PLEDGE VOTES FOR EXCLUSION

Three Hundred and Two Members of Congress So Decide.

Many Who Were Classed as Doubtful Are Now in Favor of the Bill.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Since the Chinese exclusion poll was published in The Call last Thursday many replies have been received from members of Congress who were then classed as doubtful. The result to date shows that two-thirds of the Senators and four-fifths of the Representatives are pledged to vote for exclusion. Senator Frye, who was considered doubtful, will vote for the exclusion bill. So will Senator Warren of Wyoming, who was reported by a San Francisco paper to be opposed to exclusion.

The unreliability of this paper's canvass is shown by the fact that Mondell of Wyoming was classed as doubtful, when as a matter of fact he is one of the leading spirits opposed to Chinese immigration, and has introduced a bill excluding the Chinese.

Two hundred and eighty-eight Representatives have signified their intention of voting for exclusion out of a total membership of 357, and fifty-four Senators out of a total of eighty-eight (there are two vacancies).

Senator Hawley writes: "You need have no apprehension regarding the passage of the exclusion bill."

Senator Stewart says: "There is no opposition so far as I can see."

The only outspoken opponent of exclusion is Henry C. Smith of Michigan. Others who were reported to be opposed have now come out in favor of exclusion. Fourteen Representatives, while not stating positively how they will vote, predict the passage of the exclusion bill. They will all vote for exclusion, however. This increases the grand total to 302.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator Perkins to-day introduced a Chinese exclusion bill, the provisions of which are the same as those of the measure prepared by Chinese Inspector Dunn of San Francisco and Commissioner Powderly and introduced in the House by Representative Kahn.

CONGRESS WILL BE ASKED TO ERECT MEMORIAL ARCH

Directors of the National Association Determine to Change the Plan of Operation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—The William McKinley National Arch Association has determined to change its plan of operation, and to appeal to Congress instead of the public for the erection of the proposed McKinley memorial in Washington.

Secretary Gage offered the following resolutions, which were seconded by Thomas F. Walsh and adopted:

Whereas, Through a resolution presented to this committee by the trustees of the McKinley Memorial Association, it is rumored that a canvass of the country for subscriptions to the proposed memorial arch in Washington will be prejudicial if not destructive to the erection of a proper monument or memorial over the remains of the late President at Canton; therefore,

Resolved, That this committee give up its appeal to the country for popular contributions for the memorial arch in Washington and turn its efforts to secure from Congress an appropriation from the public treasury sufficient in amount to erect in Washington a memorial which, in a fitting manner, shall represent the nation's appreciation of the notable character and distinguished public services of William McKinley.

The association will be reincorporated and contributions received by the association for the proposed memorial arch will be returned.

PNEUMONIA ALMOST WIPES OUT AN ENTIRE FAMILY

Mother, Son and Daughter Dead, Another Daughter Dying, and Father Also Ill.

DENVER, Dec. 9.—Four members of one family in this city have been stricken with pneumonia in the past week and three of them are dead. The dead are: Samuel Johnston, a young printer; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnston, and his sister, Miss Mary Johnston.

Another sister, Miss Margaret Johnston, is said to be dying. The mother and sisters overtaxed their strength in attendance upon the young man, who was first taken ill. The husband and father, Henry Johnston, is ill at his ranch in the mountains. All the members of the family, it is said, were subject to pulmonary troubles.

Fight Against Railway Combine.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 9.—Now that Governor Van Sant has heard from all the Governors of Northwestern States on the question of the railway merger, some are expecting him to call a conference at once. It can be safely stated that the Governor is not going to indulge in any side issues or jaunts just at present. He has set the machinery going and within the week Attorney General Douglass will have the railways in court. There is no occasion for the Governor to move in other directions until the legal remedy is exhausted. He will correspond further with the Governors, but will not call any conference at present.

