

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Much Speculation is Being Indulged Over Outlook for Professional Lacrosse

BUTLER GOING TO FRONT

Tom Flanagan Does Not Think Johnson as Good as He Was at Reno Five Years Ago—Jimmy Murphy Again President Toronto Senior Lacrosse League.

Both Jess Willard and Jack Johnson are hard at work in preparation for the heavyweight championship fight, which takes place next Monday.

"Matty" Mathewson is "going back" fast. He now plays golf in his leisure moments.

Tecumsehs of Toronto will not continue in lacrosse with the same club as last year, and are in favor of a city series to comprise a team at Rosedale, Scarborough Beach and the Island.

All the way from Honolulu in the Hawaiian Islands comes A. N. Kinney, the new boxing champion of Upper Canada College. He is of English parentage, and although only 17 years of age is over six feet in height and weighs over 230 pounds.

The former Princeton third baseman, Reed, is a candidate for an infield job under John McGraw. Reed broke his leg two years ago, and quit baseball entirely. He is now trying to come back and in the role of a big leaguer.

Mr. C. A. Vallender, of the Circle Carrossial, has been elected president of the Canadian Snowshoe Union.

Tom Flanagan, of Toronto, who managed Johnson when the negro won the heavyweight championship from Jim Jeffries at Reno, who has arrived in Havana, says the champion does not look quite as good as he did five years ago.

Pinches Becke and Bader have signed with the Buffalo International, while catcher Stephens has been handed his release.

"Jimmy" Murphy has again been elected president of the Toronto Senior Lacrosse League. This is his fifth year as chief of that bustling organization.

Bombardier Wells the English champion, was knocked out in London in the tenth round of what was to have been a 20-round battle. Frank Moran, of Pittsburgh, his opponent, was not so finished a boxer but was much more of the fighter. That about tells the tale. When the American finally whipped one over the Englishman slept peacefully.

Everything is settled at last in Guelph, and "Knot" Lee will manage the club, which has been bought from George O'Neil by Mr. James Reynolds. Lee has already secured eight players.

E. R. Butler, of the Argonaut and Toronto Rowing Clubs, the ex-champion single sculler, has volunteered for active service, and is anxious to go to the front. He joined the A. M. C. two months ago, but was not lucky enough to be one of the ten selected to go to the front with the second contingent. "I would sooner go to the war than stay here and row," he remarks.

Ring followers consider that one of the worst faults of Willard is that he leaves his body unprotected most of the time. He also fights with his mouth open.

Lou Criger, a famous catcher of the Boston Americans a few years ago, had his left leg amputated on Saturday at South Bend. He is expected to recover.

What will be done in professional lacrosse circles will not be decided for a couple of weeks. The Nationals and the Torontos are anxious to continue as a four club league, providing they can get two more teams in the circuit.

Frankie Fleming has been placed formally in possession of the gold belt donated by the Montreal Sporting Club. He has promised to defend it against any legitimate Canadian featherweight. After his coming fight with Kid Julian on April 9 he will meet any one suggested by the Montreal Club.

"Bill" O'Hara has gone into active training, and the veteran should be in good shape when the Leafs report at Durham next Monday.

Manders defeated Frayn in the final game of the Westmount Y. M. C. A. billiard handicap last night 300 to 284. This gives Manders the billiard championship of the Westmount Y. M. C. A.

Prize-fighting is now illegal in the State of Nevada.

Both Toronto and Rochester signed first baseman Graham, late of the Virginia League, but Rochester neglected to register the player as required, and this inattention to detail proved fatal. Graham will join the Leafs.

"Neway" Lalonde has gone to New York City to spend Easter. Afterwards he will coach the Swathmore University lacrosse team. He will be back in time to commence the season here.

The faculty of Fordham University caused consternation in undergraduate circles by announcing the dismissal of three of the foremost athletes in the institution for alleged delinquency in their scholastic standing. The men who have been dropped from the college are Regan and Reardon, two of the members of last year's football team, both of whom were students in the Law School, and Labatt, who has been looked on as in line for a place on the pitching staff of the university baseball team.

Perhaps the "Old Tugue Blue," which is to hold a banquet on April 10th, to commemorate its seventy-fifth anniversary, is unique in this particular. Few athletic organizations have had a career so long and honored. It is expected that nearly twenty past presidents will be in attendance.

NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

The New York Post says that a special committee of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, appointed to investigate the question of a six-cent fare on the Boston Elevated's lines, recently reported in favor of such an increase. The committee's report, it is said, was practically "hushed" by the Chamber, and the committee discharged, later to be replaced by another committee which is now investigating the same matter. The new committee comprises James J. Storrow, George W. Anderson, Russell Robb and Louis D. Brandeis.

