

THE TIMES SPORTING PAGE

Gossip and Comment

A New York paper reports that Shrub is still alive. He is no doubt alive, but I doubt if he is still.

The Canadian curlers seem to have settled down to a campaign of conquering their Scottish opponents, writes a correspondent from Glasgow. It is true that their superiority is not quite so striking as was that of the teams which met the Scotsmen who visited Canada, but it is sufficient to show, first, that Canada has sent a team of good players, and, second, that the Canadians have a considerable advantage in playing day after day on one rink, with ice of a practically unchanging character against Scottish teams which change from day to day.

It has been demonstrated that a man can run twenty-five miles in two hours and forty-five minutes at the expenditure of five years of his natural life. It also has been demonstrated that he can ride the same distance in a trolley car in one hour flat at the expenditure of a mere nickel.

Canada, which thinks a lot of its own, is now devising a bold plan to keep out undesirable and discredited turmen who threaten to swarm upon it from this side of the line.

Stegfried, the German wrestler, now in New York, makes a funny proposition to American wrestlers. He will give \$100 to Frank Gotch, Yankee Rogers, Beel, Jenkins, or Yusuf Alimont if they will go on the mat with him, and \$250 more if they will stay unthrown thirty minutes.

From Toronto Star: Hamilton produced Sherring, the world's amateur champion, and Longboat, the world's professional champion. What is more fitting than a race between the pair, and, if possible, in Hamilton, say on the Jockey Club track?

Francis Nelson writes as follows in the Toronto Globe: The knowledge that the public will pay to see the best performers is the stimulant behind all the efforts to induce champion amateurs to convert their athletic abilities into gold.

Among those who saw the running of Walker and Kerr in England no two opinions exist. They met in three races, and the Hamilton sprinter beat him twice at 100 yards, giving Walker on one of these occasions a yard start.

Ability to win a contest is a matter of the comparative merits of the competitors. While the time allowed to Tom Longboat to get ready for a 15-mile race is none too long if he is to run on the 25th of this month, it is equally short for his opponent, who probably has greater need of it.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 11.—Jim Jeffries threw a fit today. Some who in New York wired him an offer of \$1,000 a week to tend bar. The champ, says he would like to mix a drink for the joker.

London, Feb. 11.—Following are the results of yesterday's replayed games: Bursley 9, Crystal Palace 9; Millwall 1, Woolwich Arsenal 0; Bury 0, Bristol City 1. Southern League—Plymouth 4, Coventry 1.

The Buffalo Produce Exchange was destroyed and twenty commission firm burned out on Wednesday night.

THISTLES WON FRST.

Tankard Curling at Toronto Yesterday.

Al Kauffman After Jeffries.

Ackerman Failed to Throw Conkle.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—Play did not begin in the Ontario Tankard Competition yesterday morning. Owing to the thaw a postponement until the afternoon was ordered. The ice was only fair.

All the winners had comfortable margins. Ingersoll defeated Harrison by 35 to 21, Orillia downed Scarborough 34 to 26, Granites trimmed Sarnia 42 to 20, and Hamilton Thistles won the Ontario indoor record for 100 yards, covering the distance in 12 seconds flat.

The semi-finals will be played this morning when Granites and Thistles meet on Queen City ice and Ingersoll plays Orillia on Granite ice. The scores: Ingersoll, Harrison, Geo. W. Wood, W. J. Elliott, F. J. Walley, O. E. Robinson, R. B. Hutton, R. B. Muir, S. W. Laird, C. H. Sumner, Skip 19, Total 21.

Robinson 20011004000012—16, Ball 0100110002111180—11, Halton 20123020040102011—19, Scarborough 010020101102010100—10, Orillia, C. A. Mason, W. Walton, Geo. Chester, H. S. Holcroft, R. Kennedy, F. Toogood, Geo. Moore, Hy. Thompson, J. Curran, A. Doherty, M. McPherson, A. Patterson, B. T. Stewart, W. J. Rennie, Skip 24, Total 26.

