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CORBETT IS DISGRACED

Worsted in Nine Rounds With the Sailor Pugilist He Avoids an Honest Finish.

His Second Deliberately Enters the Ring That a Foul Might Be Committed.

Referee Awards the Contest to Sharkey and Declares All Bets Off.

By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 22.—The twenty-round glove fight between James J. Corbett, of California, and the ex-champion heavy-weight boxer of the world, and Tom Sharkey, of Dundalk, Ireland, who showed his prowess as a fighter while serving the United States as a bluejacket in the navy, drew an enormous crowd of sporting men to the Lenox Athletic clubhouse to-night. In fact, such a representative gathering of the sporting element from all over the country was never within the city limits at one time before. The fact that the contest would certainly take place without any legal interference induced many hundreds of followers and admirers of the art of self-defence to make long journeys in order to be at the ringside when the fight took place. Nearly every city of any importance in the United States and Canada was represented. A week ago when the tickets for seats were put on sale people who lived quite a long distance from this city either wrote or wired for seats to be reserved and by doing so they saved themselves a lot of trouble on their arrival here, as for the past few days there has been a lively scramble to secure good seats. To-day not a seat was to be had after one o'clock exact for exorbitant prices paid to wideawake speculators.

TICKETS FOR SEATS

in the immediate vicinity of the ring brought fabulous prices to-night. The original cost of these was $20 each, but to-night twice that sum could not purchase one of them, and in two instances they brought $100 apiece. Other tickets costing from $5 to $15 brought prices increased two and threefold, and the club management did not put any of the $3 admission tickets on sale. The anxious sports who clamored for admission at the entrances gladly paid $5 and in many cases $10 for the privilege of standing up at the extreme ends of the building. The doors of the big building were thrown open shortly after 5 o'clock. At that early hour hundreds of people were waiting patiently in front of the club-house on Lexington avenue. The crowds were kept in check by a large force of police, under the command of Inspector McLaughlin and Captain Brown. Inside the building all was bustle and excitement.

THE GAMBLING INSTINCT

was in evidence as soon as the sports began to gather in the boxes. Corbett's stock was always in preference and odds on the big Californian opened at 100 to 80. The betting did not take on as lively a turn as on former occasions when fighters of less note have met. Joe Wedig and Joe Ullman, bookmakers, at 9:50 laid $2,900 against $2,400 on Corbett, Dennis Sullivan, of New York, taking the Sharkey end of the bet. Steve L. Hommedien bet $3,000 to $2,500 on Corbett, and Joe Ullman took another bet of $1,000 against $700 from Hommedien, Ullman taking the Sharkey end this time. Kid McCoy was admitted as a spectator under disguise, but being recognized he was immediately ejected by two police detectives. McCoy left quietly, though under protest.

THE PUGILISTS.

Sharkey weighed this afternoon 176, Corbett 183. Sharkey climbed through the ropes at 10:20 o'clock and received an ovation. He looked to be in excellent condition, and appeared extremely confident.

Wild cheers were given at 10:38, when Corbett got to the ring-side. He stood for a moment to shake hands with some friends, and then climbed into the ring.

Referee Kelly entered the ring at 10:40 and shook hands with both men. At 10:44 the men had donned the gloves, having picked them from two sets, and at 10:48 p. m. they were introduced by Charley Harvey. At 10:50 they were called to the centre of the ring and instructed as to the rules by Referee Kelly. At 10:58 the men shook hands.

SHARKEY OPENS VIGOROUSLY.

First round—The men fiddled for several seconds. Jim made a left for the head. Tom responded with left and right in the same place. Corbett led again, Tom responding with a left swing for the dead, which landed, and was followed by left and right for the body with some effect. He kept forcing Jim into the corners, pushing with right and left on the body, which seemed to be his objective point. Jim feinted and tried to draw his man on. Sharkey was always ready with his left jab and right swing, which invariably landed on the body. Corbett failed to show any of the great cleverness with which he has been credited. The round ended with Sharkey at his man.

DRAWS FIRST BLOOD.

