

SATURDAY MORNING

Hockey Argonauts 15 T.R. and A.A. 3 Trotting

On the Ice
At Hillcrest

BLACK AND WHITE NO MATCH FOR ARGONAUTS

Scullers Walked Home With Senior Game—Developed Into a Farce.

Argonauts had a nice workout at the arena last night. The scullers were scheduled to play a Senior O.H.A. game with T.R. & A.A. It was anything but a game, the oarsmen scoring at will, and the final count was 15 to 3.

The contest developed into a farce early. Both clubs tripped and hooked. Dr. Jerry Lafamme made his first appearance of the season, and rounded out a good defence alongside of Knight. Any team play that was indulged in was shown by the Argonauts. Food Farr played useful hockey all night and Stewart was also strong.

The Argonauts led at the first rest, 5 to 0, and at the end of the second period stood 9 to 2. The final was 15 to 3. Maclean and Maclean were the pick of the poor club.

Argonauts (15)—Goal, Gilbert; defence, Knight, Lafamme; rover, Parks; centre, T.R. & A.A. (3)—Goal, Mitchell; defence, Maclean, Maclean; rover, Burrell; centre, Smith; right, Trapp; left, Sullivan.

Referee—Lou E. Marsh.

First Period.
Argonauts.....Stewart.....2.00
Argonauts.....Farr.....5.00
Argonauts.....Farr.....4.00
Argonauts.....Farr.....1.00
Argonauts.....Farr.....1.00

Second Period.
Argonauts.....Stewart.....4.00
Argonauts.....Farr.....4.00
T.R. & A.A. Smith.....4.00
T.R. & A.A. Maclean.....2.00
Argonauts.....Farr.....1.00
Argonauts.....Lafamme.....0.30

Third Period.
Argonauts.....Stewart.....4.00
Argonauts.....Farr.....1.00
T.R. & A.A. Burrell.....4.00
Argonauts.....Farr.....1.00
Argonauts.....Farr.....1.00
Argonauts.....Knight.....1.00

W. George Garthwaite of Aurora Lee Club has left the front, and added another to the scores of members from this well-known club that have gone to the back as manager of the Aurora Lee Country Club will be taken by Fred Smith a returned player of his country. Nelson Smith was elected assistant manager.

Games tonight in the N.H.A. Quebec at Toronto, Canadiens at Ottawa.

Quebec will make their first appearance of the season at the arena tonight when they meet the Toronto. The easterners have already scored victories over Canadiens and Ottawa. The election returns will be announced during the game.

The teams will start:
Toronto—Lescure, Cameron, G. McManara, Cyril Denny, H. Meeking, Renai.
Quebec—Moran, Mummery, Ritchie, Malone, Smith, Crawford.

Nicholson, the Kingston defence player, who was out of the game last winter, has signified his intention of again playing with the Frontenacs this season. The players replace Stanton, who is now at the front. Brouse and Crawford both show up well on the defence.

Captain Howard Webster, the Toronto Varsity and Argonaut player, has not turned out to practice with Kingston Frontenacs as yet. He is expected out this week. Orman, an Edmonton boy, and Smith, last year with Varsity, are also new acquisitions to the Frontenacs. Orman, a centre, has been showing up well at practice with the Frontenacs.

PLAYGROUND EXHIBITION.

The mid-year exhibition of Elizabeth Hester How School. The various numbers on the program gave the parents and friends of the children an opportunity of seeing the regular work carried on at the classes of this centre.

Alderman Ramadeu acted as chairman, and at the close of the program congratulated the children and supervisors. Messrs. G. W. Ellis and J. Hilley and the Misses K. H. Shields and I. McEwen on the excellence of the program provided.

FIFTEEN KILLED IN WRECK.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 31.—Fifteen persons were killed, a score of others injured, some of them fatally, many railroad cars were destroyed, and other property damage effected in Monterey, Mexico, yesterday at noon when box cars containing dynamite and hand grenades for the Carranza army exploded.

Tip O'Neill Dead Once Best Batsman

J. E. (Tip) O'Neill, world's champion batsman of thirty years ago, died suddenly yesterday of heart failure in Montreal, where he had been in the restaurant business since he quit baseball. Tip became famous with the old St. Louis Browns under Chris Von Der Ahe. He was a great all round player, covering acres of territory in centre field and boss of all was a free right hand hitter. He could throw home like Tris Speaker and was unusually fast on the bases for a big man. He was with the Browns in '30, '35, '37 and '38, and later with the Chicago White Sox.

Tip belonged to the Woodstock family of O'Neills, another well-known brother being George, for many years a book maker on the big tracks. His remains will be interred in Woodstock.

