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FIGHT LOST ON A FOUL.

The Big Fistic Contest Won By Raphael.

Contest Was an Even One and Probably Would Have Resulted in a Draw But for the Foul.

Sorrow has overtaken the lovers of the manly art, and there is no more joy in sporting circles since midnight on Monday, when the growing favorite, Dick Agnew, struck out in full view of 900 people. The occasion was the long-looked-for sparring contest between the aforesaid Dick Agnew and Frank Raphael—both men so well known as not to need description. It was in the eleventh round the mistake occurred. Both men had signed away everything to the winner, and both were exceedingly confident, though neither man was hurt nor even distressed at their protracted exertions. In a feint and exchange Raphael slipped to the ground. He had raised one hand from the floor in getting up, when Agnew swung an undercut on the impulse of the moment. Raphael dropped again quickly, and the end of the gloves just touched his head. However, the foul was seen by all, and lost him another wise good contest.

The main event was preceded by an announced four-round exhibition between a New Zealander named Ball and the little hurricane, Malloy. Kid Williams was referee, but had little to do, for just as soon as the gloves were donned and time called Malloy stepped hastily over to the New Zealander's corner and swung a strong left on the jaw. Ball hastily dropped his arms, and Malloy took advantage of his condition to place his right pillow several times under the ear, with the result that the bewildered man laid down and ended that part of the show, amidst the laughter of all present.

The main event was slow about starting. The police called for larger gloves, which were furnished at once. Then time was lost in having the principal sign away the loser's per cent. James Donaldson was chosen referee, and Ed O'Donnell official timekeeper. Both men were loudly applauded. Raamps Peterson's new sporting emporium was crowded to the doors, and the arrangement of the seats permitted all to see equally well. Barber and Smith seconded Agnew, while Gleason and Carroll did the same for Raphael. It was agreed to strike with one hand free.

BY ROUNDS.

1. The men stepped to the center, both in the prettiest shape imaginable. Hard training makes Agnew white as chalk, while Raphael, by the same process assumes a distinct pink. Both were wary, and Agnew led a left, which found a block on his adversary's glove, and was followed by a clinch. Some short-arm work followed. After the break Agnew landed a left glove without injury on the face, and another clinch and short arm work followed the worst of it. If there was a difference at all, the round was better, with both men even in strength and skill.

2. Raphael led and overreached with a right, and Agnew missed a left, as both were clumsy as cats in side and back stepping. In the clinches it was hard to break the men. Agnew managing to land on the head and Raphael in the small of the waist, which made Agnew squirm. Agnew landed a left glove on the jaw and received a right on the chest and rushed his man to a clinch. Short-arm work resulted in no damage, and Raphael threw his man to his knees as time was called.

3. Both rushed and clinched and in the break Agnew's glove mitt reached the small of the back. Agnew led and his left found the face—a clinch and Raphael's left in good position. In the break Agnew upturned a cautious, strong, but harmlessly. Cautious sparring, and Agnew landed again and Agnew swung a Clinch. Sparring again and Agnew swung his severe right, landed on the jaw and swung his opponent round. Quick as a cat, he was after his man and landed right and left from Agnew's hind, but Raphael ducked and caught Agnew's glove under his right arm, where he retained it in hook until the time was gone. The apogee found them in this position, and the applause was deafening. This was the most interesting round, and Agnew showed slightly to advantage.

4. Both men strong, fresh, but cautious. Raphael feinted and Agnew led a left, receiving a right in the arm. But Agnew's quick backstepping robbed the blow of its force. Raphael led a short right for the stomach, but failed to land, and received in return a quick right and left in the face. Agnew indulged in sidestepping, when Raphael led a left glove and found the jaw, while Agnew countered on the face. Some sparring followed and Raphael landed a jab on the wind. The round showed both men even.

5. Raphael opened up with a fierce right on the neck and Agnew was glad to clinch. Raphael feinted, missed a left and received a terrific right on the face, after which he was well satisfied to rest in a clinch, where the exchange was even. After the break Raphael under-reached again and left himself open, but, for the first time, Agnew was not quick enough to take advantage of it, calling cry of "Oh Oh!" from the interested crowd. The Gong Oh!" from the interested crowd. The Gong Oh!" from the interested crowd.

6. Raphael feinted, and Agnew landed a clean left under the arm. More sparring, and Raphael found the body with his right glove, and Raphael clinched and made his opponent squirm with a series of blows in the waist. Raphael landed a high left on the stomach, and Agnew countered with a light left to face. After a long clinch Raphael got left to face. After a long clinch Raphael got left to face. After a long clinch Raphael got left to face.

7. Agnew led twice with the left and once with the right and missed all three. Raphael feinted and Agnew landed a short right. Again the same blow followed up by a rush which sent Raphael to his knees. There was no clinching in this round though both men were beginning to spar for time.

