

## Late Gossip Of The Sporting World At Home And Abroad

LOCAL  
BOWLING  
YESTERDAY

On the City League on Black's alleys last night the Sweeps and Ramblers rolled off for the first series, the former team winning with a majority of forty-three pins. The scores follow:

Ramblers	Tl.	Ave.
Duffy .....	119	86 104
Jordan .....	74	72 99 243 81
Beattie .....	76	91 78 245 81 2-3
Covey .....	101	107 84 292 97 1-3
Wilson .....	87	83 96 266 88 2-3
	457	459 461 1357

Sweeps	Tl.	Ave.
Jenkins .....	92	88 104 284 94 2-3
McLennan .....	80	99 92 271 90 1-3
Gambin .....	96	86 95 277 92 1-3
Ferguson .....	97	86 78 261 87
Sullivan .....	111	99 97 307 102 1-3
	476	468 466 1400

H. Sullivan won the daily roll off with a score of 131.

## LASKEY VICTORIOUS

In a special match game yesterday afternoon between Wm. Laskey and Herbert Mayes, the former won handily by over six pins in three strings. Laskey, who formerly was manager of the alley, is now in Fredericton with the ammunition corps and was down for a visit. He is one of St. John's most popular boys and carries with him as he goes away best wishes for a happy and successful trip and a safe return. A large crowd of fans accompanied him to the depot, where he was given a rousing send-off.

## THE PRIZE WINNERS

The following were the prize winners last week at the Victoria alleys. Mon.—Williams 104 115 134—353. Tues.—Kelly 112 103 121—337. Wed.—Sullivan 106 106 118—330. Thurs.—Jenkins 114 115 127—356. Fri.—Sloum 116 133 126—375. Sat.—Kelly 116 116 118—350. Covey won the weekly prize at the Victoria alleys which is valued at \$5 for the best five non-consecutive strings rolled during the week. Covey hit the pins for a grand total of 558 in the five strings.

## THE TWO MEN LEAGUE

The following entries have been received for the Two Men League at the Victoria alleys which opens next week. Kelly, Abel-Miller, Leonard, Vaughn, Sutherland-Miller, Latham-Taylor, Coughlan-Covey, Ritchie-Boyes, McKee-McCavour, Hill-Teed, Thurston-Harding, Stevens-McDonald. The entry list is still open.

## A SOLDIER TEAM

On the Victoria alleys Saturday Private Tim Leary of the 26th Battalion rolled three fine strings, piling the pins up for a grand total of 347. His scores were 112, 111, 124. Private Leary has a team which he is willing to put up against any team in the army and sends in a challenge through this paper to that effect. An answer is requested through The Standard.

## NOTES OF THE DIAMOND

Mordcael Brown, formerly pitcher for the Chicago Nationals, who last year managed the St. Louis Federal, and at the end of the season played with the Chicago Federals.

Hugh J. McCune, who played on the Worcester baseball team of the New England League, last season, has signed as player-manager of the Pictburg club, it has been announced.

Joseph B. Tinker manager of the Chicago Federals, after playing at shortstop from the start of his long career in the major leagues, has decided to switch to second base. Tinker asserted that his place in the short field would be taken by James Smith, a nineteen-year-old star, who acquired his baseball knowledge at Duquesne University, Pittsburg.

Edward Maier, owner of the Venice Coast League Club, states that the St. Louis American League team has sold pitcher "Roy" Mitchell to Venice on trial.

The University of California baseball team will leave for Japan May 15, where they will play a series of games with the teams of Waseda, and Tokyo Universities.

WRESTLER LUDECKE SAYS  
THAT HE IS NOT A GERMAN

The wrestler who is well known in St. John as Harry Ludecke feels keenly the report that he is a German, and in the following letter he states that he is not a German and that his name is not Ludecke. His statement is as follows: To Sporting Editor of The Standard.