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ST. SEVER BEATS JOHN PETERS IN A VERY EXCITING FINISH

Schorr Colt Supposed to Be the Choicest Morsel on the Card at Oakland--Track Is Still Slow and Four Choices Go Down. Doublet Comes in Ahead of the English Horse, Royal Flush

ONLY on rare occasions does Johnny Schorr let one out of the slips that fails to return with the coin, but the astute young trainer from Memphis stubbed his toe at Oakland yesterday. The two-year-old John Peters was served up piping hot off the coals in the two-year-old event, and after the youngster's odds had been cut and slashed from 5 down to even money he was beaten out a head by Dr. Rowell's St. Sever, a 5 to 1 chance. Possibly if Evander, with Winnie O'Connor up, had been out of the race John Peters might have won. The latter raced away in front with him for several panels and certainly did the Schorr entry no favor. Then after getting away from one or two squalls "Jess" Matthews hurried along with St. Sever and in a very busy finish with Johnny Woods earned the decision. Owen Mounce made a very wide detour with Dr. Scharff or else the last named unlucky two-year-old might have been a stronger factor at the finish. At any rate, the admirers of the winner were enabled to get a very long quotation.

Track Is Still Heavy.

The track had not dried up as much as expected, still being noticeably freckled with damp and heavy patches. Perhaps to this fact can be attributed in part the defeat of four favorites. The attendance was quite up to the standard, and there was a raft of coin in the ring.

Another of Harry Stover's "birds" left his perch in a gilded cage long enough to scoop the opening dash. Backed from 9 to 5 to 13 to 10 or worse, Native flapped his wings a couple of times and flew in five lengths before Torsina. Nearly all of the books were hard hit.

From his apparent lack of speed Galanthus had not recovered from his hard race of last Saturday. Jimmy Coffey's horse ruled a stanch choice over Herculean for the mile and a sixteenth run, and turned out easy prey for the giant chestnut. Bullman rode the latter, finishing first by four lengths at the wire. Darlene ran a fair third.

Frank Bell Meets Defeat.

An elaborate array of speed faced the starter in the five and a half furlong purse affair, with Frank Bell the closing favorite at 9 to 5. It was figured that the general conditions best fitted the St. Louis "Hindoo," but he failed to connect, ending up in third place. Mounce on Doublet rode a nicely judged race so far as choosing the better going was concerned, and in an exciting three-neck scrimmage in front of the judges won out from the Britisher, Royal Flush, by a neck. Beau Ormonde started for the first time this season, and, heavily played, disappointed his backers. Still, the aristocratic fellow ran a most becoming race, and had he had the benefit of a race in him would have taken a world of beating.

Possessing the most speed of the party, Orleans captured the mile selling run. It was possibly farther than the filly cares to run, but getting careful treatment at the hands of O'Neil she downed Plohn a neck, bringing in third.

P. Corrigan won his first purse at the meeting with Commonwealth Attorney in the closing seven furlong jaunt. The gelding went to the post at odds of 5 to 1 and in a drive beat the good thing, Malaise, half a length. Diomed would have won had he not been cut off at the start.

Track Notes.

George Rose and Frank Eckert, two of the best known and most popular bookmakers on the big tracks of this country, arrived here from the East Sunday night. Frank Eckert viewed the sport from the ground yesterday, but Mr. Rose will rest up for a day or so before cutting in.

Tom Quinn, one of the cleverest blockmen in the business, was kept busy shaking hands with friends yesterday, being a fresh arrival from the East. Tom is a brother of Charley, John and Jim Quinn.

Jake Holtman fined Johnny Woods $25 for disobedience at the post on John Peters.

Tom Ryan was again on hand to bid Dr. Dowell's St. Sever up. The gelding was entered to be sold for $600 and his win cost the doctor a $400 boost.

President Williams cautioned the different cashiers of books yesterday to be careful and extend cordial treatment to all bettors in the excercise of their duties. There has been some complaint on this score of late.

Jesse Matthews carried off the honors by riding two winners.

