"Play Ball"

Opening of the National League Season.

The Toronto Team Beaten at Baltimore.

Australians Lose at San Francisco—Racing in England—Various Sporting Events.

BASEBALL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE UMPIRES.

President Nick Young, of the National Baseball League, has made the following appointments of umpires to serve during the coming season: Lynch, Hurst, Emslie, Sheridan, McDonald, McDermott and O'Day.

THE AUSTRALIANS LOST.

San Francisco, April 20.—The Australian baseball team, in its first appearance here in a game, suffered defeat at the hands of the Olympics. Score, 20 to 9.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON OPENED.

Boston, Mass., April 20.—The Philadelphians came to Boston yesterday, and played the first league game of the season, defeating the home team by one run in an exciting finish. About 14,500 people crowded into the cramped ground, several hundred not being able to obtain seats. Capt. Duffy was presented with a gold watch and chain by the players and friends when he went to bat, and "Billy" Nash, formerly captain of the home team, was given a huge basket of flowers. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	0 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 3	6	12	1
Boston	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5	5	8	3

Batteries—Orth and Clements; Nichols and Ganzell.

TORONTO BEATEN AT BALTIMORE

Baltimore, April 20.—The Orioles defeated the Toronto team yesterday by the score of 10 to 2. The Canadians were unable to hit Hoffer, while McFarland and Dineen were batted freely. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Baltimore	1 1 0 1 1 0 1 5 0	10	14	2
Toronto	1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0	2	5	2

Batteries—Hoffer and Robinson; McFarland and Casey, Dineen and Baker. Umpires—Horton and Bowerman

WATERLOO COUNTY LEAGUE.

The Waterloo County Baseball League has elected officers as follows: Honorary president, J. E. Seagram, M.P.; president, A. B. McBride, Waterloo; vice-president, Thomas Shaw, Hespeler; secretary-treasurer, G. Hasenpflug, Waterloo. The Guelph Alerts and the Stratford club applied for admission, but it was decided not to have clubs outside of the county enter. It was decided to hold all committee meetings in Preston. Messrs. Mitchell, Hespeler; Cochrene, Berlin, and Murphy, Hespeler, were appointed official umpires for the season. The season closes on the day of the last scheduled match. Spalding's rules to govern.

RUSIE JOINS THE GIANTS.

New York, April 20.—"[illegible] Journal this morning says: "[illegible] Rusie, the great baseball pitcher, has signed a contract for the season of 1897, tendered him by the New York baseball club, and will report to the team for duty forthwith. Rusie's contract calls for a salary of $2,400 for the season.

FLYS.

Catcher Shaw is showing up strong on the Syracuse team.

Minneapolis will likely get Tacks Parrott. That $400 offer is too much for Chris Von der Ahe.

"La Joie runs bases like a 2-year-old. And to think that Boston couldn't use him. He is the find of five years," says Billy Nash.

"Van Derbeck, of the Detroits, claims that he is negotiating for the Louisville franchise. As the Louisville club officials once refused an offer of $60,000 for the franchise, it is not likely that the Detroit man's efforts will result in anything more than negotiations," says the Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette.

Says Ben Mulford: "You can't always figure on the value of a man by looking at the averages. Take the case of George Hogriever, for instance. Stacked against the Reds' twirlers, he piled up the wonderful batting average of .000. Not a sign of a hit did he get, but he reached first no less than six times, stole two bases, and scored three runs."

The Boston Post says that Pitcher Lee Forrett and Catcher Bade Myers have "jumped" their contracts with the Portland baseball team, and have deserted the nine, which is now playing exhibition games in the southwestern part of Connecticut. This battery played with Manager McQuirk in Jackson, Mich., last season, and were strong players in their positions.

Dan Sweeney, who played with Louisville for a time in 1895, is credited with being the smallest professional ball player. He will play in Dubuque next season.

Dean and Malott, of the Hamilton club, reported on Saturday for duty.

New York beat Syracuse 12 to 1 on Friday and 19 to 3 on Saturday. New York found Mullarky for 27 hits in Saturday's game.

The Maple Leafs, of Guelph, have these players under contract, George Bradford, D. O'Connor, Wm. Congalton, Wm. McIlroy, W. Roberts and A. Fischer.

After making all their arrangements the Australian ball players were advised by cable not to make the trip to America, as the prospects were bad. They decided, however, to go on with the tour and take chances.

