

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Advantage in the American Method of Deciding Football Superiority

BOXING IN MONTREAL

Game Which Has Long Been in Dispute Promises to Come Into Its Own Again—The Ottawa City Championship Still to be Decided.

There is something to commend the system, or rather, the lack of system, with which the football championship is decided in the United States. It is taken for granted that Yale, Harvard and Princeton are the three best teams in the East, and the best of these three must necessarily be the best eleven. Yale beats Princeton, Harvard beats Yale, and there you are, Harvard is the best team. The fact that Washington and Jefferson beat Yale or that Brown and Cornell also have teams that have proved strong combinations does not really matter. By this method the season is at least brought to a close before the snow begins to fly, and the frost makes the ground a menace to their legs. Here in Canada, however, we insist on a logical consummation, and the result is a perpetuation of the game far into the season which is ordinarily devoted to hockey talk, if not hockey playing. Varsity win the intercollegiate title after a post schedule play-off; Argos and Tigers must decide supremacy, the result of which Hamilton together with the collegians, must await. Then while the snow keeps piling up, and the ground hardens to the consistency of iron, the semi-finals and finals must be played. Why not let the ingenious dopsters have a chance? There is no telling what they could do by a careful comparison of weights, ages, speed and "inside play." Moreover, it would provide copy for the scribe, who, between himself to think of something which will make copy.

That the boxing game is growing in popularity was well attested by the size of the crowd that attended the Flynn-Hawkins bout on Monday night in Prince Arthur Hall. The place was filled to capacity, and the fans received the value of their money, which is saying a good deal for a fight in Montreal. There was a time, a decade since, when good fights drew good crowds, but unscrupulous promoters, too greedy to earn their money, slowly and honestly staged contests which were patently fakes. It took the followers of the game only a short while to become disgusted and for a long time even an honestly staged contest would hardly draw the guarantee price. Billy Armstrong tried to pull the game out of the slough of despond, but failed in spite of the fact that his reputation was unimpaired. Others have lost money at the game, too, but Pat Rooney seems to be going the right way about establishing the game on the right basis.

Speaking of boxing, it will only be a short while before a local boy will be on the top rung of the ladder. Frankie Fleming is going right ahead, defeating good boys, and should soon force the top notchers to recognize his right to challenge them. When they do there should be a new name in the championship roll.

There is one hope for baseball in Montreal—the Federals. If the Ottawas put a team in this city the fans would probably see the Royals up in the race. Of course it would cost the Royal management a bunch of real money, and perhaps wouldn't be profitable for the Federals, but think of the fun the fans would have.

There is no truth in the rumor that the winner of the Ottawa City football championship will challenge Hull for the inter-city title, so at least one Ottawa team will be a championship aspirant. There is no sense in taking needless chances.

The hockey players in the Canadian contingent at Salisbury Plain are challenging the British players of the game to a friendly match. If the challenge is taken up, the gate money will go to the Belgian fund.

R. E. Watkins' greatly improved boxer beat a field of good youngsters in the Erdenheim stakes, the feature event of the programme at Havre de Grace. He was ridden by Nicklaus, came from behind in the stretch run and beat Hanson out by half a length in a driving finish. There were eight starters, and Harry Junior was a receding favorite.

The gross receipts of the Yale-Harvard game on Saturday were over \$17,000. From this approximately \$7,000 will have to be deducted for expenses incident to the game. Half of the remaining sum, or \$45,000, will go into the treasury of the Yale Athletic Association.

Doc Roller, who has completely recovered from the injury that knocked him out a week ago, is in shape for the return heavyweight wrestling match against Jim Essen, which takes place at Sohmer Park. The bout should be one of the best of the season. It will be at catch-as-catch-can style, all holds but the strangle allowed, and will be refereed by Joe Leape.

A. L. Hoskins, of Philadelphia, vice-president of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, is being prominently mentioned for the presidency of that body in succession to Robert D. Wrenn.

Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, defeated Fred Yell, of Taunton, in a twelve-round bout.

Sprague Cleghorn, Odie Cleghorn and Gordie Roberts had all signed their contracts with the Wanderers, and Harry Hyland will likely come to terms today.

