

# LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD OF SPORTS

## Coverpoint's Philosophy

Wise critics have now come to the conclusion that Tom Longboat has been run to death, and that his day as a runner was over. The pace has been fast both ways.

It is really inspiring, it is said, to see Napoleon J. J. McCaffrey leading the outlaw legions of baseball rebels against the stronghold commanded by Ban Johnson and other gents.

Toronto has not yet got Joe Kelley, but is waiting. With Joe hitting in his old-time form, he will so outclass that mob that somebody will pick him out again at the end of the season.

It is understood that T. Longboat will run no more short races, but will confine himself to the long-distance thing. His earning powers will decrease rapidly with one or two more trimmings.

"His First False Step" should be the title of the ten-mile affair in Philadelphia last Saturday. The defeat of Tom Longboat came as a shock to many citizens who had heretofore considered the dark-complected man to be well nigh invincible; but there are two splendid reasons for his mishap. The course was too short, and Smallwood had him at his particular distance.

And, remember, this Welshman is no slouch, and goes about bowed down with medals galore. Besides being champion of his native land he holds all records up to fifteen miles. Smallwood made a creditable showing in the recent Marathon, being in front for ten miles, and at twenty-three, when he was taken with a cramp, and had to withdraw. So you will see Longboat was up against no novice at the game.—Toronto Telegram.

Our own Bill Davis, the Aborigine, known to Londoners as T. Longboat's impresario, is in the 72-hour pedal grind in Detroit. Bill is another wise Redskin after the coin of the realm.

Following the example set by Bill Papke, S. Ketchell and his manager will part company. Looks like good advertising, this.

Mike Donlin is on the hold out list and wants more money. His wife is making money behind the footlights, and as his meal ticket is assured, he can talk real tough to the magnates.

A Detroit paper figures out that a persistent hoodlum has followed the captains of the Michigan eleven during the past five years. It looks as if ten bad men depended upon one good man to come through with the championship, but he failed to deliver the goods. The captain takes eleven men to make a real team.

## CHICAGO MURPHY MAKES POT BOIL

Sharply Criticizes Ban Johnson Over the Tickets Scandal.

New York, Dec. 8.—With the annual meetings of the two major leagues, the American and the National, to be held here this week, President Charles W. Murphy, of the Chicago Cubs, as usual, has begun to attract attention by his utterances on various subjects. Murphy believes in the limelight and the typewriter, and in these respects he has all the other baseball magnates beaten a mile. Murphy says with much emphasis that he does not intend to allow Ban Johnson, as a member of the National Commission, to run the affairs of the Chicago club. This outburst by the Windy City magnate is due to the fact that Johnson has been conducting an investigation of the charge that during the recent world's series the Chicago club was in collusion with ticket speculators.

Murphy says this is untrue and to back up the statement he has just sent two of his club officials to Garry Herrmann, also a member of the commission, and said that there is any conclusive proof of guilt. Herrmann, it is said, has made a statement that the Chicago club is not guilty, which if true may cause a general rumormongering. It has been repeatedly asserted that just before the world series several thousands of reserved seat tickets for games to be played in Chicago in some mysterious way fell into the hands of speculators; that the Chicago fans would not fall for the prices asked for these seats and that the speculators, being stuck, turned them back to the club at the last moment. As it was then too late to sell the tickets, it is charged that they were credited on the books as "unsold," and that as a result the receipts fell off to a marked degree, causing much dissatisfaction among the Chicago players.

It was several days ago that the rumor became prevalent to the effect that the commission, in a decision to be handed down this week, would cause the Chicago club, which probably caused Murphy to get busy. Incidentally the Chicago magnate declares that he will try to have the "spit" ball abolished. He says that it is not a thing for the players or spectators and intends to offer a rule to the effect that the pitcher, before delivering the ball, cannot moisten it. Murphy also has a rule up his sleeve limiting the number of called balls to three instead of four and argues that such an innovation would increase the batting. Since proclaiming himself the owner of the Chicago club Murphy has been continually getting himself into squabbles with various magnates and players. He has been dubbed "The Protesting One" in the west.

Now that a number of live Kentucky sports have held a cock fight in a judge's chambers, it is due for that higher moral tone coming from the south to get busy, and slaughter a few game "roosters." The south will soon be good and quiet.

Somebody has started the conversation that Ty Cobb would be traded for Hal Chase of the New York Highlanders. This is a great season for the baseball leagues, and it is one of the newest, albeit the worst stories of the series. No chance.

