

# The Daily Mail Sporting Section

## News Of Sport At Home And Abroad.

### Coming Season In Baseball Circles

At the next meeting of the Baseball League the schedule for 1914 games will be drawn. The coming season, to all appearances, promises to be even more successful than last year, the first in the history of the great American game in Newfoundland.

#### Four Teams

The same four teams that comprised the league the past season have again entered, viz., Wanderers, Red Lions, Shamrock, B.I.S. It will be interesting to watch the progress made by the two local teams, Shamrock and B.I.S., who were at the mercy of the Wanderers, the champions, and the Red Lions, both aggregations having in their ranks players who learned the game in Canada or the U. S., and for this reason had a big advantage over the home lads who, despite this fact, did splendid work under the existing circumstances.

#### A Wise Suggestion

Even at this stage of the game it has been suggested that the Wanderers and Red Lions sign on at least a few more local lads, who are quite willing to learn and anxious to play, as it is only a matter of a season or two when those not young "uns" will have to step back and view the game from the grand stand. This only then that they will really need the services of the younger players. In saying this we are only expressing a general opinion of followers of the game at the present time.

The success of the game of baseball is largely due to several of those to whom we refer, and a history of its work in this Colony would be incomplete were not those players or promoters given special mention for the good they have accomplished.

#### A Ball Park

A suitable baseball ground is not available and consequently the season's fixtures will be played on St.

George's Field, which is anything but suitable to the playing of the game, but under the present conditions it is the best that can be done. The Municipal Council had it in their hands to do something with the Parade grounds. They did so when they spent a pile of money to put a railing around it, for what purpose no one seems to know. They refused to allow the baseball league to take over the place, or even to have a proper recreation ground there. If it were a burying ground it would interest some of them.

#### No Practice Grounds

On account of the league taking over St. George's Field, a number of the clubs are looking for practice grounds. A farmer asked the manager of one of the clubs such an exorbitant sum for a piece of ground fully two miles outside the city limits, that he (the manager) had some difficulty in explaining to the land owner that they did not wish to purchase it outright.

#### A Baseball War

A general war is now raging in the United States, the cause of the trouble is that a new aggregation known as the Federals, have dared to "butt in" on the American and National Leagues, and it looks as though the Federals have made their presence felt by the bigger combines, as recently a number of crack players were bought from the clubs in the American and National Associations and fancy prices were paid. In many instances some of the world's best diamond artists refused to even consider offers made for their services by the Federals.

#### Schedules

We hope in a short while to be able to publish the schedules of the various big leagues, and to give a brief synopsis of their doings at the end of each week. At the next meeting of the local league the season's series will be drawn up. It is uncertain what arrangements will prevail regarding the inter-town series.

#### Chas. W. Murphy Ousted

As a result of some trouble which

occurred in the National League ranks, Chas. W. Murphy, a prominent factor and backer in baseball, has been ousted from the presidency, which means that he has been separated from organized baseball.

#### Worth a Million

Charles P. Taft, the owner of the Chicago Cubs, has refused an offer of \$750,000 for his interest in that club. Taft a few years ago bought the Cubs from John R. Walsh for \$105,000, and since becoming owner has earned for himself almost the amount at which he now values his team, viz., \$1,000,000.

#### A Good Start

It will be many years before we will have advanced to the stage of trading players, but it must be remembered that our showing of last season was not one that we need feel ashamed of, or try to cover up. It was only in 1890 that during some of the contests in the National League that the score board often registered as high as 40 runs, and in many instances 30 players returned to the home plate after making a circuit of the diamond during the progress of one game or nine innings. It was in 1866 that the Athletics of Brooklyn and the Athletics of Philadelphia played for the championship before 30,000 spectators, and the total score were 66 runs, each team securing 33 runs.

To-morrow we hope to contribute an article on the early days of baseball.

### Annual Meeting Of B. I. S., A. A.

The annual meeting of the B.I.S. Athletic Association was held yesterday at noon at their club rooms, Mr. W. J. Higgins, M.H.A., presiding. The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were read and adopted, after which election of officers was held which resulted as follows:

Mr. W. J. Higgins, Chairman.  
Mr. Alan Doyle, Vice-Chairman.  
Mr. Harold Barnes, Treasurer.  
Mr. J. Campbell, Secretary.

Messrs. J. L. Slattery, E. D. Brophy and R. T. McGrath, Advisory Committee.

