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Ten Thousand Spectators at the Coney Island Ring Side—A Graphic Sketch of the Battle and the Story by Rounds.

RINGSIDE, Coney Island Sporting Club, Nov. 3.—James J. Jeffries retains the championship of the world. Referee George Siler gave him the decision at the end of the 25th round, over Sailor Sharkey, at the Coney Island Sporting Club, tonight.

It was one of the most marvelous battles that has taken place, and the greatest crowd that ever gathered in the Coney Island house witnessed the desperate struggle for supremacy.

In five rounds Jeffries had the better of the fight—in the first two and in the last three. During the other twenty Sharkey forced the issue, and like a bull terrier, was at his man with both hands unceasingly. In those 20 rounds Jeffries' great weight and brawn helped him to hold off the sailor, and in the 22nd round he swung a couple of vicious uppercuts that made Sharkey groggy.

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MILITARY EXPERT

Thinks That Ladysmith Will be Held.

Strong Reasons Adduced Why Evacuation of the Town by the British is Unlikely—Believes They Could Hold Out for Three Weeks, When They Could be Reinforced.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The military correspondent of the Westminster Gazette sizes up the present situation as follows: "The force which has been captured had left camp Sunday night at eleven with the object of apparently holding some commanding ground from which the left of General White's main advance could have been threatened by the Boers, while the main body was allowed to advance, meeting but feeble opposition. The covering party, with what lamentable results we now know. "The question now immediately before us is, How will this severe blow affect the immediate future of the force at Ladysmith? Will Sir George White now be compelled to fall back on the line of Tugela, destroying bridges across the river, preparing for the demolition of the bridge at Colenso, or will he be able to maintain his position at Ladysmith?"

BOER FORCE WILL NOW INCREASE. "There is no doubt whatever that the news of the disaster of yesterday will be widely and rapidly circulated, and will have the immediate effect of raising the morale of the enemy, bringing crowds of recruits to their standard. Consequently the forces around Ladysmith will probably be quickly and constantly strengthened, and the odds against the British, hitherto heavy enough in all conscience, will be enormously increased. "In spite of this, however, we cannot bring ourselves to believe that Ladysmith will be evacuated, for the following reasons: General White has still at his disposal nine or ten battalions of infantry (two brigade divisions), thirty-six guns, and possibly a large number of machine-guns. He has a battery and a half having lately landed at Durban; three regiments of cavalry, and two squadrons. Consequently we consider that, so long as he is careful to take no unnecessary risks, but acts strictly on the defensive, he will be able to maintain his position for three weeks or so, which must elapse before he can be reinforced, or before the pressure on him can be relieved by attacking the Boers from some other quarter. "We may expect at any minute to hear that the wires have been cut, and Ladysmith isolated, but so long as risky adventures, such as culminated in yesterday's disaster, are avoided by the British troops, they should be able to hold their own."

COULD NOT TAKE STORES AWAY. "Should retirement be decided upon, we cannot see how the great accumulations of military stores at Ladysmith are to be removed. It would be impossible to move them the two miles which now separate them from the railway station, and even if they were able to remove them, it would be interrupted from the long range Boer artillery, while destruction or abandonment would seriously cripple our operations. "When reinforcements arrive and our advance is resumed, moreover, we would find it impossible to move the naval guns which it is reported have reached Ladysmith, though it is ridiculous to assume, as we noted above, that the Boers would be able to capture a 6-inch quick firing gun from one of our new cruisers, as no vessels carrying these guns could cross the bar at Durban, while the task of re-loading them would be a very heavy one. Ladysmith would take weeks, and is quite beyond our present resources in the colony as yet."

