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CHOYNSKI FAVORS THE FORMER.

He Has Fought Both Men and Is Sure the Californian Will Win—Billy Edwards, Parson Davies and Billy Madden Are of the Same Opinion—Other Views.

I am thoroughly satisfied that Fitzsimmons and Corbett will meet in the ring, no matter how many southern governors issue proclamations. The kingly sport of boxing has lived over 2,000 years, and no ambitious politician can kill it now. I am convinced that Fitz will win the battle. I have examined both men stripped, and the Australian is the stronger man at the points wherein he needs strength—that is, across the back, through the chest and across the shoulders. His back muscles indeed are enormous, and it is from these he derives his tremendous hitting powers. At that point he is as strong as John L. Sullivan ever was and far stronger than either Peter Jackson or James J. Corbett. I speak from knowledge, for I have examined them all. No other fighter I ever knew of had such back or hitting muscles as Fitzsimmons and Sullivan. Fitz can hit quite as hard as John L. could in his best days and twice as hard as Corbett. Then, too, he has a bit longer reach. I think, too, he is a bit longer reach, is quite as clever, speedy and shifty as the Californian, and with the hitting powers in his favor I figure that he must win. Another thing, I am certain that he is a nerver and a game man. He will fight while breath and senses remain. Corbett, I firmly believe, will quit when badly punished. I have studied both men and therefore speak unreservedly.

John Madden

BILLY MADDEN TIPS CORBETT.

I tip Corbett to win, but only after a hard struggle. Fitz has an excellent chance and may get in on Jim unexpectedly just as he did on Jim Hall, Joe Choynski and Peter Maher. Some people call those coups lucky blows and say Fitz is the Fortunatus of the prize ring. It may have been luck which caused Fitz to win these famous battles, but there seems to have been a sort of method in it. Eternal vigilance is the price of a championship as well as liberty, and Corbett had better exercise it continually when he battles with Fitz. I believe he will and don't think Bob can make him lose his temper, as Mitchell did, or catch him napping in any way. Therefore I expect to see a fierce as well as scientific battle, with plenty of ginger in it from the word go, with Corbett, barring accident, a winner.

William Madden

CHOYNSKI SAYS CORBETT WILL WIN.

I have fought both men and should come pretty near knowing which is the better gladiator. I unhesitatingly predict that, barring accident, Corbett will win the battle. He is by far the cleverer man and will keep Fitz guessing how to reach him. I hear that Bob intends forcing the fighting from the word go. If he does, he will be sure to get a lot of stiff left hand jabs, and it will be a question whether he can stand this sort of thing any length of time and still have vitality enough to "bore in" on Corbett and whip him at night. Rugged fellows like John Morrissey of old and Paddy Slavin and Joe Goddard of later day could do that sort of thing because their power of enduring punishment was phenomenal. I do not think Fitz can. He is very strong across the shoulders, back and chest, but his head seems delicate. I don't think he can take much hammering there.

As I said, I have crossed arms with both Corbett and Fitzsimmons. The champion says I gave him the hardest fight he ever had. Fitz and I had a pretty even thing of it in our limited contest of six rounds at Boston. In the third round I nearly had him out, but it was just at the close of the round, and the one minute's rest brought him around all right. Matters were then pretty even until the fifth round, when he caught me just as I caught him, and I came near going out. There was too short a time given me in the one remaining round to recover fully, and Fitz got the decision on points made. Fitz I could hit without any great difficulty. Corbett I found very hard to land a full blow upon. Therefore I think that Jim will jab Bob out, and it may not take the 20 rounds either that Corbett figures upon. If there is to be any change in the programme, I will be glad to meet O'Donnell in Peter Maher's place, or if Corbett dodges Fitzsimmons, as the latter affects to believe he will, I shall be delighted to take Jim's place and give Bob a chance to win that \$61,000 purse and stakes. In fact, I would be overjoyed to face anybody for the chance of winning such a rich reward.

Joseph Choynski

DAVIES FAVORS CORBETT'S CHANCE.

With Peter Jackson on the retired list, Jim Corbett is, in my opinion, easily the cleverest big man in the pugilistic profession today, just as Tommy Ryan is

but that was not so. I think Jim too big and clever for Fitz, and although I expect to see Bob put up a great battle I look to Corbett to win. I think he will outwear and outpoint Bob throughout the fight. Upon the same principle I expect to see Tommy Ryan defeat Mysterious Billy Smith for the welterweight championship of the world on the last night of their rivalry. Steve O'Donnell of Australia is a bit more clever than Peter Maher, but is not half so aggressive a fighter as the Irish champion nor anything near so hard a hitter, so I pin my faith upon the sturdy Celt winning the meed of victory. Should Tommy Ryan defeat Mysterious Billy Smith, I will match him to fight Dick Burgo of England, who is said to be a fistie phenomenon, and endeavor to perfect Tommy's title as welterweight champion of the world.

