Baseball Rain Is General ⁘ Football Rugby Soccer ⁘ Turf Kummer Rides Three Winners

RAIN STOPS DUFFY; BIRDS LEAD LEAGUE

Only One Game Staged in International League—Get a Catcher.

Reading, Pa., April 21.—Elaborate preparations for the opening International League game here today between Toronto and Reading were upset by rain. The local baseball committee immediately made arrangements to have the same ceremonies pulled off tomorrow.

Just before the opening game, the Reading club was strengthened by the arrival of Bill Mariott, third baseman, and Walter Pearce, shortstop, from the Chicago Cubs. These men were in the big show last season. Lefthander Joe Conlon, released by Brooklyn to Reading, is expected to report to Manager Hummel within a few days.

Manager Hugh Duffy of Toronto stated today that he is well satisfied with his team with the exception of the pitching department. He has a number of deals under way to strengthen that end of the organization and is expecting word hourly on his prospects.

Walsh, a semi-pro catcher, recommended by Patsy Donovan, reported to the Leafs today.

The batting order for the postponed opening tomorrow will be:

Toronto—	Reading—
O'Rourke, ss	Altenburg, r.f.
Spencer, m.	Burns, m.
Whiteman, l.f.	Weiser, l.f.
Onslow, lb.	Brower, 1b.
Riley, r.f.	Hummel, 2b.
Blackburne, 3b.	Marriott, 3b.
Anderson, 2b.	Sheridan, ss.
Sanberg, c.	Konnick, c.
Shea, p.	Justin, p.

Umpires—Carpenter and Derr.

It also rained at Jersey City and Syracuse and Baltimore was the only place where the opening ceremonies, as scheduled, could be staged.

At Jersey City — Akron-Jersey City game postponed, rain.

At Syracuse—Rochester-Syracuse game postponed, rain.

At Baltimore—Baltimore defeated the Buffalo team today in the opening game of the International League season, 8 to 0. Ogden was on the hill for the Orioles and pitched a wonderful article of ball, allowing the visitors but three hits, one of these being a scratch hit. Rodgers started on the mound for the Bisons, but was taken out after the seventh, Lyons being sent in to finish the game. Bentley and Boley each clouted out a home run in the seventh inning. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Buffalo	0	0	0
Baltimore	8	12	1

Batteries—Rodgers, Lyons and Bengough; Ogden and Egan.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

At Kansas City—

	R.	H.	E.
St. Paul	13	17	3
Kansas City	4	7	2

Batteries — Merritt and Hargraves; Johnson, Bolden and Sweeney, Roche.

At Louisville—

	R.	H.	E.
Toledo	7	10	2
Louisville	4	6	1

Batteries—Nelson, Stryker, Long and McNeil; Koob, Wright and Meyer.

At Indianapolis—

	R.	H.	E.
Columbus	0	3	0
Indianapolis	3	6	1

Batteries—Sherman and Hartley; Calvet and Gossett.

At Milwaukee—

	R.	H.	E.
Minneapolis	3	10	0
Milwaukee	2	4	1

Batteries—Craft and Mayer; North and Gaston.

GUELPH BASEBALL LEAGUE.

Guelph, April 21.—The final organization meeting of the Guelph Amateur Baseball League was held at the Y. M. C. A. tonight and was most successful. There will be three games each week. President H. C. Allen occupied the chair, and representatives were present from six teams, who will make up the league. They are: Carpet Mills, Spring and Axle Works, Speedwell Hospital, Malleable Iron Co.; Paisley Athletics and Knights of Columbus. Each team paid their entrance fee of $10 to the treasurer. The same constitution as governed the game last year was adopted. Mr. N. Keefe was reappointed official arbitrator, his duties last year being satisfactorily performed even tho they were light. Jimmie Cockman was appointed chief umpire, and he has power to appoint his assistants. M. B. Dulmage was reappointed official scorer.

