

Latest News From Far and Near

BASEBALL LEAGUE FORMED BY THE DISTRICT MILITARY

Indoor Game Takes a Strong Hold of the Local and Other Soldiers.

At a meeting held in this city on Saturday afternoon the launching of a military indoor baseball league was effected.

A constitution will be drawn up shortly, and in a short time the battles with Toronto, St. Thomas and other places will be on.

Sergeant Nicholl, of Toronto, to whom is due the credit for originating the idea, was on hand, along with representatives from Hamilton and Windsor.

Lieut. Col. Frank Reid, Capt. Spry, Capt. Ingram and Capt. McCrimmon represented London.

Mr. Nicholl speaks. The eastern division is already practically in shape for the season, and teams from Hamilton, Toronto and St. Catharines will play off for the honor of meeting the best in the western division, comprised of London, St. Thomas, Windsor and Woodstock.

A board of directors was appointed to consist of Lieut. Col. F. Reid, chairman, and Capt. Keating, Windsor; Capt. Madden, St. Thomas; Quartermaster Smith, Hamilton; Sgt. R. H. Nicholl, Toronto, and Capt. Thomas Hay, of Woodstock.

The constitution will be drawn up in a few days, after which the schedule will be made up, and matters will be all ready for business.

Fast Contests. The contests promise to be very fast, for the local regiment has teams that rank second to none.

SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

MISLEADING HEADINGS do not win bowling contests. Smoke up, Free Press.

We hereby challenge the Free Press to another battle to take place some evening this week.

WELL, IT LOOKS as though the garrison indoor baseball league would be a winner. When played properly indoor baseball is a most fascinating game.

THE HORTONS have had to give up practice on the river and take up running again.

THERE ARE EXACTLY eighty teams in the O. H. A. There are 38 in the intermediate, 34 in the junior and 7 in the senior.

THE TORONTO TELEGRAM says: Hockey will be epidemic in Ontario this winter, but in Quebec hopes are entertained of successfully confining it to the gate money centers.

DOC SIPP and Jimmy Bell actually blushed Saturday night when Hon. Mr. Beck spoke of the "happy young fellows" who were gathered around the table.

'TIS SAID THAT KING Edward had another disappointing season on the turf. One doesn't have to go to England to find others who are similarly situated.

Great Trotting Mare Home To Die

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 9.—Nancy Hanks, for many years America's most wonderful trotting mare, like all Kentucky horses, has come home to die. The famous trotter was bred and trained by William Kenney on his farm, now a part of James B. Haggin's Elmhurst stud. She there got her first lessons to the sulky. She comes back to the farm of John E. Madden almost in sight of Elmhurst, and there she will probably pass her remaining days. Some 25 head of trotters bought in the recent sale in

Orby Wins Sum of \$38,085

New York, Dec. 9.—The list of winning owners on the English turf during the season just closed, shows Richard Croker in ninth place with three victories to his credit, all made by one horse, the Derby winner, Orby. His winnings amounted to \$38,085.

Startling Exposure By Tommy Burns

London, Dec. 9.—"Now that by persistence I have honestly won the heavyweight championship of the world, I want to set myself straight with the sporting public regarding the Jack O'Brien fiasco." Thus spoke Tommy Burns, the conqueror of Gunner Moir. "You know in the United States," added Burns, "the secret service men will tell you that the most dangerous crook is the intelligent one. His suave manner usually carries everything before him, and he is usually the most difficult felon to convict. Sports on the Pacific coast regarded O'Brien as a dangerous fellow, either in or out of the ring, and I freely confess I did my part to land him high and dry. The little double-cross was carefully planned by Tom McClary, manager of the Pacific Club, and myself, and it worked like a charm. All we had to do was to dangle the money before O'Brien's eyes, and the rest was easy."

"While it was not actually necessary to resort to this artifice to remove the Philadelphia from the pugilistic map, because I can always beat him in an up-and-down battle, yet we were anxious to let the public see him in his true colors. His subsequent confessions prove that the sport is better without such self-confessed fakirs. I am not ashamed to make this statement, because I propose to defend the world's championship against any challenger, without regard to color, and will always fight on the level."

