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SCAMMELL'S.

"PACKY" McFARLAND DEFEATS JIMMY BRITT

Knockout Blows Came in Sixth Round of One-Sided Fight

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., April 11. "Packy" McFarland, the Chicago lightweight, today whipped "Jimmy" Britt in the sixth round of a 20-round fight at Colma. Britt was knocked to the floor three times in the fifth and sixth rounds by powerful right hand blows on the point of the jaw. He took the count of nine twice in the sixth, and after the time keeper had counted five on the third fall, Britt's father jumped into the ring and waved McFarland away.

McFarland outclassed Britt from start to finish.

Britt did not seem to gauge his blows and displayed much weakness in the clinches and close fighting.

McFarland, on the other hand, had remarkable speed, his judgment of distance was good, and he displayed great punching power.

In the first and second rounds McFarland outboxed, outpunched and outgeneralled his opponent. During the third, fourth and fifth rounds McFarland administered a succession of powerful right hand jolts on Britt's jaw. Toward the close of the fifth round a right hand blow to the jaw sent Britt to the mat, and only the timely clang of the gong saved him from being counted out.

In the sixth round McFarland struck Britt on the point of the chin and the latter fell like a log. At the count of nine he struggled to his feet, but McFarland was right after him, and an other right to the same place sent the Californian down. Up he got again, only once more to be sent down. It was then that the elder Britt stepped into the ring and acknowledged defeat.

After the fight Britt said:

"I was clearly beaten. This is the last time I ever will box in a prize ring."

ROUGH TRIP FROM HALIFAX HERE

The Allan S. S. Tunisian, from Liverpool via Halifax, docked at No. 1 berth, Sand Point, at seven o'clock last evening. The Tunisian brought 253 passengers to St. John out of the twelve hundred and odd that sailed from Liverpool. The others were landed at Halifax. Of those landed here one was saloon, one hundred and fifty-five second cabin and ninety-seven steerage.

The Tunisian had a rough passage from Halifax to this port. On Saturday and Sunday morning the wind was particularly strong.

The S. S. Sobo, from Bermuda and the West Indies, docked last night at 6.30 o'clock. The Sobo had on board eighty-two passengers. Among this number were Commander A. C. Darley and Commander W. H. James of the Royal Navy. Comander James is accompanied by his wife and two daughters. There was also on board the Sobo a party of soldiers and naval artificers on their way to Great Britain. They will sail on the Empress of Britain on Friday.

On Saturday night a concert in aid of the St. John Seamen's Institute was held on the Sobo. At this affair an address was presented to Capt. Bridget and the officers.

HOUSE ROOFS IN THE ORIENT.

Eastern roofs are generally flat for comfort during the summer season. The roofs of houses in the east are often used as outdoor gardens. The Greeks give the roof a slight elevation in the middle. The Romans increased it to one-fifth of the span. The high pointed roofs of modern times are of German origin.

GOLDEN RULE LODGE CELEBRATES

Other Oddfellows Joined With Them

Eloquent Sermon by Rev. Gordon Dickie on the Golden Rule

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 46, Independent Order of Oddfellows, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary yesterday afternoon by attending divine service at the Carleton Presbyterian church, where Rev. Gordon Dickie, pastor of St. Stephen's church, preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. Rev. H. R. Read, pastor of the Carleton church, assisted in the service.

The Carleton Cornet band played the Oddfellows to and from the church. Members from all the city Oddfellows' lodges were in attendance, and the parade had an excellent appearance. The high wind that prevailed yesterday afternoon made the weather rather disagreeable, but still large numbers of spectators watched the procession and the church was filled by a large congregation.

Rev. Gordon Dickie took as the subject of his sermon. The Golden Rule as found in the gospel according to St. Matthew: "Whatsoever ye would men should do unto you, do ye also unto them."

