

THE WORLD OF SPORT

Wild Ticket Scramble of Fight-Mad Fans Swarming In New York Marks Eve of Big Battle

BILLINGS MAY GO AT GALT AGAIN

Saints Hold Peppery Work-Out and Are Confident.

EXPECT GRAHAM

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Sept. 13.—The Saints Terriers will have to exert themselves if they wish to defeat the Saints at Prestons Saturday. One of the best workouts of the season was held at Minors Park tonight, when every player on the team was given a chance to work in his own position and others they might be required to occupy in case of emergency. The Saints never looked better than they did Thursday night, and showed quantities of speed that should send them through to the championship of Ontario.

Fred Gadsby, former Canadian League and resident of this city, has taken a great interest in the team, and has spent many hours with them, coaching them in the art of boxing and hitting. The results of his efforts were quite noticeable Wednesday, when St. Thomas so decisively trimmed the Terriers.

It is possible that the same line-up will be used against Galt as was used here Wednesday. It is expected that Billings will again take the box, but if his leg does not permit him, Dan McPhee will be held in readiness. Either man should be able to deal it out with "Friendly" Graham, but the Galt team are more frightened of Billings than of McPhee.

Some of the fans here are disappointed over the place of the play-off, nevertheless, hope to surprise the Terriers and beat them in their own backyard, as Prestons has been termed in reference to Galt.

HARD-OILS MAY NOT ENTER INTERMEDIATE O. R. F. U.

Special to The Advertiser.
Petrolia, Sept. 13.—It is very doubtful whether the Hard-Oils will be represented in the Intermediate O.R.F.U. group this year. Manager Keller says they are much disappointed, but two intermediates turned up for practice this week. Whether the players of the season too early to start, or whether their enthusiasm has diminished, so that they don't care to take the town's prestige, is yet to be ascertained.

However, over twenty enthusiastic juniors are turning out regularly, and if Petrolia does not have a fast intermediate outfit, it will be a pity. The O.R.F.U. will lose many of their men who will be needed to strengthen the intermediate line-up.

MUSKEGON FILES SUIT AGAINST KALAMAZOO

Special to The Advertiser.
Muskegon, Mich., Sept. 13.—The Muskegon Michigan League Club has filed a suit against Kalamazoo, claiming damages of \$100,000. The action was to reimburse Kalamazoo for damages sustained in several weeks ago when fans became angry and pulled on the roof of the visitors' dugout. It collapsed, Kalamazoo talked suit at the time but Muskegon Club contended the visiting players started the trouble by daring fans to pull on the roof. The club has already paid hospital bills and other expenses of \$54.

Little Lessons In Golf

BY CHESTER G. HORTON,
Nationally Known Golf Instructor.

It is a difficult thing to describe just how the golfer waits back with the clubhead when he starts his down swing. It is accomplished almost wholly by feel and touch rather than by intent. Once you sense the feel of it you will recognize instantly the golf swing properly made, and will have little difficulty with it thereafter.

If you will go about your swing in the following manner perhaps you can get the thrill of the "feel" of the proper swing. Center your mind on the thought that the ball will stay right where it is until your clubhead hits it; that is, make your mind know that you have plenty of time for the swing—all you want. Then take time. See the ball. Start your clubhead back slowly and close to the ground for a few inches, keeping clubhead even with your hands. Then

let it go back, with a left arm and left shoulder push. Bend down your knees a little—just down on the ball, so to speak. When your straight left arm attains the top of the back swing you should feel a pull against your left wrist. The "feel" of it is right here. Let the clubhead come back, mostly with a left arm down pull. The right hand takes command near the ball and crashes the clubhead through. Keep the right elbow close to your side, coming down, but not noticeably tight. Keep your balance and keep your gaze centered on the line through the ball.

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JACK DEMPSEY

YANKS STILL HAVE TO WIN PENNANT

Cleveland Indians Still Have Possible Chance of Annexing Flag.

By JOHN B. FOSTER.
Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Sept. 13.—Many fans are puzzled as to when the Yankees will actually become champions of the American League for the third time in succession. They see the New York team far out in front, with only a few games left to play, and they wonder why the Yankees cannot claim the championship now.

