

# Fighters Cop the Coin These Days While the Promoter Foots the Bills

## PROMOTERS NEED TRUST FOR GAME

Fighters Demand Guarantee and Percentage and Man Who Stages Fight Generally Loses His All.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—The fight promoters ought to get together and form a little trust for the purpose of thwarting the fighters in their efforts to get about 99.44 per cent of all the money that is taken in at the box office.

Promoting prize fighters in this thriving metropolis and in other cities is just as profitable as raising chickens in one's back yard, since the fighters started demanding guarantees and high percentages.

In the olden days the promoters pulled down a fairly sizeable wad for their trouble in staging a bout. But times have changed. The greedy fighters want about all the money that is taken in at the box office. After the fighters get their guarantee it leaves the promoters just about enough to go out and buy themselves a couple of packages of chewing gum. In some instances the promoters suffer a financial loss.

This condition will continue just so long as the promoters permit the fighters to dictate their own exorbitant terms. The longer this condition exists the worse it will be for the fight game, for with the fighters continually increasing their demands it means that the promoters must boost the admission prices to meet the increasing guarantees for fighters. That will hurt the attendance.

**Must Fix a Scale.**  
There is just one way for the promoters to beat the money mad fighters and that is for the promoters to get together and agree to fix a certain scale for fighters—and stick to that scale.

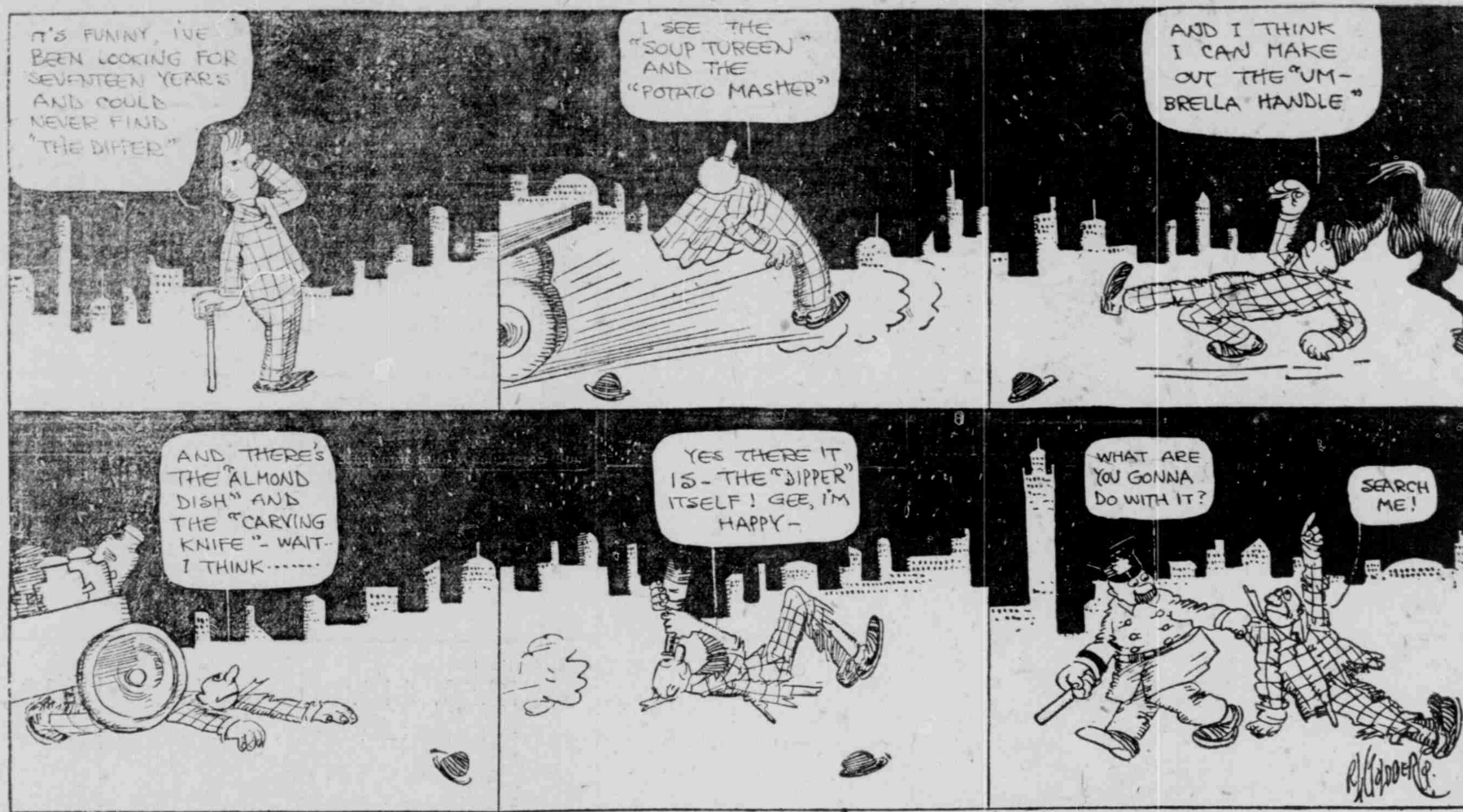
The promoters to enable themselves to "get out from under" in all boxing bouts without suffering a loss should force the fighters to fight for a certain percentage of the gross receipts. The business of guaranteeing the fighters a fixed sum isn't fair to the promoter. It's a gamble with him. He may clear something on the bout, but if the weather is bad or something else turns up to decrease the attendance, he not only doesn't get a dollar for his time and labor, but he loses money on the venture.