Thomson 022023012013210100—20, Toogood 100100100100002022—10, Rennie 100101000100000011—6, Stewart 023010230011411002—24, Total 42, Total 20.

Majority for Granites, 22 shots. By ends: 023113040010411000—22, McGibbon 10000302101000011—10, Wilson 021002142112012010—20, Hayes 200041000000010010—10, Ham. Thistles, Guelph City, Dr. W. H. Langs, H. Mahoney, C. W. Cartwright, W. Spalding, Dr. H. A. Wardell, C. B. Crowe, R. Maloney, Dr. J. W. Edgar, Skip 13, Total 30.

G. T. Crawford, E. H. Johns, J. Garthshore, Dr. J. P. Cloghlan, Dr. Glasco, John Kennedy, Jas. Thomson, R. Dillon, Skip 25, Total 38, Total 30.

Majority for Thistles, 8 shots. By ends: 230120000110020010—13, Maloney 00100112400120220—20, Thomson 2202221110005230—25, Dillon 001040000001210001—10, THE WINNIPEG BONSPIEL.

Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—Winnipeg is in the swirl of what promises to be the greatest bonspiel of all. The absence of the members of the Scottish team is often mentioned and their victories in the land of the heather are keenly enjoyed by their stay-at-home friends.

In today's five draws, mostly in the Dingwall event, a great killing was effected among the notables. Peter Lynn, whose rink is one of the holders of the O'Grady Cup, lost to George Hall, of Duluth. Bide Hallock, an ex-holder of the same cup, lost to McNamee, of Crystal City. T. H. Verner, ex-Granite, lost for the first time in years to his old adversary, Bill Carson.

The Thistle Kids skipped by Frank Cassidy, won two games, their second man being Billy Finlay, of lacrosse fame, who was presented with a young currier by his wife before he left to take part in his first game. Briden's rink is also a winner. Whalen, of Fort William, won two games, also. Hastings and Orde, of Minneapolis, and Lenont, of Virginia, Minn., also won. The American rinks are very strong this year. For some time it was feared Lem Defield, of St. Paul, would not come, but he is also among the notables. Unlike last year's bonspiel, the weather, for this one is absolutely ideal, and the increased ice space, 23 sheets instead of 18, will make the competitions shorter in spite of the large entry list. The second competition, the Empire, will fill the ice tomorrow.

CANADIANS WON AGAIN. Glasgow, Feb. 11.—The Canadian curlers defeated the Lanarkshire Province curlers in a twelve-rink match yesterday by a score of 184 to 137.

P. J. Kieran, President of the Fidelity Fund, in company, declares that if permitted to take charge he could pay creditors and investors in full in six months.

Standing of the "Pro" Teams

Flanagan's Company to Build a Stadium.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—The directors of the Scarborough Athletic Grounds Company, which has been formed for the purpose of erecting an immense stadium in the east end, officially made Tom Flanagan the manager of the undertaking yesterday afternoon.

The stadium will seat 20,000 people, and work will be begun on it in the near future. It is the intention of the company to rival the big American clubs. Accommodation will be furnished, free of charge, for all athletes who may care to train there, and clubhouses will be built for as many clubs as may care to apply. Inside of the quarter-mile track will be a field for the sports, and it is whispered on the quiet that an N. L. U. lacrosse team may make its headquarters there.

A UNIVERSITY RECORD. Toronto, Feb. 11.—Yesterday afternoon in the University gymnasium Frank Halbhans broke the University indoor record for 100 yards, covering the distance in 12 seconds flat. This is 1.25 seconds lower than Lon Sebert's record of last year. M. J. Ballendene was second in 13 seconds, and Sheppard third in 13.15 seconds.

Three of the other men tied Sebert's last year's record of 13.25 seconds. Halbhans, who has not done any running for over a year, has decided to get into the game again. As he is one of the best quarter miler in the country, he will be a valuable acquisition to the "Varsity" track team.