Sporting Life says: "Arthur Irwin will probably sign Arlie Latham for his Toronto club. Arlie's arm is said to be in shape again, and he will prove a strong card on the Eastern League circuit." But as the "joker" is playing with Columbus in the Western League, his chances of playing with Toronto look very slim.

WHEEL.

BICYCLE CHAT.

Nothing will arouse the ire of an experienced rider quicker than to see a wheelman coming up the avenue with his hands off the handle-bars. To be able to do the trick is all right, but old riders have long ago given up the custom as too dangerous not only to themselves but to everyone on the street. To do the trick successfully the rider must be going at a good rate of speed. He has no control of his wheel and particularly at crossings there is no telling at what moment it may be necessary to make a detour or slacken speed. A small obstacle in the street which ordinarily would be passed over without notice is enough to deflect the front wheel, and if there are any other riders close by to send it crashing into their wheels. More accidents can be traced to this practice than to almost any other cause.

CHATHAM JUBILANT.

The delegates representing Chatham were met at the C. P. R. station on their return home and were greeted with most vociferous cheers. There were 500 of the leading citizens gathered to meet the delegates.

SPOKES.

Loughead will hardly ride in Canada this year. He has been signed by a big tire team, and will have as a team C. S. Wells, of California, probably the best rider on the coast. He has recovered from the knee trouble that bothered him last season, and, though he says he is not in shape now, Fred C. Pelot, one of the best posted of the American writers on racing affairs, predicts that he will be among the top-notchers of the year.

Ex-Champion Angus McLeod looks the personification of health, and if he doesn't regain his lost laurels this year his appearance belies. The lame back that affected him in 1896 has disappeared, and he will start to train very shortly. He has returned to Sarnia.

If the figures the Australasian gives are reliable, the top-notchers of the Antipodes are luckier than in America. Porta is said to be paid £5 10s a week to ride the Dux, while Martin draws £8 a week from the makers of the Red Bird. Lesna, the Frenchman, heads the list, with a weekly wage of £25 from the Gladiator people.

THE TURF.

ENGLISH EVENTS.

London, April 20.—At the Kempton Park Easter meeting yesterday, Mr. Martin D. Rocker's Bridegroom won the race for the Queen's prize of 1,000 sovereigns. The event was for 3-year-olds and upwards, over a mile course, the second horse to receive 50 sovereigns out of the stakes. There were six starters over the "Jubilee" course, one mile. The Rothchilds' welter plate of 103 sovereigns, for 3-year-olds and upwards, was won by Mr. P. C. Patten's Magnato. Six horses ran, including Richard Croker's Nashville, which was unplaced.

THE TENNESSEE DERBY.

Memphis, Tenn., April 20.—The Tennessee Derby, 1⅛ miles, with a guarantee value of $5,000, was won at Montgomery Park yesterday by A. Cahn's chestnut colt Buckvidere. Typhoon finished second, with Algol third. There were only three starters. Attendance, 8,000. Algol opened at 7, and was backed to 4. The small bettors put their faith in Buckvidere at 5 to 1 throughout, but before the race there was a plunge on Typhoon, and the betting closed with Typhoon and Algol even money each.

BROOKLYN HANDICAP.

New York, April 20.—The Brooklyn handicap, to be run on Monday, May 31, will be worth $10,000 to the winner. There are 31 entries, the favorites in betting being Requital (128 pounds), 4 to 1; Handspring (125 pounds), 6 to 1; Hastings (123 pounds), 8 to 1; Ben Brush (123 pounds), Belmar (121 pounds), and Sir Walter (115 pounds), 10 to 1; The Winner (115 pounds), 12 to 1; Halma (119 pounds), and Ben Edeer (113 pounds), 15 to 1; others, 20 to 1 to 100 to 1.

FOOTBALL.

PENINSULAR LEAGUE.

The Association Peninsular League football representatives have chosen the following officers: E. C. Wallar, of Detroit, honorary president; William McDonald, of Detroit, president; S. J. Watts, Windsor, secretary-treasurer; A. Allison, Essex, vice-president. Essex and Chatham are expected to join an intermediate team in the association this year, with no limit as to weight, and a junior team with a limit of 125 pounds.

KICKS.

In the International Association match, in which Scotland defeated England 3 to 2, England had nine professionals on the team. Scotland's team included four professionals who are engaged with English clubs.

