

NEW YEAR MEETING

ATELL IS 2 TO 1 FAVORITE OVER MORAN IN RING

Betting Drops Back From 10 to 8 as Hour of This Afternoon's Championship Battle at Colma Draws Near.

(Special to The Evening World.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—Abe Attell goes into the ring this afternoon in the international featherweight championship battle as a 2 to 1 favorite over his English contestant, Owen Moran. Attell was originally a 10 to 8 shot, but by stages the price has dropped from 10 to 7, 10 to 6 and finally 2 to 1.

Both the boys have come in nicely at the weight, and each says he has nothing to desire in the matter of condition. Neither did any work to-day. Early in the day Moran went out to Colma to occupy a cottage near the arena. Attell's quarters are in the same neighborhood. Both are confident of their ability to win out.

James Jeffries, who will referee the fight, has visited both the fighters and has had a thorough understanding with them as to the style of fistfights they will observe while clinching and breaking. He spent a couple of hours with Attell and went over the same ground as was covered during his trip to Moran's on Monday. Attell promised that he would not hold and that he would break clean when ordered to do so. Moran has made a promise to the same effect.

All roads lead to Jim Coffroth's Mission Street Arena, where the battle will take place. "Frisco" is tight mad. On every side one hears nothing but "Who will win the fight?" The city is equally divided, and when the boys enter the ring they will face the largest crowd that has ever turned out to witness an international battle between little men. Charlie Harvey, who arrived in town last night from New York, said that he had a couple of thousand to bet that his English protegee would lower the colors of the American boy who has whipped with apparent ease every good featherweight in America.

Added interest in the battle is due to the fact that it has an international flavor, the contestants being the pick of America and England at their weights, and that the winner will be the undisputed champion of the world.

IRAFANEH WINS FIRST OF RACES FOR YOUNGSTERS

With Nicol Up, She Was Favorite in the Betting at City Park.

AL MULLER SCORES TOO.

Was at Odds On and Takes Six Furlong Dash Easily From Blue Lee.

(Special to The Evening World.)
CITY PARK, NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.—The big feature of to-day's holiday racing here was the initial appearance under colors of youngsters who became two-year-olds to-day. This and the New Year's Handicap served to bring out a good-sized crowd, who enjoyed the spot thoroughly.

FIRST RACE—Purse \$100. Two-year-olds, three furlongs.—Irafaneh, 107 (Nicol), 5 to 2 and 4 to 3 and 1 to 2, won. Blue Lee, 105 (Blue Lee), 3 to 1 and 2 to 1, second. Nicol, 106 (Nicol), 5 to 1 and 3 to 1, third. Time—0:32.4. Canine, Abiline, Alice, Salsward, Anna McGee, Chalio, Joseph, McCane and Lightning Flash also ran.

COMSTOCK TO BE WITNESS AT THAW TRIAL

He Had Intimate Knowledge of the Lives and Habits of Thaw and White.

It was authoritatively announced to-day that Anthony Comstock will be the star witness in the defense of Harry K. Thaw when his second trial for the murder of Sanford White begins. A subpoena for Mr. Comstock has been served. Several consultations have taken place between Martin W. Littleton, senior counsel for Thaw and Mr. Comstock. As a result of these conferences it was stated that much importance is attached to the testimony of Mr. Comstock on account of his knowledge of both Thaw and White.

"No man living knows more of the mode of living of Mr. White than Mr. Comstock," said The Evening World's informant to-day. "He was also the confidant of Thaw. When Mrs. Thaw told her husband of the orgies in which White participated Thaw went to Anthony Comstock and repeated the tales he had heard of the midnight sessions in the Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth street studios. Thaw appealed to him to take some action with reference to certain young chorus girls known to have frequented these studios.

"Thaw also went to the Gerry Society and to the District Attorney's office on the advice of Mr. Comstock. He also employed detectives to watch these places and shadow Mr. White on Comstock's advice. The morning after Thaw's arrest, when he was before the coroner, the first man he telephoned for was Mr. Comstock.

CALVE ESCAPES AN ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Emma Calve, the prima donna, who was threatened with serious illness, has twice cancelled her engagements to sing here. She is now in Cuba, recovering in the tropics, convalescing from a threatened attack of pneumonia. She will sing again at the end of this week.

GOV. HUGHES DECLARES WAR ON RACE TRACKS; BETTING MUST STOP

International Rivals in Contest for Feather-Weight Title To-Day



OWEN MORAN



ABE ATELL

POLICEMAN AND PRISONER CUT UP IN A FIGHT

Alleged Thief Turns on Captor on Way to Long Island City Jail.

Policeman Michael Morgan had a lively tussle with an alleged burglar in Long Island City to-day, and both crashed through a plate glass window and were severely cut, the man whom the policeman had under arrest being the worst sufferer.

William McBride has a hardware store at No. 107 Peaslee street, in the Blissville section of Long Island City, and sleeps in a room back of the store. He was aroused early to-day by a noise in the store, and on getting up discovered two men in the store. As he had no revolver handy he decided not to take any chances, and he waited until the intruders had departed by the front door, through which it was found, they had entered after forcing it open with a jimmy.

Follows the Men.
McBride followed the thieves until he met Policeman Morgan, and they started in pursuit of the robbers. They overtook two men on Revere avenue, near Howell street. One of the men, who afterwards said he was John Travis, nineteen years old, of No. 154 Miserable street, Greenpoint, had a clock under his arm, and the policeman concluded that he and his companion were the men who had stolen the clock.

