MARYLAND IS STORM CENTRE OF RACING

Track Promoters Are Horning-in and Horning-Out of Baltimore -Sporting Gossip.

My Maryland is now the storm centre of the racing interests. The promoters are horning in and horning out. They have troubles at home, but, according to reports in this headquarters of the C. R. A., they are progressing favorably with their second mile course to serve the citizens of Toronto.

Driven from many other states by anti-betting statutes, racing men have turned in droves to Maryland, says the despatch, and the result has been long racing sea-sons, both spring and fall, which have reaped rich harvests for stockholders of several tracks. And in turn the Mary-landers have gone to Canada, where their efforts will be watched with interest.

Facts concerning an additional racing track in Maryland have just leaked out; that application was made to the state tax commission on Dec. 12 last for approval of an amendment to an old driving association charter, which would enable the backers of the new track to issue capital stock of \$350,000. This application has not yet been considered by the commission, and a letter was received from a Baltimore attorney asking for the right to appear and protest against the granting of such an amendment, should an application be filed.

The application for an amendment was made in the name of the East Baltimore Driving Association of Baltimore County, in which several Baltimore men are interested. This association has been virtually defunct for some years, but its charter was never relinquished.

Under the Baltimore County racing Under the Baltimore County racing law, new charters cannot be granted to any persons desiring to establish new racing plants in the county, and hence it became necessary for the track backers to obtain an old charter. The East Baltimore Association charter was secured, but was inadequate, as it falled to provide for the issuance of any capital stock. Hence the application for the amendment to issue \$350,000 of stock. Pending action by the commission, they refuse to divulge the name of the attorney, who, it is believed, is acting for other established racing interests in Maryland, and who are litterly opposing the operating of a new racing plant there.

Tex Rickard is still busy trying to get Georges Carpentier out of the French army to come over and fight Jess Wil-lard.

Speaking of contests there was a municipal clash in a little Oregon town between husband and wife. They ran for mayor, and the mar came out second best. Speaking of the incident a western writer said: The Umatilla, Ore, woman who defeated her husband for rayor of the town is preparing to take office. The papers don't say, but you know who wears 'em in that household.

That Ty Colb, only 30 years old on this, his birthday, has come to be regarded as an old man in his profession, and was a subject of speculation, this past season, as to whether or not he had started over the hill that they all go down in time, shows how youth will be served in baseball. Still Cobb batted like himself again and morely failed to overhaul Speaker last season.

Cobb has one record that has been duplicated by very few batsmen in the history of the sport. He has played in approximately 1760 games. And only once, and then when he still was a green youngster, has it been necessary to send anybody to his assistance when a batting rally was started. Freddle Payne, who always could murder left-handers, took Cobb's place against Doc White one day in 1905 or 1906. At that time White was poison to Cobb. But before the southpaw got out of the league the Georgian had maced nim for a grand batting mark of .335.

On one occasion a batter hit in place of Cobb. But that was after he had established his reputation, and the substitute was not really a pinch hitter. Detroit went into its ninth inning five or six runs behind, and with little hope, as the opposing pitcher was going well. Cobb had batted in the eighth, so there seemed to be no chance to hit again, and he went to the showers. A railly started. The umpires, of course, wouldn't wait for Tyrus, so Mullin batted in his place. Sam Crawford once made the same mistake that Tyrus did, but the Wahoo man, hearing the din of battle, got back to the diamond quickly enough



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McTigue to the Cubs

President McCaffery yesterday completed a deal with Fred Mitchell, the old Toronto player and now manager of the Chicagos, whereby Lefty McTigue goes to the Cubs for players and cash up to a number and amount which the president refused to mention. Detroit took McTigue last summer and turned him back. The Cubs drafted him and then withdrew. Now in a day Toronto and Chicago completed the deal.

to take his time at hat and to crack one that broke up the ball game.

Seventy-six members of the Calgary Golf Club have enlisted, 49 of which have obtained commissions. This is con-sidered to be a record for any golf club bership of tife club. Three members of the club have been killed in action, one died of wounds, viz., Major Stanley L. Jones, and 14 have been wounded. Al of the wounded are commissioned officers with the exception of one.

