

RECORD OFFERS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT

TOO MANY BIDS FOR THE BIG FIGHT

Numerous Offers Cause the Postponement of Selection of Stage.

FORTUNES OFFERED

Proposed Purses Were Largest Ever Made for Ring Encounter—Will Decide Today.

New York, Dec. 1.—Bids for the championship fight between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson were opened this afternoon in Hoboken, N. J., and because of the numerous offers made for the fight it was decided to postpone the selection of the battleground for a period of 24 hours. The offers for the fight were the largest ever made for a prize-fight encounter.

A large crowd of sporting men gathered at a Hoboken hotel where the bids were opened, and when word of the principals had appeared at noon there were reports that secret conferences were being engaged in to settle the offer of battle.

Graney's Offer. It is said to be prepared to offer a purse of \$50,000, but declined to make any statement. Because of the New York police interference the bids were opened in Hoboken. The fight will undoubtedly be held in California.

The bids were opened in the presence of Jack Johnson's manager, George Little, Sam Berger, representing Jim Jeffries, who was absent, Thomas J. McCarthy, of Los Angeles, and John J. Gleason, of San Francisco. John J. Gleason, of San Francisco, E. M. Rickard, of Nevada, and many well-known New York sporting men. Graney, representing the Tuxedo Athletic Club, of San Francisco, made a bid involving three different propositions.

Want the Pictures. In his proposition Graney offered 50 per cent of the gross receipts, with a guarantee of \$100,000. The manager would have sole ownership of the picture privilege; the second was 80 per cent of the gross receipts with a guarantee of \$75,000, and an offer of \$20,000 for one-third of the picture proceeds; and the third proposition was 90 per cent of the gross receipts with no guarantee.

Graney agreed, if the offer was accepted, to build a pavilion seating 25,000 people in or within five miles of San Francisco.

John Gleason, of San Francisco, in combination with James Coffroth, submitted a bid of \$125,000 for a fight on July 4 at either the Coliseum at Los Angeles or Ocean View at San Francisco, reserving full rights to the picture proceeds.

Would Pay \$200,000 Profit. Gleason agreed, if the bid was accepted, to immediately deposit a check for \$50,000.

Gleason made a second proposition of offering a purse of \$75,000 and 66 2/3 per cent of the picture receipts. A third proposition was to offer \$100,000 for an offer of 80 per cent of the gross receipts and 66 2/3 per cent of the picture receipts. Coffroth agreed to deposit \$100,000, if the offer was accepted.

A cablegram was received from Hugh D. McIntosh, of Australia, offering \$25,000 to each of the fighters for a contest in THIS country; \$10,000 to each fighter for a contest in England or France; and \$5,000 to each fighter for a contest in Australia. No check accompanied the offer and McIntosh was not considered.

Rickard Bids High. F. M. Rickard, of New York, submitted a bid in which he offered \$15,000 in cash and a check for \$5,000 now, for a fight on July 4 at either the Coliseum at Los Angeles or Ocean View at San Francisco, and cash purse of \$100,000 and 66 2/3 per cent of the receipts of the moving pictures. If the offer was accepted, the victor would be paid within 60 days \$50,000 and the remaining \$50,000 48 hours before the fight.

Thomas J. McCarthy, of the Pacific Athletic Club, of Los Angeles, offered the services of his club for a contest in 50 per cent of the moving picture receipts or a purse of \$110,000 in cash and 50 per cent of the moving picture receipts.

DESHLER AND BRONSON DRAW

Cambridge Man Heavier Hitter Than Opponent in Twelve-Round Bout at Boston.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 1.—Ray Bronson, the crack western lightweight, and Dave Deshler, of Cambridge, boxed twelve exceptionally brilliant rounds to a draw at the Armory A. A. last evening.

Bronson was the better hitter of the pair, and this he tried to offset by speedy left drives of the right hand, whose scoring with this hand earned him a long lead on points in the early rounds.

The decision was popular with the majority of the members, with whom Bronson's spectacular work made a great hit. Both boys were weighed in under 155 pounds at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

On the whole, the boxing was exceptionally fast. There was no time when either boy was off his feet, and the only visible damage was sustained in the third round, when Bronson was cut over the left eye by a brace of hard fists by Deshler.

