

# SPORT NEWS GLEANED FROM WORLD'S CENTRES

## PAYS TRIBUTE TO OLD BALL PLAYERS

Writer Expresses a Few Thoughts on Present Day Veterans.

The baseball teams are turning north, playing as they come, and with them are the old boys for whom every April our hearts are urged to throb with sympathy.

They are the veterans who, according to that merciless institution of analysis known to sportswriters as the "old boys," are about to slip. Mr. St. John of the New York Herald-Tribune, looking them over, tells of the old boys on the Chicago White Sox. Father Time is resting his hand on the outstanding players of the White Sox. Eddie Collins at thirty-six is still as spry as many players in their twenties, but he is a marvel. Hooper and Faber and Schalk and Strunk have long since passed the peak of their careers. Hooper, at thirty-six, is near the end of the big league trail. Faber is thirty-five and Schalk is thirty, but Ray has been catching in the majors for thirteen years, and this work wears out a player. Strunk at thirty-five is counted on for utility outfielding.

At thirty, thirty-five and thirty-six let these aged gentlemen limp a bit, or drop a thrown ball, or misjudge a single high fly, and the cry goes up: "Throw them out!" They gamely show up for spring practice, though they know it may be for the last time. Aches or pains are grimly concealed. They play as if the bench and the ultimate release were the last things on their minds. A tragic scene indeed.

The White Sox are rather heavily loaded with this thirty-five and thirty-six-year-old material. Therefore, we cannot help a sympathetic turning toward this team, though it is officially of Chicago and not New York. May the old boys of the White Sox and of every other team have a grand year. May each one of them win plaudits in the game until—well, until he is a doddering old gentleman of at least thirty-eight or thirty-nine.

## ERIC THOMSON FORFEITS MATCH

Pinhurst, N. C., April 8.—(Special.) L. Weller of Hamilton, Ontario, and three to Allan Prentiss, Pinhurst, came right back in the moon and defeated Walter O'Connell of New York, by 1 up at the hole in his match in the third consolation. Eric Thomson of Chesley, failed to get started. He lost his match in the third round by 2 and 1 to Ralph Patton of Springfield, and in the afternoon he forfeited to C. C. Allen of Kenora, Wis.

## BOWLING

**TWO-MAN LEAGUE.**  
In the Two-Man League play on the Imperial alleys last night the results were as follows:  
Team No. 1—Total, Ave.  
Bent ..... 119 81 85 285 88 1-3  
Quinn ..... 111 84 84 285 88 1-3  
230 175 172 877

Team No. 4—Total, Ave.  
Lawrence ..... 77 81 101 259 86 1-3  
Ter ..... 104 81 117 285 101 2-3  
181 165 218 554

No. 5—Total, Ave.  
..... 90 85 77 252 84  
..... 87 97 98 277 92 1-3  
177 183 170 529

No. 6—Total, Ave.  
..... 84 96 92 272 92 1-3  
..... 83 79 93 255 84 2-3  
167 175 170 512

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## LOCAL ATHLETES TO HOLD TAG DAY

Hope to Raise Funds to Help Train Olympic Prospects.

Provided sanction can be obtained from Mayor Fisher and members of the local lady societies assist, the Tag Day to aid Maritime athletes to condition themselves thoroughly for the final Olympic trials at Montreal will be held on April 19. This decision was reached at a representative meeting of local clubs held yesterday in the Board of Trade rooms with W. Covey, president of the M. P. B. A. A. of C., in the chair. The following clubs were represented: Y. M. C. A., Arnold Keet, Y. M. C. I. Paul Quinby, St. John Rowing Club, Edgar Ingham and Harry Ervin; South End Improvement League, S. L. Payne, A. G. Tapley and G. W. Frost; St. John's Hockey Club, B. Gilbert. President Covey, in outlining the decision reached at the semi-annual gathering of the Maritime branch at Truro recently, said there were about three boxers and 12 track and field men who were deserving of a trial for the Olympic team. "Past experience has shown us," he said, "that it is practically a waste of time and money to send out boys to Upper Canada for the final trials without proper preliminary coaching and conditioning. To obviate this difficulty, it is proposed to select a site to train these boys under a competent official. The project, however, cannot be carried out without strong financial assistance."

