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C. A. A. U. REPLIES TO ARGONAUTS.

Secretary Merrick Gives the Other Side of the Trouble.

Perseverance Beaten in the Dixie Handicap—English Boxing Experts Think Tommy Burns Will Not Last Ten Rounds.

In this morning's Globe, Mr. J. G. Merrick, Chairman of the Registration Committee of the C. A. A. U., has a long letter, in which he replies to the letter of Toronto Argonauts, which was published yesterday. Following are some extracts from his letter:

"It would have been better had the Executive Committee of the Argonaut Rowing Club refrained from making any further statement with regard to the facts in the Russell case, particularly so when their subject matter is so palpably in error and when they evade the whole question of principle at issue. As Vice-President of the Argonaut Rowing Club at the time and as Vice-President and Chairman of the Registration Committee of the C. A. A. U., I was present at all the interviews dealing with the formation of the Interprovincial League, so I am in a position to state exactly what did occur with regard to each step in the negotiations, and believe that I am in a better informed position as to the true facts of the controversy than partisans of either organization. Before dealing with the statement published, it might be interesting to review a few instances in the connection between the Argonauts and the C. A. A. U., showing their perfect accord on questions of amateur principle and the desire of the club to support the strictest enforcements of the rules.

In October, 1906, the M. A. A. U. proposed an amendment to the amateur definition permitting professionals and amateurs to compete together on athletic teams without endangering the status of the amateur. I was sent as a representative of the club to Montreal, with positive instructions from the club to resign if the proposed amendment was carried. The attitude that the club took on that occasion was in accord with its traditions, and the resolute stand taken was very instrumental in the defeat of the element which had up to that time in the union been mainly responsible in degrading amateur sport.

"In July of this year the Executive Committee of the Argonaut Rowing Club addressed a strong letter to the Executive of the C. A. A. U., drawing their attention to the fact that two hockey players who had been playing in the same hockey league and under the same professional conditions as Russell were reported to be rowing with the Ottawa Rowing Club in their senior eight. The Executive stated that the Argonaut Rowing Club crews would not row against Palford and Moore, and they would reserve the right of withdrawing all their crews from the Canadian Henley regatta if the C. A. A. U. permitted any known professional to compete."

"The Argonaut Rowing Club and the Hamilton Football Club declined to imperil the amateur status of their players by permitting these men to compete without having them investigated and restored to an amateur position. It was decided by the club to confer with the Executive of the C. A. A. U., and to endeavor to have that organization reinstate those who were technical professionals only. The Executive of the Union received the delegation most courteously, and the president, in his own words, stated: 'That there should be no unresolvable difficulty regarding the reinstatement of certain men of unimpeachable character who had played with or against professionals through sheer force of circumstances.' He suggested that the proper plan would be for the clubs to submit the names of the players proposed to be reinstated, supported by an affidavit, setting forth the infraction of the amateur rule that they had been guilty of."

"Having been present at this meeting, I can state positively that there was no promise held out to the delegation, nor to any subsequent delegation, that the filing of the affidavit alone would be sufficient to reinstate any individual. All who deal with affidavits know that a statement of fact, and not a proof, it was therefore necessary in each case for the committee to go behind the affidavit to substantiate the statement or fact contained."

"The deputation from the Football League were fully satisfied with this attitude, and in due course submitted the names of five Montreal men, who in turn furnished declarations, simply stating that they had only offended against the amateur definition in playing with or against professionals. This was not deemed sufficient by the Registration Committee, and an amended declaration non-offensive to any of the organizations was finally agreed to. When these declarations were ultimately submitted the cases of the men were considered on their merits and their athletic history investigated according to the practice in such matters. The declarations of Messrs. Smail, Davidson and Major were found to be in accordance with the affidavit as they had participated in hockey with the Victoria Hockey Club, a strictly amateur organization so far as the payment of players was concerned. The cases of Russell, a member of the Wanderers' Hockey Club, as much a professional organization as the Toronto Baseball Club, and of Hamilton, a member of the Montreal Lacrosse Club, a professional organization in the same class as the Toronto or Tecumseh Lacrosse Clubs, were held over pending an investigation of certain charges which had been preferred against them of having received compensation in lieu of money consideration, the truth of which the Registration Committee were in duty bound to investigate."

