

## BRITT KNOCKED OUT IN ROUND EIGHTEEN

### Californian Put to Sleep by Battling Nelson Early in the Game.

### WAS FIGHTER AGAINST BOXER

#### Dane Received Terrific Punishment From His Clever Antagonist, But Always Came to Scratch Fresh and Aggressive—Britt Had No Counter For His Rushing Persistent Tactics.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Sept. 9.—In a fight that had many novel features, "Battling" Nelson, of Chicago, knocked out James Edward Britt, of San Francisco, at Colma this afternoon. The end came in the eighteenth round and was a fairly won victory.

The surroundings, the crowd, the bitterness of the men toward each other, the uncertainty as to whether there would be a fight at all up to within a quarter of an hour before the fight actually began, together with the cleverness and the endurance displayed by the two boxers made the fight one of great interest to followers of fighting.

#### Fighter Against Boxer.

It was the success of a strong, enduring fighter, against a clever, cool boxer. From the first of the fight until Referee Grancy finished the count of ten seconds, Nelson forced the fighting.

Though suffering many bruising blows on the face and body and being at times very tired, Nelson never gave ground. He came back after every attack by Britt, always ready to exchange blows.

For the rushing, forcing, persistent tactics of Nelson, Britt could find no effective counter. The Californian tried every blow known to him to stop his tireless opponent. At every point Britt failed, although he punished Nelson severely, knocking him down once and staggering him several times.

#### Found Vulnerable Spot Once.

Only once, in the third round, did it appear to those close enough to judge the tide of battle that Britt might win. In this round Britt reached the most vulnerable spot on Nelson's muscled body, the stomach, with two terrific right hand blows that carried punishment.

Nelson flattered for a moment and doubled up. Quickly turning his attention to Nelson's face, Britt sent a terrific right cross that dropped the Dane to his knees.

There was a shout from Britt's friends, but the elation was short.

Nelson got up before the time could reach the count of ten, and fought aggressively for a few seconds when the gong sounded a cheerful note to Nelson's supporters.

#### Nelson Fresh and Ready.

The call of time for the succeeding round found Nelson fresh and ready. Nelson was always the first to begin the rounds though not always the first to land a blow.

Time after time he would glide along after Britt much after the style of Fitzsimmons, never clever on his feet, but always seeking to shorten the distance between his opponent and himself.

Tirelessness, persistence and disregard of physical punishment characterized Nelson's fighting throughout. Britt fought gamely at all times, but after his spurt in the third round the California fighter weakened perceptibly to those seated close to the ring-side.

#### Used All His Strength.

Britt had used all his strength, all his cleverness and all his blows in the third and he had failed to achieve a knockout.

Britt appeared to realize as he took his corner after the fourth round that he was unable to hurt his opponent. Nelson also seemed to reach this decision at the same time and subsequently took Britt's blows with more confidence and without flinching. Except in spots, the rounds were all pretty much alike. Nelson always forcing, Britt always giving ground; Britt trying to keep Nelson at the

end of his snappy left hand and the Dane using every means to get inside the circumference of the Californian's hands.

#### Hammered at the Body.

Whenever Nelson broke down the defense or accepted the blows aimed at him, he would hammer away at the body, always coming out a clinch swinging at the jaw.

The agreement of the two men to break at the call of the referee and the referee's interpretation of the rules and their strict enforcement, seemed to be in Nelson's favor. Grancy told the men before the fight commenced that they must break at his command and he carried out his intention.

In the fifth round Britt held a momentary advantage, staggering Nelson with a series of blows and making a desperate effort to win.

This was the first round in which both threw aside all knowledge of boxing and slugged viciously, each hoping to end the fight with one blow. Britt delivered a lucky blow. Both were bleeding at the close of this round, but Nelson was the stronger.

#### Slugged Each Other Ceaselessly.

It did not seem possible that a fight could be much fiercer than the fifth round, but the succeeding period of three minutes brought the vast crowd to its feet and kept it there throughout.

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## EIGHT MEN LOST; CAPTAIN A SUICIDE

### That Was Harrowing Tale Told by Survivors of a Fishing Schooner.

### DORY WENT ASTRAY IN FOG

#### Captain, Brooding Over Loss of Members of His Crew, Jumps Overboard and is Drowned—Wrote Note to Landlord, Saying He Would Try Next World.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, MASS., Sept. 9.—The death of Captain Isaac Frazier, by suicide and the loss of eight men by going astray in a fog was reported by the remaining members of the crew of the Boston fishing schooner Joseph H. Cromwell, who brought the vessel into this port today. The missing men were lost while out in dories on the George's Banks last Wednesday.