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## BELYEA IN GOOD PHYSICAL TRIM

"Hilton Belyea tipped the scales at 170 pounds soon after leaving here on the C. P. S. Melita last march on his way to the Diamond Sculls and the Olympic, and was able to complete the sea voyage without taking on any additional weight, according to a letter received by Mrs. Belyea from her famous husband yesterday. Hilton says he did considerable work on the rowing machine during the trip and believes this is the reason for his keeping down surplus poundage. He wrote entertainingly of the concerts and dances given on board and said he felt in great shape."

## SEVEN TEAMS WILL FIGHT FOR RUNNER-UP

Montgomery, April 9.—Connie Mack conceded the American League pennant to the Yankees. "I don't see how any team can beat them," admits the leader of the Athletics. As to the rest of the field, the scramble for positions looks like a toss-up to Mack. "I think our team has a fine chance to finish second," says Connie. He could say the same thing about the six other clubs, the strength is so evenly distributed."

## Rookies Older Than Manager

Tampa, Fla., April 9.—Stanley Harris, the 27-year-old Washington manager, is the youngest team leader in the majors.

By an odd whim of fate, two of Harris' most promising "rookies" are well beyond the 30-year-old mark. One is Joe Martina, a right-handed pitcher, who came up from New Orleans. Martina has been pitching for 14 years. Yet Harris thinks he has enough stuff to stick.

The other ancient rookie is Thompson Prothro, who is to start the season at third base, the weak spot on the Washington team. Last year he was the star third baseman in the Southern League.

## BOWLING MATCHES CREATE INTEREST

Inter-Alley League Roll-off—Elimination Matches for Tournament.

Bowling will hold the chief centre of interest in sportsworld for the next few weeks. This evening will start "the ball rolling" when the Victoria alley team and the Y. M. C. A. quintette meet to decide the championship of the City Inter-Alley League. This game will be played on the Imperial alleys and is creating considerable interest. The probable lineup of the teams will be as follows: Victorias—Thurston, Winchester, Stinson, Summerville and Covey. Y. M. C. A.—Either Roy McEwen, Gambin, Fosha, Copp and Sullivan, the old Sweepers' league, or Fosha, Rittinger, Copp, Jenkins and Sullivan. If the former lineup of the Y. M. C. A. team is used it will be the same as that which won premier honors in the City League in former years. The Victorias are going into the deciding game with a two-point lead, so in order to win the Y. M. C. A. team will have to take all four points, or three to tie, in which event a special roll-off would be necessary.

In addition to this big feature game there is another interesting series pending, namely an elimination contest between teams from Black, Y. M. C. I. and Imperial alleys to decide which will represent the city in the Brunswick Balke Colander trophy tournament, which is to be held in Brown's alleys in Eastport on April 22, 23 and 24. The team will play six home and away games. At a recent meeting it was decided that the total pinfall of the six games would determine the winners and not the result of individual games or points.

Harry Black, president of the executive in charge of the Brunswick Balke trophy tournament, at a recent meeting expressed himself as favoring the admittance of any alleys in the city in the elimination contest. He felt that this would make a fitting windup for the season and would also be an incentive to all teams to work hard to be selected as city representatives in this annual classic. It is expected that this matter will be dealt with at the next meeting of the executive.

The first game in the elimination contest is booked to take place tomorrow evening and it is hoped to roll two games this week and the remaining four next week. At the present time the managers of the alleys participating are strengthening their teams and intend to make a strong bid for the right to enter the trophy tournament. These games will undoubtedly attract interest throughout the city and bowling fans are already speculating on the probable outcome.

## Champion Retains Wrestling Title

Phila., Pa., April 9.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis of Kansas City, heavyweight wrestling champion of the world, retained his title last night in a match with Renato Garofalo of Boston, the match being declared a draw after two hours of wrestling. Each man scored one fall.

## GROH SLIPPING FAST.

Third base will soon be a problem for Manager McGraw of the Giants to worry about. Heinie Groh won't be able to go at top speed for more than about three more years.

