IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

YOUNG CORBETT CONTINUES FAVORITE IN THE BETTING

Condition of the Featherweight Champion Convinces Fight Followers That He Will Successfully Defend His Title in Battle With Eddie Hanlon—Californian Is Ready for the Fight and Confident of Victory—Will Ignore Britt if Corbett Is Defeated and Make a Tour Through the East—Eddie Graney Is Selected as Referee for Tuesday's Fight.

YOUNG CORBETT.

FACTS ABOUT THE FIGHT.

Principals—Eddie Hanlon, San Francisco; "Young Corbett" (William Rothwell", Denver.
Date of Contest—December 29.
Scene of Battle—Mechanics' pavilion, San Francisco.
Number of Rounds—Twenty.
Weight—129½ pounds at 6 p. m. the day of the fight.
Referee—Eddie Graney.
Title Involved—130-pound championship.

Records of the Men.

HANLON.

Whipped Benny Yanger, twenty rounds.
Fought a draw with Benny Yanger, twenty rounds.
Fought a draw with Abe Attell, twenty rounds.
Whipped all the coast fighters of his weight.

CORBETT.

Lost once and fought with Benny Yanger, ten rounds each time.
Knocked out Kid Broad in four rounds once and whipped that fighter twice afterward in ten rounds.
Knocked out Terry McGovern twice, two rounds and eleven rounds.
Fought twenty-round draw with Eddie Hanlon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 26.—Eddie Graney was tonight selected to referee the fight on Tuesday night between Young Corbett and Eddie Hanlon.

A rather quiet day was spent in both the training camps of Young Corbett and Eddie Hanlon today, although both men did a fair amount of work. Corbett has cut out boxing as part of his work, but he went out on the road as usual and had a long session in the hot room and a roll in the surf to finish up with.

Corbett's condition has impressed all who have seen him, and he is getting to be a strong favorite in the public mind. The fact that he will make the weight without a sacrifice to his strength has been shown, and Hanlon's insistence that he make weight has brought Corbett to a notch where he will simply be at his best.

Hanlon went at work like a Trojan, and, although still a bit light, has not rested. When asked whether he intended using the crouch in this fight, Eddie replied that he would tell that on the night of thte fight. He admitted that Corbett was the only man of his weight in the world he feared, and might use the crouch on him, whereas he would fight others, such as Yanger, straight up. He says Corbett's punches could be felt away down in his feet when he was hit before, while other men never seemed to feaze him.

Hanlon feels confident of victory, and is working hard to be in perfect trim. In his first fight with Corbett he says he had no experience at all. He had only met Attell prior to that, but now has met Yanger and learned a great deal he never knew before.

Hanlon says he will ignore Britt entirely should he win from Corbett. Britt will probably challenge at the same weight, but Hanlon has a tour of the East planned, and Britt will be given the go-by.

Eddie Graney is very sore over the stories of his unpopularity. He says he will not seek the position of referee and should either man make the slightest objection he will withdraw his name.

Dr. Ben Apple, after examining Eddie Hanlon, gives this report of the condition of the young Californian who is to meet Champion "Young Corbett" next week: "I found Eddie Hanlon no taller, no stouter and no bigger than when I examined him last, which was just previous to his first fight with Benny Yanger. I did discover that his muscular tissue had hardened. He was firmer, more solid, but it has been an inward development, and has not altered his measurements. Hanlon seemed to me to be as hard as a bullet, and I would say he was ready right now to fight the battle of his life. In my examination I did not discover a flaw in him."

FITZ DEAD WEIGHT

Red Robert's Wife Is Sued for Marrying the Fighter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—In the camp of Bob Fitzsimmons' family a legal bomb was exploded which jarred the frame of Robert more than a jolt of the mighty Jeffries. The missile was hurled by George A. Blumenthal, manager of the West End theater for Weber & Fields, and when it burst not only family pride, but dramatic art received a severe contusion.

