

LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Coverpoint's Philosophy

While Tom Longboat's legs are his fortune, they will have to yield pretty fair interest if he is going to run as many Marathon races as he is booked for. He might just as well get the coin while it is going right.

Now the golfers of the States are in a rumper, and it looks as if another bloody and fearful war of sports is on. There is something in the air. If this grand sports of kings and real gents is mixed up in a common embroglio it will be soon chased with baseball and other common sports.

After a post-season slant at Michigan's football record, a professor comes across with the explanation that the Ann Arbor bunch lost because they had to study too hard. Now listen! Does this prof. person mildly insinuate that the team that wins is the grey matter? Sounds, it harks like treason to the seats of higher education.

Little Artha Johnson and Tiny Tom Burns are wondering this a.m. just what Santa Claus will put in their stockings. S. C. will hardly go back on his son of the Northland, and we expect to see T. B. with the championship.

There is perhaps no truth in the story that Longboat will be out to chase Columbus, the Italian, and cleaned up on Dorando to square accounts.

A Mexican governor stopped a prize-fight the other day because it was brutal. It was an off-day for the bull fights, and he was peevish.

A young German has been sentenced to 186 years in jail and will be out about the time Bob Fitzsimmons gets through fighting.

Here is a cute little poem on "The Bounder," written by H. E. K., in the Chicago Tribune. It is given at this time, in the hope that it will start a few New Year's resolutions in the right direction:

'Tis a cheerful little fellow, and 'e fits from place to place,
Leaving sunshine in 'is wake,
'Tis a gentle way of swinging with a smile upon 'is face,
Just for hold times' sake.

The world hoves 'im his living, and 'e cashes dy by dy—
'That's his way 'e 'as.
'E his halways him and doin' of tre bloomin' cheerful guy,
Hon the Rue de Patis.

'E his halways putting something hon the sort mark's hey,
With 'is smooth gaz.

You will find 'im where the bullets bare flyin' mighty thick,
'E 'is 'arness tight;
Hat the spilling hot the come-on you will find out bally quick
'E 'is 'abit of 'ight.

'E tells not so persistent, has for the bally spin,
No that for 'im;
Hif 'e takes on a flyer you can cat-eat his 'is 'in
Hon the straight hon limb;

Hand w'en you come to figure hout 'is way for grabbing tin,
My words his grim!

An Excursion To See Longboat Run

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Tom Flanagan has made arrangements with the C. P. R. to run a special to Buffalo on Saturday, Jan. 2, the day of the big race there between Longboat and Dorando. The train will leave the Union Station at 3 o'clock in the afternoon,

which will be in excellent time for the race, to start at 9 o'clock.
The C. P. R. are running the excursion, and a big crowd is sure to race there between Longboat and Dorando. The train will leave the Union Station at 3 o'clock in the afternoon,

Weight of Rifles for Bisley Meet

Quebec, Dec. 24.—A cablegram from London announces the fact that the council of the National Rifle Association have decided that for the year 1939 the rule restricting the weight of the barrel to 2½ pounds is abolished, and a weight of 4 pounds is substituted therefor. This refers to all match rifles used by marksmen at the Bisley meet. It will be recalled that some

friction was caused after the 1938 Bisley meet, when it was found that the Ross rifles used by competitors were fitted with a barrel that weighed slightly over 3½ pounds. The decision of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain is still another compliment to our Canadian arm, and speaks well for our Canadian Government practice when such a high authority decides to adopt its principal features.

ABERDEEN'S PLAY STRATHROY TIGERS

The London Aberdeens will again travel to Strathroy today to try conclusions with the Strathroy Tigers. The team is largely composed of juniors, and the practice will be of inestimable advantage to them. The game will be called at 3 o'clock sharp. The Aberdeens will line up as follows:

Goal—Parkinson.
Point—McCall.
Coverpoint—Fetterly.
Rover—Progers.
Left Wing—Lackie.
Right Wing—Jerry Collins.
Centre—Tommy Munroe.

There will be a practice of both intermediates and juniors on Monday night from 6 to 7 o'clock, when the two teams will stack up against one another. There will be a good deal of shifting of positions, so that a good working knowledge of the best positions for the men may be obtained.