Following are the entries for this afternoon's running events:

First race—Futurity course; purse; maiden two-year-olds:

2816 Schwarzwald ..110 | 2938 Rosarie 110
2932 King Herald...107 | 2926 Meteoro 107
.... Bassezo .....115 | .... Jim Roberts....118
.... Mont. Puress...115 | 2563 Discovery 118
2932 Wandering Boy110 | 2932 The Maniac....115
2932 Angeleno .....110 | 2255 El Bano.....115

Second race—Six furlongs; selling; three-year-olds and upward:

(2923)Fitzkanet .....105 | 2891 King Dellis.....108
2607 Racetto .....101 | 2271 Our Lizzle..... 99
(2882)Miss Mae Day. 99 | 2937 Floronso 106

Third race—Five and one-half furlongs; selling; two-year-olds:

(2942)Sir Lewis.....118 | 2686 Flo Culver.....115
.... Matin Bell.....115 | 2806 Rosy Cross.....115
2945 Landseer .....115 | 2945 Com. Forster...118

Fourth race—Seven furlongs; selling; three-year-olds and upward:

2947 Bedeck .....110 | (2949)Wyoming 112
2948 Eonic .....107 | 2948 John McGurk..107

Fifth race—One mile; selling; three-year-olds and upward:

2919 Redwald .....107 | 2933 Canejo 107
2955 Go Out.....110 | 2940 El Rey..... 98
2941 Alicia .....107 | 2955 Whaleback 107
2919 Burdoc .....107 | 2950 Torsina 107
2881 Free Lance.....110 | 2897 Rasp 98

Sixth race—Six furlongs; selling; three-year-olds and upward:

2939 Nellie Forest... 99 | 2896 Alfred C.....110
2882 Princ's Titania 99 | 2943 Ben Ledi.....110
2440 King's Pal.....104 | 2949 Flamero 104
2911 Midni't Chimes.107 | 2834 Artilla 107
2911 Censor .....102 | .... Kalos 107
2912 Hungarian .....110 | (2939)Bedner 105

Second race—Miss Mae Day, Fitzkanet, Floronso.

Third race—Sir Lewis, Landseer, Commissioner Forster.

Fourth race—Eonic, Wyoming, John McGurk.

Fifth race—Torsina, El Rey, Redwald.

Sixth race—Princess Titania, Hungarian, Flamero.

Selections for To-Day.

First race—Angeleno, Rosarie, Jim Roberts.

THE CALL'S RACING FORM CHART.

OAKLAND RACETRACK—Monday, Dec. 9.—Weather cloudy. Track heavy.

2950. FIRST RACE—Six furlongs; selling; three-year-olds and upward; value to first, $325.

Index.	Horse, Age, Wt.	St.	¼.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Owner and Jockey.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
2937	Native, 4.....112	7	7	1 h	1 4	1 5	W. H. Ketcheman.Jackson	8-5	13-10
2941	Torsina, a.....107	5	6 1	3 1	3 4	3 1	G. Summers & Co.Buchnan	4	6
2848	Fridolin, 3.....102	4	4 ½	4 2	4 4	3 1	G. W. Scott.....Winslette	5	1
2937	Clarando, 5.....112	6	1 h	2 ½	2 ½	4 2	K. M. Borchert.....Ransom	20	13
2820	Vantine, 4.....112	3	5 3	6 2	6 2	5 ½	G. W. Snider & Co..Mounce	8-5	3
2943	Mission, 4.....107	2	2 h	5 2	5 2	6 5	James Wilson....Fauntleroy	10	15
2931	St. Anthony, 4.....109	1	3 2	7	7	7	John Kane.....Prior	20	60

Time—¼, :25; ½, :50¾; ¾, 1:17. Good start. Won easily. Second and third driving. Winner, W. H. Ketcheman's ch. g. by Iroquois-Nellie Grand. Native was flat-footed when barrier went up and away badly. He ran over his field when he got to going. Buchanan on Torsina made a very wide turn into stretch, losing a lot of ground. Vantine cut off near far turn. Mission was supposed to have a chance. St. Anthony no speed.