The Lordship Co. Inc., capitalized at \$500,000, has been organized to control and operate the trolley line now being constructed on Hollister Avenue in Bridgeport, Conn., between Stratford Avenue and Lordship Manor and to control all amusements at the Manor.

The question of whether the Hooking Valley Railway Co. must give electric service between Hamden and Jackson, Ohio, probably will be carried to the United States Supreme Court. A matter of great interest to railroads and utility companies is involved, and final adjudication in the national tribunal may be sought. Involved is the issue whether a company, whose business as a whole is profitable, may be compelled to continue a service which is distinctly unprofitable. An affirmative answer has been given by the Ohio Supreme Court, which affirmed the decree of the State Public Utilities Commission against the Hooking Valley Railway Co. and thereby compels continuation of the service.

All Bylesby electric properties reporting for the week ended March 6 showed net connected load gains of 73 customers with 166 kilowatts lighting load and \$10 horse-power in motors. New business contracted for included 878 customers with 462 kilowatts lighting load and 271 horse-power in motors. Electric output of the properties for the week was 7,651,217 kilowatt hours, an increase of 19.9 per cent. over corresponding week of 1914. Manufactured gas output increased 7.4 per cent.

Minneapolis has renewed its street lighting contract covering ornamental post and arc lighting with the Minneapolis General Electric Co. for one year. The Minneapolis company during the week ended March 5 secured contracts for 242 customers with 178 kilowatts lighting load and 169 horse-power in motors, and took orders for wiring 21 already built houses.

Using statistics from the last census bureau report on the electrical industry for the year 1912 and similar statistics for 1902, William P. Bonbright & Co. has prepared a chart showing the growth of capitalization, funded debt and dividends of the electric light and power companies of the United States during this ten year period. The total capitalization advanced 27 per cent. and the funded debt of the companies 26 per cent. Dividends on the preferred and common stock increased at a much faster rate, the total amount paid on preferred stock advancing \$50 per cent. and the payment on common stock 414 per cent.

The proposed plan for merging the New England Co., a voluntary holding association formed in Massachusetts a year ago, has been approved at meetings of the New England Power Co. of Maine and the Connecticut River Power Co. of Maine. These corporations are said to control about 70,000 electrical horse power in the New England States. The New England Co. is understood to have authority to issue \$30,000,000 of bonds.

The Hull Electric Railway made application to the Dominion Railway Commission for permission to put in operation a tariff at the rate of 2 1/2 cents a mile. The request has met with refusal but had it been granted the increase in suburban travel would have been more than doubled in many instances. The commission comments that the railway's revenue under the present tariff system seems to be quite sufficient, pointing out that its gross earnings in 1914 were \$161,962, and the net earnings were \$11,061. The H. E. R. came under the jurisdiction of the commission in 1913 explains the chairman, Chief Commissioner H. L. Drayton, who says: "As traffic is moving, and apparently moving in a satisfactory manner, under special tariffs, there would seem to be little or no reason why a standard mileage tariff should be approved of. The company already appears to have tariffs sufficient to provide for any movement on its line."

BRITISH TRADE FAIR TO BE HELD IN LONDON IN MAY

It is learned that the British Board of Trade, which has recently been conducting a series of "Exchange Meetings," at which samples of goods of British Manufacture have been exhibited, has arranged for a "Trade Fair" to take place in May. This fair will be held at the Agricultural Hall in London, and will be opened on May 10, being kept open for at least two weeks.

The main features of the exhibition will be toys, fancy goods and novelties, staple and fancy goods in earthen ware and china, glass, cutlery, silver plated ware, clocks, cheap jewelry, buttons, notions, paper and stationery.

It is expected that many buyers from abroad will attend this exhibition for the purpose of placing orders for fall and winter delivery. Admission will be by invitation only, as the plan is to confine the display to actual buyers and the general public will not be admitted.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET DULL.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 30.—Market opened dull. Cambria Steel 42 3/4, off 1/4.

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CAPT. J. G. ROSS, Of the 5th Royal Highlanders, who has written the Journal of Commerce from France. He is in charge of the machine gun section.

THEATRICAL NEWS

INJUDICIOUS CHARACTER PLAYING.

It seems too bad, but through no apparent fault of the players and apart from the music and singing which was excellent, the Princess Musical Comedy Company was placed at a disadvantage with "Pretty Miss Brown." The company is a most capable one, as has been shown many times, but they cannot do the impossible with a play so unsuited to them as "Pretty Miss Brown" was.

