

News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

FITZ WAS AFRAID TO TAKE CHANCES

Of Agala Tasting the Bitter Pill of Defeat in the Ring

HE DECLINED EVERY OFFER.

and Had no Reasonable Excuse for Withdrawing out of Contest—Timothy Gossip on the Boxing Game.

The failure of Italy Robert Fitzsimmons to live up to his contract with Mike Schreck, and meet that hunky German in the roped arena on the night of July 2, and his sudden departure for the east, has been the sole topic for discussion in sporting circles during the week. Fight fans can talk of nothing else. There are a few who say they do not blame Fitz, but they admit that the point he raised was a technical one; sort of a haphazard stunt.

They admit that he should not have demanded the club's forfeit of \$2,000, until his forfeit of \$1,000 was up. Had Schreck made the same demand, it would not have looked so bad on Fitz's part. But the German had no kick to make. He said he came here to box, that's all.

Some of the most conservative sporting men of the city say that Fitz threw away the chance to get 75 per cent of a point \$20,000 by his wretched tactics—more money than he could make with his "Fight for Love" show in a season.

There are several things that entered into the cause of his going. In his training at Lagoon he discovered that he did not have the old time ginger and snap. Instead of building up, his strenuous work was tearing him down. Then he was constantly being told that Schreck was a tough customer, and that he would probably be beaten by the German. Then he sent a telegram to his wife and the message was not delivered. She said for Paris, and the old fellow was all broken up over it. He became irritable, and for a day or two let up materially on his work.

Then came Leon Freedman, who has been at the head of the Fitz show. He has made good money and wanted the show to go out again at once. He saw a good chance for his wretched tactics—more money than he could make with his "Fight for Love" show in a season.

The sore-topped warrior was offered all kinds of inducements to remain here. Freedman advised him not to. Responsible business men offered to post a forfeit of \$10,000 if Fitz would remain. The \$2,000 was ready to be posted at any time, but Fitz would have none of it.

His next excuse was that he did not like the management of the club. An offer was then made to take the fight off the club's hands and place it in the hands that Fitz once suggested. Then he had another excuse. He said he had to look after his show.

"What can you do with the show in three weeks?" was asked. "Well, I have other arrangements," he replied.

You mean that you are afraid my man will beat you?" said Hogan. "Well, 'e his a 'ard man," admitted Fitz. That ended it and Fitz, his lion, dog, Howard and Freedman hiked for the east.

Now, in view of all this, so say the majority of local ring followers, there is only one conclusion to arrive at. Fitz came here to meet Schreck, but got cold feet. No matter what he has been in the past, he was suddenly made to realize that he was all in and saw defeat staring him in the face. With defeat would come business reverses and he decided, when he saw the loop-hole, to crawl through it, and he did so. That eastern authority follows likewise in evidence from the scores of offers Hogan receives daily for Schreck.

The fight situation on the coast is muddled again. "Wally" Young writes of the future as follows:

Fitz caused it to be proclaimed early in the week that he is ready to meet any good man that the public wants him to meet. When the name of Battling Nelson was mentioned, however, he said that the time was not ripe for that show—that there are too many details to be considered, too much advertising to be sent broadcast—in a word, that the show is too big a thing to be put on next month.

"Later on I will attend to Mr. Battling Nelson," said Mr. Jimmy Britt. "I'll look it up with careful kindness upon meeting Bill Sullivan, and left

Smoking in a Powder Magazine. It is courted death more suddenly than not more surely than neglecting to take a powder. Police's Kidney Cure will cure a slight disorder in a few days and its continued use will cure the most stubborn cases. It has cured many people of Bright's disease and diabetes who were thought to be incurable. It cures kidney or bladder trouble, commencing taking Police's Kidney Cure today before it is too late. For sale by F. J. Hill Drug Co.

PORTLAND EXCURSIONS

Via Oregon Short Line.

