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THE SPORT-LIGHT

By Grantland Rice.

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AN ALL-TME ALL-STAR TEAM.

From the reign of A. G. Spaulding, back around 1875, to the present reign of Grover Cleveland Alexander and Walter Johnson, the mighty parade of brilliant pitchers would almost extend around the world, A. G. Spaulding, John Ward, Larry Corcoran, Charley Radbourn, John

Waddell, Christy Mathewson, Miner Brown, Addie Joss, Ed Welsh-the array is In the matter of physical stamina, Cy Young has outclassed the field. Cy

won more games than almost any others ever pitched. But Cy's main record was in the way of endurance plus physical skill. He was about to carry forward 22 years.

THE FIRST LUMINARY. For all the pitching mixtures and ingredients, stamina, steadiness, brilliancy, brains, control, speed, curves, coolness, courage, it is generally agreed weight champions, died seven year that no man has ever yet surpassed Christy Mathewson.

a pitcher could use As a youngster he beat the Pittsburg Pirates, then champions, seven times

Later on, in his first world series, he pitched three successive shutouts-27 innings of runless ball against a hard-hitting array. There have been others who had more speed, although Mathewson had his

But there has never been another who had more brains or as fine control,

The two stars of the present day school are Alexander and Johnson, Both are great pitchers. But neither has yet achieved a fame equal to Mathewson's. player on that instrument. Those who have starred only two or three years are not counted at all, as stamina here holds a place with brains and skill. As great as such pitchers as Clarkson and Rusie were, neither of these is

rated by the old guard above Radbourne. We put the vote to ten of the veteran observers, who had watched the big Nine of these voted for Mathewson without debate. The other thought Walter Johnson was his equal.

It may be that Alexander, with his flying star, will some day top the field. But Alex still has quite a way to go before he glides on by the ex-Giant, now leading the Reds. Hence the all-star battery stands-Mathewson and Ewing. At their best,

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SAY MACE HAD YELLOW STREAK IN HIS EARLY DAYS

But Fighter Retired Unbeate From Ring, Despite This Accusation.

Clarkson, Toad Ramsay, Tim Keefe, Bill Hoffer, Amos Rusie, Cy Young, Rube WAS SCIENTIFIC BOXE

Little Chap Won Battles b Using His Brain Against Opponent's Weight.

Mathewson's place at the top is almost unchallenged. He had everything the was then in his eightieth years of he pitcher could use

As a youngster he heat the Pittsburg Pirates, then champions seven times. champion nobody ever had occasi to question Jem's gameness, yet peared to have a well developed yell

As a boy he was a gypsy violinis traveling about from one fair to a other. Boxing was then one of t principal features of English fairs, a

keep it. Anybody could work on his sympathy, and he was champion easy mark as well as a champion boxer.

His admirers gave him a farm on which to spend his declining years, but he could not stay away from the bright lights of the city. To the last he retained his youthful fondness for the "fiddle," and he was a really good player on that instrument.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 16.—Frank A. Gotch, retired champion heavyweight wrestler of the world, died at noon today at his home, Humboldt, Iowa, of uraemic poisoning. He had been in failing health for two years.

KEEN PLAY MARKS THISTLE BONSPIEL

Following are the results of the

Thistle bonspiel on	Saturday:
Geo Detlor	J. Doldge W. H. Rath W. Anderson S. D. Swift, sk.
H. H. Rennie	W. H. Rath
R. W. Youngs	W. Anderson
R. W. Glover, sk.	S. D. Swift, sk.
Won 1, Minus 7.	Won 2. Plus 6.
T C Margrett	Thos. Baker
T. C. Margrett W. H. Rhodes	W. M. Guy
G C English	W. Turnbull
G. C. English J. C. McDonald sk	C. K. Bluett, sk.
Won 1, Minus 4.	Won 2, Plus 4.
C. Clark	R. Haskett
	W. T. Mortimer
H I McCallum .	F. L. Willgoose
G. H. Backus, sk.	P. B. Fetterly, sk.
Won 3, Minus 8.	Won 2, plus 10.
E W. Cairns	C. B. Laur
E. W. Cairns J. C. Kerr	H. Scheiding
Geo. Stark	A. E. Chapman
F P Betts, sk.	F. N. Allen, sk.
Won 0, Minus 6	Won 0, Minus 11
First	Game.
S. D. Swift, sk. 7	F. N. Allen, s.
P. B. Fetterly, s. 8	J. C. McDonald s
G. H. Backus, s. 5	R. W. Glover, s.
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F. P. Betts, s. 4	F. N. Allen, s.
Third	Game.
J. C. McDonald s 9	S. D. Swift, s.
C. K. Bluett, s 11	R. W. Glover, s.
P. B. Fetterly, s. 7	F. N. Allen, s.
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Official Averages of the National League Second and Third Basemen SECOND BASEMEN.

