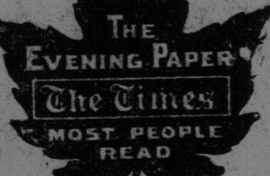


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SALT LAKE LIKELY SAYS RICKARD

Promoter Has No Doubt of Location for Jeffries-Johnson Fistic Argument — The Baseball Tangle

New York, Dec. 15.—Tex Rickard, the prize fight promoter, who has just returned from Boston, denies there is any secret agreement between Jeffries and Johnson over a division of the \$101,000 purse he offered. "I will bet any one \$1,000," said Rickard today, "that there is no agreement between Jeffries and Johnson of any kind, excepting to divide the purse 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser; and I will bet Tom McCarey of Los Angeles or anyone else another \$1,000 that I did not give Jeffries \$10,000 for any secret agreement to favor my bid for the fight.

The Baseball Tangle

New York, Dec. 15.—"Who's who," in the affairs of the National League for the coming season was the sole topic of discussion today when the magnates of that organization met to select a president for the National League. Over night conferences did not seem to develop any progress in bringing a solution to the tangle which the National League has been fruitfully trying to unravel for two days. Barney Dreyfus, head of the Pittsburgh club, says that Stanley Robinson of St. Louis has informed him that he will not vote for John M. Ward, though not insisting that he will stand by Heyler. New York is making the fight for John M. Ward, and John T. Brush of the local National club is managing the campaign to depose Heyler. Brush, it was said today, feels that if Ward is thrown down, it will be a victory for Ben Johnson, president of the American League, and that in such an event the National League would become subservient to the interests of the American League.

SEEK TO HAVE REDUCTION IN TELEGRAPH TOLLS

Montreal Board of Trade Wants Lower Rates Between That City and Winnipeg

Montreal, Dec. 15.—(Special)—The Montreal board of trade council at a meeting yesterday afternoon decided to ask the telegraph companies to reduce the rates between Montreal and Winnipeg. Application on behalf of the citizens committee was made to the courts yesterday afternoon for an injunction to prevent a by-law for municipal electric plant being submitted to a vote of the electors and also asking for the by-law to be quashed. The court reserved decision.

SWEEPED TWENTY FEET UNDER THE ICE

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—As a sequel to the story of the misadventure of A. F. Hurdman, of Ottawa, who is now in Gowanda, is recounted.

Mr. Hurdman and his party had been crossing Gowanda Lake and when midway over the lake the ice gave way and the supplies of the party were lost—and a man from the party was all but drowned. When the first firm ice formed, all went to look for the lost articles, but the work did not proceed far when Mr. Hurdman went through himself and was carried by an undercurrent for about 20 feet under the ice. In a letter received today in Ottawa by his brother, Lt.-Col. Hurdman, the plucky prospector told that when he went in head foremost, he swallowed "about a gallon of water," and he described the sensations of a man for over a minute trying to push his head through a "death" thick layer of ice. However he was finally got out a long piece from where he went under, there being fortunately a clear space at that point where he came up, and without a change he was taken to a fire where he stood about till he was dried.

SHORTAGE \$50,000

New York, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The Atlanta office of the Phoenix (Fire) Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, has been short approximately \$50,000 since January, 1907, according to a statement issued by the State Department of Insurance. This adds further complexities to the affairs of the company, who under president, George P. Sheldon is now under indictment charged with grand larceny.

NOVA SCOTIA CAPTAIN AND WIFE BELIEVED LOST WITH FIVE MASTER

Boston, Dec. 15.—The loss of the five masted schooner Governor Ames, which was wrecked off Cape Hatteras on Monday was the hardest blow that local shipping houses received this year. The Ames was the first five masted schooner built and during her twenty-one years' career she had a number of accidents and was

ITO'S DEATH NOT TO ALTER JAP POLICY

Conference Between Premier and Marquis Sayonji, it is Announced, Decides to Carry on Peaceful Development

Tokyo, Dec. 15.—A conference between Premier Marquis Katara and Ex-Premier Marquis Sayonji, held recently, was ostensibly for the purpose of making assurance more assured that the death of Prince Ito would cause no change in the policy of Japan either at home or abroad. Marquis Sayonji is at present the leader of the party in power in the diet, with a majority over all others and this has started the report of probable new policies in the coming diet.

LEOPOLD IS HOPEFUL BUT IS OLD MAN

Better Today and His Condition Was Favorable This Afternoon

Brussels, Dec. 15.—His physicians consider the condition of King Leopold, as improved today. The following bulletin was issued this morning: "The consequences of the operation are normal; temperature 38.9; pulse 70; respiration 24. The improvement has become more marked." It was announced verbally that the king's condition was so good this morning that the fears entertained had been nearly dispelled. As a result of the turn for the better the patient will be given a diet of eggs, soup, weak wine and water. Two of his physicians remain at the palace.

FOR AND AGAINST A CENTRAL BANK

Boston, Mass., Dec. 15.—The merits and defects of the Central Bank were discussed by four able speakers before the Economic Club of Boston at a dinner at the American House tonight.

BANK OF ENGLAND

London, Dec. 15.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged at 4 1/2 per cent today.

WRESTLER HURTS RIB IN MATCH

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The victory of Yusuf Mahmoud over a member of the Coliseum on Tuesday night did not come without its cost. The greatly improved Bulgarian was around yesterday, but complained of pain in his left side, having injured a rib in the second fall of the match.

