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TO BATTLE FOR THE CANADIAN FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Billy Allen and Tommy Rawson to Meet Tonight— Bout at Glace Bay—Lynch Should Rule Well— Hockey, Bowling and General Sport

Tommy Rawson, a featherweight from Boston will meet Billy Allen of Ottawa tonight at the Victoria Armory, in Montreal for the featherweight championship of Canada.

A boxing bout is to be held at Glace Bay on Christmas Day between Kid O'Neil and Jack Ling of Reserve.

James J. Jeffries will put in the preliminary stages of his training for his bout with Jack Johnson in the heart of the Sierras, at the camp occupied by James J. Corbett, when the latter was preparing for his fight at Carson City with Bob Fitzsimmons.

Sam Langford has been matched to fight the Dixie Kid in Memphis on January 1st, according to an announcement by promoters who have guaranteed three matches with colored opponents to follow for Langford.

A new athletic club, in which boxing will be one of the leading features, was organized in Boston on Sunday. It is known as the American Athletic Club and will be located within a minute's walk of Washington street.

Police Inspector Dennis Sweeney of New York got a tip late Saturday night that prize fights were being engaged in at the clubhouse of the National A. C. Williamsburg. With a force of men Sweeney went there and arrested Kid Hogan and Kid Dillon, who were showing the members of the club what they knew about the many art of self-defence. The policemen took in charge Joseph McKee, Fred Powell, Thomas Purcell, Joseph Howard and Henry Lutz, who acted as referee, timekeeper and seconds.

Frank Klaus of Pittsburgh won the decision over Jim Flynn of Boston in twelve rounds of hard fighting in Boston last night.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 21—Fugitive received in Milwaukee tonight after a lapse of more than a year. The star bout of the evening was a ten-round go between Bob Moha of Milwaukee and Harry Mansfield of England, waterweights. No decision was given. Both were strong at the finish, but Moha seemed to have a shade the better on points.

Hockey

Monday's Montreal Herald says: The All-Montreal team were out this morning for a secret practice at the arena between 11 and 12 o'clock. Art Ross was out and along with him were Paddy Moran, Marisa, late of Brandon; Norman, a star forward from the Montreal N. B. club; Cook, of the Cochrane, of Waterloo; Tyro, a Lancaster, Ont., player, and half a dozen others who are being tried out.

Fred Taylor, who has been the storm made his first appearance of the season in an Ottawa uniform Saturday night. Spectators as to whether he would or would not be out for practice, brought out a crowd of six or seven hundred hockey bugs broke out into a great shower of applause when the celebrated player stepped on the surface with the rest of the Ottawa team.

Taylor will remain in Ottawa notwithstanding the fact that he has signed a contract to play with Renfrew. His Renfrew contract calls for a certain salary and a guaranteed position of \$1,200 per annum for a stipulated number of years. It was after he had signed this contract that he learned the Ottawa Hockey Club had done for him what it promised to do and that is why Taylor decided to remain in the capital. Renfrew hockey moguls declare they will make Taylor come up to the scratch with the contract they hold. So it looks as if the law may be called in to play a very important part of the hockey year.

St. John hockey players had their first practice of the season in the Queen's rink last night; among those turning out being Phalen of Montreal fame, McAvity and Paterson. Prospects for a New Brunswick league are said to be poor, and this is to be regretted, as the chances are the local team will be fast this year.

(Moncton Transcript.)

That Chester Gregory will make good on the Renfrew, Ont., hockey team is the opinion of Mr. J. C. Lithgow, ex-President of the M.P.A.A.A., who was a passenger through Moncton this morning on the Maritime Express en route to Halifax after a trip to New York, Toronto and Montreal. Mr. Lithgow has been away nearly two months and spent the past few weeks in Montreal. While in Montreal he met Gregory at the time the local man signed the contract, with M. J. O'Brien to play with the Renfrew team. "I think Chester will make good," said Mr. Lithgow to a Transcript reporter at the depot this morning. "He has lots of speed and certainly can handle the stick. Of course if he does not make good it will be his own fault, but I think he will be a star on the hockey down this way."

Asked what chances Cork Norman had

with the All-Montreal team, Mr. Lithgow was rather loth to pass an opinion. "He may do," said Mr. Lithgow, "but you can't tell."