#### Captain Jumped Overboard.

The captain jumped overboard and was drowned Friday morning.

After searching the ship the crew examined clothing in the captain's room and in a pocket they found a note addressed to the proprietor of the boarding house where he had lived in Boston. It read as follows:

#### Try the Next World.

"Dear George: I can't get along in this world and I will try the next. Good-bye to you and all my friends. Your friend,

#### "ISAAC FRAZIER."

It is supposed that Frazier brooded over the loss of so many members of his crew until he became temporarily insane.

#### LOOKS BAD FOR STUART.

#### Washington Correspondent Thinks Collector Will Be "Called Down."

The Washington correspondent of the Richmond Evening Journal thinks that Captain J. E. B. Stuart, collector of customs for this port, is to get a "calling down," at least, for his treatment of Democrats in the local customs service.

It is argued that if the investigation of the charges against Capt. Stuart had amounted to nothing, the papers in the case would never have been sent to President Roosevelt.

#### Capt. Darden Ill.

Captain Joseph J. Darden, local agent of the Virginia Pilots' Association, is ill at the Newport News general hospital and Captain Guy is in charge of the local office of the association.

#### Fell Out of Tree.

Little George Burrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Burrell, fell out of a tree on Thirty-first street Friday afternoon and broke his arm. The fractured bone was set by Dr. Aaron Jeffery.

## MISTAKE IN SIGNALS; 5 KILLED; 75 INJURED

### Freight and Passenger Cars Collide on Electric Line With Frightful Result.

### MOTORMAN JUMPED FOR LIFE

#### Over a Hundred Passengers, However, Were Caught Like Rats in a Trap—Noise of Collision Attracted Attention of Farmers, Who Rendered all Aid Possible to the Injured.

(By Associated Press.)

YORK, PA., Sept. 9.—Five persons were killed and 75 injured in a collision between a passenger and freight trolley car today on the York & Dalmastown Electric railway, near Stables' switch, about six miles from here. Two victims were killed instantly and three died later at a hospital here.

Although the cause of the accident has not been explained, it is supposed to have been due to a mistake in signals.

The wrecked passenger car was crowded, the register showing 102 fares.

#### Collision Was Inevitable.

When Stables' switch was reached the motorman saw the freight car not more than 100 feet away, approaching at a rapid rate.

Meisenhelder, motorman of the passenger car, applied the brakes and, with a warning cry, jumped for his life. He was followed by Conductor Snyder. Both escaped injury.

But the passengers in the inside were unable to help themselves. They became panic stricken and made desperate efforts to escape, but before one of them could jump from the car, the crash came.

#### Farmers Aided Injured.

The noise of the collision followed by the cries of the injured attracted the attention of the farmers in the vicinity, who rendered all the aid possible.

Twenty of the more seriously injured were placed on the freight car and brought to this city. Some were cared for at nearby farm houses and others were brought here in special cars.

## SYSONBY TAKES CHAMPION STAKE

### The Wonderful Keene Colt Runs Season's Winnings of Owner's Stable Up to \$211,000.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Amid the rousing cheers of 25,000 persons, James R. Keene's champion three-year-old colt, Sysonby, easily captured the annual champion stake of \$25,000 at Sheepshead Bay today. Sysonby was held at 1 to 6, and galloped his field into the ground in the first mile and a quarter, winning by four lengths. His time for the distance, two and a quarter miles, was 3:54 flat, which is 2-5 of a second lower than the track record made by Igniter in 1903.

By the victory of Sysonby today the winnings this year of the James R. Keene stable amount to a little over \$211,000, a figure which has seldom been reached by one stable in one year of racing. The annual champion is for three-year-olds and upward, and the Keene colt was conceding eight pounds to each of his two opponents. But he so overwhelmingly outclassed them that it was a foregone conclusion before the race that he would win, barring accidents.

#### 19 New Cases of Cholera.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Sept. 9.—An official bulletin issued this afternoon announces that nineteen new cases of cholera and seven deaths were reported during the twenty-four hours ending at noon today.

#### The Rawlings Denied New Trials.

THOMASVILLE, GA., Sept. 9.—The motion for a new trial in the case of J. C. Rawlings and his sons, Milton, Jesse and Leonard, was denied today. Three of them were sentenced to be hanged September 17, for the murder of the children of Rev. W. A. Carter. The case will be appealed.

