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In Word of Sport

FITZ SAYS THAT AMATEUR BOXER HAS A GREAT PUNCH

New York, April 1.—Sitting yesterday afternoon in the little parlor of a boarding house at No. 239 West Forty-fourth street, Bob Fitzsimmons, former champion heavy-weight fighter of the world, wrote and sent to the following telegram to Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, millionaire society man of Philadelphia, poet, publisher, automobilist, amateur athlete, boxer and biographer of Fitzsimmons:

"Have just arrived in town and hear that you are going to fight O'Brien. As one who is interested in you my advice would be not to meet him. His acknowledged faking propensities might tempt him to try to win on you. In such a case your sincere efforts to demonstrate your ability with the gloves would make a farce of the affair. Why not take me on? I would gladly meet you to show your friends what you can do. You can arrange a bout with me at any time and at any place by a mere expression of your desire to do so."

ROBERT FITZSIMMONS, the "grand old man of the prize ring," let his huge frame settle back in an armchair, straightened out his long legs and lit a long cigar which he had promised Mary Niall the night before he would smoke.

"Well, it beats all how some things happen," he declared. "What's troubling me now is the want of a good reason for a fine man like Mr. Biddle to engage in a fight. He doesn't need the money for the fame, and if he does want to exercise himself, why doesn't he take on a man like me?"

"You could have hit me with a feather and counted me out when I heard he was going to box O'Brien."

"Why, from the time I had my leather apron on an anvil in the blacksmith shop in Timarou to this day I have never met a finer gentleman than Mr. Biddle. He can spar in society and in tight equally well. He can handle himself anywhere, but he isn't a foxy fellow. I hold his own with a professional

ac with the New York University eight early in May and at the American Henley in Philadelphia during the latter part of the same month.

JOE GANS TOO MUCH FOR SPIKE ROBSON

Philadelphia, Pa., April 1.—Joe Gans, colored, champion lightweight pugilist of the world, tonight stopped Spike Robson, the English featherweight champion in the third round of what was scheduled as a six round bout, before the National Athletic Club. Gans was nearly ten pounds heavier than his opponent and his long reach gave him a decided advantage. Robson was dropped for the count early in the third round and a moment later he was again felled. The referee then stopped the bout.

OPEN WITH SHAMROCKS.

Tecumseh Will Play Champions in Montreal on Victoria Day.

Toronto, April 1.—Manager Charles Quenneville, of the Tecumsehs, rather late a march on "Jimmy" Murphy, of the Torontos, when he managed to land the opening date in Montreal with the Shamrocks, and to get the same club to come here for the initial game at the Island. The dates are May 25th and May 30th respectively.

VARDON'S GREAT WIN

In the first important professional golf tournament since 1908, held on the course at Cannes, eight miles from Nice, the success of the French golfer, which had been so pronounced a feature of last year's play, received a check. The man to administer it was Harry Vardon, who, playing with all his old-time brilliancy, won the thirty-six holes stroke competition and the first prize of 1,000 francs with rounds of 72 and 71—total 143.

At Cleveland on Friday last Morris Wood defeated Norval Bapiste in a mile race in the remarkably fast time of two minutes and 56 seconds. Wood, it will be remembered, was defeated by Fred Logan last year at Montreal for the amateur championship of the world. Later the fast Seranac lake skater turned professional and has skated nearly all the fast times. The race with the other exhibitions on the steel blades took place at Plymouth rink in the Ohio town. Bapiste being the victor, the star. He started out by winning the quarter mile race in 39 1/2 seconds, but was given a hard tunnel by Woods, who finished second. The next event was a mile in which he finished second and a heart-breaking race, Woods taking the race by inches. The time for the race was 2 min. 56 sec.

In the quarter-mile race backward, 49 sec. In this event he led all the other contestants by at least half a lap. Bapiste took sick after this draw from the track and was withdrawn from the race. Woods won by 5 1/2 sec.

The last event in which Bapiste skated backward, and McNeill forward, Bapiste won in 45 1/2 sec. after McNeill received a bad fall at the first lap. Bapiste furnished a great deal of amusement for the crowd present in the fox enclosure, four small boys for at least fifteen minutes.

HARRY VAIL AT GEORGETOWN

New Brunswick Oarsman has Invented a New Style of Stroke

(New York World.)

Coach Harry Vail, of Georgetown, is teaching a new stroke to the crewmen under his charge. It is a style that differs in no little degree from that taught before and Vail expects much from its use.

