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The Great Grab Game Proceeds.

Some wonder was expressed, a few days ago, that Russia should complacently receive the intelligence that Germany had seized a most advantageous district of China, and had expressed the intention of establishing a harbor and fort on its seaboard. It may happen that "our good and faithful cousin" of Russia knew all the time that "our good and faithful cousin" of Germany intended thus to establish his kingdom on the shores of the Celestial land. Russia was reported in our cablegrams of Saturday as having taken actual possession of Port Arthur, a stronghold at the extremity of the Liao-Tong Peninsula, which has practically been in the hands of the Czar's officials for a considerable time past. Previous to the war between China and Japan, Port Arthur was the largest naval station possessed by the Chinese, and was strongly fortified. There was a naval dockyard there, built by the French company; a large refitting basin with a depth of 25 feet at low water; spacious wharves and quays; two docks, one 400 feet long, and facilities for repairing ships of all sizes, from ironclads to torpedo boats. The foundries and workshops were constructed on the most improved models and contained the best modern machinery. Japan was very anxious to retain control of Port Arthur permanently, but Russia strongly objected; the Japs backed out, and the Russian officers immediately began the reconstruction of the docks and forts which had been destroyed by the Japanese. Russia's great anxiety to control Port Arthur is because its harbor is free from ice all winter, which is not the case with Vladivostock, the present headquarters of the Russian fleet in the far east. It is proposed to connect Port Arthur with the Russian railroad now being built through Manchuria, which, in time, will connect with the great trans-Siberian railroad. It need surprise no one to find that Russia has obtained Germany's indorsation to this latest grab of Chinese territory in exchange for the Czar's passive attitude towards Germany's seizure of a portion of the same historic land. But where do Great Britain and Japan come in? They, too, will doubtless help themselves to a slice of the pie as opportunity offers.

Those Unfounded Charges.

It turns out that there was no ground whatsoever for the charge of fraud made in the editorial columns of our city contemporary the Free Press against the mayor and aldermen of London. The accusation was that a number of words had been fraudulently introduced into the hospital bylaw while it was passing through the Council. Draft bylaws, it is well known, are of little account till they are placed before the aldermen and duly read. Bylaws obtain their validity only when they are dealt with in open council, and are passed the requisite number of readings. Now it so happens, as the aldermen, civic officials and reporters can testify, that the hospital bylaw was read twice by the city clerk as it now stands. The bylaw was unanimously indorsed by the aldermen, no one moving that any alteration be made. There is no more ground for the charge that the bylaw was fraudulently altered in the Council than there is for the accusations, also printed in our contemporary's editorial columns, against the hospital and its management.

Financial Criticism Discounted.

The Toronto Telegram is generally found in opposition to the Liberal party—its proprietor is a Conservative M. P.—therefore the annexed extract from its editorial columns is of considerable interest at this time:

"The financial critics of the Opposition may go through the motions of an attack on the financial and administrative records of the Ontario Government. But their speeches are not likely to alter the general public belief that the record of the Liberal party in Ontario in these respects is on the whole creditable. It is as truly the duty of honest journalism to praise the good work of a party as to condemn its evil deeds. The resources of Ontario have been on the whole wisely handled. The revenues of the Province of Ontario have been fairly distributed, and in its expenditures there has been a consistent endeavor to secure efficiency in results without extravagance in outlay. It would be good tactics for the Conservatives to try and prove that they would do as well or better than the Grits have done in handling the public resources or spending the public money."

MR. B. B. OSLER WEDS.

Eminent Barrister Married in Hamilton to Miss Ramsay.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—Mr. B. B. Osler, Q.C., Canada's leading lawyer, was married very quietly Saturday afternoon at Dunedin, the residence of Mr. A. G. Ramsay, president of the Canada Life Assurance Company, to his eldest daughter, Miss Lillian Ramsay. Bishop Dumoulin officiated.

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Yeoman's Weather Strips stop that draught

The Sporting World.

Annual Meeting of the Rugby Union of Canada.

A Number of Changes in the Playing Rules.

Indoor Bicycle Records Smashed at Milwaukee—Other Sporting Matters.

FOOTBALL.

CHANGES IN THE RUGBY RULES.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Rugby Union took place here on Saturday, and an unusual number of important changes in the rules were made. In future it will not be necessary to touch the ball down in order to secure a try. Whenever a man can cross the opponents' line with the ball it will count a try, whether he touches it down or is only fairly held. The playing time is reduced to two halves of 30 minutes each. Only one official time-keeper will be allowed. He will be appointed by the referee, and will be a member of neither club. Clause C of rule 9 is abolished, and the ball will have to be thrown in from touch instead of being scrimmaged at the option of the captain, and a player can make a free kick with any portion of his foot instead of with the heel only.

Mr. E. Bailey moved the insertion in the definition of an amateur of the words "or received any money or its equivalent directly or indirectly for his services." This was carried.

A motion by Mr. Claxton that the playing time be reduced to one hour's actual play was carried. The question of time-keepers then came up, and it was decided that one time-keeper only is to be official, and not a member of either club, to be appointed by the referee.

