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TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE BY ST. PIERRE DISASTER!

Forty Thousand Persons Reported to Have Perished by the Eruption of Mont Pelee.

Flow of Molten Lava Lasted E. G. l'Huerre, sent respectively at 5 lost with all on board, in a nattempt Four Days

And Had a Sweep of Over Four Miles.

Death-Dealing Storm of Steam and Fire Descends.

Rescuers Unable to Approach the Place-Eighteen Vessels Sunk With All on Board-Disaster Unparalleled Since the Days of Pompeii.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., May 9 .- It is now estimated that forty thousand Guadeloupe, French West Indies, from Hamlen & Co., of this city, which is persons perished as a result of the | Fort de France, Island of Martinique, volcanic eruption in the Island of this morning, bringing several refu-

The British schooner Ocean Traveler, of St. John, N. B., arrived at the Island of Dominica, B. W. I., at 3 o'clock this afternoon. She reported laid waste, and that the residue of the having been obliged to flee from the owing to a heavy fall of sand from there. She tried to reach the Island of St. Lucia, B. W. I., but adverse currents prevented her from so doing. BEGINNING OF THE CATASTRO-

The schooner arrived opposite St. Pierre, Martinique, May 8. While about a mile off shore the volcano of Mont Pelee exploded, and fire from it swept the whole town of St. Pierre, destroying the town and the shipping there, including the cable ship Grappler, which was engaged in repairing the cable near the Guerin factory. The Ocean Traveler, while on her way

of wreckage. OVER 40,000 PERISHED.

San Juan de Porto Rico, May 9. -The cable officials here have received ernor of the colony and his staff colonel advices from San Dominica, that the and wife were in St. Pierre and probschooner which has arrived othere from the Island of Martinique reports that over 40,000 people are supposed to have perished during the The cable repair steamer Grappler, belonging to the West India and Panama Company of London, was lost, with all hands, during the eruption of Mont Pelee. The Grappler was one of the first ships to disappear.

OFFICIAL DISPATCHES. London, May 9. - The colonial office here has received a dispatch from Sir Robert Llewellyn, governor of the Windward Islands, dated Kingston, St. Vincent, yesterday, in which the governor says that the Soufriere volcano, in the northwestern part of the Island of St. Vincent continued in activity. Earth shocks had occurred for a week past, but not actually in Kingston. On Wednesday a big cloud of steam hung over the Soufriere, and the inhabitants, who were greatly alarmed, were flocking to Chateau There were already 300 refugees there who were being fed by the authorities.

STORM OF STEAM, MUD AND FIRE Washingtan, D. C., May 9 .- The following cablegram has sist been received at the state department:

"Point a Pitre, May 9, 1902. - Secretary of State, Washington: At seven o'clock a.m. on the 4th inst., a storm of steam, mud and fire enveloped the city and community. Not more than twenty persons escaped with their Eighteen vessels were burned and sunk with all on board, including four American vessels and a steamer from Quebec, named Roraima. The United States consul and family are reported among the victims. A war vessel has come to Guadeloupe for provisions, and will leave at five tomorrova

-(Signed), Ayme, consul.' The state department has received dispatches from commercial houses in New York asking that a warship be sent at once to Martinique to ford relief. The matter is under consideration.

BEYOND HELP.

Paris, May 9 .- M. Bouguenot, a sugar planter of the Isle of Martinique, received a cable dispatch this morning from Fort de France, sent by the manager of the Francais factory, announcing that he had tried to reach St. Pierre, but found the coast covered with ashes and the town enveloped in

dust, and could not land." The colonial minister, M. Decrais, received at 6 o'clock this evening two lava.

p.m. and 10:30 p.m. yesterday. The earlier cable reported that the wires were broken between Fort de France and St. Pierre; but it was added, in view of the reports that the eruption of Mont Pelee had.

WIPED OUT THE TOWN of St. Pierre, all the boats available at Fort de France were dispatched to French nation. the assistance of the inhabitants of that place. The second dispatch confirmed the reports of the destruction of St. Pierre and its environs and shipping by a rain of fire, and said it was supposed that the whole population in deadly fear.
had been annihilated with the exception of a few injured persons rescued by the cruiser Suchet.

