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ard. Once again there was nothing doing. Mitchell decided that he could do just as well by picking up some soft money around Milwaukee, and he was not pressed with Rickard's offer.

Then Willie Jackson was sought. Richard offered K. O. Willie \$25,000 to take on Leonard. And in spite of the fact that Jackson has been crying for a match with Leonard, Willie turned down the invitation to climb into the same ring with the champion.

Now it looks as though Joe Welling will be Leonard's next victim. Welling is not going to receive \$25,000 or \$30,000 for his end. It is understood he has been offered \$12,500, but he has agreed to meet the champion. This bout will be held in New York.

According to reports, Leonard has an agreement with Rickard for three bouts in New York, the opponents to be selected by the promoter.

The refusal of Tendler, Mitchell and Jackson to meet Leonard has caused considerable comment among fight followers.

A man well versed in the game in commenting stated to-day: "While it seems peculiar that boxers should turn down such big offers to meet Leonard, it's good judgement."

"Tendler has been crying for a match with Leonard for many years, but it's doubtful if the Philadelphia boy would be able to go the limit with the champion. When Benny wants to hit his opponent generally drops out of the picture."

"The same is true of Mitchell and Jackson. The former might last for five rounds, while the latter would be lucky to last three. They can pick up a lot of soft money against small town boxers. What's the use of taking one of Benny's right-hand shoots on the chin?"

And this is the way other prominent fight men regard the whole affair.

In Baghdad.

Though many travelers to Baghdad have found the city dull and uninteresting, I must confess that I found many places and things in the eastern part of it well worthy of examination. At first the bazaars seemed most unattractive, but as I made the acquaintance of one dealer here and another dealer there, I discovered that the shopkeepers did not put their best things on exhibition. I found that many of the shopkeepers were born collectors, and that they kept their good things hidden, and gloated over them in secret. "All Kurd," or "All the Kurd," as he was called, had a large stock of old Persian and Sassanian antiquities. When we became friends, and he took me to his house, he produced from holes in the walls and from little trap doors in the ground, and from a mysterious sardab, or underground cellar, into which he would not take me, such wonderful Indian and Persian enamelled gold necklaces, collars, armlets, anklets, pectorals, etc., that I was amazed. I had never seen so many or such beautiful things at one time, and in one place in all my life. He had several richly illuminated copies of the Kuran, and a great many MSS. which he described as priceless, and I knew just enough of such things at that time to feel that he was right. He would sell nothing merely for the sake of selling and making a profit, but when once he was convinced his customer understood and properly appreciated the object that he wished to buy, dealing with him was an easy matter.

In a similar manner the silk merchants and the goldworkers produced wonders of their respective crafts out of hidden places, which seemed to contain an inexhaustible supply of beautiful objects. A carpet merchant . . . produced for me some silk prayer carpets, not with a view to selling them, but merely to make one's "eyes weep tears of joy and gratitude." . . . He knew the age and pedigree of each, and I have never seen any like them except one. . . . The merchants who had the most tumbledown shops, and were poorest and raggedest gar-

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Funny Nelson Columns.

Thursday, Oct. 21 was "Trafalgar Day," and many thousands of patriotic Londoners paused and glanced upward at the decorated Nelson Column in Trafalgar Square, in silent homage to the memory of Britain's greatest seaman.

Few amongst them, however, could have any conception of how very different the famous square might have looked to-day, if some of the suggestions put forward as an alternative to the well-known column had materialized.

It was at one time seriously proposed, for example, to erect in the centre of the square a gigantic trident, with Nelson seated on top of the centre spike, and Collingwood and Benbow impaled on either side of him.

Another proposal was for a "monster telegraphic fountain," throwing a single jet of water one hundred feet into the air; and which, by means of a mechanical arrangement, should have gone on spilling out over and over again the famous signal, "England expects every man to do his duty," in a series of short and long watery spurts, corresponding to the dots and dashes of the Morse code.

Other suggestions embodied the taking to pieces of Nelson's flagship, Victory, and its re-erection in the square; the building of what have been in effect a forerunner of the Eiffel Tower; a hollow globe of huge dimensions, the interior to contain a museum of Nelson relics; and a bronze lion, four hundred feet long, with its mouth agape towards Whitehall and its tail waving wildly above the facade of the National Gallery.

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The Greatest Naval Battle.

(From the London Spectator.)

We trust that the Admiralty will reconsider its surprising and regrettable decision not to publish the official account of the Battle of Jutland, which a committee of naval officers has been compiling. Sir James Craig in the House of Commons recently made the excuse that an account based on British official evidence alone would be one-sided and that a forthcoming volume of Sir Julian Corbett's Naval History of the War would deal with the battle as illustrated by the official evidence. The excuse is wholly unconvincing. Sir Julian Corbett's views will be most interesting, but the country has a right to know what the Admiralty itself thinks about the battle, now that all the available facts are before it. The suggestion that the official account should be withheld in order not to compete with a semi-official publication, for which the Admiralty takes no responsibility, is untenable. If it be true that certain distinguished officers cannot agree as to what happened, they should all be given full opportunity to state their views in appendices to the Admiralty's account. The service will not gain by any attempt to suppress these differences of opinion about the greatest battle in its long history.

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Lightweights Not Disposed to Meet Bonny Leonard.

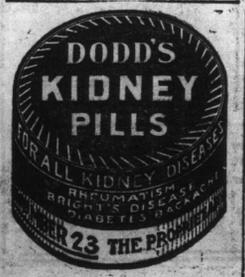
New York—Benny Leonard will not be forced to defend his title against any contenders at the present.

Lew Tendler of Philadelphia, Ritchie Mitchell of Milwaukee and Willie Jackson of New York are not excited over meeting the champion and have decided to pass up an opportunity to win Leonard's crown.

Lew Tendler was offered \$30,000 to meet Leonard in Madison Square Garden by Tex Rickard.

Nothing doing! Tendler demanded \$50,000. Of course this is impossible. Rickard could not offer the "Quaker" such money unless he could get Leonard to turn over his end. So this match went blotto!

Then Ditchie Mitchell of Milwaukee was offered \$12,500 to take on Leon-



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The extreme left wing in French politics shows no disposition to accept quietly the rebuke summarily administered to it in the elections of last November. Exponents of proletarian revolution continue with undiminished zeal their propaganda in behalf of the Bolshevizing of France. This camp of the Socialists is split into two

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camp, each miles apart from the other in the orientation of its political views, as disclosed in Socialist deliberations at Strasbourg and elsewhere. A majority of Socialists have gone on record as implacable foes of the spirit of social-revolution. A minority, turbulent and savage, have declared their intention of making common cause with Moscow Communism, and are resolved to do everything in their power to foment revolution in France in particular and throughout the world in general.—Boston Evening Transcript.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. A. E. Parsons and family wish to convey their sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. John Calver, Mrs. Rolla, Miss Louise Calver, Mr. and Mrs. James Ash, Miss Winnie Babcock, Miss Stella Brazil; also the Congressional Ladies' Aid for flowers to adorn the casket of the dear wife and mother; also the many kind friends for sympathy in their bereavement.—adv.

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