AMATEUR BASEBALL

The Giants Ball Club of the West Toronto League will hold a practice at Humberside Collegiate Grounds on Saturday afternoon at 2.15 sharp. The following players are requested to be on hand: G. Tiffan, J. Grun, P. Logan, A. Rush, A. Housely, W. Ristow, W. Burt, S. Morris, W. White, E. White, R. Murray, J. Auld, J. Orr, G. Marshal, Hasting, W. Kumph, D. Copeman, G. Code, E. Malone, McAllister and S. Hamilton. Any others will be made welcome.

A very successful baseball meeting was held recently in the Central Y. M. C. A., when it was decided to revive the Methodist Young Men's Association League. Twilight games will be played once a week. Sufficient teams have already entered to operate an eastern and western section. Special prizes have been donated in addition to the association trophies and it is proposed to affiliate with T. A. B. A. and secure intermediate classification for Star Trophy series. Mr. R. Edwards is athletic vice-president in charge and will be glad to hear from any Methodist Church in the city. Phone Kenwood 1439.

Osler junior and intermediate ball teams will work out at Exhibition Park, Saturday at 2 o'clock. A full turn-out is requested.

At the annual meeting of the City Amateur Baseball League the following gentlemen were selected to hold office for the coming season: Hon. president, Ed Mack; hon. vice-president, R. H. Greer; president, Ed Sutherland; first vice-president, G. Cruise; second vice-president, C. Burns; secretary-treasurer, T. Benson. A vote of thanks was tendered to retiring President Joe Lyndon, who has served the league long and faithfully, and who thru business reasons is compelled to withdraw from office.

The completion of the schedule was postponed until definite information regarding the daylight savings plan is received.

HARRISTON BASEBALL.

Harriston, Ont., April 21.—At a meeting of baseball enthusiasts, held in the town hall, the Harriston team was reorganized. It was decided to enter a team in the Northern League, and the manager was elected as delegate to the convention to be held in Palmerston.

Birds, Pirates and Boston the Leaders

Rain Played Havoc With the Baseball Schedules on Wednesday—Leafs Open Today.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Clubs—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Baltimore	1	0	1.000
Buffalo	0	1	.000
Toronto	0	0	.000
Reading	0	0	.000
Rochester	0	0	.000
Syracuse	0	0	.000
Akron	0	0	.000
Jersey City	0	0	.000

—Wednesday Score—

Baltimore..... 8 Buffalo 0

Toronto at Reading—Rain.
Rochester at Syracuse—Rain.
Akron at Jersey City—Rain.
—Thursday Games—
Toronto at Reading.
Rochester at Syracuse.
Akron at Jersey City.
Buffalo at Baltimore.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Clubs—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Pittsburg	5	1	.833
Brooklyn	4	1	.800
Cincinnati	3	2	.600
Philadelphia	3	2	.600
St. Louis	3	4	.429
Boston	2	3	.400
New York	1	4	.200
Chicago	1	5	.167

—Wednesday Score—

Pittsburg..... 5 Cincinnati 3

Boston at Brooklyn—Rain.
—Thursday Games—
New York at Boston.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.
Cincinnati at Chicago.
St. Louis at Pittsburg.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Boston	5	0	1.000
Chicago	3	0	1.000
Cleveland	4	1	.800
Washington	2	2	.500
St. Louis	1	2	.333
Philadelphia	1	3	.250
New York	1	4	.200
Detroit	0	5	.000

—Wednesday Score—

Chicago..... 7 St. Louis 4

Detroit at Cleveland—Rain.
Washington at Philadelphia—Rain.
New York at Boston—Rain.
—Thursday Games—
Boston at Washington.
Philadelphia at New York.
Chicago at Detroit.
Cleveland at St. Louis.