## NINETEEN BLOWN INTO SMALL PIECES

### Terrible Explosion in the Fair-Chance Plant of the Rand Powder Company.

### BUILDINGS WIRE ANNIHILATED

#### Big Hole Where Magazine Stood All That Remains to Show Powder Mill Stood There—Small Pieces of Human Bodies Picked Up From Amid Debris—Identification Difficult.

(By Associated Press.)

CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Sept. 9.—The Rand powder mills at Fairchance, six miles south of Uniontown, were entirely wiped out by an explosion at 9:05 o'clock today. Of the 32 men who went to work in the mill this morning 19 are known to be dead.

Of the dead 13 have been identified. Nine men, including C. M. Rand, manager of the plant, were seriously injured.

Scores of people in the town of Fairchance, within a half mile of the powder mills were more or less painfully injured.

The shock of the explosion was distinctly felt in Conneltsville, twenty miles away, buildings being rocked. At Uniontown hundreds of panes of glass were broken. In the town of Fairchance there is scarcely a house that did not suffer damage. The sides were battered as though axes had been used. Haystacks were toppled over in the fields and live stock was maimed.

The rails of the Baltimore & Ohio railway and the West Pennsylvania Traction railway were rooted from the road bed and traffic was delayed from four to six hours.

#### Train's Narrow Escape.

Train No. 52, on the Baltimore & Ohio had a narrow escape from annihilation. It had just passed the Rand mills when the explosion occurred. The windows in the passenger coaches were shattered and the passengers were thrown into a panic. Had the train been a few seconds later it would have been blown up, as the mills were within a few rods of the tracks.

A street car on the West Pennsylvania railroad had also passed just a few seconds before the explosion and was far enough away to escape damage, though it was derailed.

There were seven explosions in all. Every one of the ten buildings were totally demolished. Not a vestige of them remains tonight. The debris that was strewn over the ten acres of ground where the plant was located took fire soon after the explosion and a conflagration added its terrors to the disaster.

The dismembered parts of the dead bodies were burned in many instances. Identification of many was made by parts of clothing alone.

The first three explosions were not so serious as the last four. Then the packing house, pressing room and magazine blew up, followed by two cars of dynamite standing on a nearby railroad siding, which were set off by the concussion from the powder mill explosions.

#### Two Cars Escaped.

Two other cars remained intact and it was with difficulty that they were moved to a place of safety after the explosion.

When the bodies were recovered the work of identification was very difficult. Small pieces of bodies were picked up all over the place. These were not collected together, but they were so mangled it was difficult to collect enough fragments of any one body to make identification possible. Almost half a mile mountain-ward from the place where the plant stood an officer's oversleeve, wet with blood, was picked up.

The hole where the magazine exploded is about 15 feet deep and 50 yards square. The earth, black and soggy, is thrown up in huge chunks, some of them weighing a hundred pounds. Under the high banks of earth thrown up at this place workmen are working, with picks trying to get a trace of more bodies.

Manager C. Mortimer Rand was taken to his home at Uniontown on

a street car. He suffered greatly from shock aside from the painful injuries he received.

#### No Statement From Company.

Mr. Rand could not be seen and no statement from the company could be obtained on the accident or the cause of it.

This is the third explosion at the Rand plant within the past two years. Three men were killed in the first explosion. Two were hurt in the second which was only slight.

A few months ago the citizens of Fairchance had an injunction served on the Rand powder firm, asking the court that the firm be compelled to move the works from that vicinity. They claimed that the town of Fairchance and the safety of its citizens were jeopardized by the location of the plant so close to the town.

This injunction is still pending in the superior court.

#### \$10,000 Blaze at Niagara Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Sept. 9.—A fire which started in the wire tower of the Niagara Falls Hydraulic Power Company threatened the entire milling district. The plant of the Pittsburg Reduction Company, manufacturer of aluminum, was the only one seriously damaged. The loss there will be about \$10,000. Half of the city is in darkness by the destruction of power conduits. The damage to the power company's plant will be heavy.

## LOUISIANA CAPITAL INVADED BY FEVER

### Many Residents of Baton Rouge Hike Northward When Announcement is Made.

### QUARANTINE BARS ARE PUT UP

#### High Number of Cases in New Orleans Discouraging, But Death Record Dropped to Minimum—Health Authorities Have \$285,000 With Which to Fight the Scourge.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Sept. 9.—Yellow fever report to 6 p. m.:

New cases, 41; total to date, 2,262. Deaths, 1; total to date, 309. New fuel, 12. Cases under treatment, 301. Cases discharged, 1,652.