The golden rule, said Mr. Dickie, did not originate in the teachings of Christ. It contained a very old principle, one that had existed early in the history of the human race. Confucius had urged his disciples to live according to this rule. Buddism taught the same thing, and the Old Testament writers had advanced a doctrine very similar. Christ, however, was the first of the world's great teachers to express this principle in a posittive manner. Confucius and the others had urged their followers not to do unto their neighbor what they would not have him do to them. Christ taught not only to abstain from evil, but also to do good to one's neighbor.

The founder of the Christian faith did more than urge others to follow His teachings. He put them into practice. His whole life was a series of instances of practice of the golden rule. By living a life of this kind Christ made it easier for His followers to do the same.

The practice of the golden rule was the great basic principle of Oddfellowship. To properly live according to this principle it was necessary to get out of oneself, to consider oneself from an objective and not a subjective point of view.

"Put yourself in your neighbor's place, and in that way test each one of your acts."

Of late years, said the preacher, the Gospel and business had been separated. In consequence the golden rule was regarded as good religion, but poor business. "Everyone has his own row," seemed to be the maxim of the day.

Oddfellows were bound to live up to the golden rule and live up to it in every walk of life.

"Your life may not have been marked by any great event, but if you have been conscientious you have been successful. The secret of success is the ability to stick at a thing."

"Friendship and love" were the two great principles that Confucius thought were contained in the golden rule. Had he added truth his maxim would have been complete.

LUXURIOUS TRAVELING.

French Railway Company Inaugurates An Up-to-Date System.

Paris, April 11.—The Orleans Railway Company inaugurated yesterday a new train de luxe, consisting of six new cars each seventy feet long, or six feet longer than any cars now in use on the French lines, and mounted on bogies with triple axletrees, giving great smoothness in running.

There are two smoking cars furnished with writing tables, and newspapers and periodicals. In each is a news board on which are filed the latest bulletins from the Havas Agency, at each stopping place. Adjoining the two "smokers" is a "library" car, with several hundred volumes, reading tables and easy chairs, for reading. There is an electric pushbell at each chair to enable the occupier to call the attendant.

A DOGGEREL.

She called her littit doggie Birch
Whene'er she called him in,
You see, she called him Birch because
His bark was very thin.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ENGAGEMENTS MUST AFTER EASTER BE IN WRITING

The Document Must be Signed by Both Parties and by the Pastor, Bishop or Two Witnesses—Recent Papal Decree on Marriage Read at Catholic Churches of Diocese Yesterday.

The following circular addressed to the priests of the diocese of St. John was yesterday read in the cathedral and all the Catholic churches of the city and diocese:

Reverend Dear Father:

As you are already aware, the recent papal decree "Ne temere," enacts new legislation in regard to marriage, which will go into effect on Easter Sunday of this year. The decree has been already sent you which should be read and fully explained to the people, in order to obviate the serious difficulties and disadvantages that would follow from an invalid marriage. To accomplish this necessary work fully, it may be required to explain the sections in a series of instructions on the subject of marriage.

Special attention is called to the following points of the new legislation:

1. The law binds those who have been baptized in the Catholic church, whether in infancy or later by conversion, even though they should afterwards have fallen away from the church.

2. The law binds all those persons even when they make engagements or contract marriages with non-Catholics.

It must be particularly noted that no matrimonial engagement will henceforth be valid or binding except under the following conditions:

(a) The engagement must be in writing and signed by both parties.

(b) It must also be signed by the pastor, or bishop of the place where the contract is made, or else by two witnesses.

(c) If either or both of the contracting parties cannot write, this fact should be stated in the contract, and a third person must also sign the document besides the pastor, bishop, or two witnesses.

Concerning marriages, it is necessary to distinguish between those things that are required for the validity and those required for the lawfulness of the marriage contract.

1. In order that the marriage contract may be valid and binding, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

(a) The marriage must be contracted in the presence of the parish-priest or bishop of the diocese where the marriage takes place, or else in the presence of a priest who has been appointed by either to perform the ceremony.

There must be no compulsion or force exercised on the clergyman to induce him to assist the ceremony, and he must ask and receive the matrimonial consent of both parties.

(b) Besides the clergyman there must be at least two witnesses to the marriage ceremony.