During the conversation between Mr. Lithgow and the reporter, reference was made to Thomas Kennedy of Moncton who is trying to get reinstated in time for the hockey season. Kennedy was suspended because he went to St. John at the latter part of the summer and played under an assumed name against the Marathons for the provincial championship and from what Mr. Lithgow had to say, Kennedy's chances for getting on good standing again are very slim. "Kennedy deliberately went to St. John and played against the Marathons," said the ex-President of the M.P.A.A.A., "and I can see no way in which he can get reinstated. I will oppose it. He may say that he did not know that they were putting him on the lineup as Hall, but I have proof that he did know it."

Those who know Lynch best predict for him a brilliant future as chief of the National League.

Lynch gained his baseball knowledge as an umpire. He never figured prominently as a player, but he has always been considered one of the best arbiters of the game has seen. He was a disciplinarian of the most rigid type. He never addressed a player without the prefix "Mr." and insisted on like courtesy by the players.

Lynch umpired at a time when practically no protection was furnished the officials, and consequently is as well qualified to maintain discipline in the league as any man in baseball today.

A tip is going the rounds that Jimmy Sheekard may be the Phillies' new manager. Sheekard is said to be the price and Heinz Zimmerman is to be included in the deal by Chicago for good measure.

The "substantial increase" granted John Heydler in his new-old job as secretary-treasurer of the National League is reported to bring his salary up to \$7,000 a year.

"White Sox" Frank Labell has purchased the interest of his partner in the Wichita, Western League team, and will quit Chicago for the managerial job. He wants to play on his own club and has asked Hughie Duffey for his unconditional release.

Curling

The Thistle Curlers held a meeting in their rooms, Golding street, last evening. A large number being present. Eight new members were received into the club as follows: R. M. Sippell, E. P. Howard, Donald Cameron, Joseph Maxwell, G. W. Ewart, George T. Polly, Harold Irvine, Bruce McPherson.

On account of the condition of the ice the game which was to have been played yesterday was postponed, and it was decided last evening that the first match would be on Christmas afternoon, when the president's and vice-president's teams would try conclusions. The club expects to have many new members this year, and everything points to this season being a banner one.

It may be that St. John will become the seat of the maritime provinces bonspiel, which for several seasons has been held at Amherst. The Chignecto Curling Club, under whose auspices the bonspiel has been held in the past, has communicated with the local curling clubs with the view to having them assume the responsibility of holding the bonspiel in future.

Bowling

The Printers' Bowling League was finished yesterday afternoon, when the Standard and Sun teams played, each securing two points. This gives the Standard and Sun teams the championship, and upon premier honors closely followed by the Telegraph team. Mullins of the Sun is the winner of the box of cigars donated by Robert J. Armstrong for the person securing the highest average.

Another league will be started by the printers commencing on the third of January, when a silver cup will be the trophy. The following is the score of yesterday's game:

Standard	Total	Avg.			
Mullins	78	85	74	237	79
Boyce	73	90	80	243	81
300 317 310 927					
Standard					
Barry	82	72	84	238	79
Magee	85	72	74	226	75
Ingram	76	69	79	234	78
Irvine	63	66	79	208	69
336 283 316 915					

The Standard defeated the Sun 903 to 808 in the newspaper bowling league yesterday morning four points. The scores were:

Standard	Total	Avg.			
O'Leary	87	85	78	230	83
O'Connor	79	70	85	243	81
Merkel	71	71	82	254	84
Hazen	88	61	97	185	62
235 236 312 933					
Sun					
Crandall	59	61	67	187	62
Conlon	69	66	70	196	65
Howard	58	76	77	211	70
Clark	81	62	71	214	71
238 285 283 888					

Margin for the Standard is as follows:

Standard	Won	Lost	P.C.
Telegraph	27	5	.844
Star	18	10	.643
Standard	38	76	.333
Times	12	16	.429
Sun	1	37	.027

AMUSEMENTS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

SANTA CLAUS AND NEW SHOW AT NICKEL

The Nickel's Kris Kringle matinee with the arrival of Santa Claus down the chimney are the talk of the town. Yesterday over a thousand little ones tittered and jumped with delight as the good old saint of the season appeared and delivered an amusing talk to them, afterwards descending to the audience and collecting the Jingle coupons. He will go so again today at 3.15 and 3.45. It must be remembered today and Thursday, also Friday, are the last occasions for handing in the Jingle coupons. The contest closes Friday and the prize matinee will be held Dec. 28th and 29th.

