CORBETT IS CORNERED

REFEREE KELLY DENIES THAT JIM ASKED HIM TO DECLARE BETS OFF

DETAILS MAY BE GIVEN

Manager Tom O'Rourke Says He Is Collecting Evidence of Fraud, and Will Tell Who Were in the Gigantic Swindle — Said That Corbett Was to Receive $100,000 for His Part in the Affair.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—There is a possibility that details of the big swindle, known as the Corbett-Sharkey prize fight, will eventually be made public. Tom O'Rourke, manager of the Lenox club, where the fight occurred, says he has the inside of the affair, and will tell it in due season. The most sensational story was told by one of Corbett's seconds. He said the fight as far as Corbett was concerned was a job. He said he had been double-crossed and was led to believe up to the last minute that it was on the level. He said that when the time came for McVey to pull off the job he remarked to Corbett: "Now," and Corbett shook his head "No." The next round McVey went through with it. Once he started, but weakened. Then he mustered up courage and broke into the ring. Corbett's attempt to strike him was only a bluff, as after the fight Corbett and McVey went away together and he has not permitted McVey to get out of his sight for more than an hour since the fight. This second also said that Corbett had gone back and that almost any one could have whipped him on the night of the fight. O'Rourke and those connected with the club are gathering all the evidence they can, and the story is out that the whole thing will be explained at the proper time. Tom O'Rourke said today to a party of friends:

"I know that the fight was a job, and I know that Corbett was in with it. I have everything about it in shape, and I intend to spring the whole story."

CORBETT PARTY CORNERED.

"Honest John" Kelly strenuously denies that Corbett or any of his seconds, either by word of mouth or look, asked him to declare all bets off, Corbett claimed that he had, and the referee of that contest made the denial as emphatic as it could possibly be made. It is the general opinion that explanations and denials of Corbett, McVey and all the rest were all so flimsy and contradictory and transparent that the restoring to sight of a blind man would hardly be necessary for him to see through them. Kelly's denial is believed on all sides, not a person sitting around the ringside heard Corbett utter one word to the referee about declaring off of bets, and still Corbett says he did. But according to his own statement he dropped into a trance as soon as he heard the decision—cold chills flying up and down his back. Under such circumstances can it be possible that the former champion was in full possession of all mental faculties?

Yet Corbett remembers all he did, and still on his own admission he was in a trance. A person in a trance is supposed to be dreaming of the stars and other things. People are wondering how Corbett reconciles his statement that he asked Kelly to declare bets off with his statement in the next breath that Kelly had no right under the rules to do as he asked.

RUMORS OF SUICIDE.

Kelly said today that it would have been adding insult to injury if Corbett had requested him to declare bets off after the barefaced action of McVey.

A rumor apparently without any substantial basis, but of great persistence, was circulated that Corbett had committed suicide. The fact that the once pompadoured pugilist was not to be found at first, either at his house or any of his favorite resorts, was the cause of the report being given tremendous credence around town.

Corbett was found and said: "Why, I'm all right." He repeated the assertion again. For once his suavity seemed to have deserted him. "What will they say next?" he demanded, turning to George Considine. "It's perfectly ridiculous. I never thought of such a thing in my life."

FORTUNES AT STAKE.

Thousands and thousands of dollars were sent to Western cities to be placed on Sharkey. In San Francisco the amount wagered on the result was at least $150,000. In Chicago $200,000 was put up, and half as much again was distributed among other cities far removed from the scene of the bogus battle.

In all these places the confidence of shrewd men in Sharkey was so wonderful that suspicion was the natural outcome. They could not be risking their money using the form of the fighters as a base of judgment. They could not be favoring Sharkey because of his wonderful science. They did not turn against Corbett because he had fallen off in skill so tremendously that they could afford to hazard fortunes against him.

They had their reasons, however, and there was no limit to the money that was offered to those who still kept faith in Corbett.

These men received their tip direct from New York city. They were agents of Western bookmakers who were in this city, and who, feeling around carefully, heard whisper after whisper that Corbett's corner would be made a losing one Tuesday night in some way or other. McVey showed the way it could be done.

AT CORBETT'S HOME.

Evidence Accumulating That the Affair Was Crooked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26. — Evidence is accumulating that the Corbett-Sharkey fight in New York was crooked from start to finish. Connie McVey has been condemned for betraying Corbett, but McVey did nothing of the kind. He was the poor tool in the fraud.

