

# Live Gossip Of The Sporting World

## THE Y.M.C.A. BASKET BALL ARRANGEMENT

On New Year's evening basketball will be the feature at the Y.M.C.A. Gym. The big game between the Technical College of Halifax and the Y.M.C.A. Senior Team will be the main attraction. The Y.M.C.A. team will be picked from the following: Willet, Thorne, Brown, Burton, Ryan, Knodell and McDonald. The forwards will probably be Thorne and Willet. These players are both last year's men and are in good condition. At centre Knodell will probably take the place of last year's centre, M. Lath. He is a spare man and Latham dropping out is entitled to that position. For guards Burton will no doubt be chosen and the other will be between Brown and Ryan. Both of these men are showing up well and it is likely they will each be tried out on New Year's night. McDonald will be ready in case of any accident and may also be used if any of the other players are not working right. Practices are being held three nights a week and before New Year's the team will be in good condition to meet the best in the game. The Technical College team will be chosen from the following men: Janney, Creighton, Morrison, Munro, Mahan, Freeman, Spence and Williams. Creighton plays centre for the visitors and is considered their star man. His shooting ability is well known and he is able to make a basket from any position on the floor. James is their star defence man and combination with Creighton will be a feature of the game.

Last year Technical College trimmed U.N.B. 27 to 17, and were considered champions of Nova Scotia. Two games of basketball will be played before this game, the first between High School and the Intermediate and the second between two ladies' teams. The Y.M.C.A. young ladies' league of four teams is representing Carleton.

## AN OLD TIMER WRITING FROM NOTE BOOK GIVES SOME INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

An old timer writing of sport says: The last semblance of a chance for International sport next year faded away when it was decided to pass up the Royal Henley regatta. Started in 1839 and adopted by the Amateur Rowing Association of England, this great aquatic festival has been held without a break every year since. With many likely rowing men at the front and innumerable families in mourning it is difficult to see how any other course could be pursued than to cancel the world-famous event. With it will probably pass the Oxford and Cambridge race, the Wingfield Sculls Competition, the Marlow Regatta, the Metropolitan Amateur Regatta, and other affairs of a like kind. The first Oxford and Cambridge race was rowed at Henley in 1829. Seven years elapsed before another race was rowed between the two Universities, and then the course was from Westminster to Putney. In 1845 the route was again changed to from Putney to Mortlake. In 1847, 1848, and 1853, there was no race. In 1849 there were two races, one on March 20th, Cambridge won, but the other on December 15th was awarded to Oxford on a foul. Both were rowed from Putney to Mortlake, which has been annual ever since, except in 1856 and 1863, when the order of the going was reversed to Mortlake to Putney. Of the seventy-one races that have taken place, thirty-nine have been won by Oxford and thirty-one by Cambridge, including this year's. One that of 1877, was declared a dead heat, the umpire, an old man of the name of Phelps, who had acted for years but never figured again, exclaiming, "Dead heat by six feet." As a matter of fact, Oxford should have had the verdict.

Henley regatta is fairly entitled to the term "Royal" which has been granted to it by special charter, for it has been frequently honored by the patronage of royalty. Probably every body who enjoyed the privilege of being there will agree that there never could have been a sayer and more charming scene than was presented

on the third day of the gathering in 1887, the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of the late Queen Victoria. Right Hon. W. H. Smith, First Lord of the Admiralty, and the original Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., was the particular host of the occasion, having for guests the Prince (King Edward VII.) and Princess of Wales, the Kings of Denmark and Greece, and a flock of princes and princesses, including our present King and Victoria, Sophie and Margaret of Prussia, daughters of Frederick the Noble and the Princess Royal of England, and sisters of the Man of Blood of today. It is safe to say that neither before nor since has there been such a jam on the river and so brilliantly animated and varicolored a picture displayed or so much enthusiasm shown. A forest of flags "blasted or uplifted" was to be seen the length and breadth of the river, while thousands of voices cheered in unison and hats, handkerchiefs, parasols and flags waved, as a lady expressedly but rather inaptly remarked, "in torrents." Perhaps she hesitated to say "clouds" because of the bright sunshine. There were no Canadian competitors on that occasion, nor, as far as I can remember, any foreign entries. Guy Nickalls, from Magdalen College, Oxford, made his first bid for the Diamonds, but after winning three preliminary heats fouled a boat and lost to J. C. Gardner, whom he subsequently beat for the Wingfield Sculls. Guy, however, won the regatta in 1888, 1889, 1890, 1893, and 1894, defeating J. J. Ryan of Toronto, in the best-remembered year.

