs in 1.02, handily; has his speed.

BRAZIALIO—Six furlongs in 1.17, handily; not up to much.

[illegible] furlongs in 1.03, breezing; looks well.

SANDY CREEKER—Six furlongs in 1.17 2-5, driving.

JENNIE McCABE—Five furlongs in [illegible] breezing.

RED FRIAR—Five furlongs in 1.00, handily; seems very good.

LOGISTILLA—One mile in 1.50, galloping; she is fit.

MABEL RICHARDSON—One mile in 1.44, handily; acts well.

LOTUS—Six furlongs in 1.16 2-5, breezing; never in better form.

JOHN M. P.—One mile and a quarter in 2.11 2-5, galloping; very good work.

MOMENTUM—Four furlongs, 0.49 2-5, breezing.

ACCOUNTANT—One mile and a furlong in 1.58, galloping; in very good trim.

CARSEY QUITS IN BOUT WITH ATTELL.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Sept. 4.—Abe Attell proved himself still beyond dispute the champion fighter of the feather-weight divs on by defeating Frank Carsey in three rounds and drawing tears of a crowd of 1,800 people. Carsey quit in the third round of what was to have been a fifteen-round go.

Attell did not claim a foul, and Carsey, after being cautioned by the referee, was urged to go on by the crowd, but crawled through the ropes and went to his dressing-room uninjured, but whipped.

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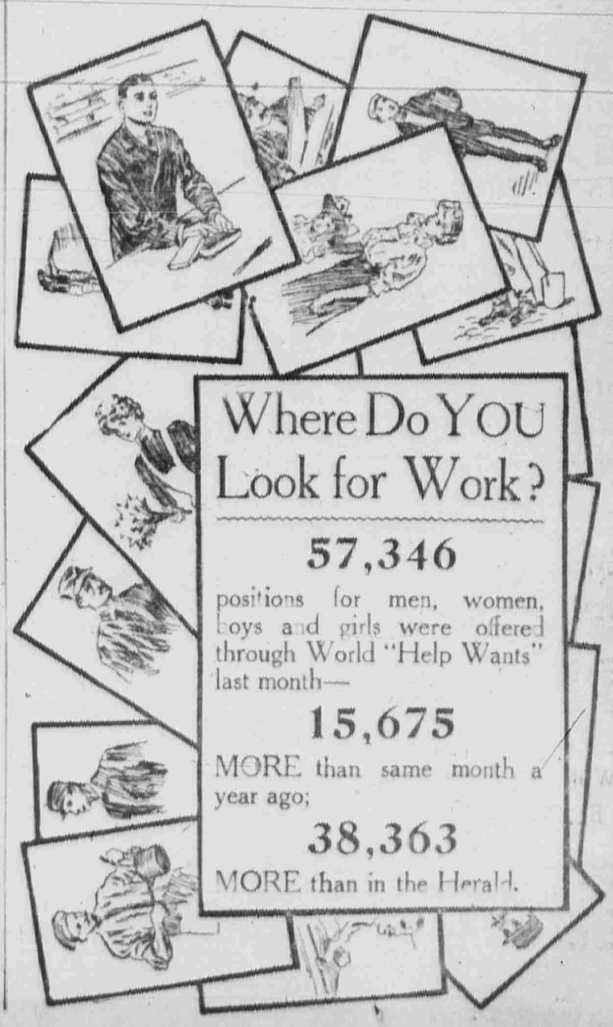
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