"The real point at issue is that the Argonaut Rowing Club, a member of the C. A. A. U., was guilty, through its representatives, of breaking a regulation which they were bound to uphold. Instead of loyally recognizing the ruling of the governing body, they have supported the contention of their disobedient members. They have endeavored to fasten the blame for the disabilities that were placed upon an organization who were putting in practice the rules which they themselves had agreed to subscribe to."

"There was no necessity to consult the Executive Committee of the Argonaut Rowing Club as to whether or not the rules should be put in operation. They knew that their men had committed an offence, and they should have been ready to accept whatever penalties such a breach of the conditions called for. Their proper course was to discipline their own disobedient members, and not to criticize the operation of rules to which they were a consenting party."

"The Argonaut Rowing Club have during their whole history consistently followed the strict principle of amateur sport, and it is a matter of the very greatest regret to the well-wishers of the club that the Executive Committee should have so far lost sight of the real facts at issue as to imperil the guiding principle of its history. The record of the club is one of the proudest in the history of athletic organizations, and its reputation for good sportsmanship is unrivaled in any institution on the continent. It is, therefore, a matter of regret that motives which have not been advanced by the club, and to which I do not care to refer, should have induced a portion of the Executive Committee to commit the club to a policy not in accord with its previous history."

GENTLE FOOTBALL IN U. S.

Following is a list of deaths and accidents which have occurred on the gridirons in the United States this season. Total deaths..... 13
Total injuries..... 152
College players killed..... 2
College players injured..... 96
High School players killed..... 4
High School players injured..... 42
Broken legs..... 14
Broken collarbones..... 13
Broken arms..... 6
Broken jaws..... 3
Broken noses..... 8
Concussion of the brain..... 4
Torn ligaments..... 17
Dislocated shoulders..... 13
Broken skulls..... 2

Year.	Deaths.	Injured.
1901.....	7	74
1902.....	15	106
1903.....	14	63
1904.....	14	296
1905.....	24	200
1906.....	14	160
1907.....	13	152

Incomplete.
The average injured daily since the beginning of the football season on October 12 was 4. Many players were maimed for life.

PARKDALE WILL PLAY.

Toronto, Nov. 28.—Parkdale Canada decided yesterday that they would play off with Montreal III, and Varsity III, for the junior Dominion championship. The O. R. E. U. winners expect to play the Eastern team here next Saturday. If successful in that game will clash with the Collegians the following week. Word from Montreal is due this morning but there is scarcely any chance of the Red and Black wanting to have the game played at home, as the grounds in Montreal are covered with snow, and the Quebec junior champions prefer to play in the West.

FREE KICKS.

The challenge of the Ontario Rugby Union for the senior championship has been formally withdrawn by Secretary Day, and if Peterboro goes to Montreal Saturday it will not be as representing the Ontario Union in any way. It will just be a local club affair, so far as Peterboro is concerned.

"Germany" Schulz, Michigan University's greatest football player, has been elected to the captaincy of the team. Schulz first became famous in the year 1904, when William Heston was captain

of the Wolverines. He played in 1905, but was out all through 1906 on account of studies. This year is his third and he has won the coveted "M" three years. Schulz is 23 years old, weighs 220 pounds and stands six feet in height.

When the Army football team goes to Philadelphia Saturday to play the Naval Cadets, says despatches from West Point, the Army medic will be left behind. The Army has decided to procure a genuine Teddy bear, if one is procurable. Several have been offered, it is said but the mascot guardians at West Point are particular about their choice, as it is not thought it would be sportsmanlike to take to Franklin field an animal that might break loose and make a dinner of the famous Navy goat.

Carlisle's football eleven has just finished one of the greatest financial and playing seasons ever undertaken by any team. Their earnings in the big games will net over \$100,000, leaving perhaps a profit of something like \$75,000. They have won every game on their schedule, which was an exceedingly hard one, with but one exception. That was the defeat Princeton gave them at New York.

About Weston.