	Officials.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P
	Rawlings, John, Bost	96	177	290	11	478	
!	Zeider Rollie, Chic	24	51	76	3	130	
en i	Evers, John, Bost., 24; Phil., 49	73	114	210	9	333	
	Smith, James, N. Y		38	64	3	105	
	Pitler, Jake, Pitts		283	277	20	580	
	Kilduff, Peter, N. Y., 21; Chic., 5		45	66	4	115	
	Cutshaw, Geo., Brook		319	377	27	723	
	Betzel, Albert, St. L		159	217	15	391 1	
8. 9	Shean, Dave, Cinc		332	412	30	774	
ER	Miller, John, St. L		219	308	22	549	
	Doyle, Larry, Chic		300	348	33	681	
	Herzog, Charles, N. Y		251	327	32	610	
by	Nichoff, John, Phil.		203	326	31	560	
- 0	McKechnie, Wm., Cinc.		49	51	6	106	
	Bigbee, Carson, Pitts.		34	39	5	78	
	Fitzpatrick, Ed., Bost,		33	46	6	85	
	Myers, Harry, Brook.		46	52	8	106	
	Massey, W., Bost.		40	68	12	120	
	Dugey, Oscar, Phil.		27	27	8	62	
and	THIRD BASI						
ars	Groh, Henry, Cinc		178	331	18	527	
	McCarthy, Alex., Pitts.		42	39	3	84	
ear,	Deal, Charles, Chic.		151	254	18	423	
his	Myers, Harry, Brook.		14	31	2	47	
ng.	O'Rourke, Frank, Brook.		72	134	10	216	
. a	Mowrey, Harry, Brook.		73	164	12	249	
ion	Smith, Fred., St. L.		62	110	9	181	
ap-	Wagner, John, Pitts.		32	23	3	58	
low	Zimmerman, H., N. Y.		148	349	28	525	
	Stock, Milton, Phil.		132	255	24	411	
ist,	Baird, H. D., Pitts., 41; St. L., 103		166	332	32	530	
an-	- Ditte		71	116	13	200	
the			20	55	6	81	
and	Zeider, Rollie, Chic		141	264	33	438	
but			10	19	3	32	
him	Lobert, John, N. Y.		20	27	7	54	
re-	Debus, Adam, Pitts.		5	19	7	31	
-	Fitzpatrick Ed. Bost,	10	U	10		OI	

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Tom Sharkey Is Reputed To Be Richest Fighter

Has Reputation of Being the Champion Tightwad of World.

Tom Sharkey, former sailor and former heavyweight pugilist, who was once a star among the heavyweights, was born in Dundalk, Ireland, November 26, 1873.

Sharkey has the reputation of being the richest former pugilist in the world, and his pile is estimated at somewhere in the neighborhood of \$250,000. After quitting the ring, Tom started a cafe in Fourteenth street, New York. He had cleared about \$75,000 as a fighter, and it is generally believed he saved every cent of it; the sailor has the reputation of being the champion tightwad of the world.

Several years ago Sharkey got into Several years ago Sharkey got into

MADE HIGH SPEED

DURING LONG GRIND

Motorcyclists in 24-Hour En-

durance Event.

on the back stretch of the final lap. Goullet was not seriously injured and in a few minutes mounted another wheel for the third and deciding sprint, which Kramer won by fully 15 yards

HAVE BIG MAJORITY

EXPECT THOMSON TO

of the world.

Several years ago Sharkey got into trouble with the New York authorities on the ground that his emporium was not as orderly as it should be, and they sent the poor old fellow to the Tombs prison for 30 days and fined him \$500.

Tom didn't mind the 30 days so much, because that saved him from paying his own board, but the \$500 certainly did hurt. It must be said, on the other hand, at least two people have testified Tom wasn't such a penny pincher as Tom wasn't such a penny pincher as the six-day race, in a series of interesting the six-day race in the six-day race in the six-day race hand, at least two people have testified Tom wasn't such a penny pincher as he is usually supposed to be. So we'll let it go at that. As a pugillist Tom had all kinds of class. He whipped Bob Fitzsimmons and Kid Mc-Coy, and other boxers of lesser note, and fought a draw with Jim Corbett, but Jim Jeffries was just a little too much for him.

Kramer defeated Alfred Goullet, winder of the six-day race, in a series of three one-mile sprints, by taking the two sprints held last night. Goullet Kramer won the second dash easily in 3:14 2-5, his opponent's wheel slipping on the back stretch of the final lap. So Goullet was not seriously injured and in a few minutes mounted.

