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JEFFRIES TRAINING TO MEET JOHNSON
Will Be Ready to Regain the Championship in a Few Months

Frank Gotch and the Terrible Turk Malched—Baseball Pileups Arrive at Atlanta

OMAHA, Neb., Mar. 1.—Jim Jeffries has decided to make a match with Jack Johnson, the negro champion heavyweight fighter. Jeffries was in Omaha last night on his way to New York to fight a twenty weeks' theatrical engagement.

To Sandy Griswold the sporting writer, Jeffries said: "I will arrange to meet Johnson as soon as my 28 weeks' engagement is over. I feel obliged to the sporting public to at least make an effort to reclaim the heavyweight championship for the white race. I was through fighting until Johnson butted into first place, but as long as I have not been defeated, I think I am more than right that I should step into the ring again and demonstrate that a white man is king of them."

CHICAGO, Mar. 1.—Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of the world, and Yusuf Mahmoud, the latest of the "Terrible Turks" have been matched to meet in Chicago April 14, for the world's championship, the title Gotch won from George Henschmidt last April. It will be for the best two out of three falls at catch as catch can style. The match will be held in the International Amphitheatre and the stock yards. The purse is said to be \$10,000 with division yet to be decided.

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 1.—Manager Clark Griffith, of the Cincinnati Reds and his advance guard comprising eight of the twirlers, will try for positions on the Reds' staff this season, arrived in Atlanta yesterday, for their season's manager.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 1.—James Corbett, who is here, is quoted today as saying that in a recent conversation James J. Jeffries declared his intention of re-entering the ring after a year in order to get into perfect condition. This is the real reason he is slow in announcing his intention of returning.

INTEREST KEEPS UP IN THE COOPER TRIAL
Everyone Ready for Another Lively Week—Prisoners in a Jovial Mood Today.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 1.—Refreshed after adjournment of a day and a half and with their lines of battle reformed, counsel in the Cooper-Sharp trial for the murder of the Granger, appeared in court this morning for renewal of the contest. With their ordeal of cross examination and the usual rush for seats in the courtroom, the trial was resumed. The prisoners were in especially good humor. Even the old colonel usually stern and taciturn, smiled amiably at his friends and shook hands with some and seemed to enjoy a playful given in the back by his younger daughter, Mrs. Devery Wilson of Mobile.

There was the usual large crowd awaiting the opening of the courtroom doors and the usual rush for seats in the front row. But the regulars have learned that the balcony is the real vantage point and the heaviest crush is now at that point.

SCOTT ACT TICKET IS ONLY ONE MAN SHORT
Frederick Looks for a Lively Civic Election—African Veterans to Hold a Celebration Tonight.

FREDERICKTON, Mar. 1.—The Scott Act civic election is now complete except in Kings ward, where Ald. Clark still plays a lone hand. The new candidates of the party in St. Anne and Queens wards respectively are Isaac Kilburn and Daniel Richards and there are expected to be a close contest. The candidates will be secured for Kings. The citizens' ticket is complete and has already been published in these despatches.

The funeral of the late Lottie Vandine took place this afternoon and was largely attended. Services were conducted by Rev. A. A. Rideout and Rev. Dr. Kierstead.

The South African veterans will celebrate Paardeberg day by dining together at the Waverley this evening. The chair will be occupied by Capt. Pringle and covers will be laid for 60.

STYLE OF ARMAMENT FOR MILITARY AIRSHIPS

BERLIN, March 1.—The military airship of the future is to be armed with small cannon or machine guns. The danger resulting from the recoil and the escape of gas from the muzzles has been practically eliminated by a system of adjusting the muzzles so that the gas is directed downwards. It is proposed also to arm the semi-rigid balloons of the Paravel and Gross types with a lighter rapid fire weapon, thus enabling them to attack infantry detachments.

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ASTRONOMERS ISSUE AN APPEAL FOR HELP
Government Fails to Follow Asteroids and Prof. Pickering Wants Volunteers for the Work.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 28.—An appeal to the astronomers of America to assist in supplying the vacancy left by the United States Government when it recently abandoned the work of following the movement of a newly-discovered asteroid or minor planet, has been issued by Prof. Edward C. Pickering, of the Harvard Observatory, and Rev. J. H. Metcalf, the eminent Taunton astronomer. The naval observatory at Washington has hitherto taken charge of this important work.

Rev. Mr. Metcalf says: "I now have about fifteen new asteroids which have been followed sufficiently long to secure good orbits. It was supposed that these orbits were being computed at the naval observatory at Washington. But a recent letter from the acting superintendent shows that such is not the intention. I must therefore, appeal to the astronomers of America to do this work for the advancement of the asteroid problem."

Professor Pickering states that nearly all the asteroids discovered in America in recent years have been found by Rev. Mr. Metcalf.

Professor Pickering's statement in part is as follows: "The discovery of the asteroid Eros of the group whose mean distance is approximately that of Jupiter, and of the variations in light of several asteroids, has given a value to this department of astronomical research which it did not have previously. For two or three years much useful work was done by the naval observatory in following the asteroids. It is hoped that this work should be carried on by the government as it is done in Germany since it cannot be maintained at private observatories. Meanwhile some of the asteroids mentioned above will soon come to opposition. Unless expedients for them are computed, they cannot be found and there is danger that they will be permanently lost."

Rev. Mr. Metcalf last fall obtained a notable series of photographs of Morehouse's comet. The instruments employed were two doublets constructed by him. The method which he has used so successfully in discovering and following asteroids was employed after September 15. The cross wires of a finding telescope were kept upon the comet while the plate was moved very minute by an amount and a direction, equal to the theoretical motion of the comet as determined from its ephemeris.