It is the intention of this club to again enter the Football and Baseball arenas, while they will also be represented at the Regatta.

The meeting of the Baseball section

### WHAT THE OLD FAN SAYS

We have lately made arrangements with a gentleman, prominently identified with athletics, to present to our readers each Saturday, under the above heading, a concise and brief summary of the previous week's sports, and his views thereon.

This gentleman (who, at least for the present desires his name withheld), is a noted footballer, having helped his club to win five championships; is an expert oarsman, as his collection of medals testifies; has played cricket with one of our former clubs; is a magnificent skater; and although he has never played league hockey, is regarded by all the puck-chasers as "one who knows" and whose opinion is always eagerly sought when an alteration in the various line-ups is contemplated.

He has never doubted the uniform of a league baseball player, but nevertheless has played it here in former years, and was an ardent "fan" during a sojourn of some three years in the United States. A more enthusiastic devotee of clean sport it would be impossible, we think, to find in Newfoundland, and we feel sure his weekly article will be of interest to our readers, particularly to all those connected with the various leagues, and more especially to the players themselves, as they will receive an unbiased and impartial view of their own play.

The "Old Fan's" first article will appear in Saturday's edition.

### CASUAL FOOTERS

The Casual football club will enter a team in the League again this season. The club will meet shortly to arrange matters.

### TALK IS CHEAP

Advertising is also very cheap, if carried in the right medium. The Daily Mail is the Can't Lose paper now. Must be true. Everybody's talking. It's not the price you pay but the returns you get.

For election of Manager, etc., will be held on Friday night at 9.30 o'clock while the Footballers will meet next week.

The green and gold boys hope to add to their stock of silverware during the coming season. We wish them success.

### Short Stop Makes His Initial Bow

In introducing myself to the readers of The Daily Mail, particularly those who will scan this section of each issue, I do so knowing that The Mail in reserving a certain space which will be devoted entirely to sports is filling a long felt want, a feature which I may safely state, will become very popular and will receive the support and co-operation of all followers of sport whether active participants or spectators.

—SHORT STOP.

### DON'T DARE DOUBT IT!

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### BILLIARD TOURNEYS.

Spots are leading by 26 points, with 15 pairs more to play. The following played since the previous report: Plain Spot M. J. Keen 147 Dr. M. Power 200 P. Halleran 200 G. Brownrigg 183 T. J. Power 200 J. J. Donnelly 196

### Star

One team has played off in the Star N. Furlong (spot) defeating E. Tilly (plain) by 6 points. Plains are leading by 59, with sixteen pairs to play off.

### American Negro Beat Carpenter

Paris, Mar. 21.—Joe Jeanette, the American Negro heavyweight pugilist, won the decision over Georges Carpentier, the French champion, on points, in a fifteen round bout tonight. The contest took place at Luna Park, which was crowded.

Jeanette had the advantage at the start of the contest and in the early rounds, which were marked by continuous fighting and several rounds ended in his favor. The American, who had a trifle more weight than his opponent, landed heavily a number of times, his blows staggering the Frenchman, and as it appeared at the end of the fight, Jeanette had been the more aggressive the referee awarded him the decision.

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### ENOUGH RUNS

#### BUT NOT A RECORD.

A cable from Wellington, N.Z., says that, playing against fifteen of South Canterbury, the Australian team, which is touring in New Zealand, scored 922 runs for nine wickets. J.

N. Crawford made 354 at one time, hitting up 50 in ten minutes. This figure, of course, does not rank as first-class. The highest total ever made in a cricket match was 1,094 by Melbourne University against Essendon in 1897.

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# GUARDING THE TREASURE OF A NATION



### The Wonderfully Intricate Construction of the Eighteen Vaults in the United States Treasury—Highly Charged Electric Wires To Prevent Tampering With Uncle Sam's Treasure Trove.

