

## LIVE NEWS OF SPORTING WORLD

LOCAL  
BOWLING  
YESTERDAY

On the Victoria alleys last night No. 2 and No. 5 teams split even, each taking two points.

The playing on both teams was not up to the standard, bad breaks seeming to be very much in evidence. Kelly won the prize for the three string score on Monday with a score of 331, as follows: 104, 99, 128, ave. 110 1/3.

The individual scores last night follow:

No. 2 Team.			
Evans	89	90	93
McKee	87	90	97
McCavour	73	92	81
Henderson	79	73	87
Steen	113	80	74
441 425 432 1298			
No. 5 Team.			
Featherstone	79	102	85
Labbe	90	87	94
Lewis	77	83	77
Teed	83	87	81
Hill	80	104	86
409 473 423 1305			

GRAND  
CIRCUIT  
RACING

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 12.—Pittsburg and Port Erie will not be active members of the Grand Circuit this year. The stewards of the harness racing organization in session here today prepared the 1917 racing schedule, and added Montreal to the circuit. The Canadian city was given two race meetings of three days each to fill the gap caused by the withdrawal of Port Erie and Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, it was said, decided to remain out of the circuit until the driving club obtained a new track. No reason was given for Port Erie's withdrawal, but it is understood that the horsemen generally favored giving Montreal two successive meetings.

The season will open at Cleveland the week of July 19 and will close at Lexington, Ky., the week of October 11.

BOXERS WHO HAVE LEFT RING  
TAKE POSITIONS AT THE FRONT

Out of the ring, which is a square, into a broader field, untried by canvas and unlimited by ropes, the allied pugilists have gone to fight in a battle where the time-keeper is a myth and the referee a minus quantity. On the firing line, French and English boxers have changed the six-ounce gloves for a rifle and haversack, thus refuting the claim that all professional athletes are laggards. Whatever may be the case with the British footballers, the boxers, at least, have rushed almost en masse to the recruiting offices. Even the bantams and fly-weights have offered their services, and many have cursed the limitations of height and weight, which have forced them back to the ring. Promoters, trainers and fight enthusiasts, also, have left their seats in the smoke-filled amphitheatres, and are en route for the firing line. Thus the whole world of belt and glove has gone to war, and tales of its prowess will appear in army reports instead of in lurid columns of the sporting press. For though the men who have played at the boxing game in times of peace are accused of degrading brutality, they have always been a credit to their country in the tragic days of war. When a former lord of hosts threatened the shores of England, the fighters rallied as they have today, and the names of many have gone down in army legend. They still tell the tale of Corporal Shaw, for instance, who died at Waterloo, having disposed of nine enemies single-handed.

## Exit the Boxers

Since then, the pessimist will say, boxing has been reduced to the level of dollars and cents and true sport has vanished from the prize ring. Enthusiasm in the recruiting camp tells a different story; and if there is another Waterloo, lightweight and heavy weight will doubtless be ready to uphold the old traditions of the boxer's bravery. As the aristocracy of the athletes, the professional pugilist can boast of many things essential to a good soldier, for the manly art has made him strong in achievement and restraint, and has fitted him to withstand the rigors of a hard campaign. So they are gone now, and their corners in the ring will know many of them no more.

## From English Rings

O'Keefe, the heavyweight; Basham, Bill Ladbury, Bandmaster Rice of the meteoric career, Gus Platts, Jack Meekin, the lightweight; Bob Scanlon,

Corporal Fullerton, Dick Smith, and other men who have passed many an evening in the limelight, have gone to join the colors. Harry Smith, the Boer boxer, is ready to go, and the great quantities of gloves now demanded by army and navy are ample proof of the number of minor British pugilists who have enlisted. The same is true in France. There is Georges Carpentier, the heavyweight fighter, with the bearing of a gentleman and a blow like a sledge hammer, who has stuck by the prize ring for the love of the game alone. He is in the French army now, attached to the aviation corps. His manager, Duchamps, the business man of the prize ring, is fighting, too, and Bernard, also, has left the bright lights of Paris behind him.

## Other French Fighters.

Stubber, not so famous as either Bernard or Carpentier, killed twelve Germans at Sezanne and was raised to the rank of sergeant. Randall, another of the lesser lights, led a handful of French soldiers into a trench of Prussians who were duly annihilated. Wounded in the foot, Randall was made an adjutant. Gramsey was promoted two grades for distinguished conduct at Roye. Marcel Thomas has been promoted too; Adrian Hogan, once reported dead, has recovered from severe wounds. Degand and Bazy are doing the same, and so is Auguste Moutier, the well known amateur. Jeannot, the fly-weight, saved his sight by ducking the spur which a Uhlans tried to kick into his eye and later dashing escaped. Joannin, the French military featherweight champion, has performed one of the greatest feats of the war by punching a German standard-bearer on the jaw and marching off with the cherished colors. For this the boxer has received the military medal for valor.

## Ledou and Driscoll.

Already several champions have fallen, not to rise even after the count of nine. Among them is Charles Ledoux of bantam-weight fame, who was probably one of the cleverest men with the gloves that the boxing world has known. Though somewhat unscientific he was a terrific fighter, and his speed and courage served to break the resistance of the strongest of his opponents. He was finally defeated by Kid Williams in Baltimore, but he was still rated as one of the best boxers in his class.