THE TURF OAKLAND ENTRIES

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.—Entries for tomorrow:

First race, Futurity course, selling—The Englishman 108, Transmute, Brian Boru, Celero, Duke of Orleans, Wes Lass 106, Bush Money, St. Agnes and Eschequer 101.

Second race, mile, selling—Eller-

dan 114, Elevation, Belmar, Charles Green 111, Estella C. 107, Darlington 105, Dollie Dollars 101, Genersuall 97.

Third race, 5 furlongs, Bruce handicap—Madman 118, Delcussador, Bon Homme 110, Trois Temps 102, Sir John 100, Tom Hayward, Ocean Queen 101, Holland 98, Serenade 92.

Fourth race, 1½ miles, Christmas handicap—Montgomery 124, Doranta 116, Royal Tourist, Firestone 113, Don Enrique 109, Clamore 98, Milford 92, Nadzu 90.

Fifth race, Futurity course, selling—J. C. Core 112, Saracinesca, Native Son, Fireball 111, He Knows 107, Seven Full 106, Billy Bowleg 105, Adena 103, Raleigh, Lord Provost 101.

Sixth race, Futurity course, selling—Smiley Corbett, Charlie Doherty 105, Pajorotta 102, John Mallon 99, Joe Rose 90, Warder 87.

Special Agent Charles M. Pepper, Bureau of Manufactures, reports that the yearly output of British pottery is of the value of \$60,000,000, employing 135,618 persons. Twelve million dollars' worth of the product is exported annually.

According to a decision of the inspector general of the United States army, neither officers nor enlisted men will wear gloves hereafter when equipped for field service. Enlisted men will also dispense with the use of white collars when doing field duty.

JEFF WILL FIGHT IF JOHNSON WINS

Former Champion Says He Will Re-enter Ring in Event Burns Loses.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—If Jack Johnson defeats Tommy Burns in his battle in Australia for the heavyweight championship, former Champion James J. Jeffries, will re-enter the ring rather than permit the heavyweight laurels to rest with a negro. This was Jeffries' statement today, and the big fellow means it. When asked what he would do if Johnson whipped Burns and then came around asking him for a fight, Jeffries said:

"If that come around here and challenges me to fight him if he wins from Burns, I'll grab him by the neck and run him out."

When asked to explain what he means by that Jeffries declared he is not willing to see the championship of the division go to a negro, and rather than allow Johnson to carry off the belt he will re-enter the ring and whip him.

Jeffries, however, believes Burns will dispose of Johnson, and even if the Canadian is defeated, it is probable Jeffries will allow the winner to keep the title. Today he received a cable from Burns, telling him that he was at the dusky camp. But in the event of the championship of the world going to the negro big Jim will get on his fighting toes, begin hard training and will enter the ring for the honor of the Caucasian race and his native land.

Jeff yesterday cabled Burns, making a bid for the winner of the Australian match to fight Barry-Kaufmann winner today. Today he received a cable from Burns saying he would consider the offer. Later Jeffries decided that if necessary, he will take on Johnson himself.

LIGHT WOOL TAKES WALDEN

Eyes Bright's Jockey Puts in a Claim of Foul, But It Is Disallowed.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.—Light Wool, the favorite, defeated Eyes Bright in the Walden handicap at Emoryville today. The two horses were in close quarters the last 50 yards, and Eyes Bright's jockey made a claim of foul against the winner, but it was not allowed. Light Wool was ridden by Joe Notter, who made his first appearance since his arrival from the east. He was on Yakima Belle and Foot Loose, two favorites, but failed to win. A day who, a 15 to 1 shot, beat Yakima Belle in the first race.

Results:
First race, Futurity course—Who, 107 (Rose), 16 to 1; Yakima Belle, 109 (Notter), 3 to 2; M. Brown, 104 (Goldstein), 3 to 1; Time, 1:14 2-5.
Joe Nolan, Sealing Jack, Discerner, Gary Granly, Col. Hackett, Judge Croyn, Queen Whims, Flewsie and Loch-Invar ran.