2951. SECOND RACE—Five furlongs; selling; two-year-olds; value to first, $325.

Index.	Horse and Weight.	St.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Owner and Jockey.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
2929	St. Sever.....105	5	6 5	6 4	2 ½	1 h	Dr. H. E. Rowell.Mathews	2	9-2
....	John Peters.....106	4	2 ½	1 ½	1 ½	2 5	J. W. Schorr.....J. Woods	5-2	1
2945	Dr. Scharff.....110	1	4 1	3 2	3 1	3 ½	J. W. O'Neall & Co.Mounce	2	5-2
2611	Snowberry 103	6	5 1	5 1	4 5	4 6	E. Kauffman & Co....Hoar	6	15
2945	Nonie 103	3	3 2	4 ½	5 ½	5 ½	M. Kane.....Ransch	4	7
2261	Legal Maxim.....103	8	8	7 6	7 2	6 4	H. L. Jones & Co.Buchanan	10	30
....	Bragg 106	7	7 ½	8	8	7 1	Thomas Rowe.....Jackson	10	50
(2926)	Evander 107	2	1 ½	2 1	6 1	8	W. B. Jennings & Co.O'Con	6	10

Time—¼, :12½; ½, :24½; ½, :51½; ⅝, 1:03. Good start. Won first three driving. Winner, Dr. H. E. Rowell's ch. g. by St. Carlo-Sunlit. Evander went out with Peters and worried him the first part. On this particular occasion winner was best, as he was cut off once. Dr. Scharff ridden wide. Snowberry ran a nice race. Nonie quit. Scratched—Rose of China 103, Phil Crimmins 106, Old England 107.

2952. THIRD RACE—One mile and a sixteenth; selling; 3-year-olds and up; to first, $325.

Index.	Horse, Age, Wt.	St.	¼.	½.	Str.	Fin.	Owner and Jockey.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
2931	Herculean, 4.....111	1	2 1	3 5	1 5	1 4	G. Summers & Co..Bullman	7-5	13-10
2948	Galanthus, 3.....102	3	3 4	2 1	2 ½	2 3	J. Coffey.....J. Daly	1	1
(2935)	Darlene, 5..... 96	2	1 4	1 1	3 3	3 n	Dr. H. E. Rowell.L. Jacksn	4	8
2882	Windward, 5.....108	4	5	5	4 5	4 5	Hennessy & Co....A. Kelly	20	100
2941	Bonnie Lissak, 3... 96	5	4 4	4 6	5	5	Ezell & Lazarus...R. Ezell	8	25

Time—1-16, :07; ¼, :25¾; ½, :52; ¾, 1:19¼; mile, 1:46¾; 1 1-16m, 1:54¾. Good start. Won galloping. Second and third driving. Winner, G. Summers & Co.'s ch. g. by Watercress-Hannah. Herculean rolled in when ready. Galanthus lacked speed. Darlene did her best. Bonnie Lissak weakly handled.

2953. FOURTH RACE—Five and a half furlongs; three-year-olds and up; value to first, $325.

Index.	Horse, Age, Wt.	St.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Owner and Jockey.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
2839	Doublet, 4 112	1	1 h	2 2	3 ½	1 n	D. S. Fountain.....Mounce	3	4
2927	Royal Flush, a....110	5	5 4	3 1	2 1	2 n	G. B. Morris.....O'Connor	5-2	5
2946	Frank Bell, 5.....112	3	3 4	4 2	4 1	3 2	J. W. O'Neall & Co..Woods	2	9-5
2498	Beau Ormonde, 3..108	2	2 h	1 1	1 ½	4 3	W. O'B. Macdonough..Bull	4	3
1598	Pompino, 5 107	4	4 2	5 10	5 5	5 10	S. Judge .....Ransom	10	60
....	May W., a 107	6	6 5	6 5	6 8	6 15	D. Cameron .....Jackson	6	15
2606	Novia, 6 109	7	7 20	7 30	7 30	7 30	J. G. Brown & Co.Bozeman	30	50
....	Captivate, 3 103	8	8	8	8	8	P. Hildreth .....L. Daly	30	300

Time—3-16, :19; ¼, :24; ½, :50; 5½f, 1:09. Good start. Won first three driving. Winner, D. S. Fountain's ch. g. by Domino-Lucy Wallace. Doublet ridden very wide, but was a good horse to-day. Flush ran a swell race. Frank Bell did his best. Beau Ormonde down near the rail where the going was not so good. Pompino will win soon. May W away poorly. Scratched—Hilee 107, Abba L 102, Lou Clieveden 107, Sharp Bird 110.

