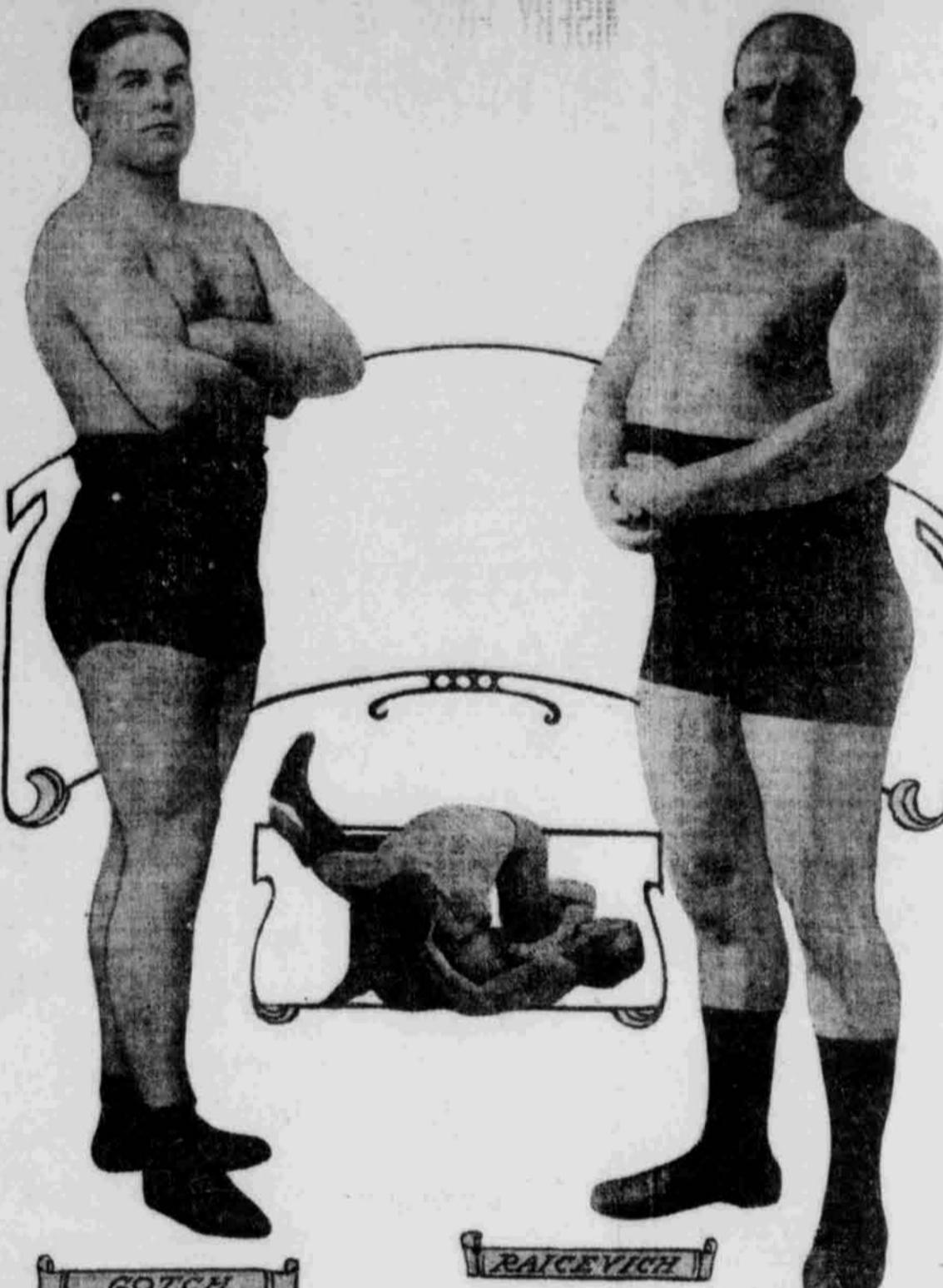


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WORLD'S CHAMPION WRESTLER AND ITALIAN WHO ARE TO GRAPPLE IN CHICAGO, NOV. 9.



GOTCH

RAICEVICH

## LAJOIE TO STAY WITH CLEVELAND

## CHAMPION GOTCH MEETS ITALIAN

New York, Nov. 9.—Ernest S. Barnard, secretary of the Cleveland baseball club, who has arrived here by steamer from Alexandria, La., effectively dispels the prevalent rumors that Cleveland was desirous of getting rid of its former great manager and present star player, Napoleon Lajoie. Hearing these rumors nearly every club in the two leagues expressed a desire to bid for Lajoie, he said, but added that he had no desire that Cleveland should get him. The secretary said that no offer of any kind would take place before the Empire A. C. of

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Chicago, Nov. 9. The scheduled battle has awakened interest in the wrestling game to a small degree, as it has been some time since the world champion has been seen in a neutral competition. Interest is made more manifest since Raicevich is heralded as a "comer" in wrestling circles. The foreigner weighs 248 pounds and plans to enter the ring at about that weight. Gotch tips the scales at the neighborhood of 205 pounds. He is in very good condition now, as he has been working on his farm all summer, and it will require but little work to bring him up

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