Corbett himself is implicated, and the story goes here that he was to receive $100,000—that did it. It was to be a case of "the public be damned," to use the words of old Commodore Vanderbilt. Corbett, it is alleged, figured that his fistic career was about over, and that if he could retire with a fortune all would be well. He could afford to bide the consequences. But probably at no time did he anticipate that the plan would fail and that his hand would be exposed.

The swindle was engineered by men who were supposed to know every play, and they hoped to escape unscathed. Only the decision of "Honest John" Kelly frustrated them. This decision wiped out paper profits amounting to at least $300,000, and the bookmakers who conceived the idea of throwing the fight have lost money on the transaction, while Corbett emerges covered with shame and branded by his best friends in San Francisco as a rogue.

Originally it was intended that Corbett should be the winner, and an effort was made to enlist Sharkey. A meeting was arranged between the Sharkey people and the Corbett crowd in New York, and it is said that a conference was held in George Considine's saloon in that city. Considine is Corbett's financial backer. Those who know the facts think that he led Corbett astray. However that may be, it is certain that Harry Corbett, brother of the former champion, believed until Sunday that "Gentleman Jim" would win the fight.

But on Sunday Harry Corbett received a telegram from New York that made his eyes bulge. In substance it read: "All arrangements off. Do no betting." This telegram came from James J. Corbett. Harry Corbett was dazed. He had backed his brother heavily, and did not know what to make of the message from New York. Evidently he fancied that Jim was out of his head, for he straightway visited the telegraph office and filed a telegram addressed to George Considine in New York:

"Don't understand Jim's message," this telegram ran. "He telegraphs as follows: 'All arrangements off. Do no betting.' How about those arrangements? How do I place the bets?" After a long wait Harry Corbett received a telegram from Considine. It read practically as follows:

"Hedge if you have made bets. Arrangements fell through."

In the meantime, it is said, Harry Corbett had sent a message of inquiry to his brother asking for an explanation of his first telegram. In reply James J. Corbett made some reference to the fact that his stomach was in a disordered condition, but beyond this he made no attempt to explain the situation. Those who are well informed as to what passed between the Corbetts infer that Sharkey refused to "lay down," and that the messages to Harry Corbett were in the nature of a tip that the fight had been fixed the other way, and that Sharkey would win.

At any rate, it is certain that Harry Corbett, although he at one time stood to lose heavily on the fight, did not "go broke," on the contest. After the fight had been awarded to Sharkey last Tuesday night, another telegram came from James J. Corbett. It stated that he had beaten Sharkey at his own game. Of course there is but one interpretation to be placed upon this telegraphic correspondence. The fight was "fixed" for Sharkey, and the sailor got the decision as arranged.

BOOM IN WHITEWASH.

Lenox Club to Investigate Corbett-Sharkey Fake.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The board of directors of the Lenox Athletic club, under whose auspices the Corbett-Sharkey fight was held last Tuesday night, decided today to investigate the various charges growing out of the affair. A meeting of the directors for that purpose has been called for next Monday. Corbett and Sharkey, their managers and seconds have been invited to attend. The inquiry will be open to the press.

CASPER LEON LOST.

Beaten by Sammy Harris, a Clever Chicago Youngster.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Sammy Harris, of Chicago, was given the decision tonight over Casper Leon, of New York, at the end of a six-round bout in the gymnasium of the Chicago Athletic club. Harris is a young brother of "Kid" Harris, and tonight was his first fight before a club of any importance. In the first two rounds Leon's cleverness was a trifle too much for Harris, but the youngster was cool and plucky, and by the end of the fourth round he had Leon very tired. The last two rounds were all in favor of Harris, who kept Leon's head bobbing back and forth with straight left leads. He fought Leon to a standstill in the sixth, and landed five times to one by Leon.

Nobody expected Harris to win, owing to his youth and inexperience, and his clean-cut victory over such an opponent as Leon set the crowd wild. Both weighed 107 pounds.

Johnnie Ritchie, of Chicago, and Eddie Sprague, of Streator, Ill., put up six fast rounds, the decision being a draw. Sprague had the better of the fourth round, when he scored a partial knock-down, but Ritchie was the stronger and evened matters in the last two rounds. The latter was in better shape at the finish.