N. WELLINGTON BALL LEAGUE IS AMBITIOUS

Palmerston, April 21.—A very enthusiastic and well-attended baseball meeting was held in the Queen's Hotel committee rooms here, and the North Wellington Baseball League reorganized. Some forty out-of-town representatives were at the meeting, and much business handled. The question of the North Wellington teams entering the Northern League, if reopened, was discussed by both representatives of the North Wellington League and representatives from other outside clubs, and the feeling was that the North Wellington had already organized after the war-time slump, and had, in 1919, a highly successful season, and that it would be wiser to widen out the North Wellington. The outcome was that the North Wellington League was thrown wide open and officers elected at once for the 1920 playing season, leaving the executive committee to be filled, this committee to consist of the president-elect, the secretary-treasurer-elect and one representative from every club entering the league. Each club that already had a communication in will be written personally, and the date of the final meeting, to be set by the president and secretary-treasurer, to be announced in each letter, as well as thru the press, in order that every team wishing to enter might have a representative at the meeting to draw up a complete set of rules and regulations, group the teams off into their respective groups, and other business that might be brought up at the meeting. The officers elected from some forty-five nominations were as follows: Honorary president, W. A. Clarke, M.P., Palmerston, Ont.; honorary vice-presidents, W. C. Chambers, ex-M.L.A., Harriston; J. B. Skelton, Palmerston; T. Spiers, Mt. Forest; W. McKenna, Elora; president, D. P. McFarlane, Harriston; first vice-president, Dr. J. R. McGregor, Elora; second vice-president, Geo. Daum, Palmerston; third vice-president, Dr. E. A. Roos, Mt. Forest; secretary-treasurer, R. Horning, Palmerston. Executive committee: The president, the secretary, and one representative from each club entering the league.

GUELPH GOLF CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Guelph, April 21.—The annual meeting of the Guelph Golf and Country Club was held this afternoon at Carnegie Hall, and was very largely attended. In the absence of President Adam Taylor, the chair was occupied by Mr. C. R. Crowe, vice-president, and reports presented went to show that the activities of the club last year were successful and the finances in a flourishing condition. The grounds were reported to be in excellent condition at the present time, but considerable work will be put on them before the season opens officially. Two of the greens will be reconstructed entirely. A new steward has been engaged for the clubhouse, and Mr. Banks, the professional, will again be available to teach new golfers the fine points of the game. Fred Watt tendered his resignation as secretary, and Miss Winlow tendered her resignation as treasurer. Both were accepted, and it was decided to amalgamate these offices. The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. president, G. D. Freer; president, Chas. R. Crowe; first vice-president, C. L. Dunbar; second vice-president, T. A. Keating; secretary - treasurer, Raymond Crowe. Directors: A. Taylor, G. P. Hamilton, J. I. McIntosh, F. Watt, N. Jeffrey, J. R. Hewitt, Dr. Hobbs, Dr. Bennetto, Dr. Tovell, R. L. Torrance, Dr. Reed, Dr. Skinner, J. C. Dewar, A. M. Brown.

CLIFFORD ROBINSON WITH McLELLAN STABLE.

Clifford Robinson, the Toronto jockey, will ride this season for the J. W. McLellan stable. The contract has been sent to his father at the Beach, and has been signed. Robinson was riding in New Orleans during the winter for C. P. Lester, and expects to be at the next meeting at Lexington. His people hope to see him at the Woodbine during race week, but have no definite information as yet.

Cedarvale will practise this evening at Woodbine avenue grounds at 6.30. All players and selective committee are requested to attend.

GIBSON'S PIRATES DOWN REDS AGAIN

Ring's Wildness Tells the Story—Rain Halts Many Games.

At Chicago (American)—Chicago batted out an easy victory over St. Louis in the final game of the series, 7 to 4. Williams pitched in fine form until the last inning, when he eased up, and the visitors bunched five hits. Sisler's batting was a feature. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	4	12	3
Chicago	7	9	3

Batteries—Fallia, Vanglider and Severeid; Williams and Schalk.

Detroit at Cleveland—Rain.
Washington at Philadelphia—Rain.
New York at Boston—Rain.