RETREAT WOULD MEAN LOSS OF CANNON. "It is certain that even naval 12-pounders would have to be abandoned in a retreat. In the case of an army in largely superior force, retirement itself would be a sufficiently hazardous operation. General White can hardly calculate on having similar good fortune to that of General Buller. The Boers would certainly hang on our flanks and rear with bulldog tenacity for the whole long twenty miles between Ladysmith and Colenso. "In addition to the railroad connecting these places, there are two other roads. One old road, which makes a rather wide loop to the westward of the railway, runs through a very hilly enclosed country, and shortly after leaving Ladysmith runs through a narrow, wooded pass, well suited to Boer tactics. "The other road runs east of the railway, which it crosses at Nelthorpe Station, and runs through the open country, where only cavalry could work freely. There are no good defensive positions on the southern bank. Such is the present situation. "Among the large number of officers who visited the war office today, making a distinct divergence of opinion upon the policy of withdrawing from Ladysmith and falling back upon Pietermaritzburg, or holding out at Ladysmith until General Buller is able to afford a counter attack and thus afford much needed relief to the Natal column. "General White's admission of full responsibility and the terms in which his despatch is couched are taken by military men as virtually placing his case in the hands of the home authorities."

HALIFAX ENTERPRISE. Managing Director I. C. Stewart and Editors F. P. Ronan and R. M. Hatfield of the Industrial Advocate, the well known monthly mining journal of Halifax, are to be congratulated on the splendid special number they have just issued. It is an illustrated book on Halifax as a shipping, manufacturing and trading centre, and contains 128 pages. It differs from many books of

the kind, in that it is not merely a write-up of Halifax firms. The firms are heard from, in the advertising pages, and certainly the business men of Halifax have given Mr. Stewart splendid support in his ambitious undertaking. The 128 pages of special articles treat of Halifax as "Canada's Atlantic Port," as a milling centre, as a centre for shipping butter and cheese, as a centre for the grocery, hardware and dry goods trades; as a summer resort, as a centre of West India trade, as a lumber market, as a lobster market, and artificial fish drying centre, etc. Export business and various leading lines of manufacture are discussed, with suggestions for future industrial expansion. The mineral resources of Nova Scotia are treated in a special article. St. John readers may feel disposed to argue that the claims set forth for Halifax as a winter port apply with even greater force to this port, but they will none the less admire the enterprise of Halifax and congratulate the publishers of so handsome a book as the Halifax number of the Industrial Advocate, which will be of special value as a book of reference.

TWO KINGS COUNTY MEN Seriously Injured by Accident on the Bangor & Aroostook Railway. Howard Ryan of Chipman returned on Saturday from Island Falls, Me., where he was called to assist the brother John, and his brother-in-law, Stanley Brand, both of whom were braken on the Bangor & Aroostook, and both suffering from severe injury by accident. Both were formerly employed on the Central railway.

Mr. Brand was the first one injured. He leaped out from between the cars at Gilpatrick's siding and was struck on the back of the head by the end of a car that had lunched over too close to the track. A severe wound was inflicted, and as a result of the blow he is also suffering from something like a slight paralysis of the limbs. This accident occurred on a Saturday. On the following Saturday, at the same place, the night train broke apart. John Ryan went up on top of a car to set the brakes on the rear section. The driver, it appears, applied the brakes on the forward section with the result that the rear section collided with it with such force that Mr. Ryan was hurled from the top of a car some thirty feet and landed among some rocks. One eyebrow was cut through, but fortunately without injuring the eye. Just above the eyebrow his forehead was cut so that the tissues of the brain were exposed. One rib was broken, and he was badly shaken up. He was taken to Island Falls, to the hotel where Mr. Brand was lying, and the same physician attended him. His brothers, George M. of this city, and Howard of Chipman were summoned for his condition seemed very serious.

Fortunately the injuries were not fatal, and when Howard came away on Saturday both men were progressing favorably and in good spirits. In about a week or ten days they will come home, Mr. Brand to Norton Station, and Mr. Ryan to Chipman, to rest and recuperate.

PATENT REPORT. Below will be found a list of patents recently granted to Canadian inventors through the agency of Marion & Marston, patent attorneys, Montreal and Washington, D. C. 64,223—Damase Prince, St. Greoige, P. Q., drain ditching plow. 64,299—L. Campbell and B. Trumppour, Thornhill, Man., straw burning stove. 64,300—L. F. Rose, Colomes, France, aviator or flying machine. 64,284—H. A. Fraser, Hamilton, Man., combined stamp and scrub roller device for acetylene gas apparatus. 64,302—A. Thompson, Douglas, Man., wedding machine. 64,430—M. G. Lambert, Katevale, P. Q., combination tool. 64,423—J. A. Eschard, Montreal, P. Q., acetylene gas generator.

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