Mr. Blumenthal totally fails to appreciate Mr. Fitzsimmons' present efforts to hoist tottering drama to its proper pinnacle, and declares Mrs. Julia Gifford-Fitzsimmons' artistic value has been depreciated by her marriage to the pugilistic actor whose name she now proudly assumes.

"I held a five years' contract with Julia Gifford," wails Mr. Blumenthal, "and it provided that she should do nothing whereby her artistic worth should be lessened. She married Fitzsimmons, which I construe a direct violation of this clause. For this reason I seek to collect $5,000 damages from her."

CORBETT AND BRITT TO FIGHT IN JANUARY

Champion Getting Himself in Condition for Two Hard Battles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 26.—It was learned today that Young Corbett and Jimmy Britt probably will fight in January. This explains the extreme care taken by the champion in his training. Never before has he devoted himself so carefully to getting into condition. He said this afternoon: "I will surely win. I am nearer right than ever before. You had better get your money up now, as the price will go to 10 to 6 or 2 to 1 before we enter the ring." Corbett says he must win, as he needs the money. He is training not only for Hanlon, but for Britt as well. He proposes to annex both purses if he can and it is hinted that the reason for his anxiety is found in a possible wedding not so far along in the new year.

PITTSBURG PLAYERS MUST AVOID WORK

Dreyfuss Forbids His Men to Play Indoor Baseball or Basketball.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 26.—Tommy Leach, third baseman of the Pittsburg team, has sent a letter to Pittsburg announcing that he had decided not to play indoor baseball in Cleveland, his home. He protested vigorously against the statement which had reached the ears of President Dreyfuss, that he had signed and would play the indoor game during the winter months. Thereby hangs a tale.

President Barney Dreyfuss, of the Pittsburg team, has refused to allow any member of his thrice championship team take part in any athletic sports during the winter season. Leach was offered a big salary by the Cleveland indoor baseball team to play third. Barney, hearing of it, sent Leach word that it would not do. Wagner and Phillipe, too, have been forbidden to put on uniforms in basketball, though they are the star members of the Big Five, a basket ball team organized to invade the East after the holidays.

When President Dreyfuss divided up $21,000, his share of the proceeds of the Boston-Pittsburg post-season series, among his players, he told each and all that they had enough to last them over the winter, and that he hoped they would not attempt to make any money during the winter by indulging in football, basketball, indoor baseball or any other form of sports. He told them the way next season would be hard, and that he wanted all to be in the best shape, and that they should take no chances in any games when they were supposed to rest up.

One month ago the Big Five Basketball team was organized, with Hans Wagner and Deacon Phillipe as the stars. A curt little letter from President Dreyfuss to each of these big fellows brought the result, their promise to him or his request to them was recalled, and they quit.

Said Deacon Phillipe: "And Barney is right. We have no business playing in any sort of game this winter, when the season ahead seems so hard. He treated us better than a player was ever treated before by a club owner, and both Wagner and Leach will agree with me that we should take no chances, as he asks."

M'GOVERN WOULD DON THE SPANGLES

Terry Asks McGraw for Place on the New York National Team.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—When Manager Barrow, of the Detroit baseball team, was in New York attending the National league meeting recently, he dropped into Madison Square garden one evening with John McGraw, manager of the New York National league team, and several other baseball leaders to watch the progress of the six-day bicycle race, which was on at that time.

While the bike men were whizzing around the track at terrific speed and every one of the thousands who crowded the enormous structure was watching the exciting struggle, a slight figure stole into the box which the baseball men occupied, and a small voice whispered in "Muggsy" McGraw's ear, "Say, Mr. McGraw, give me a job playing second base next year, will you?" Manager Barrow heard the visitor and turned his head to behold Terry McGovern, ex-champion featherweight prize fighter, earnestly imploring the New York manager for a place on the infield of the Giants for the coming season.

"You'll never be sorry if you sign me for that second base job," said Terry. "I can play the game good enough for fast company."

