PREVENTION OF CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT DISAPPOINTMENT TO THE FIGHTERS.

Young Corbett and Dave Sullivan Were Anxious to Meet and Were Greatly Disconcerted by Action of Board of Police Commissioners—Champion Will Go to New York To-Night and Will Take Up Training at Saratoga in a Few Days for His Bout With McGovern—Johnny Corbett Talks of Last Year's Championship Bout and Says the Holder of the Title Will Repeat His Victory.

DAVE SULLIVAN,
As he appeared at his training quarters near Clayton last week while preparing for the championship bout that did not take place.

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Prevention of the Corbett-Sullivan championship contest by the Board of Police Commissioners last week proved a great disappointment to local fight lovers who had counted on witnessing this exhibition. Not only were St. Louis followers of ring events greatly taken aback by the outcome, but the pugilistically inclined from all over the country, who had their eyes turned toward St. Louis, were disappointed at the outcome.

For a time it seemed as if this city was to witness bouts that would assuredly have furnished the best contests that could be seen in the feather-weight class. Unexpected developments in the course of the week put a stop to the fight at short notice, and, so far as Sullivan is concerned, the championship fight is an uncertain quantity at present.

The first intimation that efforts might be made to stop the fight was received Tuesday when Circuit Attorney Folk notified Chief of Police Kiely that the proposed bout was in violation of the law, due to tickets having been sold to non-club members. A conference was held the day following before the Board of Police Commissioners, and Chief Kiely was ordered to stop the fight.

As handed down by President Harry Hawes of the Police Board, however, nothing in the decision will apply to future contests conducted at the club so long as the law on the subject is carefully followed. Immediately this decision was announced, another bout was arranged by President Haughton and was set for next Thursday. Young Corbett and Dave Sullivan were the most greatly disappointed persons connected with the affair that could be found. Corbett was extremely taken aback at the turn of affairs and was greatly disappointed by the interruption of his training. So much did he object to the trend of affairs that he decided to fight McGovern first of all and to declare off his bout with Sullivan altogether.

Sullivan, of course, was bitterly disappointed by losing his chance of battling for the feather-weight championship and prospects of a bout in this city in the near future failed to console him. He was after big game, and that was all he cared about.

Corbett departed last Friday for Denver, where he intended to make a short stay, probably starting East to-day or to-morrow. He intends to do all his training at Saratoga, N. Y., and will start work within the next week. Johnny Corbett, his manager, and Sam Harris, who handles Terry Govern, will meet in Cincinnati this week and will sign final articles for the championship bout.

If Young Corbett can retain the form he displayed in his practice work here it would surprise none of his friends to see him put McGovern out a second time in short order. Johnny Corbett announced in the course of his stay here that Young Corbett would go in to mix things up with Terry from the start, and he stated that he was willing to bet that his man would prove an easy victor.

Johnny Corbett spoke at length on the subject of McGovern's style last week and stated that Young Corbett held him safe in every particular.

"Any man who had the courage and the strength to go at Terry from the start could give him trouble," he said, "and with Young Corbett's extreme cleverness and vitality, McGovern has no show to defeat him. We know that Terry is a hard customer, and the "Kid" is going to train his best before he meets him. But Young Corbett will win the coming battle without a doubt.

"Reference to McGovern's record will show that the men who gave him the hardest fights were those who went in and fought him at his own style, rushing at him from the start and commencing to slug before he got a chance to open up on them. I had noticed this peculiarity of his in the bouts with Gardner and Kid Broad, and I spoke on the point to the "Kid" before he met Terry last Thanksgiving Day.

"I particularly advised him to keep cool and not let Terry rattle him. Corbett rather laughed at this, and said it would take more than Terry could do to make him nervous. As the seconds and rubbers climbed out of the ring just before the gong sounded, McGovern stood up in his corner and scowled at the "Kid" to try and frighten him.

"I bent over and whispered to him, 'Look out, he is going to come at you,' to which Corbett responded, 'Let him come.' He had no sooner spoken than the gong rang. Terry jumped into the middle of the ring in two or three strides, but Corbett was there, and met him half way. What is more, Corbett was ready with a left feint and before Terry could realize what had happened Corbett got in the first blow, a right hook to the face.

"From that time it was the hottest two rounds of fighting I have ever seen. Terry fairly fought himself wild in an effort to reach the kid, who was actually laughing at him in the second round. Both at exchanges and at clever work, he had McGovern beaten, and the latter was wild when Corbett would land on him and shake him up.