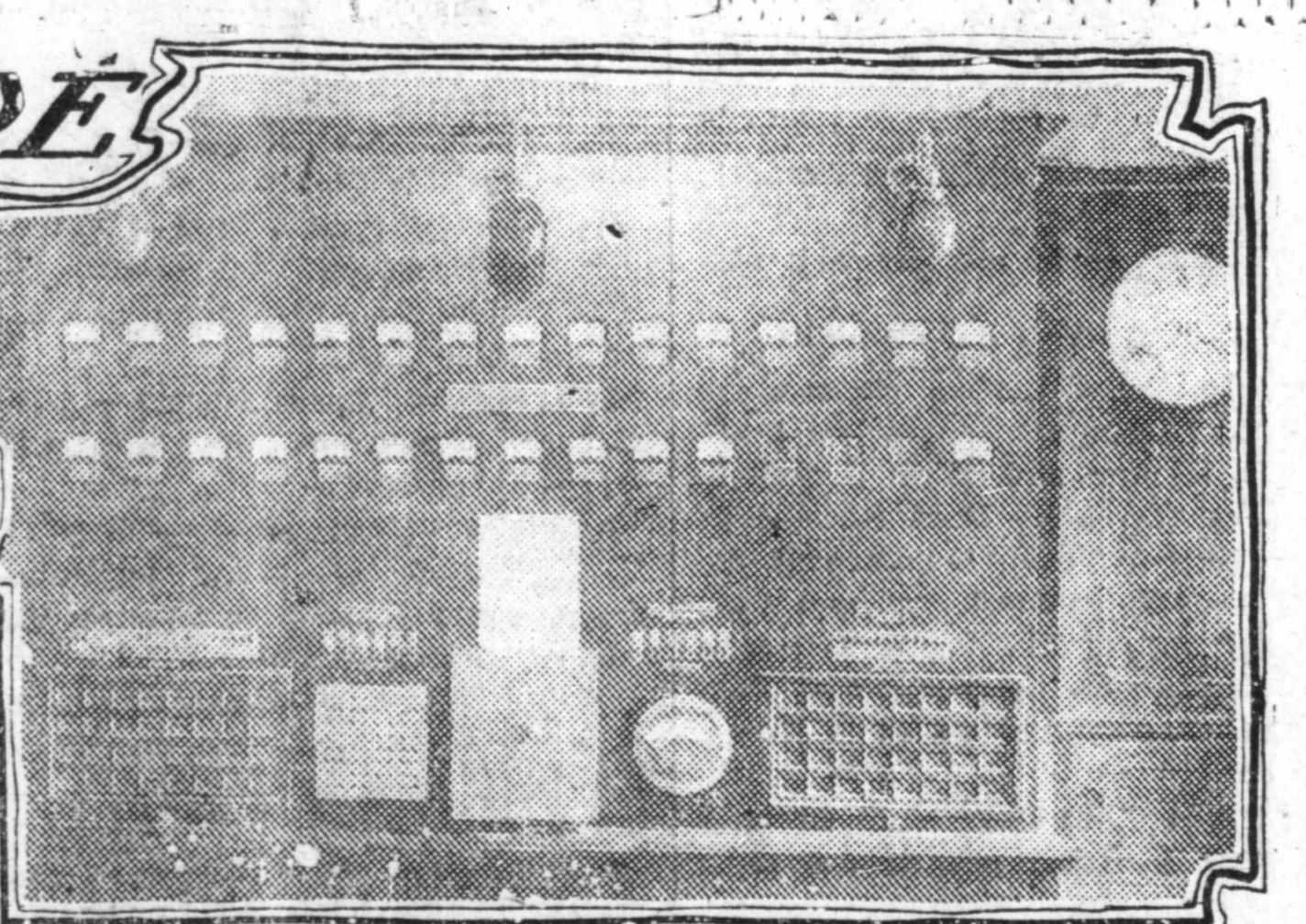
It is not generally known that the United States today holds the largest stock of gold of any nation in the world, the amount being more than three times as large as that held by Great Britain. Uncle Sam's gold equals that of Great Britain and France, Great Britain and Germany or Great Britain and Russia combined. And the greater portion of this gold, together with silver and paper money, is held in the great Treasury vaults in Washington. The hoarded treasure of the nation has become so great that it was only recently that five new vaults were built in the Treasury Building to accommodate the increasing pile.

#### How Safeguarded.

When thinking of Uncle Sam's treasure of billions of dollars, one is usually led to inquire as to what methods have been adopted to insure the safekeeping of the money, and to make it absolutely impossible for any crook, set of crooks, robber, burglar, however skillful, to break into the Treasury and carry off a single dollar of the nation's money. Although the Treasury Building is considered by leading American architects to be the

most graceful and attractive from an artistic standpoint of all buildings belonging to the government, until a comparatively recent period no definite steps had been taken to modernize the system of the protection of all the vast millions of money stored in the building. It was during the administration of Secretary McVeagh that the protection features first received pronounced attention, and Secretary McAdoo at the present time is enlarging the old ones and working out new plans.