Dave Ritchie, who played on the defence of the champion Grand Mere team last season, will turn professional this season. Two clubs are now bidding for his services, Wanderers and Quebec.

McGraw's wealth of talent places him in a most advantageous position to entertain a number of trade proposals. If Bremner is as anxious to part company with Jimmie Archer and Heine Zimmerman as some Chicago critics insinuate, it is likely that the Giants can find some way to accommodate him. McGraw could use this pair to fine advantage.

President James A. Gilmore of the Federal League, admits that he has been outwitted by organized baseball in the recent alleged peace negotiations. He says that Hornsby never was serious in his deliberations and that the whole scheme was concocted to create the peace talk which pacified minor leagues at the Omaha meeting.

NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

A trustee of the Massachusetts Electric Co. says: "When trustees of the Massachusetts Electric Co. meet this week for declaration of the semi-annual dividend there is hardly a doubt that the regular 2 per cent. will be declared, payable in January. If any stockholders have been nervous on this account they should calm their apprehension. There is, of course no doubt that the company ultimately must have increased revenues if it is to meet higher wage costs and keep its present modest 4 per cent. dividend return, but I have confidence that ways will be devised to produce this revenue."

The trustees of Massachusetts Electric Co. will maintain the 4 per cent. rate because it is being earned. The margin above 4 per cent. is less than two years ago, but it is still enough so that with any return to normal business conditions in the territory which the property serves a quick expansion in gross income should ensue that would meet a handsome reflection in net. In the meantime the property is being handled with increased efficiency and economy. It is not unlikely that with current conditions in mind trustees will materially reduce the 1915 outlay for new construction and betterments. These could properly stand pruning for a year or two without loss of operating efficiency.

During the year 1913, a total of 1,003,331 passengers were carried by the Peterborough Radial Railway Company. The number carried per mile of track operated, was 166,279. Number of car miles run, 335,278 and the average number of persons employed by the company was forty-two.

In 1912 the company finished up the year with a surplus of \$5,566.13, and the gross income over operating expenses amounted to \$14,148.18. Gross earnings from operating equalled \$48,707.36. Operating expenses amounted to \$32,559.18. Interest on funded debt and taxes amounted to \$48,250.00 and \$222.05, respectively, or collectively \$8,566.13, which deducted from income over operating expenses, leaves a surplus of \$5,566.12.

In 1912 the company owned eleven passenger cars. Two of these were open cars and the remainder closed. Also one snow plough and two sweepers. New cars have been added this year. Length of railway line computed as single track amounts to 6,923 miles and length of sidings and switches, 0.47.

The Greater Winnipeg water district has expended up to Nov. 20, \$1,412,665.13. A report was submitted by the commissioners on the equipment necessary for the operation of the railway and the proposed gravel pit, and they were authorized to call for tenders, as provided by charter.

The canal being constructed by the Northern Construction Company to improve the Brokenhead river is completed, and the dredge has been taken out. The entrance at the south end will be improved by hand labor. The Northern Construction company will also construct a gravel pit spur on the orders of the commissioners.

The contract with J. H. Tremblay company for contract No. 50 of the aqueduct construction has been executed, and a resolution was put through that all contractors should furnish bonds as required.

The Edmondson Electric Company is building the second hydro-electric plant to be erected in the development of the water power in the region around Bristol, Tenn. The dam being constructed by the company is across the middle fork of Holston River, near Emory, Va., twenty-five miles east of Bristol. The machinery will be installed in the spring of 1915. The plant will have a maximum capacity of 2,000 horsepower and a minimum of 1,000 horsepower.

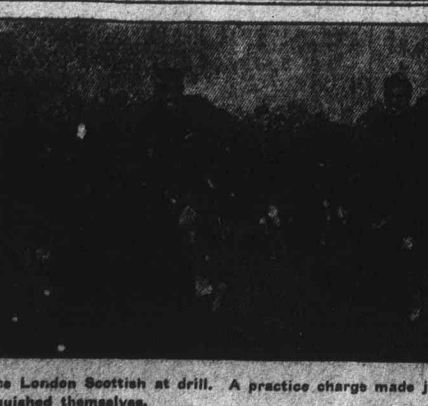
D. E. Pomeroy, vice-president of the Bankers' Trust Company, has been elected a director of the Commonwealth Power, Railway and Light Company, succeeding Benjamin Strong, Jr., resigned.