Here's a fellow with the tenuous lay, and he seems to be strong with the fair sex. Whether captured or still on the eligible list is not made known, but the lay is there. It is from the Chicago Tribune. Now girls, wake up to your regular calling list, sigh and wait for results:

You who are long on the baseball game, Curling and tennis, and all the rest. None of those sports sets my heart aflame. None of them adds to my pleasure quest.

Boxing is something I do not see. Wrestling but excites and irritates. Pastimes of summer are not for me—Give me a girl and a pair of skates.

Boating and yachting are very tame; Throwing the discus is out of date; Ponies no longer are in the game; Polo is in a declining state; Marathon races are for the few, Automobile racing is aggravating; Pleasures like those I resign to you—Give me a girl and a pair of skates.

Give me a surface of smoothest ice, I'll get the girl and the skates all right; Skating is all that will ever suffice, Skating with her on a moonlit night; Let me have weather extremely cold; Weather that always invigorates; Of all the pleasures both new and old, Give me a girl and a pair of skates.

Some of the titles of recent books would fit certain ball players. "Little Things" would apply to Cincinnati's midge pair—Johnny Kane and Miller Huggins; "The Man from Home" to Luther Taylor, who wasn't able to score a run in 1938; "Kincaid's Battery" to Moore and Crist, of the Skaters, who have moved up into fast company; "The Supreme Test" to the Cubs, who were there at the finish and in the world's series; "The Girl Question" to John Hummel, Artie Hoffman, Walter Blair and many others who have married since the season's close; "The Law of the Rhythmic Breath" to Mike Donlin; "A Damaged Reputation" to Fred Merkle, and "All in the Same Boat" to Pat Powers, Joe O'Brien and George Tebeau.—Detroit News-Tribune.

## CALLS SULLIVAN "LIAR" AND "BOSS"

London, Dec. 8.—Henry Labouchere in the current number of Truth devotes a page to an attack on the A. A. U. under the title, "Liars and Bosses." The article sings out James E. Sullivan and deals in glittering generalities, the "shorter and uglier" word appearing at frequent intervals. It was occasioned by Mr. Sullivan's recent speech before the A. A. U. when he was re-elected and relations with the British association were severed by a majority vote. Each of Sullivan's charges is ridiculed. Labouchere shows that the A. A. U. frequently made overtures for relationship with the British associations, but always met with refusal "because they knew pretty well the character of the gang that ran the A. A. U." Breaking off of "relationship that never existed" is characterized as "bombastic twaddle."

Coming to the 400-metre race, the writer says: "Taylor, the black man, ran the only white race, and I have not a doubt that the gang who ran the American team would have liked to have lynched him for so doing." And in closing the article states: "Next time there is a lying championship I will back Kirby McCabe for first place, with Sullivan close up. It is pitiable that amateur athletics of a great nation should be bossed by men without truth or sportsmanship."

## GIANTS DOWN SPECIALS ON THE IDEAL ALLEYS

After a very loss game at the Ideal Alleys last night, the Giants succeeded in winning out by 51 pins. Scarbrook had the honor of high individual score, with 193, while Graham had the high aggregate.

The scores:

Giants.	158	171	171	510
Abram	127	198	185	510
Arthur	108	180	117	405
Roberts	137	185	115	437
Graham	173	170	191	534
	703	904	779	2,386
Specials.	142	169	161	472
Easton	134	185	164	483
Brooks	152	142	131	425
Beattie	134	176	155	465
Davidson	143	165	182	490
	705	827	793	2,325

The Cubs and the Tigers will play tonight.

Lady Belhaven's annual prizes for kindly treatment of ponies on Wishaw estate, Lanarkshire, have just been distributed. The average value of land in Manhattan Island, according to the assessment, is \$272,173 an acre.

## MONTREAL BACK WITH AMATEURS

M. A. A. Hockeyists Forced to Accept the C. A. A. U. Definition in the Rules.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—At a special meeting of the new inter-provincial Hockey Union, held on Saturday, the Montreal Club, which resigned from the union the week previous, again applied for membership and was admitted. The meeting, which was held in private, was a prolonged one, but an official statement issued afterwards stated that Montreal was again a member of the union. The bylaws and rules governing the new body were adopted and a board of referees named. A new schedule on the basis of a four-club league was also drawn up.