Immediately after the receipt of the was draped with crepe and hoisted at NEIGHBORING PARISHES DEVAS-

TATED. St. Thomas, D. W. I., May 9-9:30 a.m.-The French cruiser Suchet arrived at Pointe a Pitre, Island of gees. She confirmed the report that the town of St. Pierre, Martinique, was entirely destroyed at 8 o'clock on Thursday morning by a volcanic eruption. It is supposed that most of the inhabitants of St. Pierre were killed, that the neighboring parishes were

population of St. Pierre is without food or shelter. Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., May 7, UNDER A PALL OF DARKNESS. which arrived at St. Lucia this morning, reports having passed St. Pierre last night. The steamer was covered with ashes, though she was five miles trable darkness. A boat was sent in as near as possible to the shore, but not a living soul was seen ashore, only flames. The Quebec Steamship Company's steamer Roraima was seen to explode and disappear.

UNABLE TO ENTER THE TOWN. The commander of the Suchet reports that at 1 o'clock on Thursday, the entire town of St. Pierre was wrapped in flames. He endeavored to save about 30 persons, more or less burned, from the vessels in the harbor. His officers went ashore in small boats seeking for survivors, but were unable to Dominica encountered a quantity to penetrate the town. They saw heaps of bodies upon the wharves, and one at Hastings and Another at Marshit is believed that not a single person resident in St. Pierre at the moment of the catastrophe escaped. The govably perished. The extent of the catastrophe cannot be imagined.

The captain of the British steamer Roddam was very seriously injured, and is now in the hospital at St. volcanic disturbance in Martinique. Lucia. All of his officers and engineers are dead or dying. Nearly every member of the crew is dead. Supercargo Campbell and ten of the crew of the Roddam jumped overboard at St. Pierre and were lost.

> BURIED IN ASHES. London, May 10 .- A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Kingston, Jamaica, after giving the details of the Martinique disaster already known, says: "Thousands were killed at St. Pierre, where a terrible panic prevailed. The eruption began Saturday, May 3, when St. Pierre was covered with ashes, and appeared to be enveloped in fog. The flow of lava continued until Wednesday, May 7. "In the Island of The message adds: St. Vincent the Soufriere is active and

earthquakes are frequent, but so far, no damage has been done.' In response to the request of Governor Llewellyn, of the Windward Islands, the British second-class cruiser Indefatigable has been dispatched stock. from the Island of Trinidad to the Gran

Island of St. Vincent by way of St. A Bridgeport, Island of Barbadoes, laghan, Toronto. dispatch says: "Dust from the erup-tion in the Island of St. Vincent is still falling here. The housetops are covered an inch thick."

MOLTEN LAVA HAD A SWEEP OF FOUR MILES. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pointe a Pitre, Island of Guadeloupe, dated yesterday, says the Monte Pelee crater ejected Friday morning molten rocks and ashes during three minutes, and completely destroyed St. Pierre and the districts within a four-mile radius. All the inhabitants were burned. About eight passengers from the Roraima, of the Quebec Steamship Line, were saved by the French cruiser Suchet. The inhabitants of the southern districts of the island, who were dependent

upon St. Pierre for provisions, are

menaced by famine. · "GLIMPSES OF HELL. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Jamaica says: "The first intimation of a disaster at Martinique was the breaking of the cables on Tuesday. The French cable to Martinique from Puerto Plata was broken Wednesday. communication with all the northern island is stopped. The survivors of the British steamer Roddam describe the scene at St. Pierre as being 'glimpses of hell.' The Roddam's nien were killed chiefly by molten lava. The Roraima was wrecked in a terrible upheaval of land and sea. The cablegrams from the secretary-general terrible upheaval of land and sea. The live is bounded on three sides by the tirely at risk of the purchasers since water and on the fourth by a wire en- , Jan. 1, 1901, agree, until the completion

COMPARABLE TO POMPEII. London, May 10 .- All the newspapers catastrophe, which they say, for its suddenness and magnitude, is only comparable with that of Pompeii, and they extend deep sympathy to the

Owing to the cable break-down in the West Indies no details of the disaster at Martinique have yet been received here. The available dispatches from the West Indies represent the inhabitants of the other islands as being

NO EARTHQUAKE. Prof. John Milne, the seismologist, in an interview published in the Daily above the flag over the colonial office | Express, declares that his seismic instruments have recorded no disturbance, and that they would almost in-evitably have done so had serious earthquakes occurred.