Age 69.
Present weight, 136.
Weight at start, 117.
Distance walked, 1,234.
Map distance, 1,241.
Total time of trip, 20 days, 7 hours.
Former record (Weston's), 31 days, 20 hours.
Longest day's walk, 95 miles.
Average distance per day, 43.17 miles.

FERNLEIGH WON.

South Side Bowlers Defeated Printers' Team.

A team from the Fernleigh Bowling Club defeated a team of printers at the Brunswick alleys yesterday afternoon, by 34 pins.

Team.	Score.
Laine.....	135 160 194 549
W. Hennessy.....	157 121 132 410
G. Griffin.....	127 122 111 360
J. Burdett.....	142 136 161 439
C. Laird.....	139 139 123 401
Total.....	603

Printers.	Score.
Nelson.....	125 157 152 435
Warshaw.....	159 128 132 419
Atchison.....	131 116 168 415
Pittsford.....	134 163 150 447
C. Davis.....	148 144 153 445
Total.....	625

IN THE "200" CLASS.

In the "200" class for 1907 last evening, E. Laine was bowled in the afternoon, best Robert Kiewit by 11 pins, he losing on the last frame by missing his spare, he having lost of eight in the last game. He bowled a hard luck game and should have won. Those who made over 450 were:

Green.	Score.
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McQuillan.....	558 178 165 822
Ford.....	587 142 130 859
Ripley.....	565 157 141 863
Smith.....	568 144 157 870
Kinsvater.....	582 198 152 932
Parker.....	548 352 470 970
Laine.....	555 169 191 915
J. Hennessy.....	512 165 154 831

BEATEN AT 1 TO 4.

Perseverance Sec'd in the Dixie Handicap Yesterday.

Bennings, Nov. 28.—Howard Sheen, who won the last race in easy fashion, and Alken, who defeated Kempton, in the fifth, were the early winning favorites in a seven-race programme at Bennings yesterday. Glaucus, with Nipper up, won the six-furlong dash for 2-year-olds, but was disqualified for fouling, and Hiccup, as good as 50 to 1, was given the decision. The sixth, the Dixie, was a two-horse affair, between Perseverance and Oranum, the latter having made the best of it all the way. The former was 1 to 4 and the latter 2 to 1.

SADDLE AND SULKY.
The names of Mr. W. D. Long and Mr. Samuel Barker, M. P., were accidentally omitted from the list of directors of the Hamilton Jockey Club directors published yesterday.

"Racing at the half-mile track at New Orleans has been discontinued on account of the lack of patronage."
Jockey Lloyd is not allowed to ride at New Orleans until he gets permission from his employer, Amos Turvey.

Gold Enamel, a well-known performer on the Canadian circuit, has broken down, and will be used by the Mexican Government for stud purposes.

Owner Joe Marone presented himself at the gate at Washington and wanted to buy a badge, but was refused admission on any terms. Now he says he will use the Washington Club for damages. That has been said before by various persons. A few have actually done so, but it is not on the record that any of them were. Marone took St. Joseph away from Mike Daly recently.

At the New York Harness Horse Sale Mr. J. E. Seagram bought for \$19 the five-year-

WESTON BEAT HIS OWN RECORD.

Finished Walk From Portland to Chicago Ahead of Time.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Edward Payson Weston completed his 1,234-mile walk from Portland, Me., at 12:15 o'clock yesterday. Weston broke, by one day, 3 hours and 25 minutes, a record made by him 40 years ago, on a trip to this city, over practically the same route.

The finish yesterday was a triumphal march from the Beach Hotel through the South Side boulevards, at a pace which taxed the powers of endurance of several city officials and others, who essayed to walk beside the aged pedestrian.

While the trip officially ended at the Federal building, a simple, unfortunate circumstance and Weston's pride operated to change the reception plans at the last moment.

At the Federal building Weston, flushed with victory, approached the Jackson Boulevard entrance, used only by employees, and to which the public is not admitted. At the door a uniformed official opposed Weston's entrance, and directed him to one of the other entrances.

