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TWO TITLES CHANGED HANDS **DURING YEAR JUST CLOSING**

Abe Attell and Ad Wolgast Put Into Discard-Johnny Cou-Ion Due For a Walloping-Jim Corbett Reviews the 1912 Boxing Situation.

By James J. Corbett.

Former Heavyweight Champion of the World.

(Written for The Sunday World.)

The year 1912 was harsh in its treatment of flattic champions. Two fittle holders were deprived of red with the popular in the popular was a new flooring opponents, or will be the popular was nown and marked signs of deterioration that wiseacree have him marked for of feet the next time he enters the ring in decidence of his title.

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The heavyweight situation is a most peculiar one. This has been brought about by the enforced retirement of Jack Johnson. The probability is Johnson will never again be seen in the ring. Certainly not in this country. No American promoter wou t have the cheek to try to form this objectionable character upon the public.

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The barring of a champlon puglish from competition creates a state of affairs hereofor unknown in the histor of the ring Time will bring about the solution and thru the medium of elimination contests a champlon worthy of the great honor will no doubt be eventually developed.

White Hopes Improving.

While the exclusion of Johnson from participation in the ring is releasing to all who have the interests of the sport at heart, the fight fans of the country have other causes for congratulation.

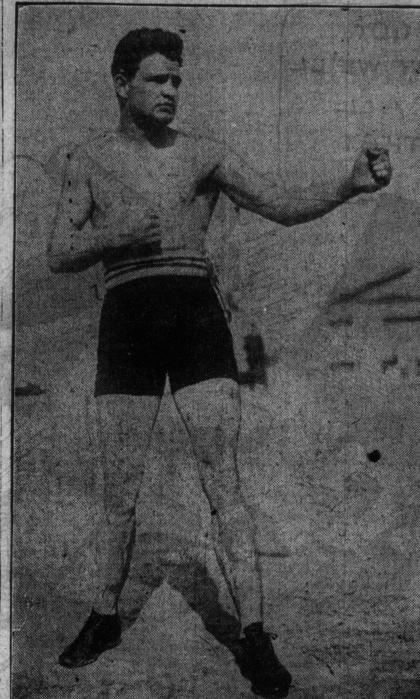
The marked improvement in the ranks of the white heavies during the past 11 months is most gratifying, and indicates that the time is not far off when a white man will again be in possession of the oveted title of champion. From more prospects" a few months ago several heavies have developed to the stage where they are, now reckoned as champlonship material, notably Palzer and McCarty, whose meeting next Wednesday is regarded as the most important heavyweight match since the Jeffries Johnson affair.

McCarty's defeat of Flynn was a victor of conjecture and Gibbons and McGoorty, when finally material, for the business of the was considered as a sort of stranged by the Ketchel standard. Billy approaching champlonship form, as measured by the Ketchel standard. Billy approaching champlonship form, as measured by the Ketchel standard. Billy approaching champlonship form, as measured by the Ketchel standard. Billy approaching champlonship form, as measured by the Ketchel standard. Billy approaching champlonship form, as measured by the Ketchel standard. Billy approaching champlonship form, as measured by the Ketchel standard. Billy approaching champlonship form, as measured by the Ketchel standard. Billy approaching champlonship form, as measured by the Ketchel standard. Billy approaching champlonship form, as measured by the Ketchel standard.

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New Year's Day.

BATTLES NEW YEAR'S DAY



Luther McCarty, who downed Jim Flynn, and who is favorite for the heavyweight battle with Al. Palzer on the coast.

PASTIMES OF A PRINCE

New Year's Day is to be marked in the railway development of Canada by the journey east of the first load of grain over the National Transcontinental. This grain train, which will embrace 20 vars, each carrying 35 tons, of fine Canadian wheat, will come in over the National Transcontinental to Cochrane. At that point it will travel via the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to North Bay, and from there by Grand Trunk to the Port Colborne grain elevators.

CITY CONDEMNS **DWELLING HOUSES**

Nearly Four Hundred Unfit For Habitation and a Great Many Were Demolished.

The health department has made a vigorous examination of the many unsanitary dwelling houses now in existence thruout the city, with the result that 390 were placarded as condemned. Of these 68 were demolished, 150 were vacated, 170 were renoved and ordering the conditions of the c vated and improved generally, while 87 are now being considered or other-wise dealt with by the health inspec-

TO GREET COOKE'S **NEW MINISTER**

Rev. John McNeill Will Be Inducted Next Thursday Evening-Reception Friday.

All arrangements have been com-pleted for the induction of Rev. John McNeill, pastor-elect of Cooke's Church, on Jan. 2. The new pastor was expected to arrive in New York on Saturday, and will probably preach in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. Dr. Jowett is the pastor, on Sunday. It is not de-finitely known when he will arrive in Toronto.

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els is (fficially estimated at the gigan-tic total of £12,000,000. It is generally accepted that there is far more bet-ting in England than in France, and,

accepted that there is far more betting in England than in France, and, it that be so, one cannot help wondering what is the amount of money employed in betting transactions in the course of a year's racing in England. The system is the only method of betting permissible in France, and the reason for its adoption appears to be that by its means it is possible to levy a toll in favor of several praiseworthy objects, on all who bet, and that by a very logical process of reasoning the French authorities argue: We do not approve of betting, but you will betten such a fashion that we can tax your betting operations. This is done by means of the pari-muutel, and the percentage levied on all transactions is divided in certain proportions between works of charity, the improvement of racing and racecourses, and above all, the encouragement of horse-breeding in France. Thus, out of the impost levied on the huge total already mentioned, £120,000 was allotted to the Government Stud Commission for the purpose of stallions likely to be of Government Stud Commission for the purpose of stallions likely to be of service to the cause of horse-breeding in France. Breeders in England receive neither recognition nor support from the nation. To those who are willing to read the writing on the walf.

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LONDON, Ont., Dec. 28.—Quick work by the C.P.R. Telegraph Co, saved the life of a little four-year-old visitor to this city on Christmas Day. The boy, with his mother, from Brooks, Alta, was at the residence of M. J. Kenny, when the little one drank the contents of a bottle of medicine which had been made up by a druggist at Brooks. To save the child's life it was necessary to learn the ingredients of the bottle, and at the doctor's request a message was rushed to the far western town and a reply received, in 40 minutes. It was learned that the medicine contained morphine, and working on this knowledge the doctor succeeded in saving the life of his little patient.

The time is not far distant when we shall suffer not only from a shortage of inform a shortage of inform a falling-off in the quality of horse brown a shortage of horses, but from a falling-off in the quality of what may be called horses for general purposes. In the enormous sums of money which annually change hands in betting transactions there is a hitherto untapped source of revenue to the state."

Stanley Gun Club.

The annual shoot, President vs. Vice-President, was well attended and the vice-president's team won by 14 targets, and will be given a support of horse-breeding at its proper level. Betting cannot be suppressed; men have wagered from time immemorial, and they will continue to do so until the crack of doom; but betting can be legalized, and in that lies the whole crux of the matter. With its legislation would disappear many of the undoubted evils which at present exist in connection with it, and upon the wisdom with which the shall suffer not only from a shortage of indicates.

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Ely, President, 41; Houghton, 42; Marsh, 42; Stevens, 44; G. Scheibe, 39; Douglas, 32; F. Scheibe, 39; Douglas, 32; F. Scheibe, 39; Douglas, 32; F. Schei



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