Dear Sir,—Since I have been in St. John, after the European war was declared, there has been some feeling toward me that has increased until I think it advisable to give the exact facts of my nationality, name and place of birth. I was born in Vermont in 1892, and my name is Raymond Sherburne, and not Harry Ludecke. (I will explain why I took that name later.) My parents are as far as I can find out of an English-Irish descent, and if I have a drop of German blood in me I don't know it, and I have traced back to my great-grandfather. I was reared on a farm, and took to wrestling while quite young, as my father and grandfather did. Incidentally my grandfather was the collar and elbow champion of Vermont at one time. I was easily the champion at high and propertory schools, and while Sam Anderson, then middleweight champion of the world, was touring New England giving \$5.00 to anyone that he couldn't throw in five minutes I came on and stayed so many successive times that he refused to take me on again. That fall I went to Tufts College, and had good success in Boston wrestling as an amateur. The next fall I did return to college and wrestled my first professional match holding Anderson to a forty-minute draw. The match was so rough that I spent nearly two weeks in the hospital. Anderson was then hurling his challenges throughout the country, and a promoter in Attleboro had arranged to stage a match between Ludecke, a German, of New York, and Anderson. Ludecke at the last minute refused to wrestle as a professional since he was then amateur middleweight champion of the world. As the news of my success had traveled over a considerable portion of the country they wired me and I was given the name of Harry Ludecke. I won the match and as Anderson later lost to McDonald he sent clippings of my Attleboro match to St. John and told me to go up there. I was glad to go because I was sure of getting some money and perhaps of getting the belt. Once I got here I had no choice but to carry out the sham of being a German. I hope that the wrestling fans will consider me just as good a wrestler whether I am a German or Englishman and that they will see that I was put in a rather hard box. I am now a citizen of Canada and have taken the oath of allegiance to the King, and am on the assessors' list. I have no more interest in the Germans than anyone here in St. John.

Former Patrolman Ross has made some unjust reports about me, and if he had taken half the trouble in securing facts as he did in giving the local press reports he would have done more justice to me.

Sincerely,  
RAYMOND SHERBURNE,  
Known as  
HARRY LUDECKE.

BASEBALL'S FINANCIAL SIDE  
TO BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR

The financial side of baseball promises to be one of the most important factors of the professional game during the coming season. Recent readjustments in the sport have confronted the magnates with problems which can only be answered at the expiration of the 1915 pennant races. Far from the least of these is the question of the player's salary. A large majority of the club owners in both major and minor league circuits are inclined to the limit has been reached in this direction and curtailment is necessary. Just how and when to put this economy into effect is a proposition over which there is a wide variance of opinion.

Manager Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics has shown Spartan qualities by pruning his former world's championship team by sale and release until Coombs, Bender, Plank and Collins are no longer Athletics, and Baker's connection with the club is uncertain. President Edward Barrow of the International league, has notified the various club owners in his circuit that reductions in players' salaries were in order. Other league executives and club owners favor similar moves, but are deterred by long-term contracts which cannot be violated. The move toward economy can be seen however, in the unconditional release of players wherever possible. Not in many years has there been the number of unconditional releases, recorded since the close of the 1914 season.

A prominent baseball official said recently that the average follower of the game did not realize the increased cost of the game due to the advancement in players' salaries. Various angles in the business side of the sport made it necessary, including the increasing opposition and the banding together of the players themselves, looking at it in a broad-minded manner, he said that there were conditions in the situation which warranted increases but in many cases increases were out of proportion to the services rendered.

It has been estimated that the average salary paid by major league clubs has been doubled in the last ten years. In the case of a majority of the players the increase is less than \$700 a year, but when the contracts of stars like Eddie Collins, Tris Speaker,

Walter Johnson, Jake Daubert and Sam Crawford are figured in, the general advance reaches a surprising amount. The salary limit of the National league was \$24,000 fifteen years ago. Today the salary of the mediocre player exceeds these figures and there is no limit for the stars. Baseball authorities who have studied the situation carefully point out that under the conditions that prevailed in the early nineties, it was inevitable that the stars would be paid what the other Canadian players had failed in and will take the ice at the St. Nicholas rink next week with one of the best Canadian amateur combinations that has ever made a trip to New York.

WILL PLAY  
HOCKEY FOR  
\$2,500 PURSE

New York, March 8.—International and Canadian professional hockey is promised New York followers of the winter sport as a wind up to the hockey season in this city. The St. Nick's confidant of defeating the Boston A. A. Thursday night here and winning the Amateur Hockey League championship again, will play the St. Michaels seven of Toronto here on March 16.

The St. Nicholas team already have beaten four of the best amateur teams in Canada, and if they can win from St. Michaels as well as the Boston A. A. they will have a good claim on international amateur honors. The \$700 a year, but when the contracts of stars like Eddie Collins, Tris Speaker,

ATTENTION,  
COMPANY!  
PLAY BALL

Such was the order of the day at the Armory yesterday. At 2 o'clock the Signallers of the 28th Battalion marched to the Shamrock grounds to participate in a game of baseball, and the form which they showed on the diamond proved beyond all doubt that as well as being qualified signalers, they were also able to prove to the fans of this city that they are adapt ball players. From the Corps was picked two teams to be known as Team No. 1 and Team No. 2. At the end of the game the score stood 14 to 1 in favor of No. 1 team.

