

Of Course, the Stranger May Only Have Been Kidding Jeff : By "Bud" Fisher



SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

Hockey Toronto Boston. The Montreal Canadiens defeated the Toronto team 9 to 5 in their game in Toronto yesterday.

Curling In Fredericton. The members of the Fredericton Curling Club began their season yesterday with a President vs. Vice-President match. The latter's team won by a score of 45 to 43.

The Ring Knockout Brown defeated Young Brookly in the seventh round in Brooklyn yesterday afternoon. Hugh McInerch, fight promoter, has announced that he has retired from the game and has sold out his interests to "Snowy" Baker, a boxing promoter. McInerch intends to devote his time to theatrical interests.

At Wolgast. San Francisco, Dec. 25.—When ad Wolf returned to Los Angeles after his Thanksgiving contest with Willie Ritchie, some of the sporting writers had the Michigan wild cat complaining that he had been robbed of his championship through referee Goff's decision. Wolgast says to this: "I am not kicking and never did, because I do not care. I wish Ritchie good luck as champion and won't ask a return match unless the public demands it. My bat is still in the ring, but there is only one bout that is of much interest to me and that is a Ritchie bout at any time. The Dutchman is an fighter, is well fixed and can get the money on what he has done, for I am considered champion in all but name."

McCarthy and Palmer. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—Luther McCarthy has a formidable staff of assistants in his training for his bout with Palmer "Bill" Young, Walter Monahan and Bill Sloan are all over 200 pounds, while Young and Al Kaufman weigh 180.

Al Palmer has added Bill Jones to his staff of sparring partners. "Palmer is feeling great," was Manager O'Rourke's reply to a question as to how the big fellow was getting along in training. "Yes, Tom is elephant throw up his job," remarked a friend of the manager.

Daily visitors at Palmer's camp are about equally divided in supporting and condemning O'Rourke's methods. The fact that Palmer began training nineteen days in advance of the New Year's bout has caused critics to suggest that O'Rourke seeks to condition his giant charge by the "saw beef" manner fashionable in the days of Sullivan and Kilrain.

The general result of the situation is that the heavyweight match has come in for a wholesome dose of verbal advertising, with O'Rourke's "1888 model" monopolizing the conversation.

No More There. After having cleaned up about \$6,000 on the McFarland-Murphy bout the promoters find Kenosha, Wis., haven of Chicago fight fans, closed to them hereafter. Here is a dispatch from Kenosha:

The day of the prize fight game here is all over. The crime wave that followed the McFarland-Murphy fight and the actions of the crowd that attended it, have sent a loud protest to the governor from ministers, officials and other residents of the town. Many pockets were picked and eyes blackened in rows after the fight.

The people of this town are not going to stand for the kind of crowd that struck Kenosha Monday night, said Chief of Police O'Hara, and it looks as though it were all over with the boxing game here.

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This generally caused the "white-hope" anglers to break out in bounds and would rush at Mike like a wild man. Instead of running back five or six feet, as the average boxer would do, Mike would merely move about three or four inches. His movements, however, were well timed and Kaufman would usually land up against the ropes or would go sprawling on the mat, while the Cambridge boxer would be smiling blandly in the centre of the ring.

Baseball Presentation to Riley. "Bill" Riley, the Marfanoid right fielder, yesterday was the recipient of a purse of gold from a group of St. John fans.

Cobb Not a Hold-Out. New York, Dec. 25.—Ty Cobb says that although he had a conference with President Navin, he is not a hold-out, nor is he intention of holding out. In relation to the report that he demanded an annual salary of \$15,000 he says: "I have never told anybody what I want in the matter of salary. I am leaving the whole matter to Mr. Navin, and I feel confident that when he sends me a contract to sign the Detroit club will do the square thing. I have worked hard for them, and am

UNIONIST PARTY DIVIDED; BONAR LAW DISCREDITED

Has Destroyed Position as Leader and Wrecked His Party—Government Scores Victory by Doctors' Vote on Insurance Act

London, Dec. 24.—Bonar Law's Ashton speech has been the greatest fiasco known in modern British politics. He has succeeded in destroying his position as leader of the Unionists, in wrecking his party, in offending every section of his followers, and in alienating the great mass of moderate opinion upon which the British political verdict finally depends.

He has killed imperial preference as a living issue here. The same evening that he was delivering his Ashton manifesto, Auston Chamberlain announced at Cardiff that any postponement of tariff reform would split the party from top to bottom and shake the confidence of their countrymen in their honesty, good faith, and courage.

