

Late Gossip Of The Sporting World At Home And Abroad

LOCAL

BOWLING YESTERDAY

THE CITY LEAGUE

In the City League on Black's alley last evening Ramblers defeated Braves by three points to one. The score follows:

Ramblers	Td.	Avg.
Duffy	89	98
Alley	100	86
Beatty	77	86
Covey	81	82
Wilson	95	98
Total	442	439

Braves

Braves	Td.	Avg.
Logan	79	87
Lingley	85	75
McLeod	96	83
McKean	82	90
Total	469	437

Ramblers and Sweeps are now tied for first place.
Tied won the daily roll-off with a score of 137.

FIVE-MEN LEAGUE

In the Five-Men League on the Victoria alley last night Capt. Steens' team took three points from Capt. Gamble's team by a score of 1318 to 1285. Following is the result.

No. 1 Team	Td.	Avg.
Jenking	82	97
Stanton	80	85
Moore	79	83
Gambin	84	85
Melven	85	87
Total	410	437

No. 2 Team

No. 2 Team	Td.	Avg.
McKee	102	104
McCavour	83	88
Pendleton	95	96
Henderson	83	87
Stevens	79	81
Total	447	456

A GAME WORTH SEEING.

The Thistle Athletic Association of St. Stephen are sending their crack team to clash against the St. John hockey team in the Queen's Rink tonight.
Be a sport, bring your lady friend with you. Admission only 25 cents.

COOMBS

SAYS HE CAN COME BACK

Jack Coombs, former mainstay of Connie Mack's world championship pitching staff, refuses to believe that he is through. Coombs, who has signed to pitch for the Brooklyn Nationals this year, is spending the winter in conditioning himself for the diamond campaign. He declares that he will report in shipshape.

Coombs came from Colby College, joining the Athletics in 1906. He gained fame as a pro at the very beginning of his career by pitching the longest major league game on record. It was a 24-inning contest and he beat the Red Sox 4 to 1.

In 1910 he won 31 out of 40 games, and created a new American League shut out record by pitching 13 scoreless games. He also pitched 53 consecutive scoreless innings, a record which Walter Johnson beat in 1913, when he pitched 56 innings without a run being tagged on him. To complete a fine season Jack won three games against the Cubs in the 1910 World's Series.

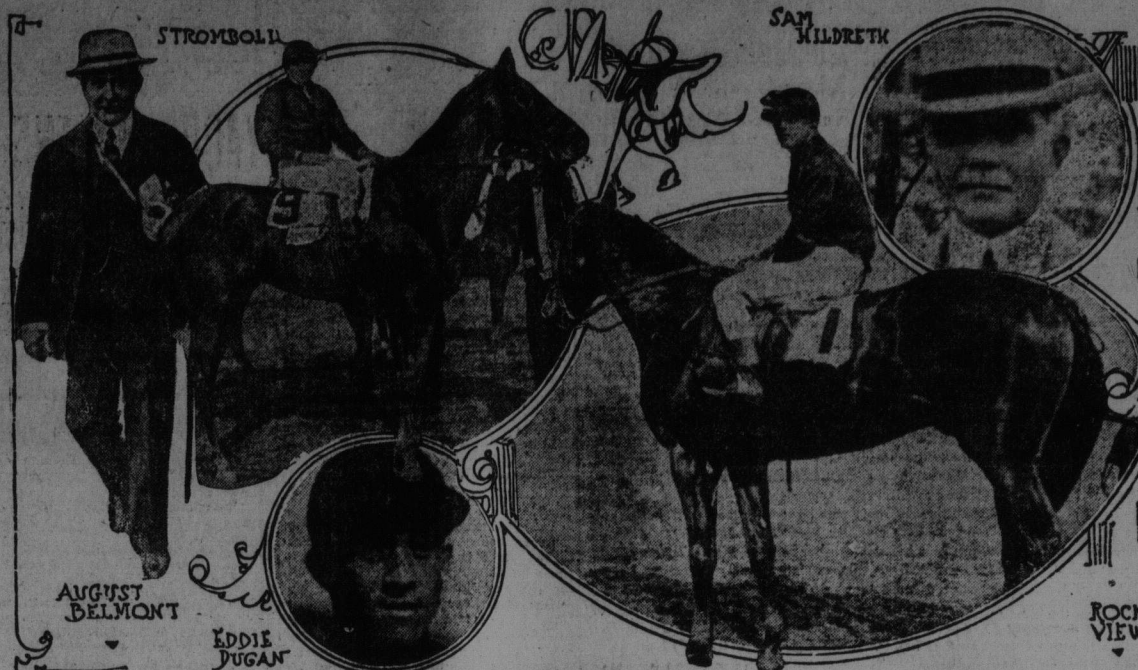
BEEN PLAYING FOR 11 YEARS.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 4.—The longest cribbage game in the history of the United States is nearing a close in this city. It commenced in 1904, for 1,000,000 points. The players are now on their last 100,000 and will finish the game this year. The players are four prominent retired business and professional men.