NO AMERICANS THERE. Portland, Maine, May 9.-News the catastrophe at St. Pierre was of said to be the only New England business house with an office at St. Pierre. Besides dealing in northern lumber, the Hamlens are interested in the sugar industry there, and hold considerable property. Their loss will be heavy. J. C. Hamlen, the junior member of the firm, says that there were no New England people at the island connected with the business, and he believes that none but natives were killed. Mr. Hamlen is also of the opinion that no New England or Am-The British Royal Mail steamer Esk, erican vessels were in port, as the season for shipping lumber, ice and coal is over.

COAL FOUND!

While Boring for Water at Portage La Prairie.

Wininpeg, Man., May 9 .- The government well-boring machine, while boring for water at Portage la Prairie, struck a bed of coal at a depth of 138 feet. An examination will be made to see if the deposit is of commercial value.

TWO DROWNINGS

ville, Ont.

Hastings, Ont. May 9.-Richard King, farmer, of Perry township, was acci-entally drowned here late last night. King had been running an engine was being used to pump out the locks where new gates are being put in. It is supposed that the man fell from a high plank when walking across to the redge Trent.

Marshall, Ont., May 9.—The body of
V. S. Reid was found last night in a

eek near here, which acts as a feeder to the Welland Canal. He had been em-ployed as a drygoods clerk in a Hamilton

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN

Grand Commandery of Ontario Elects Its Officers

Toronto, May 9 .- The Grand Commandery of the Knights of St. John of Ontario, in annual convention here, has elected officers as follows:

Grand President-Sir Knight John P. McCarthy, Toronto. First Vice-President-Sir Grand Knight Joseph Kelz, Toronto. Grand Second Vice-President—Sir Knight Terence O'Laughlin, Wood-

Grand Secretary-Sir Knight W. J. Dillon, Toronto. Supreme Treasurer-Bro. Tncs. Cal-

THE BOER PRISONERS IN BERMUDA ISLANDS

Are Divided Into Two Parties-How They Spend Their Spare Time.

The "great sound," in which are the islands now transformed into prisons for Boers captured in South Africa, is a partially landlocked sheet of water of an area of some four square miles, at the entrance of Hamilton Harbor, Bermudas, and is dotted with many islands, varying in size from a few rods to 30 or 40 acres. The larger ones-Darrell's, Burt's, Tucker's, Morgan's, Hawkins', Port's and Hinson's -are now thickly peopled by 4,000 livered by Dec. 31, 1902. The exclusion burghers and troops guarding them. equal parts, separated from each other a double line of barbed-wire fencing. On one side of this fencing were to be stationed the prisoners and on the other their khaki-clad guards. There are no rivers or natural

springs in Bermuda and the inhabit-

their fresh water on the rainfall and

The laager in which the prisoners

condensed sea water.

are absolutely dependent for

sleep in the regulation army bell tents, six men to a tent. These are provided with wooden floors and are the same in every respect as those issued to the ways by the prisoners. Some work at wood and stone carving, others attend the camp school, while others play cricket, tennis, ping-pong, football or

other games. In warm weather nearly everyone plunges into the clear water that washes the shore of the laager and has a swim-thus proving that the Boer

does bathe.

once. There is a large staff of doctors, medical corps officers and men on this island. A surgeon from the here express the greatest horror of the United States who visited the hospitals a few weeks ago stated that he was satisfied that the patients had all comforts and appointments that could be

Among the Boers are two distinct parties, one for peace, the other for a continuation of the war; the peace party, consisting largely of those who or were before the war began, men of substance, are aware that continued resistance means only a longer exile for them, and are most anxious for an understanding to be arrived at. Opposed to these are the "irreconcil-

One cannot help sincerely pitying these burghers, but the feeling arises solely from considering the fact that they are thousands of miles from their homes, many of them not knowing the whereabouts of those nearest and dearest to them, and many other ruined by the war.—Collier's Weekly.

FOUR LINES IN THE POOL

The Big Steamer Trust Has \$120,000,000 Capital.

Provisional Agreements of the Companies in the Combine.