ATHLETICS.

J. J. Mullen, the great Irish miler, and F. E. Bacon, of London, England, are matched to run four miles, for $250 a side, and the race will be decided at the Cheltenville track, Belfast, Ireland, on the afternoon of June 4.

WELTER-WEIGHT FISTIC CHAMPIONSHIP.

Billy Smith has issued a challenge to fight George Green for the welterweight championship of the world. Billy says that if Green accepts the date must be at least two months off, otherwise his arm would not be strong enough to stand the strain.

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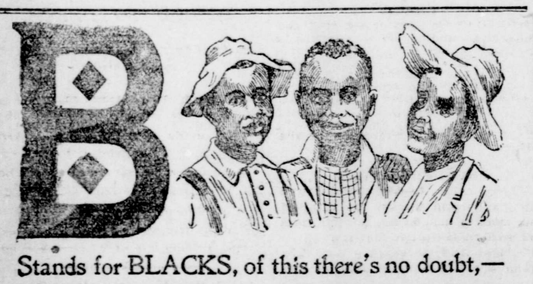

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The Pool of Bethesda.

Near to the Pool of Bethesda,
A stricken multitude lay—
The lame, the blind, and the palsi'd,
Were found in the porches, the day
Our Lord journeyed up to the city,
And passed by the pool on his way.

There the maimed, weary with waiting,
For help they were greatly in need,
With pitiful looks were they pleading—
There were some to whom no one gave heed.
They long'd to be first in the water,
But helpless, they could not succeed.

Among the blind, lame and wither'd,
Who in the five porches were found,
Some who had watch'd there, and waited
For the angel, the whole year round.
And friends to put them in the water,
To bathe, and once more become sound.

The rich with their servants were there,
The widow to care for her son,
Who had wasted both health and fortune,
But his day seemed nearly done.
The aged, palsi'ed man was there,
Though his race was so nearly run.

There many had watched and waited,
Day and night, the whole year through,
For the angel to trouble the water,
That they might wash, and their health renew,
By following next to the angel,
And the evils of life undo.

O, how long this helpless one waited!
Waited, thirty-eight years, or more,
And they that had friends in the porches,
Were able to step down before;
Still he hop'd, and patiently waited,
Though this happened o'er and o'er.

His heart grew weary with waiting,
Waiting, waiting year after year,
Till many weary years passed over,
In anguish, in hope, and in fear;
One by one, his household had perished—
None remained that once held him dear.

Thirty-eight years he had waited
For friends to put him in the water;
But among the many there gathered,
He had not wife, son or daughter;
And ever someone was before him
When the angel troubl'd the water.

At length to the pool came a Stranger,
Upon whom the sick man made no claim;
He told him he had there no helper,
And he knew not yet of His fame;
There's none to put him in the water—
But the Lord made him whole, all the same.

He said to the weak, weary waiter—
Though a total Stranger was He—
"Thou hast suffered long in thy waiting,
A sufferer thou shalt no longer be;
This day I bestow thee My blessing;
From palsy, and pain, be thou free."

The Stranger looked on him with pity,
For feeble and helpless was he;
The angel still troubled the water,
But what use to him could it be?
Thousands had stepp'd in before him—
No one, from his ills, set him free.

Waiting so long, wearily waiting,
For the help one, in pity, might give;
Waiting so long, wearily waiting,
To wash, and the blessing receive.
Waiting so long, wearily waiting,
To lave, and in health thence to live.

Waiting so long, wearily waiting,
For faith and great patience had he;
Waiting so long, wearily waiting,
From the evils of sin to be free,
By coming next after the angel,
Whatever its virtue might be.

He's commanded no longer to linger,
And seek the first place in the strife,
But arise with the vigor imparted—
The vigor derived from new life—
The healing obtain'd from these waters
Is given by the Giver of Life.

He's bidd'n to arise, and to walk;
He obeys, and is instantly well;
But who was this Stranger that healed him,
This impotent man could not tell;
His cure was wrought on the Sabbath—
Was it wrong?—He knew he was well.

In life men fall over and over,
When the storms on its waters are seen,
How few are waiting to help them,
Or to aid in their cure, then, I ween?
Some friend helps his friend in before them;
They have fail'd, though the contest was keen.

Help comes not to them at the moment,
When with it, they well might succeed;
Help comes not to them, at the moment,
Though they feel they have very great need;
If by chance they find them a helper
Such a friend is a true friend, indeed.

