

BIGGEST BLUFF IN
FIGHT GAME

SPORTS

HOCKEY, BOWLING
THE RING, BASKETBALLWHEN RACING
HAD CLOSE CALL

The Present Movement on Foot to Oust the Race Track From Canada Recalls an Interesting Controversy.

How a newspaper man had a quarrel with a millionaire owner of thoroughbreds, and how this quarrel led to the crippling of horse racing in the United States is an interesting story, and, in view of the consideration of the question of betting in Canada by a committee of the House of Commons, a timely one. Tracy Bronson, of New York, is the newspaper man, a name familiar enough to the old-timer, but practically unknown to the present-day follower of the "dope," since Bronson has been in retirement for twenty years or so. The millionaire with whom Bronson had the quarrel was John A. Morris, a man who had made a huge fortune out of the Louisiana Lottery, and who reinvested a considerable part of it in a race track and a great stable of thoroughbreds. Morris built Morris Park, once a famous racing plant, and raced as the "Barbarian Stable," his colors being carried by some of the best thoroughbreds of the day.

Sportsman And Theologian.
Bronson was one of the best posted of American writers on horse racing, and gifted with a clear and forcible style of expression. In fact, says the Mail and Empire, his merits as an author of serious were well known to many clergymen, as were his racing comments to readers of the sporting page. Bronson was a sound theologian and also a man who detested anything crooked. He loved racing, and was a consistent and successful bettor. It may have been that betting was in his blood, but the moral reform was animating him when he wrote the criticism that earned for him the enmity of John A. Morris. Whatever the motive, every racing man will admit that Bronson was right and Morris was wrong.

The Horse "Intended" to Win.
Morris at this time ran his horses in his own name or in the name of himself and brother. Occasionally, in selling race horses from the Morris stable would meet horses owned by Wyndham Walden or Charley Littlefield. Bronson objected to these races on the ground that Walden was Morris' trainer, and that Littlefield was the father of Morris' jockey, Fred. He said that this combination of interests made the race dubious as to which horse was "intended" to win. Morris being a passionate man, loudly denounced Bronson and the newspaper containing his criticism. He asserted that he could buy any newspaper man for \$5. Bronson retorted in terms that fairly raised Morris' hide. Defeated in debate, Morris induced the Board of Control, a New Jersey body, somewhat corresponding to the New York Jockey Club, to rule Bronson off the tracks under its jurisdiction for reflecting on the "morals of the turf."

Vanderbilt Takes a Hand.
"When this was issued, racing was going on at Monmouth Park. Bronson bought a railroad ticket which included admission to the track, entered the gate and was ejected. Then he brought suit against the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and once more bought a ticket. This time he was not ejected, and the order banning him was withdrawn. However, Bronson did not cease his criticism of Morris, and the latter, under it for a year, Morris once more had him ruled off. Bronson again sued, but before the case could be decided racing was transferred to Sheepshead Bay, a track owned by W. K. Vanderbilt. The Board of Control asked Vanderbilt to keep Bronson off his track, but he refused, and the case was dropped on the fossilized Board of Control.

The Moral Reformers.
Thenceforth, Bronson became the aggressor. He joined forces with the moral reformers who had been making puny efforts for years to abolish such gambling infernos as Guttenberg and Gloucester, where there was racing winter and summer. These tracks offended public decency, but their owners were "in politics," and protests were unavailing. Thanks, however, to a combination of deadly criticism on the part of Bronson and religious zeal on the part of the New Jersey Law and Order League, the New Jersey farmers were induced to smash the political machine at the polls. New Jersey became Republican. But the Republican party was a reluctant as the Democratic party to kill horse racing. Gloucester and "the Gut" were reformed; Morris and his confederates were beaten to his knees. Bronson enjoyed his hour of triumph. He was ready to "ring" sound the "cease firing" and retire.

