# IN THE REALM OF SPORT

DOWN DIVING

# Military Indoor Ball and Basketball Circuits To Be Formed Next Week

Armories Should Be Back To Pre-War Activities This Season-Basketball Meeting Wednesday.

A meeting has been called for next Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the armories to form a military basketball league.

All the military units will be represented and it is expected a six-team circuit can be launched.

Basketball will occupy this meeting, but it is likely that the indoor baseball enthusiasts will get to work the same week and have a league in action shortly afterwards.

Western University O. T. C., 1st W. O. R., 2nd Canadian Machine Gun of athletics.

Brigade, First Hussars, R. C. R.'s and Signallers are in line as entrants to the league and all should be able to put in teams of high calibre.

Now that all the militia units have sort of established themselves once again they will play a large part in athletic activities of all kinds, and especially during the winter months.

The armories offers excellent facilities during the indoor season, and there is no reason why the floor should not be in use every night with some form of athletics.

# **NEW YORK CRITICS PUT O.K. ON DEMPSEY** AS ONE OF THE BEST HEAVIES OF HISTORY

Johnson and Jeffries Would

Have Given Him a Great

Battle—He Stacks Up Bet-

ritie holder.

It is a reasonable proposition that a champion's status is established by his performance against the best boxers of the period in which he holds title. Judged on that basis, Dempsey must be conceded to possess remarkable ability, for he has shown overwhelming superiority over the best heavyweights of his time. Then comes the charge that Dempsey's opponents have been puglists of small calibre. There is no more foundation for this statement than for the claim, following the Dempsey-Brennan bout, that Brennan had been underrated.

Sullivan's Status.
In attempting to show that Dempsey does not class with former holders of age list of great champions. Sullivan elife, and who won the title from Joe Goss, a man 48 years of age at the time of the contest. It took Ryan 87 rounds to subdue Goss. Ryan's other bouts were with Sullivan and Joe McA.

were with Sullivan and Joe McAulite, and Ryan's sole victory was over the decrepit Goss. During the time that Sullivan was in his prime he absolutely declined to meet Peter Jackson, Joe Goddard, Frank Slavin or Bob Fitz
The contrast between the Milwaukee meeting of Dempsey and Brennan and the Garden contest forces the conclusion that Dempsey either is not the fighter Sullivan met only two first-class

Sullivan met only two first-class heavies in the ring—Charlie Mitchell and Jim Corbett. Both whipped Sullivan, but Mitchell, for a consideration. consented to a draw. The best man that Sullivan defeated was Jake Kilrain, a second rater, and it took Sullivan 75 rounds to finish the Baltimorean.

Kilrain's status is established by the fact that the best he could do with Jem Smith, the third-rate champion of England, was a draw. Peter Jackson made the same Smith jump the ropes in two rounds. In the list of men knocked out by Sullivan there does not appear a single one who possessed the slightest fact that the best he could do with Jem Smith, the third-rate champion of England, was a draw. Peter Jackson made the same Smith jump the ropes in two rounds. In the list of men knocked out by Sullivan there does not appear a single one who possessed the slightest

As a champion, Sullivan at his best did not compare with Dempsey day. Dempsey as he is foday have defeated Sullivan at his be Jim Corbett's status as the ablest deensive boxer in the history of the game vas established when he boxed Peter Jackson sixty-one rounds to a draw. Jackson insisted that a lame ankle pre-vented him taking the aggressive, but Corbett's defence at that time was im-

regnable.
The Californian did not damage Jackson, but the negro, who was a powerful hitter and good boxer, was unable to reach Corbett with effective blows.

Corbett wore Sullivan down with jabs at a time when the former champion was on the down-grade, but Corbett would have disposed of Sullivan at his

Corbett's Downfall.
Corbett succumbed to the heavy shots of Fitz and Jeff, and the Californian at his best would have been battered down by the Dempsey of today.
Fitzsimmons was a most dangerous man because of his punching powers and strategy, but he seldom entered the ring that he was not hit hard. Maher,

ter Than John L., With Whom He Has Been Contrasted to Disadvantage.

As a result of Dempsey's indifferent performance against Brennan last Tuesday night a disposition to characterize the champion as an overrated boxer has manifested itself. Strangely enough, these utterances come for the most part from those who had overwhelming confidence in the ability of big jess Willard to subjugate Dempsey at Toledo. There is also a tendency to disparage Dempsey in favor of his predecessors in the championship, sullivant. Corbett, Fitzsimmons and Jeffries being held as greatly superior to the present site holder.