No championship is won until the team that is second in the race is in that position, that by winning all the games it has left to play it cannot tie or go ahead of the leader, if the latter should lose all its remaining games.

For instance, let it be said that the Yankees have 21 games to play in a 154-game schedule. If they lose all of them, having won 88, they will finish the season with 88 victories and 66 defeats.

Cleveland have 26 games left to play, with 71 victories already. If they win all their games they will finish with 97 victories and 57 defeats. It is evident, therefore, that the championship cannot be allotted to the Yankees until they have arrived at that point where Cleveland could not possibly catch up with their rivals.

Seek 100 Victories.
The Yankees are striving for 100 victories. Boston won 105 games in 1912, the year in which they played the famous World Series battle with the Giants. Hopefully beaten, seemingly, the series, and then lost it in the tenth inning of the final game.

If the Yankees win 100 games this season the Indians cannot possibly beat them. The nearer New York gets to the century mark, the sooner the day will come when the Yankees can tell the world the fight is over.

The Giants will have to take their fight further afoot. They, too, can win 100 games, and they may do it. It looks more probable now that they are through in Boston, where they made merry with the team that came to New York and nearly made merry over the Giants.

Confidence Counts.
It shows what a transformation seems to have come over the Giants the moment they strike the road. If New York had encountered hard going in Boston, they might have had a hard row to hoe for the next two weeks, but the winning of the first two games on the road will give them assurance that they are back in their old fighting trim, and once that team believes that it is going right, it is no team with which to trifle.

In all probability the Yankees will have a better record for the season than the Giants, due to the fact that the Giants have had both Pittsburgh and Cincinnati tugging at their coat-tails, while the Yankees have not had a runnerup with power nearly equivalent to theirs.

LUCAN HOLDS WINGHAM FOR SCORELESS TIE

Game Called in 8th. After Both Teams Play Air-Tight Ball in Mud.

Special to The Advertiser.
Wingham, Ont., Sept. 13.—Lucan and Wingham ball teams played a scoreless game today, when they played the second game of the home-and-home series in the N. W. B. A. semi-finals to decide who to oppose Owen Sound in the finals.

The weather conditions were very unfavorable, as the grounds were soaked, but, nevertheless, the teams played a tight ball. The score was 0-0 when the game was called in the eighth inning on account of rain. More while O'Neill of Lucan had two. This game will be played in Wingham on Saturday, the 15th, at 4 o'clock.

The batteries: Lucan, O'Neill and Groves; Wingham, Morden and Johnson.

SCORES FROM 2ND ON SACRIFICE FLY

Associated Press Despatch.
Pittsburg, Sept. 13.—Pittsburg and Brooklyn divided a double-header here this afternoon, Brooklyn winning the first game 7 to 4, and the Pirates the second 6 to 3. In the first game Adams was hit hard in the first three frames and gave way to Hamilton. Brooklyn broke a 4 to 4 tie in the ninth by pounding in three runs. The feature of the second game was Carr's sacrifice fly to deep center in the third inning. This was the second time that this feat has been accomplished at Forbes Field.

Carri Does Unusual Feat As Pirates Split With the Dodgers.

First game: R.H.E. Brooklyn 7 10 100-7 18 0. Carr, Adams, Hamilton and Gooch. Second game: R.H.E. Brooklyn 6 10 100-6 3 1. Carr, Adams, Hamilton and Gooch.

REDS QUIT TRAVEL.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Cincinnati closed its road trip today by defeating Chicago 3 to 2, in ten innings, making a clean sweep of the two-game series and gaining one-half game in the pennant race. Great batting by Harper and Duncan, the latter making five hits in five times at bat, helped the Reds to victory. Going into the ninth inning, the Reds were leading 3 to 2. Harper drove the ball into the bleachers for a home run, which tied the score. The visitors then bunched hits off Aldridge and went ahead 4 to 2. Chicago tied it up again in the ninth, but the Reds won out in the tenth on rally in which Harper drove home the winning run and Duncan cracked his fifth hit, a double, which sent home another marker.