However, the fighter will continue to get the bulk of the gate receipts as long as the different fight promoters continue to compete with each other and try to outbid each other to get star bouts. Fighters will play both ends against the middle in trying to "shake down" the promoters for the largest sum possible, and he best the promoters get is the worst of it.

**Quits Disgusted.**  
Billy Gibson connected with the fight game in New York for many years, quit it a short time ago. Gibson was regarded as the most successful fight promoter in the east—and also the shrewdest. Yet Gibson quit the game in disgust and gave out figures to show that the fighters get nearly all the money taken in at the gate and that the promoters get little and sometimes nothing for their efforts.

"Conditions are bad now but they will get worse," said Gibson. "Those fighters each day are yelling for bigger guarantees or bigger percentages." Gibson staged the Willie Ritchie-Leach Cross fight in New York last winter. The house was packed. The fight drew nearly \$22,000. Everybody figured that this would mean a harvest for the promoters. When the

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## START WORK FOR SYRACUSE TODAY

Notre Dame Team Expects Stiff Opposition But Men Are in Good Shape and Prospects of Victory Are Bright.

Practice will be resumed by the Notre Dame football team this afternoon in preparation for the final game of the season with Syracuse at Syracuse Thanksgiving day.

Students are now eagerly looking forward to the battle with the strong eastern university eleven. A week ago the fans looked toward the Syracuse game with apprehension, but since Notre Dame's brilliant victory over Carlisle at Chicago last Saturday the supporters of the gold and blue see a good chance for victory.

Coaches have not as yet given out any statements as to Notre Dame's chances against Syracuse and probably will not. However, it is the consensus of opinion of dopesters, critics and fans in general that Notre Dame gave its best exhibition of the season against Carlisle last Saturday and that if the team plays the same brand of football on turkey day they will at least give Syracuse a hard battle with even chances for a gold and blue victory.

After their two days of rest the local varsity men are ready to begin the work in preparation for the Syracuse game. The team came out of the Carlisle game in good condition but the short rest has served to allow them to work off the minor cuts and bruises which they suffered in the Indian fray.

Several of the stars will appear in their last college games of their career and they are determined to make it their best game. Players who have for the past three or four years starred on Notre Dame eleven will never be seen in action on Carter field again.

Just what the nature of today's practice will be the coaches have not as yet announced. They are, however, hoping that weather conditions will be improved so that the workouts for the Syracuse game will be highly successful.

Sam Pincus will undoubtedly appear in the Syracuse game. He suffered an injury to his ankle in practice for the West Point game and did not take the trip east. Coaches thought it advisable to keep him out of the Carlisle game and the men made such a good showing that fans believe he will have a hard time beating the others.

## ONE POINT WINS FOR Z. B. QUINTET

Another victory was petted by the Z. B. basketball quintet last night when the Federals were defeated in a hard fought contest by a score of 20-10. The game was played at the Z. B. hall on W. Division st. A. Aftowski and F. Aftowski, forwards, for the Z. B. five, were the feature performers of the contest, the former scoring eight points with four baskets and the latter scoring 10 points with five baskets. Makielski scored two points for the victors.