Second round—Corbett landed with his left lightly. Then there was an exchange with lefts and rights on the head in which Sharkey showed to advantage. Jim kept trying to push his left mit into Tom's face, and the sailor would come right back with a swing on the body. He was inclined to be a trifle wild, and was frequently cautioned by O'Rorke, his chief second. Tom put over a straight right on Jim's nose, which seemed to bring the blood to that member. Sharkey put in a right hand smash on the jaw, which sent Corbett down. He attempted to repeat the dose, but was foiled as Jim clinched. The round closed with Tom all over his man.

CORBETT STAGGERED.

Third round—Corbett led with his right for the body, landing, and Sharkey responding in kind. Jim reached for the body several times, but Tom came right back with lefts for the head. A right on the body staggered Jim; Sharkey whipped over a tremendous right-hand smash on the jaw. The sailor's leads were ineffectual, his counter being the blows which cut the figure. Corbett kept jabbing lightly for the head, and Sharkey came right back at him with right smashes on the wind.

SHARKEY'S FACE DAMAGED.

Fourth round—The sailor was right after his man, and essayed lefts and rights for the head, landing each time. Corbett clinched and acted entirely on the defensive. Corbett led his left for the head, landing on the neck, and Sharkey sent back a hard right on the body. Corbett began then to do some punching and jabbed his man at will, though at long range, but Tom always had a counter ready. Corbett repeatedly led his left and damaged Sharkey's face considerably. The sailor chased his opponent into the latter's corner and received a series of jabs for his action.

CORBETT SEEMS WEARY.

Fifth round—Corbett started right off with a left jab on the face, and apparently attempting to fool with his man. Sharkey, however, was not in a playful mood, and brought his right hand over with force enough to make Jim wince. Jim hooked his left rather low on Tom's body and lifted Sharkey off his feet with his shoulders. Corbett appeared to be a trifle weary, and his blows lacked steam, whereas there was a world of force behind Sharkey's puncnes.

A FIERCE MIX-UP.

Sixth round—Corbett led fr the head with his left, landing, but Sharkey was right after him; like a whirlwind Tom started to mix it up and whipped in some corkers on the body. Corbett retaliated with light jabs on the face and fairly forceful blows on the body. Midway through the round there was a rattling mix-up, both exchanging lefts and rights on the head and body, with the sailor having a shade the better of it. There were cries of "foul," when Corbett hit his man in the break away, which the referee had not called. The men were clinched at the bell after participating in a very fast mix-up.

CORBETT'S WIND SUFFERS.

Seventh round—Sharkey ran across the ring and planted left and right on the head, Corbett clinching. Corbett acted on the defensive, and seemed unable to withstand Sharkey's rushes. The latter whipped in a beautiful hook on the wind and followed it up with a right on the jaw. The sailor kept doing all the work and was always ready to mix up on the slightest provocation. He alternately threw over left and right on head and body, occasionally changing to left hooks on the wind, which were slowly but surely attending to Corbett's case. It was Sharkey's fight so far. The pace was terrific.

SHARKEY HALF DAZED.

Eighth round—Sharkey was the first to lead, landing a left chop on the neck. They clinched frequently, and the refree was kept busy separating them. Tom tried a left chop below, which fell short, and Jim jabbed his left hard on the nose. Sharkey sent a right straight to the face, but Jim was ready with a left hook, which grazed Sharkey's ear. Both men fought fast, clinching repeatedly. Jim hooked his right hard on Tom's jaw, half dazing him. He quickly recuperated and went back at his man hammer and tongs.

AN IGNOBLE END.

Ninth round—Corbett landed with his left, Tom going right back at the same moment. Clinches were frequent, and the men refused to break together. Corbett struck Tom on the body and the sailor appealed to the referee. Cor- "Oh, you go away." The men were in the centre of the ring, mixing it up in the liveliest manner, O'Rourke calling to Tom not to mind Corbett's low hitting. Just at this moment, for some unaccountable reason, McVey, one of Corbett's seconds, jumped through the ropes protesting that Sharkey had done some thing wrong to Corbett. The moment McVey climbed through the ropes, Police Inspector McLaughlin grabbed hold of him, while the crowd frantically yelled: "Foul!" "Corbett loses!" "Look at his second in the ring!" Referee Kelly seemed to pay no attention to the matter but kept looking at the fighters, who continued their aggressive work. McVey tried to pull away from the inspector, while the spectators kept yelling at the referee, who finally separated the fighters and ordered them to their corners. Corbett seemed not to understand why the referee should interfere and protested, but Kelly was obdurate and stopped the bout.