Very serious consequences—following on an invalid marriage—will result from the non-observance of any of the conditions mentioned in this article. The marriage of Catholics, contracted before a priest outside his own parish limits, unless he has the permission of the parish-priest, by a minister, or a magistrate, or other civic officer, or a marriage contracted without two witnesses, is invalid and is no marriage at all. This is also true of mixed marriages.

2. It is on the conscience of the pastor to make every provision that marriages within the limits of his parish be licit as well as valid, and, in order to their lawfulness, the following prescriptions are to be observed:

(a) The pastor must be satisfied in conscience that the parties are free from every canonical impediment to marriage, and, if they are strangers, they must have testimonial letters liberi status.

(b) He can perform the ceremony for his own parishioners only, or such as have acquired a domicile by at least one month's residence within the limits of his parish.

(c) Should strangers present themselves, those, viz., who are neither parishioners nor have lived one month in the parish, the pastor is obliged to secure the permission, and that explicit, of the pastor or bishop of the bride; and if there be substantial reason why this should not be done, the permission of the groom's pastor or bishop should be obtained. While grave reasons may excuse from either of these obligations, the priest should in this case consult his own bishop before the ceremony.

(d) As has been the custom generally in this diocese, marriage should also in the future be contracted before the pastor of the bride.

(e) In case strangers should present themselves for marriage in this diocese, no priest should presume to assist at such ceremony without having obtained permission from the bishop, unless delay should be evidently inadvisable by reason of some urgent necessity.

Two exceptional cases are mentioned in the decree, for which provision is made, should they, perchance, arise:

1. In imminent danger of death, if neither the pastor nor the bishop can be had, and the deathbed marriage be necessary to ease conscience or legitimatize children, marriage may be contracted before any priest and two witnesses.

2. If neither the bishop nor the pastor can be had, and if this difficulty should last for a month in any district, marriage may be validly and licitly contracted by formal declaration of consent made by the parties before two witnesses, no priest assisting.

The proper keeping of the marriage records according to the new legislation is a very serious matter, and obliges the pastor sub gravi to attend to the proper registry of the marriage in every particular case. A single culpable omission of this duty constitutes grave matter.

1. This duty devolves on the pastor, even when another priest, or priest of another parish, officiates in his parish, and should be attended to at once after the ceremony. The entry should contain the date, the names of the contracting parties, of the witnesses, of the officiating priest; also a marginal note of any dispensation obtained and executed: as well as a statement that the marriage record was transferred to the place of baptism of each party.

2. Another and altogether new obligation is imposed on the pastor by the recent legislation—of recording in the baptismal registry the fact of the marriage of every person who had been baptized in his parish, as also of sending a copy of any marriage of strangers or parties who had been born outside of his parish to the parish-priest of their birthplace. Hence it is evident that there is an obligation on the pastor to inquire where and when each of the parties was baptized.

As it is evident that serious obligations and duties are imposed on the priests by the new legislation, the people are earnestly requested to be reasonable in their demands on their pastor, to give him timely notice of intended marriages, and to assist him in every way possible to acquire all necessary information concerning possible impediments, and of place of birth and baptism. Inasmuch as possible parties intending marriage, when they come from outside or foreign countries, should procure baptismal certificates before marriage, and thus render easy and feasible the obligation of the priests to transmit copies of the marriage records to their proper destination. It will also facilitate matters, if parties intending marriage should enter into communication in good time with the pastor of the district where the bride resides.

From the context of the decree, as well as from the explicit statements of this circular, it is abundantly evident that the church, considering marriage as a sacrament, is legislating for the protection of her own children only, and has no desire or intention of interfering with the marriage of non-Catholics among themselves, whether they be baptized or not.

To remove dangers and doubts concerning the validity of marriage for want of proper jurisdiction, the bishop of this diocese hereby declares that all priests doing parochial work in the diocese, whether in charge or assistants, are parish-priests in ordine ad matrimonium.