CLASSES FOR G. T. R. EMPLOYEES. Toronto, Ont., November 25.—The motive department of the Grand Trunk has inaugurated a system of schooling at their roundhouse in Mimico for apprentices. Mathematics and mechanical drawing are taken up.

SHELL ORDERS DISTRIBUTED OVER NEARLY WHOLE DOMINION

Lead Steel and Many Other Plants are Busy on the Work and Are Turning Out 30,000 Shrapnel Shells Per Month, but Capacity is Larger.

The British War Office, through the Department of Militia at Ottawa, is spending \$2,500,000 throughout Canada in the manufacturing of shrapnel shells alone, the work going on at seventeen different points. When the work was begun shortly after the outbreak of the war nearly all the material entering into the manufacture had to be secured in England and the United States, but Col. Bertram of John Bertram and Sons, Ltd., who are doing the work, stated yesterday at the Windsor that practically all of the material is now obtained in the Dominion. The lead is being furnished by the Trail Smelter in British Columbia, while the Nova Scotia Coal and Steel Co. supply the steel. The work is now going on at Montreal, Sherbrooke, New Glasgow, Amherst, St. John, Kingston, Toronto, Welland, St. Catharines, Hamilton, Dundas, Galt, Ingersoll, London, Lindsay, and Smith's Falls, the capacity being 100,000 shells per month, although they are not working at full capacity. The present contract calls for 200,000 shells and it is expected that others will be made in Canada. They are now being made at the rate of 30,000 a month. These shells weigh eighteen pounds and are thrown from fifteen and eighteen pounders.



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LT.-COL. J. A. GUNN RECEIVES TRIBUTE

Tendered Luncheon at Ritz-Carlton and Presented With Military Gold Wrist Watch

WAS SUITABLY INSCRIBED

Montreal Produce Association and Many Business Friends Say Words of Appreciation in Lt.-Col. Gunn's Action in Going to Front at Head of His Battalion.

A luncheon was tendered at the Ritz-Carlton to Lt.-Col. John A. Gunn, officer commanding the 24th Battalion Victoria Rifles, by about fifty of his business associates and friends, including many members of the Montreal Produce Association. As a token of remembrance and appreciation of Lt.-Col. Gunn, he was presented with a handsome military gold watch, which was duly inscribed: "To Lt.-Col. John A. Gunn, from his Montreal business friends, on his leaving for active service in command of the 24th Battalion, Victoria Rifles, Expeditionary Force, Montreal, November 24th, 1914."

At the conclusion of the luncheon, Mr. A. A. Ayer proposed the toast to "The King" after which Mr. Ayer buckled the watch upon Lt.-Col. Gunn's wrist in making the presentation on behalf of the interests he represented.

"It gives me great pleasure to present to you as a token of the esteem of your fellow-merchants of the produce trade of Montreal, this gold watch," said Mr. Ayer. "Permit me to say that, while we appreciate the honor conferred upon you by the military authorities of Canada in advancing your position until you have been offered the command of a regiment, we do not forget that in accepting this well-merited honor, and in going forth to defend the plighted word of Great Britain, you are not only making a great sacrifice in your various business interests, but a deeper sacrifice in leaving your mother, your wife and your children. Ordinary patriotism is cheap. We can all talk. But the spirit that has impelled you to go on the fighting line is the real thing."

"May you and your regiment do your part to bring honor to Canada, to the Empire of which we form a part, and to your family. This is the earnest desire of the Montreal produce merchants, on whose behalf I now have the great pleasure of making this presentation." (Loud applause.)

In reply to this presentation, Lt.-Col. Gunn said that during the past eighteen years, it had been his good fortune to be able to devote part of his time to military matters, and to-day he was being given the reward of his efforts by being allowed the opportunity of doing something worth while for Canada and the Motherland.

