



BRITT WONNER

Little Dane to Slow With His "Mitts."

PUNISHMENT FEARFUL

Only Once was the Californian in Danger in the Ninth Round.

CROWD BEARS OUT REFEREE

While Nelson Carried the Fight to Britt in His Usual Style of Boring in, He Was Blocked and Met With Demoralizing Swings.

Mechanics Pavilion, San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Jimmy Britt was declared the winner of the championship fight in the lightweight division tonight, after 20 grueling rounds with "Batling" Nelson, and even Nelson's seconds were compelled to acknowledge that Referee Billy Roche's decision was just. In only two rounds did the Dane have the Californian going, but after them he rallied, and in the closing round Britt was pummeling Nelson all over the ring, but his blows lacked sufficient force to put his opponent out.

The fight was simply an exemplification of how much a human being can endure and not succumb. At several of the crises of the fight it seemed the doughty little Dane could endure no longer, but he always came back gamely to the firing line, and only once did he have the "Pride of the Olympic" in distress—this was in the ninth round, but here Britt's generalship saved him, and the advice of his seconds kept him from going to close quarters with Nelson.

Unquestionably Nelson is a wonder in the pugilistic world, for, time after time, taking blows that should have put out any ordinary fighter, he would, apparently, come up in his earlier form, brushing the towel from his face and bring the fighting to Britt's territory.

Britt, however, fought a scientific fight in which his left arm was always in the Dane's way, and, except for the crisis in the ninth, the fight was never in danger. Britt discarded all the tactics he used in the Gans fight, blocked cleverly, outfought Nelson at in-fighting and landed most punishing swings with the right and left jabs with the left on the little man as he bores in.

Referee Roche, after the fight, announced that he gave the fight to Britt on cleaner hitting, and a greater number of points scored, and a retrospect of the fight bears out the decision, though Nelson did most of the leading.

Britt displayed a greater ability as a boxer, and his blows were cleaner and more forceful, while Nelson was sadly deficient in long-arm blows (swings) and most of his attempts to reach Britt with both arms free were ineffectual.

Further description of the fight, by rounds, is unnecessary. Nelson was outclassed.

The house was one of the largest ever seen in San Francisco, and it is estimated the little fighters will divide about \$40,000 between them.

Neither man, so good was their conduct, showed any serious marks of the conflict, beyond some slight puffiness about the eyes, except that Britt's face still bled from several cuts administered by the right-arm jolts of the little Dane that nearly brought him home a winner in the ninth round.

MUKDEN RECOVERS.

City Is Now Believed Safe From the Japanese.

Mukden, Dec. 20. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A month back the natives of Mukden were on the verge of panic. The Russians were retreating from Liao Yang, and so the story went, were not going to stop short of Tieling or Harbin. Every one who had the means either left the

city prepared to do so. What there were rose to famine prices, private vehicles disappeared from the streets and the Chinese two-wheeled carts that serve as drookys vanished. Shutters were up on many of the stores and the whole place looked like a city about to be abandoned to the enemy.

Today Mukden is as thriving as it ever was, if not more so. The Russians are fortified 13 miles to the south on a line that every one believes the Japanese can neither break nor turn. The city has opened up again and life is going on as smoothly as if there were not two big armies at quarters close enough for us to hear every big gun that is fired. The shops are open and doing a thriving trade, not only in the necessities of life but luxuries as well.

Furs are in the greatest demand. In the big shops one can find skins of seals and tigers, otter and bear and the thousand and one other varieties that the Chinese work into overcoats, shubas, gloves and capes. Silks find a ready purchase and old and rare bits of bronze, chinaware and jewel work that disappeared so mysteriously when the city was thought to be threatened, are displayed for sale.

Native cabs are again seen on the streets and soldiers on duty at the street crossings direct the busy traffic like the police on the Nevsky prospect in St. Petersburg.

Altogether the fear of war and hostile occupancy has apparently vanished from Mukden and the town is living its old, easy oriental life with just a leaven of modern energy introduced by a population of about a quarter of a million foreigners scattered roundabout.

