

DATES ARE BEING ARRANGED FOR THUNBURG'S APPEARANCES

FINN WAS MET BY MANAGER OF NURMI'S TOUR

Saranac, Lake Placid and Pittsburg Now Arranging Dates

CLAS THUNBURG, Olympic speed-skating champion, is now in New York and will remain there for a few days yet until some decision is made in regard to proposed appearances at Saranac and Lake Placid, according to official word here today. As matters now stand, Thunburg's first appearance on the ice in this country will be at Madison Square Garden in New York City on January 14 in competition against Charlie Jewett, Joe Moore and Charlie Gorman, all former champions of this country. He will meet them again in Madison Square on January 18. One week later he will defend his title at Saint John, and from here he will jump to Detroit for the international meet there on Feb. 5 and 6, leaving for New York immediately after for his own country. Saranac, Lake Placid and Pittsburg want the famous Finn to appear and these places are now endeavoring to arrange dates prior to January 14 in which to use him. Definite word from them is expected at any time and when it is made known, the local authorities will be in a position to either bring Thunburg here to commence training or send him to one of the above mentioned places to appear. The only other alternative is for Thunburg to secure permission from his home authorities to extend his sojourn in this country and give him time through February to appear in the various meets, culminating at the international indoor meet at Madison Square Garden. Thunburg is rather handicapped while remaining in New York as there is no big surface on which to train and Madison Square Garden only has ice when hockey matches are being played. It is for this reason that the three places that want the Olympic star have been asked to speed up their arrangements. Thunburg, it was reported today, would not appear in the Newburgh meet. This is only a one-day meet, the star only being that of Charlie Gorman. When Thunburg arrived in New York, he was greeted at the pier by Hugo Quist, who managed Paavo Nurmi's tour here, other officials of the Finnish-American Athletic Club, and Albin Stroms, who captured the 1924 Olympic Marathon title for Finland. Thunburg, whose raw-boned appearance belittles his status as an ice skater, speaks no English. In the afternoon he was piloted to the Iceland, by Harry Noah of the Middle Atlantic Racing Association, then skating officials and friends introduced to the rink manager, who offered him its use as a practice arena.

M'TIGUE EARN'S ANOTHER CHANCE

Veteran Irishman Given Decision Over Flowers in Hard-fought Bout

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mike McTigue who lost the world light-heavyweight boxing title to Paul Berlenbach last summer, has earned another chance at the crown by his defeat of the sensational negro, Tiger Flowers, of Atlanta, in the Christmas Fund bout in Madison Square Garden last night. The "Fighting Irishman" always admitted for his defensive expertise, came out of his shell against Flowers and turned back as good as received. He was a different McTigue from the man who kept away from Berlenbach during a slow, uninteresting contest in which the title passed last summer. But there were many who decided the winner. That there were many who decided the winner is a fact that the negro had gained the verdict by his constant lashing out which time and again drove the former champion to cover. Some boxing writers predicted that McTigue would win seven of the ten rounds, which, under the most recent decision, would have won him the title. Under this ruling the greater number of rounds won decides the winner. Fidel LaBarba, conqueror of the United States flyweight champion, obtained a six round decision over Charles Peretti, New York bantamweight, with a slashing offensive in the four rounds, after tumbling to his knees in the first. George Godfrey, negro heavyweight, outpointed Martin Burke, of New Orleans in ten, while Ernie Jarvis, English flyweight, and Izzy Schwartz, of New York battled to a draw.

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Montreal and Ottawa Teams Still in Deadlock For League Leadership

Along The Sport Trail

By JOHN J. DUNLOP

A MERRY CHRISTMAS! THE OTHER DAY, a man named Louis Phal, a child of Africa, was found murdered in the gutter of New York's worst district. He was born in the heart of Africa twenty-eight years ago. He won the French Croix de Guerre and a Legion of Honor medal during the war. He turned to the boxing game under the name of "Battling Siki" to win the light heavyweight championship of the world. He lost it soon afterwards and came to New York where he was continually in trouble with the police. Yet, if ever there was a real fighting man, it was this same "Battling Siki." He lived up to his name. He never squealed when he had to pay the price. He died with his boots on.

A FEW DAYS AFTERWARD, his funeral was held and here we come to the end of this little Christmas story. Two great religions, Christian and Mohammedan, united for the last rites. While Rev. Clayton Powell, a Baptist minister, preached the little sermon, six Mahometan pallbearers, wearing the headdress of Islam, chanted Moslem prayers as the body was laid in the hearse.