In the other bouts of the evening Jack Lewis, of Chicago, won over Jack Hopkins, of Chicago; Frank Scott, of Chicago, was given the decision over Bert Woods, of Toledo, O., and Jack Carrige, of New York, won over Jack Carroll, of Chicago, by a liberal margin. There were no knockouts.

FOULED BUT WON.

O'Brien So Thoroughly Put Out He Forgot to Come To.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 26.—Today "Tommy" Mack, otherwise known as the "Minneapolis Kid," won a fight from "Johnnie" O'Brien, the star "scrapper" from Osseo, and now he is looking for other kids to conquer. The fight took place at Golden Valley in the presence of about 350 people. The purse was $250, taken out of the receipts at the door. Mack's friends claim that he all but had O'Brien going in the seventh and eighth rounds and would have won the fight anyway, but struck him with his knee accidentally, and O'Brien became unconscious. He was reported to be still unconscious at a late hour last night. The referee gave the fight to Mack, as the so-called foul was all an accident. The village marshal also stepped in at this juncture and was ready to make a decision if their was any more fighting.

BUFFALO WILL BE IN.

Eastern City Practically Admitted to Western League.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Buffalo will be a member of the Western base ball league next year. The matter is now practically settled and only a few details are necessary before the league meeting next month. President Franklin has refused to state his position positively and President Ban Johnson is reticent, but a prominent man in Western base ball circles who is in a position to know gave it out authoritatively that the Eastern city would replace St. Joseph in the circuit.

Toledo is also knocking for admission and may get the place that Columbus now holds. President Johnson knows nothing concerning the admission of Toronto, and it seems more probable that Toledo will get a franchise if one is asked for. Denver is entirely out of the race, despite the desires of Manager Lotius to put a team there. Smaller towns like Peoria and Rockford have also been dismissed.

Manchester Races.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—At the last day's racing of the Manchester November meeting today, Sir J. Miller's four-year-old bay colt, Chaloureaux, won the Manchester November handicap of £1,500. F. Hardy's Eclipse was second and the Duke of Westminster's Lambroder third. This race is for three-year-olds and upwards. Fourteen horses ran; distance, one mile and six furlongs.

Champion Bowlers in Form.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—The twelve champion bowlers who are arranging to tour the country as the all-star bowling team are getting into condition for their trip. Capt. Boemermann claims all records will be broken this season for both team and individual bowling. They will do their work practice at Columbus, O.

Hockey Season Opens.

Members of the St. Paul Hockey club are requested to be on hand for practice at the Broadway skating rink at 10 o'clock today.

BASE BALL NOTES.

Keeping the catcher under the bat continuously should be given a trial at least.

Jack Glasscock and Sammy Nichol expect to jointly run an Interstate league team in Wheeling next year.

James Jennings, father of Short Stop Hugh Jennings, died at Avoca, Pa., on Nov. 21, of pleurisy, in the 75th year of his age.

The scarcity of past season scandals growing out of rowdyism and drunkenness among ball players is evidence of an improved standard of conduct and behavior in the profession.

George Tebeau still thinks Denver will be admitted to the Western league, all depending upon what the railroads decide to do in the way of low rates to and from that city.

Infielder Ryan predicts that Boston, Baltimore and Cincinnati will be rank outsiders next season. Prediction filed. He picks Chicago and Louisville as the strongest teams in the league.

"Old Hose" Twineham announces that he has retired from the diamond. He has opened a wet goods emporium, the "Home Plate," on Michigan avenue, Detroit.

Charley Campau, the veteran outfielder, started last Saturday for New Orleans, where he will assume his old position with the New Orleans Jockey club during its all-winter meeting. He expects to play ball for Kansas City next year.

For years it has been a mooted point as to who of the league pitchers was the speediest, and the question is still an open one. The acknowledged fastest pitchers in the league are Nichols, Willis, Rusie, Meekin, Young, Lewis, Hawley, Seymour, Doheny, Platt and Tannehill.

Philadelphia has offered $1,000 for Pitcher "Chick" Frazer, of Louisville, formerly of Minneapolis.

CROOKED RING FIGHTS

WERE MORE NUMEROUS UNDER THE OLD RULES OF THE LONDON PRIZE RING

HEENAN AND SAYERS FIASCO

How Eph Holland's Gang Euchred Col. Fred Watkins Out of $1,000 in the Allen-Goss Fight in Kentucky—Val McKinney's Queer Decision—Corbett-Mitchell Fight Was Not for a Side Bet.