8. Most of the round was simple sparring with two powerful blows struck. Raphael swung a terrific right and Agnew laughed while returning the compliment.

9. Sparring and misses put in this round with Raphael showing his reserved strength by picking his adversary up on his shoulder.

10. Nothing important but a powerful right from Raphael, which Agnew blocked, though from the cries of "Oh!" from the audience evidently was believed to have landed.

11. and last. Raphael led a short arm right

and in exchange received a similar blow. After some sparring a quick exchange resulted in Raphael slipping on hands and knees. As he started to rise Agnew swung a right. Raphael dropped quickly and the finger tips of the glove touched his head and won him the contest and the money.

It was a disappointment to all who have watched Agnew's progress from a scrub to one of the cleverest men in town and none were more bitterly disappointed than Agnew himself as was evidenced by his signs of distress when he saw what he had done.

As a matter of fact it is extremely doubtful if both men fought for a year that there would be any best to it, as both are too clever to be whipped except by men greatly overmatching themselves. Agnew landed the most clean hits but failed to make much impression as both were in the cream of condition and occasional blows fell harmless as rain.

Fire at the Criterion.

The beautiful Criterion had a close call at an early hour Monday morning from being badly damaged, if not destroyed, by fire. It was only avoided by the lucky wakefulness of James Donaldson, who rooms there, and his prompt action at a critical moment. Mr. Donaldson was awake and reading in his room when he heard a suspicious roaring noise. It was such a noise as immediately suggested fire, and he lost no time in making for the corridor. As he opened the door a sheet of fire blazed in his face, and he found the corridor to be on fire from the floor to the room. Mr. Donaldson quickly touched the electric button in his room to summon the men from below, then grasped a blanket and began to fight the fire. He also pulled down some tapestries which were on fire. His efforts were so successful that the

brigade during its past existence. It is further recommended that the commissioner of the territory, the officer commanding the N. W. M. P., representing the council of the Yukon Territory; Captain Hansen and George Apple, Esq., representing the late fire commissioners, and the fire chief, meet at a time and place to be appointed by the commissioner to discuss the project of reorganization of the fire brigade. All of which is respectfully submitted.

On Monday it was arranged that the meeting to discuss the project of reorganization should be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Flora Ahead.

A letter from W. P. Allen, first messenger to the coast for the Nugget Express, was received on Monday. Mr. Allen left on the steamer Flora, and on June 6, the day his letter was written, the boat had reached White Horse. The letter states that a delay of four days was compelled at the foot of Lake LeBarge, and that reports at the time of writing were that Lake Marsh was still solid. The Flora had to cut her way for ten miles through Lake LeBarge.

The letter also speaks of the splendid treatment received at the hands of the Flora's officers and the satisfaction of the passengers with the success of the trip.

Free Ferry Restrained.

The free ferry, operated on the Klondike by Lee Pate, was closed down last week by order of the territorial court, Judge Dugas having granted an injunction against it on the application of Ed McConnell. The latter was able to show that he held a grant from the minister of public works at Ottawa for the exclusive privilege of operating a ferry within a distance of four miles from Dawson and another concession from the Yukon council; also that in pursuance of the conditions imposed by the original grant, he constructed the high way leading over the hill to the ferry at an outlay of \$22,000, and that by the provisions of the local ordinance is compelled to maintain it in good repair.

A. W. Hall, the grocer, has bought half of the block south of postoffice where he will erect a three-story house, stock same with fancy and staple groceries for the wholesale trade.

The Firemen Exonerated.

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KLONDIKERS LEAVE FOR CAPE NOME.

Off on a Two-Thousand-Mile Stampede to the Coast.

A Letter From Rampart Tells of the Rush From There—Koyukuk to Be Abandoned—Rampart District Doing Fairly Well.

The publication in the special edition of the Nugget of the news of the gold strike said to have been made at Cape Nome, or Gnome, as it is spelled by some, created no little excitement about town and quickly became the dominant theme of discussion. The majority of men looked upon it with some skepticism and many openly pronounced it a scheme of the transportation companies to cause a stampede and work up business for their boats.

Whether or not this theory is true the Nugget does not know. Like a faithful dispenser of the news should, it give the report as quickly as its seeming importance deserved and then only for what it was worth, naming the source from which the news emanated, the manner in which it was received at Dawson only a few hours before, and urging our readers to wait for confirmation of the news before going on a stampede.

But the report was evidently received with more favorable consideration by many, for when the steamer Sovereign of the Columbia Navigation Company pulled out for St. Michael at 8 o'clock last Saturday evening, her forward space held a crowd of men and women bound for the new field. It was a rarely edifying sight to see a steamboat load of people leaving the Klondike on a 2000-mile stampede with little, if anything, more tangible in the way of information than the story of a sensational newspaper of Seattle, and it cannot fall, when known to the outside world, to create the liveliest speculation, so little are the real conditions of this country known outside.