A board of governors, with similar functions to those of the governors of the Inter-Provincial Rugby Union, was named as follows: Montreal, T. Patterson; Toronto, Dr. D. Bruce MacDonald; Victoria, Herbert Molson; Ottawa, S. F. Jenkins. The schedule was as follows:

Jan. 8—Montreal at Toronto A. A. C. and Cliffsides at Victoria.  
Jan. 15—Cliffsides at Toronto A. A. C. Jan. 22—Victoria at Cliffsides, Toronto A. A. C. at Montreal.  
Jan. 29—Victoria at Toronto A. A. C. Feb. 5—Toronto A. A. C. at Cliffsides.  
Feb. 12—Toronto A. A. C. at Victoria.  
Feb. 19—Montreal at Cliffsides.  
Feb. 26—Montreal at Victoria.  
March 5—Cliffsides at Montreal.  
The membership of the union consists of the Toronto Amateur Athletic Club, the Montreal A. A. C., the Victorias of Montreal, and the Cliffsides of Ottawa, and only bona fide amateurs can compete. The C. A. A. U. rule being adopted by the union.

## LAJOIE IS BETTER THAN JOHN EVERS

Nig Clarke Would Sooner Have Frenchman Every Day in the Week.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 8.—Chicago and National League fans can harp all they want about the sensational work of Johnny Evers, the Cubs' second sacker, but give me Nap Lajoie every day of the week and every minute of the day, and the most wonderful Nig Clarke, the Naps' dusky catcher, during a fanning bee.

Continuing, he said: "This fellow Evers is a wonder; there is no doubt about it, but it is like comparing a flickering candle light with a 32-candle power incandescent when sizing little Johnny and the big Frenchman up, with Larry on the strong end of the light."

"Lajoie is a marvel. There isn't a man playing baseball who compares with him. I have watched him as close as I have since I have been with the Naps, and he is head and shoulders above them all."

"I have often marvelled at the wonderful plays of Larry, but during the last five weeks of the 1938 campaign he fairly took my breath away in his hair-raising plays that I did not deem it possible for a human being to execute. He fairly outdid himself, and if the pennant had been won by the Naps Larry would have been entitled to the greatest credit."

## KARRYS AND WEST OFF FOR TORONTO

West and Karrys leave for Toronto today, where West will again meet Martinson in the return end of the 20-game bowling match. West has already a heavy lead to his credit, and will undoubtedly prove a winner, as Martinson, while a fine bowler, is hardly in West's class.

Karrys is accompanying West in the hope that the match between Capps and Sutherland may yet be arranged. The Toronto men are hesitating, because they do not wish to play the first game in Toronto. Every effort will be made by the London men to arrange for the match, and it is hoped that they may be successful. In which case the first match will likely take place sometime towards the middle of next week, probably Wednesday night.

## THE TURF. WINNERS YESTERDAY.

Oakland, Dec. 7.—Winners today were: Argonauts, 14 to 5; Bobs, 16 to 5; Elevation, 7 to 1; Be Thawful, 20 to 1; The Captain, 11 to 5; Hazlet, 13 to 20.

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—Winners here today were: Bolerian, 10 to 1; St. Edmond, 8 to 1; Rosagel, 6 to 1; Royal Ben, 12 to 1; Animals, 7 to 5; Norbitt, even.

## PACKEY WILL NOT STAND DICTATION

Chicago Stockyards Lad Upsets Plans for Bout With Nelson.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Battling Nelson outlined the conditions under which he would consent to fight again for the lightweight championship of the world, but the terms named by the Dane do not meet with the approval of Packey McFarland, who declares he would prefer to retire from the boxing game to being dictated to by the champion.

Larney Litchenstein, manager of Cyclone Johnny Thompson, started the little entanglement by offering to match his man against Nelson and allow the champion to have the entire purse. The Dane replied that he would not box any man under such conditions, but that he would consent to meet the winner of a series of elimination bouts to be arranged among McFarland, Walsh, Gans and Thompson. "Let McFarland fight Thompson, and Walsh take on Gans and the two winners box for the right to meet me for the championship. I'll be glad to take the winner of such a series of fights. I should almost consent to give up my autobiography to start work for the battle."

Thompson, through his manager, readily agreed to the scheme, but neither McFarland nor his business agent, Harry Gilmore, Jun., would consider the arrangement for a minute. "Nelson cannot dictate to me," said McFarland. "I am in the fighting game for the money there is in it and I am making plenty of the long green just at the present fighting easy ones. I'll go on fighting 'demons' for a year and if Nelson does not care to fight me in that time I'll quit boxing altogether."