The force is far too foolish to be interesting, and altogether too unconvincing to be enjoyable and needs to be enlivened considerably. But in the hands of a more competent company, suitably versed in its different parts, and imbued with the spirit of the play, its imperfections would not have been so apparent and the audience would most certainly have had some respite from the dull and uninteresting atmosphere which surrounded the whole production.

The musical items appeared to be quite unsuitable to the production and not in keeping with the spirit of the comedy, but apart from these facts, their rendition was as usual accomplished in excellent form, and was a break in the monotony.

Miss Maynard as "Pretty Miss Brown" is not at all suited to the part which requires too much frivolity and vulgarity for her general disposition. However, Montrealeers are too well conversant with her acting abilities for her reputation to suffer by a cast displacement.

Tom Burton, as Arthur Hummingtop, the perplexed husband who becomes entangled with "Pretty Miss Brown," an actress, and Nella Brown, as Mrs. Gillibrand, his mother-in-law, were the most convincing players of the cast, and appeared to have had an absolute grasp of the spirit of their parts, which cannot be said of some of the other members of the company.

Billy Lynn, as Joshua Gillibrand, was on the whole fairly good, but his representation of the English fop was very unrealistic and far from the real thing. This, of course, is accounted for by his American enunciation, and to his being seemingly unfamiliar with the demeanor of—it might be said—an over-exaggerated type of the modern Englishman.

Charles H. Bowers, as Mr. Hummingtop's friend, and Olivette as Daisy Maitland, were rather good, but at times unconvincing and impressionable. Miss Shirley Love, as Mrs. Hummingtop, who came in almost at the end of the production, was, on the whole good. The whole company appeared to be misplaced, but it is quite possible that during the remainder of the week they may vindicate last night's performance, as the acting of a stock company on the first night at the best of times, is naturally never up to the mark.

The Princess Musical Comedy will go on the road at the end of the week, and will be away for about three weeks. Then they will again return to Montreal. During their absence, Wm. A. Braday will present "The White Feather," "Mutt and Jeff," and one or two operettas.—J. M.

"THE WHITE SISTER" OF MUCH INTEREST.

That dramatic succession of improbable calamities known as "The White Sister," produced by His Majesty's Players last night, gave the company a good vehicle for their abilities and the presentation was a strong one throughout. Whatever may be thought of the psychology of "The White Sister" there can be no doubt of its appeal to the public. It is highly emotional, verges on the melodramatic at times but was fortunately saved from this by capable acting. Altogether the audience last night enjoyed itself and, in addition to having a play that satisfied its desire for "heart throbs," had the appropriate experience of witnessing a play with a religious setting during Holy Week.

Miss Marion Barney, as the White Sister, gave an interpretation of the role which suggested inspiration without becoming unpleasantly sentimental. The part in itself is scarcely convincing but her capable acting invested it with such sincerity that it did convey reality and the spiritual character of a strong-minded woman carrying out a purpose which she believed to be right. Mr. John Rigney, as Captain Severi, had the sympathy of the audience all through the play. He gave a fine reading of the part and despite a tendency to overplay the earlier scenes, carried off the final suicide episode with considerable dramatic force.

The supporting cast was satisfactory, though it did not detract from the strength of the leading characters. Miss Louise Randolph, as the Countess Charomonte, had a role which scarcely afforded her as great possibilities as that in which she made her first appearance in the company; but she was a very pleasing villainess. Incidentally she gave indications of a different type of ability and it should be interesting to watch her playing in next week's comedy. Mr. Louis Ancker was not Italian, as Lieutenant Basti, but did fairly well with the part. Mr. Louis Wetloff has been open to better advantage than the nas Monsignor Seracinesca. Mr. Byron Aldern infused a touch of humor as Bresca.

Austria is summoning to the colors all able-bodied men under 52, and those under 42 affected as physically unfit are being recalled.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Out of a population of 7,000 in Millville, N.J., 104 have emigrated.

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Subscription list to the new Canadian \$25,000,000 4 1/2 per cent. loan closed in London.

Average price of twelve industrials \$1.96, up 0.78. Twenty railways, \$8.87, up 0.40.

Activity of the reinforced Russian fleet in the Baltic is reported.

Lord Rothschild underwent a serious surgical operation in London. His condition is satisfactory.

Winifred Johnson, a negro woman born in slavery at Winchester, Va., died at Auburn, N.Y., aged 113.

Shipment of 2,000 portable ovens for the French army was recently made from St. Louis.

Application from English operatives in textile mills of Britain, for a 10 p.c. increase in wages has been refused.

Henry Liebmann, one of the founders of S. Liebmann's Sons, brewing company, died at his home in New York.