SOCCER TO BE SUBSTITUTED.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Georgetown University's attempt to have the football game at final, have started in to make soccer football the major college sport of the autumn season. The decision was reached after a meeting of the faculty, which was held at the University of California, Berkeley, where the football game at Georgetown, occasioned by the death of a Yale player, had been the subject of a game with Georgetown, took place the day following the fatal game. Robert B. Williams, an old player of the Calendonian team, has been engaged to coach the soccer players at Georgetown.

COURTS FIGHTING BETTING. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 1.—Subpoenas were served at the Emeryville race track today on P. J. Treat, secretary of the California Jockey Club; George H. Smith, who came to the track to watch the race; and Robert McKibbin, District Attorney Donahue, of Alameda County, announced that the grand jury would take up the subject of betting on horse races at the track. The case would appear before the grand jury tomorrow.

AFTER SPRING RACE MEET. Memphis, Dec. 2.—Efforts were renewed today by the Tennessee Turfmen, to secure a lease on Billings Park, a track heretofore used exclusively for harness races, for a proposed spring meet to follow the close of the Florida running races. The local betting system is believed to be possible under the Tennessee law barring bookmaking.

VALE ELECTS DALY. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 1.—By a unanimous vote of the Yale board of trustees, Frederick J. Daly, of Cambridge, Mass., was tonight elected captain of the team for the season. Daly is a member of the class of 1911 and has played halfback on the team for the past two years.

EXTEND RACE SEASON. New York, Dec. 1.—According to an announcement made here yesterday, the racing season will begin on April 1 next year instead of April 24, which was the opening date of the season. The racing season will be extended by one month, the racing season will be extended by one month, the racing season will be extended by one month.

CANADIAN RECORDS ESTABLISHED IN 1908-9

Have Been Accepted by C. A. A. U. Records Committee—The List Toronto, Dec. 2.—The C. A. A. U. records committee, Fred. R. Sinkins, chairman, reported that the following records had been established in 1908-9:

100 yards—94.5 seconds. Robert Kerr, at spring championships, Ottawa, May 25, 1909, and at Exhibition Grounds, half-mile track, Toronto, Sept. 11, 1909, equalling the Canadian record already held by Robt. Kerr, 229 yards—212.5 seconds. Robert Kerr, at Exhibition Grounds, Toronto, Sept. 11, 1909. Straightaway, dirt track, no wind. Best previous performance was by P. J. Walsh, at Montreal, Sept. 17, 1902—213.5 seconds. 440 yards—49.1 seconds. L. J. Seibert, Winnipeg exhibition half-mile dirt track. Track very fast. Fastest quarter-mile so far recorded by a Canadian. Canadian record on 2-7 mile track held by M. Long—49 seconds. Running broad jump—23 feet 3 1/4 inches—C. D. Bricker, at Olympic final trials in Montreal, June 6, 1908, on Montreal A. A. grounds.

56-lb. weight for distance—37 feet. Duncan Gillis, at championships of B. C. A. A. U., Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 18, 1909. Best previous performance by E. Desmarreau—36 feet 2 1/4 inches at Montreal, July 27, 1904. Putting 12-lb. shot—51 feet 5 1/2 inches. J. H. Gillis, at indoor championships of B. C. A. A. U., Vancouver, Dec. 1, 1908. Best previous record, 43 feet 11 1/4 inches, by John Bowie, at Toronto, April 25, 1908.

220-yard hurdles—26.1-5 seconds. G. H. Barber, at annual championships at Winnipeg, on July 17, 1909. Best previous record, 28.1-5 seconds, by L. J. Seibert. Two-mile walk—13 minutes 39 seconds. G. H. Barber, Toronto, Sept. 11, 1909, half-mile track of Toronto Exhibition Grounds. Best previous record, 13 minutes 51 seconds, by George H. Barber, Toronto, May 25, 1909.

TURF RESULTS

Jacksonville.