Cobb has a fine home in Augusta, and is also the owner of a highly profitable Georgia plantation. He spent one win ter in Detroit, but that was a-plenty.



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BASKETBALL

CAMPINE MINIME

The City Playgrounds basketball leagues are all running smoothly. In the intermediate McCormick have won all the games in the first round, but both Osler and St. Andrews are strong and may turn the trck in the second round. In the junior and juvenile leagues the winning teams are hard to pick, as all wins are by narrow margins. Standing to date: Intermediate League,
Won. Lost.

McCormick Osler St. Andrews East Riverdale

Junior League.
—West.— Won. Lost. McCormick -East.- 0 Won. Lost. Juvenile League. Carlton Park Carlton Park
St. Andrews
Osler
—East.— Won. Lost. Moss Park 1 O'Neill Elizabeth

In one of the most interesting and exciting games yet played in the Intermediate Playground Basketball League, McCormick defeated Osler on Monday night. The two teams were very evenly matched, the result being in doubt right up till the final whistle, McCormick at the finish being ahead by one point. Following are the teams: lowing are the teams:

McCormick (19)—McMann, Reeves, forwards; Cook, centre; Linton, Talbot, de-Osler (18)—Handy, Crawford, forwards: Phillips, centre; Badstone, Smith, de.

SHOULD JOIN THE O. H. A.

Brockville, Dec. 19.—The Eastern Ontario Hockey League composed of Perth, Smith's Falls, the 249th Battalion of Renfrew, the Brockville and the 230th Battalion of this town, is seeking affiliation with the Eastern Canada Association, which controls the lower Quebec and the lower and upper Ottawa Valley leagues. Heretofore the Eastern Ontario League has been operated as a purely independent organization; now it desires to widen its scope and go after more extensive honors at the close of the scason. It is thought membership in the Eastern Canada Association will be granted. The Renfrew soldiers are newcomers in the eastern league, replacing Kingston, which dropped out. This move necessitated a rearrangement of the schedule.

KENORA SKIPS.

The following are the skips appointed by the Kenora Curling Club: Lowry Johnson, J. Johnson, Canon Gibson, H. E. Hook, R. W. Ferrier, R. Strain, H. E. Armstrong, James Ronan. Geo. Henderson, J. C. Baxter, Geo. W. Smith, Robt. Rose, J. J. Horn, S. Ornerheim, Rev. W. J. MacQuarrie, Rupert H. Mcore, W. McLoughlin, F. Witts, L. Ard, A. McKay and J. Neale.

AMATEURS PERFORM FIRST TIME TONIGHT

Riversides and Dents in Exhibition Games-Pro. Officials Are Announced.

The exhibition game at the Arena tonight between Riversides, last year's
champions, and the Dentals, should attract a splendid crowd. There will be
many attend to see how the champions
have filled the gap left by Applegath,
Crane and Noble on the forward line.
It will also be the initial appearance of the
Dentals, who are being counted upon to
go a long way this winter in the race for
the O. H. A. senfor title.

President Robinson, of the N. H. A., has appointed the following officials for the coming season:

Quebec—Referee, Cooper Smeaton; timekeeper, Jos. Bussieres; penalty recorder, Sam Murphy; scorer, W. J. Sharpe; umpires, Nap Belieau and Dr. D. Leclerc.

Ottiwa—Referee, Cooper Smeaton; timekeeper, J. M. Walker; penalty recorder, F. M. Dennenay; scorer, W. M. Tackaberry; umpires, D. Finn and J. Wallace.

Wallace.
Toronto—Referee, Dr. W. G. Wcod; timekeeper, J. D. Bailey; penalty recorder, R. Kearns; scorer, E. Upthegrove; umpires, C. Hoerner and C. Bevis.
Montreal—Referee, H. Pulford; timekeeper, T. Emmett Quinn; penalty recorder, A. Laberge; scorer, E. W. Ferguson; umpires, J. Lowe and J. Brengush.