It is reported in Paris that Austria has made a definite offer to cede to Italy part of the province of Trent.

Net profits of the German Reichsbank in 1914 were \$16,750,000, compared with \$12,825,000 the previous year.

Reading system total all companies, February surplus, \$23,880, decrease, \$218,610. 8 months' surplus, \$4,259,576, decrease, \$1,442,259.

A daughter was born at Rye, N.Y., to Mme. Louise Homer, the opera singer. It will be named Helen Joy Homer, and weighs seven and a half pounds.

President Forgan, of the First National Bank of Chicago, says that the general trade has not yet worked back to normal, but the outlook is cheering.

Western Union reports 5.38 per cent. earned on stock in year ended December 31, compares with 3.24 per cent. in 1913.

Purchasing agents of British government have awarded contract for over 1,000,000 burlap bags to New York concern.

Lehigh Valley has been enjoined by Federal Judge Hough in New York from paying rebates in form of commissions to Sheldon & Co., freight forwarding agents in Chicago.

French have already buried 11,000 dead taken from the captured trenches in the Champagne country in 20 days German losses, including wounded and prisoners, are estimated at 30,000.

James Milton Hall, who in April last was awarded a verdict of \$110,000 against Paine, Webber & Co. in a suit on a New York stock transaction, is dead after an operation. He was 54 years old.

One million copies of the first edition of the Echo, which appeared in London were sold, a world's record for a first edition. The Echo will be afternoon edition of the Daily Chronicle.

A campaign for a million dollar endowment fund to be completed by October, 1915, as a birthday present to Vassar College on its 50th anniversary was announced by Henry Noble MacCracken, president of the college.

Greatest airship ever built was turned out last week by Zeppelin factory at Friedrichshafen. New dreadnought is fully 30 p.c. larger than any airship designed by Count Zeppelin. It is estimated that 33 Zeppelins have been turned out since beginning of war.

At end of 1914 there were 1,754,570 automobiles of all types in United States, increase of 500,695 over previous year, according to "Automobile" magazine. In 1911, total number of machines was 677,000. New York State ranks first, with 156,173 cars.

The New York Tribune says the order by Secretary of War Garrison that no rifles stored in the arsenals of the United States should be sold until the end of the European war blocked the scheme to sell 320,000 Krag rifles, which had been discarded by this Government, to the Allies at profit of \$8,000,000.

Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, consulting electrical engineer, predicts certain coming of the electric motor vehicle into prominence and its displacement of gasoline car through a rear axle invention of Harry E. Dey which brings down weight of electric automobiles to one-third of present weight and reduces cost at least proportionately.

PRAIRIE OIL EARNINGS FELL.

New York, March 30.—The balance sheet of Prairie Oil and Gas Co. as expected indicates a big reduction in earnings for 1914. A comparison of the latest statement with that of December 31, 1913, indicates net earnings of \$5,746,313, equivalent to 32.1 on the \$18,000,000 capital stock, against \$15,935,000 or 85.5 p.c. in the previous year. This loss, like that of other producing companies, can be attributed almost wholly to a decline in value of oil on hand at the close of the year, the market price having dropped from \$1.03 to 55 cents.

Big stockholders in Prairie Oil and Gas Co., however, are not looking back to 1914. They are watching the increasing use of Kansas-Oklahoma by eastern refiners and extensions being made by Pipe Line companies to take care of the enlarged demand. During the current year Prairie Oil will undoubtedly break all records in shipment of its production.

FAIR AND COLD WEATHER.

The cold waves now covers the North-West States, drawing slowly southward, with diminishing energy. Fair, cold weather prevails over the greater portion of the Dominion.

NEW YORK BROKERS WILL TAKE THEIR HOLIDAY ON MONDAY.

The New York Stock Exchange yesterday voted not to close on Good Friday, but will be closed on Monday.

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Pirates Murdered 130 When Two British Steamers Sunk by Submarines

WOULD HAVE BRITAIN DRY

Employers' Delegation to Chancellor of Exchequer are Unanimous in Demanding Prohibition During the War.—Constantinople Hears Russian Guns.

Upwards of 130 lives were lost in the sinking by German submarines of the African liner Falaba and the British steamer Agula, bound from Liverpool for Lisbon. The Falaba, which was torpedoed in St. Georges Channel Sunday afternoon, carried a crew of 96 and about 150 passengers, and of this total only 140 were rescued. Of those rescued eight died later from exposure. The Agula had a crew of 42 and three passengers, and of these 23 of the crew and all the passengers were lost. In both cases, on sighting the submarine, the captains tried to escape by putting on all speed possible, but the under-water craft overtook the steamers. The captain of the Falaba, who was one of those lost, was given five minutes to get his passengers and crew into the boats, but according to survivors, before this was possible, a torpedo was fired, striking the engine-room and causing a terrible explosion.