McBride said that it looked like one of his clocks, and Morgan was about to tackle the supposed thieves when Policeman Robinson came along and joined him.

The two policemen put the suspects under arrest and were taking them to Police Headquarters when, in front of a bakery at No. 61 Greenwich avenue, Travis, who was in charge of Morgan and was carrying the clock, dropped it and tackled the policeman.

In Annual Message He Tells the State Legislators the Constitutional Prohibition of Pool Selling and All Gambling Must Be Enforced.

WOULD EXTEND DEBT LIMIT TO BUILD NEW SUBWAYS.

Executive Also Urges Bank Reform Measures to Prevent Financial Juggling and Safeguard Depositors—He Would Abolish the Quarantine Commission.

(Special to The Evening World.)
ALBANY, Jan. 1.—Gov. Hughes in his message to the Legislature to-day recommends that the constitutional prohibition of pool selling or bookmaking or any other kind of gambling within the State be enforced. If the Legislature adopts his recommendation there can be no betting on the race tracks in New York City, Buffalo and Saratoga, and without the betting the race tracks cannot operate.

While this is the most striking of the Governor's suggestions in its immediate effect, there is another in his message of great importance to the people of New York City. This concerns the extension of the debt limit to enable the municipality to build new subways.

The Governor asks the Legislature to exclude from the computation of the city's debt limit all bonds or evidences of indebtedness issued for purposes which produce revenues in excess of their own maintenance charges. In other words, he would eliminate from consideration in estimating the debt limit of the city the bonds issued for the building of subways, the purchase of ferries, the building of docks and for all other revenue producing enterprises, which bring in returns above the interest.

The adoption of this plan, which was recommended by the Charter Revision Commission, would enable the city to borrow money for all necessary transit improvements without reference to the debt limit. With the debt restriction removed new subways could be constructed in the manner followed in the boring of the present subway system.

BUFFALO FLYER IN NEW YEAR CRASH; DOZEN INJURED

Passenger Cars of Pennsylvania Train Smashed in Collision With Engine.

SUNBURY, Pa., Jan. 1.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Express, which left Buffalo at 9 o'clock last night and was due in Philadelphia at 7:30 A. M. to-day, was wrecked at Montanion, ten miles west of here, early to-day, and more than a dozen passengers were injured. Among those who suffered most were D. F. Raiman, New York; Mrs. A. M. Pollock, Camden, N. J.; Mrs. W. T. Coleman, Philadelphia; Mrs. F. C. Nelson, Philadelphia; George Benedict, Lebanon, Pa.; W. W. Munn, fireman, Lykens; Pat L. Gamble, engineer, Harrisburg; J. A. Lerch, Berwick, Pa.; E. W. Burroughs, Washington, D. C.; O. Stephens, East Emporium, Pa., and Mrs. Rene Maurer, New Berlin, Pa.

The express was approaching Montanion and was running on time when a light locomotive crossed from a siding to the main track. The engine of the express was so close that the engineer was unable to bring his heavy train to a stop and it crashed into the shunting engine with considerable force. Both locomotives were completely disabled, and combination car, a day coach and a Pullman sleeper were so badly damaged that the passengers had to be transferred to other coaches and several cars cut out. Most of the passengers received medical treatment here. The train was delayed four hours.

REWARD OF \$1,000 FOR PERPETRATOR OF SWAMP MURDER

Acting Mayor Daly, of Harrison, N. J., announced to-day that the City Council would offer a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of the man or men who killed the "woman in red," whose nude body was found in Five Points Pond on Christmas Day.

Application has already been made to the Governor of New Jersey for authority to use \$1,000 of the funds of the municipality for the purpose of accelerating interest in the hunt for the murderer.

"The people of Harrison," said Mr. Daly, "are sick of the inaction of the Hudson County authorities. It is our desire to interest some real detectives in the matter. The business men of the town will in all probability offer a reward in addition to the \$1,000, which the City Council will formally appropriate to-morrow night."

Magistrate Branagan, of Harrison, telephoned to Police Headquarters in this city asking for the loan of a few of Commissioner Bingham's bloodhounds. It is the optimistic design of Magistrate Branagan to turn the bloodhounds loose in the swamp and allow them to lead the police to the scene of the murder.

Camden Woman Missing.

Information has reached the Harrison police that a married woman of Camden, N. J., who reached Jersey City Christmas morning on her way to visit friends in Harrison has disappeared and may be the swamp murder victim. Inasmuch as the clothing the dead woman wore was bought in Brooklyn, the clue

Another Identification Wrong.

Another identification was nullified to-day when Agnes O'Keefe was found alive and at work in the Hotel Hanover at Twelfth and Arch streets, Philadelphia. This identification was considered strong, because it had been made by Detective Drabell, of Orange.

Subdued With Nightstick.

They fought all over the sidewalk, and finally both crashed through the thick plate-glass window of the bakery. Travis was badly cut and Morgan also received cuts on his face and hands. The policeman's uniform was ruined by the blood that flowed from his and the prisoner's cuts.

Even after he had been hurt Travis showed fight, but a few cracks from the policeman's nightstick subdued him. The other prisoner said he was Louis Snyder, twenty-six years old, of No. 20 Newell street, Greenpoint. Both men were locked up.

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