Kindly read and explain this letter as fully and clearly as possible to all your people at your earliest convenience, so that they may be spared the grave and serious evils and disadvantages of invalid or doubtfully valid marriages.

Further details have been, and are still, appearing in the columns of the New Freeman, which paper, it is hoped, is already entering most of the Catholic families of the diocese.

While we have every reason to be grateful to God that there is in our country no perceptible trace of the errors condemned by our holy father in the recent syllabus and the encyclical on modernism, yet, to guard against the danger of such incursions, we cheerfully obey the prescriptions made by the pontiff in regard to diocesan censors and a council of vigilance. The duty of the censors shall be to examine the various publications circulating among the people, and that of the council of vigilance to inquire into the doctrines taught or implied, in the effort to discover the first signs of contagion and to apply the proper remedies. For this purpose the Rev. A. J. O'Neill of Silver Falls and the Rev. D. LeBlanc of Shediac are hereby appointed censors for publications in the English and French languages respectively. As a council of vigilance, the Very Rev. W. F. Chapman, V. G., the Very Rev. J. Hebert, V. G., and the Rev. L. Guertin, superior of St. Joseph's College, and the Rev. A. W. Meahan, are hereby appointed; and rev. pastors of the diocese are requested to give every generous co-operation to these officers in the performance of their duties.

When, in addition to a high mass of requiem, there is required the funeral service, the ordinary stipend will be five dollars, which may be increased when extraordinary ceremonies are required and supplied.

Yours faithfully in Dno.,

T. CASEY,
Bishop of St. John.

A. W. MEAHAN, Secretary.
St. John, N. B., April 6, 1908.

FREE RIDES FOR CHINESE

Weird Fears of Electric Tram Among Celestials of Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, April 11—A great stir was caused today by the opening of a portion of the electric tramways here in the International Settlement.

Wild reports have for months past been circulated by the native press about the danger of the electric power. One statement made was that during thunderstorms thousands of people would be slain by the cars careering about at express speed. It was feared that the opening of the lines would start a riot.

The tramway authorities, however, offered free rides to the Chinese during several days' trial trips, and the idea was so great a success that the natives mobbed the cars for seats. Today the streets are lined with expectant crowds, who watch the cars with open-mouthed astonishment.

Each car has first and second-class compartments, in which the fares are about 1 penny and ½ penny per mile, respectively.

LOCAL NEWS

There's an art in washing and ironing; any housewife will tell you that. Ungar's Laundry people have acquired all the fine points.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Zion church will hold their Easter sale of useful and fancy articles in the school room on Tuesday, April 14th. Doors open at 2.30 p. m. Short programme in the evening. 9-4.

The best place to buy umbrellas is where they make, recover and repair them. Duval's 17 Waterloo street. 11-4.

Choice bananas, 5c. per dozen; 2 dozen for 25c.; red bananas, 25c. a dozen; choice potatoes, 15c. per peck; at The Two Barkers, 100 Princess St., 111 Brussels St. and 447 Main St. 11-4

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RESERVE SEATS.

The public are notified that thirty cts. tickets for the Johnson, McRaye Recital, on Tuesday, 14th inst., can be exchanged for reserve seats without extra charge. Apply on Monday and Tuesday afternoons at the box office of the Opera House.

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The sad tidings of the death of Rev. Geo. Churchill, Baptist missionary, has been received from Bobilli, his headquarters in India. His death was caused by blood poisoning in the knee, due to some cause unknown, and took place on March 14th. Mr. Churchill had been engaged in missionary work in Siam for three years prior to his taking up the work in India, where he has labored the past thirty-three years. He was born in Truro, N. S., and he leaves one daughter, Bessie, who will enter the missionary field next fall. He was one of the oldest Baptist missionaries in the service.

TRAINING NEXT KASIER

Released from Military Duties, the Crown Prince Applies Himself to Others

BERLIN, April 11.—The German Crown Prince is, at the present moment one of the most studious and industrious members of German society.

Since the Kaiser released him from his military duties, in order that he might familiarize himself with German administration, to prepare himself for his future role as ruler, he has divided his time equally between the Ministry of the Interior and the Charlottenburg Technical College.