Meanwhile the spectators stood up and yelled that bets should be declared off, as they believed McVey committed the breach of ring rules intentionally. It looked for a while as if riot would ensue, but as soon as the referee declared Sharkey the winner on a technicality, he announced that all bets were off, stating that McVey's action was undoubtedly pre-arranged. As soon as it was announced, the spectators resumed their seats and waited the departure of the men from the ring.

LOOKED LIKE A JOB.

Corbett certainly had all the worst of the encounter when Connie McVey jumped into the ring, and in the face of this gross violation of the rules, the referee, "Honest" John Kelly, had no alternative but to disqualify Corbett and award the bout to Sharkey. McVey's action was absolutely inexcusable, and the referee, believing there was a "job" in it, took upon himself to declare all bets off. Before Kelly did so, however, many of those who had bet on Corbett—and they were legion—appealed to the referee to take such action, while the Sharkeyites shouted against such interference on Kelly's part, and protested that he had no authority to declare bets off. However, the referee's word went with the majority of the spectators, and consequently all money paid in wagers will be refunded. It was a most unfortunate and abrupt ending to what promised to be an interesting fight.

FIT FOR GREAT FIGHT.

For weeks both Corbett and Sharkey had trained faithfully and carefully for the contest, and when they stripped to-night both of them showed in excellent condition. Sharkey was confident of success, and the manner in which he acquitted himself in the ring while the fight lasted, showed very plainly that his confidence was founded on good grounds. Those who believed that Sharkey could not fight fairly changed their opinion after the bout had gone one round. On the other hand, Corbett hit rather low, and Sharkey protested. Sharkey's quickness and aggressiveness were astonishing from the very beginning, and from the very first it was evident that he held Corbett safely.

In the second round there were wild yells from the admirers of the Irishman when he floored Corbett with a right swing on the head, which was preceded with a powerful blow on the body. Sharkey's rushes were successful invariably, and Jim's quickness and leg work were tested to their utmost in trying to evade the aggressive sailor pugilist. That Sharkey has improved wonderfully goes without saying, and on the other hand, that Corbett is not the Corbett of New Orleans is beyond question. At no time had the Californian the upper hand of his younger and more sturdy rival.

A MATCH FOR FITZSIMMONS.

Sharkey is a fighter, and a clever one at that, and his work to-night stamps him beyond all doubt as being second only to Fitzsimmons, who will have to meet him in order to decide which is the better man, and when these two meet they should put up a fight that will be worth witnessing. From the second to the eighth rounds Sharkey held a decided advantage.

CORBETT NOT IN IT.

In the ninth round, which was so productive of disappointment and unlooked for incidents, Corbett seemed to be stronger than at any time during the fight, but it was evident that he was slowly but surely failing under Sharkey's onslaughts. It was two to one on Sharkey after the second round, and had McVey not acted as he did, there is very little doubt but that Sharkey would have won handily.

Some of the most prominent bankers, brokers, lawyers, doctors and business men in this city and other cities were present during the mill, and not one of them could see any reason for interference by McVey. The general belief is that McVey acted for some unexplained motive and some persons said that he had jumped into the ring to prevent Corbett going under.

When McVey first put his legs through the ropes, the referee evidently did not or would not look in that direction, but continued to pay close attention to the fighters, who were mixing it up in the centre of the ring. Inspector McLaughlin caught hold of McVey to pull him out again, but the latter was evidently more anxious that Kelly should see him. In this he was successful, but not until after half the people in the house had yelled repeatedly to Kelly to disqualify Corbett.

When the big Californian realized what had occurred he appeared furious with passion and rushed at McVey. Had he caught McVey there is no telling what Corbet might have done in his frenzy, but the police were on hand and rushed between the men, thus avoiding a scene which would have added to the disgraceful exhibit.

Just what effect the untimely incident will have on the boxing game in this vicinity in future cannot now be well gauged, but that it will injure pugilists in this city is beyond question.

A close estimates places the attendance to-night at 9,000, and it was learned that the receipts exceeded $45,000.

KID McCOY'S EXPULSION.

The first of the preliminary bouts was begun at 8:45 o'clock. The principals were two local boxers, Jack Sullivan and Charley Schultz, who were announced to go ten rounds at 135 pounds. The men had hardly shaped themselves for the seventh when Schultz put over a straight right hand smash full on Sullivan's jaw, which put him down and out.