Was there ever a stranger funeral service? A notorious pugilist—a man who boasted he trained on wine and the high life—a man whose travels in saloons and dives of the worst type made his name a tainted thing in the sporting world—a man who defied conventions—he dies miserably and two of the most powerful religions in the world accord him a decent burial.

AND HERE is what the minister said in his short address: "He was a victim of civilization. A man born in the heart of Africa twenty-eight years ago, who could win a Croix de Guerre and a Legion of Honor medal, who could win forty battles out of forty-two in the ring and have himself proclaimed light heavyweight champion of the world, surely had something in him that educated people should have developed," he said. "Had this been done, Battling Siki might have been a Rene Maran, a Bjyden or a Toussaint 'Overtures'."

This charge may or may not be true. You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. If Battling Siki refused to be led and chose his own way, whose fault was it? His own, assuredly. Yet, we can't help thinking that possibly he would have been a better man had the men who fattened and fatted like vultures on his talent had a little more of the Christian spirit of lending a helping hand in them. He was their victim and as they stood for civilization, perhaps, after all the charge is true.

BAD AS HE WAS and as low as he had gone, the church forgave him and laid him in his last resting place. In life, "Battling Siki" was a thing the sporting mob jeered at and laughed at. In death, through a minister, the church boldly denounces the civilization that caused him to be the pitiful—man who one time won the Croix de Guerre.

"He's a lowdown and a baw," said the mob, in life. In death the church said he was a child of God. And that, it seems to us, lands right on the button. We are all brothers under the skin.

RELIGION taught the sporting world a great lesson at Battling Siki's funeral. Yet, the lesson will soon be forgotten. That is the way of civilization. Tomorrow—Christmas Day—religion will teach mankind a great lesson. Yet after all it is the same lesson that was taught at the funeral of the murdered boxer. The lesson of kindness toward one another.

IF THERE IS one section of Mankind's activities that needs this spirit of tolerance, it is the sporting world where the element of competition is fierce. Yet, it can be clean and honorable, if we so wish. A young athlete can set himself no higher ideal than simply to be a Christian. By being all of that, Kindness, Loyalty, Mercy, Truth, Justice, and all the other great principles of life will rule his conduct. He will never regret it as long as he lives.

This sounds suspiciously like a sermon, boys, but it is our clumsy way of dressing it up. It is an old story—but the greatest story in the world. What kind of a world would it be without the story of Bethlehem? A Merry Christmas!

GRANGE CLASSED GREAT BY FRENCH

Financial Deals of Famous Star Puzzles Parisian News papers

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Harold (Red) Grange is rated alongside of Charlie Chaplin, Vice-President Daves and John D. Rockefeller by the agitated Paris public, which has been impressed tremendously by the football player's earning capacity.

AMONG BIG FINANCIERS. In the French conception of sports, money is a thing that can accumulate \$400,000—more than 200,000,000 francs at present exchange rates—in a few post-season practices in a few weeks. Grange has been classed with the three who, heretofore, France has considered the most remarkable American financial wisest.

Le Matin, one of the big four of the Paris press, devoted a page and one column to a picture of Red and his story of sudden wealth. The editor caustically comments that this youth has earned more money in a few weeks than all the university professors in France will earn in the next two years.

Paris also is a bit concerned with the fact that Daves, rated here as America's foremost financial expert, draws only \$15,000 a year from the United States government, while Grange has earned more than the President and his entire Cabinet and the Vice-President are paid in. Yet, the great Grange, "Why not," asks the Echo de Paris, with a fine disregard of nice discrimination between similar games, "send this gladiator of the rugby arena to France? He surely must know more about high finance than our wisest heads."

But it is L'Avion, the great Parisian sporting paper, that makes the most doleful suggestion of the lot. L'Avion informs its readers that Grange threatens to become such a star "as to succeed the national idol, Bambino Ruth, as the greatest of American footballers."

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TURKEY GIVEN AS LAP PRIZE FOR 3-MILE

Much Interest Add To Monday Night's Programme

WHEN you speak about Christmas, you naturally think of turkey. But every time the skaters enter in the three-mile event on Hilton Belyea's rink on Monday night in aid of the Empty-Stockings Fund thinks of that nice, he is also going to think of turkey as well, for George Kierstead, a Main street butcher, has offered a lap prize for the three-mile event. Whoever leads in the number of laps in this contest on Monday night will get the turkey, and, believe us, boys, there is going to be no loafing in that race. A turkey is a turkey these days of 60 and 70 cents a pound. So watch their smoke. Mr. Kierstead made his offer yesterday, and it was promptly accepted. "I am giving this," he said, "to help out for your worthy fund, and I believe it will add interest to the big event of the night." The committee members, heartily thanked Mr. Kierstead and say it will not only add interest but it will be compounded interest at that. The thoughts of that prize are going to cause some of the boys to mutter, "Feed, do your duty."