This Stranger a fountain has open'd
For those who would wash and be clean;
They're urged to its pure healing waters,
That no stains on the soul may be seen;
"Arise ye, go bathe in its waters,
That the heart may be healthful and clean."

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Good Friday, April 16, 1897.

The Railways.

Reducing the Force On the Lehigh Valley Road.

Big Difference Made by a Mill on Freight Business—Earnings and Changes.

The new Grand Trunk bridge over the Niagara River will be completed by June 30.

General passenger agents are greatly disappointed over the small sale of the 5,000-mile interchangeable tickets.

A new passenger service has gone into operation between Chicago and New York over the Lackawanna and the Nickel Plate.

Receipts from traffic on the C. P. R. for the week ending April 11, $389,000; for the same week last year, $363,000; increase, $26,000.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of Canada and the United States will holds its annual meeting in Windsor in July. About 600 members and their wives are expected to be in the city.

The Empire State express, over the New York Central, on Tuesday, hauled the train from Rochester to Syracuse, 81 miles, in 80 minutes, making up 11 minutes on its fast schedule between those points.

The Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways have notified shippers that, taking effect at once, lake and rail rates on specified commodities in carloads, the class of which has been 72 cents from Montreal to Winnipeg, will be carried at 67 cents, to Portage La Prairie, 79 cents, and Brandon, 86 cents.

The astonishing statement is made, but borne out by facts, that the difference of one mill per ton per mile on freight carried by all railroads in the United States, makes a difference in the revenue of $80,000,000.

Owing to the dullness of traffic on the Lehigh Valley, 20 engineers have been put back to firing, and 20 firemen have been placed at braking and hostlering. These changes will necessitate the laying off of 30 or 40 brakemen, who will stand about first in the order of returning to work as soon as business increases. Twelve locomotives have been withdrawn from the road, and the fires drawn.

A deputation of engineers, firemen and conductors from Toronto Junction interviewed Assistant Superintendent Williams, of the C. P. R., respecting certain grievances, one of which, it is said, is that it is proposed to transfer passenger engineers from the London and Havelock runs to the new run to Buffalo. The men say there are others long in the service who should be promoted to the new run instead of giving them to those already on first-class runs.

The annual report of the Grand Trunk lines in Michigan submitted to the stockholders at Chicago last week shows a deficit of $435,175, after charging off interest. The Grand Trunk Company of Canada pays this deficit, by virtue of its obligations under a traffic agreement. Gross receipts for the year increased $355,582, and net earnings, $173,886, Compared to the year 1895, the working expenses were 91.33 per cent against 96.45 per cent. Passenger earnings during the period covered by the report decreased $47,124, or about 5 per cent, the decrease being attributed to the falling off in suburban business out of Chicago, and being occasioned by the competition of the electric surface lines. Freight earnings, however, increased $402,388.

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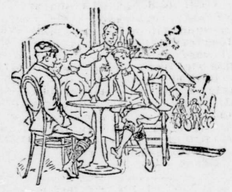

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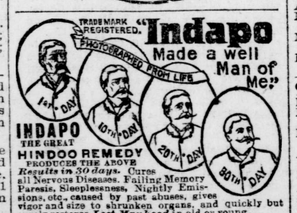

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Leave London	a.m. 6:25	a.m. 10:05	p.m. 2:30	p.m. 7:00
Arrive London	8:45	p.m. 2:05	.....	10:35

Note—Trains leaving London at 10:05 and 7:00 run to St. Thomas only.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.

Going East.

DEPART—	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
London	4:15	8:00	4:35
Woodstock	5:03	8:54	5:30
Galt	6:00	9:58	6:32
Guelph	.....	.....	7:45
Toronto	8:15	12 m	8:35
Peterboro	11:22	.....	11:35
	p.m.		a.m.
Kingston	4:30	.....	.....
Ottawa	8:55	.....	5:50
Montreal	7:20	.....	7:40
	a.m.	.....	p.m.
Quebec	6:30	.....	3:00
Portland, Me	8:25	.....	8:10
Boston	8:02	.....	8:30
Halifax	10:10	.....	.....

Trains arrive from the east at 11:18 a.m., 8:00 p.m., 11:20 p.m.

Going West.

