

## MACKMEN MAKE BETTER RECORD

Average Number Runs Per Game Show Champs as Leaders.

Major League ball clubs did not have as much success making runs during the 1913 campaign as they did in 1912. Last year only one club increased its run getting powers over the season before. The world's champion Athletics of Connie Mack were the only ones able to turn the trick. All the others fell short of the 1912 mark by a goodly margin.

The sluggers of Connie Mack made things merry for their competitors during the 1913 campaign and when during the season wound up they had counted for more runs than the Naps, their nearest competitors. That's one reason why Connie Mack's men stood out lead and shoulders above all the other clubs when the final battle of the campaign was played. Mack's men counted an average of 5.2 tallies per game while the year before it was 5.1. Their total of runs was 794.

The slugging Mackmen were the only ones able to chalk up an average of five tallies per conflict during 1913. The year before four clubs, the Red Sox, Athletics, Cubs and Giants were able to turn this trick. There's no telling what it was in 1913, but one thing is certain. Either the batters of all the other clubs were weaker, or the pitchers hurled better ball. Which it was, we'll not try to determine.

As far as that goes, only one other club was able to count 700 tallies during the campaign. No, the Giants were not the lucky ones. No, the Cubs piled up a total of 721, and topped the National League average 4.7 counts per battle. The Giants had 684 in 156 games for an average of 4.4. The Phillies tied with the National League champs for second place.

Here's one of the peculiar features of the run-scoring of the major league clubs for 1913. Both the Cardinals and Browns sent 528 runners over the pay-off station during the 1913 campaign, but the Cards' average per game was 3.5 and that of the Browns 3.3. This happened because the Browns took part in two more conflicts than their National League rivals for eight-place honors.

The downfall of the Red Sox was one of the disappointments during the season. The 1912 world's champions did not fall into the pennant race but also in run getting. In 1912 the Sox counted 5.2 tallies per game. This was cut down just one whole tally per game during 1913. But the Sox were second to the Mackmen, with a percentage of 4.2 counts each conflict. The Naps and Tigers tied for third with 4.1.

Here are the figures as compiled by Herman Weeke, capable statistician. These figures show to a great extent why the teams finished as they

did in the major league races last year. Individual team records are as follows:

American League.				
Team	G.	R.	Game	Av. Per
Philadelphia	153	794	5.2	5.1
Boston	151	631	4.2	5.2
Cleveland	155	613	4.1	4.1
Detroit	153	624	4.1	4.7
Washington	155	596	3.8	4.6
New York	153	529	3.5	4.1
St. Louis	155	528	3.3	3.5
Chicago	153	588	3.2	4.0

## MANY OTTAWA PLAYERS CANDIDATES AT M'GILL

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The Ottawa boys will figure largely on the McGill University team in the Intercollegiate series this winter. It is expected that ten or twelve local players will be in uniform, including Paisley, Mann, Dr. Thompson, Wilson, Davidson, Rylett, Norman and Jack Scott, Brophy, Gendron, Raymond, Masson, Johnston and Hooper.

Laurie Roberts, the president, is an Ottawa boy, while Fred Davies, the manager, belongs to Hull, Que. Paisley was with New Edinburgh last year but played for McGill two seasons ago. Paisley, Brophy and Gendron were members of the McGill football team. Manager Davies expects to have a very fast septette. McGill will take part in the Intercollegiate series at New York next week, being drawn against University of Toronto, Ottawa College and Queen's open the Gotham series next Tuesday night.

## HOW CAN COMMISSION REFUSE THIS REQUEST

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—David L. Fultz, president of the Baseball Players' Federation, announced yesterday that a committee representing the organization would meet the National Commission at Cincinnati on Tuesday January 6, for a conference on the petition for alterations in the present contract between club and players.

It has been occasionally reported that the fraternity will make a fight against the reserve clause. There is nothing in our petition which in any way affects this clause, with the exception of the eleventh and twelfth requests, which asks that the veteran players, when no longer wanted in the classification in which he has labored for years, be released outright.

As these requests are not aimed at the principle of reservation, and only slightly affect the operation of this clause, they cannot with justice be characterized as antagonistic to it.

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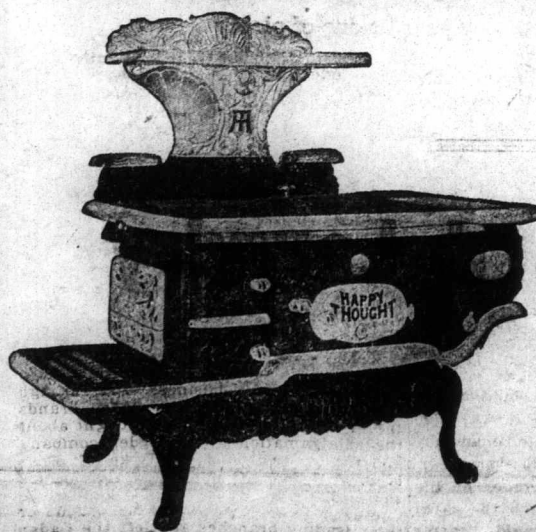
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## GRAND DUKE DEFENDS HIS CHARACTER.



