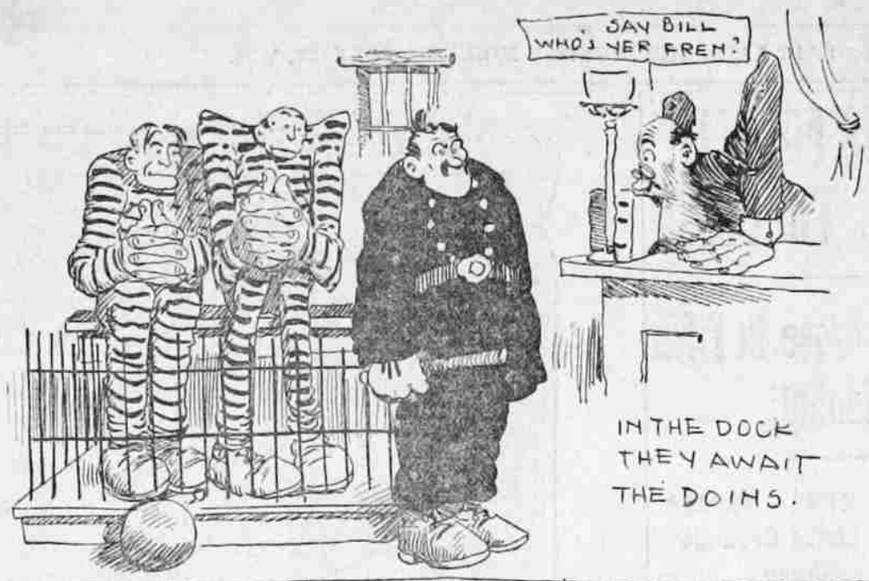
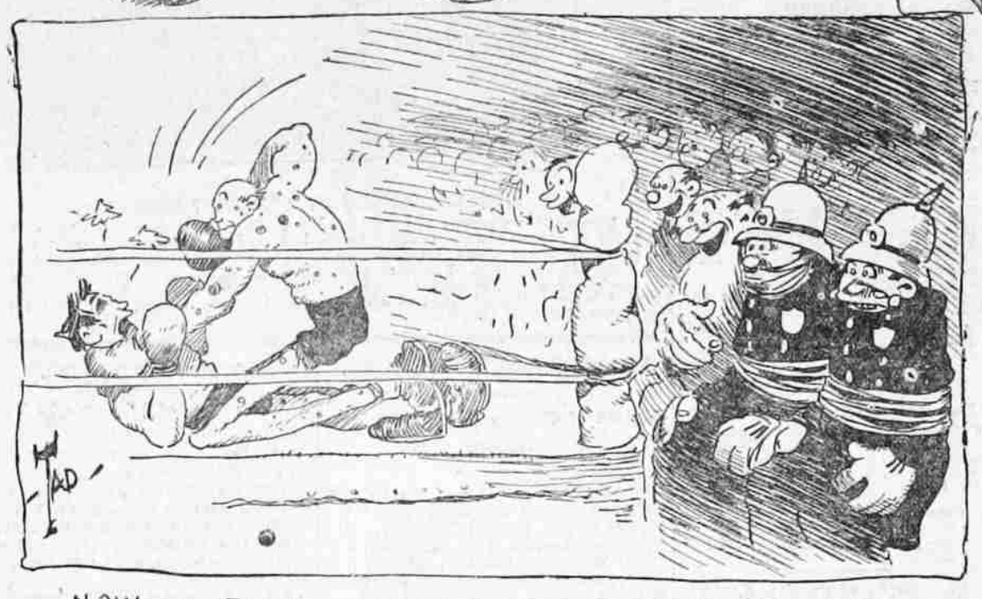
O'BRIEN AND FITZ THE CULPRITS ENTER——



IN THE DOCK THEY AWAIT THE DOINS.

FITZ 'AD A FEW WORDS TO SAY 'IMSELF.

AND AFTER THAT THEY COUNTED THE LAW OUT.



NOW— HE CAN WHANG AWAY AT HIS FELLOW FIGHTER O'BRIEN TILL THE STARS MELT (NO COPS.)

CARTOONIST TAD'S IDEA OF MACK O'BRIEN WHEN HE TACKLED FITZ.

THOMAS F. KIELY THE IRISH GIANT

Champion Athlete Has Long Record.

Began His Career When but Seventeen Years of Age.

Has Won Nine International Gold Medals Beside Winning World's Championship.

Thomas F. Kiely, the premier all-round athlete of the world, was born at Ballyaeal, Carrick-on-Luir, County Tipperary, Ireland, thirty-three years ago. His parents are prosperous stock-raisers.

"Tom" was brought up on the farm under the influence of the fractionless home life characteristic of the Irish.

He entered athletics at the age of 17 and signalized his first appearance by winning the Tipperary county championships.