## WINS BUREAU SCARF.

Abbie Mason, 83 Duke street west, was the winner of a bureau scarf, made by Nicholas Chaschuk, a patient at the Lancaster Military Hospital with ticket 17. The drawing was carried out by Mrs. G. Thompson.

## TEMPERANCE AND TIMBER, HYDRO AND HEALTH, RECEIVE MINISTER'S ATTENTION

Hon. C. W. Robinson Believes Members of Temperance Alliance Mix Too Much Politics With Propaganda—Supports Hydro Development and Public Ownership—R. T. Hayes Also Speaks in Debate.

Fredericton, April 8.—The Legislature was treated to an essay this afternoon. Hon. C. W. Robinson was the author. No speech during the session has been listened to with keener attention or better appreciated. Speaking in his usual conversational tone and sometimes reading from carefully prepared notes, the Minister of Lands and Mines discussed prohibition; the public debt at its various stages since Confederation and the reasons for its being at the present time; hydro development; public ownership; health and agricultural activities; the splendid work of the Department of Public Works; as well as Government economy and the sinking fund. During this speech he took occasion to pay a warm and cordial tribute to ex-Premier W. E. Foster for introducing hydro during the period when he was leader of the Government.

The Opposition members frequently looked as if they would have liked to applaud had it not been against the traditions. "Almost persuaded" would be a true term to apply to them. Mr. Robinson is never harsh in his criticism and today was no exception. His facility in dismissing his opponents with a pleasant laugh when necessary was never shown to greater advantage, and the happy way in which he dealt with Mr. Peck's unfortunate remark that the sinking funds were all on paper, and the proof he adduced that the sinking fund of the statement was that the province had received over \$40,000 of interest from its sinking fund bonds last year.

**Temperance Alliance.**  
While he handled the delegates of the Temperance Alliance who appeared in the Legislature earlier in the session with kindly words, yet his criticism of them and their methods was none the less to the point. There was no doubt he felt that the advocates of prohibition were mixing too much politics with their propaganda and his reference to the letter of Rev. Mr. Marshall, recently published, in which he attacked the Premier, was effective and conclusive. Anyone who listened to his analysis of the public debt and what it amounted to before Confederation and the different stages by which it has grown during successive governments since that time would almost expect to see it disappear as if by magic. The sinking fund situation and its very satisfactory condition was explained so fully by the member from the city of Moncton that no one who heard him could reasonably doubt but that these funds were being very substantially added to every year.

**Would Have Left \$21,000.**  
It was quite a surprise, however, to learn from him that, had no sinking fund been laid aside at all last year and had the money used for that purpose, the province would have been left with a deficit of \$21,000. The whole half million over-expenditure caused by the freshet damage and the Valley Railway deficit would have been paid to the last dollar and left \$21,000 to the good.

Hon. Mr. Robinson left no doubt as to his stand upon public ownership and hydro development. He even went farther and expressed his opinion that Musquash was by no means a failure because it had already brought untold benefit not only to the southern part of the province but to Moncton, Sussex and many different sections between St. John and the railway city. "Musquash," he declared, "was just a promise of what is to come in the future."

**Grand Falls Development.**  
And then in careful terms he spoke of Grand Falls and his belief in public rather than private ownership as well as his confidence that the great development when transmitted through the province would be eagerly seized upon by the people and pay for the money invested. In this connection he made an interesting suggestion that over and above the cost of energy there should be so much per horse-power, one or two dollars, set aside for the purpose of introducing the current into remote sections where perhaps the people could not afford it. Grand Falls, in his opinion, was a feasible proposition.

His reference to the health and agriculture departments and the activities of the Minister of Public Works were complimentary and encouraging, and touching his own department, that of lands and mines, he spoke of how rigid their economy had been, of the low salaries paid to his head of the departments, of the waste in the years after Confederation of large areas of crown lands, and his belief that at the present time they were not spending

enough to properly protect the public domain.