Burns declares emphatically that Jack Johnson will not be neglected. When asked

Cup Presented To the McClary Team Pleasant Event Saturday Evening

Hon. Adam Beck Handed Over the Trophy at the City Hotel.

Approximately thirty shining baseball lights gathered in the City Hotel Saturday evening and partook of a splendid oyster supper given by the Hon. Adam Beck, who also presented the handsome cup offered for the championship of the City Baseball League.

The cup presented by the City Hotel was handed over at the same time. The Beck trophy is now the permanent property of the McClary team, and the boys are mighty proud of the big cup.

Mr. Beck was the first speaker on the program, and he delivered a very interesting address. He told of how Canada had defended her honors in England at the horse show, and prophesied that she would at least hold her own at the big Olympiad next year.

He was proud to be able to donate a trophy to such a ball team as the McClarys, and promised next year to give another cup.

A Great Song. Freddy Ball, the fast little shortstop of the McClarys, who will not be with the team next year, then sang a song, which scored an immense hit.

The song ran something as follows:

"Have you ever heard the story Of an awful pipe-dream That was dreamt by the Stars, When they thought that they could whip McClary's team?"

"We took them down around the park, And put them on the bum, And when they figured up the score It just stood two to none."

The program for this on was almost entirely an informal one. Speeches were made by President Arthur Beal, Secretary Dewan, Norval Wanless, Doc Sippi and others.

The happy party left for their respective homes at a seasonable hour, and the good spirits, after having enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

National Trotting Review Board Expels Many Prominent Drivers

Application of George Rice Is Refused—F. C. Caire and Others Expelled.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The board of review of the National Trotting Association gave consideration today to a number of applications for removal of suspension and expulsion against horses, owners and drivers, penalized for offenses of various character connected with the racing business.

The board denied the application of George W. Rice, a real estate operator, of Springfield, Mass., who appeared to appeal from the decision of the judge in the half-mile race in a race in Taunton, Mass., last September.

The board expelled F. C. Caire for ringing the mare Cella as Miss Greylin on several Long Island tracks last season.

The case attracted considerable attention because of the appearance of a number of women witnesses. The driver, Nelson Varney, was not further penalized, and his suspension stands until the end of the year. The mare Cella was expelled from all association tracks.

A decision which may have wide bearing was handed down in reference to the protest of Fred Isabel, a driver, of New Bedford, Mass., who had an entry in a race in Taunton, Mass., last September. Another horse, Alice Mark, started in the race wearing hobbles, and after the first heat they were removed. Isabel protested that the pace and the board held that "having started in hobbles a horse is ineligible to finish a race without them."

The board suspended the Scranton Driving and Field Association and H. J. Keenan, president and treasurer; V. A. Simrell, vice-president, and C. P. Wontz, secretary of the association, until collections were taken today.

The Tri-State Fair Association of Pittsburg, Pa., and its officers, including S. J. Rochester, treasurer, and W. Lee McIlwaine, secretary, were all suspended until collections with 25 per cent penalty are returned.

The board of review is concerned final action was taken today in the famous Memphis gold cup case.

After an investigation the board decided without further consideration to drop the case against Millard Sanders, trainer of Lou Dillon, which it was for many months claimed, was doped sufficiently to cause her to lose the famous race at Memphis, Tenn., on Oct. 18, 1904.

The \$5,000 gold cup was won by Major Delmar, owned by Elmer E. Smathers.

C. K. G. Billings, owner of Lou Dillon, charged that his mare had been doped. There was presented testimony to bear out this theory, but it was determined by the board of review that there was no evidence to show that Lou Dillon had been doped, and Smathers was permitted to retain jurisdiction of the cup.