Chris E. Davis

BILLY EDWARDS A CORBETT PARTISAN

Corbett and Fitzsimmons have gone too far to recede, and they must fight, if need be, in private for the \$30,000 stakes, even if there be not a dollar offered in the way of a purse. Both principals are friends of mine and I flatter myself I know their styles, methods and qualities pretty thoroughly. On the score of that knowledge I venture to give my little prediction. I believe that Corbett will win, but not until after a hard battle has been fought. Fitz will give him the fight of his life. My reasons for believing that Corbett will win are these: He is heavier, taller, speedier and a bit more clever. In the long run these advantages are bound to tell. Fitz in repose, to be sure, has a little longer reach than Jim. In action, however, he has not. I even doubt if he has as long a reach, for he crouches and thus loses considerable, while Jim stands erect and gets the full benefit of every inch he's got. The talk, too, that Corbett cannot hit hard is ridiculous. Fitz, I know, is a tremendous puncher, and that is because he gets close to an antagonist. He will have hard work to do that with such a wonderful, shifty man as Corbett. Jim can hit as hard as anybody when he gets close to his man, as witness the way he punched Mitchell out in 2 1/2 rounds. As a rule, he keeps away from an adversary until he has him pretty well jabbed out, and that is why his blows seem to lack force. If Bob forces the battle, as he says he will, we may expect to see a sharp, speedy, vigorous contest as well as a scientific one. Fitz I admit to be at all times dangerous—he may land that deadly right or equally dangerous left on a vulnerable point at any stage of the game—but I expect to see Corbett win. Should either man force the battle it will be lost and won inside of ten rounds.

In the O'Donnell-Maher contest I like O'Donnell's chances, although Peter is a strong favorite, and I pick Tommy Ryan to defeat Billy Smith.

Billy Edwards

FITZPATRICK ALSO NAMES CORBETT.

It will be either man's battle until it has been lost and won. Corbett has the advantage in height, weight and shiftness. In manual speed he may be a bit better, too, but in strength, cleverness and reach Fitz is his equal. In hitting powers he far surpasses the Californian. If Fitz can corner Jim and land one or two of his terrific sledge hammer blows, the jig is up with the Californian. I look, however, to Corbett's marvellous shiftness to save him from any of these sorceries. John L. Sullivan could not land one on Corbett; neither could Peter Jackson. I was behind Jackson the night he met Corbett and know how hard and ineffectually he tried to get in a knockout blow on the Prisoner bank clerk. Corbett was then and is now the shiftest man I ever saw in my life. I don't believe he will meet Fitz half way, as he says he will. He can't afford to mix it with Fitz because he cannot hit as hard. I think he will meet Fitz's onslaughts with straight left hand jabs and only duck and counter when forced to do so. I expect him to wear Fitz out by jabbing in about 20 rounds. Fitz, however, is liable to land a knockout blow.

Samuel Fitzpatrick

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Bracelets Once More.

A great hope is being cherished that women are inclining to bracelets once more. This seems not improbable. The decree has gone forth that sleeves are to be scarcely below the elbow. This being true there is a considerable expense left for ornament, for the gloves cannot be always worn. In any case bracelets are cheaper than gloves, and women, though on pleasure bent, still have frugal minds.

Mozart.

Mozart was very small, being only a little over 5 feet in height. His face was thin, and the size of his nose was apparently exaggerated by the attenuation of his features. He wore his hair long and done up in a cue, according to the custom of his day. His mouth was small and his face clean shaven.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York Stock Market. New York, Oct. 30.—The stock market to-day was subjected to both heavy bear pressure and to liquidation by actual holders of shares. London continued a heavy seller, its operations including all of the international list. The volume of business was the largest recorded for some time past and the course of prices was steadily downward, except when relieved by the covering operations of the bears. The opening was animated and weak, with the coalers and industrials under the hammer. A brief recovery occurred early and was succeeded by irregularity at the end of the first hour, running into a general heaviness by midday, when the lowest prices of the day were made. About 1:30 the market rallied on large covering transactions and recoveries from the low points were established, extending to 2 1/2 per cent. in Tobacco, Col. Fuel and Sugar. In the last half hour reports of declines in prices of securities at the leading European bourses, attributed to apprehension of acute political disturbance, and partly to the mining share speculation abroad, caused losses in the list, extending to 1 per cent. in several of the leading shares. The market closed irregularly weak with net declines ranging up to 3 per cent.