O'Neill holds two batting records to his credit. He had 87 hits the season of 1887. Ty Cobb comes second with 248 in 1911. He still holds the highest average, .432. Of course Tip played under the old four strike rule. The St. Louis Browns were members of the St. Louis American Association team.

Basketball

The various classes of the boys' division of Central Y.M.C.A. have been having a busy time around the club during the holidays running off the Canadian standard efficiency tests and later in the week special basketball tournaments have been held.

On Wednesday afternoon the big treasure hunt was the event of the holidays, when over 50 boys ventured out thru the big showstorm and hunted High Park from end to end for the treasure. P. F. Hagerman, who was in charge of the gang, looked very dignified in his gorgeous attire.

The following are the teams that met in the finals in the basketball tournaments, having first won the preliminary games:

Junior school—Won by Hounson (9), White (2); A. Hounson, capt. (2), Mitchell (2), Carroll, Torrance (5), Monseley, A. White, capt., Vaughan, Kinney, Burnham (2), Langton.

Intermediate School—Won by Sherman team (8), White (4); Sherman, capt. (2), B. Lindsay, G. Lindsay (2), Ward, Mitchell (4), White, capt., Hill (4), Spence, Doughty, Marshall.

Senior School won handsomely by Ward's team (18-0) from Devitt's five—Ward, capt. (8), Dixon (1), Adams, Norman, Smith (8), Westcott, Devitt, capt., McKlesock, Robinson, Ridley, Saer.

In St. John's Presbyterian Basketball League, last night Harry Kerr's team won from Art Rook's in a game that had lots of "pep" from beginning to end. Harry Woods had his eye on the basket and scored eight of the winners' goals.

Art Rook met with an accident while the first half ended and Harry Kerr went off with him. In this period Taggart of Rook's team played a fine game, but Kerr's combination and accurate shooting were too much, and the score at the end was Rook 10, Kerr 29. The teams:

Kerr's—Woods (16) and Kerr (2), forwards; McGavin (5), centre; Corbett (2) and Terriman, guards.

Rook's—Dyrd (4) and Gibson, forwards; Murdoch, centre; Taggart (9) and Rook, guards.

CARPETBALL.

Following is the standing of S.O.E.B.S. Centre District Carpetball League for December:

Team	Won	Lost	Points
Hammersmith	7	3	14
Albion	6	1	12
Cheltenham	6	2	12
Richmond	5	3	10
Dorset	4	3	8
Bristol	4	6	8
Brighton	2	4	4
Redditch	2	6	4
Rugby	0	7	0

AT MCCORMICK CENTRE.

Christmas cheer was dispensed to three hundred and fifty parents and seniors at McCormick Recreation Centre last evening. Thru the kindness and generosity of Miss McCormick and the co-operation of Mr. S. H. Armstrong and his supervisors a splendid entertainment was given. The boys and girls gave exhibitions of dancing and singing games, and drills and pyramid building which were heartily applauded by the appreciative audience.

Mrs. Yarwood sang a patriotic song, "The Boys of the Empire," which was composed by Mr. Yarwood, who accompanied her. The Park Wood also gave two excellent numbers, to the delight of all present. A social hour concluded the evening's enjoyment, during which Mr. Armstrong spoke of the benefits of playground work.

CZAR IS HONORED BY KING GEORGE

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(8 p.m.)—It is officially announced that King George has appointed Emperor Nicholas of Russia a field marshal in the British army.

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PROGRAMS ON SUNDAY TO BE THE BEST YET

Citizens' Recruiting League Makes Elaborate Preparation for Meetings at Loew's and Star

Since the inauguration of the Sunday meetings held by the Citizens' Recruiting League in Loew's and the Star Theatres, some excellent programs have been arranged, but those fixed for Sunday afternoon and evening promise to eclipse any yet held. The afternoon meeting at Loew's will be for the American Legion, and every American in Toronto is expected to attend. In the evening, at both theatres, an important address will be delivered by Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance. Other speakers will include Rev. Dr. Nelson of Knox Church, Hamilton, who recently "bayed" Billy Sunday; Capt. M. S. Boehm, Lieut.-Col. Chadwick, Major Ardagh, and Captain Belton, Major John Harris and Drummer Hamilton. Captain Jones of the Canadian Legion in every engagement in which they were engaged since the war began, and will have some gripping stories to tell.

An excellent musical program has been arranged by the pictures of American fighting in Flanders will be shown, and the band of the 92nd Battalion will provide the music.

Mayor Church will preside at the American Legion meeting in the afternoon, and Dr. Norman Allen will occupy the chair at night.