At Cincinnati (National)—Ring's wildness in the first inning enabled Pittsburg to secure a lead of four runs, which the Reds could not overcome, and the visitors won their second straight game from the champions, 5 to 3. The Reds outhit the Pirates, but Cooper was effective with runners on the bases and prevented any rallies. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	5	8	1
Cincinnati	3	13	2

Batteries—Cooper and Lee; Ring, Fisher and Rariden.

Boston at Brooklyn—Rain.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Nashville 6, Memphis 0.
Atlanta 1, New Orleans 0.
Birmingham 0, Mobile 5.
Chattanooga 2, Little Rock 11.

SOCCER NOTES

A London despatch says: The football association has suspended W. H. Smith, Huddersfield's crack outside left forward, for misconduct in the Huddersfield-Stoke match on Easter Monday, which means that he will be unable to play in the cup final next Saturday.

Bothlchem, who won by forfeit from Merchants' Chip team in the National League on Sunday, have signed a new half-back, Ferguson, of the Liverpool team, which was the runner-up for the English Cup in 1914. Harris, a former Canadian forward, has been released.

Toronto Shamrocks meet Cowans at Dovercourt Park. Kick-off at 2 p.m. sharp. All signed players are requested to be on hand.

All players, active and prospective, also members of the Willys-Overland Junior Football Club, are requested to be on hand tonight, April 22, at the Cafeteria, for the semi-monthly meeting. After the meeting the team for Saturday will be chosen. Any first-class players desirous of securing a berth with a first team are requested to get in touch with the secretary or any member of the club.

A special meeting of the Beaches Football Club will be held in Kew Beach Church, Wineva avenue, Thursday evening, 8 p.m. Business very important, re ground question.

All signed players of the Sons of England senior and junior soccer teams meet at St. Philip's Church, corner of Dundas and Spadina, Thursday night, 8 o'clock, for gymnasium.

Dominion Transport team against Massey-Harris Co., at Jesse Ketchum Park, Saturday, April 24, kick-off 2.30 p.m., will be selected from: Croft, Jones, Crooks, Wilson (Capt.), Brown, Barnes, Lawson, Payne, Isaacs, Ward, Shields, Coker, Salmond, Bell, Mulverhilly, Shaw, Purvis, Debney.

All members and players of the Linfield Rovers F. C. please take notice that their will be a meeting on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, Mr. T. Unsworth's, 29 Smith street. The team for Saturday is as follows: McCluskey, Williamson, Frost, Trupp, Heinitzman, Lancaster, Tilley, Woolacott, Waygood, Reeden, Williams, Cussey. Referee, Hollingsworth.

Ulster v. Davenport Albion Brigden Cup semi-final. Davenport players to be at Broadview grounds 2.30 p.m. sharp, Saturday, April 24: Enfield, Robinson, Fidler, Mead, Brown, Cowan, Phair, Hunt, Rutherford, Fidler, Walker. Reserves, Stewart, Taylor and Reid.

CARRUTHRS TO RUN AT THE PENN. MEET

Philadelphia, April 21.—Captain Rudd of the Oxford-Cambridge relay team here to compete in the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival next week, has entered in the quarter mile hurdle event, it was announcd today. Rudd, who is the British intercollegiate quarter mile champion, and also a star hurdler, will meet one of the fastest fields ever entered at the relays in this event. It includes Thomson of Dartmouth, Watt of Cornell, Kilby of Redlands, California; Rodke of Kansas, and Murray, the union national quarter mile hurdle champion.

It was also announced that Jappe, who is on his way to this country to take the place of Tatham in case the latter is not able to run in the collegiate two-mile relay championship, probably will enter the high hurdle event. He also will meet a high-class field. The entries include some of the best hurdlers in this country and Carruthers of Toronto University, the Canadian intercollegiate title holder.

In addition to the two-mile championship, the British team is entered in the distance medley relay, and will have a representative in the three-mile college championship race.