2954. FIFTH RACE—One mile; selling; three-year-olds and up; value to first, $325.

Index.	Horse, Age, Wt.	St.	¼.	½.	Str.	Fin.	Owner and Jockey.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
2961	Orleans, 3 103	5	1 2	1 4	1 1	1 n	J. Burrows .....O'Neil	2	11-5
(2944)	Plohn, 4 112	1	3 2	3 ½	2 5	2 10	P. Ryan .....O'Connor	9-5	13-5
2888	Bangor, 5 115	2	5	5	4 10	3 1	Burns & Waterhouse.Spncr	5-2	5-2
2892	Tony Lepping, 3...106	3	2 h	2 2	3 2	4 12	Newman & Eagan.Winslett	6	13
2935	Hohenlohe, 6 115	4	4 3	4 4	5	5	Elmwood Farm....Bullman	7-2	4

Time—¼, :27½; ½, :53; ¾, 1:18¾; mile, 1:45¼. Good start. Won first three driving. Winner, J. Burrows' br. f. by The Chevalier-Florine. Winner received a pretty ride. Plohn hard ridden through the stretch. Bangor only ran the last eighth. Hohenlohe broke down. Scratched—Wyoming 112.

2955. SIXTH RACE—Seven furlongs; selling; four-year-olds and up; value to first, $325.

Index.	Horse and Weight.	St.	¼.	½.	Str.	Fin.	Owner and Jockey.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
2860	Com. Attorney, 4..119	2	4 1	5 2	1 n	1 ½	P. Corrigan....J. Matthews	5	5
1751	Malaise, 6 119	4	2 4	2 5	2 ½	2 h	Musto & Rulz..J. McCarthy	5	18-5
2844	Sidelong, 5 119	5	5 1	6 1	3 ½	3 1	W. McGuire.....Prior	15	40
2561	John Welch, 4.....119	8	3 1	3 1	4 1	4 1	W. H. Lynch.....A. Kelly	20	75
2944	Romany, 5 119	9	7 ½	4 ½	6 2	5 2	Liberty Stable.....Jackson	10	20
2835	Diomed, 4 119	1	8 ½	7 1	7 4	6 5	J. G. Brown & Co..Mounce	3	3
2924	Favorito, 4 119	7	6 h	9 1	8 2	7 2	Kinder & Burns...Vittatoe	4	4
2941	Mazo, 5 119	3	1 2	1 2	1 h	5 2	A. G. Blakeley....Bozeman	6	15
2921	Whaleback, 5 119	10	10 ½	10 1	9 6	9 10	E. Carey.....Spencer	8	15
....	Tom Tinker, 4.....119	6	11	11	10 4	10 5	J. C. Nealon.....Bullman	6	15
2933	Go Out, 4.....122	11	9 1	8 2	11	11	J. Burrows .....Howell	8	15

Time—¼, :13½; ½, :25; ½, :50½; ¾, 1:18¾; ⅞, 1:32¼. Good start. Won first three driving. Winner, P. Corrigan's ch. g. by Andrian-Justicia. Attorney best of a mediocre lot. Malaise lost ground on stretch turn. John Welch will do. Diomed cut off at start; otherwise he would have scored. Favorito no chance. Mazo ran with blinkers and did better. Scratched—McFlecknoe 119, B. F. Mason 119.

CRICKETERS RECEIVE REWARDS OF SKILL

Bats Presented to Players Who Made Best Averages in Batting and Bowling.

At a meeting of the California Cricket Association held last night the committee on batting and bowling averages, consisting of H. C. Casidy, J. J. Moriarty and A. G. Sheath, reported that the best batting average during the season of 1901 was made by Harold B. Richardson of the Pacific Cricket Club, and the best bowling average was obtained by Bert Bird of the Alameda Cricket Club. During the season just past Harold B. Richardson was eight times at bat, completed six innings, and scored a total of 300 runs, giving an average of 50 runs. His highest score in a single inning was 103. Bert Bird took twenty-three wickets for 150 runs, the average cost being 6.50. A bat was presented to Harold B. Richardson and another to Bert Bird, the donor being Captain John Metcalfe, first vice president of the association. In calculating the averages all matches played under the auspices or with the sanction of the association were taken account of.