John C. Loper, formerly sheriff of this county, and Milo Ward, formerly secretary of the Des Moines Commercial Club, are playing against Dr. W. N. Heaton and Sam Neldig. At the present time Loper and Ward have a lead of 15,000 points. However, the game has been a close one all along, as 100,000 points have been played at the time with the lead never varying more than ten points. A peculiarity of the contest is that during all this play not one of the contestants has ever held a twenty-nine hand, the highest possible hand to be held in cribbage.

The players state the long game was started on a wager, but what that wager is they refuse to disclose until the million points have been played. They meet regularly every week at the home of one of the players and refreshments are served by the wife of the host. During all these years they have never missed a week at play.

SOME LIKELY FACTORS IN THE 1915 RACING CAMPAIGN.



While Mr. Belmont's stable of thoroughbreds may not prove the most formidable of any of the Eastern owners, he has a useful quartet of horses in Fenmore, Stromboli, Flittergold and Rock View. These will be his stars of the elder division on the flat, while he may have two or three steeplechasers, including Mission and Top Hat. Fenmore, a brown daughter of Rock Sand and Flitterhouse, raced in England last season and scored on one occasion. All the other two-year-olds of 1914 did not measure up to requirements and were sold. The combination of horses and men in connection with the stable winds up with "Sam" Hildreth, a master trainer and one of the most successful in the profession, and "Eddie" Dugan, who has been engaged by Mr. Belmont to ride all his horses when he can get within the prescribed weight.

WIFE VS. BASE HIT.

There was one horrible exhibit which the Federal Leaguers failed to include in the affidavits filed to support their charges against organized baseball. It was even worse than the charge that Joe Cantillon and Roger Bresnahan had traded players for dogs. This is it:

Frank Chance was managing the Cubs and the game was red hot. The Cubs were beaten but only because they failed to get a base hit in a pinch. Chance was excited as he mounted the steps leading to the Cub office. Meeting Mrs. Chance, he said: "There was a time out there, dearie, when I would almost have traded you for a base hit."

AMATEUR PROFESSIONALIZED

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Harry Kaad, amateur ice skating champion of Illinois, and star of the Illinois Athletic club squad of skaters, has admitted, according to a story published today, that he is a professional.

Kaad, who was selected as one of the seven best amateurs in the United States to compete at Cleveland on January 29 and 30 and at Saranac Lake, N. Y., on February 2, 3 and 4, in the National championships, said that he played professional baseball with the Adrian club of the Southern Michigan league last season. Investigation was started at Cleveland, questioning the amateur standing of the Illinois champion. It was charged that Kaad was ineligible to compete for amateur skating honors as he had played professional ball. Officials of the Western Skating Association and National Skating Union are expected to declare Kaad a professional and re-assign to other skaters medals Kaad has won in various events.

ANDERSON AND WELSH MATCHED

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Freddie Welsh, champion lightweight, and Jimmy Anderson, of Indianapolis, were matched today to box six rounds at Grand Rapids, Feb. 15. They agreed to weigh 135 pounds at 2 p. m. the day of the bout.

JACK JOHNSON'S PROBLEM.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 4.—How Jack Johnson will enter Mexico and by what route he will travel to Juarez for his fight March 6 with Jess Willard was unexplained today.

It was learned that Federal officials are prepared to arrest the pugilist, who is under conviction in Chicago for violation of the Mann act, should he attempt to pass through the United States.

Promoters of the fight claim that Gen. Villa has promised protection to Johnson but at this time no port on the east coast is controlled by Villa, and the occupation of Mexico City by Carranza troops would prevent his entering from Central America.

TALK ON SLABDOM SLAVERY

In the National and American leagues last season there were 100 slabmen who could be classed as regulars. Exactly 7 per cent. of these worked out 35 full games, or about one game every fourth day. In the American league, Walter Johnson was the only pitching entry who handled 35 complete affairs in total innings, while in the National the 35 game list embraced James and Rudolph of the Braves, Alexander and Mayer of the Phillies, Tureau of the Giants and Pfeffer of Brooklyn.

To hold and carry continued effectiveness, a pitcher should work at least one game every fourth afternoon. Yet only 7 out of 100 regulars handled this much work. No wonder there is so much erratic pitching and lack of control.

Mathewson's total innings brought him up to 34 games, which is sufficient for a veteran of 15 campaigns.

But most of the pitching talent was underworked rather than overworked. Which is at least partly shown by the fact that most of the best pitching was done by those who were out there working often enough to develop steadiness, experience and control under fire. It's no flabby clinch to discover an 18-inch plate in a nip-and-tuck combat when you haven't been over the route for a week and have forgotten the shortest way across.

RITCHIE AND WELSH SIGNED UP

Los Angeles, Feb. 4.—Willie Ritchie, former lightweight champion, signed articles here today to meet Freddie Welsh, the present title holder, in a ten round bout at Madison Square Garden, New York, the afternoon of March 11. Ritchie agrees to weigh 135 pounds.

London, Feb. 4.—Neil Primrose, son of the Earl of Rosebery and member of parliament for the Wilsch division of Cambridgeshire, today was named Parliamentary Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Primrose succeeds Francis Dyke Acland, who becomes Financial Secretary of the Treasury.

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