For some weeks there has been a sustained movement in the Unionist ranks for removing food taxes from the party programme. The Daily Mail led the campaign by daily detailing with big headlines the enormous trade losses and great prosperity of England. Bonar Law's speech was immediately interpreted by the Daily Mail as meaning the elimination of food taxes as an immediate political issue. Others understood it as a reassertion of the Unionist food tax policy.

The majority of moderate men saw in nothing but a cowardly attempt to carry off the food taxes by a side wind, transferring the odium of them on the dominions.

Protests Pouring In. Within twenty-four hours protests were heard from all sides. Birmingham threatened a revolt. The Times declared: "We do not know whether food prices will continue to rise. We can only be sure of the extreme un wisdom of trying to tax food supports while they do."

Irish Unionists declare themselves disappointed and disappointed at the speech. From the Midlands came meetings of the kind of the extreme preference section. By Wednesday the chorus of discontent with Bonar Law had risen.

Thursday saw a vindictive attack on Lord Northcliffe and the Times from L. G. Garvin who has been constituted the champion of the extreme preference section. Garvin's attack in the Pall Mall Gazette overrode itself and had the effect of exciting sympathy and support for Lord Northcliffe, even among many leading Liberal papers.

Food Taxes Are Killed. At the present moment one thing is certain, food taxes have been killed. They are finally and as part of the Unionist programme. Bonar Law is regarded by his friends as "mad as a hatter," and by his foes as a disarmed.

Powerful influences are at work to effect a temporary truce in the Unionist ranks, but the great line of cleavage has revealed itself.

Yorkshire and Lancashire Unionists have made it clear that they desire to throw protection generally, and food taxes in particular, overboard.

The Irish Unionists declare that the party ought to be willing to sacrifice its position in the House of Commons.

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GOVERNMENT STATEMENT OF PROVINCE FINANCES

The following government statement of the provincial finances for the year ended October 31 appears in the Royal Gazette:—

Table with columns for EXPENDITURES and RECEIPTS. Includes items like Administration of justice, Agriculture, Auditor General, Boy's Industrial Home, etc.

SHOES DEARER AT JAN. 1; HEAVIER STYLES FIRST

(Montreal Herald). Heavy shoes which were— January 1, 1912 \$1.85 New \$2.15 January 1, 1913 \$2.40

Leather and shoes are going up, and it is the man who wears heavy shoes who will get the worst of it. A general increase in the price of shoes will take place on January 1. Following an increase during the summer, the proposed advance will make shoes 15 or 20 per cent dearer at the first of the coming year than they were at the first of this.

The manufacturers say that sole leather has just risen from twenty-three to thirty cents a pound, and that there is talk of going to thirty-five cents. Fine leathers will not advance so heavily, although they will naturally follow the trend of cowhide and calf. Of dogskin, or goatskin there is plenty.

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HARD TO DECIDE. He—"What are you going to give the cook for Christmas?" She—"Well, I'm undecided between a piano-player and a set of scales. She seems to have about everything else." Browning's Magazine.

DID NOT MISS THAT. "Great dinner, eh?" "Yep." "You are missing some of the brilliant repartees at the end of the table." "Never mind. I'm getting my share of the turkey."—Washington Herald.

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POLLARD'S AUSTRALIAN JUVENILE OPERA COMPANY. Mon.-Tues. Evenings "SERGEANT BRUE" Wed. Matinee-Evening "THE TOY MAKER" Friday Evening "THE MIKADO"

LYRIC A Continuation of Christmas Goodies. THE JUDGES In Christmas Clown Hilarity SEE the Twisting Death Pole. A knock out. Smoak about, never knocking out.

UNIQUE THE COUNTY PRIZE BABY Just Stuffed to the Season A MONKEY IN HERE Comedy.

Our New Talent Has Got the Whole Town Boosting Us. NIGKEL—"AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT" Earle Williams, Edith Storey in Vitagraph's.

Gem "How The Cause Was Won" Jack Manchester — New Hits — Orchestra. Lotie Briscoe Supporting Arthur Johnson as "An Amateur Ice-Man"

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STAR Colored Art Film "ERIC'S DEVOTION" 12 PICTURES IN GAUMONT WEEKLY

TONIGHT "THE PREACHER'S ELECTRIC DEVICE"