"When Corbett knocked him out, Terry's adherents were fairly dazed for a time. Things had happened so fast that they couldn't realize what had occurred. McGovern is now anxious to meet Corbett again, but the result will be the same. No matter which way he tries to fight the champion, Corbett, has him beaten.

"Suppose McGovern tries to put up a clever battle, Corbett may want this or he may not. In case he don't, he will go in and sling Terry into a fast fight very quickly. If McGovern tries to put up a hurricane battle from the opening, Corbett can oblige him if he sees fit, or can stand off and punch him into desperation.

"I have heard it said that McGovern cannot be kept off by a man of his weight, and I freely admit that the majority of the fighters who suffered defeat at his hands lost on account of adopting these tactics. All these men lacked strength to beat Terry off, however, and had they possessed this property they would have made much better showings.

"Take Patsey Haley, for instance. When he fought McGovern, Terry had such a contempt for his hitting ability after the first round that he made no effort even to protect his jaw, and went in and let Haley land wherever he pleased. What show could Haley possibly stand with a man whom he could not knock out? Yet McGovern was credited with having done something great when he beat the little fellow.

"I am not trying to belittle Terry at all, as he is a wonderful fighter. But I want to say that Young Corbett has him safe at every stage of the game and will readily prove this the next time the men meet."

Interest taken in the championship bout throughout the country has led to a revival of the picture privilege in connection with the fight. The contest will be held at New London in the open air and an amphitheater especially adapted to the procuring of pictures by daylight, will be utilized for the contest.

Setting the date for August 29 has moved the time of the fight forward several weeks and this will prove acceptable to Young Corbett. He is anxious to get back in the ring again and has several matches he wishes to fight in succession.

Jack McKenna, who reached the city last Wednesday evening, accompanied by Johnny Regan and Abe Attell, had the following comment to make upon the Gans-McFadden fight, which he witnessed in San Francisco:

"I see that a good deal has been said about this fight and several different reports have been spread, all agreeing that the bout was a fake. Now, I watched it from the ringside and I could not see that there was any fake about it. McFadden's style probably was responsible for the reports. He fights with a peculiar guard, moving his arms in toward his body all the time and crouching low down to avoid punishment. This made him look as if he was quitting.

"Matching Gans with McFadden caused a lot of talk in the first place. Sporting men on the Coast thought that if the affair was to be a true test of merit, Gans should be sent against Britt, who is the real champion of the Coast and can give the best of them at his weight trouble. Sending Gans against McFadden, whom it was practically certain he would defeat, caused a lot of talk, and the latter's methods of fighting added to the reports.

"McFadden's style is designed to draw a man on, to allow him to wear himself down and still to have the arms in position to deliver a knockout blow. Gans neutralized this style by his superior skill and by his aggressive methods of fighting. There was never anything to the fight from the start."

Both Abe Attel and Johnny Regan from the McKenna stable are in perfect condition, and their manager states that they are ready to put up the fight of their lives at short notice. Especially is he interested in the return match with Harry Forbes, which he confidently believes will give Regan the bantam championship.

Both fighters were greatly disappointed last Wednesday night upon their arrival here to find that the bouts had been called off, as Attell was scheduled to meet the winner three weeks later.

"We saw the news in a paper as we passed through Kansas City," said Attell, "and we feared then that the deal was off. There was no use turning back at that stage, however, so we came straight on to the city, and here we are. I hope to get on a fight very shortly, anyway. I see that the action of the board does not apply to future fights."

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien performed the unusual feat of disposing of two opponents in the same evening at Chicago last Monday night. Of his achievement, a Chicago writer said:

"Although handicapped by a badly crippled left hand (it is a lame right arm, "Philladelphia Jack" O'Brien had little trouble in outpointing both Jack Beauscholte and Jim Driscoll in two six-round bouts at the American Athletic Club.

"The knuckles on the Philadelphian's left hand were so badly crushed that his left was practically helpless throughout both bouts, and the biceps on his right arm were so badly swollen from blocking one of "Yank" Kenny's blows in that fight last week that O'Brien could not straighten out the arm at all.

"It was the right, however, that was O'Brien's main reliance in both bouts, and in the first one, which was with Driscoll, he gave his man a good beating. The big blacksmith was felted off his feet continually and depended entirely upon wild swings, which seldom landed.