The Nickel's new programme of pictures is going to be fine today. There is another of those social-commercial Biograph dramas entitled "A Boy in Wheat," in other words a dramatization of Frank Morris' great story, "The Okeupus." There will be two western comedies, "The Fenelon Reporter" and "An Amateur Hold-up," whilst the English novelty, "The Airship Destroyer," is to be repeated. Master Packer and Miss Leavitt will conclude with their present songs and tomorrow will have new ones. There is to be another special reel tomorrow, "A Last State of British Blue-jackets." Christmas day the Nickel will open, starting at 10 a. m.

Robinson Opera Co. XMAS DAY.

Pretty chorus girls, funny comedians, a well-balanced lot of principals, make up the cast of the Robinson Opera Company, which will open a re-arranged engagement at the Opera House on Christmas Day, in a matinee bill of "The Mikado."

The Mikado is one of the best and most useful of Gilbert & Sullivan's comic operas, and is considered one of the best in the repertoire of the Robinson Opera Company.

Since they were last here, this excellent aggregation has played a most successful engagement in St. John's, Nfld., where they received great praise for their excellent work, also in Sydney and Halifax, where they were considered as the best.

John lovers of music will appreciate the fact that they will have opera galore for the next two weeks.

THE QUEEN'S RINK

No matter what else people give a girl or boy this year, there will be one thing lacking if a ticket for the Queen's Rink Christmas tree. This year will be the children's year at the ever popular Queen's rink, and the attendance of little ones is expected to be the largest in its history.

The advance sale has been a surprise to the management, in return for such generous encouragement no pains will be spared to make the season a particularly enjoyable one.

BLOWS THAT HAVE MADE RING HISTORY

When John Johnson knocked Stanley Ketchel out he says he used his favorite blow—a right-hand uppercut or hook, delivered squarely on the point of the jaw—as the Michigan pugilist came rushing at him full tilt. Johnson was "set" firm on both feet when he handled the punch and in that way he employed the same method that won for him the heavyweight championship of the world.

Ketchel's best now is a left swing used in conjunction with a feint and a shift. It was this wallop that knocked Johnson down in the last round and raised a lump on the negro's neck. His style is awkward and a lack of science in point of self-protection is a fatal weakness. If Ketchel meets Langford he will be subjected to another severe test. Langford's most effective punch is delivered at close quarters. He is a hard hitter with either hand and has knocked out numerous pugilists with jolts that have traveled but a few inches to the jaw. Langford has a powerful left, which he can swing or hook as the occasion requires, but he depends often upon a right-hand swing in the neck or jaw. He is a boxer as well as a slugger, which makes him a decidedly dangerous proposition for any man.

Kid McCoy earned fame with what was termed a corkscrew punch. When he shot it in he gave his wrist a sudden twist, and the result was remarkable. Though comparatively frail in build, McCoy with this blow, knocked out such heavyweights as Chyznyk, Maher, D'Donnell and Placks, while among the middleweights he stopped or beat were Dan Creedon, Tommy Ryan, Jack Bonner, Dick O'Brien, Billy Smith, Tommy West, Dave Barry and others. McCoy with his left-hand jab cut nearly all of these men to ribbons.

Battling Nelson, the lightweight champion, says he has introduced more novel blows than any other man in the ring. He says his "half-second hook" is dealt with the side of the left hand.

Nelson has another blow he calls "the whiskers punch." He goes without a shave a week or more before a battle and when he gets into clinches he rubs his bristly beard against the other fellow's neck and shoulders until the skin is raw. His "wire hair punch" consists of rubbing

the top of his head across an opponent's eyes. They even say that Nelson soaks his hair in alkali water to make it as hard as a brush before he enters the ring.

The favorite blows of famous fighters have been tabulated in the following manner. Jeffries, swinging left to the jaw; Jack Johnson, right-arm uppercut and hook; Bob Fitzsimmons, half arm jolts to the stomach and jaw delivered at close quarters; Joe Gans, a snappy right hook; Pat Nelson, left-hand scissors punch over the liver; Jim Corbett, left-hand jab and right cross; Kid McCoy, the corkscrew

delivered with a twist of the wrist before landing; John L. Sullivan, right-hand swing to the jaw; Frank Erne, snappy left-hand jab; Billy Papke, ripping left hook; Terry McGovern, overhand right-hand wallop in the jaw.