JEM DRISCOLL WON.

English Champion Had Better of Leach Cross.

New York, Feb. 11.—Jem Driscoll, champion English featherweight, easily outpointed Leach Cross, the East Side light weight, in an interesting 10-round bout at the Fairmont A. C. last night. Driscoll gave more than ten pounds in weight to his antagonist, who was simply outclassed.

From the outset Cross adopted rushing tactics, trying to land a knockout blow with his right hand, but Driscoll's defensive tactics made Cross' efforts appear ridiculous. In attack and defence Driscoll gave a wonderful exhibition. He showed that he was a master in all departments of the game of fisticuffs, and the battle progressed the big crowd cheered him to the echo. Cross did not land a single effective blow in the entire mill, while Driscoll scored points almost at will.

JOHNSON COMING OVER. Jack Johnson will come to America first. In a cablegram to W. W. Naughton, of the Hearst papers, the news is made known. Here it is, dated from Sydney.

Johnson touring colonies since victory over Burns. He leaves Brisbane for Vancouver on February 17. Lang put Squires out in seventeen rounds. Unholz beaten twice.

The cable is very brief, so limited in fact that it fails to say whether the "Black Panther" is bound. The steamer arrives at Vancouver on March 2. Of course, Vancouver may be only a clang in place for Johnson on his way to London. It might mean that he is on his way with Janoucy. Cross for the Canadian Pacific, there to ship for England.

THE FACT THAT Johnson is coming by way of Vancouver makes it pretty certain that he is going to look us over before "Darby Night." Otherwise it would have taken one of the fast steamers plying between Australia and Liverpool. Once on the Vancouver dock, however, it will be an easy matter to sound Jack about Jeffries. But what is the use of queries when Jeff steadfastly refuses to be budged, pugilistically?

KAUFFMAN AND JEFF. New York, Feb. 11.—Sporting men along Broadway were rather amazed yesterday by a story to the effect that Billy Delaney, in behalf of Al Kaufman, the California heavyweight, has just posted \$1,000 with Al Smith to go as a forfeit for a side bet of \$10,000 for a fight with Jeffries for the championship of the world. Al Smith, who has been stakeholder in countless ring battles, confirmed the report by

are unanimous in their opinions that a standard set of weights should rule in all championship battles. They frown on the idea of a fighter changing the weight to fit his individual title, thus depriving the unfortunate who are affected a chance to fight in the class they rightfully belong.

In London the new scale of weights is being agitated by the National Sporting Club of London, with a view of being able to determine satisfactorily just what class the various fighters are in. Numerous suggestions have been made. One of them is that a revision be made in class nomenclature with several additional new classes.

The United States scale gives each man a chance. Joe Choynski it will be remembered, had to fight heavyweight, yet he was far too light for Maher, Sharkey and Jeffries, whom he fought. If classed a light heavyweight, he would have been unbeaten. The proposed weights: THE BRITISH PLAN. Paperweight, 110 pounds. Bantam, 118 pounds. Feather, 122 pounds. Wood, 128 pounds. Light, 130 pounds. Welter, 140 pounds. Iron, 150 pounds. Middle, 158 pounds. Light heavyweight, 165 pounds. Heavyweight, 185 pounds. Champion, unlimited above 170.

AS STRONG AS SAMSON

St. Louis Man Lifts 7,200 Pounds.

How He Practises For Big Feats.

"I can do everything that Samson did." The man who made this amazing declaration to the press the other day lives in St. Louis. He is P. J. McCarthy.

He is not a large man. He weighs only 160 pounds and is five feet seven inches tall. But he is a very strong man, no relations of a business nature with Jeff since the latter retired from the ring five years ago. Delaney also declared that in his opinion Kaufman could beat Jeffries and that he had \$10,000 to back up his belief. He stated that he had been holding Kaufman back in practically all his recent mills so that the latter could learn all the fine points of the game. The odd part about this matter is that if Jeffries should accept the challenge he would be recognized as the real champion instead of Jack Johnson and that the latter would be precluded from fighting for the title until after Jeff and Kaufman had settled their alleged differences. If Kaufman should happen to beat Jeff, because of the latter's inability to regain his old form, Kaufman could either draw the color of the Johnson or fight the negro at his leisure.