GRAND DUKE BORIS OF RUSSIA

Grand Duke Boris of Russia, cousin of the Tsar, appeared in open court before the Lord Chief Justice in London to personally refute the libelous attack on his honor made in last April's issue of Munsey's Magazine and to challenge the proof of any of the statements constituting the libel.

He left the court room with a complete vindication and apologies from Mr. Frank A. Munsey and all concerned directly or indirectly in the baseless charges and expressions of satisfaction from the Lord Chief Justice that he had so openly exposed and shattered them.

The whole procedure was a convincing blow at a class of muckraking literature which recently has become an outstanding feature of certain American publications.

## OUR BRITISH LETTER

LONDON, Dec. 27.—An organization which promises to shake London's complacency as the fountain head of English as it should be spoken, has taken form at Oxford under the direction of the poet Laureate Robert Bridges, aided by such masters of English as Thomas Hardy, Dr. Henry Bradley, Sir Walter Raleigh, and Professor John W. Mackail.

While the objects of the association have not yet been fully defined, they probably will include the publication of literature, the delivery of lectures, attempts ultimately to influence the teaching over the whole country to aid in the restoration of the purity of the language, both written and spoken, and to resist the unnecessary incorporation of foreign words, and to encourage the adoption in polite speech of crisp, terse, vigorous words from the dialects. The English that Johnson spoke rather than the English that Johnson wrote is the object aimed at by the association. Johnson would have said "not," but he would have written "putrely."

In a tract prepared for the English Association Dr. Bridges declares that we say "neycheh" for nature and that we use "audjins" for audience. An Oxford professor says: "cweshyunn" for question, and is said to be addicted to the word. The younger generation say "pawing" for pouring. Fortunately the educated south is learning that there is an "h" in wheel and when Ireland and Scotland never forget it.

Dr. Bridges concludes his tract as follows: "A Londoner will say that a Scotchman talks strangely and ill; that truth is that he himself is in the same attitude of vulgar ignorance in these matters. He is disposed to look down upon all that he is accustomed to, and not knowing the true distinctions, he esteems his own degraded custom as correct."

A temperance campaign as exciting as that which accompanied the introduction of the licensing measure under the Lloyd George Budget is promised for the coming session of Parliament. A demand for a license

in spite of the lack of interest in the Duke of Westminster's Olympic games fund, the liveliest interest is being shown here in the International Congress, which will be held in Paris next June to promulgate a code of uniform regulations for the games.

It is understood that the English delegation will make several important proposals to the congress, among the most radical being a suggestion that women be included among the competitors. Other matters to be brought before the congress will be the question of the restriction of entries; a minimum age for competitors, and whether a distinction should be made between sports indispensable for the Olympiad and those which, though not indispensable, can be admitted.

It is believed that the delegates will be a unit in demanding that the nation where the games are being held shall not be given an unfair advantage by giving undue prominence to the games in which that country excels. The technical regulations and duties of the jury in the games will be defined by the congress with more rigidity than under the present rules.

## Paris Merchants

All Report a Big Trade at Christmas - Notes of Town.

(From our own Correspondent.)

With the Christmas season over for 1913, the merchants of Paris all have the same report of an exceptionally good holiday trade. Until the middle of December, trade prospects did not look exceptionally bright, but when the rush ended on Christmas Eve, the report was general, stating that 1913 had been the banner year.

Pennants Limited, closed down on Dec. 24th until Monday next. The same days will be observed as holidays next week also, after which the mills will re-open, working full time in all departments.

A citizen meeting will be held in the town hall this Saturday evening, when Hon. C.A. Wendel of Chicago will give an address from the anti-local option point of view.

Owing to the Canadian General Electric Company failing to supply transformers on time, hydro power will not be supplied to Paris for a full 24 hour service for some weeks. Street lighting will receive the current from Niagara on January 1st, and the commissioners expect the 24 hour service about Feb. 1st.

A mail bag was cut in two by a train at Paris station yesterday morning. Luckily the bag contained only newspapers. Had it been filled with Christmas presents there would have been some disappointed people in town.

Certificates for the local hockey players will be applied for to-day. The boys are eager to get into the fray, and are hoping the cold spell will continue and allow the games to be played between Brantford and Paris on Monday night next.