Salt Lake to Portland and return (direct) \$31.50
Salt Lake to Portland and return (one way via San Francisco) \$42.50
Salt Lake to Portland and return (one way via Los Angeles) \$50.50
Tickets to Portland and return, direct, on sale daily from May 24th to September 20th, inclusive. Tickets reaching one way via San Francisco or Los Angeles on sale June 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 7th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th. All tickets good for stopovers and limited to 30 days from date of sale. Additional selling dates for tickets via San Francisco or Los Angeles quoted later.
City Ticket Office, 201 Main St.

If you are out of work you will probably find a want ad, today which is almost a direct bid for your services.

OUR BOOK SALE

Will continue for two weeks from June
DESERET NEWS BOOK STORE,
4 Main Street.



Mrs. Edward Griffith.

WOMAN WHO HOLDS AUTOMOBILE RECORD.

Mrs. Edward Griffith holds the mile automobile record for her sex. Mrs. Griffith, and her husband are busy at work on their new racing car. When it is completed, she says she will challenge Chevrolet, who now holds the championship. The woman scorcher made her record at Morris Park. She says, "Wait until the racing machine which my husband and I are designing is completed, and I'll make Chevrolet look like molasses in January."

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There is going to be all sorts of trouble when Battling Nelson returns to the town of his adoption. Before he left for the east, his manager signed articles with Britt for a fight to take place in this city before the Western club by August 16. Both fighters posted forfeits of \$2,000, and Sam Berger put up a forfeit of \$500 guaranteeing to pull off the match. Britt and Manager Nolan, however, did not meet at the match-making. Britt's name is linked to only one set of articles and in that set there is nothing to prohibit either fighter taking part in battles in the meantime, although in the other two sets that were compiled and given out to the newspapers this clause appears: "Contestants to participate only in six-round bouts in the meantime. Berger, who had previously secured Britt's signature to a document which was minus this clause, assured Nolan that Britt would give his assent. As it happened, however, Britt failed to sign the revised papers and now it looks as though he can go ahead with any other matches that he cares about without endangering his forfeit money. The Dane does not understand the situation and is saying in the east that he will claim Britt's forfeit. The only forfeit money which is really in danger is that put up by Berger, who cannot stage the show by the time agreed upon.

See the fur fly when the Dane returns!

MOTORISTS PROTECTED.
France Requires Three Steps on Each Lap of Gordon-Bennet Race.

In view of the fact that America is to be represented by a team of three cars in the Gordon-Bennet cup race, automobilists are taking a greater interest than usual in the big event which will be run over the Auvergne, on July 5, with the elimination trials of the French club to be run next week, J. H.

What Beautiful Moonlight Nights. Take a boat ride at Calder's Park.

Hardie's Utah Reservation Town-ship Map and Guide, 15 cents each, at book stores or 214 So. 2nd West St.

John E. Madden, the famous horseman, announces that he will leave the race course to be with his children at his "Old Kentucky Home." Mr. Madden has made a fortune breeding horses. He has bred, trained and sold many famous racers. Madden's two sons are following in his tracks. They are a model among race-track men. He does not drink, smoke or gamble, and his pleasures, outside of race horses, are simple and few. At the present time he owns about 100 brood mares and expects to turn out a fine set of yearlings each season.

THE MODEL STEAM LAUNDRY.
The Deseret News will be found on sale in Los Angeles at the Standard News Company, 414 south Main street.

Shoot the Chute at Calder's Park. Thrilling! Exciting! Try it.

If you are out of work you will probably find a want ad, today which is almost a direct bid for your services.

J. E. SHERLOCK,

The retired knit goods merchant, is \$300.00 ahead. We collected it from two men; one in Brooklyn, N.Y., the other in Alberta, Canada.

We can collect some for you if you turn them in.

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each lap shall be made by the contestants instead of permitting them to make the whole journey without a control. The time is believed, will lessen the number of accidents.

At Lapeereville and at Pontigbaud, the cars must stop, if necessary, to allow an interval of three minutes to elapse between the passage of succeeding ones. If more than three minutes separates two cars as they arrive in either town, they will not have to stop. But if the difference is less than three minutes, a wait to fill out the three minutes must be made. At Rochefort all cars must stop to take on a control record card.