Formerly the stroke used at Georgetown had, in principle, been a principle a quick catch, combined with a back-and-leg drive. The idea was that after making the quick catch much strength was not to be used in pulling it through, relying upon the snap at the catch to give the boat its momentum.

Vail's idea is that when the oar is put in the water to use the back and arms for bringing the body to an upright position before the legs are brought into play. This method of rowing is advocated because it is claimed that the body has further to travel than the legs, and that the work can be done easier and better when the full force of the leg combined with the back drive is used.

Full power can now be put into the finish of the stroke.

Strictly speaking there is no such thing as individuality in a stroke; each man embodies the same essential elements. Under the old style the men finished sitting upright in the boat, while according to Vail's method they incline the body a little back, so as to get as long a stroke as possible.

There is also some difference in the control of the slide upon the oar. "Shoot the hands and slow the slide" was a constant warning under the old style, the idea being to get the hands away as fast as possible and bring the slide up very slowly, barely creeping up on it. Getting the hands away with lightning rapidity was depended upon to have the full reach for the catch. Under the new system the hands are not to get away as fast as possible, but the slide is to be brought up at first, gradually slowing down until, just before the catch, it is almost stopped.

Vail's idea is to select two crews, so that they may row together as long as possible and grow accustomed to one another's peculiarities before the time for the first race is at hand.

Far so early in the season the men are rowing in good form. Their catch is as good as could be expected at this time. The men catch well, the boat glides along at a fair rate of speed. The swing is well together, and there is not that tendency to swing out away from the water, as is often the fault with crews who start on the recovery it goes along smoothly, the boat keeping its level and running fairly well between the strokes. The feathering is fairly good, all of the men taking their share of the clean and carrying their back clear of the water. The blade work also is fair, there being but little tendency to knife in at the catch, the sweeps being only dipped deep enough to cover the blade.

The present plans of the management are to send a crew to the races upon the Hudson, providing that a good showing is made in the race that is to be rowed upon the Delaware.

SPANISH OCEAN YACHT RACE

Boston, Mass., March 30.—Spanish yachtsmen are becoming enthusiastic over the proposed ocean race next August from Palos to the Canary Islands on the 45th anniversary of the sailing of Columbus, according to advices recently received in this city. The race has been placed in charge of the Alcade, of Palos, and the officers of the Royal Mediterranean Yacht Club, of Malaga, and every effort is being made to obtain entries from this country, as well as from Central and South America.

While the details have not as yet been fully perfected, it has been decided to start the yachts from the Harbor of Palos on August 3 at six o'clock in the morning, which is exactly high water. This is the same day and the same hour on which Columbus sailed, and the records of that event, which are still extant in Palos, show that the Santa Maria, Nina and Pinta also put to sea at high water. In fact, life has been made so comfortable with navigation in the harbor of Palos that the announcement is being made that drawing over sixteen feet will be obliged to anchor a short distance outside.

WORLD'S RECORD FOR 600 YARDS

L. Hillman, of the New York A. C., smashed the indoor record for the 600-yard run at a Seventy-fourth regiment indoor meet at Buffalo, Saturday. C. J. Bacon, of the Irish A. C., was second, and H. P. Ramey, of Chicago, third. Ramey led from the crack of the pistol until the last ten seconds. The crowd of eight thousand was brought to its feet when, like a shot, Hillman came from the rear and, with a magnificent burst of speed, crossed the tape a winner. Ramey was so surprised he lost second place.

The time was 1m. 13 1/2-5s. The former record was 1m. 14s.

HACKENSCHMIDT AND GOTCH, FRIDAY

Friday night the Hackenschmidt-Gotch wrestling match for the championship will be held in Dexter Pavilion, Chicago, and from present indications will be witnessed by a big crowd. Hackenschmidt is training at the Chicago Athletic Association, while Gotch is going through his preliminary work in the gymnasium of the Illinois Athletic Club, two hundred feet away. Both men are reported to be in excellent condition.

BOSTON TO HAVE MARATHON RACE

Boston, March 30.—Members of the Executive Committee of the Olympic games have decided that the Boston Athletic Association Marathon race, which is to be held in Boston on April 20, will be the try out for the Olympic Marathon event, to be held in London. The committee will select its entrants from those who start in the Boston race.

In St. Mary's church school room last evening, the St. Mary's basketball team defeated the St. George's team 12 to 12. Roy Barton refereed satisfactorily.

Harry Gaylor defeated R. Ramsey in a pool match in the Real Estate room last evening. The score stood 100 to 80.