The score: R.H.E. Cincinnati 3 10 100-3 14 1. Chicago 2 10 100-2 13 1. McQuaid, Keck, Donohue and Har-; Aldridge, Osborne and O'Far-

OUR BOARDING HOUSE.

SAY, MRS. HOOPER—WHAT'S THE STRAIGHT LOW DOWN ON THIS OL' LIVING ROOM TUG BOAT? TH' MAJOR CLAIMS IT WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY A HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AN' EVERY GREAT GUY FROM RIP VAN WINKLE DOWN TO T. SMITH BROS. EAT IN IT!

WHY IF WE LISTENED TO HIM ANY LONGER, HE'D EVEN SAY THAT DON'T REVERE USED IT FOR A SADDLE! HE SAID TH' HIDE ON IT WAS TAKEN FROM TH' COW THAT KICKED OVER T. LAMP THAT STARTED TH' CHICAGO FIRE!

HMM—I'M SURPRISED AT YOU BOYS—I SHOULD THINK YOU WOULD KNOW THE MAJOR BY THIS TIME—WHY, THAT CHAIR IS 'OLD BESS' THE HISTALMENT QUEEN! I BOUGHT IT WHEN WE WERE FIRST MARRIED, AND I FINISHED PAYING FOR IT ON OUR LEATHER ANNIVERSARY!

THE HISTORY OF THE MAJORS' FAVORITE CHAIR—



Fighters Seek Seclusion As Fistianna in Suspense Awaits Impact of Giants

Gathering in Gotham Greatest in History of the Ring Is Drawn From Four Corners of Earth, Expecting Dempsey To Win, But Unexpected As Well.

By BOB EDGREN.
Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Sept. 13.—Tremendous interest in the big battle at the Polo Grounds, has marked the last few hours before the all-day yesterday, and even before daylight this morning, long lines of people filled the approaches to the box office in Madison Square Garden. There was a scramble to grab the few thousand middle-priced tickets left around hotel lobbies and in ticket agencies, all through the theatrical district, the speculators were offering similar tickets at tremendous prices.

In some way the scalpers got control of blocks of tickets in the best ringside positions. Some of these were sold as high as \$200 for each individual seat. Seats forty-five rows back from the press box, around the ringside, were sold for \$50 and found plenty of purchasers. Even the cheapest seats were sold at three times their face value by speculators, at the same time that they were still selling for the original price, plainly printed across the face of the cards, in the official box offices.

The New York Athletic Club and other famous clubs all over the city, regular ticket agencies handled tickets that were sold to club members at a great advance over regular prices. In hotel lobbies anyone who pulled a ticket from his pocket, instantly became the center of a mad rush by fight fans crazy to buy seats near enough to the ring to see where the punches land. There never has been anything like it before, even when Dempsey fought Carpenter.

Speculators' Harvest.
"I'd like to give you a hundred even you won't come back," said Hinds. "I'll bet you a hundred without waiting to reply. And he didn't come back."

The flood of Firpo money is mostly a myth. Fighting conditions have changed since the time of the caverns. Firpo and Dempsey have both been described as athletic persons who revel in bone-crushing blows, but when their training grind was finished they didn't retire to their caves to groom over the coming battle. Each was rubbed and bathed in scented rub-down liniments, powdered and dried and dressed in silk that wouldn't chafe the softest skin, and clothes that would look well on Broadway.

Firpo With Friend.
Then Firpo went to New York, and was driven to the luxurious apartment of a friend from the Argentine, who entertained with music and kept away from exciting conversations with enthusiastic countrymen who wanted to spend the last hours telling him how his country expects him to win. Dempsey, in a private car, went from Saratoga to New York, and was established in a suite at the Belmont, with guards in the hall to keep annoying "strangers" away, and a phonograph and all the latest records to amuse him until it was time to sleep. Arrangements for Firpo's arrival were made in cars from their apartments to the doors of their dressing-rooms at the Polo Grounds, so that they wouldn't be pawed over by curious strangers or pushed in the tremendous jam at the gate.