The prize ring has not been as free from "barneys" as one would suppose without taking a peep at the records. The recent fiasco in New York, in which James J. Corbett and Thomas Sharkey were the principals, has revived public interest in that direction, and a resume of the crooked doings in the "squared circle" should be entertaining. Corbett's career had not been free from taint prior to the Sharkey affair. He deceived the public in the Mitchell battle by having freely advertised the statement that there was a side bet between the men, when at Corbett's suggestion the $5,000 a side that was up originally was drawn down prior to the fight. In the Fitzsimmons match Corbett insisted upon an arrangement whereby he could not lose financially, if he did physically. He refused to meet McCoy unless the purse was split—in fact, Corbett never engaged in but one battle where he was compelled to take chances to lose all, and that was with John L. Sullivan at New Orleans on the night of Sept. 7, 1892. Sullivan would not entertain a proposition that was not strictly "on the level."

HEENAN AND SAYERS.

While there had been many a "barney" in the prize ring prior to the memorable meetings between John C. Heenan and Tom Sayers, the English champion, yet that affair was the first to arouse a wave of indignation among ring followers. That Heenan was jobbed no Englishman will to this day admit, yet there is not the slightest doubt that had the battle gone to a conclusion Heenan would have won. The referee was a Sayers follower and was objected to by the American contingent, but without avail. When the crowd broke into the ring Sayers was practically beaten, and the referee found it convenient to disappear. There was no decision, but Heenan should have won. That was the first fiasco in which British and American fighters were pitted against each other. The two battles between Tom Cribb and the big black, Molyneaux, were among the most desperate ever contested in the prize ring, and the Englishman won both; he won fairly, and was as generously complimented by American as he was by English sports.

ALLEN AND GOSS.

Tom Allen, who was unquestionably a great fighter in his day, was perhaps the most unfortunate of all gladiators in getting the worst of ring decisions. In his second battle with Charley Gallagher he beat his accidental conqueror to a standstill, and the referee, Val McKinney, for reasons that have never been explained, declared the contest a draw. So complete was Allen's victory on that occasion that the majority of ring followers to this day have an idea that Allen has to his credit, on the record, a win over Gallagher. A glance at the record will disabuse them of that error. Possibly the most flagrant swindle ever perpetrated upon Allen and his backer was in the battle with Joe Goss, over in Kentucky. Col. Fred Watkins, who died some few years since in St. Louis, was the lifetime backer of Allen. In the Allen-Goss fight Col. Watkins had furnished Allen's stake. The Eph Holland gang ran the machine at that battle, and not satisfied with getting the stake money put up a job on Watkins by which they added $1,000 to their ill-gotten gains. While the fight was in progress and Allen away in the lead, one of the gang rushed over to Allen's corner and, flashing a "phony" roll, containing a dollar bill and a wad of brown paper, bet Watkins $1,000 that Goss would win. Col. Watkins put up the cash—and lost it—against practically nothing.

SMITH AND SLAVIN.

Jem Smith, the alleged champion of England, had a following that would put to the blush the "Brummagen gang." Smith and Paddy Slavin fought with bare knuckles, London rules, and Slavin's pluck alone saved him from a bare-faced robbery. He was subjected to all sorts of indignities by the mob that surrounded the ringside, but he pluckily fought back until he won the admiration of a majority of the toughs and finally got the decision. It was fully intended to "job" Slavin, and the attempt would have succeeded under ordinary circumstances. Tom Allen had a similar experience in his battle with Ben Hogan, near Omaha, back in the '70s. Hogan was not in it with Allen, but the crowd had their money on the man who afterward turned evangelist, and was determined Allen should not win. The ring was broken into, but Allen paid no attention to that incident and went right after his man, though covered by guns, and knocked out Hogan so completely that the referee was compelled to give him the decision.

LA BLANCHE AND HERGET.

