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GENTLE HOCKEY AT PITTSBURG.

Montreal Team Defeated by the Shamrocks.

Moran Will Request Referee Jeffries to Keep Out of His Way—Shrub Wins Another Race—Woodlane First in the Planters' Stake.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—Four thousand people last night saw Lyceum beat the Pittsburgh Athletic Club in the Western Pennsylvania League. The final score was 6 to 1. The Pittsburgh Athletic Club seemed helpless, and could do absolutely nothing to stop the fast work of the Lyceums. An ovation followed the appearance of Arthur Sixsmith, the famous Canadian hockey player, as referee. Schooley, the Toronto man, whose refereeing has been a feature at Duquesne Garden for some years, was ill and Sixsmith took his place, and for the first time in the Pittsburgh history of hockey a full game was played without a player being penalized. The score and line-up: Lyceum—Ross, goal; Charlton (captain), point; Moran, cover; Mallen, centre; Smith (Cook), rover; Marks, right wing; left wing.

H. G. C. SHOOT.

Contests For Three Trophies on Saturday Afternoon.

The first fifty birds under the go-as-you-please handicap system for the Robertson, Hardon, and Du Pont trophies, were shot at the Hamilton Gun Club grounds on Saturday afternoon. Owing to a high north wind straight scoring was impossible, but some very creditable work was done. Wm. Wark and M. E. Fletcher carried off the Merchandise prizes. The scores:

Targets	10	25	35
Barnard	0	16	11
Cantelon	3	10	17
Wark	9	21	19
Cline	7	18	20
Beattie	10	19	20
Ben It	6	17	14
Dates	7	19	18
Dr. Wilson	4	17	17
Brown	5	20	17
Fletcher	5	18	21
Hunter	7	13	15
Gompf	6	13	16
Kingston	2	15	19

NEW YEAR FIGHT.

Moran Does Not Want Referee Jeffries to Get in His Way.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—Owen Moran, who is to fight Abe Attell here on New Year's Day for the featherweight title of the world, has one request to make of Jim Jeffries, who will referee the battle. Moran said last night: "When I see Jeffries to-morrow (I understand he is to call on me) I will ask him to agree not to step in between Attell and myself when he orders us to break. I do a big part of my fighting on a breakaway, and Jim's big body would certainly be in the way."

PHILADELPHIA XI.

Will Make a Tour of England Next Summer.

After a lapse of five years the cricketers of Philadelphia will send a team to England next season. Although the team has not yet been chosen, all those whose selection is assured have been approached, and have signified their willingness to go. Should the trip not have been undertaken in 1907 it could not have taken place until 1911, for the Australians will be in England in 1909 and the South Africans are down for a trip in 1910.

The schedule of games for the Philadelphia was drawn up at the last meeting of the county secretaries, held in London on December 9. It embraces in all fifteen matches, of which thirteen will take place in England and two in Ireland. The opening match will be played on July 6, and the concluding contest on August 27. The following is the schedule:

the affair, would leave Los Angeles for this city. Moran announced his weight yesterday at 121 pounds, which was a surprise to those who thought the little Briton would find trouble getting to the 120-pound mark.

SHORT ARM JABS. London, Dec. 30.—(Canadian Associated Press.)—A Paris wire says that Sam MacVea, a Canadian, knocked Jack Sales, of London, out in the second round.

Papke is about the only fighter now in "active service" who is not cheating with his name.

BASKETBALL GAMES.

Junior Champions Defeated the Old Exhibition Team.

One of the best exhibitions of basketball that has been witnessed for some time in junior circles took place on Saturday night in the local Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. The old exhibition team met the junior Canadian champions, and were defeated by a score of 39 to 41. Beattie performed many of his old stunts and McPherson was a good second, while Ross and Murray led the defence line in splendid form. McKenzie got in good work at centre. The champions played in good form, and will give Toronto West End a good run for the championship on New Year's Day in the local Y. M. C. A. gym. The teams lined up as follows:

Exhibition Team	Jun. Champions
Forwards:	W. McPherson, J. Taylor, R. Beattie, G. McNeill
Centre:	S. McKenzie, L. Simpson
Defence:	F. Murray, W. Finlay, T. Ross, A. Wilson

IN FAST TIME.

Shrub Defeated Three Runners Including Kanaly.

Boston, Dec. 30.—In the first ten-mile professional running race ever held on a board track, Alfred Shrub easily defeated Tom Williams, Sam Meyers and Frank Kanaly, the latter the American professional champion, who ran in a relay at the Park Square coliseum Saturday night. Shrub's time was 53 minutes 15 seconds, as compared with his outdoor record for the same distance of 53 minutes 7 seconds.

WOODLANE'S VICTORY.