## A Valedictory?

His optimism in the future of New Brunswick was eloquently expressed in the closing sentences of his speech. There were some who read a farewell meaning into his peroration. He certainly expressed his keen appreciation of his colleagues and the work they were doing, which possibly might be construed as an indication that he did not expect to be always sitting on the front bench with them. But when the Opposition leader, Mr. Richards, queried him as to whether he had anything to announce, he laughingly declined the opportunity for a confession.

## Difficulties of Inspectors.

As a member of the Government he was compelled to accept his full share of responsibility but at the same time he could not but shut his eyes to the real situation. He did not think the officials of the Temperance Alliance quite appreciated the difficulties encountered by the inspectors and the Government in their efforts to enforce the law. Human nature in New Brunswick was much the same as human nature in other provinces and in the states of the union. If the law enforcement in New Brunswick was so much more lax than in other places he might be willing to agree that the Government was largely to blame, but his observations did not lead him to that conclusion.

The enforcement of the law was most difficult for reasons so apparent that a man on horse back could read and understand.

The laws for the protection of the forests and fires were only effective when they had an overwhelming strong public sentiment behind them, and no number of law officers could have any appreciable effect without moral support from the public. Would it be any stretch of the imagination to say the same thing about the intoxicating liquor act?

## Differences of Opinion.

Differences of opinion did not mean that all the seal for the good of the public was on one side. Frank expressions given in the House by honorable members were entitled to the respectful consideration of their opponents on any question, and when they found thoughtful and patriotic citizens expressing views in opposition to the liquor act, the members of the Temperance Alliance might well take heed whether the attempt by some of their officials to place the Government on trial was doing any real good to the cause.

In that connection he noticed that Rev. Thomas Marshall in a letter to the St. John Telegraph-Journal had taken the issue with the honorable Premier in regard to certain information which had been brought down in the House in regard to an inquiry. The section of the Act cited by his reverend gentleman in support of his argument, undoubtedly bore out the stand taken by the honorable Premier that information obtained by the chief inspector in regard to prescriptions was not to be disclosed to the public. He had no hesitation in saying that (Continued on following page.)

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## SPURNS SALARY RAISE; CATCHER WANTS TO WORK

St. Petersburg, Fla., April 9.—One of the few members of the seventh place Braves who got a raise this year was Frank Gibson, second string catcher. Gibson didn't catch many games, but he did well in those which he did catch, so the management decided to increase his pay.

And then to behold Mr. Gibson returns his contract with the following remarks: "Your money is all right but what I want is work. Unless I get assurances that I will catch at least four games this year I won't report."

The assurances not being forthcoming, Mr. Gibson kept his word and refused to report.

## UNDERSTUDY FOR KELLY.

George Kelly, the elongated first sacker of the New York Giants, will have a worthy understudy this year in the person of Terry of Toledo. This fellow Terry is hitting them so hard in spring training that Kelly is already worried.

## CANON ARMSTRONG HONORED

Rev. Canon and Mrs. R. A. Armstrong were remembered yesterday at the monthly meeting of the W. A. of the Trinity church, the former being presented a purse of gold and the latter a life membership in the W. A. The presentation of Mr. Armstrong was made by Mrs. L. R. Harrison and to Mrs. Armstrong by Mrs. F. J. G. Knowlton. Canon Armstrong is leaving in September for his new charge in Toronto.

## SAYS HOME BADLY NEEDED.

Grave need existed for the Inter-Provincial Home for Women to be established at Moncton, the meeting of the W. C. T. U. was told yesterday by Mrs. Mary Seymour, who reported on her visits to the jail and of the cases which she came in contact with there. Mrs. Seymour told of her visits to the Home for Incurables, Mrs. Hope Thomson, president, was in the chair. A request from the Y. W. C. A. for support was held over for the next meeting. Mrs. Duval reported on her visits to the hospital.

## ON SURVEY AT GRAND FALLS.

Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, of Shediac, chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, arrived in the city last night and proceeded to Fredericton this morning on business connected with hydro electric power. Asked last night concerning the development at Grand Falls, he said that the surveys were doing good work but nothing very definite in the way of reports had been received from them as yet. Dr. Smith expects to return to the city tonight.