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Jeff's Vitality. Jeffries' success was due to his wonderful vitality and , steel-chilled jaw. Jeffries was not a good boxer and he was utterly lacking in aggressiveness, but he won his battles as a result of the Falcons would be at full strength permitting his opponents to wear thembout, that Brennan had been bout, that Brennan had been led.

permitting his opponents to wear themselves out punching him, after which he settled them.

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It is impossible to arrive at an accurate conclusion as to the comparative of a century ago and the men of the same class today.

Therefore, it is but just to rate a campion according to what he has accomplished against the best boxers of hig time. Dempsey knocked out Willard, who had never been knocked down previously, was without doubt the most powerful man that ever entered the ring. He was stronger than even the adamantine Jeffries.

Dempsey has knocked out Brennan, who since last Tuesday night has come to be regarded as a very capable heavyweight. Dempsey has knocked out Miske, a very resourceful fighter, and has stopped a score of other heavies of the second fighter, and has stopped a score of other heavies of the second by the stronger than even the adamantine Jeffries.

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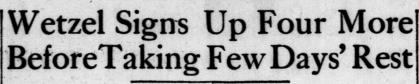
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DOG REISLING, FORMER PILOT OF OLD LONDON CANADIAN LEAGUE TEAM, IN TULSA, OKLA

Wishes to Be Remembered to All Old London Friends.

H. B. Archer, of The Advertiser, has received a letter from Doc. Reisling, former Lon-League. Reisling is now located down in Tulsa, Okla. and is in practice there, and likes the country fine. He wishes to be remembered to all the London fans, and says that he has watched



Dick Dodson of Saginaw, Kit chener and Bay City Teams Says He Will Not Play Next Season.

Buzz Wetzel is still signing them.
Four new players brings his squad up to 33 for the spring training trip to Delaware. Buzz is just taking a few holidays around Christmas, as he's dry from licking stamps and has a crampin his wrist from tearing open contract bearing envelopes, and then he will make a trip to Cincinnati in quest of still more players, he has heard are at large around that thriving city.

L. O. Herbst, a Cleveland southpaw, is among the newest additions. Herbst is 23 years of age and of good size and weight. Before he accepted Wetzel's terms he wanted to know whether he would be barred from participating in a barnstorming trip after the M.-O. season.

# O.H.A. Rules Many Men Ineligible

Dominion.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.-The executive committee of the Ontario Hockey Association, pursuant to the policy adopted at the annual meeting of the association, to eliminate the "hockey tourist" held prolonged sessions here and passed upon a large number of cases of players who have changed their clubs or

places of residence since January President A. W. Copeland preided and other members of the committee present were: W. A. Fry, Dunnville; William Easson, Stratford; Sheriff Paxton, Whitby; George B. McKay, Kitchener; R. Butler, Lindsay; W. W. Davidson,

Toronto; James T. Sutherland,
Kingston; R. Wylie Wilkinson,
Galt, and Secretary W. A. Hewitt.
Take Strong Stand.
The committee took a strong stand on the question of elimination of the migratory players, and passed the following resolution in connection with the proposal of the C. A. H. A. to hold a special meeting.

C. A. H. A. to hold a special meeting!

That the Ontario Hockey Association is prepared to support the president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association in his efforts to enforce the agreement arrived at during the recent annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, held at Winnipeg, in regard to placing the hockey situation in all provincial organizations on a clean amateur basis, and that the O. H. A. is prepared to accept on a clean amateur basis, and that the O. H. A. is prepared to accept the decision of the C. A. H. A. president, if he thinks it advisable to call a special meeting of his executive committee, but we respectfully suggest that a small vote would accomplish the same purwould accomplish the same purpose."
The applications of George Dufresne and Edmond Bouchard, last year with the Hochelagas of Mont-

year with the Hochelagas of Montreal, and Fred B. Naylor, last year with the Shamrocks, to play with Hamilton Tigers, were not considered, as these players must first secure transfer cards showing their amateur standing to be O. K. from the Quebec branch of the C. A. H. A. The same thing applies to Noel Thimins and Samuel Doyle, formerly of Hochelagas, Montreal, who applied for permission to play with Niagara Falls; to Leonard C. Marshall from Winniper, who dewith Niagara Falls; to Leonard C.
Marshall from Winnipeg, who desires to play with Oshawa, and to
F. B. Liberty from Oshawa, who
desires to play with Belleville.
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certain style which didn't pan out as was expected. Ralson Goss in the Detroit Free Pres Just teach them how you do it. Ty,
And then the Tigers sure will vie
With other teams that rate so high—
We're for you. Ty,
You'll do, or die!