IS SORRY HOLIDAY

Oregon Town is Quarantined for Christmas.

GATHERINGS ARE TABOOED

No Christmas Trees or Socials Can Be Assembled in the Town of Grants Pass on the Account of a Serious Scourge.

Grants Pass, Dec. 20.—The Christmas holidays will be unusually quiet in Grants Pass, owing to the quarantine the city is now under as a preventive measure against the spreading of diphtheria, of which there are some 12 or 14 cases in town. No meetings or gatherings of any kind are allowed, and hence there will be no Christmas trees or Christmas entertainments, nor church meetings or socials. Four or five deaths have occurred from the contagion, but it is now under control, and no fear of its spreading is entertained. Nearly all those now afflicted are on the road to recovery.

KEITH'S AT FISHERS'

Strong Repertoire Company Appears Next Monday.

The Keith Stock company, which comes to Fishers' opera house for a week's engagement, commencing Monday, December 26, is a company of latest comedies and melodrama successes of the season.

The organization is headed by Del Laurence, who is an advocate of good, recognized ability, and produces the clean drama, and has been connected with some of the best stock companies traveling. The company presents a strong repertoire with special scenery, and will open Monday, December 26, with "Slaves of Russia," a comedy drama in four acts, intermingled with pathos and laughter.

Seat sale opens Saturday morning at Fishers Bros' office, 109 Twelfth street.

TO SAVE FISH

Seiners and Trappers will Urge Action.

SALMON ARE SCARCE

Astorian's Policy is Endorsed by the Men Most Interested in the Industry.

WANT GEAR CONFISCATED

Maintenance of a Patrol Boat by the State is Urged and Up-River Fishers Must Keep Off the Spawning Grounds.

In the Chamber of Commerce rooms this afternoon was held a meeting that may portend a revision of the fishing industry of the river. It was the meeting called by the seiners and the trappers to consider the recommendations that are to be presented to the legislators who owe allegiance to the territory tributary to the Columbia.

Chairman D. H. Welch presided with Secretary George W. McBride.

The meeting was well attended, and the seiners, as well as the trappers were well represented. Entire unanimity ruled at the meeting and the measures held to be for the best interests of the fishing industry were passed with but little discussion, all sides being willing to concede points that have kept the fishers apart in the past.

Of principal interest was the recommendation that the closed season in the spring be from March 1 to May 1 of each year, with an open season after May 1 to September 1 of each year. In the fall a close season is recommended from September 1 to 15.

The trappers and seiners will ask that all violations of the laws be met with confiscation of all gear, of whatsoever kind and its destruction, and, more, that any fish captured on board of any boat, fisher, carrier or otherwise in contravention of the law, be arrogated to the use of any charitable institution which may be in need of financial aid, according to the statistics of the city clerk.

Further, and also important, is the clause prescribed for the prohibition of fishing on the natural spawning grounds of the salmon, wherever located.

The determination of the spawning grounds is to be left to commissioners appointed from the legislature, who are familiar with the subject, or who can bring to their aid such expert advice as is deemed good and sufficient by them and a committee of fishers of all kinds.

An exception, however, is made by the seiners and trappers in that fishing may be allowed on the spawning grounds so far as fish may be taken with hook and line.

Fish wheels do not enter into the discussion inasmuch as the enactments requested are for the benefit of the industry and the preservation of salmon. If the enactments requested are put through wheel slaughter on the Upper Columbia will be a thing of the past for such fishing will be unprofitable if the spawning grounds are protected, and the up-river fishermen are not allowed to use egg-laden fish to manure their orchards.

Once a salmon enters the river and ascends its current he begins to lose his color, but he is nevertheless a good fish, and the upper river fishermen, are entitled to come down and seine if they want to. This, in brief is the contention of the seiners and trappers on the lower river.

The recommendation is also made that the state provide its patrol boat, of whatever kind, so that it is efficient and enforces the needs of the law as proposed.

It is also requested in the plea of the fishers that the licenses of the two states be made to coincide. At the present time the Oregon license is yearly without extension, while the

Washington license extends one year from the time it is issued, and the rates for the Oregon license also exceed those exacted on the Washington side.