Increase of graft. The ship captain who falls to drop shilling British sovereigns into the palm of some canal official can be held up on his voyage at a loss of hundreds or thousands of dollars a day. Suspicious symptoms of fever will be discovered among the stokers, or of smallpox in the galley, or of something somewhere on board. It is cheaper for the skipper to pay blood money than to have his vessel held in quarantine; so there is a constant rain of sovereigns upon petty, grinning greedy officials.

THE LONDON LIFE

Total. Avg. 72 87 89 229 79

Britt 69 75 71 215 72

Morris 83 60 89 262 87

Sweeney 70 71 71 218 72

Gregg 79 69 84 229 79

McDonald 78 69 84 229 79

378 400 405 1182

METROPOLITAN LIFE

Total. Avg. 75 73 78 219 73

Sullivan 75 73 78 219 73

Farris 78 72 88 234 78

McKeough 88 76 73 237 79

McLean 82 73 72 227 79

400 391 390 1181

BRITISH SAILORS IN MUTINY ON FLAGSHIP

Plymouth, England, Dec. 21—A full-fledged mutiny, which has occurred on English cruiser Leviathan, Admiral Popham's flagship, is the sensation of all England.

The Leviathan, one of the finest ships in his majesty's navy, arrived here today from Gibraltar and reports that during the cruise sixty-five sailors mutinied, declaring they were overworked.

The mutineers threatened their officers and the loyal members of the crew were summoned to arms and cowed the rebels, who were placed in irons.

A summary court martial was held, the ringleaders were dishonorably dismissed and sentenced to two years at hard labor.

THE COLLECTION OF THE MAILS

To the Editor of the Times:—Sir,—Probably the most abused animal in St. John at the present time, is the horse used in taking up the mail from the letter boxes. Usually, it is compelled to haul two males (I should not care to dignify them with the name of men), but on Monday night at about 12 o'clock it had the rare privilege of hauling three.

The manner in which the horse is driven and the whip applied, to say nothing of the howls of the driver, which make the night hideous, is disgraceful, and that the matter has not been taken up by the S. P. C. A. would seem to indicate that that body is sorely inactive.

A fine exhibition was also given yesterday afternoon when the poor brute referred to was driven down King street at a break-neck speed and, had it stumbled, it probably would have received a broken neck, and thus been relieved of the abuse which it will, no doubt, receive in the future. That such an exhibition of law-breaking speed could be given in the middle of the afternoon, on our principal street, does not speak very well for the supposed watchfulness of the police.

CITIZEN.

THE DOUBLE CHIN.

Nothing makes a woman look old before her time more than the double chin. Half of the trouble is caused by the wrong position in which she lies when asleep. Women who bank the pillows allow the head to sink on the chest and masses of wrinkles form, besides the rolls of fat which cause the much hated double chin. The chin should be thrown up in sleeping, and the fat will not accumulate under it. Another cause of the double chin is the high, tight collar and the very tight waist. The fat is pushed up out of position and escapes by the first chance it has over the collar. Probably the only cure for the double chin is the rubber bandage which is a tedious affair. It consists of a rubber bandage fitted over the head and worn like a sling at night.

FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Hair Brushes

Special values at 50c, 75c, \$1.00. Real Ebony 75c, to \$5.00. Each brush in a box.

Cloth Brushes

Ebony 75c to \$3.00. Others 25c and upward. Hat Brushes 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50. Ebony Whisks 50c and 75c.

Shaving Requisites

Brushes 25c to \$3.50. Mugs 25c up. Gillette's \$5.00 to \$7.50. Auto-Stop \$5.00. Ever Ready \$1.00. Sharp Shaver 25c.

Military Brushes

\$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00. \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50. \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.50. With cases and without. Special cases \$5 and \$6, with Hat Brush.

Perfumes

Pivers \$1.00 and \$1.50. Roger & Gallet's 75c and up. Colgate's 10c to \$1.25. Hudnut's \$1.25 and \$1.75. Taylor's, Seeley's, etc., in Real Leather Cases to be sold at 1/2 off.

Toilet Waters

Colgate's 40c, 75c, \$1.25. Piver's \$1.25. Roger and Gallet's 75c and \$1. Hudnut's \$1.25. German and French Cologne. Florida Water, etc.

Moist Chocolates

The Correct Gift Candy. Boxes 25c, 30c, 40c to \$1.60. Fancy Boxes and Baskets, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.25 and \$4.00.

Thermos Bottles

Pints \$2.75 and \$3.50. Quarts \$4.50 and \$5.50.

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