The Fire Spreads.
So he did, but his followers refused to cease firing, and he had to retire alone. He saw the Law and Order League continue the fight, and to his dismay close up tight every race track in New Jersey. More than that, a constitutional amendment was made by the legislature forbidding the sport forever. From New Jersey the fire that Bronson had lit spread, at first slowly, then rapidly to the other states where race track betting was carried on. No man would be more grieved than Tracy Bronson at the outcome of his quarrel with John A. Morris, but the fact remains that the crippling blow horse racing in the States received came from the making of a staunch friend.

Public Demands Boxing
Declares Dr. Roller

By Tip Wright.
One of the finest specimens of physical manhood in the world is Dr. B. F. Roller, of Seattle, familiar to thousands as the result of joining the Jeffries-Gotch athletic combination. Dr. Roller is different from most professional athletes. He wrestles and boxes because he likes it. His love for sports, developed as a lad, is, in his thirtieth year, a passion. A cultured, polished man of the world, Roller is perhaps the best wrestler in the United States, barring Gotch. He is an M.D., winning his diploma at the University of Pennsylvania, prior to which he was a student at De Pauw. He was a football star, discus thrower, shot putter, hammer and 56-pound weight tosser. He did not drop athletics with graduation. He followed it more closely and joined the professional ranks not alone for money but because he met better men than in amateur circles. Roller comes to the defense of boxing and wrestling in no uncertain way in writing:

"There never was such interest as

there is in the Jeffries-Johnson contest. Why this should be common talk is interesting.
"Ask yourself why it was worth \$75,000 to the public to see Gotch defeat Hackenschmidt and \$50,000 to see him beat Mahmont, even though a few days ago a dollar was a good price for a seat; now \$5 and \$10 is common and many pay \$50. Not long ago \$1,000 was a big purse. Now \$50,000 is not surprising. People pay for this athletic commodity because they want it.
"Followed to solution, athletics properly conducted, whether amateur or professional, occupy a tender spot in the heart of every well-balanced man. Men vote for it generally, but get it only occasionally.
"College professors have written me pathetically about the indifference of leaving medicine, even temporarily, for the 'disgraceful career' of a professional athlete.
"Many believe boxers and wrestlers are almost human. As a matter of fact the best athletes are college or factory men. Following was the lineup of the teams:

ter taught by the school of experience. "Your professional athlete no longer courts the hangover or wastes time and money in a bar room trying to make himself a good fellow. He knows knocks beat benefits and he puts his money into alfalfa and corn land.
"A funny man can do anything for money without being criticized, but the trouble is the public has been bled so often by the professionals that it has become wary. The honesty of even the Jeffries-Johnson fight has been attacked.
"This is natural, perhaps, but it is a crying shame the condition exists. However, no one is to blame save the athletes. If they had always been honest this strongly worded defense of Dr. Roller would be unnecessary.

ST. JOSEPH'S WIN
OVER KNIGHTS

Take Four Points From Opponents in Inter Society League
--- Holy Trinity Another Winner --- Other Games.

In a rather one-sided match on St. Peter's alleys, last evening, St. Joseph won four points from the Knights of Columbus, trimming them in the total to the tune of 1240 to 114.
The winners had things all their own way from the start, jumping into the lead and holding it. In the second string the Knights gave them a sharp tussle but soon dropped again. Phinney and Hurley, of the winning quintette, were the leading lights, averaging 83.13. The score:

Knights of Columbus.	
Lynch	74 92 75 241—80.13
McCaferly	73 87 82 242—81.13
Gale	68 65 57 190—63.13
Murphy	79 89 81 249—83
McDade	75 78 48 201—67
369 411 344 1124	
St. Josephs.	
Phinney	83 92 90 265—88.13
Gale	75 78 83 238—79.13
Ward	79 81 72 232—77.13
Sweeney	82 84 74 240—80
Hurley	84 89 101 265—88.13
403 415 422 1240	

Holy Trinity Wins.
A disputed string between St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity quintettes was also rolled off on St. Peter's alleys, and Holy Trinity won by a score of 405 to 404. This will give the winners a still better chance for the leadership of the league.