There resides in San Francisco today a man who once gave promise of becoming an aspirant for the middleweight championship, whose career was cut short by a "barney" that also ruined the bright prospects of George La Blanche, the once conqueror of Jack Dempsey. His name is John Herget, but he was known in the ring as "Young Mitchell," owing to his marked resemblance, in style at least, to the English boxer. The La Blanche-Herget affair was intended to be one of the most gigantic swindles ever perpetrated in the ring. To Herget's credit, be it said, it has not been shown that he was a party to it. La Blanche was a big favorite. As in the Corbett-Sharkey fiasco, money was sent all over the country by the men who were in the deal, to be wager on Herget. The job was exposed in a peculiar way. A telegram was sent to a San Francisco sport to get his money down on Herget, and in the telegram it was made as clear as necessary that the affair was "fixed" for Herget to win. That telegram fell into hands for which it was not intended, and the jig was up. La Blanche first indignantly denied, but, when confronted with the evidence, broke down and confessed. He went to the bad, and not long since was picked up on a road in New York and sent to a charity hospital.

RYAN AND WILKES.

Jack Wilkes, of St. Louis, was made the tool in a "job" to beat Tommy Ryan, the welterweight champion, out of a battle that was fought in South Omaha, Neb. Wilkes was not a party to the affair, he being as square a man as ever put up his hands, and as game as a pebble, as was evidenced on that night, when he took a gruelling from Ryan that would have stopped a man with a weaker heart. It was on a Saturday night, and it had been announced that the battle would be stopped at midnight. If at that hour both men were upon their feet, the affair was to be declared a draw. In the seventeenth round Wilkes was all but gone, and the conspirators were at their wits' ends. They began to quibble about some technicality and kept up the wrangle until the hour of midnight, thus saving their money. Wilkes was in bed nearly two weeks, an awfully punished man. His second, Tom Kelly, the veteran English middleweight, was furious when he learned of the trick. He, like Wilkes, was not "let in," and, instead, was made the dupe of a lot of rascals.

WALCOTT AND LAVIGNE.

While the positive evidence is lacking, yet it is generally understood among sporting men that the affair between Joe Walcott and "Kid" Lavigne, in San Francisco, was "fixed." Lavigne had no license to beat Walcott, at any style of fighting. He was completely outclassed by the "Barbadoes Terror," hence it became necessary to work a trick, so Walcott grew ill and said he could go no further. Lavigne was given the decision, and a horde of betting men lost their money. It is related that a well-known theatrical manager and patron of ring sports dropped quite a bundle on the affair, and he it was who hinted at crooked work. The same man who handled the Corbett-Sharkey fiasco managed Walcott in the Lavigne "barney." Dozens of fakes that have attracted little public notice are known to have been "pulled off" by the wise gang that has directed the destinies of boxing in recent years. The latest in New York may lose to them their occupation, for certainly no one "in with" the Corbett-Sharkey fizzle will ever again dare pose as "boxing promoters."

CORBETT'S CUNNING.

It is a notorious fact that Corbett's record in the books is a patched up list of alleged battles that were rarely "on the level." On Feb. 16, 1892, Corbett arranged a big fake in New York, in which he was to stop three heavyweights, in succession, each in four rounds. Corbett picked the men, and named one Bill Spillings, of Rochester, N. Y.; Bob Caffrey, of Philadelphia—and—to his sorrow; one real fighter—Joe Lannon. Corbett easily vanquished his "unknowns," Spillings and Caffrey, who, by the way, were never before or since heard of or from as fighters, but Lannon "bucked." It is said that Joe had been drinking and got stubborn. He was to have "gone out," but he refused to "go," and Corbett's record was blurred, for it reads: "Joe Lannon, no decision." His record also contains to "swell" it all his friendly sparring matches with "Connie" McVey, his sparring partner, and further along will be found the announcement that he knocked out Joe Courtney, in six rounds, whereas it is a notorious fact that the contract with the kinetoscope company stipulated that Courtney was to "go out" in the sixth round, to complete the pictures.

"OWNEY" GEOGHAN'S PLAN.

"Owney" Geoghan was an early and late day character of New York, who conducted a "free and easy" in which many a contest with the "mittens" was pulled off. "Owney's" man always won, but it was by no fluke or fake. One incident will suffice to explain how "Owney" got the money. George LaBlanche, "The Marine," was at one time engaged by "Owney" to take on all comers. One night there entered the place a giant who was employed in a rolling mill, and who had beaten every man in the mill. He hopped onto the stage to face La Blanche. "Owney" adjusted the "mitts" and the battle began. Suddenly La Blanche landed on the giant's jaw and he dropped like a stuck bullock. When he recovered consciousness he remarked: "Say, what struck me? I thought it was a kick from a mule, and there is a mark on my jaw that makes me believe that's what it was." And the big rolling man was not far from right. Geoghan had placed in LaBlanche's glove a mule shoe, and it was with that hand he landed.