"This means a real sacrifice both to my business and my family," said Lt.-Col. Gunn, "but I count little compared to the honor that has been done myself and those connected with me in this appointment. This is a time when we must sink party feelings, business strife and even family ties, and only consider the welfare of our homes and country. When the call came I had to consider it, but whatever doubt I might have had was dispelled when I consulted my old mother in Toronto, and her answer was telegraphed back: 'Put first things first, and do what you decide to be your duty. I should like you to stay in Canada, but if you decide to go and lead your regiment, count upon my consent, support and blessing. He who has protected will protect you and us.' (Loud applause.)"

Brief speeches were also made by Messrs. George Hodges, Adlard Fortier, John McKergow and Charles Langlois, most of them emphasizing the realization of the entente cordiale in the fact that to-day French and English, both from the Mother Countries and from Canada, were fighting side by side for the liberties of civilization. Amongst those present were Messrs. George Hodges, president of the Produce Merchants' Association; Adlard Fortier, president of the Chambre de Commerce; Richard Gray, John McKergow, R. M. Ballantyne, W. F. A. Olive, A. Vallancourt, Chas. Langlois, A. D. McGillis, F. S. G. Stroud, John H. Scott, Thos. G. Hyde, Ed. Dennis, W. Champagne, F. Moret, T. H. Ryan, Auguste Trudel, Geo. Warrington, R. E. Graham, E. Lunham, E. Valois, H. A. Hodgson, W. J. Farrell, A. J. Hodgson, P. W. McLagan, A. W. Grant, F. A. Dorion, G. S. Matthews, Geo. Sibcock, Jas. Alexander, A. J. Bryce, A. E. Wallace, Arthur McKergow, E. J. Kerr, A. H. Dairymple, J. T. Brown, J. W. Johnson, A. A. Ayer, A. C. Wieland, Arthur Jones, C. M. Thacker, John Wilson, W. H. Lauer, and E. H. Hodgson.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

F. Lorillard and Co. has given 10,000,000 cigarettes for soldiers in France.

Samuel Levine of Brooklyn had his nose badly bitten by a rat while sleeping.

Millers of Minneapolis have pledged 1,000,000 barrels of flour for Belgian relief.

The plant of the Geneva Glass Works, at Geneva, N.Y., was burned at a loss of \$100,000.

The private bank of Olinos Bros., in Brooklyn, was closed by the New York State Banking Department.

United States trade with Australia has been so stimulated that there is now a shortage of ships.

Willis-Overland Co. will erect two large additional buildings at its Toledo plant, adding 17 acres of floor space.

Millers of Minneapolis have pledged 1,000,000 barrels of flour for Belgian relief. It is said 5,000,000 barrels will be needed in Belgium by next June.

Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. has paid 6 months' interest on preference stock, but omitted any interim dividend on ordinary stock.

Two thousand pounds of nitro-glycerine exploded and wrecked the plant of the Aetna Powder Co., Aetna, Ind.

The German Government has granted permission for six additional American army officers to witness the fighting.

All the schools of Trieste, Austria, will be closed on December 1, as all the teachers have been called to the front.

A local cartridge company of Swanton, Vt., has received a \$2,500,000 order for cartridges from one of the nations at war.

Arthur Greene of New York was captured when an alarm clock he had stolen went off as he was putting it in his pocket.

The Haverhill "Herald" Co. of Haverhill, Mass., publishers of the "Haverhill Herald" filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy.

William Hempstead, an eight-foot English giant whose appetite alarmed the Germans, has been exchanged for two German dwarfs held in England.

The Mechanics and Metals National Bank will move to the old Fourth National Bank offices on Nassau street between Pine and Cedar about May 1.

An Akron, O., syndicate has contracted for several million acres of Texas land on which it will grow the guayule shrub from which crude rubber is manufactured.

Bethlehem Steel Co., it is rumored, has had plans prepared for the construction of a plant at New Castle, Del., for the manufacture of ammunition for Europe.