While trying to hurry a wood fire by using coal oil and gasoline, Mrs. Cynille Thomas, aged 22, of Montreal, and her 15-month-old daughter, were fatally burned. P. Hart, a resident of Oscoda, Renfrew township, has performed the wonderful feat of writing the Lord's Prayer four times inside the circle of an American three-cent coin.

SEAMEN'S MISSION BAZAAR A SUCCESS

Keith's Assembly Rooms Thronged With Brilliant Assemblage

700 AT TEA TABLES

Attractive Booths Patronized Extensively, and First Day of the Fair is Very Satisfactory—Tea This Evening to Be Followed by Promenade Concert.

The first day of the grand bazaar being conducted in Keith's assembly rooms, under patronage of Lady Tilley, in the interests of the Seamen's Institute, closed last evening after much success. The rooms on either side of the passageway to the main room were crowded to the tables, and in the course of the evening about 700 people took supper. The efficient corps of waitresses gave excellent service. The booths in the large assembly hall were prettily decorated and well supplied with articles to suit all tastes. Two large booths—one devoted to home-made candy, and the other to novelties, occupied the centre of the room, and these were the most popular. The large booth at the southern end of the room, where centre-pieces, doilies and other articles of fancy work were on sale, was very pretty, and the attendants were kept busy.

Every available space was taken with a booth, and the bazaar, as a whole, thronged the place during the evening found plenty to occupy their attention. The table of children's clothing was presided over by Mrs. DeB. Carritte, assisted by Mrs. Dever, Mrs. C. W. Weldon, Mrs. G. R. White, Mrs. P. Steaton, Mrs. J. McDonald, Mrs. W. E. Foster, Mrs. J. M. Robinson, Mrs. Simeon Jones, Mrs. E. T. Sturges, Mrs. Anglin, Mrs. S. Holly, Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, Mrs. E. E. Sayre, Mrs. Geo. W. Jones, Mrs. S. Skinner, and Mrs. H. B. Robinson.

The table of fancy work was in charge of Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. F. E. Hanning, Mrs. J. A. Smith, Mrs. F. Allison, Mrs. L. B. Bullock, Mrs. M. Allison, Mrs. J. F. Robertson, Mrs. Hazel Bridges, Miss Annie Berryman, Miss Annie Paddington, Miss Jean Feney, and Mrs. R. B. Patterson.

The domestic science table was presided over by a number of lady graduates of the Joseph School, Miss Hayward, Miss Laura Knight, Miss Beatrice Skinner, Miss Frink, Miss Annie Smith, Miss Sippell, and Miss E. M. MacLellan.

In a neat kitchen demonstration lessons were given by Miss C. N. Boyer, with Miss Anne Smith and Miss Anne Bullock as assistants. At the domestic science table during the afternoon tea and coffee were served under the charge of Mrs. Dunbrack, and also a graduate of the Joseph school.

A table of fancy handkerchiefs, aprons and table cloths was in charge of Mrs. H. W. West, Mrs. W. A. Lockhart, Miss K. Best, Miss Beatrice Skinner, Miss Winnie Hall, Miss Sears, Miss Florence Harding, Miss Helen Irvine, and Miss Jean Campbell.

A children's fancy work table was attended by a number of children in sailor costume. Those in charge were Misses Mary MacLaren, Madeline de Soyres, Isabel Jack, Dorothy Jack, Barbara Jack, Isabel Jack, Marion Campbell, Mary Cornwall, Barbara Widder, Ruth Widder, Beth Smith, Catherine Sturges, Dorothy Bile, and Miss W. K. Schofield, Grace Kelsie, and Marion McGee.

The art table was presided over by Mrs. W. O. Taylor, Mrs. W. A. Lockhart, Mrs. U. Tilley, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. R. B. Emerson, Mrs. Harold B. Schofield, Mrs. R. G. Murray, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, Mrs. P. Fairweather, Miss M. Frink, Miss Mary Winter, Miss Winnie Raymond and Miss Miriam Harding.

A booth for the sale of paper flowers, shades, menu cards, etc., was in charge of Mrs. Lou Barker and Mrs. Wm. Allison, assisted by Mrs. J. B. Thomson, Mrs. W. Allison, Mrs. Fred Foster, Miss Edith Skinner, Miss Mary MacLoughlin, Miss Frances Travers, Miss Bertie Hegan and Miss Portia McKenzie.