Firm, 6 to 1; Square Deal, 13 to 5; Blue Pilot, 11 to 5. Geranium, 2 to 1; Phoronic, 4 to 1; Lorimar, 4 to 1. Cowen, 4 to 1; Robin Grey, 40 to 1; Endymion, 5 to 1. Sir Cleges, 6 to 5; The Minks, 4 to 1. Seymour Butler, 9 to 2; Roseboro, 11 to 5. Grand Duke, 12 to 1. Oberon, 5 to 1; County Clerk, 5 to 2; Agreement, 3 to 1.

Tampa.

Flashing, even; Icarian, 20 to 1; Capt. Glove, 25 to 1. Osorine, 5 to 2; Hans, 11 to 20; Otilo, 6 to 1. Bronte, 25 to 1; Miss Paladin, 50 to 1; Zola, 4 to 1. Warden, 11 to 20; Autumn Girl, 11 to 5. Grand Duke, 12 to 1. Oberon, 5 to 1; Eschute, even; Admonitor, 2 to 1. Vanen, 3 to 5; Water Lake, 5 to 2.

Oakland.

Inclement, 11 to 5; Reson, 6 to 1; Beaver, 11 to 5. Miss Picnic, 5 to 1; Gilbert Rose, 9 to 20; Zinkand, 15 to 1. Grand Duke, 12 to 1; Ocean Queen, 2 to 1. Boggs, 12 to 1; Bubbling Waters, 3 to 5. Ros dale, 5 to 2; Charley Payne, 6 to 1; Rubrio, 12 to 5. 12 to 5; Thistle Belle, 4 to 1; Emma G., 2 to 1.

Jaurez.

Enfield, 7 to 1; King Cobalt, 12 to 5; Right Easy, 2 to 1. Rustler, 3 to 1; Dave Montgomery, 3 to 1. Acquia, 15 to 1; Fireball, 3 to 2; Dr. Brown, 2 to 1. Pinkola, 5 to 1; Charlie Hargrave, 5 to 1; Meadow, 7 to 10. La Dextera, 15 to 5; St. Dunstan, 13 to 5; Short Order, 2 to 1. Jeannette, 3 to 1; Howard Pearson, 3 to 1; Light House, 6 to 1.

SARNIA HOCKEY CLUB

Team Will Be Placed in O. H. A. Intermediate Group The Officers.

Sarnia, Dec. 1.—At a large and enthusiastic gathering of hockey fans held at the Vendome it was decided that Sarnia would enter a team in the Intermediate O. H. A. group, consisting of Peterborough, Watford, Sarnia, and Stratford, the Sarnia team to be known as the Sarnia Hockey Club. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, E. P. Parlier, M. P.; hon. vice-president, J. M. Dwyer, president, John Newton; vice-president, E. W. Holton; secretary-treasurer, L. LeSueur; manager, Walter Costello; referee, W. H. Kenny, H. F. Holland, Dr. Schinbein.

Sarnia has not had a team in the O. H. A. since 1901, and no hockey to speak of since then.

TECUMSEHS ALL RIGHT.

Toronto, Dec. 1.—If anybody says the Tecumseh lacrosse team has gone to the Indians, just tell them for me that the Indians will still be drawing good crowds to the island next summer despite any change that may take place," said Charlie Querrie. "The Tecumseh Lacrosse Club has much money back of it as the whole town of Vancouver, and if any of the players we want to keep start west, we'll see to it that they soon come back." Querrie says he expects 25 players on the pay roll next season, and those who don't make the team can play on their C. L. A. intermediate team. Querrie will introduce an amendment next spring whereby the time of a penalty will not begin until the player penalized reaches the timekeeper. He thinks this will cause offenders to hurry to the side without having words with the referee.

ANOTHER SOUTHERN TRIP.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Chicago will be invaded tomorrow by a small army of major league ball players who will gather here before starting on their trip to Cuba. Those expected to register at the Hotel Webster are Cleveland, Simon, Miller and Hyatt of Pittsburgh, Merkle, of New York; McMillan, of Brooklyn; and Archer, of Chicago; Mack, of Philadelphia; and Thomas, of Boston. Rulicker and Howard Camnitz probably will be picked up on the way south. Mordecai Brown and Herman Schaefer, who also may be taken, are here. Artie Hoffman has signed up with the expedition, and will join the squad in Cuba. Hank O'Day will be taken along to umpire the games.

