

CORBETT SPEAKS OF HIS PLANS FOR HANDLING JEFFRIES

Believes He Can Be Brought Into Shape to Defeat Johnson—Ring, Baseball and General Sporting News of Interest

A lot of people seem to have gathered the idea that I am going to attempt to teach Jeffries how to fight. That is not true. I am going to train Jeffries with but two ends in view. I intend to try to speed him up and bring back something of his old-time endurance. Jeffries knows how to fight his own way, and if I were to attempt to outline for him his mode of attacking the colored fellow I might bring about his defeat. He will have to do his own fighting when he gets into the ring. I shall do all I can to get him right before that bell rings to start the first round.

Some people think that I hold Johnson cheaply. Such is not the case. He is a great fighter, with cleverness, a good head and something of a punch. He wants his opponents to come to him. Despite this fact, I believe it is up to Jeff to fight an aggressive battle when he meets him and I think he will.

When Jeff fought his first fight he played a waiting game and let the other fellows come to him, but after he had whipped all the best heavyweights, he started to be aggressive. There has been some question raised about his readiness. I am not saying that he is yellow, but he is an aggressive fighter who will take all of the courage out of him. Jeff is a good ring general and he will know what to do in a fight for he is a cool head in action. That smile in all his fights must not be taken for contempt. It means that he is hurt and that he is covering up with his "golden grin."

If Jeff is right, and I think he is going to be the longer the fight goes the better for him. Every round will increase his chances. If it is right he will be able to go forty-five rounds easier than Johnson, but the battle will end long before the limit. I don't expect to see more than thirty rounds.

Fighting Dick Nelson and Frankie Madden are booked to box in rounds at Lymanville Jan. 5.

Owen Moran has started in training at Lakewood for his coming engagements. Eddie Roy will act as his sparring partner.

Jimmy Johnson has received offers from the Army club, of Boston, to match Moran with Ray Brennan, Tommy O'Leary or Matty Baldwin.

The bout between Tom Sawyer of Portland and Terry Martin scheduled for Saturday at Manchester was called off because of Sawyer's illness.

Conan Doyle's new melodrama, "The House of Templeley," centres about the prize ring in the early years of the 19th century. One scene represents a fight under the conditions of that period.

Three 10-round contests will be given at the Army A. A., Boston this week.

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It has been several seasons since St. John theatregoers have seen such a clever presentation of H. M. S. Pinafore as that given Saturday night. The singing was particularly pleasing and the acting was really good. The whole performance evoked words of praise for George A. Priestley, the musical director, who has a care for details in all his rehearsals. Minna Storm, as Josephine, the captain's daughter, added a new host of friends to her list by her excellent portrayal of a rather difficult part. She had a splendid chance to show those in the audience who were lovers of music that she possesses a strong, clear and charming voice and she well deserved all the applause that was extended to her.

THE ST. JOHN FIRE RECORD YEAR 1909

Blaze at Provincial Hospital and Reid Brothers Destroyed Most Property

SOME LIVES LOST

Ninety-Nine Bell Alarms in City; Forty-Two Still Alarms in City; Twenty-Seven Bell and Four Stills in Carleton—172 Runs in All

The following is the list of fire alarms sent during the year 1909. There were ninety-nine bell alarms and forty-two still alarms for the east and twenty-seven bell calls and four still alarms in the west end. The fires in the Provincial Hospital, Lancaster, and Reid Brothers' paper store in King street, were the worst of the year. The details are:

Jan. 1, box 125, 8.40 p. m.—Dr. Roberts' house, Douglas avenue, caught from Xmas tree. Jan. 1, box 145, 9.05 p. m.—Geo. McConnell's home, Main street; slight. Jan. 1, box 241, 10.33 p. m.—Wellington Green's house, Winter street; slight. Jan. 4, box 128, 5.20 p. m.—Provincial Hospital; loss placed at \$25,000. Jan. 5, box 112, 6.30 p. m.—Provincial Hospital; Carleton firemen responded. Jan. 11, still—Fred Jones' house, Mecklenburg street; damage \$50. Jan. 11, still—Katie Jones' house, Mecklenburg street; slight. Jan. 21, box 23, 1 a. m.—Reid Bros' paper store; loss \$20,000; insurance \$11,000. Feb. 1, box 231, 6.05 p. m.—Robinson's bakery, City road; slight. Feb. 6, box 1140, p. m.—Street car No. 31 Mill street; slight. Feb. 9, box 63, 10.45—Woodhead, Erin street. Feb. 11, box 113, 6.30 p. m.—Wm. Colwell's house, West end, lamp upset; slight. Feb. 14, box 122, 11.05 p. m.—Jas. Dalton's liquor store, damage \$100. Feb. 16, box 28, 12.20 a. m.—John Hipwell's house, Exmouth street; slight. Feb. 16, still—E. W. Worth's house, 48 Brook street; needless. Feb. 18, box 135, 10.55 a. m.—Margaret Hilton's house, Sheriff street; loss \$600 on furniture; insurance \$1,000. Feb. 21, box 125, 12.10 a. m.—Quinn's shop, Main street; loss \$150; covered. Feb. 27, box 42, 10.25 a. m.—Robert Jones' house, Duke street; total loss; insurance \$100. March 2, box 27, 6.33 p. m.—M. J. O'Connell's house, Main street; slight. March 7, still, 1.30 p. m.—Mary A. Mullin's house, Harrison street; slight. March 9, box 36, 6.45 p. m.—Egan's house, Mecklenburg street; lamp exploded. March 11, box 145, 7.50 p. m.—M. J. Murphy's house, Main street; no damage. March 16, box 421, 11.45 a. m.—A. M. Macbeth's blacksmith shop, Marsh Road; slight. March 17, box 8, 12.50—P. W. & F. W. Starr coal shed; slight. March 19, box 135, 11 p. m.—F. A. Mar. 29, still, 9 a. m.—E. Brackett's, Dana street; slight. March 30, box 312, 10.20 a. m.—Mrs. MacMaster's, Rockland road, chimney on fire. April 2, box 121, 6.10 p. m.—St. Nicholas, 23, 11.05 p. m.—Corwall and Cotton mill, dry room; loss \$1,000; covered. March 25, box 241, for same fire. March 25, box 23, 11.20—F. E. Williams' pork factory; loss \$2,000; covered. April 2, still, 12.10 a. m.—Electric light wires crossed in Prince William street. April 1, still, 10.50 p. m.; foolish joke. Indianapolis. April 6, still, 4.20 p. m.—Harry Melton's Charlotte street; slight. April 13, box 121, 6.10 p. m.—Arthur Hornbrook's, Millidgeville avenue; fire around chimney, loss \$300; covered. April 9, box 42, 12.10 p. m.—Greas on fire on dump lot of Mecklenburg street. April 11, box 113, a. m.—Frank Clancy's Old Fort; slight fire in roof. April 20, box 8, 12 noon—Wilex Bros' sign fire in millinery room. April 1, still alarm, 3 p. m.—Shanty, Orange street. April 1, still alarm, 8 p. m.—Wm. McGinn's register gate, Mecklenburg street. May 3, box 7, 7.50 p. m.—Gibbon's coal shed, Suffolk street. May 8, box 28, 3.30 p. m.—Grass on fire, St. John street. May 9, box 31, 9.40 a. m.—Mr. Baxter's barn, Pitt street. May 12, still alarm, 1 p. m.—Mr. Hannan's barn, Military Road. May 15, box 215, 9 a. m.—Z. Adams' chimney on fire, Winslow street, West End. May 15, still alarm, 10.35 p. m.—Jas. Ryan's chimney on fire, Sydney street. May 16, box 26, 6 p. m.—Shore Line shed, West End. May 19, box 123, 10 p. m.—Street Railway, Main street; slight damage. May 21, still alarm, 2.15 p. m.—Myles Carroll's shop, Main street. May 24, box 12, 12.40 a. m.—House in Pokok Road, owned by Mrs. Carlin. May 24, box 63, 1.15 p. m.—Robert Smith's house, Erin street; considerable damage. May 24, still alarm, 2.15 p. m.—Dunlop fire, Brunswick street. May 25, box 14, 1.45 a. m.—Albert Murray's barn, Richmond street; two horses burned. May 25, box 39, 2 p. m.—D. Magee's house, Elliott Row; slight fire on roof. May 25, box 31, 9.30 p. m.—Wm. Parks' house, Duke street, West Side; slight fire on roof. May 28, box 16, 7.53 p. m.—Hanover street, Mrs. Curry's lamp exploded in kitchen; slight damage. June 2, still alarm, 2.30 p. m.—Hanover street dump. June 2, still alarm, 2.30 p. m.—Small packing case, rear of building Charlotte and King streets. June 6, box 125, 11.50 p. m.—Two barns and ice house and three horses burned,