The lad of 17 has developed into the ideal athlete of the century. He stands six feet one inch and weighs 196 pounds.

Kiely's appearance in street costume is very deceiving. His face lacks that congenial smile so characteristic of Celts. The smile is replaced by a more serious look, as if his thoughs were centered on a far more deeper subject than athletics.

He's Irish All Right.

But if you have any doubts as to his being Irish all that you have to do to be convinced of his native country is to hear him talk. Then your doubts pass into oblivion and you realize with a vengeance that he is truly a son of Erin.

Kiely is undoubtedly the brightest star that the athletic firmament has ever known. A glance at his marvelous record reads to the average athlete like a fairy tale.

Never in the history of athletics has any one achieved the enviable reputation that Thomas Kiely retires with.

To have won over 1500 prizes seems to our youthful athlete as a "taste of Paradise."

These were won in all branches of athletics, running, jumping and weight throwing. He won the all-round championship of Ireland in 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1898.

He has won the hammer-throwing championship of England six times and of Ireland twelve times.

Has Won Nine Internationals.

He has won nine gold international medals in the annual contests with Scotland, besides over sixty gold championship medals in Ireland.

A few of his best performances are as follows: Created a new world's record with the 56-pound weight, Irish style (one hand), at the G. A. A. championships, held at Cork in 1898, distance 28 feet 11 inches. Kiely threw the 16-pound (straight handle) hammer from the circle 151 feet 11 inches.

At the Aberlow sports in 1899 he jumped 23 feet 2 inches.

At the arrow sports in 1899 he made a record of 50 feet 9 inches in the running hop, step and jump.

He holds the Scotch record in the broad jump, from a grass take-off, with an actual jump of 22 feet 10 inches.

At the G. A. A. championships in 1899 he won the 120-yard hurdles in :16 flat on a grass track, and ten minutes afterwards threw the 56-pound weight 37 feet 7 inches.

At the Limerick sports he created a new world's record by throwing the 56-pound weight 40 feet 2 inches, but, unfortunately, the missile was found to be four ounces light, and his record was not allowed.

At the Celtic sports held in Belfast in 1898, Kiely put the 16-pound shot 42 feet 7 inches. He jumped 5 feet 7 inches the same day in the high jump.

Kiely had practically given up athletics since 1899, but acting upon the advice of friends, both in Ireland and here, decided, in the early part of the year, to try for the A. A. U. all-round championships held at the World's fair Stadium a fortnight ago.

This championship he won from five of the best athletes in America. To accomplish this was indeed no easy task, for all the world will tell you that America is the home of the athlete.

Considering that men like Hare and Gunn are now in their prime, while Kiely has already reached his zenith, his victory seems all the more brilliant.

Some Events Were New to Him.

In speaking of the A. A. U. championships Kiely had the following to say:

"Several of the events were new to me, and I had been some time out of some of the others, consequently my task was a hard one.

"Any one who understands athletics can see that the programme of the A. A. U. championships is the severest test that an athlete can be put through, but when one has to go through it in five hours in the face of a blinding rainstorm on a new clay track, soaked with water and mud, is something more than I care to attempt again.

"I doubt if any of us who went through it on July 4 will do many brilliant performances during the remainder of the season.

"For my part, I have achieved the height of my ambition and retire from the track with deep regret.

"I also wish to mention the fact that I have met with nothing but the highest courtesy and sportsmanlike treatment from officials and opponents, while contesting for the championships and truer sportsmen than Messrs. Gunn of Buffalo, Hare of Pennsylvania and Holloway of New York I have never met."

Has an Athlete Brother.

Kiely has a younger brother, now 22 years old, who will probably come over next year to compete for the A. A. U. championships.

Kiely thinks that Hare of Philadelphia is the coming all-round man of America.

Kiely will compete in the Irish Nationalist games, to be held at the old fair grounds Sunday afternoon. This will be his last appearance in St. Louis.

From there he goes to Chicago, and from there to Boston, where he makes his farewell appearance on athletic fields.

After that meet he intends returning to Ireland, and enter the stock-raising business with his father.

BIG LEAGUE GOSSIP.

Ames, who has pitched no games for McGraw here this season is likely to have a show at several of the games in the near future. His good showing in Pittsburg is a favorable sign. As the Giants' big three, McGinnity, Mathewson and Taylor, have had a little more work than was good for them on the trip just closed McGraw is anxious to ease off a bit and so will use both Ames and Wiltse.

The foul strike rule will not down and its unpopularity grows apace. Here is what Henry Chadwick, the "father of baseball" has to say about it:

"Watch any contest and take notice how many batsmen really have but one ball allowed them to strike at, owing to their hitting two foul strikes at the start. Then too, watch how many runners are sent back, often almost stealing a base owing to the call of 'foul strike.' One-half the put outs on strikes are due to the foul strike rule, and not to the failure to hit the ball, owing to the skill of the pitcher."