General R. Rennie to Balm Beach Bowlers

The following letter has been received by the president of the Balm Beach Bowling Club from Brigadier-General Rennie, the well-known Queen City bowler and curler, in acknowledgment of the 200 packages of tobacco which were sent to the men of the Third Battalion:

"Dear Mr. Burt—Your letter of Nov. 15 reached me yesterday, and I wish to thank you for the very generous gift of tobacco you are sending for the men of the 3rd Toronto Battalion. This gift will be much appreciated. Be good enough to express to the members of the bowling club the very best thanks of the battalion for all the trouble taken in connection with the matter."

"Recently I was given this command, which removes me from the 3rd Battalion, but I will see that your gift reaches them as soon as it arrives at the front."

"Again my sincere thanks for your good wishes."

"Yours very truly,
"R. Rennie."
"Brig.-General 4th Can. Inf. Brigade."

AMERICANS NOT SHOT SO DECLARES AUSTRIA

Report of Execution of Two Bankers at Gorizia Denied.

VIENNA, via London, Dec. 31, 7 p.m.—The following semi-official statement was issued today:

"The Austrian Government denies the story printed in England from Italy that two American bankers had been tried and executed in Gorizia as spies and their entire property confiscated. Enquiry at the southwestern army headquarters brought the answer that nothing whatever was known of the incident."

NEW CURLING CLUB WILL PLAY IN RIVERDALE PK.

Official Organ of O. C. A. Has Some New Features—A Great Record.

A new feature of the Ontario Curling Annual, the forty-first official organ of the O.C.A., that has just made its appearance is the honor roll, the brethren of the besom and stone who are serving their King and country. Toronto Granite head the list, with twenty-three, followed closely by Lindsay, with twenty-one.

The curlers killed in action, according to the official list, are Captain T. D. Lockhart, Galt Granite; John Bottomley, Niagara Falls; Lieut. J. N. Scott and Major George M. Higginbotham (the latter died on active service), Toronto Granite; Ross Binkley, Toronto Granite; and R. McKendrick, Toronto Queen City.

The ordinary obituary list is unusually long. In the notice of the late A. B. Nichols is given the remarkable curling record of that player, who is classed as the finest stone player in all Ontario. His victories in open competition were as follows:

—With Toronto Caledonians—
1894—First single rink.
1897—First single rink.
1900—First single rink.
1901—First Governor-General's Cup.
1902—Second Ontario Tankard.
1903—First single rink.
1904—First single rink.
1904—Second Ontario Tankard.
1908—Second Ontario Tankard.
1909—First Ontario Tankard.
1910—First Ontario Tankard.
1911—First Ontario Tankard.
1910—First single rink.
1911—First single rink.
1914—Second single rink.
1915—First Governor-General's.
1915—Third single rink.

A new club, not yet mentioned in the despatches, is the Riverdale Club of Toronto. The officers are: President, Dr. Forfar; vice-president, C. B. Bell; treasurer, W. L. Smith, and secretary, J. Blakey. Besides the officers, the registered members include five others. They have just two full rinks for the curling competition, with one spare man. Look out for Dr. Forfar and his merry men. Their rink is out in the open in Riverdale Park.

JOHN ALLEN DEAD THRU ASPHYXIA

Lodger at Two-Seventy East King Street Found Unconscious by Landlord.

Attracted by a strong odor of gas, William Kennedy, 270 East King st., went to the room of John Allen, a lodger, at 11 o'clock last night and found him lying on the bed unconscious from the effects of gas, which was escaping from a tube attached to a small cooking stove. The gas was turned on full. A doctor was hurriedly summoned and first aid rendered, but without effect. Allen dying twenty minutes after being discovered.

The police are of the opinion that Allen had gone to bed and fell asleep, leaving the gas jet turned on.

PROSPERITY INDICATED BY CUSTOMS RETURNS

Big Increase in Collections at Ports of Newmarket and Aurora.

Striking corroboration of the claim that prosperity is returning to the Province of Ontario and locally around the city is found in the customs returns from the towns of Newmarket and Aurora, which show an enormous increase over the year 1914. The returns for the two customs points totalled \$17,302.55, while for a corresponding period in 1915 there is an increase to \$30,549.05. The returns, regarded as phenomenally large, are said by the business firms in each of the towns to be fairly indicative of generally healthy financial condition of these two manufacturing centres.

RUSSIA'S NOTED CHOIR.

Russia boasts of the world's greatest choir. It is in the Cathedral of Alexander Nevski, in Petrograd, and is attached to a convent erected in honor of the patron saint of Russia. Its members, of which there are about 20, are all monks, and are chosen from the best voices in all the Russian monasteries.

FOOLISH TO INVITE POPE TO CONFERENCE

Pontiff, Lacking Temporal Power, Not Able to Leave Vatican.

ROME, Dec. 30, 10.50 p.m.—(Delayed)—The Tribune considers Utopian the suggestion that Pope Benedict be invited to preside at the congress which will be called to decide upon terms of peace since no pontiff has left the Vatican since the loss of the Pope's temporal power.