Swanton, Vt., company has received order for \$2,500,000 worth of rifle cartridges. The company has ordered new machinery and expects to run the plant day and night for at least a year.

Crescent works in France have turned out a new 105-millimeter (4 1/4 inch) gun which is much more powerful than that which has appeared as yet. Its range is 14 kilometers (8 1/2 miles).

Four hundred Belgian guns, which were the main defense of Antwerp, have been "scrapped." Lack of ammunition, bought from Krupp, but not delivered, forced use of French shells that tore out rifling.

Frederick J. Martin, of New York, who can dislocate his shoulder at will, was sent to Sing Sing prison for two and a half years for fraud. He dislocated his shoulder and sued various companies for damages.

In the first nine months of 1914 United States exported 18,520 passenger motor cars, and 687 trucks, worth \$18,276,509, as against 20,175 passenger cars and 778 trucks, worth \$21,301,853, in corresponding period of 1913.

Rome cable says that for the first time since the beginning of the war the Kaiser has called a family council. German people consider that it could have no other object than discussion of some plan which must lead to victory.

Central committee for National Patriotic Organizations has been formed in England to keep British public opinion informed and fortified regarding the war, and to lay before neutral countries a clear statement of the British case.

Practically the last large tract of coal land remaining in speculative hands in western Pennsylvania has been sold to New York interests. It consists of 41,000 acres, adjoining a similar tract bought recently by H. C. Frick. It is said the price approximates \$25,000,000.

The Chinese Minister to France was quoted in Paris as saying that a Yankee business invasion is menacing Chile, and is unwelcome. "It is for European belligerents," he said, "without waiting for the close of the war, to look after their relations and interests in Chile on Germany's lost ground."

INCREASING ITS DIRECTORATE. The Householders Co-operative Stores, Limited, of Toronto, will increase the number of its directors from five to nine.

SEA LION KILLED. Courtenay, B.C., November 25.—A huge sea lion, weighing over 1,000 pounds, was killed at the mouth of the river recently. Comox Bay is full of seals and lions at present, probably in pursuit of salmon, which abound in these waters.

FORESTERS CHANGE PLAN. The Independent Order of Foresters, which has heretofore carried on the business of life, disability and sickness insurance on the assessment plan, has cancelled its former license and is authorized instead to undertake with its members the contract or contracts of life, disability and sickness insurance specified in its constitution and laws for a sum or sums not exceeding in addition to the sick and funeral benefits, the sum of five thousand dollars upon any one life.

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Republic of Portugal, Under Treaty of 1703 With Britain, Will Join in War to Aid Allies

AUSTRIA EXECUTES AMERICANS

Mrs. Sydney Baden-Powell, Widow of Brother of General Baden-Powell, Left an Annuity of \$4,500 to Her Husband.

The British War Office, through the Department of Militia at Ottawa, is spending \$2,500,000 throughout Canada in the manufacturing of shrapnel shells alone, the work going on at seventeen different points.

A despatch from Lisbon says that the Portuguese Congress has decided that Portugal should co-operate with the Allies when it considered the step necessary. The Minister of War will issue a decree for partial mobilization.

Portugal has an army of 20,000 men.

Forty-three survivors had been rescued last night from the wrecked steamer Haniel, which went ashore yesterday in a dense fog on Duxbury Reef, nine miles north of the Golden Gate, San Francisco, and was shattered into splinters early to-day by the pounding surf.

British steamers are held at Montevideo for orders. The German fleet is reported off the River Plate, a British fleet is off the coast and a naval battle is expected shortly.

An important meeting was held at the Foreign Office at Rome yesterday. It was attended by Premier Salandra, Minister of Foreign Affairs Sonnino, Chief of the General Staff of the Army General Cadorna, and Chief of the Naval Staff Vice-Admiral Phoa Di Revel. The meeting lasted two hours and secrecy was maintained by all the participants as to the subject discussed.

Three American citizens have been executed by Austrian officials at Cattaro, Dalmatia, according to a letter received at Oakland, California, to-day from L. Magud, a priest. One of the victims was a 14 year old boy, son of Milo S. Medin, of this city. The executions took place in the public square of Cattaro. Secretary of State Bryan is investigating the charges.