Mr. Bailey also moved that a goal from a flying kick should not count, and this was agreed to.

It was voted that a try should be secured whether a man of the attacking side crossed his own opponents' line with the ball, whether he touches it down or was fairly held.

Rule 9, respecting the ball going into touch, was amended by striking out cause C, and taking away the privilege of scrimmaging the ball from five to fifteen yards in. The ball must now be thrown in from touch.

Rule 11, regarding place kicks from tries, was amended by the addition that the goal should not be disallowed through the placer being off-side or in touch.

Rule 12, respecting fair catches and free kicks, was amended to read that the player can claim a free kick if he makes a mark with any part of his foot and does not attempt to run after forwards. Gleeson wished the player to be compelled to take his kick if he had once made his mark. He held that this would save the catcher from injury, since his opponents would not charge him to prevent hiis exercising his present option of running if he were obliged to take his kick.

Rule 13 was amended to read that the kicker, in case of a try at goal, should have his kick over again if improperly charged, if he claims it.

In rule 17 the word "shall" in the provision that the referee "shall report an offending player to the union," was changed to "may report."

This ended the alterations in the rules, and the delegates proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, as follows: E. Bailey, Toronto, president; J. Savage, Montreal, vice-president; R. G. Fitzgibbon, honorary secretary.

WHEEL.

SPOKES.

London, Dec. 18.—"Choppy" Warburton, the trainer of Jimmy Michael, the Welsh bicycle rider, is dead.

RECORD-BREAKING.

Two indoor bicycle records were broken at the exposition building in Milwaukee Saturday on a seven-lap track, Walter C. Sanger going a half-mile, unpaced, in 1:00 3-5, the previous record being 1:01 1-5. Henry Kanaska went a mile, paced by two tandems, in 1:58 2-5, the former mark being 1:58½.

CURLING.

MEETING OF THE O. C. A.

At a meeting of the executive of the O. C. A. in Toronto, it was decided to have the match between the patrons and office-bearers of the O. C. A. vs. six rinks of Toronto curlers this month owing to the presence of his excellency in Toronto, if weather permits. A silver cup will be awarded to the club winning the consolation contest of the final for the Ontario tankard.

WATER POLO.

The following water polo captains have been chosen among the junior Y. M. C. A.: Jack Dewar, Frank White, Jack Ferguson, Victor Kent, Charles Williams, Herman Schaef, Jack Mattinson and Harry Haynes. The different teams will be chosen this week and a series of games will be played.

ATHLETICS.

A KNOCK-OUT.

New York, Dec. 20.—"Jack" Downey, of Brooklyn, practically knocked out "Larry" Becker, of Bayonne, N. J., in the sixteenth round at the Polo A. C. Saturday night. Just after the gong sounded, Downey landed a stiff hand punch on the jaw, sending Becker reeling toward the ropes. Frank Abahall, the referee, caught him in his arms, or he would have fallen to the floor. Becker, when he recovered, made a wild effort to continue, but he was restrained.

CHECKERS.

CUP RETURNED.

The handsome silver cup presented by Hiram Walker & Sons as a checker championship trophy has been returned to their keeping. The Windsor Checker Club neglected to pay Robert McLaurin, the winner of the Canadian championship, the $50 he had been guaranteed, whereupon Mr. Robins suggested to D. H. Bedford, the president of the club, that the cup be returned.

Fateful Flames.

Six Lives Lost in a Burning Building.

Almost a Holocaust at Walkerville—Mother and Children Badly Burned.

Windsor, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Wm. Peters, of Lincoln avenue, Walkerville, was horribly burned on Saturday and now lies at the Hotel Dieu in a serious condition. She went to the kitchen in her nightrobe to start the fire. She used some corncobs, but as these did not ignite she took the coal-oil can and poured some of the contents on the flames. Immediately an explosion followed, and the flames set fire to her nightdress. Her screams brought her two little girls, aged 5 and 7 years, to the kitchen. They at once made an attempt to extinguish the blaze, and as a result were painfully burned, but they did not succeed in giving their mother any relief. Her cries aroused the neighbors and the fire department was called out, as the house commenced to burn. Mr. Peters had left for work about fifteen minutes before, and Mrs. Peters has not been able to tell anything about it. Her hair was burned off, and hardly a square inch of her body but is badly burned. She was also burned internally from inhaling the flames.

Holyoke, Mass., Dec. 20.—Two lives were lost by the explosion of a gasoline stove in this city today. Miss Amelia Koegel, 35 years old, attempted to light the stove, when there was an explosion. She picked up a 2-year-old child named Alfred Kennell, who was in the house, and tried to escape, but got into the pantry and was cut off by the flames. Both were suffocated.

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JOCOB J. KAPPLER,

April 10, 1897.

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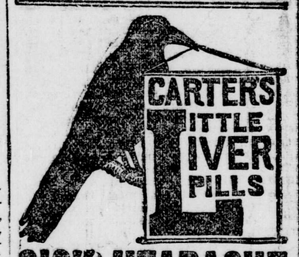

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