Chip Olive.
Mr. H. Chip Olive won the prize for the weekly rolloff on Black's alleys, last evening, with a score of 99. The prize was a handsome Japanese tea set. The scores were rather low, only three men rolling in the matches.

"NO." FROM KETCHEL.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 24.—Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, cabled Stanley Ketchel and offered him three bouts that would net him \$40,000. One would be with Tommy Burns, another with Bill Lang and the third with an unknown. Ketchel's reply was a single word "No." Ketchel wants to meet Thomas, midweight champion of England first, and then he would be willing to meet Tommy Burns.

PORTLAND AND
EXMOUTH Y. M. A.

Take Scalps From Rivals in Last Night's Games in Independent Basketball Series—Both Games Lively.

Two exciting basketball games were played in the Portland Y. M. A. rooms last evening, in the Independent League series. Portland Y. M. A. and Exmouth Y. M. A. were the victors over the Y. M. C. A. and St. Andrews respectively. The first game was a good exhibition. At the finish the score stood 29 to 12. The Portlanders showed that they were a stronger team than Y. M. C. A., but the latter team have a team which must be reckoned as a fast combination. Both teams are somewhat weak on combination work. George Crosby of the seniors refereed the game in a satisfactory manner. Following was the lineup of the teams:

Y. M. C. A.	
C. Brown	Forwards.
Emery	Thorne
W. Brown	
Penny	Defence.
Murphy	Buston
Lively Game.	

The second game between Exmouth Y. M. A. and St. Andrews was a very lively game, the former finally winning out by a score of 17 to 13. The Exmouths are undoubtedly a very strong combination but St. Andrews gave them a hard run last evening. St. Andrews put up a hard fight but the teamwork of the winners told on them and they lost in close finish. Hipwell played a star game for the winners while Scott and Hamilton showed up well for the losers. The lineup of the teams was as follows:

St. Andrews	
Hipwell	Forwards.
Wilson	Paterson
Grearsen	
Lawton	Defence.
Alexander	Scott
ST. YVES—MARCH.	

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 24.—Arrangements have been completed for a Marathon race between Henry St. Yves and John D. Marsh, the Canadian runner, either on February 6th or 13th.

BIGGEST BLUFF
IN FIGHT GAME

What is Said of the Dealings of Tex Rickard With Respect to the Recent Salt Lake City Deal.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 24.—With the closing by Tex Rickard for the Salt Air Pavilion begins the greatest game of bluff in fight promoting in this country. The contract gives Rickard the right to manage the fight, but there are some persons who believe that before the Quakers begin the pennant race John Kling will have the reins. If Rickard keeps his job he will be an experiment pure and simple. He is a star ball player and well liked, but he is hot headed and inclined to look for trouble with the umpire, a weakness in these days of discipline on the diamond. Dooin succeeds William J. Murray, a capable manager, who has been deposed for personal reasons, so that he will have his hands full to land the Quakers in a higher position in the race.

John McGaw, of course, will manage the Giants again. His task will not be easy. The Giants failed to come up to the requirements last season and when the pennant race ended the fans were grumbling. McGaw so far has not made any deals for new stars, for the excellent reason that rival managers are not willing to let go of consistent men, but the New York National's plucky manager has more than forty ball players under his wing and says that when the season has begun he will have a pretty fair team after all. He can rely upon Mathewson, Wilkie, Ames, Schell, Devlin, Britwell, Doyle, Seymour and Murray as the framework, and with several young pitchers and the possible return to form of Ted Tenney he may prosper in his bid at the Polo Grounds this year than the pessimists expect.

The Champions.
Fred Clarke will manage the Pittsburg world's champions, as usual, which means that it isn't necessary to say much more. He has a wonderful baseball machine and will probably perfect it here and there with new men. Frank Chance will be in charge of the Chicago Cubs, but he will probably let Rickard out of his promises here and turn the fight over to the original backer.