DECEPTION IS EASY.

There is no game at which deception can be more safely practiced. A clever boxer can simulate unconsciousness, and even the wiseacres be deceived. But the referee, if he is wise, must be "fixed." Some years since there was a boxing match between two well known St. Louis gladiators. It was attended by a crowd comprising bankers, merchants and professional men. The writer knew there was to be a "job," and intended to prevent it. He had been selected to referee the contest, but when the men were in the ring one of the principals objected, saying that the referee was "a friend of his" and he had heard that he "might favor him." He was anxious that there should be no doubt as to his victory and must insist that a stranger do the judging. Lem McGregor, the "St. Joe Kid," was named. The man who had protested went out in the ninth round. McGregor counted the fatal ten, but before he had reached seven the boxer, who lay prone upon the ground, opened one eye and winked at the writer, as much as to indicate that he was a wise one. He afterward admitted that the affair was "fixed"—and yet the spectators did not detect the swindle. —Willie Green.

LANSING MAY DIE.

Corbett's Former Sparring Partner Probably Fatally Injured.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 26.—Tom Lansing, the well known middleweight pugilist, who until recently assisted in training James J. Corbett, is lying critically ill at his home in this city, as a result of a terrific blow on the back of the head, delivered by Jack Root, in their recent fight in Chicago. Lansing is almost entirely paralyzed and today is barely able to speak. He can move only a few portions of his body. His physician thinks from what he can learn from Lansing that the terrific blow he received on the head from Root felled him, causing him to strike his head upon the floor with great violence and has caused the formation of a blood clot upon the brain. Dr. McIntyre, his physician, says the chances of Lansing's recovery are slight. Lansing has been confined to his bed since he returned from Chicago.

CENTURY RIDERS' BANQUET.

It Will Be a New Feature of the Winter Season.

Archie Matheis, the local centurion of the Century Road Club of America, is making arrangements for a banquet to the members of the Century Road Club of America, Minnesota division, to be held in this city in the near future. It is intended to have all the state medals presented at this dinner and to install the new officers for the coming year. An interesting musical programme is being arranged and an effort will be made to show that the Century Road club members can enjoy themselves in winter even if they cannot ride centuries.

The success of the club has been far beyond the expectations of both the national as well as state officers. Applications for membership have been sent in from different parts of the state as well as in St. Paul and Minneapolis, the several runs, both century and popular short outings have done much to interest the riders as well as furnish a day's sport on the wheel. Many of the fair sex have joined these runs, and the refined class of riders that have attended has done much to enlarge the numbers with influential and representative wheelmen.

The local centurion will not accept another nomination, having recruited the club from a membership of five to the largest in the country.

SURPRISED CHAMPIONS.

Cincinnati Eleven Defeated the Dartmouth Aggregation.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 26.—Cincinnati university sprung a surprise on the champions of the New England league here today, defeating Dartmouth by a score of 17 to 12. All the scoring was done in the first half. Howard Nieman, for Cincinnati, played the best game. Jennings was Dartmouth's star. The cold weather kept the crowd down so that only 600 were on the grounds. Dartmouth ran Cincinnati's ends well while all of the Cincinnati gains were through Dartmouth's line.

Yale Boat Crew Rumors.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 26.—Manager Ord Preston and Capt. Allen, of the Yale university crew, are both out of town, and could not be reached to verify the report to the effect that Robert J. Cook will not coach the Yale crew next year, and that Dr. Percy Bolton would take charge of the oarsmen. Inquiry among those who know pretty well the status of Yale boating were decidedly sceptical of the story, and several of the members of the crew expressed themselves as under the impression that it is not at all settled whether "Bob" Cook will come back to Yale. Should he not return, however, his successor will probably be Alfred Cowles, of Chicago, who has been more or less intimately connected with Yale rowing matters.

SCHAEFER AND IVES.