IGNORANCE REDUCED.
Mr. C. Herbert Workman, the well-known Senator, tells the following story: "Two Yorkshire men were making a tour of inspection of the British Museum, and in due course reached the mummy chamber. One, who had never seen a mummy in his life, said to his companion, 'You're a mummy.' 'A mummy? What's a mummy?' 'Why, a dead man.' 'Well, I'm fair capped never saw the like of you before.' But, John, what's that 'ere card behind him—B. C. 48?' 'Dr. that's an ignorant fellow. That's a number of motor car 'at killed 'im.'"

SIZE OF THE SUN.
The size of the sun is almost as inconceivable as is its distance from us. Its diameter is 865,000 miles, and its bulk is 1,300,000 times as great as that of the earth. Perhaps a railroad train laid around the circumference of the sun and a train should start to make the trip it would take it five years to complete the circuit, running day and night at a speed of ninety-eight miles an hour. At the same rate of speed a train would make the circuit of the earth in seventeen days and a half.

Mrs. Jane McCracken, one of the oldest and most estimable residents of Armistead's Corner, died on Wednesday, at the home of her son, Henry McCracken. The deceased lady had attained the great age of ninety-eight years. She was during the greater part of her life a worthy member of the Presbyterian church, and her long and kind life had endeared her to all. The funeral was held at Lockport on Friday afternoon. Rev. N. N. Parker officiating at services at the house and grave.

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"—Yes, yes, and what comes after that?" "Please, miss, I don't remember." "Yes, but think. What is India so famous for?" "Please, miss, I don't know."

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COURT YUKON, No. 723—Orange Hall, Simonds street, Third Wednesday.
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DEATHS
ALMON—Feb. 27, Rebecca Almon, at the General Public Hospital, of blood poisoning.

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WILL SUPPLY MANY TOWNS WITH POWER
Grand Falls Power Company
Work Will Begin at Once—Expenditure Involves \$5,000,000

The contract for the construction work involved in the hydro electric development of the Grand Falls Power Company on the St. John River at Grand Falls has been placed in the hands of the Frank B. Gilbreth organization of New York. John J. McNeil of Ottawa, Canada, is the chief engineer and Ralph Merriam of New York is the electrical engineer.

This plant will generate 100,000 horse power in electric current, which will be furnished to the various towns throughout New Brunswick. The work involves, among other features, the construction of a number of shafts in rock excavation 130 feet deep, a power chamber 20 feet by 250 feet and 130 feet deep, and a tall race tunnel 23 feet in diameter and 2,400 feet long, a power house 150 feet long and 20 feet wide. The intake shafts will be nine in number and 12 feet in diameter, 130 feet deep.

The plant will be equipped with the most approved hydraulic and electrical machinery for high potential and long distance transmission. Actual construction will be begun immediately and will be pushed through to completion at an early date.

The falls and water power on the St. John river at this point is the largest point and has a fall of 135 feet through a gorge of the most magnificent scenic beauty. This spectacle is as good as that of Niagara and its utilization, like that of Niagara, will result in a great increase in industrial activity in the province.

Grand Falls is situated on the Canadian Pacific Railroad about 200 miles north of St. John, and about two miles east of the State of Maine. The expenditure involved will amount to over \$5,000,000.

STRICKEN DOWN ON VISIT HERE
Dr. Manford McDonald passed away about 3 o'clock Sunday morning at the residence of Rev. E. B. Nobles, pastor of the Victoria street Baptist church.

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The late Dr. McDonald was a Baptist in religion and a Conservative in politics. He was sought on several occasions to become the Conservative candidate in his constituency, but always refused. Besides being a highly respected citizen and a successful physician, the deceased possessed rare practical gifts and has published a number of poems, among them being "The Long Ago, Thoughts on Creation, The Never Perish, and Colwell's Creek."

POLICEMAN FOUND IN THE STREET
NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Policeman Thomas Smith, who was on duty at a Brooklyn precinct, was found lying dead in the street shortly after midnight this morning. His skull was fractured and he had several severe cuts and bruises about his face and body. It is believed that he was murdered while on duty by some of the gangs of toughs infesting the district he patrolled, which is about the water front a short distance above the Brooklyn bridge and about half a mile from the navy yard.

Smith was 31 years old and had been a member of the New York police

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WILL SUPPLY MANY TOWNS WITH POWER
Grand Falls Power Company
Work Will Begin at Once—Expenditure Involves \$5,000,000

The contract for the construction work involved in the hydro electric development of the Grand Falls Power Company on the St. John River at Grand Falls has been placed in the hands of the Frank B. Gilbreth organization of New York. John J. McNeil of Ottawa, Canada, is the chief engineer and Ralph Merriam of New York is the electrical engineer.

This plant will generate 100,000 horse power in electric current, which will be furnished to the various towns throughout New Brunswick. The work involves, among other features, the construction of a number of shafts in rock excavation 130 feet deep, a power chamber 20 feet by 250 feet and 130 feet deep, and a tall race tunnel 23 feet in diameter and 2,400 feet long, a power house 150 feet long and 20 feet wide. The intake shafts will be nine in number and 12 feet in diameter, 130 feet deep.

The plant will be equipped with the most approved hydraulic and electrical machinery for high potential and long distance transmission. Actual construction will be begun immediately and will be pushed through to completion at an early date.

The falls and water power on the St. John river at this point is the largest point and has a fall of 135 feet through a gorge of the most magnificent scenic beauty. This spectacle is as good as that of Niagara and its utilization, like that of Niagara, will result in a great increase in industrial activity in the province.

Grand Falls is situated on the Canadian Pacific Railroad about 200 miles north of St. John, and about two miles east of the State of Maine. The expenditure involved will amount to over \$5,000,000.

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