Both Dempsey and Firpo finished their training in perfect condition, so nearly on edge that a day of rest will send them in fit to do their best. Firpo, however, seemed dead when the training grind was over. Dempsey was unusually cheerful, as though at times he seemed to have moved his hands as if looking ahead to the first swift rush and the striking of the first swift blow in his attack.

Dempsey isn't a waiting champion. He is going into this fight to win suddenly and decisively, if he can, but to win no matter what resistance he has to overcome.

ROVERS AND LEAF'S MIX TOMORROW IN FINAL

Fight For Thomas Injured Cup and Small-Sized Private Feud.

C. N. R. A. A. grounds will be the scene of another soccer final tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 when St. John's Rovers hook up with St. John's Leaf's in the finals for the Thomas Injured Cup.

Rovers beat the Leafs two weeks ago in a district semi-final and left a deep sense of injury in the breasts of the doctored Leafs. Leafs claim that it was the referee that beat them on that occasion, not the Rovers.

Rovers' morale, however, has been lifted higher by this victory, and some of their awe for the Leafs who made such a fine showing in the Connaught Cup competition has undoubtedly departed, and they'll give the locals a fine battle.

MISS M. BECK AGAIN WINS JUMPING EVENTS

Visitors At Fair Applaud As Horses Are Put Through Rounds.

Sir Adam Beck, represented by Miss Marion Beck, again cleaned up the jumping events before the grandstand at the Western Fair this afternoon.

A much smaller gallery of horse lovers than yesterday watched the riders as they put their mounts over the high jumps, and in spite of the cool weather followed the performances keenly. As the horses cleared the various jumps rounds of applause from the packed grandstand greeted the riders. Miss Beck got a large hand as the judges pinned the first ribbon on her horse.

The results were as follows: Jumping, six jumps, four feet, four feet six inches, and five feet—Sir Adam Beck, first, second and third; Douglas Weld, fourth.

Jumping, six jumps, four feet six inches, five feet and five feet six inches—Sir Adam Beck; Mann Brothers; Ernest Weld; H. J. Darach, Listowel.

GOLF FINALS REACHED AT SIMCOE.
Special to The Advertiser.
Simcoe, Sept. 13.—Yesterday afternoon the stage was cleared for the final games for the golf championship at the Nor-



LUIS FIRPO

Down the Line In All Sports

All things in sport, and even international politics, fade away for a day until tonight settles whether a huge giant from Salt Lake City, Utah—and a likeable young party overnight sentiment has found him—is a better man than a huge hulk of a man who hails from near the Andes in South America. The affair will be settled by the modern version of bare fists. The struggle between Dempsey and the challenger for his crown, Firpo, would still hold a large part of the world's interest even though huge armies were facing each other and the death of thousands were a matter of certainty, despite the fact that the welter of war calls for courage not to be thought of in connection with the pale sort of courage required for tonight's encounter. It is one of the travesties on modern civilization, but practically the whole civilized world awaits the denouement.

Billings will likely face Galt tomorrow. Billings in St. Thomas Saturday, despite the lamentable blow-up of the Terriers in the field, treated the Terrier batters with a certain amount of contempt. He had them beaten mentally and every other way. In no exhibition game earlier in the season—never a very good criterion—he held the same sway over the heavy-hitting Galt crew. St. Thomas fans are confident that if the team stays on the ground Billings could pitch with one hand, roll the ivories out with the other, even limp, and still beat the Terriers.