Ryan, the gentleman spoken of in the last paragraph, was in the service of the Ontario Government. With "Jim" Leung of London he shares the honor of having four times won the Canadian amateur rowing championship, and twice the National championship of the United States. He was an intensely nervous man and a friend of mine "who saw the race at Henley told me he undoubtedly lost by continuously looking around to watch his opponent, the redoubtable

Guy Nickalls, a quadruple winner of the Diamonds. At the same regatta Joseph Wright, a fellow member at the time of the Toronto Rowing Club, was beaten by Vivian Nickalls. Both brothers rowed off in the final and Guy won. Montreal has never to my knowledge been represented at Henley, but Lon. Scholes won the Diamonds for the P. R. C. in 1904 and the same gentleman's brother, John L. won the featherweight boxing championship of Great Britain in 1899. Both are sons of John F. Scholes, whom "Jem" Mace declared was the best amateur boxer in America, and who had a bout when fifty years old with Charlie Mitchell, half his age and champion of England. John F. has practiced pretty well every sport in his time and has excelled at boxing, rowing, shooting, running, lacrosse, quoits and snowshoeing, in all of which he has been in the championship class.

Now at over three-score and ten he could put many a pretentious younger man to sleep, and is undoubtedly the champion all-round man of his age. The Argonauts, since 1855, when they made their first essay, have been to Henley half a dozen years, but without material success, although they have won several heats and beaten the several times visitors, the Club Nautique de Gant of Belgium. Winnipeg has twice been over, winning the Steward Cup in 1904 and being beaten this year by Harvard, first American winners of the Grand Challenge Cup. Ottawa sent crews over in 1911, beat the Belgians in the eight, but losing to Magdalen, who won the final in the fastest time on record for the mile and 550 yards, namely, 7m. 2s.

I wonder if, when Freddie Welch outpointed Willie Ritchie in the twenty-round go on the Olympic on July 7th, the English realized that the latter's real name was Steffen and that his forebears were German, there would have been any greater enthusiasm over the result than there was. What a mob another meeting between the two would attract!

## TORONTO'S FIRE LOSS BIG FOR THIS YEAR

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Toronto's fire loss this year will be far higher than it has been for some time.

Only twice since 1886 has there been a greater loss than this year. In 1904, the big fire boosted the total to over \$10,000,000, while in 1895 the year of the Globe fire, the loss was \$1,817,000.

This year already the loss is \$1,284,634, while the number of fires was 2,652.

## WANTS TO DRIVE MOTO AMBULANCE IN FRANCE

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—Miss Kathleen Dunsmuir, youngest daughter of James Dunsmuir, former premier of British Columbia, who sold his coal mines to Mackenzie & Mann for eleven million dollars, has decided to serve her country at the front. She left yesterday for London where she will take a course in ambulance work.

She is an experienced motor car driver, and is particularly anxious to drive a motor ambulance in France.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

(From Beck's Weekly, Montreal)

A diamond necklace, set in platinum, makes a very pretty and acceptable little gift. They may be obtained in many designs and at several prices.

For a husband a silver tea service or an Irish crochet table cover would be appropriate.

For a wife a rosewood humidifier or a smoker's set is considered a nice present.

If one has a number of friends one wishes to remember, but for whom one finds it difficult to select suitable presents, one may purchase a number of seven-passenger cars at almost any garage and mail them, decorated with sprigs of holly, so that they will reach one's friends on Christmas morning.

These make novel substitutes for the somewhat commonplace greeting card and are quite inexpensive. For a diamond pendant for one's fiancée it will be purchase one that will taste as well as look like a diamond.

## NO AGREEMENT BY ENGLAND TO REFRAIN FROM SEARCHING SHIPS FROM U.S. PORTS

London, Dec. 21.—It can be stated positively that no definite agreement has been reached whereby England will refrain from searching ships which leave American ports with statements from English consuls that they are carrying no contraband. England is willing to accept such statements in cases in which there is no reason to believe that the cargoes may have been augmented at sea. The long negotiations between England and America, however, have resulted in no positive agreement or understanding between the two countries.

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## LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

**FIVE MEN LEAGUE.**

In the Five Men League on the Victoria Alloys last night No. 1 team took three points from No. 4 team. By taking these three points No. 1 takes first place in the first series. It was a hard fought game throughout. No. 1 team only a lead of five pins at the beginning of the third string. Covey and Howard were not bowling in usual form. McIlveen and Sullivan starred for No. 1 while Riley and Duffey were the stars for No. 4 team. A large crowd of bowling fans were present and great enthusiasm prevailed. The scores were as follows:

No. 1 Team.	
McIlveen	83 96 105 284 94 2-3
Covey	87 96 92 275 91 2-3
Gambin	81 95 95 271 90 1-3
Harrison	86 100 90 276 92
Sullivan	98 92 101 291 97
435 479 483 1397	

No. 4 Team.	
Duffey	91 110 89 290 96 2-3
Covey	82 84 81 247 82 1-3
Riley	106 93 96 295 98 1-3
Howard	87 83 93 262 87 1-3
Kelly	84 90 95 269 89 2-3
450 454 454 1363	

The afternoon roll off was won by Percy Howard with the score of 116.