Notwithstanding that Mayor Busse, Postmaster Campbell, Post Office Inspector Col. J. E. Stuart, and several other city and federal officials were within waiting to greet him, Weston, seemingly understanding the opposition to his progress, turned on his heel, and asked the way to the Illinois Athletic Club. He could not be persuaded to enter the building, where a crowd as dense

as that on the streets was waiting to catch a glimpse of the pedestrian.

After some minutes had passed a custodian explained the situation to the Mayor and others, and it was decided to dispense with the reception to Weston.

Nothing, however, interfered with the unofficial welcome of the citizens, or that which took place at the Illinois Athletic Club, to which Weston proceeded.

At the Athletic Club the crowd was so dense that the police heading the procession had great difficulty in opening a way. From the steps of the building Weston made a brief speech, thanking the people for their interest in him.

"Within a week," he said, "I will be ready to repeat this walk, and I challenge the world for such a walk. When I say I challenge the world, I mean that I would like to meet a walker from some foreign country, and especially from England, France or Germany. The foreign countries do not produce athletes like those to be found in the United States."

Weston's first act after greetings by the crowd were over, was to send a telegram to New York telling of his accomplishment and of his reception.

REYNOLDS AFTER HARTLEY.

Peterboro, Ont., Nov. 28.—Jimmy Reynolds, Port Hope's walking barber, is anxious for another trial with Dave Hartley. Yesterday Hartley's manager rec'd word that Reynolds would walk Hartley in a two-hour contest in the Brook Street Rink here Friday night. The local barbers will welcome Reynolds with a band and procession.

Some Snap Shots at Sport and Sportsmen

Out of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Hugh Murray, Honorary President of the Hamilton Rugby Football Club, the football match for the Dominion intermediate championship, which was scheduled to take place here next Saturday between Tigers I. and Montreal II., has been cancelled. If Montreal is agreeable the game will be played later. Mr. Murray has been Honorary President of the club for some years, and took an active interest in the sport.

writer was a member. Someone must back down if the conference is to be held.

The Oddfellow colt, Toffinette, owned by the Kirkfield Stable, and raced lately by Mr. W. P. Fraser, secretary O. J. C., has been retired for this season and will not be a starter in the Washington Cup at Bennings to-day.

Peterboro has one deaf-mute on their team, but after Montreal is through with them Saturday, the whole team will be dumb.

Tommy Burns says that if he is beaten by Moir he will have no excuses. Does he mean he will be unconscious if he is beaten?

The Amateur Athletic Federation Association are never satisfied unless they are knocking the C. A. A. U. Now they object to Francis Nelson being one of the C. A. A. U. delegates to Ottawa on Saturday, just because he is a sporting writer. The Federation are living up to their past history in wishing a meeting behind closed doors. Truly, the Olympic commissioners have a hard task in trying to reconcile the two amateur bodies.

Mail-Emire: President Stark said last night the C. A. A. U. would pay no attention to the alleged opposition of the federation to Mr. Francis Nelson acting on the C. A. A. U. Committee at Saturday's conference in Ottawa.

The federation have said plainly and pointedly that they would not meet the C. A. A. U. Committee if any sporting

old mare Nellie Braden, 2.25, by Brown-Brad-Gip, by Potomac, Johnson Bros., of London, bought for \$500 the yearling colt Alamo McKinney, by McKinney-Mill, by El-Electrician. The same firm gave \$1,000 for the McKinney two-year-old Matchless McKinney.

SUTTON'S NEW BILLIARD MARK

Chicago, Nov. 28.—George Sutton is said to have broken all records at 18.1 billiards on Monday, when he ran the

high score of 207 with the white ball playing against the black. When he started with the white ball in the fifteen-point inning he kept rolling off the points at a speedy clip. He reached 100, then 150, and finally 200, when he was cheered. He went seven more before he missed an easy shot on the rail, the cue ball failing to take sufficient "English."

The human being respiree twenty thousand times a day.

THINK BURNS WILL NOT STICK.

London, Nov. 27.—(C. A. P.)—According to The Express, experts who know the abilities of Moir and Burns think that the Canadian will not last ten rounds with the gunner. There is every promise that a record crowd will witness the contest.

GOTCH IN BUFFALO.