The Arrangement to Hold for Fourteen Years—The Morgans Get a

London, May 9. - The Associated Press has secured copies of the shipping combine agreements. They are called "provisional agreements for the purpose of acquisition on or before Dec. 31, 1902, of the White Star, Dominion, American and Atlantic Transport lines, to be organized under the direction of the vendors to the satisfaction of the bankers, namely, the Morgans, under the laws of the State of New York or such other state as shall be selected. The vendors, Ismay, Imrie & Co., Mills & Co. (Dominion Line), and Messrs. Widener, Griscom & Bernard Baker, receive as a consideration for all their capital stock \$120,0000000, of which \$60,000,000 is preferred stock, cumulative at 6 per cent, \$60,000,000 common stock, limited to 10 per cent, and also \$50,000,000 in collateral trust 4½ per cent debentures. lateral trust 41/2 per cent debentures.

The White Star Line's acquisition is antedated to Jan. 1, 1901, the combine or corporation, as it is termed, taking all the line's profits from that date. The White Star Line shares are exchanged on the basis of ten times the net profits made by that line in 1901. The arrangement made with the Dominion Line is similar to that made with the White Star Line, but on the

net profits for 1900. The American and Transport lines are lumped in one valuation at \$34.158.000. subject to \$19,686,000 of the American

Line's 5 per cent bonds. The Leland Line is valued at \$11,736, 000, based on the understanding that there are or will be outstanding \$4,-075,000 in 5 per cent preference shares and \$2,500,000 in 4 per cent debentures," which are not included in the purchase

price. METHOD OF PAYMENT. The method of payment is as follows: White Star Line, 25 per cent, cash, 75 per cent preferred at par, and 371/2 per cent of the total amount in common

at par. The Dominion Line payment is exactly the same, and the American Transport lines get between them \$18,-314,000 in preferred, \$915,700 in common, \$15,844,000 in eash, and such further cash as may be required, at a rate

not exceeding 6 per cent. The Leyland Line gets \$11,736,000 cash and the remainder in capital stock, and the bonds to go to the vendors, who, however, contribute to the operation as working capital \$786,000 in preferred, and \$6.643,000 in common stock, and are to transfer to the syndicate, if and when formed by the bankers, viz., the Morgans, for \$50,000,000 in cash, and in full payment for its services, the said \$50,000,000 in debentures, and also \$2,-500,000 in preferred and \$25,000,000 in common stock.

IMPORTANT PROVISIONS. It is provided that the corporation may take or decline to take any of the lines of which less than threefourths of their interest shall be deof one line does not affect the agree Each island was divided into two ment with the others. The vendors agree to use their best efforts to deliver the necessary three-fourths of their companies' stock.

The agreements would have been broken had not the Morgans formed the original syndicate of \$50,000,000 cash prior to April 30, 1902. All the purchase prices include the ships building. The White Star owners, though declaring that the line has been carried on entirely at risk of the purchasers since

tanglement separating it from the guards' laager. It comprises an area of about 20 or 30 acres, and within it are the tents, dining huts, school, recreation room and canteen of the pris- fixed by J. Pierpont Morgan, of the oners. No one in the laager is allowed city of New York.

to touch the wire fencing in peril of "THE COMPANY IS ENGLISH." being shot by the sentry on his beat between the laagers. The burghers The following important clause occurs at the end of the White Star "Inasmuch as the company is English, and domiciled in England, all questions concerning the sell-British army.

Leisure time is occupied in various contract shall be controlled or decided by English law."

The agreements cover many printed pages, and include intricate arrangements anent the White Star's affiliated interests, and minute directions regarding valuation. All questions, in case of dispute, are eventually to be decided by Price, Waterhouse & Co., the London accountants. Ismay, Imrie On Port's Island are the spacious & Co. bind themselves not to under-hospitals, built by the navy, and when a prisoner falls sick he is sent there at agreement the sellers promise to use the influence of their votes to cause the present directors to resign after the completion of the purchase. BUILDERS' AGREEMENT.

An additional paper, called a builders' agreement, is appended, in which the Morgans bind themselves to give Harland & Wolff all orders for new vessels and all heavy repairs that require to be done at a shipyard of the United Kingdom. Nothing herein conained, however, shall prevent the purchasers from placing orders for new steamers and repairs at shipyards in the United States.