Sousley and Ermande played the star game for the Federals, who put the Z. B. five to the limit of their endurance by their speedy playing. The two Federal men tallied three baskets each while Zilkey scored two baskets and Lower one.

**Z. B.'s (23) Federals (19)**  
Right Forward, J. Sousley  
Left Forward, E. Lower  
Center, Ermande  
Right Guard, J. Makielski  
Left Guard, Rozewicz, Beckiewicz, McKeel

## WILLARD AND JOHNSON TO FIGHT OVER LINE

Tom Jones Arranges Match in Juarez, Mexico—Johnson Gets \$30,000.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Tom Jones, manager of Jess Willard, white hope, was here last night confirming the signing of articles in London for a battle between Jess Willard and Jack Johnson, who is promoting the fight, obtained Willard's signature to the articles before he went abroad to get the negro champion's consent.

Juarez, Mexico, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, will be the scene of the fight. Jones said arrangements already had been made for the safe conduct of Johnson to Mexico. Each of the boxers deposited \$1,000 to guarantee the appearance at the ringside. Johnson is to receive \$30,000 for fighting.

## HIGH SCHOOL TEAM TO PLAY FOR CHARITIES

Other cities besides South Bend will aid in swelling the fund of "Good Will Week." After a long talk over the long distance phone Tuesday, Coach Metzler of the high school, secured the St. Joe high school team for a football game here on Friday, the proceeds of which will go to swell the "Good Will" fund.

St. Joe closed her season last Saturday, and was reluctant to come for a game, until the fact was mentioned that the game was to be for charity's sake, when they promptly agreed to send the team.

Principal Sims and Coach Metzler issued a statement Tuesday night, endorsed by the student body in which they tendered their thanks to the St. Joe's organization for their assistance in the good work, and for their sportmanlike conducts.

Merchants have signified their intention of boosting the game and several of the larger stores assured Coach Metzler that they will close their doors during the afternoon. The Chamber of Commerce is working in conjunction with Metzler and everyone of the 300 members will be urged to buy a ticket. Season tickets which have been issued will not be good for this game.

**SANDERS KNOCKED OUT.**  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 18.—Frank Callahan of New York knocked out "Tackle" Sanders of Memphis, Tenn., in the third round here last night.

**AMERICANS WIN AGAIN.**  
MODESTO, Calif., Nov. 18.—The American all-stars took a game from the Nationals here Tuesday by a score of 1 to 0. Cole and Alexander were the pitchers.

**BOSTON FIGHTER WINS.**  
NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Gilbert Gallant of Boston defeated Leach Cross, the New York lightweight, in 10 rounds last night.

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## BOWLING SCORES

C. A. C. LEAGUE.				
SINGERS—				
Dimock	146	154	174	474
Osborne	145	99	154	398
Parshall	114	189	155	458
Marquis	187	162	126	475
Collins	159	150	156	465
Handicap	141	141	141	423
Totals	892	875	906	2673
C. A. C.				
S. B. Robinson	222	202	182	606
Campbell	170	202	181	553
Moredock	175	220	142	537
Schneider	148	177	175	500
Holland	212	156	170	538
Handicap	32	32	32	96
Totals	959	989	885	2833

ELKS LEAGUE.				
JEWELS—				
Birk	133	114	128	375
Zubler	119	115	119	353
Phillips	120	147	130	397
Hinkle	89	108	113	310
Schuell	146	122	124	392
Handicap	326	326	326	978
Totals	933	932	960	2825
TEETI—				
Margold	90	84	119	293
C. C. Barnes	107	137	91	335
H. Barnes	157	119	118	394
Mell	100	137	144	381
Low Score	122	178	174	474
Handicap	264	264	264	792
Totals	891	919	910	2720

ANTLERS LEAGUE.				
BILLS—				
Barnhart	146	156	177	479
Byers	135	124	160	419
Low Score	154	181	160	495
Wetzel	143	134	136	413
Kins	132	122	125	381
Handicap	186	186	186	558
Totals	887	902	958	2747
PRONGS—				
Bredonist	124	151	200	475
Andrews	174	129	128	431
Knoblock	193	149	154	496
Low Score	185	167	170	522
Leiber	159	189	166	514
Handicap	137	137	137	411
Totals	945	922	950	2817