GORMAN TO SKATE AT NEWBURG JAN. 1

Canadian Finish Will Compete in Middle Atlantic Championship Races

Charlie Gorman will make his debut for the present skating season at Newburg on New Year's Day. The Canadian ace has been in communication with the chief in charge of the Middle Atlantic States championships there and received a wire last night instructing him to return to New York and skate shortly after Christmas. The championship is at present held by Joe Moore. Charlie reports himself in excellent shape and is confident that he will give a good account of himself in competition with the fast field which will compete.

Gorman intends to take in the boxing bouts in New York New Year's night. He returns to New York in the morning and will probably leave immediately after he will depend on developments. He thought last night that he might return to New York in the morning and take in the Madison Square Garden when Clas Thunburg will make his first American appearance.

CHOSEN TO CURL IN CHRISTMAS MATCH

Twenty-two Rinks For The Thistle's Games Are Announced

The following are the rinks selected to curl in the President Vice-President match at the Thistle rink on Christmas morning and afternoon: Dr. D. C. Malcolm, R. M. Fowler, R. E. Crawford, H. C. Olive, Dr. Dunlop, R. M. Bartsch, Jack Steele, Roy Baskin, W. A. Shaw, G. A. Stubbs, Walter Barnes, R. McDonald, Dr. A. T. Baker, J. H. Bond, S. W. Palmer, F. A. McAndrews, J. A. Likely, D. Cameron, J. E. Courtney, J. W. Barnes, M. W. Park, C. A. Christie, L. S. MacGowan, D. R. Willott, J. S. Malcolm, R. Archibald, E. M. Olive, W. H. McFarlane, W. T. Benham, G. A. Maguire, F. McDonald, G. S. Bishop, J. W. Cameron, Frank White, W. E. Demmings, H. G. Youngclaus, A. C. Thompson, A. P. Hill, L. S. MacGowan, V. J. Currie, J. C. Chesley, Dr. Stevenson, David Currie, Dr. A. C. Rockwell, K. Raymond, G. McMillan, G. G. Parker, H. G. Barnes, H. M. McAlpine, L. T. Lingley, R. Sullivan, R. E. Geldert, G. B. Heana, R. F. Brewster, C. P. Burns, Dr. Langstroth, R. S. Ritchie, R. C. Gilmour, H. W. Stubbs, B. J. Hawker, Geo. Lawson, P. Bunham, Dr. J. K. Farrer, J. H. Ross, A. J. Macburn, W. J. S. Myler, F. J. Likely, Fred Shaw, J. A. Sinclair, L. B. Eatoy, W. N. Kinsman, W. H. Latham, S. H. Hargreaves, Dr. M. McLaren, J. A. McAvity, J. S. Gregory, Robert Reid, J. B. Patchell, J. B. Price, I. M. LeLacuer, Jos. Thompson, J. A. Barler, A. E. Long, E. P. Howard, W. J. Brown, Geo. Elvers, Murrey Reid, G. W. Noble, F. W. Miller, L. V. Price, H. D. Fudge, L. V. Price, Harry Erving.

WESTMORLAND MEN TO DEBATE IN CITY

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 23.—A debating team from Westmorland, will go to Saint John on Jan. 20 to meet a joint team representing the four Pythian lodges of Saint John. The debate will be held in Pythian Castle. The subject has not yet been announced.

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WAS DEEMED DEAD

Missing Husband Returns After Years and Becomes Estate Administrator

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Abraham Bromberg, the second husband of the late Mrs. Fannie Winderbaum Bromberg, announces he has withdrawn as administrator of Mrs. Bromberg's estate of \$15,000 in favor of her first husband, Samuel Winderbaum, who returned last June after an absence of 23 years, during which he was declared legally dead.

Winderbaum left his home in 1902, when he, his wife and three children were living in New Haven. He went to San Francisco. His wife received one letter from him, but no further word, and in 1911 she asked the Orphans' Court in Newark to declare her husband legally dead, so she might collect his \$500 insurance. Her application was granted and she was married to Bromberg a month later.

