

## THE STANDARD'S SPORTING SECTION

## McGovern's Title Held By Long Count

Champion Was Knocked Out by Oscar Gardner, But Retained His Crown.

Reverence by referees for a championship title has saved many a boxer from deserved defeat. This was particularly true of pugilism of the past, and ring officials of the present are by no means free of the taint, although a majority of them are beginning to realize that a champion is not entitled to any more consideration from the third man in the ring than a preliminary boy in a four round bout. Sullivan was the beneficiary of the award with which a champion was regarded in his day. Although John L. refused to come out of his corner for the seventh round of a bout with Dominick McCaffrey in Cincinnati in 1885, the referee, two days after the bout, declared Sullivan the winner.

Sullivan was unable to continue a bout with Patsy Cardiff of Minneapolis owing to an injured arm, and the referee called the bout a draw. Sullivan was a beaten man in his bout with Mitchell in France, and his handlers purchased a draw. Sullivan's victory over Cardiff was the result of a ring ropes at a critical stage of the contest.

Many other champions were similarly rescued from defeat, but few would imagine that Terry McGovern once escaped defeat and retained the featherweight title through the able assistance of a referee.

McGovern knocked out George Dix on the eighth round of a bout at the Broadway A. C. January 9, 1909, and thus became the featherweight champion. McGovern followed that victory by stopping Jack Ward and Eddie Santry in quick succession, and then looked about for another victim.

Oscar Gardner, known as the Omaha Kid, a little chap with a punch like Moran's "Mary Ann," intimidated that he was next on McGovern's list, and the match was set for the Broadway A. C. March 9, 1909.

## Warm Contest Expected.

There was much interest in the bout, because it was known that Gardner would fight like a wildcat. As McGovern was then at the top of his form, the patrons of boxing prepared for a spectacular combat. They were not disappointed.

The Broadway A. C. which staged its entertainment in the building on lower Broadway near Fourth street, in which Ye Olde London Street had been exhibited, was packed to the doors. Johnny White, a squatty little chap, with very short legs, but with the torso of a middleweight. He had long arms and tremendous hitting power. McGovern apparently was intent on finishing Gardner in a hurry and started out with a furious rush that carried Gardner off his feet. McGovern landed many a heavy blow before he paused, but as none reached the point of the jaw Gardner was still intact, although a bit flustered by the attack.

McGovern, observing that Gardner was still erect and defiant took one long breath and again leaped at his man. Gardner saw the Brooklyn Terror catapulting in his direction and prepared to repel the attack. The Omaha boy dropped his right glove back of his right heel and then swung it at the onrushing McGovern. The glove described an arc, and while the blow seemed to be impossibly wild it landed with a thud on the left side of Terry's jaw. The champion fell on his back and lay motionless.

The onlookers were spellbound with astonishment, as it was customary for McGovern's opponents to do the buck falls.

## It Was a Slow Count.

McGovern did not move for several seconds, and Referee White, a strong admirer of the champion, was amazed to see him apparently forget to begin the count. It is altogether likely that White was swayed by his friendship for Terry, for when he finally started to count, he did so with the greatest deliberation.

Meantime Terry's seconds were spraying him with water from sponges and urging him to get up. Gardner, with a title nearly in his grasp, stood close to where the champion lay, ready when McGovern arose to finish him.

The referee had counted 9 in twenty seconds when Terry opened his eyes. At the count of 9 Terry turned over on his side and shook his head to clear it. The first thing that Terry saw when his vision cleared were the short legs of Oscar Gardner, and he seized them with a grip like a drowning man clutching a straw. Gardner tried to back away, but Terry held tightly and was dragged up to almost an erect position. The champion was on his feet when the referee counted 10, but Terry had been down fully twenty-one seconds all told and should have been declared knocked out.

McGovern then pulled himself up still he got his arms about Gardner's waist and held on like an octopus. Gardner danced about in frantic rage, yelling at the referee: "Make him leggo! Make him leggo!" But White declined to break McGovern away from his victim, and Terry held on till the bell came to his rescue. The one minute count expired. McGovern, but he took things easily in the second round and prevented Gardner doing any damage.