For No. 2 team a home run was made by Private Turnbull in the second inning, which was the only score made by that team. For Team No. 1 Private Swetka hit the ball for a "home."

As this was the first game of the season the playing was rather loose. In a short time the "Wig Waggers" expect to have a very strong representative team ready to meet any team in the battalion.

Following are the players of the two teams:

No. 1 Team.	Catcher.	No. 2 Team
Pl. J. Johnston	.....Sgt. A. Frame	Pitcher.
Pl. J. Butler	.....Pt. Turnbull	Pitcher.
Pl. R. Peacock	.....Pt. H. Wayne	Second Base.
Pl. Wm. Swetka	.....Pt. A. Haley	Shortstop.
Pl. R. Brewer	....."Mr." Melhan	Third Base.
Pl. D. Munro	.....Pt. R. Simms	Right Field.
Pl. Stevens	.....Pt. S. Morwood	Center.
Pl. Longmire	.....Pt. C. Carr	Left Field.
Pl. Dean	.....Pt. G. Gibby	Tid Bits.

For No. 2 Team "Mr." Melhan played a star game. We believe he is a corner. Also our Harvey at first base; he did all right until he got into the pitcher's box. Well I guess his eyes were looking in the wrong direction then.

Carr, he is some catcher. For No. 1 Team Johnston behind the bat smothered everything that came his way.

Butler sure can toss them over. Brewer at short is some boy. Watch us come.

ada, and are a real championship combination. They believe they can do what the other Canadian teams have failed in and will take the ice at the St. Nicholas rink next week with one of the best Canadian amateur combinations that has ever made a trip to New York.

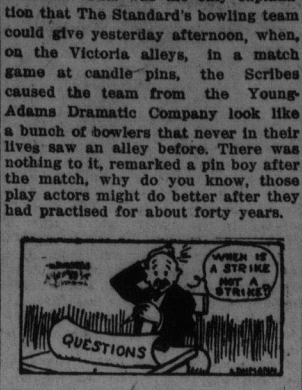
Cornelius Fellowes had arranged to put a trophy for international competition this season to go as a companion to the "A. A." trophy, but it was impossible to arrange the conditions governing such a trophy for this season. Arrangements are under way to post the trophy for next season.

After the St. Michaels team and the St. Nick's play, three professional teams from Canada will be brought to New York by Mr. Fellowes to play at the St. Nicholas rink in a four game series. The professionals will play for a purse of \$2,500, which goes to the winning team. Ottawa and the Wanderers are now ready for the N. H. A. championship. The tie will be decided this week, and the winning team, which will be the professional champions of the Dominion, will play the Canadians here on March 18 and 20 in the first two games of the series.

The Canadians, popularly dubbed "The Flying Frenchmen," have on their team two of the fastest skaters in all Canada, namely, Laviolette and Pitre. The team played strong hockey in the Canadian championship series just finished and were a constant menace to the champions, and many Canadians believe they will defeat them when they meet here. The winners of this series will play Quebec in the finals on March 23 and 24. This will be the first time that the Canadian champions have played in the preliminary games. Heretofore they have played only in the finals, so hockey "fans" will have a chance undoubtedly to see the championship team play four games.

THE ACTORS PROVE EASY  
FOR SCRIBES YESNERDAY

"They were strangers so we took them in." This was the only explanation that The Standard's bowling team could give yesterday afternoon, when, on the Victoria alleys, in a match game at candle pins, the Scribes caused the team from the Young-Adams Dramatic Company look like a bunch of bowlers that never in their lives saw an alley before. There was nothing to it, remarked a pin boy after the match, why do you know, those play actors might do better after they had practised for about forty years.



WILMOT YOUNG—When is a strike not a strike?  
GALLERY GOD—When you knock a pin boy down and not the pins.