After an investigation, it was found that the money-handling activities in the offices of the Treasurer of the United States, the Comptroller of Currency, the Register's office and the division of loans and currency were widely scattered, and it was a common thing to see messengers and departmental laborers hauling through the open corridors of the Treasury Building large sums of money. This was necessary because there was no protection or seclusion under the arrangements then existing. An effort was made to group all these activities in order that the handling of the money in the open might be obviated. Such a grouping was made and restrictions placed on corridors and parts of the building where the work of handling money is carried on.



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rounded on their trips by armed guards and District of Columbia mounted police.

#### Electricity's Part.

The system of protection and handling of money in the Treasury Department is as perfect as man's ingenuity can devise. Not only every vault but every grill door and every entrance to the building is controlled by an electric protective system, the headquarters of which are located in the office of the captain of the watch. The electric board, so far as known, is the only one of its kind in existence. It was designed and built for the Treasury. Not a movement takes place in connection with the opening and closing of the vaults and doors of the building that is not recorded, and the system is so delicate and refined that if there is an unusual change in temperature, and especially if there is more than ordinary lamps, it will be recorded on this board.



Millions of Dollars in gold and silver coins. A typical view of one of the Treasury vaults.

Officers at once set busy to discover the cause. At five o'clock in the afternoon the doors to all the openings in the Treasury Building, except one, are closed, and the electric protection placed thereon. The same protection is given to the doors of the building as is placed on the vaults, so that it is impossible for any door to be open so long as the protection remains without a definite alarm being turned in. So delicate is the system that the greatest care has to be exercised in opening and closing the vaults in order to prevent the occurrence of alarms. When an alarm is turned in it registers not only in the office of the captain of the watch, but automatically in the office of the Washington chief of police. Thus, a false alarm practically means the appearance of the greater part of the District of Columbia police force, armed to prevent the looting of the United States Treasury.

#### \$500,000,000 in One Vault.

There is one vault in the building that has a double protection, and that is the emergency currency vault in the office of the Comptroller of Currency. This vault contains approximately five hundred million dollars. It has all the protection of the other vaults in the Treasury in addition to being so constructed with small electric wires that it would be impossible to puncture the seals of the vault with a knife without turning in an alarm. This secondary protection is controlled by an outside office which also registers in the office of the captain of the watch on the supplemental system.

#### Uncle Sam's stock of gold at the present time is equivalent to about 3,969 tons, which would require a train of one hundred cars to carry it, each car having a carrying capacity of about 60,000 pounds. Such a comparison brings to light interesting facts concerning silver and paper money. For instance, one thousand standard silver dollars will weigh exactly 58.92 pounds. If the country's stock of 544,604,719 silver dollars were loaded into freight cars of 60,000 pounds or thirty tons' capacity, it would require more than 555 cars to carry them. If these same silver dollars could be laid flat, one on top of the other, they would make a monument 335 miles high. If placed end to end, they would make a handsome "necklace" 13,350 miles in length. Or they would make a belt that would extend more than half way round the world. Another interesting fact in connection with paper money is that a million, crisp, new one-dollar bills, if placed one on top of the other, would make a column about 260 feet in height.

#### Other Interesting Treasures.

Filed away in the vaults of the Treasury are many valuable papers, many of them of great interest. The Treasury warrant under which the Emperor of Russia received \$7,200,000 for Alaska, under the treaty of March 30, 1867, is one of the greatly prized papers. This purchase, at an actual cost of about one and nine-tenths cents per acre, now worth several hundred times as much, was arranged by Secretary Seward. Other warrants of more than usual interest are the four of \$5,000,000 each, which were paid to Spain for the Philippines, and the warrant for \$10,000,000, paid to J. P. Morgan & Company, acting as representatives for the French syndicate and the Republic of Panama, for the purchase of the French rights to the Panama Canal. The original Declaration of Independence, now very worn and the writing dimmed by the years, reposes in a specially constructed vault in the Treasury. During the past decade it has rarely seen the light of day, as efforts are being made to preserve it just as long as possible. Every known method of preserving the valuable paper has been adopted, but time has eaten into it until very little of the original manuscript remains today.