There was fire in Terry's eye when he came out for the third round, and he made a feint to rush, drawing a warning from Gardner that he was the Omaha Kid. Terry could not, however, follow up on this bluff, and with a series of heavy blows, and

## Amateur Skating Champions To Meet

Series of Elimination Events Between Leaders Are Arranged.

St. Paul, Jan. 3.—Everett McGowan, of St. Paul, international amateur skating champion, has agreed to terms for a race with Norval Baphe, in the first of what is planned to be a series of contests for the world's championship, it was announced here today.

McGowan has decided to turn professional and eventually hopes to meet Oscar Mathieson, Norwegian king.

If Baphe, who is now in Philadelphia, accepts, he will meet McGowan here January 3 and 11, in six events, the 220 yard dash, the 440 yard and the half-mile, mile, two miles, and three miles.

The winner, under the present plans, would be matched with Edmund Lamy, of Saranac Lake, Ben O'Sickey, of Cleveland, and Art Staff, of Chicago. The victor in this series would meet Bobby McLean.

The winner of this contest would become United States champion and efforts made to arrange a match for the world's title with the successful skater in a proposed race between Mathieson and Eric Blomgren, of Stockholm, amateur champion of Europe.

## High School Athletic Events

An interesting track meet was held by the Y. M. C. A. High School boys in their gym.

The names of the winners of the different events are as follows:

Broad Jump—1st, Gordon Wilson; 2nd, William Donohoe; 3rd, Henry Hollies.

Hop, Step and Jump—1st, Gordon Wilson; 2nd, William Donohoe; 3rd, Henry Hollies.

300 Yards Dash—1st, Gordon Wilson; 2nd, William Curran; 3rd, Geo. Stammers.

Individual Scores—G. Wilson, 15; W. Donohoe, 9; W. Curran, 6; H. Hollies, 5; G. Stammers, 4; R. Kipp, 2; H. Williams, 2.

Record Entries For 1923 Futurity Stakes

New York, Jan. 3.—Entries for the futurity stakes of 1923, closed today with what was declared to be a record number of nominations. Of entries tabulated up to today, Major August Belmont's stable led with 49, but it was reported that even larger stables would be found among the last entries, which include those of the Belmonts, Madden and Horry Payne Whitney stables.

## Hockey Games At Fredericton

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Jan. 3.—Fredericton is to have two hockey games of the New Brunswick series this week. On Wednesday night the Bathurst team will make its appearance here to play Fredericton, and also against Marysville the following evening.

## Local Bowling

WELLINGTON LEAGUE

Last evening in the Wellington League series on the G. W. V. A. alleys, the C. N. R. team won all four points from the Schofield Paper Co. The scores follow:

C. N. Railway

Fleet ..... 90 80 82 253 34

McDonald ..... 79 81 78 238 79-1-3

Kelly ..... 75 82 79 237 79

Wall ..... 83 77 90 250 86-2-3

McNamee ..... 83 74 96 253 84-1-3

416 294 436 1235

Schofield Paper Co.

Holt ..... 75 82 59 216 72

Hayler ..... 76 76 71 223 74-1-3

Dixon ..... 74 79 67 220 73-1-3

Crowley ..... 70 86 77 233 77-2-3

Lundy ..... 72 63 78 213 71

367 286 352 1105

CURLERS FOR ST. STEPHEN.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 3.—The Fredericton Curling Club are planning on sending four clubs to Saint Stephen to play the club of the border town on Wednesday. It will be the first inter-club curling in New Brunswick this season.

NEW YEAR'S FATALITY

New York, Jan. 3.—Bliss Dick, who was accidentally shot at a New Year's party by George Bruce Brooks, former Williams College football star, died at New York Hospital at 3:30 o'clock this morning. A blood transfusion operation, resorted to yesterday evening, proving unavailing.

Gardner to the floor. The Omaha Kid was counted out in ten seconds by the clock.

Just to prove that he was the master of the Omaha Kid, Terry knocked out the Omaha Kid in the fourth round of a bout in New York, April 28, 1901.

## Chess Game For World Championship

Match Will Begin at Havana on March 10 According to Agreement.