During the progress of this bout there was a commotion in a box at the ringside. Kid McCoy, the pugilist, who is to meet Peter Maher at Coney Island next month, had gained admission to the arena, disguised with false black whiskers and moustache. Some days ago Tom O'Rourke, the manager of the club, forbade McCoy the privilege of entering the club-house. A careful watch was kept by the men on the door so that he could not get in, but he cleverly baffled their vigilance with his disguise. As soon as he took his seat at the ringside, McCoy was recognized, as he had removed his beard. Detective Sergeant Armstrong ordered McCoy to leave the building, but the "Kid" refused. Then Armstrong and Detective Mulholland urged McCoy to leave, and caught him by the arm, at the same time pushing him through the crowd. McCoy left very reluctantly, protesting as he went. The officers left McCoy at the entrance to the building, and he walked out on Lexington avenue. As he passed the door on his way out, McCoy demanded a pass-out check and was accommodated. The incident caused a good deal of excitement, but the spectators soon settled back in their seats and forgot the little episode.

THE FATEFUL NINTH.

The second preliminary bout brought "Kid" Harris, of Chicago, and Charley Roden, of Jersey City, together. They boxed at 108 pounds. When Roden went to his corner in the ninth, it was found that his jaw was broken, and the referee stopped the bout and awarded the fight to Harris. Roden, when he left the ring, was cheered for his wonderful gameness.

During the interval between the Harris-Roden bout and the arrival of the big fellows, betting of the liveliest kind took place. Many big wagers were made, amounting to thousands of dollars. Some of the biggest bookers in the country were among the most interested betters, and they bet both ways whenever an opportunity offered. Some of them were simply gambling on the event and trying to pick a winner, while others could not forego the chance of making a percentage book. Corbett's backers forced the price of the Californian to $100 to $70 just as it was learned that the ex-champion had reached the club-house and was in his dressing-room.

SHARKEY'S RECEPTION.

At twenty-three minutes after 10 o'clock a buzz of excitement ran through the building, and Tom Sharkey pushed his way through the betting crowd. He was attired in a light blue dressing gown underneath which he had an American flag wound round his waist for a belt. He was accompanied by his manager, Tom O'Rourke, John T. Dougherty, George Dixon, Bob Armstrong and Jack Reid, who acted as his seconds. Professor Jimmy Deferrest held the watch for the Irishman. Sharkey never looked better in his life, and said he weighed 178 pounds. He was very confident, and exhibited no signs of nervousness.

Announcer Charlie Harvey called the attention of the onlookers to the fact that the principals wished them to refrain from smoking, and immediately all the cigars which were being industriously puffed were trodden under foot most willingly. The crowd was beginning to be uneasy at Corbett's delay in making his appearance when someone in the as he was seen making his way in. When he reached the steps leading up to the ring, Corbett stopped for a moment to shake hands with some friends; then he climbed nimbly through the ropes. He was enveloped in a dark olive green dressing gown. His hair was parted in the middle and carefully combed and brushed. Corbett's seconds were Charley White, George Considine and John McVey. John Considine, of Detroit, acted as his time-keeper.

Both men had their choice of two sets of gloves. Corbett selected his pair, which were made for him in California. They were a pair of typical fighting gloves, being just shaped to the clinched fist; whereas Sharkey's were long, tapering gloves, usually donned by boxers. They were nearly an inch and a half longer than his opponent's, which would give him an opportunity of forcing the hair in the gloves away from the knuckles. The gloves were of the regulation weight of five ounces, as provided by the Horton law.

When the men were introduced, Sharkey's name was mentioned first, and there were prolonged cheers, to which Sharkey bowed repeatedly. Corbett received a more demonstrative ovation, the cheering lasting more than a minute.

Corbett wore white trunks and a red, white and green sash, which his seconds took off as soon as he stood erect. Sharkey wore green splits, held by a belted American flag. There was a long confab between the principals, their seconds and the referee, after which the men retired to their corners, after having agreed not to hit in clinches or in break-aways, and that they would step back when ordered to. Everything was then in order for the opening of the bout, the discreditable ending of which has already been told.

VANCOUVER'S BUDGET.