## Old Country Football Results

London, Dec. 8.—The following are the results of Saturday's games in the British Soccer Leagues, the name of the home team being given first in each instance:

**The League—First Division.**  
Woolwich Arsenal 0, Blackburn Rovers 1.  
Notts County 3, Chelsea 0.  
Newcastle United 1, Sunderland 0.  
Bristol City 2, Notts Forest 1.  
Preston, North End 3, Aston Villa 2.  
Middlesbrough 1, Sheffield United 2.  
Manchester City 6, Bury 1.  
Sheffield Wednesday 2, Liverpool 3.  
Leicester Fosse 1, Bradford City 4.  
Everton 3, Manchester United 2.

**First Division Standing.**

Club	Pts.
Woolwich Arsenal	16
Newcastle United	16
Manchester United	15
Sunderland	14
Aston Villa	13
Liverpool	13
Sheffield Wednesday	13
Woolwich Arsenal	12
Blackburn Rovers	11
Bristol City	11
Manchester City	11
Notts County	10
Sheffield United	10
Notts Forest	10
Leicester Fosse	10
Preston, North End	10
Bury	10
Middlesbrough	10
Bradford City	10

**The League—Second Division.**  
Birmingham 2, Blackpool 2.  
Bolton Wanderers 3, Oldham Athletic 0.  
Bradford 4, Leeds City 1.  
Burnley 3, Barnsley 2.  
Sheff. Wednesday 2, Tottenham 3.  
Grimshy Town 1, Hull City 1.  
Stockport City 4, Glossop 2.  
Wol. Wanderers 5, Clapton Orient 1.

**Second Division Standing.**

Club	Pts.
W. Bromwich A.	16
Stockport County	15
Bolton Wanderers	17
Birmingham	15
Tottenham Hotspurs	15
Glossop	15
Sheff. Wednesday	15
Hull City	15
Fulham	15
Derby County	15
Wol. Wanderers	15
Chesterfield	15
Clapton Orient	15
Blackpool	15
Bradford	14
Burnley	14
Gainsboro	14
Oldham Athletic	13
Grimshy Town	13
Barnsley	13

**Southern League.**  
Plymouth Argyles 2, West Ham, United 0.  
Bright and Hove 5, Bristol Rovers 0.  
Portsmouth 3, Northampton 4.  
Queen's Park R. 2, Millwall 2.  
Leyton 2, Norwich City 1.  
Southampton 1, Reading 1.

**Rugby.**  
Australians 24, Anglo-Welsh 0.  
**Southern League Standing.**

Club	Pts.
Southampton	19
Crystal Palace	19
Bristol Rovers	19
Northampton	19
Queen's Park Rangers	19
New Brompton	19
Millwall	19
Watford	17
Exeter	14
Portsmouth	13
Reading	13
Plymouth Arsenal	13
Luton	13

## CORBETT TO REFEREE PAPKE-KELLY FIGHT

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—James J. Corbett, former heavyweight champion of the world, will referee the prize fight on the night of Dec. 15, in this city, but not as a fighter. He has consented to referee the fight between Hugo Kelly and Billy Papke on that night at the Jeffries pavilion. Arrangements were concluded with him yesterday, and he is now in San Diego.

Corbett is graphically described. Jack Howard, the hero, starts his fighting in the Confederate Army. He is kidnapped, and placed by a mistake of his captors on board a Confederate ship, eventually visits England in connection with the sailing of the Alabama, and remains on board of her until she is sunk by the Kearsage. After a brief imprisonment, he finally accepts a commission in the American navy.

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## FUNERAL OF MR. JAMES A. BLAIR

Was Held This Afternoon to Woodland Cemetery.

The funeral of James A. Blair was held this afternoon from his late residence, 50 Alma street, to Woodland Cemetery, and was largely attended. Impressive funeral services were conducted at the house and at the grave by Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's Church, assisted by Rev. Thomas Mitchell, of New St. James' Church. The pallbearers were Rev. J. S. Loughead, Archibald Stewart, John Ferguson, Francis Love, John Purdon, T. C. Knott, Nathaniel Mills and William Robinson.

By request of the late Mr. Blair, the following poem, composed by him, was read at his grave:

**THE GRAVE.**  
The open grave, we so much dread,  
Is Nature's goal for final rest.  
Where Mother Earth receives her dead,  
Returning to their kindred dust.