"Why don't you try to get on in some minor league team?" asked Barrow, "there are plenty of jobs open in the small leagues and you ought to be a big card in that company."

"I want to play with the Giants," said the former Brooklyn terror. "Why haven't I just as much license to cover second base for a big league team as Kid Gleason or any other of the stars. I don't think a baserunner would come running into me very hard when he knows I have two ready 'dukes' to defend myself with, besides the regular ball player's spikes. I ought to be great on second and I have always been able to do something in the way of batting."

As a matter of fact Terry McGovern is a very clever ball player, but not of the big league stamp. He can cover lots of ground around the infield and is sure of thrown balls. His greatest weakness is throwing, according to Barrow. "Terry is muscle-bound in the right shoulder and I am of the opinion," says Barrows, "that the ex-champion lost his famous punch by the muscles of his right shoulder becoming bound up. He is, of course, a strong boy and of remarkable quickness, just such an athlete as good ball players are made of, but his weak throwing renders him as useless to a ball club as his weak punches do to a fight manager who is looking for a winner."

McGovern left the party without signing a contract for 1904.

STALLINGS ANNOUNCES HIS BUFFALO TEAM

Nattress, Who Once Jumped Columbus Contract, Is Not on the List.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 26.—When asked to make public the personnel of the Bisons for 1904, Manager Stallings took a piece of paper and wrote the following:

Pitchers—Green, left-hander, drafted from Fall River; Joslyn, right-hander, drafted from New Bedford, of the New England league; Rick Adams, New Orleans; Gardner, left-hander, from Henderson, Ky., of the K. I. T. league; Magee, Jones, Hardy, Hooker, La Roy, of last season's Bisons; Kissinger, from Detroit.

Catchers—Luckey, Thiery, McAllister, Gibson.

Infielders—Brockett, drafted from the Cairo (Ill.) club of the K. I. T. league; Courtney, from Detroit; Otis Clymer, of the Williamsport (Pa.) independent club.

Outfielders—Joyce, drafted from New Bedford, of the New England league; Courtney, from Detroit; Otis Clymer, of the Williamsport (Pa.) independent club.

And three other crack-a-jack men secured from big league clubs.

"I cannot give out the names of the three men mentioned in the bill of particulars," declared Mr. Stallings, "for to do so might break up one of the deals, perhaps all three, but they are fast men and the Buffalo baseball public will recognize this fact as soon as they hear the names or see them in print. Without any boasting, we are going to have a team capable of winning the pennant, and while I won't make a promise of doing so, for baseball is uncertain, I feel confident that we will beat anybody else out in the Eastern league stakes in 1904."

HART THINKS AMERICAN MAY BREAK AGREEMENT

Chicago Club Owner Declares Johnson League Cannot Drop Foul Strike.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—"If the American league is looking for a chance to get out from under the national agreement it can by means of the foul-strike rule just as well as for any other reason."

This statement was made by James A. Hart while discussing the attitude of the American league in adopting a resolution opposing the foul-strike rule.

"President Harry Pulliam states the case in his announcement when he says that the action of the American league will be a flagrant violation of the National agreement should it drop the foul-strike rule without the consent of the National league. It will take a majority vote of the two committees from the two leagues to change the rules in any way, and the National league committee has been instructed to vote for the foul-strike measure, so there is no way that the law can be repealed now by the joint rules committee.

"The foul-strike rule needs no defense. It is no longer an experiment, and the public has accepted it and is satisfied with it. It has been in operation for three years and there is no way of showing by statistics that it has injured or helped the batting.

"The opposition comes from Cleveland in the American league, because some of the officials here think it handicaps Lajoie somewhat in his batting, perhaps."

Western League to Meet Jan. 12.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 26.—Official announcement was made today of a meeting of Western league baseball magnates, to be held in Lincoln, Jan. 12. The principal business to come before the meeting will be that of deciding upon a circuit for 1904. The situation is said to be far from satisfactory, and the action of the meeting will probably be governed by that of the meeting of the major league officials. A division of territory will be one of the matters considered, in which the franchises of Kansas City, Milwaukee and Omaha are concerned.

