

\$3,000 A MINUTE

Lanky Bob Fitzsimmons Earns \$37,500 in 780 Seconds.

His Awful Right Hand Found the Point of Hall's Jaw

Early in the Fourth Round, and the Fight Was Over.

Hall Unconscious for Several Minutes After Being Counted Out.

Fitzsimmons Says Hall is the Cleverest Man He Ever Faced.

Hall and His Friends Crestfallen Over the Disastrous Outcome.

The Three Rounds Were Superb Exhibitions of Clean Hitting.

NEW ORLEANS, March 8. ERHAPS Fitzsimmons' claim that he "laid down" before Jim Hall in their last meeting will be accepted as true, as he justified his claim tonight by knocking out his Antipodean compatriot in four rounds, and the March carnival of the pugilism has become prize-ring history, and its record is before the country. It is important, because of two things. One of its fights was for the largest purse ever fought for in the ring. The days of extravagant purses ended tonight. A magnificent crowd, in point of size and personnel, saw a great battle tonight, a victory won and a defeat suffered. The scene was the most superbly appointed fist arena in any land—an arena that had grown, like the legendary beanstalk, almost in a day. The interest tonight was not as great by many degrees as on the occasion of the battle for heavyweight supremacy last September, when the ponderous pugilistic idol of the country was laid low by the modern prize-ring David; but

The Fight Tonight was, nevertheless, more important, and the general subject of the conversation this evening on the streets, in the clubs, in saloons and in parlors. The club had vetoed the efforts of the newspapers to bulletin the fight because it did not want to keep any one away from the arena, but the telephone bells jingled merrily, and bulletins found their way in every direction in spite of precautions. Clubs and managers had tried for several months to bring the Australians together. They were both famous fighters in their own country before they started for America. Their merits were always a subject of comparison, and they had met, but the

representatives who came here said that the air of a hippodromes about their fight prevailed. Fitzsimmons came first; he whipped local men and jumped into international importance by his defeat of Dempsey. Maher came after, and Fitzsimmons had to go out of his class to fight. The importance of the pugilists brought Hall to cut the middle-weight championship down. The history of the Negotiations which led to this great match, if given in detail, would fill an ordinary-sized book, but for the purpose of the present report they may be given briefly: Fitzsimmons came to this country an unknown man, so far as the American pugilists were concerned, and won both fame and money. Hall, from the antipodes, observing the success achieved by the lanky, red-headed blacksmith, desired to emulate his success and crossed the Pacific ocean engaged in a similar quest. The records showed that he had defeated Fitzsimmons in Australia, and he was not long

in questioning his fellow countryman's title to the middle-weight championship of the world. He showed challenges upon him and made every apparent effort to secure a fight, but to all these Fitzsimmons for a long time turned a deaf ear, insisting that



BOB FITZSIMMONS.

Hall should make a reputation before presuming to fight for the middle-weight championship. Hall retorted with the assertion that he had defeated Fitzsimmons in Australia, and he could do it again were opportunity offered him. Fitzsimmons replied that the so-called battle in Australia had been a "fake," and that the fight was only for \$75, and, as they were both poor, the money had been arranged beforehand. This assertion lost Fitzsimmons a great many friends and admirers in this country, and the fact that he had sold out for such a paltry sum was not regarded as any mitigation of his fault.

The Fight Was Announced After the Fitzsimmons-Dempsey fight the Australian made several efforts to secure a match, but they all resulted in disappointments, and he finally consented to meet Hall in a large arena erected in St. Paul for a purse of \$12,000, the conditions being that both should weigh in at the middle weight limit. Both men trained hard for this event, and many thousands of people gathered in the Twin Cities to witness it, but legal authorities interfered and the original programme for the fight was finally abandoned. A proposal was made, however, that the men should meet and settle the question of superiority in private for half the sum hung up in the original purse. Fitzsimmons eagerly accepted the proposition, but the Hall party hesitated, and finally refused, urging as an excuse that the fight could be brought off for the larger sum in some other part of the country. The fight was not brought off, and the men were training for nothing. The Olympic club last September offered an enormous purse for the match, and, as it was generally supposed that Fitzsimmons had conceded everything asked by Hall, the coming match was looked upon as a fixture.