ATKINS IS BEATEN BY JIMMY GOODRICH

Hamilton, Ont., April 21.—Dick Atkins, Toronto, absorbed a nifty lacing at the hands of Jimmy Goodrich, Lackawanna, here tonight. Goodrich was all over the Toronto boy in the ten rounds of milling, beating him to the punch time after time.

Harry Bingham, Hamilton, won the main preliminary from Frankie Kirsch, Buffalo, and Eddie Gallagher, Hank Wood's star performer, gave young Brender, featherweight champion of the American expeditionary force a tidy lacing.

'PEG WANTS TOURNEY.

Winnipeg, April 21.—With the hope that Winnipeg will be accorded the 1921 championship meet, the Manitoba Golf Association will send a team of twelve or fifteen players to the Canadian Golf Association tourney this summer. This was decided at the annual meeting of the Manitoba body here today when officers were elected and preparations made for a very active season. The amateur championships will take place September 4, 5 and 6, and it is likely that an open championship will be held, when invitations will be sent to the best amateur players in America.

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TORONTO CHAMPIONS ENTERED AT OTTAWA

For Olympic Boxing Trials Friday and Saturday of This Week.

Ottawa, April 21.—Judging from the class of entries pouring in to Secretary J. Lindsay McIntyre of the Ottawa Boxing and Wrestling Commission, the Canadian boxing championships and Olympic trials, which are to be held in the drill hall on Friday and Saturday evening of this week, are expected to provide the greatest exhibitions ever put on in the capital. Competitors from as far east as Glace Bay, N.S., and as far west as Calgary, Alta., have sent in their entries, while all the six boxing centres in eastern Canada have either forwarded or wired notice of their intentions of competing here.

Of the latter, many of the entrants have been seen in action in the capital during the weekly shows put on by the local commission. However, several others who were unable to come on previous occasions will be here within a few days for the big contests at the drill hall. No less than eight champions of Toronto and Ontario, together with six of the runners-up in the tests at the Queen City, will be here, while Montreal will send up eight, and possibly ten, first-rate men. Two entries have been received from Glace Bay, N.S., and one from Calgary, Alta.

Of the entries received from Montreal by Secretary McIntyre, that of Moe Herscovitch, Quebec and Montreal 158-pound champion, and Bert Schneider, provincial and city of Montreal champion, figure prominently. Both boxers will wear the colors of the M.A.A.A. Fred Hoskins of the Grenadier Guards, 125-pound champion of Quebec; Paul Lehaye of the National A.A., heavyweight champion of Quebec; Geo. Blain, National A.A., 108 pounds; McElroy, M. A. A. A., 108 pounds; Harry Turner, M.A.A.A., 115 pounds; M. J. Lynch, Shamrock A.A., runner-up in the 125-pound city of Montreal championships, and possibly one or two others, will be here for the big events.

Eight champions and six runners-up will carry the colors of the Toronto clubs in the Canadian championships. The title-holders who will figure in the various classes are: E. Poole, 115 pounds; W. Newton, 125 pounds; Chris Newton, 135 pounds; Fern Bull, 145 pounds; J. Platt, 158 pounds; J. Hicks, 175 pounds, and D. McDoulton, heavyweight. The names of the runners-up have not yet been received, but Manager Ramsay of the Riverside Club, who will come down in charge of the Queen City representatives, has wired Secretary McIntyre that he will forward them immediately. Chris Newton and Fern Bull appeared in one of the local entertainments here, and they impressed the local fans as real comers.

Of the other scrappers, Sydney Clements of Calgary has entered in both the 115-pound and 125-pound classes, while J. Paul of Sarnia will compete in the 133-pound events. Two heavies will come up from Glace Bay for the series, Angus McDonald having sent in his entry for the 158-pound class, while John H. Nolan will figure in the heavyweight contests, 175 pounds and over. He weighs well over the 200-pound mark, and is credited with doing one hundred yards in ten seconds flat.