BUT NOT LEAST. Yes, Ty we think we spy
The Tigers at the bottom, and we sigh
To think 'twill be years before you're

as if Buzz was signing up a laundry

the absence of several Falcon hurdlers,

Apparently all the London certificates passed muster from the O. H. A., but some of the Western Ontario cities were not so fortunate.

The move to line up with the C.A.H.A. in making a standard for amateurism in hockey that will stand anywhere in the Dominion is a good one and should clean up the bad spots in the game with a season or so. It surely needs it, and while the O.H.A. have been unintentionally lax in past years, the

tionally lax in past years, the right spirit is abroad, and will ultimately be to the best inter-ests of hockey even if the rules

Wednesday's pro games showed little

for any of the teams. Tigers' win over the Canadiens who had not had any ice

practice was hollow ground, and the other game was but little better, as an indicator of what to expect. There, is, however, a lot of new blood in this year's N. H. L., and it will be interest-

ing to see how it turns out-more inter esting than the standing of the teams

Kitchener's showing against Aura Lees credited as being one of the gamest teams that ever played in

S. P. A. series was enough for Kitchener fans as an assurance of

more than even chance of another championship. When the ex-champions ran in five goals in one period, it looked as if they were under orders in the last period to play a

nigh Unto those teams so high— But sorry? Oh! My! TO HOLD RACE LOTTERIES. time ago that the state government was considering a scheme for the raising of state loans locally by means of state lotteries, it is now stated that cash

PIRATES HOLDING QUT.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—Several Pirates have started the long-expected hold-up of major league players for higher salaries. Whitted, Cutshaw, Carey, Grimm and Cooper have announced their determination to make Barney Dreyfus come across with big increases in their contracts.

The executive committee confirmed the schedules of championship games as arranged by the convenors.

The senior series will open New Year's night, Saturday, January 1, with Aura Lee playing at Hamilton and Kitchener at Argonauts.

Those Eligible.

A partial list of eligible players registered to date with the O. H. A partial list of convenors.

Take Strong Stand With C. A.

Herrman Krueger, L. J. Clark, P. Sippell, Wm. Miller, Oliver Fleming, Murray Dayman, V. Galbraith, Wm. Cook, Wm. Ross Binkley, Fred S. Fowler, Wilfrid Clark, James McTague, Oliver Gibson, J. Enticknap, Moses M. Cohen, Norman Cook, Ben Troup, Charles Eright.

Exeter Intermediates—Lyle Statham, Clayton Hoffman, Bruce Rivers, Albert Seibert, Lew W. Hoffman, Lee O'Brien, Leslie Hindmarsh, Stuart Robinson, Walter Henry Harness, Roy Webber, Clarence Hoffman, Lennis Callfas, Maurice Sen.

Goderich Intermediates—A. L. Coles, R. A. Brownlee, E. J. Pridham, C. W. E. Snazel, Wilfrid Anderson, John A. Yuill, W. Garrick, Jos. W. Hicks, Goderich Juniors—Leighton Walker, Wm. McDonald, Clarence Taylor, H. J. Baechler, L. Macklin, Wm. Weir, Charles Nairn, George Strickland, Don-

ald McLeod.
Kitchener Seniors—George Hainsworth, Willard M. Box, Plomer Y. Merrick, Frank Trunshinski, George Karges,
Edward J. Clark, Wm. Hiller, Theodore
Gerald Hillman, J. Howard Box, Ernest

Parkes.
Preston Juniors—Gress Rodgers, Sylvester M. Clark, R. F. Skelly, W. C. Kress, Carl Roth, Granton Scott, Ber-

Cully, Clifford Hastings, Laverne Roth,
Charles Robson.
Simcoe Intermediates—C. Jemmett,
St. Thomas Intermediates—Percival J.
Slaterie, Fred G. Baldwin, Hugh Clayton Cameron, Reid Hamilton, Spencer
Wm. Hyatt, George P. Spackman, Williard C. Stoner, Jack Tiffin.
Tillsonburg Intermediates—George Tillsonburg Douglas Wooley

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Brantford Intermediates—Henry Rowland, Wm. Keough, P. O'Connor, M. Hurley, Y. McKinnon, J. T. Specks, F. Johnson, Frank R. Teale, S. Verner, F. Hayes, J. Tarl Knight, R. F. Mc-

# Lynch Champ; Title Was

desires to play with Belleville.

