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Chicago, Dec. 12.—Warrants will be served on the fight-bill in Cincinnati this evening on Featherweight champion Terry McGovern and Joe Gans and the promoters of the fight. Captain Hayes of the thirty-fourth street police station says McGovern and Gans will be arrested on a charge of disturbing the peace. B. M. Winston, agent of the building, Louis M. Rosenbaum, the club manager, and Sam Harris, manager of McGovern, will be arrested on the charge of meeting in connection with a boxing exhibition.

"The warrants are in my hands and will be served," Captain Hayes said last evening. "It would be foolish of me to issue a charge of disturbing the peace in the case of a fight on Thursday night, when they are all together. I am going to give the papers to some of my men just before the fighters go into the ring. The fight will be placed under arrest."

"I am told that they intend to have a trial of the case presented to have the charges dismissed and the fighters will go on with the fight. Then the fight could go on unless new warrants were served. Of course if these warrants were served, a trial of the case would be held and the fighters would have to be arrested."

Joe Harrison insists that the fight will be pulled off on schedule time and without interruption.

Sharkey is a big favorite in the betting, and is expected to win. If the fight is on the level he should par Gans away before the end of the sixth round.

McGovern, who has lost his best and the best man will win," Terry McGovern said yesterday when he talked to his cousin of his fight with Joe Gans in Chicago last night.

"I don't want to say anything that I might be able to make good," he added. "I am in the best of condition as you all know here, and there is nothing to be afraid of on that score. I will do my best, and the best man will win."

McGovern did a lot of work yesterday, more than he had intended. "I feel good," he said, "and I want to do something for the boys. I don't want to get enough work."

Yesterday McGovern and his party took a run on the White Fish bay and did the fastest work they have ever done. In the afternoon the "Brooklyn team" punched the bag at a local gymnasium, then played basketball and finished with light work.

One week from tonight at the City Hall the Union Athletic club, of Daley-McFarland and Regan-Munroe fame will hold its boxing carnival. This club has been instrumental in reviving local interest in boxing. When the game was practically a dead issue this club came forward and gave one of the best boxing exhibitions ever held in this city. The public did not respond as generously as the splendid bill they offered. The Union Athletic club is anxious to give the public the worth of their investment and are making the price within the reach of all 50 cents to \$1. Ring side, \$1.50.

Tommy Feltz since January 1, 1899, has participated in over thirty battles. He has lost but two, and there are but three draws credited to him in that time, a total in knockouts and decisions of twenty-five to his credit. At Hartford Thanksgiving day, although he figured in a preliminary with "Kid" Truman, knocking the latter out in less than three rounds, the bout proved to be the star one of the day. In meeting Tommy Ryan and Charley Keever he fought a splendid battle, a scuffle and plucky antagonist to face. Whether he can beat through the guard of the clever little New Yorker and land those terrible swings of his, history alone will tell. There is a bad feeling existing between the men on account of their last meeting, and a wonderful fight will surely be the outcome.

Billy Ryan and Alf Levy will clash for ten rounds at 115 pounds for a suitable purse and a side bet. Ryan has fought George Munroe two draws, while Levy has fought three draws with Alex Dunneath. Two draws with Danny Donnelly, one with George Halliday and out of eleven fights he has knocked out five men.

Whiter Lester is well known to every follower of the sport as an aggressive and tenacious lightweight. In meeting Jack Hopkins he faces the most expert fighter he has ever met, and the betting is very even on the outcome. Tickets on sale at box office of City hall two nights preceding the contest, from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.; 50 cents to \$1.00.

RYAN ISN'T CHEAP. It is not probable that a match between Tommy Ryan and Charley Keever of Philadelphia will be arranged, if it is to be decided in England, unless the National Sporting club will be ready to raise the purse to \$1,000. Ryan has this to say in regard to the matter: "The idea of the National Sporting club agreeing to give me \$1,000 for a battle with Keever is the funniest thing I ever heard of in a long while. Why, I can make that amount of money any night by fighting in Chicago for six rounds, and have a

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In the morning the players' delegates—President Zimmerman of the Pittsburgh club, Secretary Jennings of Brooklyn and Attorney Taylor—met in a general committee, composed of Colonel John L. Rogers of Philadelphia, A. H. Soden of Boston and John T. Dresh of Cincinnati, and presented their demands regarding changes in the contract. A memorandum of the club owners was read, which was in the nature of a plea for the afternoon. The principal points covered in the memorandum are as follows:

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Fifth—Committee of arbitration, one member to be chosen by owners, one by the players, and a third by the two, such committee to pass on all differences between players and owners.

At the request of the players the meeting of the committee was an hour later than the American teams were on the track, the 1,000 mile mark was set by the Frenchmen. The Frenchmen and McFarland pairs are not more than the distance apart that separated them when the pistol sent them away together at five minutes after midnight Sunday night. Together the individuals of these two teams have circled the oval within touching distance of each other for more than a thousand miles, and in the other four hundred they have not been more than a few yards apart.

Only eight teams now are left in the contest. Anoucrier, after being dragged out to the track Tuesday night by Muller, his partner, was compelled to give up. Muller was heartbroken, and declared he would finish the race himself; but as the rules forbade that Muller had to abandon the contest. He also refused to receive Anoucrier for bringing disgrace on him.

Exhibitioners returned to the track in the afternoon and evening. Cooper won a mile, paced by a gasoline engine in 1:52.55, while Michael followed in the same machine for five miles to the time of 9:25.55. Major Taylor, who holds the championship sprint record of 1:00 also appeared on the track.

A trainer who has been more or less among all the men said that Elkos is in the best shape of the men on the track, principally due to his having been in better condition when he began. McFarland, this man said, is suffering from an unusual amount of the heel, and his future riding depends on this. Elkos relieved McFarland at 8 o'clock, and started a fast pace. At about this time the bunch caught Ryser and kept the half a lap on him, but by a fine uphill spurt he got them again, amid tremendous applause.

Soon after this Waller started a sprint, and Gouglitz during the spurt got in the trap, which left him half a lap ahead of the others. McFarland took the lead in cutting him down, and he dragged them all up to Gouglitz's wheel. Elkos sat at a table outside when he noticed the spurt, and he got on his feet to relieve McFarland. The Californian told him to stay off a while longer, as he was all right. Elkos slowed down and dismounted to continue his riding.

The excitement during the spurt was at fever heat, and the hand which tried to play could not be heard more than a few feet away. People stood on chairs in their excitement and only Elkos, who McFarland had caught, held the record of the week race place