The pennant presented by Edward Brown to the club making the best percentage in pennant matches during the season was awarded to the Alameda Cricket Club, which played ten matches, winning five, drawing two and losing three, giving a percentage of .60.

The delegates were addressed by A. E. Acklom, who stated that cricket would receive a great impetus if a suitable ground and pavilion could be secured, and suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of procuring a ground and erecting the necessary building thereon. The president will appoint a committee of five for this purpose.

J. J. Moriarty, one of the delegates of the Alameda Cricket Club, being absent in Southern California, Harold Ward was accepted as a delegate in his stead.

Football Player Suspended.

Dave Atkinson, the Reliance football player who disgraced himself by striking Referee Jack Horan during the progress of the Olympic-Reliance game on Thanksgiving day, has been suspended from the club for a period of six months by the Board of Directors, and the Pacific Athletic Association has been requested to also punish him. Atkinson mitigated his offense by sending a letter of apology to Mr. Horan.

"Dutch" Thurston Wins on a Foul.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—"Dutch" Thurston, the Pacific Coast welter-weight, won on a foul from Charley Burns of Cincinnati to-night at the American Athletic Club. The contest was scheduled for six rounds, but after two minutes' fighting in the first round Burns hit his opponent low and Thurston was given the decision. The foul was apparently an accident, as Burns had a decided advantage when the fight was stopped.

BILLIARD PLAYER SLOSSON RECEIVES A BAD BEATING

George Sutton of Chicago Easily Defeats Him at the International Tournament.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The surprise of the international billiard tournament occurred to-day in the afternoon game between George Sutton of Chicago and George Slosson of New York. Slosson, having won the bank, failed to score at the start, and Sutton, by careful nursing and open table play, ran up 39 points. He followed this up by scores of 16, 22, 45, 20, 50 and 38, while Slosson was unable to make any double figures. At the conclusion of the seventh inning the score stood 230 to 35 in Sutton's favor. From this point to the end of the game Slosson had no chance of winning, although he played desperately. Sutton won the game in an unfinished run of 34 in the twenty-ninth inning. Score—Sutton, 400; Slosson, 136.

The game in the evening, which was between Schaffer of Chicago and Barutel of France, was a very swift one. Schaffer, after his three days' rest, was in fine form, and his nursing of the balls was equal to any of his best previous performances. In open table play he showed wonderful dexterity.

Barutel, while badly beaten, played a first-class game. Schaeffer will play Morningstar to-morrow afternoon and in the evening he will meet his old adversary, Slosson. Score—Schaeffer, 400; Barutel, 203.

Western Jockey Club Meeting.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—What promises to be one of the most interesting of the Western Jockey Club meetings is in session here to-day. The board of stewards met at noon to elect officers and arrange dates for the next year, but besides this a general adjustment of the troubles and rivalries among "outlawed" tracks will take place. Local horsemen believe that after to-day's meeting Western turf matters will pass under the exclusive control of this organization. It was announced to-day that the opposition tracks at the Fair Grounds and Delmar, which heretofore have been a thorn in the jockey club's side, will become strong allies.

Storms in Great Britain.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—There were very severe gales and snowstorms, accompanied by thunder and hail, throughout Great Britain yesterday. Much damage is reported as a result. A number of chimneys were blown down and there have been some fatalities. There are six inches of snow in the north of Scotland.

Be Sure and Attend.

A special to-morrow, 500 all-wool $18 men's suits for $4 15. 1000 men's stylish hats for 85c. All will be disposed of. I say so and it will be done at the closing sale of the Monarch Clothing Co., 915 Market st., opposite Mason. Henry A. Brook.

HANDBALL TOURNAMENT IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Interesting Games Are Played by Contestants at the Olympic Club.