When Winderbaum came back last June his wife fainted from the shock of seeing him and died a few weeks later. He retained an attorney to fight for her estate.

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FASCIST THREATENS TO WAR ON FRANCE

Chief Declares Country Must Be Rid of Parliament, Needs Dictator

PARIS, Dec. 24.—French Fascists contemplate eventual war on the Government of France, so the Fascist chief, Georges Valois, declared today. Describing the fierce words of Fascism, the French nation is not greatly disturbed, although the rate of growth of the infant blue-shirt organization is starting.

Power never has taken seriously the whispered hints of revolution either red or white, which have circulated frequently within recent years. But, the methodic manner in which a handful of war veterans has gone about organization of 216 Fascist sections has roused the city to a realization of the potentialities of the movement. It is likely that there will be 250,000 Fascists in France by the beginning of the new year.

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LITTLE EGYPTIANS HAD MOVING TOYS

Berlin, Dec. 23.—If you are the sort of father who gives his children mechanical toys and then moralizes on the supposed fact that they are a recent development, you are mistaken. Mechanical toys are older than European history.

Egyptian children used to play with such toys. Dolls with joints, made of stainers alabaster, pleased the little girls of Babylon.

A great collection of medieval toys has been preserved in Vienna. They were gathered together by Friedrich, Archduke of Tyrol. Among the collection are scores of animated wooden animals and other intricate contrivances of the toy-makers' art.

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MAROONS BEAT PIRATE OUTFIT IN FAST GAME

Ottawa Tribe Scals St. Pats on Home Ice, 4 to 2

MONTRÉAL, Dec. 24.—Nelson Stewart and Babe Siebert have been heroic figures in the majority of the victories scored by the Montreal Maroons in the National Hockey League this season, but last night they reached the pinnacle of popular favor, when they combined for the goal which gave Montreal a one to nothing victory after eight minutes of overtime play, against Pittsburg.

Siebert, practically exhausted always seems to have enough reserve left to pull himself together for another rush, when he finds himself in possession of the puck. He stemmed Pirate rush at the Montreal defence, and started a spurt down the left wing. Seeing he was going to be staked into the corner, he whipped a pass straight across in front of the Pirate goal. Nelson Stewart came down the right lane, and picked a spot where he was uncovered. Without waiting to steady the disc, he met it with his stick and drove straight and true while but three feet from the Pittsburg goalie, and ended the most exciting, nerve wracking, dogged battle of speed and team combination which has been seen here in several years.

Crammed to the limit with dashing attacks, spectacular plays and a dogged defence, the battle kept the crowd of nine thousand in a continuous uproar as the teams struggled through the three regular periods, without scoring. The gathering was typically one of Montreal supporters, but the spectacular play of the flashy Pittsburg team, frequently brought the crowd to its feet, acclaiming some brilliant effort, and out of the struggle emerged the two goal keepers as the real heroes. Time and again Worters and Benedict turned aside shots which were definitely tagged goal. Benedict staved off tallies with all the coolness of a veteran, his efforts at times making him seem almost easy. Worters, at the other end, truly starred. He held the spotlight, as time and again he blocked the disc.

OTTAWA VICTORS

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 24.—Ottawa kept pace with Montreal in the league standing, last night by beating St. Patricks of Toronto by the score of 4-2. Two goals in the first period and another in the early part of the second had apparently put Ottawa on easy street, when Smith, who had been sent to relieve Denny, drew a penalty for dumping Dye. In a trice the situation had changed, and the Harps rallied two goals past Connell, with only twenty seconds elapsing between the two tallies. However, the Senators stood down, and held the Irish safe until the end of the first period.

The early part of the final period produced some exciting hockey, but after Boucher had scored his third goal, and put Ottawa two goals to the good, it slowed down again, and St. Pats were unable to do much against the defensive strategy the locals employed. There were three casualties. In the second period John Ross Roach suffered a bad slip in the face from a shot by Nighbor, but he continued play, after receiving attention. George Boucher suffered a twisted knee near the end of the game, and Finnegan was also assisted off after turning over Adams' stick. Bert Corbett, hurt in his best game here in years, was one of the bright stars of the game. Happy Day and Bert McCaffrey were both very effective and worked tirelessly, but the team as a whole seemed to lack system.

Leading the scorers with three of the four Ottawa goals, Captain Geo. Boucher led his team with a brilliant game. Nighbor and Denny also shone with Clancy, Kilrea and Finnegan much in the limelight. Denny scored once and had two assists to Boucher.

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