SARNIA, Dec. 16.—The Sarnia Curling Club has postponed the meeting for election of skips until after the Christmas holidays. This action was taken, owing to the fact that many members of the club are engaged in political work and the Christmas husiness also interfered. The club at its last meeting decided to go back to the old rule of inter-rink games, and directly after Christmas the names of members will be drawn for the interrink competitions. Ice has been made at the rink, and all members and prospective members can be sure of a game almost any night.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—In the International catch-as-catch-can wrestling tournament here last night Earl Gaddock, of Anita, Iowa, threw John Fredery, of Sweden, in 45 minutes and 15 seconds with a head, arm and body hold. Joe Rogers, of New York, threw George Maich, of Serbia, in 14:07 with a grapevine hold; Ivan Linow, of Russia. defeated John Heracle, of Wilmington, Del., in 23:15, with a forerarm nelson and reverse body hold; Yousoff Hussane defeated Fred Pilakoff Yousoff Hussane defeated Fred Pilakoff (Popular verdict of Billy Kramer of Philadelphia, in their six-round bout here last night.

PLAYERS INCENSED AT O.H.A. DECISION

STRATFORD HOCKEY

Will Demand Explanation Re garding Waterloo Men at Kitchener.

population or less may draw players from other towns. Stratford was told, from other towns. Stratford was told, therefore, that she could not expect to get any players from St. Marys or Mitchell. This would also apply to Waterloo and Kitchener. Eddie Wettlaufer of Kitchener was one of the strongest opponents of the proposed amendment at the O.H.A meeting, too. The local club feels that some explanation is due.

LUCY OWL IS AGAIN

was decided on today, and the games up through ice averaging ten inches in will commence at 1:30 on the afternoon thickness. of the 22nd. All visiting rinks will be admitted to the bonspiel free of charge. Formerly an entrance fee was charged, but it has been decided this year, in view of the H. C. of L., to throw it wide open, and the expenses of the affair will be shared by the three London Curling and the Asylum clubs. Dr. W. J. Robinson of the Asylum Chub is president of the bonspiel, Frank Ashplant is vice-president, P. B. Fetterly is honorary president, A. M. Trick is secretary, and Dr. J. A. Wright is treasurer. The programs and posters containing.

treasurer.

The programs and posters containing full information for all those who wish to compete are being prepared, and will be issued on a few days. Having Done Nothing.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 16.—Wm. Tolmic, the Liberal win-the-war candidate in West Elgin, wound up his campaign at Middlemarch last night, when he spoke to a crowded house. The farmers showed great interest, and applauded the candidate when he scored point after point against the unbusinesslike Borden Administration.

The men in charge of Mr. Tolmie's campaign in St. Thomas are confident of his election on Monday by several hundred majority. The workingmen have shown keen interest in the campaign, and hundreds of them who never voted Liberal before have decided to vote against the Borden Government.

The high cost of living has been the means of lining the workers up against the Government. The high-handedness of a few people in endeavoring to choke free speech at the Liberal meeting on Friday night has stirred citizens to the fact that kaiserism will never go in Canada, and unless this kind of thing is squeiched in the beginning, a miniature Germany may be built up in their squelched in the beginning, a minia-ire Germany may be built up in their

MEANS, ASSURED

Fair City.

FLOATING FORTS WONDERS

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ROWS AND ROWS OF GUNS

Itself on Lower Piave Front.

Austrian artillery from its scores of vantage points and frustrates every attempt of the Austrians to steal across unnoticed. Finally, in addition to the foremost infantry lines in the inundated section, big and little batteries are scattered everywhere and floating monitors constantly are on patrol. Thus far the enemy has been prevented from bringing his big guns up to a position from which he might bombard Venice.

The trip through the defence system of Venice and along the lower Piave which the correspondent, though accredited only to the French armies, was able to make through the courtesy of Italian naval and military authorities, began at Venice, from which city a speedy motor boat to the foremost infantry lines in the which city a speedy motor boat ploughed its way at sunrise into the confusing maze of canals that inter-

Most Wonderful Defense Systems Yet Devised Protect

Camouflaged Floating Forts.

Barrier to Austrian Guns. The inundation has made a thousand peasants homeless, but it presents an almost insurmountable barrier to the

CAUGHT IN SHAFTING.
SARNIA, Dec. 15.—Wm. Saurwein, son of W. A. Saurwein of the Cleveland-Sarnia Sawmills, will be confined in his home for some time, as a result of an accident when he was whirled around in the shafting of the mill. He was removed to his home and attended by Dr. James. In addition to an injury to his side and severe shaking up, two ribs were fractured.

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Camouflaged and Concealed

Human Ingenuity Has Outdone

parently more insurmountable even than the mountains which the enemy has fought his way across, and these natural obstacles have been fortified as probably has no other place in Europe.

Camouflaged Floating Forts.