Whether you are engaged in "Second-story work," or "higher up," you should wear CATSPAW RUBBER HEELS. Shoe dealers, repairers, they all keep them.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COLTS' LEAGUE

Held Yesterday—New Officers Elected—Bonspiel Will Be Held at Brantford.

The annual meeting of the Western Ontario Colts' League was held yesterday in the Dominion House, Harry Ranahan, of the Thistle curlers, being elected president.

Walter C. Ross, the retiring president, occupied the chair. The reports showed the finances of the league to be in excellent condition. The annual championship bonspiel will be held in Brantford this year, the matter of making arrangements being left in the hands of the president.

The new officers are: Honorary Presidents—Major Beattie, M. P., London, and A. F. McLaren, ex-M. P., Toronto. President—Harry Ranahan, London. First Vice-President—Geo. S. McColl, St. Thomas. Second Vice-President—S. J. Mallion, Stratford. Secretary-Treasurer—Morgan Harris, Brantford.

MURPHY IN "CINCY"

ALSO JOSEPH O'BRIEN

Twin Visit Causes More Speculation as to National League Presidency.

Cincinnati, Dec. 1.—The mystery in baseball deepens. Charles Murphy, president of the Cubs, is in town; so is President Joseph O'Brien, of the American Association. Murphy and O'Brien are expected to arrive in Cincinnati tomorrow. It is said that O'Brien said he was here simply to arrange some railroad matters connected with the American Association clubs.

The man up a tree took a guess and whispered that O'Brien was the compromise candidate in the fight for the presidency of the National League. O'Brien, in addition to the above, has also the many stories emanating from various cities that the American Association is to invade the territory of the major leagues. And how, nobody refused when Garry Hermann said: "Let's have something." Murphy and Garry talked pleasantly, and Hermann seemed very glad to have Mr. O'Brien for his guest.

PLAN HOME-COMING FOR GEORGE MULLIN

Wabash Folk Will Show Him a Great Time Saturday Evening.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 1.—A letter received at Wabash, Ind., this morning from Geo. Mullin, the Tiger pitcher, announced that he would arrive home Saturday evening from Cuba.

Wabash folk are planning to give Mullin and his wife a home-coming reception. "There are some ball players in Cuba," said Mullin in his letter. "They gave us a run for our money, but we put their big pitcher under in two games."

NEW ORLEANS TO TRY AGAIN

Horsemen Will Present Petition to the Legislature, and May Have Another "Tests" Race Monday.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 2.—An effort to revive the racing game in New Orleans has started in the circulation of a petition to which is intended to attach 30,000 signatures for presentation to the members of the legislature when it convenes next spring.

Racing has been a dead issue here since the test cases were knocked out, the supreme court holding that the anti-betting measure passed eighteen months ago was constitutional. However, it is said that a race meeting of short duration, without public admission, would be held at City Park track next Monday.

President R. F. Headship, of the New Orleans Jockey Club, controlling City Park track, says that the meeting will not be under the auspices of his association, but, if held, will be a free lance attempt.

MAY SEE CANADIAN FOOTBALL

Cummin Plans to Show the Dominion Game in United States.

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—Arthur Cummin, of Philadelphia, is negotiating for two Canadian football teams to play a series of games in the United States. The Ottawa team, which holds the interprovincial championship, is expected to exhibit the Canadian style to American football men.

A. B. Mulligan, a member of the executive committee of the Ottawa management, said tonight: "The Canadian Rugby is no less vigorous, but not so fast as the American game. Our college game, Ours eliminates the mass play, forbids outside interference and opens the play to the play of the individual. It is far better spectacle. The Ottawa team has played five hard games without a single accident that could be called serious."

IDEAL TEAMS WON

Beat Out St. Thomas Fives in Inter-City League Last Night.