Closing stocks were as follows: Atchison, 18 1/2; Adams Express, 150; Baltimore and Ohio, 60 1/2; Chesapeake and Ohio, 19; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 83 1/2; Chicago Gas, 67; C. O. C. and St. Louis, 41; Del. Lackawanna and Western, 104; Distillers and Cattle Feeders Co., 22 1/2; Erie, 12; Erie preferred, 37; Great Northern preferred, 123; Lake Shore, 149 1/2; Lead Trust, 30 1/2; Louisville and Nashville, 58 1/2; National Cordage, 7 1/2; National Cordage preferred, 14 1/2; N. J. Central, 109; Norfolk and Western preferred, 12 1/2; Northern Pacific preferred, 17; Northwestern, 105 1/2; Northwestern preferred, 147; N. Y. Central, 100; N. Y. and New England, 57 1/2; Pacific Mail, 30 1/2; Pullman Palace, 160; Reading, 14 1/2; Rock Island, 75 1/2; St. Paul, 75 1/2; St. Paul and Omaha, 42 1/2; Southern Pacific, 33 1/2; Sugar Refinery, 102 1/2; Union Pacific, 12; Western Union, 90 1/2; General Electric, 38 1/2; Southern, 11 1/2; Southern preferred, 36 1/2; Tobacco, 80 1/2; Tobacco preferred, 105.

New York Money Market. New York, Oct. 30.—Money on call easy at 2 1/2 per cent., last loan 2, closed 2. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers' bills at 48 1/2 @ 4.89 for demand and 4 7/8 @ 4.88 for sixty days; posted rates 4 8/8 @ 4.88 1/2 and 4 8/8 @ 4.89 1/2. Commercial bills, 4.87. Silver certificates, 68 1/2. Government bonds steady. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds firmer.

Chicago Market. CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—Wheat ruled fairly active to-day, 3/4c lower than the close last night, but reacted some. Corn was quiet at the opening, but had a little bulge later on the indications of wet weather. Oats were slow but held steady, and provisions stronger.

The leading futures ranged to-day as follows. Wheat, No. 2—October, opening, 58 1/2 @ 58 1/2, closing, 58; December, opening, 59 1/2 @ 59 1/2, closing, 58 1/2 @ 58 1/2; May opening, 63 1/2 @ 63 1/2, closing, 63. Corn, No. 2—October, opening, 29 1/2 @ 29 1/2, closing, 29; November, opening, 29 1/2 @ 29 1/2, closing, 29 1/2; December, opening, 27 1/2 @ 27 1/2, closing, 27 1/2; May, opening, 29 1/2 @ 29 1/2, closing, 29 1/2.

Oats No. 2—October, opening, —, closing, 18 1/2; December, opening, 18 1/2, closing, 18 1/2; May, opening, 20 1/2 @ 20 1/2, closing, 20 1/2.

Mess pork, per bbl.—October, opening, —, closing, 8.03; January, opening, 9.02 1/2, closing, 9.10; May, opening, 9.20, closing, 9.40.

Lard, per 100 lbs.—October, opening, —, closing, 5.52 1/2; January, opening, 5.02 1/2, closing, 5.70; May, opening, 5.82 1/2, closing, 5.87 1/2.

Short ribs, per 100 lbs.—October, opening, —, closing, 4.40; January, opening, 4.52 1/2, closing, 4.60; May, opening, 4.75, closing, 4.80.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour fair, demand unchanged; winter patents, 3.15 @ 3.50; straights, 2.85 @ 3.50; spring patents, 3.15 @ 3.50; spring straights, 2.65 @ 2.90; bakers, 1.85 @ 2.30; No. 2 spring wheat, 58 @ 59; No. 3 spring wheat, 56 @ 58 1/2; No. 2 red, 58 1/2 @ 61 1/2; No. 2 corn, 30 @ 40 1/2; No. 3 yellow, 26 1/2; No. 2 oats, 18 1/2; No. 2 white, 20 @ 20 1/2; No. 3 white, 18 1/2 @ 19; No. 2 rye, 37 1/2; No. 3 barley, nominal; No. 3, 27 @ 28; No. 4, 25 @ 28; No. 1 flaxseed, 90; prime timothy seed, 3.60; mess pork per bbl., 8.05 @ 12 1/2; lard per 100 lbs., 5.57 @ 5.60; short ribs sides (loose) 4 @ 4.45; dry salted shoulders (boxed) 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2; short clear sides (boxed) 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2; whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, 1 22; sugars, cut loaf, 5 57; granulated, 4.95; standard A, 4.82 Cincinnati Produce Market.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Oct. 30.—Flour steady, fancy, 3.05 @ 3.25; family, 2.50 @ 2.90. Wheat firm; No. 2 red, 66 1/2; Corn steady; No. 2 mixed, 32. Oats firm; No. 3 mixed, 20. Rye, No. 2, 41. Lard 5.40. Bulk meats, 5.00. Bacon, 6.25. Whiskey active; sales 635 barrels at 1.22 Butter steady. Sugar active. Eggs active, firm, 15c.

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