FEDERAL LEAGUE.				
DEPLANS—				
Burkart	158	146	134	438
Miller	115	112	82	309
Leldeman	184	161	162	507
Staples	185	151	149	485
Lucas	162	174	214	550
Handicap	121	121	121	363
Totals	928	868	873	2669
PAWNS—				
W. Miller	150	122	122	394
S. Miller	155	122	125	402
Parker	166	128	120	414
Strayer	154	157	173	522
Van Kirk	155	129	175	457
Handicap	137	137	137	411
Totals	917	841	860	2618

## ATELL CANCELS MATCH

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Abe Atell, the former featherweight champion, who has been training for three days for a "come back" test against George Chenev at Toledo on Thanksgiving day, will be unable to meet the Baltimore fighter. He dislocated his left thumb in the workout Tuesday and today called off the match by wire.

## MAGEE THOUGHT TO HAVE CONTRACT WITH "FEDS."

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 18.—Lee Magee, infighter of the St. Louis Nationals, has served a formal 10 days' notice to the club. It is believed here Magee will join the Federal league. Prest Britton issued the following statement:

"I am told that Magee has an offer from the Federals of a three-year contract at \$8,000 a year and a \$2,000 bonus the moment he signs."

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Calendars and advertising novelties. H. A. Pershing's, 203 E. Wayne st. Adv.

## HARVARD GETTING READY FOR YALE

Capt. Brickley Manages to Put Over a Drop Kick But There is Doubt Whether or Not He Will Be Able to Play.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 18.—With one more day remaining for practice work in Cambridge Coach Haughton sent his charges through a scrimmage Tuesday with the second team.

The second team put on the Yale plays. The varsity spent the greater part of the afternoon playing on a defensive. A little time was also consumed by practice on the offensive.

Capt. Brickley was in a scrimmage play Tuesday afternoon and managed to put over a drop kick from the 40-yard line against the second team. There is doubt whether he will be able to take any part in the Yale game.

Frankie, fullback, returned to the line-up Tuesday, his leg not being so badly bruised as first reported.

Soucy, first string center, also reported today. Soucy will be a great addition and should prove a tower of strength on the defensive. His return to the game has brought renewed life to the squad. Wallace, who has been playing center, will act as first sub, and Bigelow, the utility man, will be held to be put in either at tackle or guard, whichever is necessary.

The line-up Tuesday was as follows: Collidge, left end; Parsons, left tackle; Pennock, left guard; Soucy, center; Weston, right guard; Trumbull, right tackle; Hardwick, right end; Logan, quarterback; Jiradles, right halfback; Mahan halfback; Francke, fullback.

It was the strongest line-up Harvard has put in the field since the middle of the season.

## YALE VARSITY PUT THROUGH SCRIMMAGE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 18.—Rounded into first class physical condition by the cool weather, the Yale varsity team was driven through half an hour's scrimmage drill against the scrubs Tuesday afternoon. Usually the regulars are rested the entire week between the Princeton and Harvard games, but Coach Hinkley's policy is more Spartanlike. He had every player except Fred Stillman in the 45-minute signal rehearsal that opened the work behind closed gates on old Yale field. Carroll, Knowles and Guard Conroy, were excused from the scrimmage. Stillman, Conroy and Knowles are all suffering from slightly sprained ankles, but will be in tip top form by Saturday.

Chandler was again at right end and his downfield running and tackling equalled the form he exhibited when he was first string choice last week. Fred Stillman will start at Harvard game far from his best form. Carter will play most of Saturday's game.

It was announced Tuesday night that Yale will play no post season game for the benefit of the European Red Cross fund. A match between Yale and one of the New England colleges was suggested, but the Yale coaches do not favor keeping the eleven in training after the season closes next Saturday.

**GETS ON KILBANE STRING.**  
AURORA, Ill., Nov. 18.—Freddie Ench, the local featherweight who has been promised a match with Champion Johnny Kilbane, has started training for the battle by playing football with an Aurora professional team.

**SHUGRUE OUTPOINTS MOHR.**  
NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Young Shugrue outpointed Walter Mohr in 10 rounds last night.

**MANDOT WHIPS SAYLOR.**  
BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 18.—Joe Mandot of Memphis outboxed Young Saylor of Indianapolis in 12 rounds last night.

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