DEPART—	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
London	8:15	11:25	8:10
ARRIVE—	m.	p.m.	
Chatham	12:30	1:02	10:15
Detroit	.....	1:50	11:15
Chicago	.....	9:45	7:35
		a.m.	
St. Louis	.....	7:32	7:32
		p.m.	a.m.
Kansas City	.....	6:20	7:00

Trains arrive from the west at 4:10 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 4:25 p.m.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Southern Division.

MAIN LINE—Going East.

	ARRIVE.	DEPART.
*Lehigh Express (B)	3:30 a.m.	3:35 a.m.
Wabash Express	4:15 a.m.	4:20 a.m.
Accommodation	.....	8:20 a.m
Atlantic Express (A)	12:25 p.m.	12:40 p.m.
Day Express	10:25 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
*Wabash Express (A)	4:20 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Mixed (c)	7:10 p.m.	7:55 p.m.
Detroit Express	11:20 p.m.	.....

MAIN LINE—Hastings West.

	ARRIVE	DEPART.
†Chicago Express (A)	3:03 a.m.	.....
Accommodation	.....	7:00 a.m.
†Lehigh Express	11:07 a.m.	.....
Wabash Express (A)	11:20 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Accommodation	12:40 p.m.	2:20 p.m.
†Pacific Express (A)	6:25 p.m.	6:45 p.m.
Mail	9:50 p.m.	.....

Sarnia Branch.

	ARRIVE.	DEPART
Lehigh Express (B)	3:30 a.m.	.....
Accommodation	8:05 a.m.	.....
Atlantic Express (B)	11:30 a.m.	.....
Accommodation	2:22 p.m.	.....
Mixed	5:35 p.m.	.....
Accommodation	7:50 p.m.	.....

Sarnia Branch.

	ARRIVE.	DEPART.
Chicago Express (B)	.....	3:10 a.m.
Accommodation	.....	7:40 a.m.
Lehigh Express (B)	.....	11:12 a.m.
Accommodation	.....	2:30 p.m.
Pacific Express (B)	.....	6:35 p.m

London, Huron and Bruce.

	ARRIVE.	DEPART
Express	10:00 a.m	8:15 a.m.
Mail	6:30 p.m.	4:45 p.m.

St. Marys and Stratford Branch.

	ARRIVE.	DEPART
Express	9:45 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
(D) Passenger	.....	1:10 a.m.
Express	1:10 p.m.	.....
Express	5:40 p.m.	2:40 p.m.
Express	10:35 p.m.	5:55 p.m.
(D) Mixed	.....	8:30 a.m.

Toronto Branch.

Hamilton—Depart—								
a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		....	p.m.	p.m.
*7:00	9:10	11:20	12:30	3:40		....	n*7:00	8:35
Hamilton—Arrive—								
....	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m	p.m.
....	8:45	9:05	10:10	n 3:20	5:35	6:30	8:15	11:50

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† These trains from Montreal.
(A) Runs daily, Sundays included.
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LONDON TIME.

Canada Southern Division—Going East

	Leave London.	Leave St. Thomas.
American Express (daily except Monday	9:30 a.m	11:05 a m.
Atlantic Express (daily)	9:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Mail and Accommodation (daily except Sunday)	2:50 p.m.	3:45 p.m
New York and Boston Special (daily)	7:40 p.m.	10:05 p.m.
Fast Eastern Express (daily)	7:40 p.m.	3:30 a.m
Canada Southern Division—Going West		
North Shore Limited (daily)	.....	6:25 a.m.
Fast Western Express (daily)	9:30 a.m	10:35 a.m.
Detroit Accommodation, except Sunday	.....	7:35 a.m.
American Express (daily except Monday)	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Mail and Accommodation (daily except Sunday)	2:50 p.m.	3:40 p.m.
Pacific Express (daily)	7:40 p.m.	8:35 p.m.
Boston, New York and Chicago special (daily)	7:40 p.m.	4:10 a.m.

Trains arrive at London 7:55 a.m., 1:10 and 6:55 p.m.; depart 9:30 a.m., 2:55 and 7:40 p.m.

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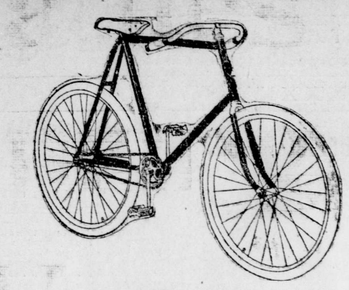

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