Have a "White Elephant."
Who would gain should the fight be called off altogether has the local sports guessing. Of course, the fight has boosted the show business of the city, but not enough to make it worth the money which would be thrown away were the bout to be cancelled. Another guess is that Rickard and McGaw have discovered that they have a white elephant on their hands in the way of an enormous purse and that they have taken this in getting out of it. In that case the fight bids would be re-opened and give Jeffries a chance to withdraw if he has discovered that it is impossible for him to get back in condition. There are a few who believe in this angle. Reports have been repeated that Jeffries is unable to get back into condition and rather than suffer defeat by a colored man he will pass up the chance of making another fortune.

MAJOR LEAGUE
BALL MANAGERS

Seven Clubs Will Have New Leaders This Year—Dahlen of Brooklyn and Dooin of Philadelphia Among Them.

New York, Jan. 24.—Seven of the sixteen major league ball teams that will soon go South for spring training will have new managers. It is a difficult matter to secure an expert team leader, but the National and American League club owners believe they have cornered the best in the profession. Some of these managers have already established themselves in the favor of the fans and are confident of remaining at the helm for many years to come, but there are others who will find that the coming season will be a crucial test and that unless they produce better results than a year ago there may be successful applicants for their berths.

Three Changes.
There are three changes in the managerial ranks of the National League—the engagement of Bad Bill Dahlen by the Brooklyn club, the appointment of Fred Lake by the Boston club and the promotion of Charles Dooin by the Philadelphia club. Dahlen has never handled a ball team, big or little, before, but he has had a world of experience on the field and is believed to be an excellent judge of playing talent. Dahlen has played under several great generals, but broke into fact company as a member of the Chicago Colts, under Capt. Adrian C. Anson and became a star shortstop and batsman. After much experience in this role he joined the Brooklyn team under Ned Hanlon and helped that team to win two pennants. Then he went over to the Giants, with John McGraw at the helm, and played so brilliantly that his work enabled the New Yorks to win two championships and a world's series. Dahlen was finally traded to the Boston Nationals with whom he continued to do good work until last season, when he became dissatisfied and was released at the end of the season.

President Ebbetts of the Brooklyn club tried to secure Dahlen to manage the team a year ago, but the Boston club wanted big money for his release, so there was no deal, but the moment Dahlen secured his walking papers Ebbetts welcomed him with open arms and has firmly announced that Dahlen will have absolute control of the players. Dahlen certainly knows what "inside ball" means. He is conversant with the methods employed by Andy, Harry and McGraw, and is a fighter for his rights. He is not a taskmaster and is popular with all players, but he will develop team play from the moment the Brooklyn report to him at Hot Springs. Dahlen will not play much ball himself, but he will wear a uniform and will direct matters from the coaching lines.

John Kling.
The promotion of Catcher Dooin to the management of the Philadelphia National may be permanent, but there are some persons who believe that before the Quakers begin the pennant race John Kling will have the reins. If Rickard keeps his job he will be an experiment pure and simple. He is a star ball player and well liked, but he is hot headed and inclined to look for trouble with the umpire, a weakness in these days of discipline on the diamond. Dooin succeeds William J. Murray, a capable manager, who has been deposed for personal reasons, so that he will have his hands full to land the Quakers in a higher position in the race.

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WELL KNOWN
MARE KILLED
IN MAINE

Special to The Standard.
Waterville, Me., Jan. 24.—Started on a wild run by the breaking of the king-pin of the wagon, Louise S., owned by Charles H. Simpson, plunged over a thirty-foot embankment on Water street, today and was so badly injured she had to be killed. The mare held the New England record of 1.11.34 as a two-year-old and her three-year-old mark was 2.19.14. She was by Nelson's Wilkes, dam, Maud H., 2.19.14, and considered one of the most valuable race or brood mares in Maine. Mr. Simpson refused \$2,500 for her when she was two years old.

