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In Chicago, the best of twenty-five thousand fighters from twenty-six states slug it out in the Western finals of the Golden Gloves. In the hundred and sixty pound class, Joe Leudanski of the Chicago, in stripped trunks, is pitted against Eddie Birdwell of Nashville. It's a rip-roaring toe-to-toe battle, with each boxer landing his share of telling blows. These boys have fought a long way up to the top of the list - and they're in no mood to give up now. But, in the fateful third, under Leudanski's lethal fists, Birdwell suddenly crumbles. It's Leudanski's fight by a KO.

The hundred-and-sixty-five pound class brings together Cincinnati's Pierre Jackson, with back to camera, and Wesbury Bascom of St. Louis. The winners here will fight the Eastern champs in New York's Madison Square Garden - and Battling Bascom seems to be afraid he'll miss the train. Jackson is to eventually lose by a technical KO in the third round - but now he slips to take the most spectacular nosedive of the evening.

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