Ideals, No. 1, won two of the three games in the match with Snyder and Stone, of St. Thomas, last evening, while Ideals, No. 2, took all three games from Stanley, also of the Railroad City. The scores were as follows:

Ideals, No. 1—Graham 156 151-508 Finch 191 139-522 Paxon 191 139-522 Waterworth 145 130-484 Scott 126 127-475 Totals 867 916 2810

Snyder and Stone—Lang 174 190-522 Stephens 151 130-484 Bennett 170 178-550 Richardson 212 161-573 Herron 170 145-480 Totals 862 848 2647

Ideals, No. 2—Primeau 198 190-548 Cullum 146 194-439 Crawford 151 138-489 Turner 141 132-473 Shiers 122 127-462 Totals 821 865 2496

Stanley—Stanley 127 178-433 Gurst 123 171-427 McInnes 123 171-427 Pearce 119 167-414 Mitchell 119 153-446 Totals 614 847 2367

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CHANGE.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 1.—The deal transferring Little Rock's Southern League baseball franchise to Chattanooga was closed today. The price paid by Chattanooga was \$12,000.

ROBINSON GOES TO BUFFALO.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 2.—First baseman Robinson, formerly of Fordham College, but now with the Nashville Southern League Club, has been sold to the Buffalo Club of the Eastern League.

PARKDALE CANOISTS WILL PUT UP A FIGHT

Paddlers Have Weight and Are Not So Far Outclassed by 'Varsity as Some Think.

Toronto News: "The Parkdale team, O. R. F. U. champions, are going to score quite a few points against the Intercollegiate champions on Saturday," said a well-known dopester this morning, referring to the coming battle for the Canadian rugby championship, which will be played next Saturday, at Rosedale. This is the opinion of many followers of the game. Not only that, they look for the score in this game to be much closer than the Ottawa-Varsity match, as they think the two teams will play each other as sive games that frequent tallies will be made.

The publication of the weights and ages of the Paddlers has caused a little comment, as it was then seen that the Intercollegiate team have no advantage to speak of in weight, while the Parkdale players are older than the Students, they are not too old. The table of the Parkdale players is as follows:

Weights and Ages.	Weight.	Age.
Fullback Brady	155	26
Centre Half Killaly	150	24
Left Half Cromar	155	22
Right Half More	155	19
Quarter (captain) Disette	150	21
C. Scrimmage Leonard	185	20
R. Scrimmage Addison	190	30
Left Scrimmage Duncan	170	23
W. Inside P. Disette	185	25
L. Wing Ross	160	24
R. Middle Meaghan	150	26
L. Middle Harper	170	26
W. Outside Back	150	25
R. Outside Broekhuijsen	175	25
Total weight, 2,390; average weight, 170.4; average age, 24.		

ST. JOHN'S BASKETBALL

Mohawks and Shamrocks Won Opening Games Last Evening.

The Mohawks and Shamrocks were the winners in the opening basketball games of the Interclub League of St. John's. C. last night, the former defeating the Shamrocks by 15 to 10. The Shamrocks took the second match from the Harrows by 15 to 3. Following were the teams and their scores:

Mohawks—Jerry McCall, Jack Kelly, Lee McIntyre, G. Draper and P. Martin. Shamrocks—Hon. Humberly, Fred Kinsmill, D. Logan, C. Major, C. Gager, Shamrocks—A. Callahan, C. Ashton, C. Davidson, J. Wright, J. Worell. Harrows—W. Walker, J. McKenzie, S. Legg, F. Doherty, M. Bouthner.

WEST WINS PRIZES AT COLONIAL FRUIT SHOW

British Columbia Carried Off Several of the Leading Awards in London.

London, Dec. 1.—Princess Louise today opened the Colonial Fruit Show in the Albert Hall. The following were the prize winners: The Government of British Columbia, for apples, a gold medal; Kaslo District, silver and gilt Bannick medal; Salt Spring Island, silver and gilt Bannick medal; C. T. Coney, a silver Knightian medal, Sterling and Pitcairn silver and gilt Bannick medal; Okanagan Fruit medal; a silver and gilt Knightian medal; Mrs. J. Smith, silver and gilt Bannick medal; Victoria District, a silver Knightian medal; Province of New Brunswick, a silver and gilt Bannick medal; C. W. Peters, Queenstown, silver medal; F. A. Hubbard, Burton, silver medal; J. P. Belyea, Loker Gage-town, medal.