ANOTHER STEP TAKEN IN THE CZAR'S IRON RULE OF FINLAND

LED TO GELL, SHE TALKS SUICIDE Mrs. Martin, Charged With Murder of Her Daughter, Wants to Go to Heaven

New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of Mrs. Okey Sneed, the East-Orange bath-tub victim, talked of suicide and collapsed as she was being led to a cell in the Mercer street police station early today. "The ending is death," was Mrs. Martin's reported comment on the answer of the detective to her questions as to what the legal proceedings would be in her case. "I would welcome death," the detective reports her as continuing, "if I am old and can't help anyone and am of no use. I want to go to Heaven."

RICHARD O'LEARY'S COPY OF LETTER SHOWN TO BE DIFFERENT FROM ORIGINAL

Sensation in Public Works Committee When Dr. Pugsley Produces the Real One—Richibucto Wharf Inquiry Takes Turn Unexpected By the Opposition

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—(Special)—There were some interesting proceedings at the public committee meeting this morning when the purchase of the Richibucto wharf by the government was under inquiry. Richard O'Leary of Richibucto, did not show up quite as well under the questioning of Dr. Pugsley, as he did yesterday, when in the hands of Mr. Crockett. In answer to Dr. Pugsley, Mr. O'Leary admitted that since he had sold the wharf it had passed into the possession of the government. He had gravel moved from the wharf property. Mr. O'Leary produced a letter from the minister of public works stating that the valuation of the resident engineer that \$5,000 would be a fair and reasonable price for the wharf, the department had bought it at that figure. He also produced what he testified was a copy of the reply he wrote to the minister of public works. It was a long and rather emphatic written document.

ARMIES FACE TO FACE, BATTLE HAS NOT BEEN FOUGHT

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 15.—Telegraphic communication with Rama was re-established today. It is officially announced that the city has not been taken by the government troops. The two armies face each other but no battle has been fought.

MONEY IN HOCKEY; GREGORY HAS SIGNED FOR \$1,200

Moncton Says That Settles the Game For Them—Railway Town to Agitate for a Reformatory

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 15.—(Special)—Chester Gregory returned this morning from Montreal, where he signed a contract to play hockey this winter in Renfrew, Ont., for \$1,200. Arriving in Montreal on Sunday evening he went to the Windsor Hotel, where he met A. M. O'Brien, of Renfrew, financial backer of the team, who made him an offer. He was then offered \$1,000 to play with the AF-Montreal team, but O'Brien came up with \$200 more and the offer was accepted.

PREMIUM GOIN A TALK-FEST IN THE REICHRATH

Talks on Matter INTERPROVINCIAL

Toronto, Dec. 15.—(Special)—Premier Goin was given a very hearty reception here by the premier and Lieut-Gov. Gibson, yesterday. The Luncheon at parliament buildings, was one of the most elaborate affairs in years. Premier Goin advocated among other things, an extradition law for the provinces, also an inter-provincial law whereby the judgment of a court of any province could be enforced in any other province. The adjoining republic and the United Kingdom were much ahead of Canada in this respect.

MARINES SENT TO NICARAGUA

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The Frigate has been ordered to sail immediately from Philadelphia for Colon with seven hundred marines also for possible service in Nicaragua.

CREW SAFE BUT HAD NO FOOD

Steamer on an Island in Lake Huron; Raging Seas Prevented Help Reaching the Shipwrecked Men

Little Current, Ont., Dec. 15.—(Special)—The new steel steamer Wissatchick, of the Anchor Line, which has been reported missing for some days, ran on Outer Duck Island, Lake Huron, on Sunday night in an easterly gale and blowing snowstorm. The lower decks and sterna of the steamer are submerged, and all her supplies are cut from the crew, who escaped to the island, but have had no food since Sunday night.

ALL WINTER WORK ON THE G.T.P. AT NAPPADOGAN

Forty Miles of Road New Ballasted—Rev. T. Hunter Boyd Speaks in Fredericton

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 15.—(Special)—The morning session of the work of ballasting the road from the station to Nappadogan Lake, a distance of forty miles, and are now laying rails for the sidings at Nappadogan which is to be a divisional point. The work will be carried on all winter. Judge Barry, in chambers this morning heard arguments in the case of the Royal Bank vs. Tucker, tried at the last term of the Northumberland county court. He reserved judgment. H. A. Powell, Esq., appears for the plaintiff and R. A. Lawlor and T. W. Butler for the defendant.

DEATH OF SON OF LORD ABERDEEN

London, Dec. 15.—The Hon. Archibald Gordon, son of the Earl of Aberdeen, died today from injuries received in an automobile accident. He was born in 1884.

SENATOR RAINES DEAD

Rocheater, N. Y., Dec. 15.—State Senator Raines died this morning in the Canadian Hospital after an illness of several weeks of intestinal trouble.

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STEALS NECK PIN FROM HIS HONOR

While Judge is Upstairs in Court, Robber Enters His Room—Sunday Law Pleaded in Vain

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 15.—(Special)—While Judge Price was upstairs presiding at the county court yesterday, a thief broke into his quarters and stole a valuable cameo neck pin.

APPOINTED MARINE AGENT FOR P.E. ISLAND

Capt. T. G. Taylor Was Commander of the Gulnare—Hon. Wm. Campbell, Veteran Politician, Dead

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 15.—(Special)—Captain T. G. Taylor of the government steamer Gulnare has been appointed agent of marine vice Arthur Lord, appointed inspector of lighthouses and life saving stations.

NEW PRESIDENT OF SWISS CONFEDERATION

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—Parliament today elected Robert Comtesse president of the confederation for 1910. Mar. E. Ruchet was chosen vice-president of the federal council in succession to Comtesse, who has held this office during the present year.

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