"In the first round O'Brien feinted his man all about the ring and started to play for the body just above Driscoll's heart, but no particular damage.

"From the second round on the blacksmith was coached to force matters, and he did his best to rush O'Brien. The latter was always too fast, and, by amazingly clever footwork, blocking and ducking, avoided almost all of Driscolls' wild swings.

"O'Brien occasionally led a weak left, but did not risk further injury to his hand with any hard blows, and lead mainly to make an opening for his right, which he always landed on the body close to the heart.

"In the fifth Driscoll began to weary, and from then on it was all O'Brien, and the crowd began to yell for a knock-out, but the Philadelphian, favoring his hand, took no chances and merely finished with a big margain on points and had his opponent greasy.

"About forty minutes' rest was allowed O'Brien after the Driscoll bout before he took on Beauscholte. Despite the rest the rough fight which he put up with the blacksmith told somewhat on his condition, and he was apparently weaker.

"Beauscholte, too, put up a more clever argument. He was very good at covering himself up, and in the opening round landed a good, stiff right swing flush on O'Brien right eye, raising a large lump on the member.

"Beauscholte, like Driscoll, however, depended larkely on wild swings and was continually feinted off his feet. At the end O'Brien had a good shade, but Beauscholte had put up a fight that made him many friends."

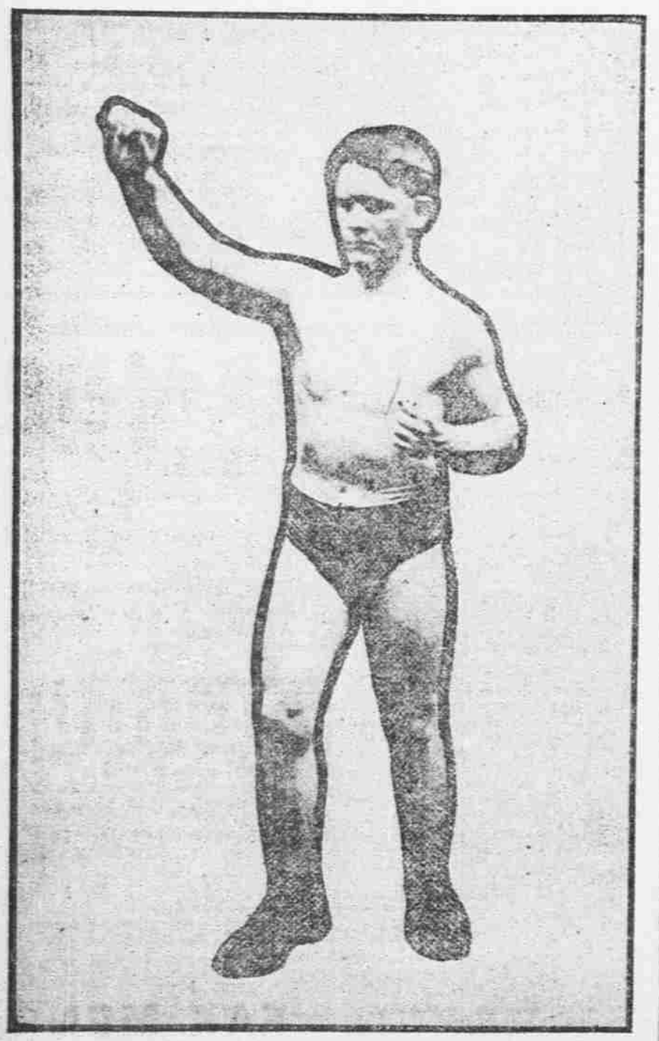
News that Charley Mitchell is dangerously ill has caused much sympathetic comment among the sporting men of this country who remember the good fight put up by the English boxer against John L. Sullivan at Chantilly, France, in 1888 and his bout with Corbett for the championship of the world at Jacksonville, Fla., in 1894. This last fight, in spite of Mitchell's speedy defeat, always caused him to retain the support of many high-principled sporting men who believed that he got the worst of the deal on that occasion.

Although it is admitted that Mitchell never stood a chance in the world against Corbett, who simply made a punching bag of the English champion, the disregard on the referee's part of claims of foul by the Mitchell party always furnished a topic of conversation and comment for Corbett's enemies. "Honest John" Kelly, who presided at the meeting, undoubtedly failed to call Corbett to account for one or two palpable fouls, and while these fouls did not affect the result of the fight, it created the impression among the English spectators that they were not having a fair deal.