Men prominent in banking, government and commercial circles were present at yesterday's session of the Closer Farm Settlement convention, which is being held at Regina. Eloquent addresses were delivered and keen appreciation of the scheme was shown. In the afternoon Sir James Aikins, Premier Scott, T. C. Norris, of the Manitoba House; Dr. Rutherford, W. G. Duperon, assistant general passenger agent of the G. T. P.; and A. E. Mante, deputy minister of agriculture of Saskatchewan, were among the speakers.

The will of Mrs. Florence Sydney Baden-Powell, wife of Francis Smyth Baden-Powell, artist and brother of Gen. Baden-Powell of the British army, was filed yesterday in the Surrogate's Court, New York. Mrs. Baden-Powell, who died on October 17, left \$10,000 to her friend, Mrs. Charles Fleming Chetwood Talbot, whose husband is named as guardian for the decedent's eleven-year-old son Robert.

Mrs. Baden-Powell left an annuity of \$1,000 to her son, who will get also the income from the residuary estate until he is 25, when he will receive the principal. The boy is now living with his father at Wimbledon, England. Mrs. Baden-Powell gave an annuity of \$4,500 to her husband.

CORNWALL DAIRY BOARD ANNUAL. Cornwall, Ont., November 25.—The annual statement of the business of the Cornwall Cheese Board for the season of 1914 has just been issued by J. W. McLeod, the secretary-treasurer. It shows that from May 8th to November 20th, the dates of the opening and closing of the Board, 43,064 cheese were disposed of, being 960 boxes in excess of last year. The average price for the season was 13.67 cents, as against 12.139 cents for 1913. The sales per month and the average price were: May, 3,914, average 12 3/16; June, 8,099, average 12 1/16; July, 9,219, average 12 13/16; August, 6,965, average 13%; September, 6,033, average 14%; October, 6,521, average 15; November, 2,213, average 14 1/16.

July, 9,319, average 12 13/16; August, 6,965, average 13%; September, 6,033, average 14%; October, 6,521, average 15; November, 2,213, average 14 1/16.

The following is the total amount of cheese purchased by the various firms during the season, with the name of the buyer: Co-operative Wholesale Society, 13,923 (A. C. Wieland); Olive, Lorion and Stroud, 10,829 (W. A. Edwards); James Alexander, 6,233 (J. A. Welsh); Lovell and Christmas, 4,736 (J. W. McLeod); George Hodges and Co., 2,958 (G. L. McLean); A. A. Ayer and Company, 2,647 (W. Weegar); Hodgson Bros., 1,068 (J. F. Ault); held over, \$10.

PUTS 15,000 ON FULL TIME. Lynn, Mass., November 25.—Fifteen thousand employees of the Lynn Works of the General Electric Co., to-day were ordered to report for work next Monday morning and be prepared to go back on full time.

For several weeks the employees have worked but three days a week.

NAVAL BATTLE REPORTED. Rome, November 25.—According to a despatch from Ancona, the Austrian and Anglo-French fleets fought a naval battle off the island of Lissa in the Adriatic on Tuesday.

It says the conflict lasted four hours, but gives no further details. No information as to the battle has been received officially.

GOES TO EDINBURGH. Mr. William McLeish, manager of the Great West Permanent Loan Company, in Toronto, has been appointed manager for the company in Edinburgh. Mr. McLeish will leave in a few days to assume his new duties.

PROTESTS BOMB DROPPING. London, November 25.—A News Agency despatch from Petrograd states the United States, State Department, against the dropping of bombs by a German Zeppelin near the consulate.

DECLINE IN IMMIGRATION. Washington, November 25.—Immigration in September was 29,143 from July to September, 127,224.

THE MOLSONS BANK, THE DOMINION SAVINGS INVESTMENT SOCIETY, SENATOR JAFFRAY HAS HAD LONG AND FRUITFUL CAREER, THE RUSSIAN STATEMENT, INDIAN HERO, IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE VICTORIA CROSS, GIFTS OF DISTINCTION. Includes various advertisements and news snippets.