Wilmot Young, the captain of the "footlight" team tried to knock pins down as if his life depended on the result, and it might be said that he was not too bad, but like everything else, there is a great chance for improvement. Lyons and White, two other members of the team, had nothing to say but just plugged along and did the best they could, but for McKay, good night, he is the gentleman who introduces the would-be actors on amateur night in the theatre, and with a sly grin watches them get the hook, for this gentleman, if trying to bowl, and attempting to make shots that were never before seen on an alley, than Mac has every bowler in the world beaten seven ways, and if there was such a thing as a hook in the academy yesterday he deserved it as a prize. The only excuse that he could



MANAGER MCKAY

Winding up to demonstrate just how many pins he could leave standing on the alley, and show the art of rolling three balls down the gutter.

It is not necessary to say anything about The Standard team any more than their opponents were too easy, and it was hardly necessary at any time for the Scribes to roll up a bigger score and thus discourage the actors completely. The following is the individual score:

BIG FIGHT  
AT HAVANA  
ON APRIL 3

Havana, March 8.—A fight for the world's heavyweight pugilistic championship will take place at Havana, Saturday, April 3, between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard.

The last obstacle in the way of having the fight take place here was removed this afternoon, when Jack Curley, who endeavored to have the men meet at Juarez, Mexico, March 6, received a cable from Willard saying that he would start immediately for Havana, arriving here from New Orleans March 15.

Johnson began training today. Willard will probably have training quarters at Marianao.

## MARQUARD IS NOT WANTED

St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 7—"I wouldn't have Marquard on my ball club," was Schuyler P. Britton's emphatic way of declaring today that the erratic Marquard will not be part of the purchase price for "Pol" Peritt. "Peritt gave us trouble enough," continued Britton, "without taking on Marquard. The 'Rube' may be all right; I wouldn't say a word against him, but I do not want him."

The Standard.	McKinnon	Ervin	McGinley	Slattery
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	297 298 272 867			

Young-Adams Co.	Young	Lyons	McKay	White
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	231 287 288 806			

A return match will be bowled a week from Thursday.

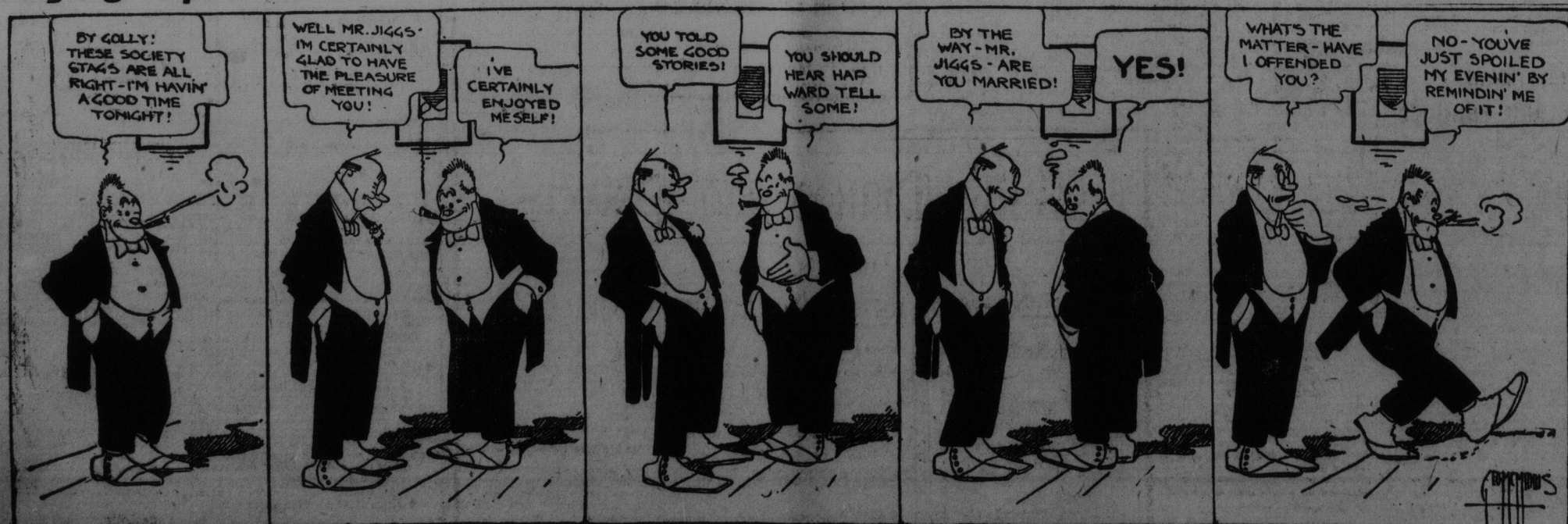
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