Abel Attell's new conditions to govern a battle with Jim Driscoll, which include weighing 124 pounds at the ring side and a \$1,000 forfeit, may prevent this much needed match after all. This does not look like Attell's shifting tactics and says so. If Driscoll is allowed to go home on February 20 without a meeting with Attell nobody can be blamed but the latter.

CANADIAN DOGS AT N. Y.

New York, Feb. 11.—The Canadian wins at the New York dog show yesterday. Colles—Parbold Provoska, W. O. Roy, Montreal, 1st, open and winners classes, Holyrood Cadet, Holyrood Kennels, Byrd, Ont. 3; Puppy 2nd, Maiden 2nd, novice classes.

Wellesbourne Shella, the bitch that Dr. Jarratt bought from the King Edward Collie Kennels, New Toronto, won first in six classes, and was reserve winner in two others.

Cocker spaniels—Regulator, George Douglas, Woodstock, 3rd. Puppy class—Clark's Dare, formerly Kildare, J. S. Clark, Toronto, 1st. Limit, open and winners classes and special for the best black dog—Clark's Queen, J. S. Clark, 3rd.

Dogs and bitches bred by exhibitor, first, limit and open classes (any solid colors except black)—Myrtle S., George Douglas, Woodstock, 3rd. Limit, bitches (any solid colors except black)—Voltaire and Rosa Lee, two of the cockers recently sold by J. S. Clark, did well, the former winning first in her class, and the latter being reserve winner, bitches, black.

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COULDN'T THROW CHARLIE CONKLE.

Buffalo Feb. 11.—Charles Conkle, the Canadian champion, went up against Al Ackerman at the Lafayette Theatre last night. Both were in the pink of condition, but Conkle was out of his element as he could be Conkle went on as a corner in response to Ackerman's offer of \$25 to any man staying on the mat with him fifteen minutes. The bout was the most exciting of the season. Ackerman pitched Conkle over the footlights, but the plucky Canadian saved the limit in spite of a bad mauling.

Conkle agreed to leave his \$25 stand and meet Ackerman to-night and throw him in twenty minutes. Ackerman agreed to meet him again to-night.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN FIGHTING WEIGHTS.

At this time, when fight enthusiasts throughout America and England are fanning over the shifting of the heavyweight title from Burns to the negro Jack Johnson, and discussing the possibilities of matching the present champion with James J. Jeffries, there are five questions concerning the pugilistic game that have yet to receive permanent solution. These questions have been asked time and time again, and each has received about fifty different answers. The queries are these:

What are the proper classes among boxers? What is the weight in each class? Should weight be made at the ringside or some hours before the fight? Who are the different champions of today? Many of the big fight promoters, trainers and referees of the country

AS STRONG AS SAMSON

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How He Practises For Big Feats.

"All the Bible says of this feat is: 'And Samson arose at midnight and took the doors of the gate of the city and two posts and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders and carried them up to the top of a hill.'"

"We have no means of knowing," says McCarthy, "how large those gates were, nor how much they weighed, nor of what material they were made. But I have made deep researches into literature that might give me an idea of what sort of gates they were, and the opinion of the greatest experts is that they were made of wood, the top being of metal gril work and the lower part fortified with ten times the weight of the top to resist the impact of battering rams."

A great authority believes that the gates of Gaza would not have weighed more than ten thousand pounds. If that is the case the feat of Samson was not so great after all. I have lifted 7,200 in dead weight on my back.