Hughes Not Traded.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 26.—Owner Henry Killelea, of the Boston American club, in a telegram to the local papers, emphatically denies that Tom Hughes has been traded to the New York invaders for Pitcher Tannehill. Killelea further states that unless Collins wants to let Hughes go he will not be traded or released.

The announcement sent out by Frank Farrell, of the New York club, that he had secured Hughes, met with much dissatisfaction here. Hughes last season won twenty-one games and lost only seven, and while Collins wants a left-handed pitcher badly, the fans think he should retain Hughes.

CLUB OWNERS OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION IN UGLY MOOD

Western Magnates Believe the Eastern Club Owners Are Plotting to Wreck the Organization—Havenor, of Milwaukee, Will Attempt to Block Plan by Retaining Hickey as President.

GEORGE TEBEAU,

Leader of the Eastern Magnates, Who Would Wreck Association.

Tomorrow afternoon the magnates of the American association will hold their annual meeting in Chicago, and, for the first time in the history of the organization, the club owners leave for the Windy City ready to take part in a bitter fight.

It will be the East against the West, and the future of the association hinges on the outcome of the battle. If the West wins out, it will be safe to predict that the association will continue on to the end of its ten-year agreement, but if the West loses its fight, one will be more safe in promising a smash-up of the present association circuit before the half-way post of the ten-year agreement is reached.

The West will fight hard, for a defeat at this time means that if the wreck of the association is accomplished this end of the circuit will drop back in baseball circles even further than it was when the deliberate raid on the Western league permitted the organization of the American association.

It is really baseball history repeating itself. When the American association magnates first became afflicted with the expansion fever they were members of the Western league. They pined for a bigger league and planned to pack the annual meeting of the Western league for the express purpose of wrecking that organization. Several magnates weakened at the last moment, but the wreckers were strong enough to carry their main point, and, though their plans had to be altered, the American association was organized. The magnates who weakened made the best possible of their position by reorganizing the Western league and declaring war on the American association, placed teams in Milwaukee and Kansas City.

The story begins over again with the close of the 1903 association season. George Tebeau, the leader of the men who wrecked the old Western league, again experienced the desire to reach out for greater fame and glory and with the magnates in the Eastern end of the association circuit he planned to again bolt and place the Eastern teams in a circuit with the strongest teams of the Eastern league.

Tebeau and the Eastern club owners knew that in withdrawing from the association they would leave the Western clubs nothing but a probable chance to secure place in a Western league, but they saw at the same time a greater league for themselves and went ahead with the plans. There was a leak somewhere and the publicity given the "coming revolution in baseball" evidently frightened the timid ones into backing out at the critical moment.

The attempt to wreck the association failed for the time being, but there are other years and Tebeau and Bryce are men who look far into the future. At the meeting tomorrow they may brand all these reports as the wild guesses of sporting writers and declare themselves body and soul for the association, but the reports have aroused the Western magnates and they will not be misled by empty declarations and promises.

Charles Havenor, of Milwaukee, is the leader of the Western men, and Havenor goes to Chicago to start the fight. The Milwaukee man, judging from his statements made during the past few weeks, intends to force a show-down at the very start. Havenor knows that the East, to successfully carry out any plan to wreck the association, must control the president, and having been warned he will endeavor to prevent Tebeau and Bryce placing a manikin in the leader's chair.

The selection of the president will decide the fight.

Havenor, in recent statements, has claimed that T. J. Hickey is still president of the league, that Hickey has not resigned and that he can, if he sees fit, withdraw his notice of resignation and continue at the head of the organization until the end of the ten-year agreement.

