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ST. MARYS SEXTET 7 TO 5

Fast Exhibition Game Put Up by Two Teams—Both Showed Lack of Ice Training—Winners Played Good Combination.

ST. MARYS, Dec. 26.—The London Alert Junior O. H. A. team was defeated here tonight in an exhibition game by the local junior squad, 7 to 5. Both teams showed up well in spite of lack of ice training. Fourteen players came with London, and all were given a chance on the ice. The London team's defeat was due, perhaps, to the work of the four-man combination the locals played.

London played a good defense game, but the forwards were not up to the mark, and could not carry the puck. Bill and "Dub" Louch played well for the locals.

ST. MARYS took the lead in the first period, scoring two goals, while London got one. The visitors came back strong in the second period, however, and took the lead by one goal, making the score 5 to 4. The locals got their combination working better in the third season, and as a result three goals were scored against the Londoners, while the locals held them out.

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Toronto Ladies' Sextet
Seeks Game Here.

SECRETARY McFadyen of the North Toronto Athletic Association is seeking a game with a ladies' hockey team from London. Speaking to The Advertiser by telephone late last night, he said that the manager of a ladies' sextet in this city had written him last week asking for a game here. However, he said, he failed to sign her name.

Mr. McFadyen asks that any team wishing a game telephone him at his expense, and arrangements will be made to bring a ladies' team to London.

GALT CHAMPIONS
WIN FIRST GAME

Defeated Preston in Exhibition Game by 7 to 2.

GALT, Dec. 26.—The hockey season opened here today with an exhibition game between Galt Intermediates, champions of last season, and Milton Intermediates, which the locals won 7 to 2.

Considering it was the first game of the season and the fact that the majority of players had not been on ice, the game was a very good exhibition. The score by periods was 2 to 0, 4 to 1 and 7 to 2.

Coach Leueur had all his champions on hand, and they showed their old form, but require more conditioning. Joe Kenter and Farlow were the pick of the visitors.

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Danny Murphy Acclaimed the Marconi of Baseball

BY BILLY EVANS.
DANNY MURPHY of the Philadelphia Athletics is the "Marconi of Baseball."

In other words, when it comes to picking up signs out of the air, the Marconi system has nothing on Murphy. All of which means that Danny Murphy is of invaluable aid to the batters on Philadelphia's team.

Don't get the impression there is anything unimportant about Murphy's methods, for such is not the case. Murphy doesn't use any field glasses or employ any other outside help to gather his information, other than a keen sense of observation and the ability to think quickly.

To me Danny Murphy is one of the most remarkable characters in baseball. Standing on the third base coaching lines when the Athletics are at bat, he is far from an imposing figure. His position is usually a careless one, and he emits no wild yells like Hughie Jennings did in the days of old.

As a matter of fact Murphy probably impresses the average fan as a player who had but little interest in his work. Usually as the pitcher starts his delivery, Murphy can be seen uttering a few apparently unintelligible remarks to the batter. While the fan can't hear, he doesn't understand what Murphy is saying, the batter is getting a lot of inside stuff.

Has a Word Sign. "Step back, Jimmy," is the signal for the batter that the pitcher intends to throw a curve.

"Make a track, Jimmy," is the sign that the pitcher intends to dish up a fast one.

"Get a hold of it," is the way of telling the batter a spitball is coming. The batter is waiting patiently for these words of wisdom from Murphy.

At the moment Murphy flashes the message to him he shifts his position, in order that he may be in a better position to see the style of pitching that is on the way.

It is a distinct advantage to the batter. It usually means that he can add at least 30 per cent to his batting average if he knows what is coming.

This is even better than the advantage of the batting averages of certain players while with Philadelphia and even with some other clubs.

One day last summer I was unimpressed in Philadelphia with the New York team. Three of us were officiating.

On this particular day I was stationed at third base where the umpire has little to do other than stand around. While Hoyt, one of the great pitchers in the business, was working for New York, I heard Murphy talking to each batter.

"Don't make any mistakes, Danny," he would say. "I know you can get them with Hoyt as any one. However, he has so much stuff the boys have trouble hitting it, even when they know what is coming."

Makes a Careful Study. I asked Danny how he did it. He seemed easy after I had gotten the key. He showed how Hoyt always held the ball a trifle different from the rest of the pitchers in the business.

He got up over his head, he tips off his hand. It is the only way he can get it to the batter.

"I can't believe it," he said. "I don't believe in the various deliveries, without a noticeable difference. It seems a physical impossibility to tell the date of application for payment. I watch every pitcher carefully, and if he has a weakness in his delivery I get it."

American League pitchers will be frank. They know the fact that the Athletics, they realize every ball is being tipped off and yet they are unable to come up with a coming. Murphy certainly is a wonder.

