

# Local and Foreign Sporting News Notes

## MILLION SPENT IN BREEDING

The trotting horse lost one of its oldest and strongest supporters when William Simpson died last week at his home in New York. He had been breeding trotters almost forty years and horsemen estimate that he expended more than \$1,000,000 in rearing, racing and training them. Before his death, Simpson was heard of the mouth of David Bonner her half-sister Cora Belmont 2.24 1/2 and founded the Empire City Stud, which is still in existence, with the renowned sires McKinney, 2.11 1/4, and Axworthy, 2.15 1/4, at its head. Simpson paid \$50,000, and for Axworthy \$21,000 at auction in Madison Square Garden just ten years ago. He owned John R. Gentry, 2.00 1/2, when that horse paced the fastest race on record, at Fleetwood Park, just twenty years ago, and he bred the crack trotter Bouncer, 2.00, with which he won the classic Transylvania Purse at Lexington in 1895.

Though he was one of the large property owners of New York and the possessor of so much ready money that he was able to buy up other big operations in the financial district used to go to him on occasions for spot cash in large amounts, Mr. Simpson almost to the last spent most of his time in his little ground floor office, fronting on Park Row, near the Brooklyn bridge where he demonstrated that a pawnbroker can be as worthy of confidence and respect as a banker or any other business man. He once owned a large herd of Jersey cattle and a famous collection of Shetland ponies, but the trotting horse was his hobby and he would put aside important business to sit and discuss the blood lines of his favorite stallions and broodmares, for his interest in trotters as in all other live stock was centred around pedigrees and the laws of heredity.

### EX-CHAMPION DEAD.

William G. Parker, one time champion wrestler of Maine state and member of the Hildesford poties force, died in Hildesford Friday evening last, after a short illness, aged 66 years. Although Mr. Parker's last illness was of brief duration, yet he had been in failing health for a long time, his condition precluding his doing any hard work for a year or more.

In his early days Mr. Parker was quite an athlete and as a wrestler was the acknowledged champion of this state. In those days he was a very powerful man and it took a good wrestler to make any showing against him.

### BASEBALL MAGNATES MEET.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—That certain baseball magnates are considering a plan to utilize their ball parks for professional football and to back financially a league of national proportions next fall, is the report brought here from Detroit.

The season would begin at the close of the baseball season and continue as long as the weather was favorable.

### WONT MANAGE RED SOX.

Lewiston, Me., Jan. 3.—William F. Carrigan will not manage the Boston Americans this year. He so notified Harry F. Frazee, one of the new owners, who called him by telephone from New York today. Frazee urged further consideration of the offer made at a conference here last week, and Carrigan agreed to think over the matter until Thursday. Business and home interests are the grounds for his decision.

### CHAMPION LIFTER DEAD.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 3.—Henry Holtgrewe, who, several years ago was reputed to be the champion heavy weight lifter of the world, died here Monday. He had a nation-wide reputation of having met nearly all of the heavy-weight lifters of the country and having emerged from each test of strength undefeated.

## RESIGNS AS THE EIGHTH MRS. KID M'COY

"Mrs. Selby has wonderful qualities, but he is impossible for a husband. It is not a matter of his heart but of the mistakes of his life. His heart is really wonderful, but it is elastic." So Mrs. Norman Selby phoned from her apartment at 214 West 92nd St., New York, to a newspaper reporter a few nights ago.

She sent to the Supreme Court her resignation as the eighth Mrs. Selby or Mrs. "Kid McCoy" which ever you prefer. Her application was not in the form of a letter, but in that of a divorce suit.

"I admire his splendid qualities probably more than any one else does," Mrs. Selby continued, "but I cannot share his heart with anybody. This is my tragedy of life and I don't care to see any one else have any more publicity about it than possible."

"I bear no animosity against Mr. Selby and will always have the friendliest of feelings of him."

Mrs. Selby, who was previously Mrs. Edna Valentine Heila, wife of leader W. Heila, when he was vice counsel here for Honduras, had refused to see any newspapermen or talk with them until the reporter today, who had known both her and her husband, called her on the telephone. She said that she would say nothing more for publication.

"Kid McCoy's" complete matrimonial record includes besides the eight marriages, six divorces and one annulment. He has told friends frequently:

"This is the only woman in the world for me. This time is the last."

## LOCAL BOWLING

### THE CITY LEAGUE.

The Wanderers dropped three points to the Beavers in a hard fought game in the City League on Black's alleys last night. The scores follow:

Wanderers.  
Wright . . . 107 75 90 275-91 2-3  
Cromwell . . . 89 91 92 275-91 2-3  
Garvin . . . 89 81 78 248-82 2-3  
McLead . . . 84 111 104 299-99 2-3  
Logan . . . 103 107 88 298-99 1-3

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Beavers.  
Cooper . . . 84 113 103 302-100 2-3  
Cromwell . . . 86 87 96 270-93  
Scott . . . 92 98 92 282-94  
Baldie . . . 89 125 117 331-110 1-3  
Carleton . . . 95 95 87 277-92 1-3

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The Nationals and Whips roll to-night.

### Y. M. C. I. LEAGUE.

The second match on the Y.M.C.I. alleys was rolled last night and like the opening game resulted in a tie; the Falcons and Sparrows each won two points. The scores follow:

Falcons.  
Mason . . . 91 114 85 287-95 2-3  
McGivern . . . 86 86 76 248-82 2-3  
Downing . . . 86 100 103 271-90 1-3  
McDonald . . . 82 99 78 254-84 2-3  
McGrath . . . 76 93 87 256-85 1-3

401 489 426 1510

Sparrows.  
Smith . . . 90 81 83 264-88  
Colgan . . . 79 91 104 264-88  
Hutchinson . . . 80 79 96 245-81 2-3  
H. Colgan . . . 82 82 78 242-80 2-3  
Chisholm . . . 71 102 98 271-90 1-3

402 435 459 1286

### WILL BID FOR JOHNSON.

The Boston Americans, world champions, will bid \$50,000 for the services of Walter Johnson, crack pitcher of the Washington club, if he is on the market. President Harry Frazee of the local club stated Saturday. His statement was made in connection with a report that the Cleveland team was prepared to bid \$50,000 to obtain Johnson. President Frazee said nothing had been done officially in the matter as yet.