The Eastern magnates show that they are after the control of the association by denying the claims of Havenor. Tebeau and Bryce insist that Hickey must make good his notice of resignation and withdraw from the league. Fearing that they may fail to force Hickey out by holding him to this notice the Eastern men make the further claim that Hickey has violated his contract by accepting a position outside of the baseball world. They claim that he must give his entire time to the business of the league and that when he failed to do this he placed himself in line for dismissal.

Who the association president will be if Hickey is forced from the leadership is the question that has been bothering the writers of the circuit for some time past. Ren Mulford, according to reports from Milwaukee, has been offered the position and it is rumored that the Eastern men will line up solid behind the Cincinnati sporting writer. Mulford will be at the meeting tomorrow, ready with his answer.

ESCAPED HUNTING HOUNDS RUN WILD

Dogs "Go Back to Nature" in England and Become Savage and Dangerous.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A quiet district in the heart of Surrey has lately been the scene of a remarkable "return to nature" movement on behalf of a part of the pack of the Surrey Union hounds.

A few weeks ago one of the hounds escaped from the kennels at Bookham and wandered into the Pasture wood, near Abinger. She was attended by a greyhound from a neighboring stable. They roamed for some days, getting every day more and more wild, while the greyhound managed the commissariat department by commandering chickens and ducks. On the approach of a human being the two dogs became savage and threatening.

Evidently their experiment was successful, for since they broke away they have been joined by about six other hounds which approve of a "back to the land" movement. They have established something like a reign of terror in the district of Pasture wood, and the cottagers in the neighborhood are keeping their children carefully under observation. The hounds have become so savage that it will be necessary to hunt them down and shoot them.

LEASE WAS EXECUTED BY SENATOR'S AGENT

Postmaster General Says Case of Warren, of Wyoming, Is Closed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Following a conference today with Senator Warren, of Wyoming, regarding the latter's interest in a building leased by the government for the postoffice at Cheyenne, Postmaster General Payne intimated that the case was closed. He said that before the expiration of a previous lease on March 1, 1899, the lessors wanted the rent raised from $1,400 to $1,900, which Postmaster General Smith deemed exorbitant, and he caused an investigation to be made.

According to the records, an agent for Senator Warren in the senator's absence, then executed a lease for a building, much better quarters, for $1,200 per year for ten years, beginning April 1, 1899. Mr. Payne said that this would have saved the government in ten years $7,000. The postoffice probably will remain in its present quarters until the completion of a government building at Cheyenne in July.

Against Depository Law.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 26.—The state supreme court today handed down an opinion holding that the state depository law was unconstitutional.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION LEADERS.

THOMAS J. BRYCE,
Tebeau's Capable Lieutenant.

THOMAS J. HICKEY,
President of Association.

CHARLES S. HAVENOR,
Leader of Western Magnates.

Three Men Who Will Be Prominent Figures at Tomorrow's Meeting of American Association in Chicago.

NICHOLS TELLS OF OLD BASEBALL STARS

Famous Pitcher-Manager Recalls the Game of Former Years.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—"Speaking of ball players," said Charley Nichols, while addressing a fanning bee. "I am not so sure that the ball players of today are much superior to those of ten years ago in general utility. It seems to me that there was more life and spirit in the games of a decade ago than in those of the present regime. They weren't so mercenary in those days and there was much more of a sportsmanlike spirit. Nowadays the paramount question with the average player is salary. He doesn't care so much about the record the team he plays with makes as opportunities offered him to make himself individually famous and thus increase the value of his services. In many clubs team work is lacking on account of the intense desire of some of the men to make an impressive showing by individual work. In the old days one didn't hear so much of the individual as the playing of the team as a whole, and in my opinion baseball would stand on much firmer foundation if the same spirit prevailed nowadays."

"Just the same there were a good many men who made names for themselves in the good old days, and there were Lajoies and Wagners then, just as now," butted in a man who smoked a corncob pipe.