Golden Cache Affairs May Yet Be the Subject of an Official Investigation.

Atlin Reported to Yield Quartz Rich in Silver as Well as Gold.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Nov. 22.—An editorial in the News-Advertiser suggests that all may not have been right in the management of the Golden Cache, and intimating that the government might well give the matter their attention has caused a great sensation here, owing to the fact that the editor of the paper is a member of the British Columbia government. Stock of the Golden Cache was offered yesterday at 2½, and sold to-day at 3. The directors, at the suggestion of the shareholders' committee will attempt to rise $20,000 to further develop the claim.

A merchant and an insurance agent sent out a prospector on the first inklings of the Atlin lake discoveries. They think they have a big thing, but do not wish their names mentioned until later. Their man discovered a quartz ledge, which looked very rich, and located auriferous gravel which went 20 cents to the yard, with rich paystreaks. The discoveries were made on Uniak river. A rough sluice was rigged up after two months' labor and the rich streaks worked. In a short time $98 was secured in very coarse gold as big as barley. The rock packed out was assayed and went as anticipated very high in values, silver predominating. The certificates showed an average in several assays of $450 to the ton.

Charley Barrow, a deck-hand on the steamer Leonora, was drowned yesterday by falling overboard from a scow, in the act of making the Leonora fast to it. He sank immediately, and apparently did not rise to the surface again.

Zion and First Presbyterian churches have united.

Purser Smythe, of the steamer Coquitlam, who fell down the hatch of the steamer and sustained serious injury, is slowly improving, although not completely out of danger.

Over $200 worth of flowers were sent from Vancouver to Nanaimo as tributes of respect and esteem for the late Manager McGregor, one of the victims of the New Vancouver colliery explosion.

Stowe's Uncle Tom Cabin company drew a tremendous house last night.

A store on the corner of Dunlevy avenue and Keefer street was damaged by fire yesterday to the extent of $700. The store is occupied by Mr. Manning.

The council last night passed a resolution favoring the scheme under certain conditions of the company who proposes to establish a line of steamers between Vancouver and San Francisco.

THE CZAR MENACED.

Bridge Barricaded in Order to Wreck His Special Train.

Berlin, Nov. 23.—A despatch from Elbing, the seaport of West Prussia, says an attempt was made upon the life of the Czar while his Majesty was returning from Copenhagen.

Just before the Czar's special train crossed the bridge between Boehmonhoefen and Lagern a switchman discovered that the bridge had been barricaded By almost superhuman efforts, as a result of which he is now in the hospital, the switchman, it appears, succeeded in removing the obstacles sufficiently to permit of the passage of the imperial train. An investigation, which is being conducted in secret, is still proceeding.

A BANK EASILY ROBBED.

Tramps Secure Thirteen Thousand Dollars While Clerks Are at Dinner.

Utica, O., Nov. 23.—The Wilson Bank was robbed while the officials were absent for fifteen minutes at the dinner hour, $2,000 in registered bonds, $5,600 in coupon bonds and $5,600 in gold and currency being taken.

There is no clue, but tramps are supposed to have done the work.

A SACRIFICE OF SEALING

Canadian Government Offering I for Skinflint Valuation of the Schooners.

Appraises Under Cross-Examination as to the Estimates Made in Victoria.

Western Interests All Disposed Of—Reciprocity and the Atlantic Fisheries Alone Remain.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 22.—The Behring Sea question was the main topic before the Anglo-American commission to-day, when it resumed its sessions after several days' recess. For the first time, the two sides were prepared to exchange their estimates on the value of the sealing fleet, the purpose being to arrive at some fair valuation and retire the fleet by a purchase. The initial steps in this direction were taken while the commission were at Quebec, since which time Capt. Taylor, on behalf of the Canadians, and Capt. Thayer, on behalf of the Americans, have been making appraisals of the fleet, after several weeks at Victoria, where the sealers rendezvous, Messrs. Taylor and Thayer have arrived here, accompanied by Capt. Cox, who represents the sealers. The two appraisers made their reports to their respective sides, and these reports in turn were exchanged by the commissioners, with a view to a common ground of agreement.

It is understood that both appraisals are considerably below what was expected, and instead of running into millions, they do not exceed over half a million. Under the circumstances, strong hopes are expressed by members of the commission that a sum may be agreed upon for the buying out of this industry and the final settlement of this long pending and vexatious controversy. It is said, however, that there is still considerable difference between the appraisals of the Canadian and the American experts, which will have to be reconciled before an agreement is possible.