The Fight Was Announced as a feature of the carnival, but it was finally discovered that Hall did not want to fight at that time. He refused to meet Fitzsimmons on the date mentioned, urging that his theatrical engagements were of more importance to him than anything else, and that in order to see the fight, the Olympic club would have to change the date very materially. The Olympic club, valuing the fight more as a feature of the carnival than on its individual merits, refused, and the meeting between the two famous boxers was again indefinitely postponed. Finally, the Crescent City Athletic club conceived the idea that a match between Fitzsimmons and Hall would be an attraction for which they could afford to offer a purse equal to a million dollars. When it was learned that there was a possibility of bringing the men together, both the Crescent City Athletic club, of New Orleans, and the Coney Island club engaged in a very lively competition for the contest.

The match was made for the largest purse to be offered, and the bargain was finally closed with the Crescent City Athletic club for a purse of \$40,000. Never before has such a sum been at stake on the issue of a single fight. A purse of \$40,000 and a stake of \$10,000 a side made the enormous sum of \$50,000 dependent on the result. Fitzsimmons and Hall went their respective ways.

To Prepare for the Battle. They are men of somewhat similar build. Both are giants, strong, healthy, big boned, long-armed, stubborn, formidable fighters, adepts in science, experienced in the ring and hard punchers. Each has a distinctive style. Each has been regarded as a wonder. So closely was the match considered that for a long time even money was wagered on either, the pool room letting the bettor take his choice. Hall promised to go to the ringside a favorite, and there was a trace of spite in that. The East has been anxious to revenge itself on Fitzsimmons for the defeat of Jack Dempsey, and they went to Hall, not only because Hall was considered a good man, but because the sections were drawn against the South and Hall. There was not much choice, however, and the betting was consistent during the day. Hall seemed most strongly a favorite, and Fitzsimmons only lightly the choice of the talent. It was 9 to 10 on Hall at nightfall and 95 to 100 on Fitzsimmons, several hundred of Fitzsimmons money appearing in the pool room late in the evening beat down Hall and made Fitzsimmons for the time the favorite, even money demanded for Hall and 4 to 5 on his opponent.

Wild rumors ran riot before and after the fight. There was an unauthoritative threat of interference every hour of the day, and when there had been a rumor that Hall had fallen out with his trainer, that the fight was fixed, and that the purse would not be forthcoming. Each rumor died a natural death. Neither man worked hard on his last

SHOT IN THE THROAT.

One of Two Brothers Killed Himself Because of His Lonely Life.

Leaving a Prediction That the Remaining Brother Would Do Likewise.

The Latter Exactly Verifies the Prediction by Shooting Himself Dead.

A Neighborhood Where Murder and Suicide Have Been Very Prevalent.

Special to the Globe.

BRECKENRIDGE, Minn., March 8.—Night before last Frederick Salisberg, a Swiss farmer living in the town of Andrea, in this county, committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun. About one year ago his brother Jacob committed suicide near the same place, and left a note to Frederick saying that he killed himself because he could not stand it any longer living alone on the prairie and advised Frederick to sell out and go to some city, where he could enjoy life, or he would kill himself as he was doing. Ever since Frederick has been afraid to stop in the house alone, and has slept at the house of one Daniels, a farmer living near. Yesterday Daniels came to Breckenridge and unexpectedly stood over night, leaving Salisberg alone. This morning Frank Kemter went to the house and found the dead body. Salisberg seems to have stood by the side of the bed, placed the muzzle of the gun to his throat and pulled the trigger. Besides these two suicides, within some three miles of the same place Carl Hogan killed himself, his wife and daughter some two years ago, and last winter, about a mile from the same place, Frank Kemter, the young man who found Salisberg's body, shot and killed Louis Degreee.

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A WASTE OF ENERGY.

Mr. Cleveland Hasn't Time to Talk to Aspirants for Office.

Changes Will Be Made Only When Incumbents' Terms Run Out.

H. H. Hawkins Would Not Object to Going Up to Alaska.

Friends of John C. Bullitt Pushing Him for Solicitor General.

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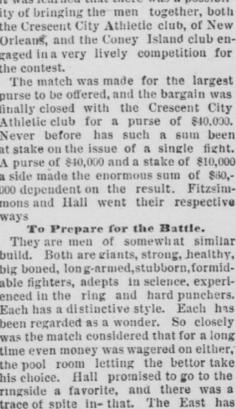
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