Ever since Kid Roy, featherweight champion boxer of Canada, put the skids under Curly Wilshur and Eddie Pinchot at Montreal a few months ago local fans have been talking about the phenomenal French-Canadian scrapper. When it was learned that Wilshur got beaten in two rounds, Toronto fans were inclined to think that it was one of those "flukes" that happen pretty often in the fight game. Wilshur was known to be a slow starter, and it was figured that Roy slipped one over before the Toronto boy had a chance to get warmed up. Then Pinchot was matched with Roy, and everybody who saw how easily Eddie whipped Teddy Joyce figured the Charleroi lad would go down and make a "monkey" of the Canadian titleholder. Pinchot lasted half the time Wilshur did. Eddie was not knocked out, but it took quite a few minutes for him to recover. The next victim was Roy Moore of St. Paul, the tough veteran who stopped the triumphant career of Teddy Joyce when the latter was all the works here a couple of years ago. Then followed a bout with Joey Fox, featherweight champion of the British Isles and holder of the Lord Lonsdale belt. Roy gave him a neat lacing and won for himself the featherweight championship of the British Empire. And now Roy is angling for a battle with Johnny Dundee for the world's title. Only ten months ago this same Leo "Kid" Roy was a preliminary boy, glad to get \$25 for a certain-raiser. His rise to the top has been nothing short of phenomenal. Those who have met Roy say that he is a well-behaved little fellow, quiet of speech and a credit to the game. He is ambitious, blessed with a powerful frame and a sock like the kick of a mule in both mauleys. He is neither a boxer nor a fighter, but possesses the fine points of both. He has a peculiar style, leading with an awkward-looking left swing, backed up by a smashing right that shoots out on the slightest opening. Roy is Montreal's fighting pet right at present.

CHAMP BECOMES HEAVY FAVORITE ON EVE OF BOUT

Odds of Four to One On Dempsey Find No Takers.

FIRPO LOOKS FIT
By FAIR PLAY.
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New York, Sept. 13.—As the time of the meeting between Dempsey and Firpo draws near the champion becomes an overwhelming favorite. Odds as high as four to one were offered today, and no one was coming forward to take them.

If Firpo wins it will be a real upset in more senses than one. It will be a financial upset for one thing. For much of the betting has been done on the basis of two and a half and three to one on Dempsey to retain his title.

Firpo is now in the city and looks fit to put up the battle of his career. He is keeping in seclusion, but privileged persons who have seen him cannot discover that he is doing any worrying about the approaching battle.

Dempsey will journey from White Sulphur Springs to Albany by train and then take the night boat down to the city, reaching here on the morning of the battle. In this way he expects to get a good rest.

Jack Irritable.
He will spend Friday, until the time comes for him to go to the Polo Grounds, at the hotel in New York, where he always stops, but will receive only his closest friends that day.

As a matter of fact, only his closest friends find Jack in any way companionable when he is close upon a battle. He is touchy and jump about the outcome of the contest. As a black snake, and his mood, usually so genial and boyish, becomes irritable and unstable to get a wallop from him at such times.

Not Worrying.
Having watched him closely at his training quarters the writer does not believe Dempsey is worrying one bit about the outcome of the contest. He is the sort of fighter who shows all his feelings, and if he were worrying he would be unable to conceal that fact.

He is always willing to hand an opponent a chance to take him, and Dempsey is usually line of talk concerning Firpo's chances. The vein of conversation has been cheerful, and the suggestion has been that whatever chance Firpo may have in his heart does not reduce them as much as he outwardly appears to do.

LONDON ELKS UNABLE TO PLAY AT ST. THOMAS

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Sept. 13.—The London Elks have sent word to Secretary Palmer of the local Athletic Rugby Club that they would be unable to play here Saturday, but would be prepared to make the journey here Sept. 23. According to the information received from the Elks, they did not organize until this week and were not prepared to enter a conflict. However, it is likely now that the two teams will meet here on the day suggested by the London aggregation.

It is doubtful whether a match will be played here Saturday. The challenge was accepted by the Elks, but Palmer has received no reply from them. Since the defeat last Saturday by Sarnia, the Athletics have put in several days of hard training, and have strengthened their weak points. There will be plenty of rugby in St. Thomas this season. The outcome of Saturday's O. R. F. U. meeting at Toronto will be watched here with keen interest.

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BARBARIAN DEFEATS ERNE.

Associated Press Despatch.
Detroit, Sept. 13.—Six Barbarian, Detroit lightweight, defeated George Erne of Newark, N.J., in a 10-round bout here last night, in the opinion of the majority of newspapermen at the ringside.

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