The seiners and trappers are likely to prove a powerful factor in the legislation governing fishing on the Columbia river in the coming session of the legislature, and they are prepared to make a fight for what they consider to be the salvation of the fishers and the canneries.

NAN WAS TRUTHFUL.

Her Answers Were Frankness Itself in Court.

New York, Dec. 20.—After a day of torment, facing the merciless cross-examination of Prosecutor Rand, Nan Patterson, the former show girl, went to her cell in the Tombs tonight, tired, but happy. For several hours she sat under a galling cross-fire from the assistant district attorney, who probed the events of her life from the day she met Caesar Young, for killing whom she is being tried, until the moment of his tragic death.

No detail was so trivial as to escape the attention of the state's attorney, but, with scarcely an exception, the accused actress proved a marvel of self control. Only once did Rand confuse her greatly. In going over a conversation between her and Young at Gravesend track, Miss Patterson testified Young gave as a reason for sailing to Europe the fact he was afraid Mrs. Young might harm him or the prisoner.

Miss Patterson finally admitted she recalled only the incident which happened at San Francisco. At times she parried the sharp questions of her inquisitor, but when pinned down to a definite question, the answer was frankness itself. Miss Patterson talked in a low, clear voice, punctuating the evidence in expressions of much spirit. In the course of one of her answers place, and the case will go to the jury.

WAS FATAL TRAIN

Two Train Men Lose their Lives Accidently.

STEPPED OUT UNDER WHEELS

Army Surgeon on the Train is Required to Use His Skill to Save the Lives of Two Badly Injured Trainmen.

Roseburg, Dec. 20.—Charles H. Harmon, Jr., a young passenger brakeman running on Overland Nos. 15 and 16, south of this city, met with an accident, from which amputation of his left leg between knee and ankle is necessary. Harmon was the head brakeman on the second section of train No. 15, which was five hours late, and since the train had left Ashland the car on which the accident occurred had been without lights, the gas having burned out. Near Riddle, Harmon opened the vestibule and stepped down to be ready to assist passengers. It was dark and he did not discover that the steps had been torn off until too late. He fell and his left leg went under the car, the wheel crushing it in such a manner that amputation was necessary.

Harmon showed considerable courage, and in telling his story did not show the least excitement and spoke of being glad the accident was no worse. He carries accident insurance for amounts aggregating \$24,000 in two railroad insurance societies.

By a peculiar coincidence, it was the same train that was in a collision the previous day near Berg, Cal., where brakeman Henry Lewis lost his right foot. A regular army hospital attendant, who was a passenger on the train, assisted in administering to both men until a doctor was called. Harmon's parents reside here.

A novel way of advertising the Lewis and Clark fair is being practiced by the commercial travelers. When they go to a hotel they register their names, but instead of giving their place of residence, they sign "1905," which means Portland.

GOULD AT BAY

Refused to Feed Hungry Sophomores.

SHOT OFF REVOLVER

The Students Frightened by the Discharge Fall Back from Attack.

GOULD RESCUED BY HIS DAD

Sophomores Were Trying to Hold up the Heir of the Gould Millions for a Wholesome Dinner at the Hotel Waldorf.

New York, Dec. 20.—While pursued on Upper Broadway today by a crowd of Columbia university sophomores, bent on capturing him, Kingdon Gould, son of George J. Gould drew a revolver and fired over the heads of the crowd. Then he fled to the fraternity house, which was soon surrounded by sophomores and from which he was rescued by his father, who took him away in a carriage under guard of three men, supposed to be detectives.

Upon a previous occasion young Gould escaped from the second year men by drawing a hammer, which he flourished in the manner of a pistol.

Young Gould was on his way from the college grounds. He was stopped by a group of sophomores which attempted to capture him for a dinner held tomorrow night at which it was planned he was to furnish the entertainment, much after the fashion of a prisoner of war. As soon as the sophomores began to close in Gould took to his heels. He had not run far when, seeing his pursuers gaining, he turned suddenly and drew his revolver.

"Don't come a step nearer or try to touch me!" he shouted.