"Why, of course," continued Nick, "there were many men who made reputations for themselves, and there were nearly as many brilliant plays those days as now. Some of the men had the playing of their respective positions reduced to a science. Take old Tim McCarthy for instance. As an outfielder none of them had him beaten, and in my opinion there is not an outfielder his equal now. It was McCarthy who originated the trap ball, which he worked so effectively.

"He was absolutely the headiest man in the outfield I ever saw. You have seen left fielders throw men out at first on line drives, but you haven't seen it done often. I've seen McCarthy spoil many a legitimate one-base hit by that same play. Another favorite play of his was this: A man would be on first and second. The man at bat would drive to left. McCarthy would snap it up on a short bound and flip it to second as quick as a flash in time to catch the man who had run off of first. In turn the second baseman would throw the ball to third in time to head off the man who had started from second. Thus a really legitimate one-base hit was turned into a double play.

"But, speaking of outfielders, Willie Keeler was about as good as any of them for all around ability. He was like lightning on his feet and was no slouch at hitting. He certainly did things to me one day at Baltimore. He faced me four times and this is what he did: Made four hits to four different parts of the field off of four different kinds of curves. Keeler was the hardest man to fool I ever pitched to."

The reminiscent mood evidently had Nichols well in hand and, refilling a stocky Boer pipe which nowadays is a constant companion, he lighted the tobacco and continued:

"I don't suppose many of you fellows ever saw Dutch Long play, did you? Well, he was one of the greatest shortstops in the business. He played with Boston while I was a Beaneater, and of course I had good opportunities to watch him work. He could cover a world of territory and was a sure and accurate fielder. You hear many people say that Hughie Jennings in his palmy days was the best infielder ever developed. In my opinion Long could cover a foot more territory than Jennings.

"When it comes to catchers my preference is, and always has been, Charley Bennett, whose legs were cut off in a railroad accident at Wellsville, Kan. Charley was always consistent and knew what his brain was given to him for. He was also an accurate, quick thrower. Bennett caught me four years ago, so I had a good position to judge of his merits. Martin Bergen was another good catcher. He was the one who went crazy, you know, and murdered his wife and children. Bergen always was 'a little bit off of the top,' but when he took a notion to do his best, his playing was beyond criticism. McFarland and Sullivan are two right good men, and then there was reliable old Jim McGuire and Charles Zimmer, both of whom were cracker-jacks."

"How about Johnny Kling?" Nick was asked.

"Of the present day catchers," Nick replied, "there is hardly a man in Kling's class. I think him by all odds the best in the business. Being myself a pitcher I can hardly be considered a competent judge of the respective merits of the slabsters, but there are bunches of good ones. Personally, I admire the old war horse, Cy Young, more than any of the others. He is certainly a remarkable man. Of the left-handers there are few better than Hahn, of Cincinnati; Matthewson and McGinity are undoubtedly valuable men. Clark Griffith is, I think, the headiest pitcher that ever stepped on a rubber. Among the other great ones are Jack Taylor, Joe Corbett, Bernard, of Cleveland, and 'our own' Jake Weimer."

Match Game at Court Alleys.

This afternoon at the Court alleys the team that the Mill Springs club will send to the Cleveland bowling tournament will play a match game with a team of picked bowlers. The first game rolled will be started at 2:30 o'clock. The players with the Mill Springs team will be Phil Wolf, Con Sandblom, Tony Kampman, George Vandertuuk and John Miller. The picked team will include Billy Bell, Harry Grayum, C. M. Anderson, George Blanchard and Tom Cresswell.

Hockey League Season to Open.

The Twin City Hockey league season will be opened tonight on the Laurel rink, when the Victoria and Mascot teams play the first game of the schedule. The Victorias, it is reported, will not have their standing questioned by the officers of the league, though the Houghton team they played last week is listed as a professional club by the Ontario association. The local players claim that until the hockey clubs here become members of the Canadian association the Ontario officers have no right to take action against them.