New York, Jan. 3.—A match for the chess championship of the world and a purse of \$20,000 will begin at Havana, on March 10, between J. R. Capablanca of Cuba, and Dr. Emanuel Lasker, of Berlin. According to an announcement here today, the two greatest exponents of the game have agreed to all the arrangements made for the contest which will consist of 8 to 24 games.

## Milkmen And Farmers Disagree

Producers Consent to One Cent Cut, Dealers Insist on Two—The Views of Both.

The King's County Milk Producers' Association decided to reduce the price of milk to nine cents a quart, at a meeting held by them in Norton yesterday. The meeting was the most largely attended in the history of the association.

Considerable Discussion

Considerable discussion was aroused by a letter published by the Standard on January 3, at the request of the St. John Dairyman's Association. The farmers hotly repudiated the impression contained in the letter, that they, the farmers, were to blame for the present price of milk in the city.

The president of the association was instructed to have the following letter, on behalf of the dairy producers, published in the Standard:

The Letter

Norton, N. B., Jan. 4, 1921.

To the Editor of The St. John Standard:

Dear Sir:—In reply to an article that appeared in your paper on January 3, giving the impression that the farmers were wholly to blame for the present price of milk in the city, it was decided at a largely attended meeting of the King's County Milk Producers' Association, here today, that, in order that the consumer may receive cheaper milk, the farmer will reduce his price from ten cents a quart to nine cents.

The dealer has been receiving seventeen cents a quart for milk for several years. Let him reduce his profit one cent and give the consumer the benefit.

Signed on behalf of the King's County Milk Producers' Association, W. S. HAIRDING, President.

The farmers were practically unanimous in agreeing to the one cent cut. Several expressed the opinion that there was too wide a margin between the price paid the farmer for his milk by the dealer and the price the dealer charged the consumer.

Overhead Expenses

They held that at the present time the dealer was allowed seven cents to pay his overhead expenses and deduct his profit. That the dealers had given the impression that the farmers were gouging the other for high prices, while they, the dairymen, were fighting to reduce them; but that if milk was reduced to eight cents by the farmer, and to fifteen by the milkmen, the latter would still have a seven cent margin.

Were Indignant

The meeting was very indignant at the way the dairyman had presented the case to the public, and at their asking the farmer to reduce his margin of profit, while they retained their own.

The association wired the St. John dealers that they would accede to a one cent cut and no more; any other cut must come from the dealers.

Meeting Last Night

The St. John dealers met last evening and, after considering the case, wired the producers re-affirming the two cent cut they established Monday as final.

J. N. Riley, president of the Dairyman's Association, presented the local dealers' side of the case to The Standard last night, when he said that but one-third of the milk sold by the dealers was retained, the bulk of their supplies being sold to hotels and restaurants at wholesale prices considerably lower than the maximum asked the consumer under either the old or the new rates of seventeen or fifteen cents a can.

Question of Expenses

The dealers felt justified in asking the farmers to reduce their prices because their operating expenses had been greatly reduced. Feed and hay had dropped and labor was cheaper. The operating expenses of the dealers on the other hand had increased materially. Cans are five cents higher than this time last year; horse-shoes fifty cents higher; hay is still forty to the barrel, and wages have not been reduced. Coal and rent are higher than ever before.

Mr. Riley remarked that there was a vast difference in the price the local food merchants asked the milkmen for hay, and the price they would give the farmer for it. He knew of a farmer in Gloucester who could send a better grade than \$25 a ton for 100 tons of hay which he offered to a local firm. The same firm charged the milkman \$40 per ton.

It is not fair to the milkmen.

## St. Patrick's Won From Hamilton

Well Earned Victory With Score of Five to Four Was Result Last Night.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 3.—St. Patrick's of Toronto, scored their first victory of the season at the expense of the Hamilton team here tonight, when they downed the locals by a score of 5 to 4. The victory was well earned and the score is hardly a fair indication of the margin that the victors had, for they had much the better of the play in the last two periods, but phenomenal work on the part of Lockart prevented them from running up a score. Only in the first period did the Hamilton team manage to hold its own with the Saints. In that period the good work of Carpenter and Rodgers had its effect and two goals were scored. Couture notched another one at the start of the second period, but after that the Hamiltons were outplayed and were lucky to hold the score as low as it was.