Mitchell was knocked out in the third round by Corbett, and the knockout blow was struck as Charley was hanging on the ropes. He was helpless at the time, and the blow followed so quickly the punch which sent him to the ropes that Kelly paid no attention to the claim of foul. Corbett had beaten the Briton so decisively in any case that he would have won without the last blow, so that it really is a pity he should have struck it at all.

Mitchell's fight with Sullivan, when the big fellow was at his best, was one of Charley's greatest battles. He fought Sullivan to a draw in France in a contest lasting thirty-nine fierce rounds. This was March 10, 1888, and was just a year before Sullivan and Kilrain met in their memorable battle at Richburg, Miss., in a seventy-five-round bout.

Mitchell is probably the wealthiest pugilist living at present, and his father-in-law, Pony Moore, is said to be worth a quarter of a million. He is now lying ill at the Moore House on the Finley road, near London, and it is said he has had a series of attacks lately which, it is feared, will result fatally.



—By a Republic Photographer.
YOUNG CORBETT IN A FAVORITE ATTITUDE,
Photographed at the West End Club last week in the course of the champion's practice.

THE REVEREND EDMUND DUCKWORTH,
Who will lead a team of local cricket players to Canada next month to meet Toronto and Hamilton teams.

A dispatch from New York concerning Kid McCoy reads:

Kid McCoy, looking in very poor health, though he said he never felt better, sailed yesterday on the White Star Line steamer Majestic for Europe.

McCoy, in company with a party of friends, including the manager of his cafe, George Grant, and other sporting people, arrived at the pier about an hour before the vessel sailed, and each commented upon his poor physical appearance.

"I am going abroad," said the fighter, "to take a months automobiling in France, also, to engage in some auto racing there.

"I shall remain on the other side but a few weeks, possibly six at the most, after which I shall come back to this city. My reason for going alone is the fact that Mrs. McCoy is resting, prior to rehearsals, which will begin soon. If she went with me she might have to cancel her engagements, and she doesn't care to do that.

"As to the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries fight I can only state that all my money will go down on Jeffries, as the way I figure it out is that Jeffries is too heavy for Fitz, and I don't think science will tell in the contest."

Sam H. Harris, manager of Hughey McGovern and his more famous brother, who is now in Providence attending the Rhode Island Jockey Club meeting there, announces that upon his return to New York next Monday he will be more than pleased to arrange a match with Willie Reid, the feather weight who challenged Hughey for a match, providing Reid weighs in at 112 pounds. Reid in his challenge offered to bet $1,000 that he can best Hughey, and Harris will endeavor to have him post that amount. Reid, according to Mike Donovan, is said to be a marvel, though but 16 years old, and the two boys, if matched, should put up a very interesting bout.

SCHORR PREPARES TO CAMPAIGN BIG STRING.

Brewer John Schorr of Memphis will campaign a big string of 2-year-olds next season. He already has about fifty head of juveniles, and is still buying whenever he strikes one that suits him. Schorr will break and train his yearlings at Louisville next fall.

Secretary D. F. Dressen of the new Louisville track, who was at Delmar Friday, received a telegram from Schorr the day he left home asking to have the biggest stable at Churchill Downs set aside for his yearlings. They will be shipped to Louisville about September 1. John E. Madden had the biggest barn at Louisville last winter. It was built especially for the proprietor of Hamburg place. This stable has eighty-two stalls and will accommodate fifty or sixty head of horses comfortably. Mr. Dressen, while here, stated that he would probably let Schorr have this big barn for his yearlings. Schorr is racing the largest part of his stable in the East this season. He showed a lot of fast 2-year-olds at Memphis, and the pick of the stable was shipped East at the conclusion of the Montgomery Park meeting.

The horses did not do well in the East, however, and most of the good ones have been on the shelf ever since. Judith Campbell has not started since the Memphis meeting. Schorr is probably reserving her for several valuable stakes to be run at Saratoga.

Rightful showed the first flash of his spring form in the East last week, when he beat a field of crack youngsters at Sheepshead Bay. This colt is a half-brother to the great race mare Endurance by Right.

Schorr has a small string at Washington Park. Most of the 2-year-olds in the Western division of the Schorr stable are engaged in all the juvenile stakes to be run at Delmar. Prince of Endurance, Esherin and Gold Bell are in the Ozark Stakes. John A. Scott, Esherin and Gold Bell are in the New Century. Prince of Endurance, Breakspur and John A. Scott are in the Missouri.