## NEWPORT

(From our own Correspondent.)

Miss Brown of Woodstock has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bailey. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hutton spent over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. McLellan.

Miss Carrie Emmott is home from Hamilton Normal School for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Otto Eitel of Cortland was the guest of her parents for a few days.

The closing exercises at our public school were held on Monday, Dec. 22nd, a large number of visitors being present. Several classes were taught by their teacher, Miss Hill, in all of which the pupils acquitted themselves well.

Rev. Mr. Morrow then took the chair and a splendid programme of drills, recitations and songs were carried out. Short addresses were delivered by the chairman, J. J. McLellan and C. E. McKim, in which they complimented the teacher and pupils on the excellence of their work. The gathering dispersed after singing the National Anthem.

Mr. W. Cook of Brantford preached a very able sermon in the church on Sunday evening.

The Newport Sabbath school held its annual Christmas tree and concert on the evening of the 17th, and needless to say they had a good program. Rev. C. R. Morrow of Cainsville occupied the chair in usual efficient manner. There were songs, recitations and dialogues, which were well received by the large audience present.

Miss Edna Phillips played the accompaniments, songs being rendered by Mrs. Cook and Miss Chapin, and choruses by the school. The manner in which the scholars carried out their respective parts, showed the careful training under which they had been.

Great credit is due Miss Hill, who had charge of the programme. Mr. John Melican of Cameron, Ill., is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Melican, River Side.

John Conlon, a farmer of Sombra township has started a fox industry on his farm.

## SAGE AND SULPHUR DARKENS GRAY HAIR

Brush This Thorough, Faded, Lifeless Locks and They Become Dark, Glossy, Lustrous.

Hair that loses its color and lustre, or when it fades, turns gray, dull and lifeless, is caused by a lack of sulphur in the hair. Our grandmother made up a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to keep her locks dark and beautiful, and thousands of women and men who value that even color, that beautiful dark shade of hair, which is so attractive, use only this old-time recipe.

Nowadays we get this famous mixture by asking at any drug store for a 50 cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," which darkens the hair so naturally, so evenly, that nobody can possibly tell it has been applied. Besides, it takes off dandruff, stops scalp itching and falling hair. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also brings back the gloss and lustre, and gives it an appearance of abundance. Agent, T. George Bowles.

A Danish research ship on an important mission was lost in the West Indies.

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(Special Dispatch)

Berlin, December 27.

UPON her return from Paris last week Mrs. A. M. Thackara, a delightful surprise awaiting her, a magnificent gift of silver from the circle of American and German friends in Berlin, and which had been placed round the dining table. It consists of a large silver bowl, eight punch or flowers; four double canisters fitted with rose pink silver shades large compote dishes, four small bone dishes and a shallow cut glass plate, silver rimmed. The punch is inscribed, "The Thackara's silver from Her Berlin Friends," and of the smaller pieces bears her name. Accompanying the gift is a portfolio bound in red suede and tooled in gold, in which were written names of the 111 donors. The "Tide" reads:

"To Mrs. Alexander M. Thackara, her friends in Berlin, as a token of untiring zeal in every good cause, kindness to the stranger and her love and friendship."

As originally arranged, this magnificent gift was to have been presented to Mrs. Thackara at a well reception at the American Club, but this had to be abandoned, to a death in the family.

Count and Countess Anton Sigmund expected at the Hotel Esplanade to the Christmas holidays, with the American Ambassador and Mrs. Gerard will give a dinner for them next Tuesday.

Mrs. Marcus Daly, of New Mexico, mother of Mrs. Gerard and Countess, also is expected in Berlin later to be present at the house of the new Embassy, which will not be as contemplated at New Year's, owing to the amount of work involved in renovating and furnishing the new Palace, in the Wilhelmstrasse.

As soon as Mr. and Mrs. Gerard taken possession of their new home will be plunged into a round of duties which must necessarily force them to postpone the first big gathering of American compatriots until Christmas. This change will furnish Gerard an opportunity to do something to her favorite hero in American history, Mr. William Brewster, Second Secretary of the American Embassy, returned Paris before the expiration of his leave of absence to await instructions concerning his transfer to Caracas.

As no official confirmation of change has been received in Berlin, probable that Mr. Spencer will remain at his present post until late in January and thus be one of the Ambassadors staff at the official court functions of the season. Mr. Spencer will be missed both in German and American social circles, as he has taken an active part in the manifold life of the capital. He is president of the Harvard Club in Berlin, is one of the Governing Committee of the American Luncheon Club, has done much toward establishing a lean prestige in golf and tennis throughout Germany.