"Wizard" Challenges the "Napoleon of Billiards" to a Match.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Jacob Schaefer is after the scalp of Frank Ives. The latter is now in New York and has been doing some talking at long range concerning a balk-line game with the "Wizard" for the championship. Schaefer is always willing to play when there is anything in sight worth going for, but he does not like to listen to talk unless the talker means business. Accordingly he put his brother on a train with a ticket for New York, and with special instructions to find out if "that fellow Ives wants to play billiards."

Schaefer's envoy has a challenge with him that ought to be broad enough to suit Ives. Schaefer is exceedingly anxious to meet Ives before the winter is over and regain the emblem he lost the last time they met. This emblem Ives refused to accept on the ground that it represented nothing. In his challenge Schaefer has conceded a point to Ives and agrees not to stick for a game in Chicago. He offers to play him in St. Louis or New York, and to arrange for a date suitable to the "Napoleon." This ought to leave Ives no excuse. It is a well known fact that Ives announced his intention not to play for two years after he won his last game with Schaefer. The "Wizard" could have served him the same way, but he gave Ives a return match as soon as the latter asked for it.

JANOWSKI WON.

Added Another Game in the Chess Match Against Showalter.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Janowski won the fourth game of the chess match against Showalter, after thirty-eight moves, at the Manhattan Chess club today. Janowski opened the game with Spanish attack, which was at first very cautiously played on both sides. While white had castled on the king's side, black had done the same on the queen's side of the board, and the contest was on in earnest. White proceeded with an attack on the queen's side, black on the king's side. After an early exchange of bishops, the queens went from the board and the game developed very rapidly. Finally the Parisan gave up the exchange. Later on he won a piece, and shortly afterward the game. The score now stands 3 to 0 in favor of Janowski, with one game drawn.

Ingleside Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—Weather clear; track fast. Results:

First race, five furlongs—Limewater won, Sam McKeever second, Rio Chico third. Time, 1:02.

Second race, one mile—G. B. Morris won, Lode Star second, Anabasis third. Time, 1:43.

Third race, one mile and a sixteenth—Cromwell won, Wheel of Fortune second, Adam Andrew third. Time, 1:48.

Fourth race, Sunnyside stake, seven furlongs—First Tenor won, Los Medanos second, Ventoro third. Time, 1:28½.

Fifth race, seven furlongs—Paul Griggs won, Yankee Doodle second, Gabrillo third. Time, 1:28¾.

Sixth race, nine-sixteenths of a mile—Feversham won, Livorbeaux second, Don't Tell third. Time, :55½.

New Orleans Races.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 26.—Weather clear; track heavy. Three favorites won. Results:

First race, one mile—Judge Steadman won, Elkin second, Ed Gevrlock third. Time, 1:51¼.

Second race, six furlongs—Hittick won, Sam Lazarus, Esq. second, Chancery third. Time, 1:19.

Third race, seven furlongs—Water Crest won, Randazzo second, Branch third. Time, 1:34¼.

Fourth race, handicap, seven furlongs—David won, Macy second, Henry Launt third. Time, 1:33¾.

Fifth race, one mile—Little Billy won, Garnet Ripple second, The Planter third. Time, 1:50.

Wants to Throw Lundin.

Dan McLeod, the middleweight wrestler, arrived last night from Chicago. He wants a match with Hjalmar Lundin, the Swedish athlete. McLeod thinks he can throw Lundin catch-as-catch-can, three falls, in an hour, and he says the same proposition is open to any other man the Northwest who can wrestle at 170.

Club Bowling Scores.

The following scores were made at Amort Bros.' bowling alleys during the week:

Acme—Warwick, 196; Albeck, 168; Fabel, 189, Kuhlo, 110; Shade, 154; Mattack, 169; Bulena, 128, Jungbauer, 199; Uhler, 186; Heinlein, 143; Keyes, 198.

Broadway—L. Landon, 144; McArthur, 180; J. Hoff, 201; Huntsman, 195; Marsh, 214; Patterson, 208; Dr. Murphy, 151; McLaren, 199.

Enterprise—Jungbauer, 208; Kraniger, 198; Oertel, 207; Kuhlo, 160; Dellar, 149; Andrie, 166; Hartman, 192; Warwick, 190; Kimbell, 193; Decker, 158; Contor, 189.

Elliott Challenges Gilbert.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 26.—J. A. R. Elliott, of Kansas City, today issued a challenge to Fred Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Ia., to shoot for the Sportsman's Review trophy for the American live bird championship. Elliott posted a forfeit. Elliott is booked to shoot Dr. J. B. Smith for 100 live birds at St. Louis, Dec. 3.