**ROCKLANDS' ANNUAL.**

The Rockland Athletic Club is still a thriving organization and there was a good attendance of the members last evening in the club house on Cradle Hill when the officers for the year of 1915 were elected as follows:

John Kinsella, president.  
Roy Kelly, vice-president.  
Richard Sullivan, secretary.  
Fred Shannon, treasurer.  
Louis McIlveen and R. Gleason were elected members of the club. It was decided that the club hold a banquet in their rooms on the 28th.

## \$25,000 IF FRANK GOTCH WILL MEET WHITE'S "MYSTERY" WRESTLER

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Ed. White, local wrestling promoter and manager, returned from the East yesterday, and announced that he signed up a heavyweight wrestler, who he claims is one of the world's best. White refuses to disclose his champion's identity, at this time, for fear some of the topnotchers will refuse to meet him, but offers to back his man against any of the title claimants up to \$5,000.

"I am confident that I have a great wrestler and am ready to back up my claim with real money," said White. "I will absolutely refuse to announce my man's name or nationality and challenge all American and European heavyweights now in this

country, and I only hope that Jack Herman, who is the champion of the world, will be able to get away from the war zone and come here this season to see. Should the Pole be unable to come over, I have a syndicate of promoters who will offer \$25,000, win, lose or draw, to come out of retirement and give my man a chance to fight him for the title. To prove my man's ability, I am ready to match him against Roller, American, Westergard, Ordeman or Hussane, on a winner-take-all basis and a good sized side bet. For convenience I will call my grappler "The Mystery." The man goes for Wladek Zbyszko, too, who claims the European championship."

A man called "Mystery," the great heavyweight wrestler, on whose behalf Ed White, of Chicago, his manager has challenged the world's best mat stars, and for whom White is ready to stake his bank roll against the best of them.

Who is he? What is his name? His nationality? Make a guess. Compare his photos with those of all the other great wrestlers and see if you can do it out. White is absolutely refused to give the slightest hint as to his man's identity, other than to give his weight, which is 225 pounds, and he sticks firmly to his belief that he has a wonderful grappler, who is ready to prove his ability in actual action. Another thing which makes the "Mystery" more puzzling and that promises to keep the fans guessing, is the fact that White demands that at any time his man wrestles, he must be permitted to appear just as in the pictures, completely masked. Under no other conditions will promoters be able to secure the services of the mysterious one, and in no other way can any of his prospective opponents secure a match with him.

Who is he? What are my own good reasons for insisting that my wrestler's identity remain a secret as long as possible and so has the "Mystery." Only in the event that he loses a match will I unmask him. Let the world's mat artists say and think what they please. If they have any idea that he is a lemon and I hope they do, let them accept his challenge and wrestle him. Winner take all, with a side bet, or in private, for any amount, up to \$5,000. This goes for them all. Within a few days "Mystery" will be ready to start his campaign for the world's championship. He is now training privately with a few of his close friends and reports from his quarters, are that he is rounding into great condition.

## LEGAL BATTLE PROBABLE OVER WALT. JOHNSON

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Charles Weegman, president of the Chicago Federals, today announced that he had to his counsel submitted the case of Walter Johnson, star pitcher, who on Saturday signed up with Old team, the Washingtons, after having recently accepted a contract with the Chicago Federals.

"Walter Johnson will play with the Chicago Federals next year, or not at all," said Weegman.

"I have laid the case before counsel and we will fight it to the United States Supreme Court before we will give up."

## COMISKY AND GRIFFITHS FAIL TO AGREE

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Clark Griffiths, manager of the Washington Americans, left for the capital today after a conference with C. A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago Americans. Griffiths declared that there was no chance of a trade with Comiskey and that the conference had resulted in no agreement.

**THE THISTLE CLUB.**

A meeting of the members of the Thistle Curling Club was held in the rink last night for the purpose of making arrangements for the coming programme of curling in the rink on Christmas day, also for the match between the President and the Vice-President.

## Apple Salad

Chop one-half pound of cold veal or lean pork and two large tart apples; add two chopped pickles, one teaspoonful of olive oil, one tablespoonful of vinegar, season with salt and pepper and mix with mayonnaise dressing.

## Jeff Says: "All Bugs Are Not In The Bughouse"

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