The semi-finals in two classes of the handball tournament now on at the Olympic Club were played last night and the struggle for championship has narrowed down to four players.

In the third class Tim Fitzpatrick handily defeated Fritz Wegener in three hard-fought games. Fitzpatrick's hands bothered him, but he played pluckily and won the rubber. He will now have to play Charles Melrose for first place.

In the second class George Janes gave further proof of his prowess by defeating Louis Levy in two straight games. Janes will now play Monroe Green for first place.

Jack Gleason took Tom Curley's measure in two straight games. In the first rubber Gleason outplayed his man. In the final game Curley gave evidence of old-time form and it was a battle royal. Gleason tired, but managed to capture the set. The scores of the three games follow:

Fitzpatrick	21	20	21
Wegener	9	21	6
Janes	21	21	
Levy	6	1	
Gleason	21	21	
Curley	2	18	

McKEEVER-PALMER FIGHT IS A DISGRACEFUL FIASCO

Both Pugilists Resort to Foul Tactics and the Referee Stops the Battle.

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE, Dec. 9.—Charlie McKeever of Philadelphia and Jack Palmer met here to-night in what was to have been a 15-round bout for a purse of £350. McKeever weighed 148 and Palmer 166 pounds. Palmer fouled repeatedly during the first round. McKeever clearly outclassing him. At the beginning of the second round the crowd broke into the ring and a general fight ensued. The referee, after declaring the fight "no contest," made his escape.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The sporting papers this morning describe last night's fight between McKeever and Palmer a disgraceful fiasco. They say that both Palmer and McKeever continuously infringed the rules and ignored the warnings of the referee. They indulged in what Sporting Life calls a regular Western barroom scrap. Finally the referee stopped the fight. The police jumped on the stage and threatened both the pugilists with arrest. A scene of pandemonium followed.

SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 9.—A representative of the Great Northern Railroad has been here to ascertain the accommodations of this port for deep sea vessels. He says the company is building steamers for the Orient and desires to have cities along the coast as "feeders," to which the steamers will be run.

CIGARMAKERS SUFFER DEFEAT

Labor Leaders Refuse to Boycott the Machine-Made Goods.

Metal Trades Federation Organizes and Elects Officers.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 9.—The conference of the American Federation of Labor was in session only [illegible] hours to-day, adjournment being taken [illegible] tomorrow morning in order to enable the several committees to consider the large number of resolutions still in their hands.

There was a lively discussion on the floor over the question of boycotting machine-made cigars. It is the same question that the Cigar-makers' International Union has brought up at previous conventions of the federation, and the union has always been defeated in its fight against the introduction of machinery in the cigar trade. At the present time not a machine-made cigar in the United States, it is said, bears the label of the Cigar-makers' International Union. The matter came up in the form of a resolution presented by President Gompers, John C. Durnell and Thomas F. Tracey of the Cigar-makers' Union, and was referred to the committee on labels. It denounced a certain company for making cigars by child labor and machine and called upon the federation to assist in unionizing the various plants of the company. The committee reported the resolution back with the recommendation that the word "machinery" be stricken out and the resolution adopted. The cigar-makers opened their fight. They insisted that the term "machinery" should not be eliminated and argued that cigars made by machinery are not as good as those made by hand, and that the machine drives hand cigar-makers out of business. The speakers in opposition to the cigar-makers' proposition argued that to oppose machinery would be folly.

Machines are used in many lines of trade and the union could not successfully fight the law of progress.

The moving of the previous question quickly ended the debate and the resolution with the word "machinery" stricken out was adopted as recommended.

The Metal Trades Federation, after a series of meetings, finally organized today by electing officers. Another meeting will be held to-morrow to dispose of business still on hand. The following officers were elected:

President, E. J. Lynch, New York, national president of the Metal Polishers; vice president, Robert Kerr, Moline, Ill., national president of the Blacksmiths; secretary-treasurer, John O'Leary, Worcester, Mass., president of the Coremakers.

The executive committee will be composed of the above officers and all the national presidents of other trades allied with the Metal Federation. The personnel of the company has not yet been made up.