When these amateur cards are presented their cases will be considered.

Players Refused.

Certificates were refused for the following playes were refused for the following playes. Bertram, bank clerk, too late in arrival.

Winton-Harry Sutherby, from Cobalt, bank clerk, too late in arrival.

Tillsonburg-W. M. McQuarrie and W. E. McWilliams, bank clerks, too late in arrival.

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Sarnia-J. A. Morrison, from Port Arthur, (also transferred from Wooder Bay): Allan B. Kerr, A. E. Simms, from St. Marys and Earl Ramesbottom, from St. Marys and Earl Ramesbottom, from St. Marys and Earl Ramesbottom, from St. Thornas-James K. Lenahan, Robert E. Graham, J. E. Gray.

Goderich-H. G. Murray, from Dons of Toronto.

The following players were granted helps of residence or clubs. being fully qualified under the rules. Woodstock—Charles Bright.

Galt-Norman Himes.

Stratford—Wm. J. Carroll, from Queen's.

Feston-R. F. Skelly, Gerald F. Sturdy, Wilbur C. Kress, C. P. Roper, Ganton Scott, A. H. Schlegel.

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Preston Intermediates—A. H. Schlegel, L. E. Woodley, A. Anderson, F. R. Kreason, Gerald F. Sturdy, C. P. Roper. Stratford Intermediates—J. G. McArdle, Lawrence W. Berger, J. Seeback, Walter Kelterborn, James Thorne, H. J. Malone, H. R. McArdle, Russel Lavelle, Gordon F. Brickman, Edward J. Laird, Douglas More, W. J. Carroll, Robert Boyd Lavelle.

Stratford Midgets, Juniors—L. S. Richard, Jack Riddell, Howard Griffin, Norman Zimmer, Edward Ryncoma, Lorne Holzkamp, Lloyd Bastendorff. Burton Lederman, John Cook, Samuel McHutchff, Duncan Easson, Reginald Francis Carson, Howard Morenz, Harry Ruston, Elwood Norfolk, Harold McClatchey, Clarence Spreat, Wm. G. McCully, Clifford Hastings, Laverne Roth, Charles Robson.

Simcoe Intermediates—C. Jemmett.

WHEN ODD FATALITIES OCCUR LESS FREQUENTLY THAN IN OTHER SPORTS Death of Michael Shannon in

[By Hek.]

To Attack Fighting.

New Jersey Latest Chance

New York, Dec. 23 .- The band of Charles Young, Lloyd McGowan, Lloyd Van Every, Elmer George Riley, Richard McWebb, Harold B. McAdam, J. W. Platti, S. C. Briscoe, H. R. Baird, G. Livingston, Karl J. Stafford, Wm. Car-Shannon in a ring contest in Jersey Shannon in a ring contest in Jersey City. They point to this fatality as a reason why all boxing contests should be abolished at once.

Coming at this time, when the joykillers are assembling their forces, accident is to be more than regretted. It is fine food for the law-changers, but it should not be easily digested by those who can think out a subject to an hon-

est and safe conclusion.

Accidents of the kind in all sorts o

GALT, Dec. 23.—The G. A. A. with the object of giving local athletes the best training, has engaged a coach for the local intermediate hockey team, and while not giving out his name, of-ficials state that he is one of the best

HUMMEL QUITS READING. Reading, Pa., Dec. 23.—Manager John Hummell has resigned as leader of the Reading International League team. Hummel has no plans for next season.