After the joint meeting of the commission, a special committee, consisting of Lord Herschell and Sir Louis Davies, Senator Fairbanks and ex-Secretary Foster, took up the Behring Sea estimates. Besides the written reports of the appraisers, the latter were called in person and examined regarding the sealing fleet.

Toronto, Nov. 22.—The Globe's Washington correspondent says there was no meeting to-day of the joint high commission, reciprocity and Atlantic fisheries committees, by which most of the work remains to be done. Free fish and free lumber are the Canadian requests that are meeting with the most serious opposition, and very little progress in other directions can be made till these knotty problems are out of the way. There will, however, be no dragging out of negotiations after those senators whose advice is sought reach Washington.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Dingley are agreed that the sittings of the conference shall not continue more than three or four weeks longer, and this would indicate that good progress is being made.

SENATOR QUAY'S TRIAL.

Will Appear in Court To-Day on the Charge of Fraudulent Conspiracy With Bank Cashier.

Philadelphia, Nov. 21.—The grand jury to-day presented to the County court true bills of indictment against United States Senator M. S. Quay, his son, Richard R. Quay, and Benjamin J. Haywood, ex-state treasurer. The bills charge the defendants with conspiracy with John S. Hopkins, late cashier of the People's bank, for the unlawful use of moneys of the bank in the purchase of stock, and conspiracy with Hopkins in the misuse of state funds on deposit in the People's bank. Hopkins committed suicide by shooting in March last.

The true bills returned by the grand jury are five in number. The first charges M. S. Quay with conspiring with John S. Hopkins for the unlawful use of money of the People's bank in the purchase and sale of stocks of various corporations for the account, benefit and profit of M. S. Quay. The second indictment charges M. S. Quay with conspiring with John S. Hopkins unlawfully to buy and sell stocks, knowing that the said Hopkins was cashier in the People's bank. The third indictment charges Benjamin J. Haywood, M. S. Quay and Richard R. Quay with conspiring to convert to their own use $100,000 of the public money of the state on December 1, 1896, when Haywood was the state treasurer of Pennsylvania, and also with the use of the $100,000. The fourth bill charges M. S. Quay and Benjamin J. Haywood with conspiracy, together with John S. Hopkins, William Livsay, William B. Hart, Henry J. Boyer, John W. Morrison, Samuel M. Jackson and Charles H. McKee, on March 18, 1898, unlawfully to use and did use to make profit, certain large sums of public money of the commonwealth, which had been deposited in the People's bank by the several state treasurers. Of those named Messrs. Quay, Livsay, Hart, Boyer and Morrison, Jackson and Haywood had been state treasurers, succeeding each other in the order named.

The fifth and last bill charges Benjamin J. Haywood, as state treasurer, with unlawfully loaning $100,000 of state money, which, it is alleged, went to Richard R. Quay, also with receiving pecuniary benefit from the deposit of state money in the People's bank.

CAR CLEANER KILLED.

Toronto, Nov. 23.—James Bonar, a Grand Trunk railway car cleaner, was knocked down by a car near the John street bridge, and died of his injuries within a few minutes. Bonar was between 45 and 50 years of age, and has been in the employ of the G. T. R. for several years.

POWDER WORKS EXPLODE.

Six Men Killed and the Buildings Completely Demolished.

Louisiana, Mo., Nov. 23.—A terrific explosion occurred at the Hercules powder works, near Ashburn in this county, about 8 o'clock this morning, causing the earth to tremble for many miles around.

The packing house was completely demolished, several other buildings damaged and at least six men killed. The known dead are: Willie Wilson, jr., son of the superintendent; Will Charlton, J. Hollingreen, Abest Wengle, Lloyd Smith, Albert Miller.

The cause of the explosion is not yet definitely known. There was a terrific roar and the walls and roof of the packing house were thrown into the air as though shot from a volcano. Window glass was shattered for a radius of ten miles. The employees were thrown into the air by the force of the explosion and their bodies fell back amid the wreck and burning debris.