"We are fighting Germany, Austria and drink, so far as I can see, the greatest of these three deadly foes is drink," said David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, replying yesterday to a deputation of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation, the members of which were unanimous in urging that, in order to meet the national requirements at the present time, there should be total prohibition during the period of the war of the sale of intoxicating liquors. This should apply not only to public houses, but also to private clubs, so as to operate equally with all classes of the community.

The absolute clearing of the Turkish ships from the Black Sea has been promptly followed by a close bombardment of the Turkish defences on the European and Asiatic shores at the mouth of the Bosphorus through the streets of Constantinople on Palm Sunday awakened great joy in Russia. It is known that the Black Sea fleet was recently engaged in vigorous preparatory work. The Asiatic coast has been searched for mine-layers and several were sunk, while all the Turkish transports were destroyed or captured.

The concentration of picked Chinese troops around Pekin has been practically completed. A hundred thousand men with artillery reserves are now distributed along the railway and a network completely bars the roads to the capital. The Government, dissatisfied with Japan's reply concerning the increase in the Japanese garrison in China, sent a note to the Mikado's emissaries. It is reported that Japan has occupied strategic positions of Mukden Tsinan. The Tientsin-Pukow Railway, carrying China's military communications between north and south, could be easily cut by the Japanese as a result of the reinforcement of Tsinan, it is declared.

German naval activity has been resumed in the Baltic Sea and the Gulf of Bothnia with the intention of carrying out a blockade campaign against the trade of Finland and Sweden, according to a Copenhagen despatch. Attacks on the Finnish coast probably are proposed also, as German submarines have been reported not far off shore. A German fleet has occupied the north of the Aland Islands. Several Danish and Swedish vessels are reported to have been halted by German submarines, but so far as known only one was fired upon, and she escaped unharmed.

Although official reports have of late related into silence as to events in the Rheims sector, operations are not standstill there. At present the Germans are putting severe pressure upon the Rheims sector, no doubt to draw the French from points a little farther east, where substantial successes continue to be registered and where salient points in the German line are steadily being rendered untenable.

NEW LIFE SAVING DEVICE

A new life-saving device was given a trial at the Y. M. C. A. swimming tank yesterday afternoon and proved highly satisfactory. The appliance, which was invented by Mr. J. H. Elliott of Montreal, consists of a small rubber vest which goes on over the head and shoulders and is fastened instantly by straps and snap-hooks under the arms. The life jacket is inflated by means of a short tube equipped with a valve which is arranged to be within reach of the mouth when the jacket is strapped on.

At the swimming tank, the deflated pocket vest strapped on one of the swimmers and he jumped into the water. In ten seconds he was able to inflate the appliance and it successfully held his head well above water. Several tests were carried out and it was demonstrated that it was impossible to stuff with the device on.

It was while reading of the North Sea battles recently that Mr. Elliott got the idea for his invention. "The sailors could wear my appliance under their coats already strapped in place. It would not interfere with their work and every freedom of action is allowed the arms. When ready to take to the water a few puffs will inflate the jacket and it is sufficiently buoyant to sustain a fully clothed man in water until he is picked up."

The appliance is an excellent one and should prove valuable for use in the Navy, for aviators, ship's crews and all travellers upon the water. The appliance has been patented in the United States and Canada and the inventor hopes to be able to manufacture the article to retail at a low price.

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CHICAGO PNEUMATIC TOOLS: Chicago, Ill., March 31.—Earnings of... show a...

BIG GUNS FOR RUSSIA: New York, March 31.—A Seattle dispatch...

BRITISH LINER BADLY HURT BY ENEMY: Liverpool, March 31.—British liner...

TO ADVANCE WOOLWORTH DIVIDEND: New York, March 31.—Advance in...

CHICAGO CAPITALISTS EXPECTED TO INVEST HEAVILY: Toronto, Ont., March 31.—C. B. Flynn...

INTERNATIONAL PAPER DIVIDEND: London, March 31.—International Paper...

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILL: London, March 31.—Tenders for treasury...

NO ACTION ON DIVIDEND: New York, March 31.—The directors...

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE HOLDS: Chicago, Ill., March 31.—Chicago Board...

AMERICAN CLEARINGS: Chicago, Ill. clearings, \$48,125,998; dec...

PRODUCE EXCHANGE HOLIDAY: New York, March 31.—Produce Exchange...

LIVERPOOL EXCHANGE HOLIDAY: New York, March 31.—Liverpool exchange...