CHANGES EXPECTED IN FOOTBALL RULES

Still More Innovations to Be Introduced in the Gridiron Sport.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The eyes of the college football world are centered on the probable action of the intercollegiate rules committee at its next meeting as regards the football rules for 1904. Speculation is already rife, and it is said that, following last year's example, still more innovations will be introduced in the gridiron sport.

It is generally thought that the new regulations first put in operation last fall were so successful that, to a greater or less degree they will be continued for the coming season. Some weaknesses, however, that developed will doubtless be eliminated and improvements formulated.

Princeton, whose football advisers are said to have been the most prominent in last season's new regulations, is, it is alleged, the college that is to make the most important suggestions for next fall. The Tigers are said to advance the idea that the rules which went into effect to govern the territory between the two twenty-five yard lines should next year relate to the entire field. This would necessitate seven men being on the line of scrimmage all the time and would make possible quarterback runs, which proved successful last season everywhere on the gridiron. Punting, too, which came into such prominence as a factor in winning games, would also be put at a higher premium, and, generally speaking, the so-called "open" game would gain in importance. As Princeton's ability runs largely in that direction, such changes would naturally benefit the Tigers to the greatest extent.

Yale, on the contrary, depends always on close formations and mass plays for her ground gaining. For this reason it is not unlikely that Eli will vigorously oppose any such legislation, which would tend still further to depreciate the "close" game.

It is likely that there will be several other changes of a minor nature also, but this is likely to be the most important thing that will come before the committee. The Western colleges are considering several innovations, which they propose to bring to the attention of the committee, but it is not likely that these will receive much serious attention.

BELT AND TERMINAL PROPERTY PASSES

New Company Formed by the 'Frisco Takes Charge at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 26.—The Chalmette Belt and Terminal company and its property today passed into the hands of the New Orleans Terminal company, which was formed here not long ago by the 'Frisco system. L. S. Bergis is president of the new consolidation, which is backed by a $15,000,000 mortgage made in favor of the Standard Trust Company of New York and indorsed by the Southern railway.

The former Chalmette terminals and the terminals in progress of construction by the New Orleans Terminal company will be operated by that corporation as a joint Southern and 'Frisco property. The Southern and the Rock Island-'Frisco are in equal interest and will have equal rights over all the terminal property. Its trains will at some future time be run into the terminal company's passenger station, as will also the passenger trains of the Rock Island-'Frisco and the New Orleans & Northeastern.

NON-UNION MEN DRIVE HEARSES IN CHICAGO

Teamsters and Street Car Men Block Funeral Procession.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Today the liverymen made an effort to break the strike of livery drivers, which has lasted for ten days. Their carriages and hearses driven by non-union men were used at funerals and but little disorder resulted. The funerals, which were compelled to pass through the business section of the city, were frequently blocked by teamsters and street car men who placed their vehicles in the way. The police in every instance straightened out the blockades immediately. One teamster who intentionally scraped a hearse with his heavy truck was pulled from his seat and arrested.

The livery owners decided today to make a fight for the "open shop" and issued a warning to the strikers that all men who wished to secure their old places must return by Monday morning or their places will be filled by other men. After Monday all the stables will be "open" and will be conducted on that basis hereafter.

Has Bearing on Naturalization.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—So perplexing and important have become the cases in the state department involving the determination of citizenship that Assistant Solicitor Frederick Van Dyne has compiled in a 400-page volume all the decisions of state and national courts and of the department itself bearing on the matter. The volume is to be placed in the hands of United States officials who are called upon to pass on questions of citizenship. The publication of the work is deemed essential because of the fact that this subject has increased in importance in the United States with the development of the nation as a world power. The great extension of commerce which has marked the past decade and the recent additions to our territory have made inevitable a broader compact with the nations of the world and have complicated the relations with the governments and citizens of other countries.

Acting Wisely Is Hardest.

"Lots o' men," said Uncle Eben, "kin look wise an' lots kin talk wise, but de men dat kin act wise is mighty scarce."—Washington Star.