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LWE OF MIKE,

USE DISCRETION

BY BUD FISHER

# Kentucky Derby Has Been Increased To \$50,000

Ky., Dec. 23,-The purse for the Kentucky Derby to be run at Churchill Downs, Louisville, May 7, 1921, has been Increased to \$50,000, it was announced here tonight by Colonel Matt J. Winn, general manager of the Kentucky Jockey Club. This sum together with entry and nomination fee will make the total value of the race in excess of \$60,000. The value

was \$33,000. The value winner in 1920 was \$33,000. The spring racing season in Kentucky will open in Lexington, April 23, and extend 61 days to July 8, the state racing commission decid at a meeting here this afternoon Lexington will have ten days of racing, Louisville will have twenty days at the Churchill Downs' track, and Latonia was allotted thirty-one

TO SPEND CHRISTMAS AT GUELPH. OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Hon, Hugh Guth-

#### WHY VOX POPULI CRIES "BLOOD"

Grantland Rice says: In behalf of a baffled reader who wishes to know why the crowd is always pulling for the champion to be beaten, at least one reason may be advanced, as

The crowd esteems the element of drama. There is no particular drama at hand when the champion wins. That is the But when the outsider sud-denly begins thumping the champ's jawbone with lusty blows, the crowd, sensing drama, is in an immediate uproar, clamoring for the thrill of unexpected climax.

Benny Leonard is popular enough as a champion. He has been clean, decent and busy at his trade. Yet if some outsider should suddenly sock Benny on the chin in the third round and start a clean-up, Leonard un-doubtedly would hear the roar

The populace pays for its thrill, and pays extremely high prices. And the thrill can come only from the unexpected. Champions who carry the deep affection that followed Sullivan passed out of existence many

In the main they have turned into businessmen, since most of those who follow the game want a change of scenery for every new act.

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### MILITARIST PARTY IN FRANCE OPPOSES ANY COMPROMISE

Resignation of War Minister Opportunity for Partisans of Force.

AT PARTING OF

Nation Now Called Upon To Decide Which Road To Follow in Policy To-

ward Germany. Paris, Dec. 23.-France today is set squarely at the parting of the ways. She is called upon to choose which of two roads she will follow in foreign policy, especially policy toward Germany. Two events that occurred within a few hours of each other seemed by coincidence to emphasize the widely different nature of these roads. The

one in Paris was the attack delivered upon the French Government by the militarist party in the Chamber of Deputies. The other-in Brussels was the statement by German experts of German views on the reparations question in the reparations question in the reparations conference.

There was another connection than that of time between the two events. The new premier, M. Leygues, has adopted the reparations policy advocated by Lloyd George of discussing the question face to face with Germany instead of the treaty method by which instead of the treaty method by which instead of the treaty method by which the amount due would be fixed by the reparations commission and Germany ordered to deliver it. This has been the French policy hitherto, and when Mil-lerand unwillingly was induced to deviate from it at Spa, he raised a storm of protest in the Chamber of Deputies. Frankly and deliberately, Leygues chose

the path of compromise It was a question whether the part-It was a question whether the partisans of force in the Chamber would allow him to continue. The resignation of the war minister on the grounds that Germany still was too dangerous for France to reduce her army gave them an unexpected opportunity. Friday's debate cut right to the heart of the choice before France, force or compromise. Leygues won by the production of figures showing that Germany was immeasurably weaker than France, and of facts showing that France was in an impregnable position upon the and of facts showing that France was in an impregnable position upon the Rhine. He won by France's desperate need to reduce military expenditure and by the insistent demand of industry and agriculture that the period during which men were to be taken for military service be shertened as much as possible. But the victory was not final. If ex-Minister Lefevre, as his friend declare, can show proofs that Germany's disarmament is not genuine, that she had a great army disguised as civic mad a great army disguised as evice guards, great stocks of concealed weapons, and munitions, above all, if he can prove she deliberately is plotting revenge, the tide of opinion may turn back against compromise. Lefevre says he did not bring forward these proofs on Friday night because he did not wish to appear to be joining the attack on the Government. But he has promised to produce them next week in the dehate on the army estimates.

At present French sentiment toward.

At present French sentiment toward. Germany, despite the one or two doubtful points mentioned in Friday's debate, is less directly hostile than ever before. The reports from Brussels have created a favorable impression and the policy of compromise has an excellent chance of success. The necessity that the reparations problem be solved and military expenses reduced, if France's financial situation is not to become desperate, makes strictly in its favor. Unless the Germans show unexpected stubornness and stupidity at Brussels or M. Lefevre can produce facts of unexpected weight, there is every indication that France will follow the road of compromise, moderation and economy.

CONCERT AND DANCE. MOORESVILLE, Dec. 23. — The Mooresville Hall was filled to capacity on Wednesday evening, when a most delightful concert was given by the pupils of Miss Reycraft. At the conclusion of the concert an old-time dance was held, which was thoroughly en-