The two provisional stops were imposed on account of the dangerous character of the road from Lapeereville to Bourg-Lastic and from Pontigbaud to Craters. These two stretches are narrow and it is impossible for cars to pass one another without great danger.

Upon request of the local authorities along the circuit, the manufacturers have been asked by the Automobile club of France not to permit their racing cars to be driven on the circuit on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, as there are school holidays and many children are on the roads. Furthermore, the racing cars are only to use the roads from 8 until 11:30 in the morning, and from 1:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon on other days.

GREAT AUTO TEST.

Daring Drivers Will Attempt to Climb Up Pike's Peak.

Probably the greatest test for automobiles that has ever been run will be up Pike's Peak in Colorado during the third week in September. The mountain is known the world over, and the man and machine which reaches the top will win glory such as never before has been showered on a pair in any sport.

Pike's Peak stands at the extreme eastern edge of the great chain which forms the backbone of the American continent and rises 9,000 feet in elevation in a distance of about 14 miles. The climb will take the route of the old carriage road. At the foot of the peak is Cascade, several miles west of Manitou Springs.

Following the Pass beyond Cascade, one encounters a fork in the road about a half mile west, and there the actual climb up the peak is begun. The first two miles of the road lead right up over the brow of the mountain's side, over a succession of steep grades, gullies, and rocky roads. When the distance is covered, one is only about a mile from Cascade. Then comes about eight miles of fairly good road, steep, of course, but on an average of about 10 per cent. Some places it will reach 15 per cent, or possibly more, and at others it is about 5 per cent. Then comes the famous "W." As its name indicates, it is a W-shaped piece of road, a zigzag track cut in side of a sheer precipice. Timber line is soon reached, and then the cone of rock which forms the top of the mountain is encountered and the summit is quickly surmounted, though not without a very hard pull.

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CINCINNATI CATCHER.

Henry Peitz, the catcher on the Cincinnati National team, is one of those catchers that never let the ball get past them. This picture shows Peitz behind the bat doing some of his good work. He is an all around athlete, and played on Yale before he joined the National League.

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Shuckard and Lumley from Brooklyn, Tenn., from Boston, and Eli from Chicago, against others later.

"Any thing more?" "Yes, I want to be chairman of the National league board of directors with power to vote in the name of each member as I see fit, and I insist on appointing all the umpires."

"Would you like to be president of the league also?" "No, I am entirely satisfied."

BASEBALL NEXT WEEK.

Salt Lake Team Will be at Home After the 21st of this Month.

The Salt Lake baseball team, after an absence of three weeks will be home next week, and be prepared to entertain local baseball fans. The team has had a rather disastrous trip during its visit to Boise, Spokane and other cities, to do better upon its return. Spokane and Boise took no mercy on the crippled Redditts, but simply kept them in last place since the team have been secured, and the nine should show up better for than ever before this season.

Ade on Automobiling.

George Ade, well known as a writer of fables and comic operas, is now an enthusiastic motorist, driving a machine which he has christened "The Rolling Peanut."

"The machine is all right," he recently told a friend, "but it should have an attachment that might be known as the ladies' auxiliary. This device, which I will patent if I ever complete its mechanism, is intended to come into use when an automobile is driven by an hysterical woman. The ladies' auxiliary will step ahead of the auto, bindfold the horse, plug its ears, and then chloroform the lady."

Asthma Sufferers Should Know This. Foley's Honey and Tar has cured many cases of asthma that were considered hopeless. Mrs. Adolph Buehner, 30 West Third St., Chicago, writes: "A severe cold contracted twelve years ago was neglected until it finally grew into asthma. The best medical skill available could not give me more than temporary relief. Foley's Honey and Tar was recommended and one fifty-cent bottle entirely cured me of asthma which had been growing on me for twelve years, and I had taken \$100 at the best doctors in America. The ladies' auxiliary will step ahead of the auto, bindfold the horse, plug its ears, and then chloroform the lady."