Half a dozen persons were injured by flying timbers and a number of nearby houses were struck. One house half a mile away was almost demolished by a huge mass of brick and mortar that fell upon it, while it was stil rocking from the force of the explosion. Rescue parties are at work trying to reach the burning men. A special train was made up in Hannibal and a large number of citizens hastened to the scene.

HARVARD DEFEATS YALE.

Scoring All on One Side in Inter-Collegiate Football on Saturday.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 19.—Harvard defeated Yale this afternoon, 17 to 0, winning a glorious victory in a clean, fast game, abounding with brilliant plays. The Harvard eleven showed themselves masters of the game, excelling in every department and playing football well nigh marvellous under such miserable weather conditions. Every point was made by straightforward, open tactics, and no fluke or luck contributed in any way to the scoring. Harvard's great speed of play, power of combination of attack, superior kicking and splendid physical condition won the game for her easily. The Yale players fought with stolid pluck. At the end they rallied grandly, out of sheer desparation, and finished strong.

SAILORS ENTERTAIN.

The Jolly Jack Tars Give a Spirited Concert With a Most Commendable Object.

To-day the members of H.M.S. Leander's crew have private and particular reason to give thanks, the charity entertainment given by them in the A.O.U.W. hall last evening having proven a success beyond all expectations. The hall was crowded beyond the doors and the audience held captivated until the final number on the programme was rendered. The sailors were present in force, and gave a rollicking spirit to the entertainment that was infectious. A rousing chorus was given to every song of the evening and there was no performer but received a round of applause that fairly made the building reverberate with sound. The programme has already been published. It comprised some twenty-one numbers exclusive of encores, of which there were many. Character songs, comic songs and patriotic songs, recitations, gun and sword exercises and tableaux composed the bill-of-fare. During the evening the chairman explained that a large number who had bought tickets were unable to attend through the hall being too small to accommodate all. He hoped, however, that before long the entertainment would be repeated and that the theatre would be secured for the purpose. He also hoped that the navy would be afforded an opportunity before long to reciprocate the kindness of the people in assisting to get up the entertainment. The worthy object for which it was gotten up was the benefit of the parents living in England of Robt. Flukney and William Miller, the two members of the Icarus' new company killed while en route to Esquimalt. The boys, for such they were, having been only 17 years of age, were the victims of a railroad accident which happened near Rat Portage a short time ago. All Victorians are pretty familiar with the circumstances of the affair. The train was coming down a little embankment when a portion of the track gave away and the car in which the boys were rolled down the incline, doing the damage. Two others were badly injured but are now reported to be convalescent, and their arrival here is soon expected. The remains of the two boys were interred at Winnipeg.

THE SEALING SACRIFICE.

Americans Bent on Improving the Rare Bargain Offered to Them.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Tme Anglo-American commission has determined to reach some final settlement of the Behring Sea question before going on with any other subject. This was the sole question considered at the session to-day, and after the Thanksgiving recess it will be the special order for Friday.

To-day was devoted to a further rigid examination by the American and Canadian experts as to the basis of their appraisals of the value of the Canadian sealing fleet. The line of examination showed that one of the vital differences between the two sides is as to what vessels are rightfully included—not only the thirty which were engaged in sealing last year, but also the large number which are in the business, but did not actually engage in it because of the restrictions placed upon the industry by the American government.

On the other hand, the American contention is that only such ships as were actually engaged in the sealing business should be considered, and that any other construction practically opens to the shipping of the whole Pacific ocean to the right to claim that they might have been engaged in sealing. This difference is one that causes variation between the American appraisal of the value of the fleet and the Canadian appraisal.

In a general way it was stated after the morning session that while differences are being developed, yet progress is satisfactory and there was no present indication that the commission could not be brought into agreement in this long-pending Behring sea controversy.

The commission called in a body on Vice-President Hobart to pay their respects. The vice-president entertains the commission to a dinner on Monday week.

THE PRAIRIE STATESMAN.

Winnipeg, Nov. 23.—Hon. Clifford Sifton is expected to arrive in Winnipeg on Thursday of next week. He will remain in the West for a brief season.

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TICKET SCALPING LEGAL.

New York Court of Appeals So Decides the Long Pending Issue.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 22.—After a hard struggle for legislative and executive approval, and after varying success in the lower courts, the so-called anti-scalpers' law has been declared unconstitutional by the court of appeals, and is therefore inoperative.

MASSACRE IN ALASKA.