Simon's Filly First in the Planters' Stake.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—Woodlane, carrying the colors of Albert Simon and ridden by J. Sumter, won the Planters' Stake, worth \$1,500 to the winner, and the feature event of the day at City Park Saturday afternoon. Woodlane out on the pace at the start, and disposing of Lajeunesse, withstood the challenge of the most costly plunging came with the running of the fifth race. Here John J. Ryan, Jack Sturgis, Frisco Gardner and their following bet on Albert Star for thousands, backing him from 8 to 1 to 3 to 1, while many others refused bets at the latter price. Charley Ellison, Jim Arthur, Mart Demerest and their friends bet on Bucket Brigade in the same event, their plunge sending the price of the latter from four to 2 to 1. In the mean time, the public was taking to the favorite, St. Hario, but his price advanced from even to 7 to 5.

An English Sporting Writer's View of Baseball.

Fans Described as "Retainers," Who Help Teams by Throwing Bottles—Pitchers, He Says, "Curl" the Ball.

Charles Burgess Fry, one of the greatest sporting authorities in England, publisher of a weekly sporting paper and contributor to several other publications, recently wrote an editorial on "Baseball in America."

So many new things are learned about the great national game in this country from Mr. Fry that the editorial is reproduced almost verbatim here. It will be seen that baseball pitchers have a little on the bowler in a cricket game, and also that some of the curves and the spitball are almost absolutely new. That the single user of the spitball has absolute control of the sphere and never misses in shooting it across the plate is also stated.

In the article is the information that fans are "retainers" of the various teams, and that their business is to work as a team, and to do anything that comes handy at their opponents.

"It appears, for instance, that the baseball pitcher—or, as we should say, the bowler—is more valuable than an inside forward in Association football. The price of George Wilson, late of Everton, said to be £10,000 (\$80,000) is nothing to what Reub Wardell (meaning J. Ryan, Charley R. Ellison, Jack Sturgis and the plunging brigade got a fearful drubbing at City Park this afternoon in the running of the six races. All told, the day's events must have cost only two cents, both on horses that were out on choice.

SPACE KILLERS AT ORLEANS.

The space-killers from New Orleans are being done much beyond reporting the racing up to the present, but now they are coming strong with wild stories of heavy plunging and "spectacular losses" by the big bettors.

THE DURNELL HORSES SOLD.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The C. E. Durnell auction sale of race horses in training took place today. Earl, the star of the sale, brought \$8,100. George Miller, acting for Mr. James Smith, acquired him after keen competition. Joe Nealon, a formidable California Derby eligible was sold to C. C. McCafferty for the next highest price, \$4,100. W. A. McKinney bought Senator Barrett for \$3,850, and George Barnes for \$1,450. George Miller secured Ontasosa for \$3,000. Cardinal went to P. Chinn for \$530. Em and Em to Jas. Coffey for \$800, and Dr. Britt and Lord of the Vale for \$100 apiece to unknown cash purchasers.

SADDLE AND SULKY.

The breakdown of Colts at New Orleans last week will put him out of business for the winter season.

BRIDGE OF THE CAUCASUS.

Escorted to Her Wedding With Much Music and Merrymaking. The sound of low music is heard along the valley. Here comes the bridal procession itself, a crowd on foot bearing it company. In front walks a merrymen holding out a long wooden skewer in either hand. On one skewer are slabs of bread transfixed; on the other, fragments of cooked meat, cooling in the autumn air. At his side trots a friend with dripping wineskin under his arm—a bagpipe full of mirth.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Castoria. Dowsager Empress of China. "China is developing a military spirit that will make it a power in the East." Chinese secretary of the American Legation at Pekin, who arrived in Washington last night. This has taken form in the organization of Chinese officers, which will form the nucleus for a greater army, perhaps, than any now existent in the Orient. The Chinese Government has realized that if it is to protect its interests in the great struggle of nations it must train its people along modern military lines.

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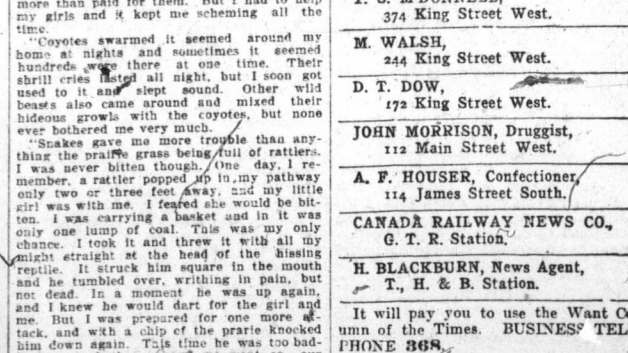
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and not strong physically, but she is the dominating spirit in the Chinese Empire. She has established the Government on a firm basis and if she were to die there would be no danger of the dynasty, which has been in power about 260 years, dying with her. No one in China, except perhaps her blood relatives, knows the name of the Empress. She is addressed officially by a long line of titles, but there is no mention of her name, even in private intercourse.—From the Washington Post.



PRESIDENT "AL" LAWSON.

He is head of the new Union League launched in Philadelphia last Monday. Mr. Lawson has the reputation of being a skillful organizer, and last year made a big success with the Reading club of the Atlantic League.

Fire in the top floor of the Hees building at 32 Bay Street, Toronto, caused about \$150,000 damage. Two firemen were injured.

Some Snap Shots at Sport and Sportsmen