HANLON AND CHANEY WIN THEIR HOLIDAY FIGHTS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Jimmy Hanlon, Denver, and George Chaney, Baltimore, were the winners today in two of the principal bouts of holiday boxing.

Hanlon outpointed Joe Tippl, Philadelphia, in a fast 8-round fight, while Chaney easily defeated a local doer, St. Paul. Also in an 8-round go, Chaney had the better of every round.

ENGLISH SOCCER

LONDON, Dec. 26.—(Canadian Press Cable).—Results of league soccer games played in the old country today follow: Arsenal 4; Cardiff City 0.

Blackburn Rovers 3; Preston N.E. 0. Tottenham 2; Newcastle C. 0.

Liverpool 1; Newcastle U. 0. Manchester U. 0; Burnley 1.

Oldham 0; Bolton W. 0. Sheffield U. 2; Aston Villa 3.

Sunderland 1; Bradford C. 0. West Brom A. 1; Birmingham 0.

Second Division: Barnsley 1; Bristol City 0.

Blackpool 2; Leicester City 0. Bradford 3; Clapton Orient 1.

Bury 0; Wigan 0. Fleetwood 0; Grimsby 0.

Third Division—Northern Section: Crewe A. 2; Rochdale 0.

O. A. C. ROAD RACE
WON BY O'REILLY

HAMILTON, Dec. 26.—Arthur O'Reilly won the Catholic Athletic Club's Christmas road race of three and one-quarter miles today, his time being 22 minutes and five seconds. There were fifteen contestants and in the end O'Reilly, eight finished in the following order: R. Hull, Frank Sheehan, J. C. Warren, Wm. Lynch, Reg. Aitchison, John Ford, Edward Bernier, Charles Lesta.

The race was for boys between the ages of 16 and 21, and it was promoted by J. Wilmott, who acted as starter. It was such a decided success that it will be made an annual affair.

CALGARY LEADING
WESTERN LEAGUE

CALGARY, Dec. 26.—Calgary Tigers provided a suitable Christmas present for 5,600 fans, the largest crowd that has ever gathered in the arena here, and incidentally won the Western Canada Professional Hockey League by defeating the Edmonton Eskimos 4 to 2.

Over 1,500 persons were turned away. The final game of the season was between the Calgary Tigers and the Edmonton Eskimos.

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Help Men Having
Many Children

New South Wales Minister Introduces Endowment Bill.

SYDNEY, New South Wales, Dec. 26.—The benefits of the much-discussed endowment bill, recently introduced into the New South Wales Legislative Assembly by the minister for motherhood, Mr. McGill, will be confined to families whose income does not provide more than the basic wage provided by the maintenance of a man, his wife and two children.

It will be recalled that the Labor government proposed to raise the money to meet the payments under the bill by means of a state lottery, but the determined opposition of the Protestant churches has evidently had its effect, as the fund from which the money is to be paid will be appropriated by the state for the purpose of the institution of a state lottery.

The minister was careful to state that the scheme did not depend upon the other, and he added that the lottery proposal had not been considered by the cabinet.

The payments under the measure will range from 6s. to 10s. per child per week. No payment is to be made unless a child or children are maintained by the mother, but in specified circumstances the minister may direct that a payment be made to a woman who has not been a bona fide resident of the state for at least two years before the date of application for payment, or if she is not enrolled as a voter under the electoral act.

If a man with three children has an income of less than 6s. a week over the basic wage he will be entitled to a subsidy for one of the children, but she will be entitled to a payment if there are four children, unless the income of her husband is equal to 12s. a week above the basic wage.

A provision which will probably cause controversy, is the clause stating that conductors of orphanages approved by the government shall be entitled to a week in respect of every child inmate. It is not clear yet whether the clause which provides for an increase or reduction in subsidy in respect of any child upon the report of the board of trade of any authorized person, can be construed to include orphanages.

SOVIET YIELDS TO
LENINE'S APOLOGY

MOSCOW, Dec. 26.—The Russian Soviet Congress has approved the new soviet economic policy outlined by Premier Nikolai Lenine.

This approval was given by accepting Lenine's address, which was presented as the report of the council of commissars on the domestic and foreign policy of the soviet government.

Although the Congress accepted the new economic policy, acceptance was given grudgingly by a large faction of the communists who dislike the government's change to capitalist methods.

One reason why the communists accepted it at all, it was pointed out in some quarters, was because they had no alternative plan to offer.

Although these delegates detest the terms "money," "capitalism," and "trusts," they grudgingly accepted their leaders' apologies that the economic change was only temporary and necessary for the ultimate construction of a real communist government.

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