In return, Harland & Wolff agree to build no ships for any other firms but those in the combine except the Hamburg-American Line, provided the orders of the combine keep the builders' works fully and continuously employ-

Harland & Wolff receive from the combine the cost of work, plus a commission on the cost price; in the case of new ships 5 per cent, new machinery in the old ships 10 per cent, and repairs 15 per cent. This agreement exends for ten years, and is only terninable thereafter by a five-year noice on either side.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Live Items Culled for Busy People's Information. During a severe thunderstorm at Sand-

wich West on Sunday night, the grocery store of J. Lamant was struck by light-ning and caught fire. The flames spread to a barn near by, and Lamant, in res-cuing his horse, was severely burned. The fire was extinguished before it had

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Canadian Household Supply Co., re-cently organized in Windsor for the man-ufacture of patented devices intended to economize household labor, the following were elected directors: Arch. McNee, Dr. J. Sampson, Duncan Dougall, Maj. Rothwell, Mayor Smythe and F. C. Sherman, the promoter of the enterprise. Voting took place at Stratford on Wednesday on a bylaw guaranteeing the bends of the Globe Wernicke Manufacturing Company for \$30,000 for twenty years, and granting exemption from general taxation. The majority in favor exseeded 222, the necessary two-thirds, only twenty votes being cast against it. The city will be secured by a mortgage on the property and plant, on which at least \$20,000 is to be expended, the bonds to be paid off in annual instalments.

Mrs. Catharine M. Fowler, who was the wife of Wm. Fowler, M.C.R. car department, and lived at 47 Ross street. St. Thomas, was as well as usual Tuesday. She had been around all day and in the evening was visited by her daughter, Mrs. W. Vosburgh. When Mr. Fowler returned about 9 p.m., he found Mrs. Fowler seated in a chair dead. Dr. McLarty was summoned and found that McLarty was summoned and found that the lady had been dead for some time. will be taken to Ingersoll for interment.

The following is the standing of the pupils of Evelyn public school for the month of April: Senior IV. Class—Roy McMartin, Cora McMartin, Ethel Annett, David Barber. Junior IV. Class—Ina Lackey, Mary Houlton Robbie Mullis, James Douglas, Fred. Tomlinson. Senior III. Class—Ella Tomlinson and Lloyde George (equal), Pearl Foster Vera McMartin. Junior III. Class—Matthew Barber, Nellie Mullis, Gordon George, Eddie Douglas. Second Class—Fred Houlton, Silver Rawlings, Mabel Rawlings. Part The following is the standing of the Douglas. Second Class—Fred Houlton, Silver Rawlings, Mabel Rawlings. Part II.—Harold George, Joe Mullis Grace Tomlinson, Louisa Scott. Part I., B.— Nellie Henshaw, Percy Foster Glen Houlton, Howard Douglas, Nettie Hen-shaw, Verna Henshaw. Part I., A.— Wasloy Shannon, Annie Shannon Houlton, Howard Douglas, Netti shaw, Verna Henshaw. Part Wesley Shannon, Annie Shannon

Public Library Additions.

Campbell-Superstitions of the Scottish Blatchley-Gleanings from Nature. Thompson-Diet in Relation to Age and

English—Photography for Naturalists. Dr. F. Hiller-Letters and Recollections Felix Mendelssohn. Matson-References for Literary Work-Mason-American Literature: A Laboratory Method.

Moore-Sister Teresa. Church—Dante, and Other Essays.

Birrell—Essays and Addresses.

Lucas — History of Canada (New Lucas — History of Canada (New France). Part I.
Bosworth—History of Montreal (Hochelaga Depicta).
Phillips—Modern Europe, 1815-1899.
Funck—Brentano—Legends of the Bas-

Hannay-The War of 1812. Colquhoun—The Mastery of the Pacific. Brunt—The Regal Armorie of Great Britain. From the time of the ancient Britain. From the time of the ancient Britons to the reign of Queen Victoria. Mahan—Types of Naval Officers Drawn from the history of the British navy. Andrew Lang—The Mystery of Mary

Rene Vallery-Radot-Life of Louis Pasteur. Two volumes.

Baum—The Master-Key.

Bignell—Mr. Chupes and Miss Jenny

Wo Robins.
Channing—Winifred West.
French—The Junior Cup.
Hall—The Golden Arrow.
Hewett—The Open-Air Boy.
Marsh—Robin Hood.
Morris—Tales of the Spanish Main.
Munroe—The Belt of the Seven Totems.

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ALL SORTS

Gossip of General Interest Apropos of Various Ontario Pastimes.

Former Eastern League baseball players are making good in the National and American Leagues this

Two weeks from today the lacrosse get a line on the local team when they meet Paris. Western Ontario promises to have a boom in lacrosse this year, and some good contests are assured.