A candy booth was in charge of Mrs. Ira Cornwall, Mrs. Wilford Campbell, Mrs. John Quilley, Miss Daisy Sears, Miss Hazel DeForest, Miss Sweetie Brown, Miss Hazel Campbell, Miss Dorothy Edgecomb, Miss Nellie McMichael, Miss Marion Dearborn, Miss Josephine Lynch, Miss McIntyre, Miss Kimball, Miss Ethel Fales, and Miss Ellen Gillis.

A tea table was sold in a room to the left of the corridor and was in charge of Mrs. B. Keltie Jones, Mrs. Alex. Wilson, Mrs. J. B. Thomson, Mrs. W. A. Lockhart, Mrs. Smith, Miss Leslie Smith, the Misses Barker, Miss Lou MacLoughlin, Miss Constance Jones, Miss Warner, Miss Katie Hazen, Mrs. J. B. Thomson, Miss Gray, Miss Frances Stetson, Miss Nan Barnaby, Miss Marion Byles and Miss Mary Harrison.

The ladies in charge of the dining arrangements were Miss L. Lovitt, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. David McLeellan, Mrs. R. C. Skinner, and Mrs. G. F. Smith. The ladies assisting were Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Gorbell, Mrs. McKennie, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Vaughan, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Dearness, Mrs. Melvin, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Thomson, Mrs. Hecover, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Irvine, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Fraser, Miss Kelsey, Miss Cornben, Miss Holt, Miss Fraser, Miss French, Miss Hoyt, Miss Hecover, Miss McQuinn, and Miss Burnham.

During the dining hours Harrison's orchestra played a delightful programme of music. At 8.30 o'clock the Boys' Brigade attended and played selections during the rest of the evening. Today the sale will be continued from three o'clock and tea will be served. Mrs. M. B. Thomson will be in charge of the promenade concert under the management of Dr. Arnold Fane. A number of the leading musicians in St. John have offered to assist in the concert.

WORST BLIZZARD OF YEAR RAGING IN CANADIAN WEST

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Winnipeg, April 1.—Another cut in the season struck northern Saskatchewan yesterday and is now general, and for the first time this winter reports are coming in of traffic blocked on the branch lines, and delays on the main lines. This is most unfortunate, as a good deal of stock and settlers' effects are now being moved in from south of the boundary, but the railways are in a very better condition to handle an emergency than during the disastrous storms of this time last year. There is no shortage of power, and the rotary plows are doing good work. The snow will benefit the land.

KEROSENE SEVEN CENTS A GALLON, RETAIL, IN BOSTON

Boston, April 1.—Another cut in the price of illuminating oil delivered to consumers from oil-tank wagons was made by the New England Oil Company yesterday, and was immediately met by the Standard Oil Company today. The reduction is a cent on a gallon which will amount to a loss of revenue of about a million dollars, and whatever reduction is made in future two months ago was nine cents a gallon, but was initiated by the New England Oil Company, and a cut to eight cents resulted. This second cut brings the price to seven cents.

The reduction affects only the Boston district, which is practically within a radius of twenty miles of the State House, and the competition is only between the New England Company and the Standard. The New England Oil Company is understood to be backed by the Gulf Oil Company, which is a combination of the independent refiners practically controlling the output of crude oil in Texas and Louisiana Territory. It was stated by an officer of the Standard Oil Company this afternoon that that company has only met the cut, and whatever reduction is made in future it will continue to meet, although no initial cut in prices will be made by the Standard.

SCHOONER CONSTANCE OFF THE ROCKS AND TOWED TO ST. JOHN

Brought Into Harbor Bottom Up and Placed in Market Slip; Will Be Repaired Here.

The 41-ton schooner Constance, Capt. Glenn, which went ashore between Split Rock and Musquash on Monday night, March 23, was hauled off the rocks yesterday by the tugs Neptune and Dirigo, towed to St. John and placed in Market slip.

The tugs had some difficulty getting the schooner free, and when she did take to the water she turned turtle and it was a hard task against wind and tide with the schooner bottom up and the Constance surmounted a heavy storm while on the rocks, but the fact that the schooner was full of water helped her.

She is only a year old. Her keel is gone and some planks started. She will be repaired here. The vessel is owned at Bellevue Cove (N. S.). Her owners are in the city to look after her.

PAINTERS STRIKE, BOSSES LOCK UP SHOPS.

The union journeymen painters went on strike yesterday for an increase of 25 cents a day in their wages. The men have been receiving \$2.25 a day and now asking for \$2.50. The master painters at a meeting in their rooms last evening unanimously confirmed the resolution passed at a previous meeting, to lock up the shops and not give the increase demanded.