All of the trades in the Metal Federation are affiliated with the American Federation, and the object is to have an association that can deal directly with the manufacturers, who are organized under the name of the National Metal Trades Association.

Fine Record With Revolver.

STOCKTON, Dec. 9.—Henry Kroeckel, inspector of rifle practice of the Sixth Regiment, National Guard of California, who recently bxroke all rifle records at 50 yards on the Columbian target, surpassed that performance yesterday, when he scored 249 out of a possible 250 at fifty yards, with a Colt's army .48-caliber revolver, three-pound pull. The man-target was used and all the shots but one of the fifty struck within a few inches of the region of the heart. There were forty-nine 5's and one 4. The first ten shots could have been covered by the hand, so close were they together, and 80 per cent of the shots could have been covered with an ordinary hat. This score entitles Kroeckel to compete in the State shoot at Sacramento in January.

League of Patriots Is Weakening.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—Paul Deroulede, the founder of the League of Patriots, announces that his organ, Le Drapeau, will from this time on cease to be a daily sheet and will return to its weekly form. The change, which he admits is due to want of support, does not indicate a very flourishing condition of the League of Patriots, of which Le Drapeau is the mouthpiece. In fact, M. Deroulede says it has not yet been resolved whether the Republican plebiscite group will take part in the coming general elections as a party.

Many Elections to Choose Mayors.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—Eighteen Massachusetts cities, including Boston, hold elections to-morrow, and all but one will choose Mayors. There are spirited contests in nearly every city. In Boston three candidates are pitted against Mayor Hart. To-night the Democratic managers declare that General Patrick A. Collins, the party candidate, will be elected Mayor by 7000 plurality, while the Republicans are confident of re-electing Mayor Hart by about 3000.

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Bookkeeper of Swindled Liverpool Bank Aids Prosecution.

Sufficient Evidence at Hand to Convict the Men Under Arrest.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Thomas Peterson Goudie, the former bookkeeper of the Bank of Liverpool; Dick Burge, the English pugilist, and F. T. Kelly, the bookmaker, of Bradford, were arraigned at the Bow-street Police Court to-day in connection with the Liverpool Bank frauds. Prosecuting counsel announced that Goudie admitted he had forged checks, but disputed the aggregate amount. The statement of counsel was mostly a reiteration of facts already known. The most interesting point was the announcement made by counsel that he would be able to prove that after Kelly had "milked" Goudie to the extent of £72,000 Burge got wind of the situation and in conjunction with Laurie Marks, the American bookmaker, who is said to have committed suicide by jumping overboard from a channel steamer, and James Mances, a bookmaker well known on the American tracks, decided not to leave Goudie in the hands of Kelly. The trio thereupon dispatched Mances to interview Goudie, with the result that they accumulated £91,000, of which Burge received one-half, Mances one-third and Marks one-sixth.

FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS

Says That the Present Legislature Will Produce a Larger Surplus Than Ever Before.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day the Minister of Finance, M. Cailliaux, replied to criticisms of the budget proposals and to the pessimistic predictions of the adversaries of the republic. The Minister said the year 1901 will develop a net deficit of 59,000,000 francs, but when the preceding surpluses are taken into consideration it will be found that the present Legislature produced a surplus of 275,000,000 francs, which no Legislature had ever done before.

The Finance Minister also said a general crisis existed in consequence of the South African war, which had an unfavorable influence on the French budget. In this regard, however, France had suffered less than other countries.

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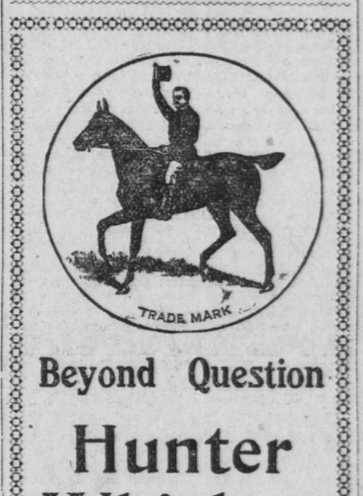

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