In securing "Cory" Hess, of Cornwall, Woodstock will have one of the a great name for himself in the factory town, and though not the gentlest of players, Hess is always to be found on the spot when a hot shot comes towards his goal.

Jack Kearns, of last year's Orangeville team, will be seen in the flags this year for the Tecumsehs, if rumor

The Toronto Lacrosse Club plays the North of England team today at Falowfield, Manchester. The Canadian team has won eleven games so far in a very easy manner, and has four games yet to play. Next week the team goes to Ireland, and on May 21 will sail for home from Liverpool.

Early morning trials are in order at the Woodbine track, Toronto, these cord for hauling hogs to the Oval." days, and trainers are busy getting the candidates in shape for the King's Plate. The feature of the week has decided success as a manager. He has by Higgins, of Prescott. A big cut has been made in the price of this horse in the winter books, but speculation this week has been light on the Canadian classic. The Seagram and

The New York Sun says: A lot of interest is being taken by the local sports in the coming encounter for the lightweight championship between Frank Erne and Joe Gans. The pair are to box twenty founds next Monday night before the International A. Fort Erie. The weight is 138 pounds. to 90, and a lot of money is being wagered on his chances. The result of the battle will mean considerable to the winner, for the lucky man will get a chance of going to England to meet Pat Daly before the National Sporting Club, London. Erne has already signed articles to face Daly, but if he is whipped Gans will be substituted.

As was generally expected, the race is proving more interesting in the American League than in the National. Pittsburg was greatly conceded before the season opened to be an easy winner of the National pennant, and, despite the fact that New York, Chicago and Boston are showing up unexpectedly well, there is no reason to believe that the champions will not make a runaway race for the flag. It has a seasoned team, with an exceptional corps of pitchers, and will play better ball as the season advances.

In the American League, the clubs that were thought to be the strongest are at present in the second division. Critics argued that Chicago, Boston, Baltimore and the Athletics before crippled by the supreme court decision were the strongest clubs in the circuit. Not one of these teams has made the showing expected. There is no reason, however, to believe that they will drag along in the second division. Chicago, Boston and Baltimore are all composed of seasoned, experienced players, and each carries a strong staff of pitchers, and there is not much doubt that with the advent of warmer weather they will strike their true playing form and rapidly forge to the front. All three should finish in the first division.

A new colored cycling star has appeared and the bicycle riders must shortly decide what they will do about him. Woodie Hedspeth is the name of the new racer, and his home is at Indianapolis. In size and general style, and in his position on a wheel, the new colored wonder resembles Major Taylor to a marked degree. In fact, riders who competed against him in the middle west last season believe he will one day beat the Major, providing he is well handled.

Hedspeth is already a registered rider. The union men declared when they reinstated Major Taylor under pressure that they would compete against no other colored man, and they were practically assured by the board of control that they would not be called upon to do so. But unknown to themselves Hedspeth was registered. and should he decide to come east the matter must be settled between the union and the board of control. His ability will probably have a great deal to do with the matter.

It's dollars to doughnuts that Kid McCoy has had many occasions to re-

*********************** Today will see the opening of the City gret his lay-down to Jim Corbett since Baseball League, and from the inter-est already manifeste in the practices Square Garden, Aug. 30, 1900. No matand make-up of the teams, large ter how much money that performance crowds should turn out at Tecumseh put in his pocket, McCoy has been a Park. London has always shown a big loser by it, and will continue to decided partiality to baseball, and with good, keen contests this interest will be kept alive this summer. Just a word to the players and clubs, before the season advances. Do not spoil planned to rob the public, but their your games by uscless kicking at the triends as well, by inducing them to umpire. Play the game for all it is make bets on the result, well knowing worth, and if you get the worst of a all the time that there could be but decision grin and bear it. Avoid protests in the committee room wherever still willing to bet that Corbett can prove the committee room wherever still willing to bet that Corbett can possible. To win a game by protest whip McCoy in an honest fight, alonly stirs up friction and endangers though the great majority of ring followers believe that the elusive one vould be the better man in a finish fight, but it is hardly probable that the greatest punger in the land would care to bet a shoestring on the result of the second meeting between the two for fear of a double cross. A man who would sell himself as McCoy did that night is not to be trusted. It is a great season will really open. London en- pity, for the Hoosier boxer had made thusiasts will then have a chance to many friends by his superb work in the ring. He should now be in the very height of his popularity, and at his very best as a fighter. He is 29 years old and bigger and stronger than ever. He has long since abandoned all claim to any title to middleweight honors, and his appearance explains this. He certainly weighed close to upward of best goal-keepers in Canada. He made 175 pounds in the ring recently, and could hardly be at his best less than 170