SHAMROCK BULLETINS.

London, April 21.—Capt. Turner and 23 members of the crew of the yacht Shamrock IV., Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger for the America's cup, will sail for New York tomorrow on board the steamer Lapland.

The new 23-metre Shamrock, which is to act as a trial horse for the Shamrock IV., and which sailed several days ago from Dartmouth for New York, met with terrific weather in the Atlantic and had to put back to Dartmouth, where she arrived today. The yacht has been ordered to remain at Dartmouth until weather conditions are more favorable.

JACK DEMPSEY SIGNS FOR FIGHT.

Chicago, April 21.—Jack Dempsey today signed for his first fight since he won the world's heavyweight championship from Jess Willard at Toledo last Fourth of July. Manager Jack Kearns came to terms with Floyd Fitzsimmons, a Benton Harbor, Mich., promoter, for a match at the Michigan resort July 5. Dempsey's opponent will be chosen within ten days. Fitzsimmons already has opened negotiations with Fred Fulton, Billy Miske and Bill Brennan.

I. A. A. PADDLERS

All Island Aquatic Association paddlers are requested to attend a meeting at 5.30 p.m. today at the office of the secretary, W. Y. Eastmure, 56 West King street.

British Rugby Football Union Season Opening Next Saturday

The British Rugby Football Union of Ontario has planned to start its playing season next Saturday, when two games are scheduled for decision. The union has secured the football field at Trinity College, West Queen street, for its activities, and, as all the four clubs have been in hard training for some weeks past, a good exhibition of the game is anticipated. A number of the players kept in touch with rugby whilst they were overseas, taking part in representative army matches, and now the union has been able to welcome many new members both old countrymen and Canadians, many of the latter having learned the game in England whilst serving in the C. E. F. The union is starting with four clubs, one representing each of the countries in the United Kingdom, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, but it is expected that when the fall season opens some other clubs will be in a position to operate.

Names and addresses of club secretaries are as follows:

West of England—F. C. Carter, 52 Monarch Park avenue. Phones: Ad. 3420, Gerrard 1134.

Toronto Scottish—Wm. Jack, 42 Eastmount avenue.

Toronto Welsh—W. Gimblette, 721 Ontario street. Phone Main 4565 North 2671.

Toronto Irish—H. J. Hilliard, 30 Nortton avenue. Phone Main 4489, Kenwood 2054.

Anyone wishing to connect with any of these clubs is invited to communicate with any of these officials who will give all information. All the clubs are open to receive new members.

Next Saturday the schedule will be:

First game, 3 p.m.—West of England v. Toronto Welsh. Referee, J. M. Scott (Toronto Scottish).

Second game, 4 p.m.—Toronto Scottish v. Toronto Irish. Referee, J. Andrews (West of England).

Both games will be played at Trinity College, West Queen street.

WEST OF ENGLAND ASSN.

The West of England team will be selected from the following: Jebson, Harris (capt.), Glede, Hyam, Davies, Bridgeman, Hopkins, Bakore, Styles, Turner, Stubbs, Davidson, Murria, Jackson, Martin, Cox and Sweet. All players to be on hand at 2.30.

WILDE AGAIN

Camden, N.J., April 21.—Jimmy Wilde, British flyweight champion, so far outclassed Battling Murray of Philadelphia, in their eight round bout here tonight that Commissioner John S. Smith of the New Jersey boxing commission, stopped the contest in the last round.

SHORT STORIES

Connaught Park, Blue Bonnets and Dorval were naturally not represented on the delegation that visited Queen's Park yesterday to ask that the province defer the $5,000 to $10,000 per day tax on race receipts until the Dominion government decision as to taxing pari-mutuels, but it surely was a nice turnout. At least the procession up the avenue must have been worth the movies. The order of march was not officially reported, but they were likely in twos arm in arm, at least the leaders, Abe Orpen of Dufferin Park with Col. William Hendrie of Hamilton, president of the Ontario Jockey Club, and next George W. Beardmore, director of the O. J. C., with Sam McBride of Hillcrest Park. Also in line were M. M. German and John Madigan of Fort Erie; Charlie Miller of Windsor, and A. W. Ballantyne of Thorncliffe Park.