Major Howard, attorney-general of Nova Scotia, asked why the province was not exhibiting, replied: "We are resting on our laurels of 1908, when we took sixteen medals."

STOLYPIN WARNED TO ACCORD JUST TRIAL

American's Plead in Behalf of Tchaikovsky and Catharine Breshkovsky.

New York, Dec. 1.—An echo of the continental thunderclap of indignation that rolled across Europe following the secret trial and summary execution of Professor Ferrer, the Spanish revolutionary, may be heard in the cable message sent today by more than 500 prominent citizens of New York, Chicago and Boston and Philadelphia, to Mr. Stolypin, the Russian prime minister. The message reads:

"We, the undersigned, who are relying on your excellency's assurance that the trial will have a fair trial, and we assume that such trial necessarily will be open and public in accordance with the time-honored principles of justice in all nations."

Among the signers are David H. Greer, Seth Low, Mayor F. A. Buse, of Chicago, Francis Lynde Stetson, Morgan J. O'Brien, Henry Clews and George Foster Peabody.

KILLED AT CROSSING.

Brampton, Dec. 1.—Miss McCallum was struck and instantly killed at 5 o'clock this evening at the Queen's Hotel crossing by a passenger train from Toronto. The unfortunate woman, who was slightly deaf in one ear, stepped directly in front of the train, although the crossing bell was ringing. No inquest will be held.

DON'T FAVOR LONG SCHEDULE.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—President of the American League, declared there was no truth in the report that six clubs in his circuit favored a schedule of 140 games. He said his whole league was opposed to a lengthening of the present schedule and furthermore, that it would be a waste of time to consider a longer schedule for less games than are played under the present arrangement.

He said the National League wants the longer season, but it would be almost impossible, of course, to have a longer season in one organization and not the other.

BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—A fight has been arranged for the Bantamweight championship of the world and the men will weigh in at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. They will fight 20 rounds, and Jack Welsh will act as referee.

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Now here's a snap. Call and look them over.

A few samples in our west window.

OAK HALL

MISS ATHERTON ON SERPENTS' TONGUES

Novelist Knows Several in London to Whom Watson May Have Referred.

New York, Dec. 1.—Gertrude Atherton, the novelist, contributed a pacificatory note to the discussion of the Watson-Le Gallienne controversy yesterday. Reading "The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue," she commented:

"Now, that is strong. It's in the key of Kipling's 'Rag and Bone.' Le Gallienne's retort is good, and well written. His residence in America has given him an American's gallantry. Where is Le Gallienne? The public does not know? Well, he's no coward. You remember what he did in Britain? He explored caves there that nobody had ever dared to more than enter."

"This retort to Watson—I haven't said it before—I should say it was not just. The terms are severe. Almost as severe as Watson's, regarding 'The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue.' Yet I do not believe Watson meant one word of it."

"From what I know of London, it might refer to any one of three or four women of social eminence. I believe the poem merely condenses Watson's experience with a certain type, just as Thackeray's Becky Sharp was not drawn from one person, but from several."

And Le Gallienne entered lists. "The terms are severe. Almost as severe as Watson's, regarding 'The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue.' Yet I do not believe Watson meant one word of it."

"What is not a fit subject for the art of poetry? I hesitate to say. Generally, I thought only of one, and so thinking, gallantly entered the lists in her defence."

"Whenever I am convinced that I might give true information about life in a human way, by dealing with a living person, without revealing who the person is, I feel myself justified. According to my experience persons are charmed by being put into novels. So I study singing and make them charming. That does not matter."

From Her Own Book of Life. "In my last book the main character was a New York woman who had had a love affair, then went abroad. She was from life. But it happened that a friend of mine, a girl of the most correct behavior, was studying singing abroad. I thought it began to be said that she was the heroine."

"I took pains on all occasions to say she was not. One day she came to me and said, 'I have felt that, and I protested. Why do you tell everyone that I am not this person you wrote about? Why, I want a "past." I need one. What is a singer without a "past"? When I haven't one of my own you might leave me the fictional one.'"

"There are certain derelictions which some women somehow deem rather romantic, and others which they do not. I suppose none would be willing to be called 'The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue.'"