"I presume that Sampson did not lift the whole weight of the gates of Gaza, for the simple reason that he could not have balanced such a wide thing upon his back. He must, therefore, have placed the light end of the gates on his back and allowed the heavier end to drag on the ground. I will guarantee to do the same thing. Perhaps the bottom of the gates rested on wheels to make them turn easy on the ground. This would make them easier to drag to the top of the hill."

McCarthy's feat of carrying a steer on his back has been performed at different times in St. Louis, and many persons have seen him do it. He did it last summer in vacuo, first at Tenth street and Clark avenue and walked 600 yards with the 1,200 pound steer strapped to a framework on his back.

But he says that his greatest feat of strength was performed in a theatre in Boston. He has newspaper clippings to prove that he did this wonderful feat. He bore upon his back the heaviest piano that could be found in Boston, and as he walked around the stage with it four young women danced on top of the piano while a fifth sat on a stool slung from the front of the instrument and played upon the keyboard.

"I think it is more wonderful than any feat of strength attributed to Samson," said McCarthy. "It took me two years to develop strength enough to do it. I began by lifting a box containing two hundred pounds of iron. Every day I added a ten pound weight to the box. When I had got up to two thousand pounds I would often find that I could not lift the box, although I had lifted it readily the day before. Then I would have to take out a few hundred pounds and begin over again, adding ten pounds a day until I got to where I was before.

The greatest weight I ever carried on my back was 2,200 pounds. I did that in a lot behind the Imperial Theatre, in St. Louis. It was an official test before persons who made affidavit to it, and you can find the record of it in the books of sporting statistics.

"You know there is a great difference between lifting a weight and carrying it. I have read up on that. I have lifted 7,200 pounds, but have only carried 2,200."

A game of doubles was rolled at the H. B. & A. C. last night between four members, the Thomson brothers, W. P. and George, and Harry Green and Gordon Nelson. Green and Nelson got a lead of 128 pins at one stage, but the Thomson boys gradually pulled it down until in the last game they were far enough ahead to win by a small margin of 17 pins. A return game will be played in the near future.

W. P. Thomson 1826, George Thomson 1727, H. Green 1843, G. Nelson 1701, 3546.

In the F. M. P. Bowling League yesterday afternoon the Tyros took two games from the Bank of Commerce and the Traders Bank won three from the Molsons. The scores: FIRST. Bank of Commerce—H. S. Harrison 150, 180, 169, 499, W. H. Davies 172, 137, 106, 415, F. C. Brock 143, 130, 137, 410, R. G. Hopkins 128, 145, 98, 369, G. W. Wigle 171, 138, 125, 434, Total 747, 730, 678, 2155.

Tyros—C. O. Nichol 127, 127, 117, 371, B. Simpson 108, 128, 125, 361, A. W. Dunkley 128, 145, 141, 397, S. J. Haggins 173, 181, 209, 565, Total 718, 734, 717, 2169.

Molson's Bank—C. Henry 105, 137, 131, 373, R. Bailey 143, 125, 119, 387, R. Thomson 147, 127, 105, 379, W. Livingston 99, 139, 91, 329, W. Pringle 134, 136, 104, 374, Total 628, 664, 550, 1842.

Traders Bank—R. Fleak 165, 138, 92, 395, D. H. Harrison 147, 124, 112, 383, R. Allen 127, 118, 136, 381, J. A. Laird 145, 141, 166, 452, W. C. Lannin 114, 171, 152, 437, Total 698, 692, 658, 2048.

GARRISON LEAGUE.

Big Scores Made at Drill Hall Last Night.

On account of the many counter attractions last night the crowd at the Military Indoor Baseball League game was rather small, but despite the poor attendance the teams played well and succeeded in keeping the spectators interested. The Signal Corps defaulted to A Company, 91st.

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Table with names and scores: Fricker 121 184 156 481, Westinghouse II. 761 853 702 2348, McLeod 170 158 150 478, Aussem 115 127 129 371, Grennan 153 185 202 540, Lowe 229 168 158 456, Mapham 167 189 160 515, 734 827 798 2389.

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