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"They are always telling us how things are done in England. They carry flags! Don't you know the story of the Englishman who lost his way and was found half-dead of thirst beside a river? When he was asked why he didn't drink, he said 'How the deuce could I without a glass?'"

Everybody is Saving the Series—Began March 14

PARRSBORO MURDERER DEAD OF HIS WOUNDS

Dewis Smith, Slayer of James Rector, Succumbed Yesterday to His Self-Inflicted Injury After the Tragedy.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Parrsboro, N. S., April 1.—Another act in the tragedy which last week started and shocked the town terminated shortly after noon today when Dewis Smith, the slayer of James Rector, succumbed to his self-inflicted injury and passed beyond human jurisdiction.

It was at first believed that he would recover but he failed steadily and never entirely recovered his reason. He was about twenty-eight years old and unmarried. He had always lived with his parents with the exception of part of last year, which he spent in the Northwest, where one of his brothers, now on his way home, has been living. Much sympathy is felt for Smith's mother who is prostrated with grief.

MR. FOSTER PREDICTS CONSERVATIVE VICTORY

Says the Next General Election Will Result in a Change of Government

Toronto, Ont., March 31.—"Our time is coming in the Dominion, and we will be victorious at the next election," said Hon. G. E. Foster, in addressing a banquet of the Fifth Ward Conservative Association, on Saturday night. He went on: "You have seen the Opposition abused because they are always talking scandal; that we are a lot of scandalous fellows. Some time ago the government appointed three men of high intelligence and ability, who spent three or four months in the departments at Ottawa. They found that the scandals that the Opposition had been trying to prove by bite and shred were all the Opposition had alleged. Their report is a vindication of our conduct."

In closing, Mr. Foster announced that he would hold a series of meetings in North Toronto at which every effort would be made to have Mr. Shaw, his Liberal opponent, and other Liberals present.

RECORD CROWDS AGAIN AT NICKEL THEATRE

It would be difficult to determine just which of the features attracted the great crowds at the Nickel yesterday. What ever anticipations were aroused by reports of the afternoon patrons were most pleasantly realized by the evening patrons, expressions of high praise were evenly divided between the pictures and songs.

The picture of Days of Louis XVI., was by far the most artistic of recent productions by Pathe Freres. In fact it is almost regrettable that the time for its presentation is so short, closing, as it does on the night of the performance tonight.

The other pictures are The Briton's Promise, well high class, with just enough pathos to arouse the interest, a good comedy picture, Ken-Eyed Genes, a comedy of wholesome sort.

J. Fred Koyes sang with excellent effect a new ballad, Roses, Roses, Evergreen. James Maxwell made many new friends by his rendition of the ever popular ballad, Why Did They Sell Killarney?

HARD COAL MINES TO START FULL BLAST

Reading, Pa., April 1.—The Reading Company is making active preparations for the resumption of mining in its coal Herries tomorrow. Thousands of empty cars will be sent to the mines early to morning morning and by noon hundreds of cars of subdrift will be on the way to tidewater. Mahoney Paine, which has been idle since the shut-down will be started up and thousands of idle mine workers will go back to the mines with prospects of continued work during the summer.

MARKED DECLINE IN CUSTOMS RECEIPTS

Decrease of \$745,434 for March Compared With Similar Month Last Year.

Ottawa, April 1.—The customs revenue of the Dominion for the fiscal year 1907-08, just closed, totalled \$87,866,632 as compared with \$81,812,569 for the corresponding months of 1906-07, an increase of \$6,054,063.

For the last month the customs receipts were \$4,368,102, a decrease of \$745,434 as compared with March of last year.

HALIFAX CARWORKS TO START SOON

Halifax, April 1.—Up to March 24, the Silliker Car Works Co. spent \$182,037, and up to that time the company had not asked the city for any portion of the corporation's offer. Of the above amount \$14,890 was obtained by eight calls on the stockholders and the remainder was supplied by the promoters. The latter portion of last week the city auditor gave a certificate to the car company to draw \$83,000.

A large quantity of oak lumber is daily expected to arrive in Halifax, and by the middle of April the work of building cars will be commenced.

A weak Stomach, means weak Stomach nerves, always. And this is also true of the Heart and Kidneys. It's a pity that sick ones continue to drug the Stomach or stimulate the Heart and Kidneys. The weak nerves, not the organs themselves, need this help. This explains why Dr. Shop's Restorative has, and is promptly helping so many sick ones. It goes directly to the cause of these diseases. Test this vital truth, and see. Sold by all Druggists.

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