Hon. Mr. Raney and his colleagues promised to give the matter the most serious consideration with an answer before Victoria Day.

Again Ottawa gets on the map by its proximity to the province of Quebec. The Amateur Baseball League will follow the Connaught Park Jockey Club over the river, but it will be on the Sabbath day. Sunday baseball will be played in Hull this summer and the Interprovincial and Ottawa City League will operate and be allowed to use players from each league.

Tho it is against big league law for a player to endanger himself by dabbling in journalism during the season, Babe Ruth's story comes to hand just the same. He declares the Yankees are stronger than last year, when they finished third. They will have Carl Mays all this season and that means a whole lot, for there is no better pitcher than Carl when he is right. "I haven't started hitting yet. Brown derbies have nothing to do with batting averages, and I can't be kidded by that sort of thing. Last year I hit only .185 for the first two months of the season, but I finished with a satisfactory average, I believe." The Yankees are starting with some nervousness, the Babe continues, due to the fact that there are two youthful faces in the infield. Peckinpaugh and Pipp are the only veterans there. Fewster is out because of a bad injury received while in training and Baker is retired. Meusel is at third base and Ward at second. Both are youngsters, but are playing fine baseball. There is a wealth of talent among the Yankees and they are a better ball club than a year ago, which certainly means they will give Detroit and Cleveland a hard fight.

They say that every dog has his day, and now, after all the lovely uncliothed ladies we men have been treated to on the stage, the women are having their turn. In a play in a Paris theatre called "The Wife of My Friend," the third act shows the hero, after a night of orgie, come out of the chamber of his beloved, quite "in puris naturalibus," in search of a drink. There isn't any limelight turned on, and, indeed, the stage is wrapped in darkness; but, as the actor is a white man—the audience can see all it wants to by straining its eyes a little. As one little thing in the stalls shouted in the ear of her neighbor, "Mon Dieu! Why, he hasn't even a pair of pants on, mon cher!" And it is said all the women get very excited about it.

LACROSSE GOSSIP.

Practice date records have passed into oblivion at the hands of Hanover. This season they started out thirty players strong in their first practice on April 17. The old adage read "the early bird catches the worm," but the birds in the vicinity of Hanover will hardly be satisfied with food for the finnie tribe once they get set for the championship race in both intermediate and junior.

Clubs who have intimated their intention of placing teams in the O.A.L.A. bership fees, should see to this at once. No playing certificates will be handed out until this necessary formality has been complied with. Get your fees in to the secretary forthwith if you want to be up with the other clubs when the players' signatures are being secured.

Messrs. Harcourt and Sullivan have decided to bury their hatchets, for the present. However, just as soon as one of these chaps steps over the Mason and Dixon line the battle ax of the other will be thrown into the ring; meantime the pot of war paint hangs gaily on the wall in St. Simons' parish house.

BRANTFORD IS LIVELY.

Brantford, Ont., April 21.—Sporting circles here are livening up. McElligot, infielder, and Clarke, outfielder, blew into town today to join the Red Sox. Manager Knotty Lee announced that he has Deufel, the catcher last year with Hamilton and Toronto, this year with Baltimore. He also has contracts for two college stars, one called by The New York Times as the best college third baseman. The soft ballers have organized a city league with Dufferin Rifles' Bugle Band, Ham and Notts-Cockshutt Plow, Knights of Columbus, Pratt and Letchworth and Verity Plow teams. S. Broomfield is president, Harry Standing, vice-president, and W. Walter, secretary. Announcement was made today that a big field day would be held on May 24 at Mohawk Park. It is expected that Mohawk will this year draw the crowds which assembled in the old bicycle days.