Eighteen Survivors of the Jessie Wreck Murdered by Indians and Cast Into the Sea.

Port Townsend, Nov. 22.—A bloodcurdling tale comes from the North, that the passengers and crew of the steamer Jessie, wrecked last June while trying to enter the mouth of the Kuskawkim river, towing the barge Minerva, were murdered and robbed by Indians after reaching shore, instead of being drowned, as reported.

The Jessie was a small steamer, fitted out by a company to prospect the Kuskowkim river in Western Alaska. She left Seattle in the latter part of May on the barge Admiral, which was towed to the mouth of the Kuskowkim river by the steamer Lakme. The Jessie was launched on the southern side of the mouth of the river and from there, with her own barge Minerva, made an attempt to enter the Kuskowkim.

The channel is very crooked and treacherous and Mr. Webber, a Moravian missionary, who joined the party at Dutch Harbor, being familiar with the channel, agreed to act as pilot. As the Jessie reached the mouth of the river a severe storm came up and the little craft was thrown on the beach, together with the barge. On the Minerva, was an Indian, who reported at Bethel, late in July, that the entire party excepting himself was drowned.

Such was not the case according to the statement of P. Malakoff, who is just from Nunivak Island, about 100 miles north of the mouth of the Kuskowkim river. He says that just before he left Nunivak Island the Indian wife of a hunter and trader named Marsten returned to Nunivak from Kuskowkim, where she had been visiting relatives, and reported that when the steamer and barge went ashore in the breakers a large number of Indians were on the beach and rendered assistance in getting the whites ashore and in saving the supplies from the barge.

After being comfortably camped, the Indians demanded the larger portion of the supplies as payment for their services in saving lives and property, which, according to the Indian woman's story was refused. A consultation was held by the Indians, who decided to kill the party and divide the spoils. A few nights later, while all were asleep, the Indians made a rush on the camp, killing the entire party of eighteen, including Missionary Webber, his wife and child.

After the massacre, the bodies, the woman said, were stripped of clothing and valuables, then taken in canoes to a considerable distance from shore and thrown into the sea. Several bodies came ashore near the mouth of the Kuskowkim, but were in an advanced state of decomposition. The Indians were wearing the clothing and jewellery belonging to the unfortunate gold seekers.

Malakoff's story is confirmed by a letter received by Messrs. Barneson & Chilcott from Marsten.

The expedition consisted of fifteen men in command of Capt. Murphy, fitted out for a two years' prospecting trip on the Kuskowkim river. Missionary Webber, wife and child joined the expedition at Dutch Harbor and were on their way to the scene of their missionary work at some point on Kuskowkim river.

Marsten, in his letter to Barneson & Chilcott, who owned an interest in the Jessie, asks and investigation and says that the Indians on the Kuskowkim are becoming very insolent. They claim that section as their hunting and fishing grounds and do not want whites to trespass and threaten to make trouble for all prospectors who attempt to prospect the river.

VANCOUVER AFFAIRS.

Treasure Recovered From a Long Closed Safe—Port Moody Mills May Reopen.

Vancouver, Nov. 21.—A safe which had been closed for three years, and formerly used in the Hotel Snohomish, Wash., was recently sold to the people now occupying the Arlington Hotel, Vancouver. An expert was sent for to open the safe, and he forced the locks, exposing to view $7,000 worth of articles deposited by travellers for safe keeping in Snohomish three years ago. The safe contained a set of books, a roll of bills, gold and silver, four diamond rings, several diamond studs, jewelled cuff-buttons, 10 gold and silver watches and a bag of nuggets.

Alex. McCaulay, logger, arrived from Wakeman Bay, B. C., to-day, and reports finding the remains of ancient diggings 20 feet deep. Picks and gold pans were found of ancient design and evidently very old.

The proposal is made by underwriters here to organize a provincial fire underwriters' association.

McLaren Bros. may start their Port Moody sawmills. An expert is enquiring into the trade and business possibilities, with a view of reporting on the situation.

GOVERNMENT PRINTERS.

Toronto, Nov. 23.—A rumor is in circulation that the Ontario government intend following the example of the federal authorities by starting a printing bureau. Arrangements have so far progressed, the report says, that the type has actually been bought for the purpose. Tenders for the printing contract for 1899 have not yet been called for.