SHIP CASE, THURSDAY.

Before Chief Justice Hazen yesterday morning in the Exchequer Court, New Brunswick Admiralty district, hearing was continued in the case of Lompkins, man and wife, against the five-masted schooner "Calmeria." The case will continue Thursday.

he said, the farmers would never have reduced their prices this winter. When bread dropped to fifteen cents in December, and feed also took a slump, the dealers called upon the farmers to live up to their agreement and reduce the price of milk.

The president of the King's County Association promised to call a meeting to discuss the proposition, but never did. On seeing this, the St. John dealers took the matter into their own hands and introduced the cut, trusting the farmers would live up to their agreement.

Are Determined

The St. John men are determined that the two cent cut must hold. They say that it is impossible for them to retail milk at high prices when it can be bought for much less at the grocery stores; and, furthermore, that the stamping of other commodities and the unemployment prevailing does not warrant high priced milk.

They are satisfied that the farmers will agree to the cut. Because, even at the lower price, the milk business will continue to be one of the most profitable on the farm.

A final clinching argument advanced by the dealers is that one ton of feed bought by the farmer at the present time contains almost as much nutriment as two of the old war-time brand which was stripped off all food value.

## Hub Hockey Season Will Open Friday

King's College, Windsor, Plays Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 3.—The Boston Athletic Association will have the only team from this city in the Eastern section of the United States Amateur Hockey Association. The Boston Shoe Traders' Club, which took over the players from whom St. Alphonsus A. A. had expected to form a team as the second Boston entry has notified the Boston arena management that its terms for use of the ice surface will not be accepted. As a result Manager George V. Brown, of the Arena announced that the league schedule would proceed with only teams from this city in the competition.

The hockey season will open here Friday night when King's College, of Windsor, N. S., plays Massachusetts Institute of Technology. On Saturday the Canadians will meet the Harvard Varsity team.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 3.—Leo A. Fohl, of Cleveland has been selected as a manager of the St. Louis Browns for 1921, succeeding Jimmy Burke, who has been contracted to coach the Boston Americans.

## Judge Paterson Elected Captain

Wireless from Empress of France States New Glasgow Curlers to Lead.

On board the S.S. Empress of France, off Sable Island (by Wireless Jan. 2), County Judge George Gedlin Paterson, who is a member of the Blueshoe curling club of New Glasgow, N. S., and who has skipped many inter-club matches, has been elected captain of the Canadian Curling team to the Old Country. Judge Paterson besides being a good all-around curler is an old football player and has always taken a keen interest in all lines of sport. He is an ex-M. I. A.

NEW MOVE BY GOLFERS.

New York, Jan. 3.—The United States Golf Association today announced the creation of a department to collect information on golf course grounds for the benefit of clubs throughout the United States and Canada.

The department will be headed by a green committee, on which Messrs. Piper and Oakley, of the "United States" department of agriculture, have accepted the positions as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

## Ottawa Smothered The Canadiens

Score of Eight to Two Was Result of National Hockey League Match Last Night.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Ottawa's smothered Canadiens under an avalanche of goals leading by a score of 8 to 2, in the conclusion of the National Hockey League game here tonight. Lalonde scored the first goal, but after that the Canadiens were never in the hunt. Even the Ottawa substitutes were superior to their covers, and the manner in which the Ottawa's tore through the Frenchmen showed that there is inside need of re-organization in the Canadiens.

The game itself was a farcical one, relieved only by the brilliant play of the Senators. Denney, Neighbor and Darragh excelled, and the work of Bruce was particularly good. For Canadiens only Corbeau and Lalonde showed any lack of ability. The rest showed lack of condition and made pitiful attempts to stem the tide of defeat.

It will furnish information on soils and other matters relating to greens, thus enabling clubs to save time and trouble in experimenting on their courses.

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PREMIER BUSY DAN Portage LaPaire, Man. Premier Meighan had a busy home town on New Year's evening dancing and receiving guests more delegations, guest of the Hon. Hugh Armstrong for Regina at night.

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