Great Western Racing Circuit.

DUBUQUE, Io., Nov. 26.—C. T. Hancack, president of the board of stewards of the Great Western circuit of the Light Harness Horse association, has issued a call for a meeting in Chicago, Dec. 7, to arrange dates for next year's meetings.

Lexington Races Off.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 26.—Races today postponed on account of cold weather.

Bennings Races Postponed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The Bennings races are postponed until Monday, on account of bad weather.

MERRIMAC HERO FINED.

Kelly, Who Was With Hobson, Pleads Guilty of Drunkenness.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 26.—In the South Boston police court, John H. Kelly was fined $5 on a charge of drunkenness. Kelly was found on the street yesterday, his face cut and bleeding. He was taken to the station house and, being very much under the influence of liquor, was booked on a charge of drunkenness.

It was only Kelly's extreme modesty that made it necessary for him to go into court. When booked Kelly never said a word, and it was nearly midnight that, while talking to the house officer, he accidentally said that he was the Kelly that was on the Merrimac with Lieut. Hobson.

Capt. Donovan was told of the circumstances when he arrived at the station house this morning. He saw Kelly personally and became convinced that the sailor's story was true. The captain was sorry, however, as Kelly, having been "booked," would have to appear in court. The captain told Kelly, however, to make himself known to Judge Fallon and he would be discharged at once. Again Kelly's modesty asserted itself and when his name was called he said "Guilty" and received the $5 fine.

While Kelly was waiting for friends to come to pay his fine the quartermaster from the navy yard arrived in court looking for Kelly. He corroborated the sailor's story in every way, even going so far as to show marks on the sailor's body to prove the identity. The name of the Kelly who was with Lieut. Hobson was given as Timothy, but this was explained by Kelly's relatives in South Boston by saying that the young man gave the name of Timothy Kelly when he enlisted in the navy.

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AN AMERICAN JAILED.

Frank Knaak, of New York, Charged With Lese Majeste.

BERLIN, Nov. 26.—Frank Knaak, of New York, has been arrested on the charge of lese majeste, said to have been committeted in a wine shop. Mr. Knaak was arrested while sitting with his wife in a fashionable restaurant. It is alleged that he referred in an offensive manner to the emperor, and a person who heard him immediately summoned a policeman. Although Mr. Knaak had several witnesses who denied that he had made the alleged remark, he was thrown into jail. The officials of the United States embassy have done everything possible to bring about his release, and a large amount of bail has been offered. J. B. Jackson, the United States charge d'affaires, has had two interviews with Herr Richtnofen, the under secretary of state for foreign affaires, on the subject.

Mr. Knaak is a civil engineer, and is interested in the Niagara water power. He originally came from Stettin.

NOT AN OATH.

Mrs. Cohn Says She Was Not Sworn by Jewish Rite.

BERLIN, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Lizzie Cohn, of New York, who was arrested on Sept. 24, on leaving a court here, charged with perjury and fraud, has been released, and the United States embassy is trying to obtain a formal declaration from the German foreign office that her innocence has been legally established.

Mrs. Cohn came to Berlin to sue for 6,000 marks, which she alleges was due to her father-in-law, R. Cohn, of New York. Her arrest was brought about on the ground that she swore she was prosecuting her own claim. Mrs. Cohn's defense at the time was that the oath was not administered to her according to the Jewish religious rite, and therefore it is not binding upon her.

STORMS AT SEA.

Steamers Encounter Bad Weather and Passengers Terrorized.

QUEENSTOWN, Nov. 26.—Incoming ocean steamers today report having experienced severe weather for several days past. The German steamer Adria, one of the chartered steamers of the International Navigation company, from Philadelphia, Nov. 13, for Liverpool, reports passing through a violent gale on Wednesday last, during which she was hove to for twenty hours. All the passengers were kept below, and were greatly alarmed by the violent motion of the ship, which rolled terribly. Some injuries were sustained about the deck from the heavy seas which swept over the vessel. The British freight steamer Silverton, from Port Royal, S. C., Nov. 6, for Liverpool, which also arrived here today, is terribly damaged by the storm. She lost her boats, had her cabin flooded and several of her crew were injured.

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