Three days a week are devoted to a course of training at the ministry, and the remaining three days to technical education.

HIGH WIND PROBABLE CAUSE OF ELECTROCUTION

MALDEN, Mass., April 11.—The high wind of today is believed to have been responsible for the electrocution of Cornelius Carey, aged 44 years, a substitute trimmer for the Malden Electric Light Company. Carey was trimming the light on the corner of Highland avenue and Charles street. He had lowered the light to the ground, when he received a shock that caused his death a moment afterwards. It is believed that the high wind crossed the wires. A widow survives.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Merry Widow at Princess

Direct from a run of over two hundred nights in New York, the Merry Widow Opera Co. will open at the Princess Theatre this afternoon, where they will give their first performance at 2.30, and in the evening at 7.15. No light opera has ever made such a success on either continent as The Merry Widow, it having run to packed houses in Paris 300 nights, in London over 250 nights, while in Chicago and New York a run of 200 nights was made.

America, like Europe, has gone wild over this charming opera.

Some of the big song hits are "The Merry Widow Waltz," "The Silly Cavalier", "Maxim," Villa Song and "Musical Women."

The Merry Widow Waltz is one of the finest and most graceful dances seen, it is far out of the ordinary, nothing like it has ever been attempted before, and it is in reality one of the hits of the piece.

We advise our readers to if possible see the greatest of all international comic operas, the success of two continents, The Merry Widow, at the Princess Theatre, April 13 and 14. Along with the Opera there will be an illustrated solo by Mr. Sayce and also four of the latest motion photos.

Splendid Features at the Nickel

Seldom has it been possible to have four feature pictures in one programme, but that is the situation at the Nickel this week. They have been selected with mind of the season. "A Little Child Shall Lead Them," is a story that for moral effect is most valuable. "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," is also a strong temperance lesson, depicted with a vividness that is sure to influence the wayward to a better life. "Cider Making" is an industrial of most interesting material, giving wholesome out of door views during apple harvesting time. "Jim Gets a New Job' 'is a picture that bids to rival the "Runaway Horse." By special arrangement, and at a considerable cost, there has been obtained 100 hand-colored views of the Holy Land and Jerusalem. Some of these views are very rare, and all are of the highest value. Mr. James Maxwell will sing "The Holy City," to special illustrations. Miss Marjorie Davis will sing "The Rosary." Both songs to organ accompaniment.

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THE NICKEL
"For He's A Jolly Good Fellow"
Every fibre TEMPERANCE
Jim Gets A New Job
Rival of Runaway Horse
Miss Marjorie Davis,
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GEMS FOR THE MASSES.

Plea is Made for Cheaper Diamonds to End the Crisis.

JOHANNESBURG, April 11.—R. H. Henderson, ex-mayor of Kimberley, in a letter to the press on the diamond crisis, says that the policy outlined by Cecil Rhodes at the last meeting of the De Beers Company that he attended was the maintenance of a steady dividend of 40 per cent., and a fair price of 40 shillings per caret.

He points out that since then dividends have reached 55 per cent., while the price has almost doubled, thus limiting the sale to a wealthy few in America.

Mr. Henderson urges that the position could be saved by reducing the price of diamonds to bring them within the reach of the masses in Europe and America. This would lead to the employment of an increased number of whites, and would relieve the mining companies of any agreement with the buying syndicate.

HOME FOR FAMOUS PICTURES.

Erected by American Money, it May Become Palace of Art.

PARIS, April 11.—It is reported that Mme. Groult, widow of the well-known art collector, who died recently, some of whose pictures are worth great sums, is negotiating with the representatives of Bme. Anna Gould, ex-countess Boni de Castellane, for the purchase of the Petit Trianon, the palatial mansion erected with the Gould millions in the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne, modeled on the famous house at Versailles.

Should the mansion become Mme. Groult's property, it is believed to be her intention to transform it into an art gallery for the reception of the Groult pictures and hand it over to the State.