Human ingenuity has outdone itself to provide floating fortresses armed with huge guns, which, camouflaged and concealed skilfully from enemy airplanes, can slip from point to point, never offering a mark for the invaders and yet always able to bombard the enemy as he attempts nightly to build pontoon bridges across the River Piave.

Piave.

Skilled engineers have ferreted out every bit of solid mainland in the vast swampy area north of Venice, where batteries, large and small, according to the distance from the Austrian lines, have been established. They never relax their vigilance in watching for the enemy. The same engineers have cut away the dykes that formerly controlled the water to irrigate the fertile Italian plains creating a vast fertile Italian plains, creating a vast

series. Others with lighter guns and lighter draft were lying in reserve ready at a moment's notice to slip through the winding channels to some point nearer to the enemy, and from there turn a heavy and unexpected fire on his positions. The armament of the monitors generally decreased in size as the press boat passed more closely to the front lines and similarly, the batterles which here, and there began to make their appearance became lighter and lighter as the tortuous lagoons merged either in the Sile River or the Sile Canal far to the north of Venice.

and through which a human being ould hardly force his way. Even the customary animal life of any wilder-ness seemed to be lacking except for a few ducks flying occasionally around

Moniters Employed.

Suddenly the press boat almost collided with a grayish steel hulk secured by chains and ropes to the shore. The vessel, on which was mounted a huge gun, had taken up its position on this spot the night before. It had successfully thrown shells to the Plave River, and many times had defeated the efforts of the Austrians to complete a pontion bridge to the southern shore. In case enemy airplanes were seen during the day, the monitor was prepared to slip its cables at nightfail and steam away to some other spot where the Austrian shells would be unable to reach it, but from which point it could continue its work of destruction.

The monitor was but the first of a series. Others with lighter guns and lighter draft were lying in reserve ready

to the north of Venice.

Country Inundated.

The artificial waterway runs almost due west from Porto Grandi to the ocean, while the new Piave, several miles to the north, flows eastward to the sea. The area between this waterway, composed of the Sile Canals and the old Piave and the course of the new Piave, which normally is fertile and productive, is that which has been inundated, and as far as the eye can see. Plave, which normally is fertile and productive, is that which has been inundated, and as far as the eye can see, the trees, houses and farms are standing in about four feet of water. Some peasants, whose homes abut on the canal, still occupy them, using boats to reach the canal bank. Most of them, however, have left because of the impossibility of obtaining food.

The Austrians have occupied the entire northern bank of the new Plave, and here and there have been able to put little detachments across, which have struggled through the inundated territory and occupied isolated farmhouses. The main body of the troops, however, has been unable to cross over because of the activity of the monitors and stationary batteries, and they are unable to inflict any serious damage because they are too far away from Venice for their big guns to be effective. They have reached Santa Dona di Paive, which is about 16 miles as the crow files northeast of Venice, but the Austrians have been prevented from bringing any artillery up to that point, from which Venice possibly might be bombarded.

From Capo Sile the corespondent temporarily left the naval escort for a military escort, so as to inspect the infantry positions, which were indescriably muddy and bleak. They bisect the ruined town, the houses of which have been destroyed by the Austrian artillery.

Big Guns Employed.

Later the press boat again ploughed

Big Guns Employed.

Later the press boat again ploughed through seemingly endless mazes off canals, meeting with more monitors and new and cunningly located batteries which as the afternoon appropriate the second of th proached, began to get into activity and especially against airplanes that were circling about. The canals and lagoons were resounding with the explosions of shells of all calibres as the AT HUMBOLDT OF URAEMIC POISONING

SECOND CHOICE.

Among the old filters who have seen both the ancient and the present school, the vote for second choice went to Charrier Radbourne, the Providence of Charrier Radbourne, the Providence of Stays—a crown that has never been approached.

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neretolore the dog had been of a peace-ful nature. As he was willing to have the dog destroyed and pay the medical attendance costs, the case was dis-missed without court costs, and both dogs will be destroyed.

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GALT, Dec. 16.—Dr. Adam Thomson, the Liberal candidate, closed his campaign last evening, but with no "last minute" meeting being content to allow Laurier's program to stand for itself with the electors. Saturday evening at the city hall, a meeting was held in the interests of the Labor candidate, Thomas Hall, which was addressed by Joseph Marks of Toronto, secretary for Ontario of the Labor party.

Never in South Waterloo's history has there been such a keen election, and never has a Liberal candidate fought single-handed like Dr. Thomson, and made such a splendid fight as he says, "If I don't win, I have the satisfaction of knowing that I gave the Conservatives the hardest battle South Waterloo has ever known." Dr. Thomson's workers express confidence that their candidate will be elected Monday. 3 for 25° of "Bachelors" makes a most appropriate gift. Cheaper by the Box FANDREW WILSON & @ TORONTO