"Father" Chadwick attributes the falling off in hitting, run getting and base stealing to the foul strike rule.

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Taken as a whole, the Western teams have had the better of the argument by long odds in the series just closed in the National League. New York is the lone exception, having ten victories and six defeats to show as its record. The West versus the East showed a victory for the former, as the West won forty-five games and the East only twenty. Half of these latter were won by the Giants.

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The Giants have improved in the stick work, and "Danny" McGann, the first baseman, leads the list with a percentage of .320 in batting. Devlin has fallen to third place, and Bresnahan, with .303, has second place. McGraw's team has an average of .306, a gain of 33 points during the week. They lead opponents by 80 points in batting.

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Dougherty leads the New York Americans in batting, with an average of .332, a gain of 12 points over last week. Fultz and Kleinow are next with tied averages of .310. The club gained 12 points in batting, but lost considerably in team fielding during the week.

Pope Bicycle Teams.

Teams for the grand circuit of the N. C. A. are now complete and the fight for the championship is in full swing. On the Columbia team for the spring racing are Eddie Root, the Bostonian; Oliver Dorion, the Coney Island lad who scored so well in the six-day race, and George C. Glasson of Newark, who was one of the amateur champions last year.

In addition to the three named above, Bobie Walthour, the middle distance champion of the world, is also a member of the Columbia team.

F. A. McFarland, the lanky Californian, heads the Tribune team again and his associates are J. Frank Galvin of Hartford; Floyd Krebs, the Newark sprinter, who was the only man that has defeated Kramer this year in an open race; Joseph Fogler, the blond lad from Manhattan Beach, and George C. Schreiber of New York.

In addition to George H. Collett, the former amateur champion, who is now racing at Salt Lake City, the Rambler team comprises Fred Scheps, the Australian; Frank J. Caldwell of Hartford, Conn.; Charles Hadfield of Newark, and J. P. Jacobson of New Haven.

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HANLON'S DEFEAT WAS A SURPRISE

"Battling" Nelson Is a Comer.

Chicago Youth New Sets Trouble With Corbett or Britt.

Rumor That Fitz Has Quit the Ring Is Probably Untrue—Ring Gossip.

By Henry F. Burmester.

By defeating Eddie Hanlon at San Francisco last Friday night, "Battling" Nelson, the whirlwind slugger from Chicago, has placed himself within reach of the top rung of the 130-pound class ladder. The Windy City boxer has proved to the sporting fraternity that he is one of the toughest millers in the business and he can now very justly demand a match with Young Corbett or Jimmy Britt. Furthermore Nelson will be able to give either of the aforementioned fistic artists a vigorous run for the gate money and even down in California there are hundreds of fight followers who would wager their coin that the Cook county boy will not take second money. In his last two fights on the coast Nelson has won a name for himself and made many friends. When he hung it on Mike Canole the San Franciscans opened their eyes in surprise. And when he handed it to the "Pride of California" last Friday, even the native sons themselves were forced to admit that he was worthy of the attention of either Britt or well or the mighty "Chames Edward."

When Nelson came to this city from Chicago a few months ago he was practically unknown. He had a good reputation in and around Chicago where he had fought many good fights, but outside of the Windy City he was not recognized. In one of the fiercest mills ever witnessed here Nelson administered the sleep tablets to "Spider" Welch, one of the most promising of the California little fellows. A few weeks later the sturdy little Chicagoan knocked out Canole and lastly Eddie Hanlon fell a victim to his prowess. Nelson is now seeking to arrange a match with either Young Corbett or his conqueror, and it is quite likely that he will be accommodated.

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Dame Rumor has it that Lanky Britt has fought his last fight—that the freckled one is "all in" and realizes that he would stand no show with some of the younger fighters in a bout of any length. Upon the heels of this report comes one to the effect that Fitz has offered to bet several thousand dollars that he can trim "Fashion Plate" Jim O'Brien in a twenty-round go.

It is hardly probable that the Cornish man has given up the game. There is considerable left in the old man yet, as he plainly showed at Philadelphia recently. Despite the fact that Fitz is handicapped by Father Time he can still go fast enough to worry any of the middles including O'Brien, McCoy, Ryan and "Hot Air Tommy" Ryan.

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An attempt is being made to revive the boxing game in Chicago. One man has secured a location outside of the city limits and has announced that regular monthly shows will be given in the days of yore.

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Biddy Bishop, one of the stellar performers in the Herrera-Downey battle, is back in the fighting game. Biddy is reported to have an "unknown" in Salt Lake City, who he is anxious to match against Billy Woods, his former protege.

YELLOWSTONE PARK EXCURSION

August 4.

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