From life's pursuit of wealth and fame,  
These transient baubles that deceive,  
And vanish like a baseless dream,  
In presence of an open grave.

The subtle life all creatures live,  
By mystic energy conveyed,  
From birth maturing for the grave,  
From Nature's law there's none relieved.

Their warfare's o'er, when pass'd the bourne,  
Their wearied bodies sleep in death;  
From the dumb grave there's none return  
To tell their tale to friends on earth.

All's dark beyond this vale of tears,  
When from this life all take their leave,  
From scenes of sorrow, hopes and fears,  
Death is their passport to the grave.

A king may reign in pomp and pride,  
Though ransoms rule him as a slave;  
Unmask his purple, in his shroud  
His kingdom dwindles to a grave.

He may plan a babel tower,  
A golden image for his god;  
Assume a divine, despotic power,  
And live and die a pious fraud.

The rank and file that live by stealth,  
Are like the tide, that wreckage leaves;  
Their rush and rage in quest of wealth,  
Subside in sands and open graves.

They have a fear, a lurking dread,  
Of something that to memory cleaves,  
That something that they did or said,  
Is hushed in whispers, at their graves.

Their active forms of quicken'd dust,  
Fashion'd in Nature's pregnant womb,  
Will passively return at last  
To Nature's cold and barren tomb.

Their time and energy were lost  
In vain pursuit, for what they strove  
By sordid means was peace and rest—  
Their bodies found them in the grave.

The open grave, we so much dread,  
Is Nature's goal for final rest;  
Where Mother Earth receives her dead  
Returning to their kindred dust.

—James A. Blair.  
London, August, 1903.

## LITERARY NOTES

**THE GHOST KINGS:** A New Novel by H. Rider Haggard. With Eight Illustrations by A. Michael. \$1.25.  
Mr. Rider Haggard has gone back to Africa for the setting of his new story, which he has written with a wonderful vivacity and freshness. It is a story full of incident, and with a quickly changing panorama of scenes, all sketched with the deep knowledge and accuracy for which Mr. Rider Haggard is famous. Once more we have the presentation of a girl of wonderful charm, who through no desire of her own is endowed with mystical properties by the superstitious natives. Mr. Rider Haggard doubtless knows more of the Zulus than any other writer of our day, and he introduces here a picture of that nation under Dingana which is both vivid and convincing. Their dealings with the heroine, her lover, and the renegade European who lives in with them, form some of the chief incidents of the book, but it is the love story of the mysterious maiden, of her wanderings in the land of the Ghost Kings—surely one of the weird-est regions Mr. Haggard has ever imagined—of the search of her lover for her, and of their reunion after

## GIGANTIC PROFITS

Standard Concern Made 115 Per Cent on \$300,000 Capital.

New York, Dec. 8.—Some profits of the business of the Standard Oil Company in various parts of the country became part of the court record in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard Company yesterday when John D. Archbold declared that the Standard Oil Company of California, testified as a witness for the defense. The Government inquirer, on figures submitted, showed that the Continental Oil Company, a Standard subsidiary in the Middle West, made profits of 115 per cent on its capitalization of \$300,000, and that the Standard Oil Company, of Indiana, on a capitalization of \$1,000,000 earned about \$55,000,000 between 1899 and 1908. Counsel for the company declared that the actual assets of the company were greater than the capitalization, as the companies had turned back into the property large sums from earnings.

Through Mr. Tilford the counsel for the Government sought to bring out that in California and other states of the Far West the Standard had made contracts with its competitors whereby the Standard obtained all the crude oil supply, and thereby enjoyed the refining field to itself. Mr. Tilford said he had little knowledge of these contracts.

Referring to oil "trade-cutting" wars in Colorado and the Far West, Mr. Tilford said that the Standard never cut prices to undersell its competitor, but simply lowered rates to meet the reductions of its rivals.

## FOUGHT IN THE RAID.

Orangeville, Dec. 7.—Captain Orange Lawrence died suddenly yesterday of heart failure, superinduced by a fall on an icy sidewalk, which caused a fractured ankle. Captain Lawrence was 67 years old, and a son of Orange Lawrence, the founder of this town, which was named after him. He was an officer in the Orangeville company at the time of the Fenian Raid.

After eliminating the immigrant increase to the population of New York City it is growing annually 65,800 by natural accretion.

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