The chief interest in the yellow fever situation was the report of infection at Baton Rouge and the fact that although only one case had appeared there, numbers of people had taken the northbound train today out of fear that the sickness would spread.

#### City Has Been Bottled Up.

Since the fever appeared in New Orleans the State capital has been bottled-up, permitting no communication with New Orleans. The Baton Rouge patient is Aaron Block, son of a prominent citizen. Quarantines were immediately put on by the surrounding towns.

Though the number of new cases in New Orleans was again disappointing the death report was favorable.

Chairman Janvier announced today that the citizens' fund has reached \$135,423 and that the lists will be kept open until the fever is declared over.

#### Big Fund to Fight Fever.

With the \$150,000 placed at the disposal of Dr. White by the city and State, the total fund he has had to draw on exceeds \$285,000.

Additional nurses were sent to Tallulah and Kenner today. Owing to the calls that have been made by the country, the supply of nurses has run low, but unless there are further unexpected demands it is probable that the State board will be able to provide the help that is needed.

#### King Edward in Fine Health.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—King Edward returned to London today in splendid health, after taking the cure at Marienbad, Bohemia.

#### Confederate Veterans.

An important meeting of Magruder Camp, Confederate Veterans, will be held at the court house tomorrow night. Delegates, sponsor and maid of honor to the grand camp reunion at Petersburg, October 25, 26 and 27, are to be elected and a large attendance of the veterans is expected.

## HALF WAS NOT TOLD IN FIRST REPORTS

### Dispatches from Southern Italy Constantly Increase List of Earthquake Victims.

### MANY ARE STILL ENTOMBED

#### Whole Families Were Wiped Out of Existence by the Frightful Catastrophe—Martirano Alone Shows 2,200 Casualties—Subterranean Rumbles Heard.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, ITALY, Sept. 9.—The effects of the earthquake were more disastrous than at first reported. Dispatches from the south give ever increasing lists of dead and injured, the numbers now running into the thousands. Martirano alone shows 2,200 casualties, while at Parghelia the number of dead is estimated at 300 and at Lanpholo 200.

Many persons are still entombed in the ruins in these and other districts and touching scenes are enacted when bodies are recovered and identified by grief-stricken relatives.

In some cases whole families have been wiped out.

#### Populace Greatly Agitated.

The greatest agitation continues among the populace. Slight shocks of earthquake are felt occasionally and subterranean rumblings are still heard. Those persons still possessing homes refuse to enter them.

The worst is now considered to be over. Those left destitute are beginning to feel the pangs of hunger and there is also much suffering by those insufficiently clad.

Succor is pouring in from all quarters, but the destitution is so widespread that it is impossible to supply immediately all the needs of the people.

## SHE WANTED TO GO TO CHICAGO BADLY

### When Her Husband Objected to the Plan, Mrs. Mildred Simpson Allen Shot Herself.

(By Associated Press.)

LEXINGTON, KY., Sept. 9.—Mrs. Mildred Simpson Allen, wife of R. Buckner Allen, lawyer and former newspaper man, of New York city, today shot and killed herself in her home here.

She was a noted singer and prominently connected in central Kentucky. No cause has yet been assigned.

Mrs. Allen held an important position as head of the savings department of the Southern Mutual Investment Company, recently merged into the American Bond Company, of Chicago.

When the company removed last week to Chicago she was offered a position there, but her husband would not permit her to go. This is said to have precipitated the suicide.

#### DR. CREASY IN THE RACE.

Quarantine Officer Says He Certainly Will Ask For Reappointment.

There still continues to be considerable talk about the contest over the office of quarantine officer for this port and those mentioned as probable candidates up to this time are Dr. W. F. Creasy, for reappointment, Dr. S. W. Hobson, Dr. J. R. Bagby and Dr. W. F. Cooper.

It was reported yesterday that Dr. Creasy would not apply for reappointment. When seen last night the doctor made the following statement: "I certainly shall be a candidate for reappointment and have no reason to believe that my chances for success are not as good as those of any who have been mentioned as applicants. All of us supported Mr. Swanson in his fight for the nomination for governor and I feel that I am on the same footing with the others. It will be nearly eighteen months before this appointment is made, therefore I feel that the time is not ripe for campaigning and have up to this time had very little to say about the matter."

#### Captain Johnson in the City.

Captain T. A. Johnson, formerly chief of police, is in the city spending a few days with friends. The captain has been at his old home in Salem since he left here about August 1.