SOME CONFIRMATION.

That there has been a stampede to the Cape Nome country there is evidence from other sources than the copy of the newspaper brought in by Hoey Bean and his companions from the outside, and additional news of the reported strike is coming to the surface. Several letters treating of it are known to have been received in Dawson, and one of these has come into the possession of the Nugget.

The letter was written from Rampart by Thomas Marshall to his partner, Dr. H. L. Reagan, at present at Dawson, and bears date of April 22. After referring to mining affairs on the Minook and Koyukuk, Mr. Marshall says:

"The great rush to Gnome Cape, near St. Michaels, has begun. All who could procure the means of winter traveling have come on their 1,000 mile march, and out on the part of the river below here and at St. Michaels have long started. The rush is solid. Gold has been found in large quantities. One man writes that he took out \$1,500 in four days with a common pan. The depth is said to be only three feet. There will be a great rush from here when the river opens, unless something else turns up in this district meanwhile. It would like to go to the St. Michaels rush, but knowing my property at Circle might not be represented unless I have an understanding with you. I would sink for you by power of attorney, which I have, or, in case of not being allowed to do so, I would be willing to share with you what I stake in the new country. But how to get word from you is a question. You might write to me here, and I am gone forward to St. Michaels your acceptance of my proposal."

In reference to the Koyukuk, Mr. Marshall says that 50 men have returned to Rampart from there, and all are very much discouraged. They report only one creek as producing pay dirt and that the exodus of prospectors will be virtually complete this summer.

Speaking of the Rampart district, he says that No. 8 on Little Minook has taken out \$150,000 worth of gold. Hunter creek has shown up fairly well, 16 claims having developed dirt worth from 5 cents to 25 cents. Big Minook, Hooser and Russian creeks are also showing up fairly well. "There will be sufficient claims paying to keep this camp open," he concludes, "but the majority of people will go to St. Michaels."

The deductions which the Nugget is able to make at this time from the information available are as follows: That gold in some quantity or other has been struck in the Cape Nome country is true, that it was known on the outside last winter, and is old news, appears evident, and that there is a big rush to the new gold fields is beyond question. The information most essential, namely, how rich the field has proven to be, is as a sealed book, and the Nugget feels impelled again to urge its readers to await confirmation of the reported big discovery before joining the stampede. No Klondiker needs to be told that stampedes as a rule are a "fraud and a snare," neither need be reminded that Koyukuk and Kotsue Sound were heralded quite as loudly as the Cape Nome discovery, though the chase to each place by thousands of gold seekers resulted in discouragement for most and death for many. "Look before you leap" is a maxim as old as the human race, and as true as steel.

Notice.

Anyone holding claims, due bills or accounts of any kind against the undersigned for labor, supplies or freighting, account of No. 5 below upper discovery on Dominion creek, will please present for payment immediately at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, down town, Ottawa, J. EDWARD MACALPUS.



danger was over when the people arrived from below, though it was necessary for a man to go into the attic with water and put out the fire, where it had burned through the ceiling. The origin of the fire remains a mystery.

More of Cape Nome.

Mr. C. Andrews, an old-timer in the country, and recently from Circle City, corroborates along with others the story of the reported strike at Cape Nome. Mr. Andrews has seen several letters from St. Michael, all of which spoke in the highest terms of the new diggings. Between the 10th and 12th of March 200 men left Rampart for St. Michael and many of the woodchoppers scattered at different points along the river followed suit.

Mr. Andrews was also able to furnish the Nugget with the particulars of the recent strike on the Tanana. It appears that a party of six prospectors poked up the Tanana last fall, reaching the mouth of Baker river, which comes into the Tanana about ninety miles above the confluence of the latter stream with the Yukon. They then proceeded about twenty miles up the Baker river, and began prospecting on its smaller tributaries, upon one of which, Eureka by name, a fine prospect was located.

The Baker river some miles from the Tanana swings round toward the Yukon and heads up in the same divide, where little Minook has its source, the point where the men were prospecting being less than thirty miles from Rampart city.

Ignorant of this fact, the prospectors continued working all winter under the impression that they were at least 250 miles from Rampart. Finally a miner from Minook got over the divide on a hunting trip and discovered the cabin on Eureka creek. After learning all the particulars of the strike he returned to Minook and a great stampede resulted, every creek for miles being staked from source to mouth.

Mr. Andrews has great confidence in the Tanana country and purposes returning there himself at some future time during the summer.

Let the Eagle Scream.

A mass meeting of all citizens of Dawson and vicinity is called for Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, before the fire station, for the purpose of arranging a glorious celebration of the 4th of July. Let everybody attend and help make the occasion a success. B. H. MORAN, Sec'y.

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