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PHANTOM AIRSHIP TEST OF INVENTION

G. F. Russell Declares He Was Pilot of Machine Which So Startled Residents of Worcester

New York, Jan. 1.—G. F. Russell, who is here from Marblehead, Mass., announces that he was the pilot of the phantom airship which mystified the residents of Worcester, Mass., by flying over the city with huge headlights. Russell, who is only twenty-one, claims that there was no mystery surrounding the flights, but that he and his associates had sought an isolated section of the country in which to try out a new gyroscopical invention of A. Herring without any interference. Russell admitted that he had made several flights in the dark from a point near Salem, and that, aided by a huge fire set up in the sand, he was able to make a safe landing after being in the air more than an hour. The new invention, according to Russell, will work wonders in airship flying, as it will give the airship the same stability as a still breeze, thus preventing the aeroplane turning over, which so many navigators fear when they are in the air. Although Russell refused to give a detailed description of Mr. Herring's gyroscopic invention until after the patents had been granted, explained that the additional machinery was very light and that it was run by the air of the regular motor which runs the propeller, and was located in the body of the aeroplane, under which runs the propeller, and was located in the body of the aeroplane, under which the pilot sits. Russell denied that Wallace E. Tillinghast had any connection with the flights over Worcester. From N.Y. Dispatch.

WELCOME HOME TO BRIDE AND GROOM

Salmon River, Dec. 31.—A very pleasant evening was spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Kincaid, Salmon Creek, on Thursday, December 30, in honor of the home-coming of their son George and his bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams, of East Scotch Settlement, Kings county. The bride was a prominent young school-teacher and has been teaching in the schools of New Brunswick for the past three years. The groom was a prominent young brakeman on the N. E. & B. Railway, but met with a serious accident last spring. Seventy-five guests were present. Tea was served at 5.30 p. m., and after tea the young folks assumed themselves with dancing. The young couple received many gifts and a large number of friends. The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kincaid, and three sons, James, Dennis and John, of this city, also one sister, Mrs. Julia Gannivan, of Boston. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2.30 p. m.

MISS E. LOUISE KELLY

The death occurred in this city on the 2nd inst. of Miss E. Louise Kelly, daughter of the late John Kelly, at the home of her uncle, Michael McGuigan, 119 Queen street. The deceased has been a poor health for some time. The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 p. m.

CHAS. McALLISTER

Charles McAllister, of Milltown, died last evening, aged fifty-eight years. He leaves his wife and two brothers.

JOHN GANNIVAN

The death of John Gannivan occurred yesterday at his home in North street, after a lengthy illness. Deceased, who was well known, leaves besides a wife, one daughter, Mrs. C. P. Kemp, and three sons, James, Dennis and John, of this city; also one sister, Mrs. Julia Gannivan, of Boston. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2.30 p. m.

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MRS. CATHERINE DAY

Mrs. Catherine Day, widow of Thomas Day, died on Sunday morning at the home of her son, George Day, 41 Princess street, after only a few days' illness. Mrs. Day is survived by three sons—George Day, of St. John; Abraham and Gilbert, of Public Landing, and two daughters, Mrs. Parker Craig and Mrs. Benjamin Bonnell, both of Public Landing. The body will be taken to Public Landing in the early train tomorrow morning. There will be service at the home of her son this evening.

APPEARANCES

"Jedgie" people by appearance," said Uncle Eben, "is purty much like choosin' a chicken by de color of its feathers, 'tind 't weight."—Washington Star.

Why Fig Pills Will Make You a New Person

There is always a cause for sick headache, biliousness, sour stomach, constipation and other diseases. If you want to be well, get at the root of the evil. Take

MORNING LOCALS

George Boxer, an eight-year-old boy, residing in Ludlow street, west side, had his leg broken and his head injured while coasting on Saturday. Dr. Gray attended him.

Christmas Flowers

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HUNTING CROCODILES AT "STAR"

New Year's day the coy little Star Theatre in North End made hundreds of new friends and patrons by the exceptional quality of its long programme. This is the indication of what this up-to-date picture house intends doing in 1910, provided unforeseen mishaps do not intervene. "Tonight the big picture feature is 'Hunting Crocodiles in Africa,' a film of adventure. 'The Sleeper' is a unique sort of comedy, and 'Two Girls in a Bed' is a pleasing dramatic story. Miss Newington will enter upon the final week of her engagement and there will be light music."

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