Within the past few weeks, Jim

WITH THE  
BIG RING  
ARTISTS

## Kilbane Would Box Williams

Kilbane has declared his intentions of fighting Kid Williams if he becomes too persistent. Johnny still believes that he can make the featherweight limit without resorting to artificial means of reducing. Besides, he bears a personal animosity for bantamweight champion, and this would be one way of squaring the debt.

Poor old Battling Nelson! The old-time Durable Dane made a pitiable attempt the other day to beat an experienced fighter, and his actions were so ludicrous that the spectators laughed continually during the four rounds. It is well nigh time the former lightweight champion quit the ring game for all time. His last display of his former dash and vim was in his fight with Leach Cross in New York on Thanksgiving afternoon, two years ago.

Adieu, Battling Nelson. You were a marvellous champion in your time and did your part well.

## Ritchie After Welsh.

While on the subject of former lightweight champions, we must not overlook one Willie Ritchie, who is hankering for action. Ritchie has a snug sum of money cached, but despite this fact there is one thing rankling in his mind—he wants to beat Freddie Welsh.

It is not so much the lightweight title that Ritchie wants; he says he is willing to fight Welsh even after the Briton loses the crown. Ritchie is firm in his convictions that he is Welsh's master, and is willing to prove it without receiving one cent for his services.

Driscoll has enlisted as a non-commissioned officer in the British Welsh Horse, thus setting an example which no fighter should be too proud to follow. For Driscoll is even today ranked among the greatest of all the featherweights, though he fought to a draw with Moran two years ago. Such are the fortunes of some of the men who have graced the rings of Paris and London, and whose fame as fighters has spread to America. Many more are bound to follow them through the ropes into the broader arena, and so boxing in France and England is on the wane until the war is over.

POWER  
BOAT CLUB  
ANNUAL

The annual meeting of the St. John Power Boat Club was held last evening. Commodore S. P. Gerow occupied the chair and a large number of members were present.

The Commodore's report of the club's activities during the past year was very lengthy and showed that great progress had been made in all branches of the club's affairs.

In his remarks the Commodore referred to the fact that he was again elected by acclamation to the office of Commodore for the sixth year and thanked the members for their continued confidence and support.

The treasurer's report showed that the club was now free from debts and that the past year had seen the liquidation of over fifteen hundred dollars liabilities.

The following were elected officers for the current year:

S. P. Gerow—Commodore.  
J. C. Chesley—Vice-commodore.  
F. W. Tapley—Rear-commodore.  
John Thornton—Treasurer.  
R. A. Jamieson—Secretary.

Executive Committee—H. Roberts, Fred Roberts, Ed. Fisher, Geo. E. Day, Henry Macintyre.

The Commodore appointed Walter Bagnell, retiring secretary, his Fleet Captain, and Dr. D. E. Berryman, Fleet Surgeon.

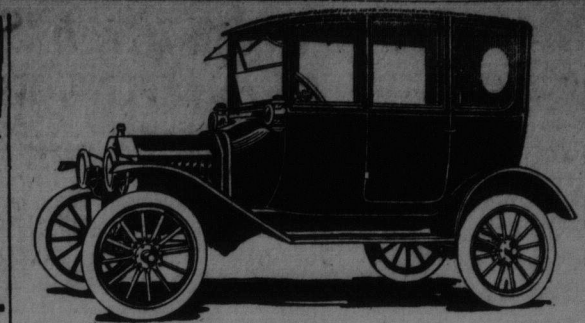
The club decided to elect as honorary members all members enlisting for service and to have a roll of honor shared in the club of those offering. Commissioner Harry R. McEldan and R. W. Wigmore were added to the list of honorary members.

A pleasant incident during the evening was the presentation of a testimonial to John Thornton, treasurer, as a mark of appreciation of his valuable services. The Commodore in making the presentation referred to the great work done by the treasurer and congratulated the club on their good fortune in having such a good officer.

Plans for the summer season were discussed at length and preparations are under way for a successful season in 1915.

The Commodore announced that the next smoker would be held on Thursday, Feb. 11th.

The club has now over two hundred and thirty boats in the fleet and a membership of over four hundred in good standing.



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should the said erstwhile champion care to defend it against all comers.

## Dane Nemesis to Coulon

Coulon, still retaining the keen perception that enabled him to fight his way to the top, has it all figured out that if Williams absconds from the bantamweight division he (Coulon) will have no difficulty in vanquishing the other claimants of the bauble. Thus he would entrench himself in the popular position he has always occupied in the hearts of the "fans."

We are told that Caesar had his Brutus, Napoleon his Wellington and McGraw his Stallings. Well, Johnny Coulon had his Kid Williams. The compact little Dane has been a Nemesis to Coulon from the very first time he set eyes upon the Baltimore fighting machine.

The case of Johnny Coulon is indeed an interesting one. He has just passed his twenty-fifth milestone in life; yet he is looked upon as a veteran of the ring.

Coulon, as a matter of fact, is a prematurely old man; years of conscientious training and as conscientious fighting having made their inroads into the frame and contour of the diminutive Chicagoan.

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