The following are the Northern League

groupings:

—Senior Series.

First—Chesley, Owen Sound, and probably Wiarton. Cavell of Chesley, convenor.

Second—St. Mary's and Seaforth. O. W. Dick. Seaforth, convenor.

Third—149th Battalion (London), 118th Battalion (London), 153rd Battalion of Wellington (St. Thomas). W. H. Rhodes, London, convenor.

Fourth—Ripley, bye.

Fifth—Palmerstone, bye (five men enlisted).

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Sixth—Tillsonburg and Dunnville. W.

A. Fry, Dunnville, convenor.

—Junior Series.—

First—Seaforth and Stratford. O. W.

Dick convenor. Seaforth. Dick, convenor. Seaforth.
Second—Sarnia and London A.A.A. W.
H. Rhodes of London, convenor.
All schedules to be given to W. H.
Rhodes, London, by Saturtey, Dec. 23.

An Ottawa hockey expert predicts that George Boucher will be the leading scorer in the Ottawa team this season. Long residence in the capital tends to make men cynical.

Harriston despatch says: Altho Harriston will not be represented in Northern or any other league this season, this old hockey town will be on the map with a team which will put to shame the remainder of the regular team, which has not donned the khaki, and will be composed of the following players: M. S. Copeland, James Prentice, Thos. Young, Thos. Moncrieff, John Reeves, Mack Yeo. W. Crosby, Joseph Grisch, G. Simmermacker, John Wright, John Manser and T. Nelson.

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They are seek'ng exhibition games.

The Preston sends the following: The Preston Arena opened its doors this afternoon, and the first hockey practice of the year was held by the 122nd Battallon, now stationed at Galt. The soldiers are members of the O.H.A., and grouped in the intermediate series along with Preston and other teams of this district. They had a good workout, disclosing some very good material. The local intermediates thirty-sixth hour, eleven of the season at the Arena Dec. 18. The bunch are fast the Arena Dec. 18. T

renier—have enlisted with the 122nd, and will be found on the hockey line-up.

O.H.A. HOCKEY TONIGHT.

Tonight at the Arena the hockey fans will have their first chance to look over two of the teams that are expected to either reach the O.H.A. semi-finals or be up close at the finish. Dentals are a new team in the association this season, but they are looked after by the celebrated Jerry Laflamme of St. Michael's fame, and are an aggregation of real players, including Sheldon of Aura Lee. Stewart brothers of last year's Argonauts and Milan and Box of Kingston. Riversides, champions, are well known and are sure to line-up a good team. The prices are popular, 25c and 50c, with only boxes and rail seats reserved, while after the game skating will be held. During the rest of the week skating will be the attraction on Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoon, with a military band in attendance.

Kaiser in 1915. The leaders had covered 730 miles 7 laps, with the other two teams one lap behind.

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U. S. Soccer President Withdraws Resignation

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The delegates,

The delegates, representing eighteen national districts, unanimously gave a vote of confidence to President John A. Fernley, of Pawtucket, R.I., and induced him to willidraw his resignation which he had tendered in October. The New Jersey State Football Association was admitted to membership. w. W. Davis of the North Texas league, recently admitted, was sected as a delegate. A purse was authorized for Dietrichsen of St. Louis, who was injured while playing with the American team at Christiania on its recent trip.

Aura Lee had two full teams out last

Sporting Notices

Notices of any character relating to future events, where an admis-sion fee is charged, are inserted in lines).

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NAPS AND CHAMPIONS

MAY PLAY IN EAST Chicago, Dec. 19 .-- It is possible that the Chicago, Dec. 19.—It is possible that the Boston and Cleveland Americans will play an exhibition game at St. John, N.B., next summer, Joe Perge of Montreat, who acts as scout for Comiskey and who attended the meeting here, is trying to arrange such a game as a war benefit. Page put the proposition up to Jim Dunn, the Cleveland chief, and the latter readily consented. It is now up to Harry Frazee to permit the Bostom team to make the trip. Page thinks the game, which is planned for Sunday, would draw a gate of \$25,000.



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