"He won't shoot," they cried, and Gould raised his revolver and shot over their heads. The sophomores at once fell back, and Gould took refuge in the fraternity house.

PUBLIC WAY DISTRICT.

The Charter Makes Provisions for These Important Improvements.

A good suggestion has been made by the residents of Upper Astoria that the charter be amended empowering the council to create a public right of way from the eastern terminus of the city to the western terminus, the thoroughfare to be improved and kept in repair by the city. As it is now property that is not benefitted by the improvements are compelled to pay for a right of way that is of more benefit to the city than the property owners assessed for street improvements. There is no need of securing an amendment to the city charter for this purpose, for the power has already been granted to the city to establish a public way and to defray the expenses thereof by general taxation. Acting under this authority the common council passed an ordinance in 1893 providing for the construction of a public way district. Ordinance No. 1792 provides as follows:

Section 1. The city of Astoria is hereby constituted a public way district the boundary of which shall be and is coincident with the boundary of said city as defined in the charter.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of nominal repair of paved planked and improved streets, and for the construction and repair of street crossings, crosswalks, bridges, drains, culverts, the cleaning of streets, sidewalks, drains, parks, public places and other general highways purposes, there shall be raised each year by tax levied upon the taxable property within said public way district, such sums

of money as the common council shall deem necessary out, and by ordinance or resolution direct, Provided, That the amount thereof shall not exceed the limit fixed by subdivision 2 of section 38, of the charter.

The proper way is to petition the common council to provide for the public way, and to levy a tax for that purpose. That the establishment of such a public thoroughfare is an absolute necessity is attested by the conditions existing in securing necessary street outlets from the east end of the city to the business portion. If people interested would inform themselves on these subjects they would be able to secure needed improvements.

CHADWICK IN COURT.

Refuses to Give Any Testimony on Attorney's Advice.

Cleveland, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Chadwick was brought into the bankruptcy court today in proceedings against her, but was excused from testifying because of illness. Whether Mrs. Chadwick will be again summoned will depend on counsel for Receiver Looser, whose attorneys expected to take up the matter. Should Mrs. Chadwick again be brought into court it is unlikely she will give testimony. If she does it will be against the advice of her attorney, who refuses to even allow her to be sworn as a witness.

DIVORCE MILLS WORK.

Circuit Court Does Nothing But Release the Unhappy.

At today's session of the circuit court Judge McBride did little but cut the strings between a couple of mis-mated couples.

Gertrude Hansen received a divorce from Charles R. Hansen on account of desertion. There was no protest. The same entry was made in the case of Sarah E. vs. S. G. Ingalls.

JURY IS LEAKING

Land Fraud Cases Present Another Development.

INFORMATION STILL ON TAP

After the Holidays Important Indictments by the Federal Body Are Looked for by Those Interested in Portland.

Portland, Dec. 21.—The Oregonian will say today: It has become known the grand jury investigating the land frauds charges was approached with the purpose of influencing the decision.

One jurymen is known to have been approached, and the man who did it is known to the federal authorities. This offer was unsuccessful, so it is stated. It also transpires there is information leaking from the jury room as to what is taking place there. This would not be serious if it did not indicate it is possible to get into communication with the jury.

The witnesses before the jury today were S. B. Ormsby, a former forest ranger; Marie Ware, L. Jacobs, one of the principal witnesses in the first case, and Mrs. Emma L. Watson, already convicted of conspiracy and who was said to have confessed.

Nothing is known as to the nature of their testimony. It is thought no announcements will come from the jury until the last of the present week. On Saturday, according to present intentions, the jury will adjourn until after the holidays when it is expected some important indictments will be returned.

FISHERMEN DROWNED.

Six Hundred Are Left Destitute on Lisbon Shore.

Lisbon, Dec. 20.—A disastrous storm on the northern coast of Portugal has caused a great loss of life. The reports received tonight indicate that at least 18 fishermen have lost their lives at Figueroa da Fuza, and 600 others are destitute. The ferry boat at the mouth of the Mondega river capsized near Oporto, and five boats were sunk.