Secretary Dressen of the new Louisville Jockey Club, while here last week, inspected the new Delmar track and pronounced it one of the most complete and up-to-date racing plants in America.

R. A. Swigert, the well-known Kentucky turfman, has wired for stalls at Delmar, and will bring his stable here at once. Swigert is a member of the famous Kentucky family of that name. His father, Dan Swigert, used to own the celebrated Elmondorf stock farm. His uncle, Joe Swigert, was a racing judge at Madison and Sportsman's Park. R. A. Swigert won the American Derby with Carlsbad and the St. Louis Derby with Michael.

E. J. Arnold of St. Louis bought some horses at the Haggin sale in New York and will bring them to Delmar at once. He paid $2,250 for Stranger, a 3-year-old half brother to Proteroriam, a winner of the Crescent City Derby, and $2,00 for Mizbrillar a 2-year-old by Fitzjames—Briller. Arnold owns Peaceful, Maximus, Choice Rocco and other horses now being campaigned at the Delmar track.

The stake event of the coming week at the Delmar track will be the Gasconade for 3-year-olds at one mile. The Gasconade has $1,000 added and is a selling sweepstakes. The best 3-year-olds in the West are engaged in the Gasconade, including Lucien Appleby, Herodiade, Little Scout, Terra Firma, Jordan, Buccleuth, Helen Print, Marque, Lingo, Sambo, Schwalbe and Brixton. Lucien Appleby is the St. George—Levee colt which ran second to Wyeth in the American Derby. He belongs to Sam Hildreth and has never started here. If Hildreth should send Lucien Appleby here to run in the Gasconade, the horse will surely give a first-class account of himself. John Burrows's colt, Halmault, who was cut down at Latonia, and was on the shelf for several weeks afterwards, is now going sound again and will receive special preparation for the Gasconade. Halmault is a right shifty horse when at himself. He ran George Bennett's great sprinter, Ed Austin, to a head at Memphis last spring. Burrows refused a fancy price for the colt immediately after this race.

Kenova, a consistent performer at the Fair Grounds, distinguished himself and enriched her owner to the extent of several thousand by capturing a stake at Denver last week. Kenova is the mare that Dan Honig claimed out of a selling race and subsequently sold her back to her old owner at a big profit. Kenova's success is only another illustration of the fact that brutes good enough to win on the St. Louis tracks can win anywhere in this country.

Mizzoura, a winner at Delmar last week, was at one time the property of the well-known St. Louis turf plunger, "Kid" Rogers. This animal was the first and only race horse Rogers ever owned. After feeding Mizzoura for a whole season without winning a single purse with the horse, Rogers finally became disgusted and made a present of the animal to "Billy" Donahue, the old jockey. Rogers, by the way, is now said to be John A. Drake's chief betting commissioner at Washington Park. Drake is the biggest bettor on the American turf. He gave the English bookmakers an awful trouncing several years ago, and his success in separating the English penciliers from their coin is said to have been the real reason why Jockey Relf and Trainer Wishard were hounded off the English turf. Rogers booked at New Orleans last winter for Louis A. Cella of St. Louis. He succeeded in squandering $10,000 or $15,000 of Cella's coin at New Orleans.

The Racing Form states that Brulare has a bad knee and has had too much racing lately, which has taken the edge from her speed. She looked like a winner in her last race at Washington Park a furlong from the finish, but weakened when collared by Hunter Raine in the stretch and had to be contented with second money.

Gottfried Walbaum, the famous Duke of Gottenburg and Prince of Hoboken, has retired from the turf and his entire racing establishment was stripped of under the hammer the other day. The star thoroughbred of Walbaum's collection was Prince of Melbourne, the greatest 3-year-old of his year on the American turf. Prince of Melbourne won the Realization and other big fixtures. Alexander Shields bought this horse for $5,500. Prince of Melbourne was by Bramble—Maid of Balgowan, and was developed as a 2-year-old by Charlie Patterson, who is now training for Burns & Waterhouse. Patterson sold the horse to the late Frank Beard of Brooklyn for $25,-000, and when Beard died, Walbaum procured possession of the animal. Walbaum used to own the Gutterburg race track across the river from New York city. Of recent years he has been making books on the metropolitan tracks.

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