TWO CHALLENGES FOR CRICKET TITLE

Wanderers of Winnipeg Are Defending Cup First Time in Five Years.

Owing to the war, no games have been played for the John Ross Robertson Cricket Cup since 1914, and the Wanderers' Cricket Club of Winnipeg, who were then the holders of the cup, remain holders. The trustees have received two challenges for the year 1920, and are open to receive further challenges. The trustees have fixed the 22nd of May as the date by which any challenges are to be lodged. Any challenge may be made by letter addressed to D. W. Saunders, 120 Bay street, Toronto, and must be received on or before the 22nd day of May. Under the regulations each challenge must be accompanied by a marked cheque for $10. If more than three challenges are received, it will be necessary to arrange preliminary matches in order to decide which will be the three clubs entitled to play the Wanderers' Cricket Club, as the holders of the cup cannot be called upon to play more than three matches in any year in defence of the cup. The regulations regarding the qualifications of players in these matches are the following:

"No person is entitled to play for more than one challenging club in the same season.

"No player is eligible to play in any of the cup matches—

"(a) Who is not an amateur and a bona fide member of his club in good standing.

"(b) Who has not been a continuous resident of the city or town in which his club is situate or its immediate vicinity for one year before the date of the match, or who has not played for his club in at least five regular matches before the cup match.

"(c) Who (except for his school or college) has played during the season more than one game for any club other than the challenging club.

"The qualifications of the players for each challenging club shall be proved by the statutory declaration of the secretary of the club, which shall be filed with the trustee two weeks before the match."

The trustees are Messrs. G. W. Woods, Geo. S. Lyon, Dyce W. Saunders.

RIFLE SHOOTING

The North Toronto Rifle Club defeated the Irish Rifle Club "B" team in the regular weekly match at the armories on Tuesday night, with the following score:

Irish—		North Toronto—	
Sullivan	35	A. Gilmore	34
Cousins	34	T. J. Madill	34
McIntyre	34	F. J. Stiff	35
Almas	33	J. Smith	33
Freeborn	33	C. Madill	35
Carstairs	32	F. Smith	33
Corbett	34	G. Rudd	34
Kerr	32	F. Lloyd	35
Murray	34	F. Hobbs	35
McCaig	33	J. Sercombe	32
Total	335	Total	340

Queen City defeated Irish A. on Tuesday night in the Civilian Rifle League shoot. The scores are as follows:

Queen City—		Irish A.—	
Brooks	35	Sharpe	35
Bull	35	Emo	34
Lucas	35	Lake	33
Campbell	34	Reid	35
Rutherford	34	McCusker	34
Rooke	34	Young	34
Meadows	35	White	35
White	35	Hawkins	35
Lennox	35	Craig	34
Williams	34	Humphreys	35
Total	346	Total	344

WHISKEY THIEVES RESUME BUSINESS

Twenty-Five Cases Stolen From Henry Street Cellar.

Whiskey thieves are resuming operations in Toronto and some time during Tuesday night they broke into the cellar of a house on Henry street and stole 25 cases, containing 300 bottles of whiskey. The liquor had just arrived from Montreal and had been placed in the cellar.

Forcing an entrance into the basement of the house the thieves carried the cases out, and are thought by the owner to have been seen driving off with their liquid loot in a motor car. The theft was not discovered until yesterday morning, when the police were informed of the case. It is the belief of the police that the whiskey was stolen by persons who saw the shipment taken into the house.

TWO OVERDUE VESSELS POSTED AS MISSING

London, April 21.—Two overdue vessels, the American steamer Cubadist and the Mexican tug Samuel Faunce, were posted today as missing. The Cubadist, which, with a crew of 39 men, left Havana February 26 for Baltimore, was 389 feet long and had a gross tonnage of 5,788. The Samuel Faunce, which was 80 feet long, with a tonnage of 96, sailed from Wilmington, N.C., January 30, for Tampico. Both hailed from New York.

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