> A cab driver in Worcester called the turn of Muggsy McGraw a couple of weeks ago when the Orioles were playing there. Muggsy had secured a 'bus to take his team to the grounds. He continually urged the driver to whip up his horses, but as there seemed to be plenty of time the driver jogged along easily. The players also took a turn at the jehu. On arriving at the grounds Muggsy said to the driver: "You will never amount to anything more than a driver. You will always be a driver, and in your old days you will only be able to tell of the crowds you hauled about the town." "Perhaps so," replied the driver, "but I'll never forget this day, when I broke the re-

Tom Sharkey doesn't seem to be a been a fast trial by Cardigan, owned matched and rematched his little protege. Dave Sullivan, for a contest with Young Corbett. Tom's visions of the little fellow's prowess seems to be affected by the breakfast he has taken. Dave is so mixed up he doesn't know whether he is a ping-pong player, a ball in a hash factory, or a "dead one."

The impression prevails that lanky Bob Fitzsimmons is the tallest of the heavyweight fighters, and perhaps that is due to the fact that the word "lanky" has in this instance been incorrectly used in referring to height. In reality there are several of the Erne has been made the favorite at 100 heavy ones who are taller than

> Gus Ruhlin towers over both Fitzsimmons and Jeffries in size. The Akron giant is the tallest man in the fighting business today. Big Ed Dunkhorst might give Gus a run for the money, but Ed is out of the game, and Gus has a clear field. Ruhlin's height is 6 feet 2 inches. Jeffries is just half an inch smaller than the Akron man. James J. Corbett is half an inch smaller than the present champion. Jeff's height is 6 feet 11/2 inches, while Corbett, the last time he was measured, was exactly 6 feet 1 inch. Joe Walcott, although not a heavyweight, has fought in the heavyweight class, and is therefore smallest man who ever spired for honors among the big fellows. Walcott measures but 5 feet 11/2 inches.Jim Hall and Joe Goddard both stripped over 6 feet when they were actively engaged in the boxing game. The measurements of the present day heavyweights and a few of those who figured in the ring during the last five years

are given below:			
Jim Jeffries	6 feet	11/2	inche
Rob Witgsimmons	o reet	1174	Inche
Tom Sharkey	o reet	074	Inche
Tim Corbett	o reet	1	HILCH
Dotor Mohor	o reet	1104	mene
Mika Conley	o reet	1074	mene
Que Ruhlin	oreer	-	HIGHE
Kid McCov	o reer	11	mene
John T. Sullivan	5 feet	101/2	inche
Evenly Craig	5 feet	1034	inche
Too Chowneki	o reet	1072	HILCHE
Steve O'Donnell	o reer	172	111/ 716
Tim Hall	o reer	172	THETH
Taka Kiirain	preer	1072	THEM
Charley Mitchell	a reer	3	THEIR
Coores Dowson	DIEGI	6 7/9	THETH
Alex Greggins	o reet	7/2	IIICII
Took McAuline	o reer	0	TILCII
Joe Goddard	6 feet	0	inch

FRANK DELMAR.

A QUEER RELIGION.

Horrible deeds are perpetrated in some countries in the name of religion. To those whose wanderings in foreign countries have not brought them into contact with some of these scenes, it is almost incredible that such ceremonies should be allowed to take place.

A religious rite, a "Shoura." as it is termed by the natives, recently took place in the town of Tabriz, in Persia. is an interesting ceremony, but at the same time it is horrible to watch. It is not an exceptionally rare occurrence. In a picture made by an artist who saw the ceremony may be seen a number of men standing with bare backs striking themselves with iron chains. This they continued to do until the word to cease was given. On their retirement about twenty men all clad in white with unsheathed swords, formed up in line. At a given signal they commenced inflicting deep cuts on their heads in the most frantic manner, not taking the slightest notice of their wounds or the blood trickling down the white garments. This extraordinary procedure continued until they were obliged to give in through falling strength. Some got over-excited and had to be stopped by force to prevent them taking their lives.

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