WHITE HORSE SCOTCH

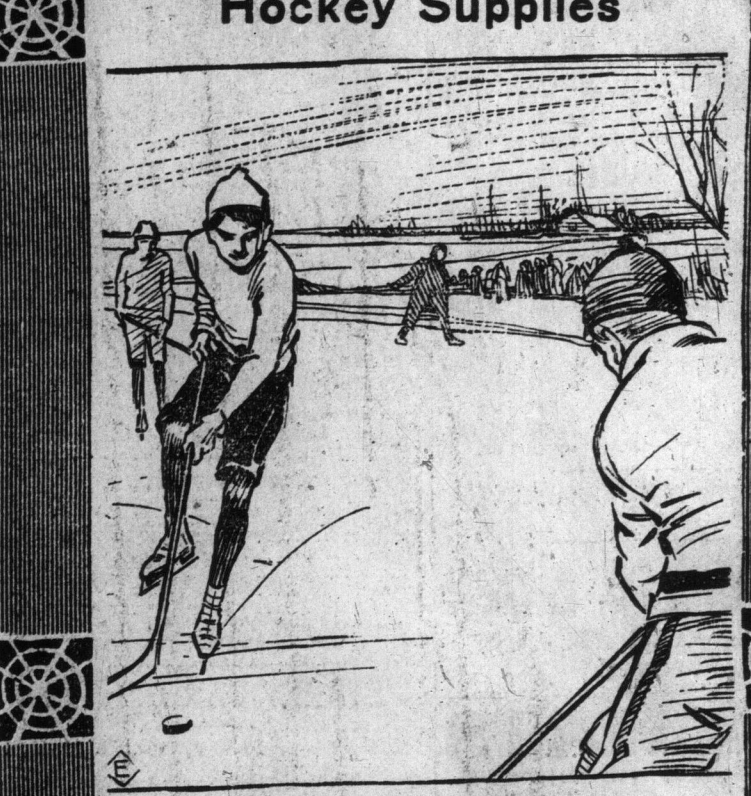
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AUSTRIAN DETACHMENT REPORTED WIPED OUT

Montenegrins State That Fifteen Hundred Prisoners Were Taken.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The capture of 1500 prisoners by the Montenegrins in an engagement in the Sanjak, in which an Austrian detachment was wiped out, is announced in the Montenegrin official statement received here today. The statement admits the recapture of Reskova Gora by the Austrians. The text is as follows:

"On the Sanjak front on the 29th, we annihilated an enemy detachment, taking 1500 prisoners. There also have been severe and outmost combats."

"On the southern front an Austrian attack on Boutchido was repulsed. The enemy succeeded in recapturing Reskova Gora, where they are fortifying themselves in anticipation of another attack."

"We repulsed the enemy on the Lovcen front, inflicting an appreciable loss, and capturing some prisoners."

HIS MAIN THOUGHT.

Two sturdy men happened to be seated at the same table in a famous Munich concert hall. In front of each rested a large glass, the amber contents of which were decorated with white and sparkling foam.

One number of the Wagner program had just been given and the conductor was preparing for the next.

"Neighbor," asked one of the gentlemen, with Bavarian friendliness, "neighbor, are you enjoying the concert?"

"Well," the other answered, "I wish not to be critical, but the beer is not a little sour."—Musical America.

A LOGICAL LUNATIC.

"Lunatics frequently return amusing answers," says the superintendent of a great insane asylum.

"One day a keeper was out walking with a number of harmless inmates, and the party met a pedestrian not far from the railway tracks. With a nod toward the tracks the traveler asked one of the lunatics:

"Where does this railway go to?"

"The lunatic surveyed him scornfully for a moment and then replied: "Nowhere. We keep it here to run trains on."—Youth's Companion.

ARENA

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Reserved seats at Arena and Monday's Election returns announced.

PREMIER HEARST PLEDGES SUPPORT TO THE BYLAW

Declares Government is Sympathetic Toward Measure Which It Created.

"There is no doubt how I am going to vote in support of a policy which this government created." Premier Hearst said yesterday regarding the hydro radical. Altho interviewed previously, the premier had declined to speak on the question. Mr. Hearst felt sure that Sir Adam Beck had been misquoted yesterday morning in his statement that the Ontario Government had been unsympathetic in its attitude towards the radicals.

GREENLAND'S ONE EXPORT.

American commercial interests in Greenland rest wholly in obtaining supplies of cryolite from there. The cryolite of the land, furnish nearly all the cryolite used in the world. The United States is now importing considerable quantities of this cryolite, its use being in manufacturing opaque glaze for enameling ironware (the imports of which from Europe are now cut off and in fluxes for electrolytic aluminum and white Portland cement.

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