Buffalo, Nov. 28.—Frank Gotch, America's champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler, is spending a day or two here. He was at the trotting yesterday and met many of his friends. Gotch can see nothing but exhibition matches in sight for himself as there is no one in his class on this side whom he hasn't defeated. He has about despaired of getting Hackenschmidt to come over here, and if no one of championship calibre develops he may go to England next year to beat Hack in his own den. Gotch has just closed a series of theatrical engagements and is in fine shape.

FOREPAUGH CIRCUS.

Report That it Will Never Take the Road Again.

New York, Nov. 28.—Surprising news broke out in the circus world yesterday, when it became known that the Forepaugh-Sells show would never take to the road again.

The big Forepaugh-Sells Circus, now in winter quarters, will, in a few days, be a thing of the past. The Ringling Brothers, who are in control of the circus situation, have decided to maintain on tour only the show taking their own name and the Barnum & Bailey Circus, which recently fell into their possession. They will divide the equipment of the Forepaugh-Sells Circus between the two surviving organizations.

It will not be long before the famous name of Forepaugh will be but a faint memory in the amusement world.

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ART STUDENT KILLS HIMSELF.

His Father Had Cut Him Off With \$5,000, Which Cannot Be Found.

New York, Nov. 28.—William D. Chanler, who came here from Winthrop, Me., a year ago to study at the Art Students League, killed himself yesterday in the apartments of William Desinger, at 210 on Broadway, by shooting himself through the right temple. He was 23 years old and the son of an oil-cloth manufacturer of Winthrop.

Two years ago Chanler became acquainted with Mrs. Lonnie Desinger in Philadelphia. The woman saw nothing of him until a week ago, when she met him on Broadway and invited him to call on her and her husband. He became a frequent visitor at the Desinger home and told the couple his troubles. According to Mrs. Desinger, he said his father had come on here a week ago, upbraided him for living a high life, given him \$5,000 and said he was through with him for good.

Chanler was despondent when he called on the Desingers yesterday. He sat in the parlor while Mrs. Desinger was preparing to go shopping, and when she walked into the dining room he fired a bullet into his head. Coroner Dooley ordered the body removed to the morgue and had the police detain Mr. and Mrs. Desinger at the West Thirty-seventh street station as witnesses.

The police found on the body 63 cents, several letters and a membership card of the West Side Branch of the Y. M. C. A. Chanler had a furnished room at 260 West Fifty-fourth street. Little was known of him at the Art Students League, where he was in the beginners' class, or at the Y. M. C. A.

The police were unable to find out what had become of the \$5,000 his father is said to have given him.

BAD FOR FREEMASONS.

Rev. Dr. W. G. Stoddard Announces That None of 'Em Can Be Saved.

Peterboro, N. J., Nov. 28.—The annual convention of the National Association of America, the prime object of which is to combat secret societies in this country, was held at the Second Christian Reformed Church here yesterday. Rev. Dr. W. G. Stoddard, of Boston, presided.

One of the questions discussed was: "Can a Freemason be saved?"

President Stoddard said: "A man who becomes a Freemason rejects Christ, and I will state positively that such a man cannot be saved. If a man is a Freemason all his life and realizes that in becoming a member of that order he denied Christ and lives in the full realization for any length of time and should die without repentance, I say he can't hope for salvation."

Among other questions discussed was: "Are labor union secret societies?" and "How can we best combat the secret society evil?"

Her Mean Husband.

He said: "I'm the meanest man in the world. I know I am. I went home the other evening and I was feeling pretty good, you know."

"My wife didn't say a word, but about 2.41 a. m. I woke up and observed a ghostly figure going through my clothes. I snored gently. In a minute or two the figure drew something from a vest pocket, looked at it in the faint moonlight, appeared to ponder for a short time, went to a bureau, secured something, put it in the vest and came back to bed. I was still snoring."

"The next morning I found a dollar bill and forty cents in change in my vest. You see, she thought I would suspect something if there wasn't anything at all in my pockets, and when she took the \$10 note she puts in the \$1.40. I would like to see her expression when some firm hands her back that \$10 confederate note to-day."

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