"Eddie" Molloy, stableman, testified that he had seen Millard Sanders administer something to Lou Dillon out of a bottle. George Rooper, former trainer for Millard, and Ed Sanders, a brother of Millard Sanders, were both expelled for their connection with the case. The board of review in its present decision could not find that Millard Sanders was in any way connected with the famous trotter, now a brood mare.

O. H. A. Sends Out Important Notice

The Hortons and other hockey teams in the O. H. A. have received instructions from Secretary W. A. Hewitt, of the O. H. A., to hold meetings at once and prepare for the coming season.

The letter reads as follows: "Any expenses the convenor may be put to should be discharged by the clubs in the group at the meeting over which you presided as convenor."

"(2) You will send the name of the secretary of each club and his street and postoffice address."

"(3) You will call a meeting of the group immediately after the receipt of this letter, the meeting to be held not later than Thursday night next, as we are very anxious to issue the rule book before the end of the coming week."

"(4) You will send to the secretary of the O. H. A., Mr. W. A. Hewitt, Star

Office, Toronto, (written on one side of the sheet of paper, you report the schedule arranged by the group. The executive would be obliged if you will send this report and schedule by the first mail after your meeting. That is, if the meeting be held on Tuesday night, the first mail next morning should bring your report to Toronto."

"(5) You will also send the name of the official referee, or referees, appointed at your meeting, with street and postoffice address, so that during the season if they have to be communicated with, either by letter or wire, they may be reached promptly."

"Any other matter that occurs to you in the interest of the O. H. A., the executive would like to have, so suggestions may be discussed at the meeting of the executive at which the schedules will be adopted."

Higgs, an English Boy, Heads Jockeys

Higgs heads the jockey table in stake basis, but this season he has two professional companions on the right side in Barnes and the Scotch apprentice, Robertson, and an amateur in Mr. G. Thursby.

Higgs is an English boy, London being his birthplace.

Though many plans to lessen the jar of machinery, have been tried, none have been successful, and the situation continues. A new French remedy is to place under the machine a two-inch elastic plate, consisting of two sheets of steel with an intervening layer of coach springs surrounded by felt.

And to a gentleman I know "I want very much to see, if I weren't to tell you Who plays the ball upon this baseball team."

"There's Johnny Pook behind the bat, And Gibson on the slab; Jack McHugh, he plays first base, And you ought to hear his gab."

Eddie Jackson, at second sack, I tell you he's a bird; There's Freddie Ball at shortstop, And Costello, he's at third."

"And next we come to the outfield; And I tell you it is swell, There's Old Skin Phillips, Eccleston, Males and Jimmy Bell."

One man we've left all to the last, We hope he won't feel sore, And that's Jack Smith, who buys the gum, And also keeps the score."

Chorus—"They rambled till McClarys cut them down."

In response to an encore the popular little fellow then sang "Dreaming."

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AMERICANS MUST RAISE LARGE SUM

Expenses of Olympic Team Will Be Secured By Subscription by June.

Detroit, Dec. 9.—With the launching of the campaign for financing the trip of the American athletes to London next June, the interest in the fourth international Olympic games has received an added impetus. Unless all signs fail, the meeting to be held in the immense stadium now building at Sheppard's Bush, just outside of London, will be the greatest athletic meet ever held.

According to reports from the various countries interested in sports in all parts of the world, the assembly of athletes will be the greatest, both in quality and quantity, that ever competed for international honors.

France, Greece, the United States and many other nations will be represented by a host of entrants skilled in strength, speed and endurance, and the winner of any special event can well be termed champion of the world in his particular specialty.

It is the intention of the committee in charge of the American plan to have the United States represented by an athletic team which will be second to none. The victories of the Americans at Athens and previous Olympiads has set a standard for this country which it is necessary to maintain if the United States are to preserve their premier position in sports.

In order to accomplish this end the athletic team that will compose the teams that will represent the Stars and Stripes. No particular section of the country will be favored, but every athlete whose amateur status and physical prowess qualify him as a competitor for a place on the team will be given an opportunity to prove his right to wear an American shield on his breast at the games in London next July.

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