JEFF TO START
HIS TRAINING
IN MEXICO

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Jeffries will start training in Mexico. This was announced by Sam Berger, manager of the retired champion as he spent a few minutes between special trains in this city.
Jeffries, who said some time ago that he would begin his training work near his home in the mountains, has changed his mind. He will go to Mexico and do two or three weeks of rough work in Mazatlan. He probably will be accompanied by but two or three persons who will endeavor to get back as much of his old-time strength as possible while hunting and fishing in the country south of the Rio Grande.

Jeffries was looking well when he passed through here. He showed the strain of the one night stands in his face, but had lost much of his superfluous flesh he carried a few months ago. He used the few minutes he had in Chicago to pay a short visit to his wife, who is recovering from a severe illness at the Michigan Reese Hospital. She will not be able to rejoin the show troupe, but will be moved to her home in Los Angeles as soon as she is able to travel.

Gotch says: "All Jeff needs is plenty of good hard work and he will go into the ring in fine fettle. The other day we wrestled for a half-hour, and he finished fully as strong as I did. Of course he is not finished grappler, but he gave me a hard battle. I was forced to use the Graco-Roman style of wrestling because he is so strong. He showed how great his strength is, because he knows little of the wrestling game."

TRURO WINS
OUT FROM
NEW GLASGOW

Special to The Standard.
New Glasgow, N. S., Jan. 24.—The first meeting of the New Glasgow and Truro hockey teams in the arena, was owing to the heavy condition of the ice rather a poor contest as neither side were able to put up anything resembling a fast game. A few minutes after the teams were lined up the Truro team secured a goal which proved to be the only score of the game and gave the visitors the match, the teams had their regular men on and there were an extremely tight hot when the game was concluded. The referee was Campbell of Antigonish.

BANKERS TO
MIX AGAIN
IN HOCKEY

The Bank of Nova Scotia and the Montreal-Union seppettes are scheduled to clash in the Bankers' Hockey League, tomorrow evening, at the Queens Rink. Considerable rivalry exists between the teams and if there is good ice some fun is expected.

JEFF PLEASED.
Salt Lake City, Jan. 24.—The possibility that there may be the best battle ground, added interest to the sights of Salt Lake City when James J. Jeffries looked at them today on a quiet ramble. He was impressed, he admitted, by the offer of a summer cottage in Parleys Canon as training quarters. "If the fight is to be held here," said the big pugilist, "and the place is as it has been described to me, it would be an ideal spot to train." The "Canon Cottages," 6,000 feet above the sea, is 2,000 feet higher than the salt air amphitheatre, in which it is proposed to hold the contest. The surroundings are wild and rugged.

Jeffries has a problem to solve in Boston. He made a name for himself last season as manager of the Boston Americans, but because of a difference over salary he was released outright by President John I. Taylor, who declared that Lake was not the man who deserved credit for the excellent showing of the Red Sox. Lake in accepting the management of the Hub Nationals, saw a chance to redeem himself, but he will begin with a talented team and will have to build it up gradually. As first class ball players are not to be had for the asking, Lake will have to be satisfied with his present layout which means that Boston fans do not expect him to accomplish wonders in a single season.

Roger Bresnahan will again pilot the St. Louis Cardinals and he has hopes. He brought out some clever young players last season and for a time the Cardinals cut an important figure, but stamina was lacking and when the campaign ended St. Louis fans did not handle Roger with kid gloves. Clark Griffith, the Old Fox, expects to have a very fast team in Cincinnati. He laid the foundations last year and finished so well up in the race that the fans of Redland are looking for greater achievements.

WILL PLAY IN
166 GAME
SCHEDULE

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 24.—The National League playing season will be based on a schedule of 168 games and on other lines and points as the committee of the American and National League is working, although its labors were not completed today. Another session will be held tomorrow.

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