## SWEDEN EAGER TO SEND TEAM

The recent visit of the American track and field team to Scandinavia promises to be the forerunner of other and more important international athletic contests.

As a result of the competition of the team in Sweden, the sum of 165,000 crowns (\$44,500) has been subscribed by the leading patrons of amateur sport in that country for the financing of a return invasion of Swedish athletes to the United States during the summer of 1917. With this sum in hand it appears almost certain that Coach Ernie Hjertberg will bring a team of ten or 20 of the best Swedish track and field performers to these shores next season, while an All-Sweden football team is likely to be an additional attraction.

The American athletes brought back from Sweden an imposing gold and silver tankard, inscribed to Simpson, Murray, Meredith, Ward and Loomis, and this has been turned over to the Amateur Athletic Union, which financed the trip of the team to Scandinavia. Several suggestions have been advanced regarding the final disposition of this trophy, among them being one to the effect that it be offered as a perpetual prize for international athletics between teams representing this country and those of Scandinavia. It is possible that this proposal will be carried out and the cup put up for the 1917 games should the Swedish team come to the United States.

### What does National Service mean?

Attend the meeting at the Imperial tonight and learn about it.

### NOTED HORSEMAN DEAD.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 3.—James J. Douglas, a picturesque figure on leading harness race tracks a decade ago, died at his country home here today after a short illness. "Colonel" Douglas, as he was widely known, was 77 years of age.

### CANADIAN VICKERS, LTD., ENLARGING PLANT.

Special to The Standard.  
Montreal, Jan. 3.—It is officially announced that Canadian Vickers, Ltd., are enlarging their shipbuilding plant at Maisonneuve, Que., by adding a berth 500 by 128 and another 400 by 100 feet. This will provide for the construction of vessels of 12,000 tons. The company have considerably added to the original plant and are now very busy on war and general shipping orders.

## LES DARCEY TURNS DOWN BIG OFFER

Another big offer was turned down Saturday by Les Darcey and his members. Hugh Grant Brown of Goshen, N. Y., said that he was willing to guarantee the Australian \$20,000 for one fight in Havana with either "Al" McCoy, "Mike" Gibbons or any of the team in the class with "Batting" Levinsky, "Bob" Mohr, "Jack" Dillon or "Billy" Miska. The terms of the contract would call for a forty round bout. Nothing was done in the matter. "Tex" Rickard, who is steering the fortunes of Darcey, has a lot more in view. He admitted that he wanted to see the money in sight.

Rickard laughed over the proposition that was made by a local promoter to give the Australian \$75,000 for three fights. He told Darcey to accept this offer without hesitation, but he added that he wanted to see the money posted up. "It is all right to accept the \$75,000," said "Tex," "but what would it mean? If Darcey happened to get knocked out in the first bout he would be no drawing card. The upshot of the whole thing would be that the first two fights would have to be fixed for Darcey to win."

## MCCLELLAN CUP BEING CURLED FOR

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 3.—The visiting Truro curlers won the first game for the McClellan cup here this afternoon, defeating the Sydney teams by a total score of 55 to 37. After the match the visitors were banqueted at the Sydney Hotel. The score by skips follow:

Truro.  
W. H. Semple . . . 22 W. D. McKay . . . 19  
C. F. Cox . . . 10 S. H. Stevenson, 16  
H. A. Dickie . . . 24 C. B. Ross . . . 11

Total . . . 56 Total . . . 37

### DILLON HAS NOT SIGNED.

New Orleans, Jan. 3.—A hitch in the match for a twenty round fight recently announced for this city, February 2, between "Jack" Dillon, of Indianapolis, and "Billy" Miska, of St. Paul, was admitted today by Dominick Tortorich, matchmaker for a local athletic club. Mr. Tortorich said he had received the contract signed by Miska, but that Dillon had withheld his signature. Unless Dillon signs within a few days, he said, another fighter will be selected to meet Miska.

## WELL KNOWN BASE BALL PLAYER DEAD

Newark, N. J., Jan. 3.—Reinder A. Wolters, forty years ago a widely known baseball pitcher, died at his home here today at the age of 71 years. He is said to have been the first pitcher to shut out a team with-

out a hit, setting that record in a game with Chicago here on July 16, 1870. He began his baseball career as a member of the Irvingtons, a professional club and afterwards pitched for the Mutuals, one of the first clubs to represent New York, in games with the famous Red Stockings of Cincinnati and other clubs in 1868. He ended his baseball career in 1871.

### MAYOR HEADS BUFFALO CLUB.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Louis P. Fuhrman, Mayor of Buffalo, today was elected president of the Buffalo International League baseball club, succeeding Gerhard Simon, who re-

signed. "Pat" Donovan, who has piloted the Buffalo team to victory in two pennant races, was signed to continue as manager. James J. Larkin, formerly owner of the Boston Nationals, retains control of the club. John L. Kelley was elected secretary, succeeding James Austin, resigned.

### SON OF HARRY LAUDER KILLED.

London, Jan. 3.—Captain John Lauder, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, a son of Harry Lauder, the comedian, has been killed at the front. He was wounded twice previously.

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