Second race, Futurity course—Fantic, 112 (Lee), 11 to 5; Eyes Bright, 109 (Sullivan), 8 to 1; Foot Loose, 109 (Notter), 12 to 6; Time, 1:13.
Bishop W., Panel Hall, Incentive, Assey, Stroke, Galina and Don Juan also ran.

Third race, 6 furlongs—Lady Carroll, 107 (Butler), 3 to 4; Marion Rose, 107 (Buxton), 4 to 1; Abraham, 110 (Taplin), 15 to 1; Time, 1:14 1-5.
Sir Brillar, Gambol, Avondale, Sea Lad, Buchanan and Lady Hildred also ran.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs, the Walden handicap—Light Wool, 112 (Notter), 9 to 5; Eyes Bright, 103 (Russell), 2 to 1; Collector Jessup, 100 (Taplin), 9 to 2; Time, 1:27 4-5.
May Amelia, Tony Faust and Hanbridge also ran.

Fifth race, 1½ miles—Invader 108 (Scoville), 7 to 1; Bill Mence, 109 (Buxton), 5 to 1; Prince of Orange, 104 (Sullivan), 15 to 1; Time, 2:03 3-5.
Paladin, Cloverland, L. C. Ackery, My Pal, Carmeline, Orchan and Ex-plicit also ran.

Sixth race, mile—Col. Jack, 115 (Keogh), 6 to 1; Cloud Light, 109 (McCarthy), 25 to 1; Ocean Shore, 109 (Goldstein), 3 to 1; Time, 1:14 3-5.
Berry Maid, Grace G. and Down Patsy also ran.

GEORGE RANDALL DEAD

One of Berlin's Most Esteemed Citizens Has Passed Away.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—One of Berlin's most esteemed citizens, in the person of Mr. George Randall, sen., died today, aged 77 years. Mr. Randall, at the age of nineteen, entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. Marshall Farr, as contractors, and built a great many stations for the Great Western Railway. Other contracts were the Desjardins Canal, where Mr. Farr lost his life, but Mr. Randall completed the contract.

Twenty-five years ago he went into partnership with W. William Ross, as Randall & Ross, wholesale liquor and groceries, which he carried on successfully until his death. He was also identified with the Hespeler Woolen Mills, now known as the Forbes Company. He was president of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which he created when he was one of the most successful in the Dominion. He is survived by two daughters and one son, Mrs. Chalcraft and Miss Minnie and George, at home.

To clean the streets of the city of London, nearly 80,000,000 gallons of water are annually required.

HAINS DEFENSE STARTS SATURDAY

All of State's Evidence Now in—Witness Says Made False Statement.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The state's defense in the case of William E. Hains is almost closed. The defense will outline its case Saturday. When Hains was returned to jail today he knew all the vital evidence that the prosecution had obtained to prove its case that he was one of the principals in the killing of William E. Annis. Hains today declared that he felt that his acquittal was only a matter of days.

District Attorney Darrin surprised Hains' counsel by calling Henry E. Jespersen a former real estate agent, whom the defense had planned to call as one of its witnesses. Jespersen's testimony developed many points favorable to the defendant. He said he had several conferences with Hains over waterfront property at Douglaston, near Bayside, and that Hains had made an appointment with his partner, Mr. Bug, about some property near the Bayside Yacht Club.

Mr. Jespersen further stated that Hains had postponed the real estate deal because of the illness of his brother. The lawyers for Hains were delighted at Jespersen's testimony. Mr. Barry-Kaufmann light the first chance at the dusky camp. But in the event of the championship of the world going to the negro big Jim will get on his fighting toes, begin hard training and will enter the ring for the honor of the Caucasian race and his native land.

An incident of interest in today's session was the demand of John F. McIntyre for the arrest of Martin Skura, an 18-year-old cabman, who was training and will enter the ring for the honor of the Caucasian race and his native land.

The defense hope to conclude the case some time next week.

\$400,000 SWINDLE IN BANK NOTES

Spurious Belgian Currency Is Floated All Over America.

New York, Dec. 24.—A wholesale swindle in spurious foreign notes has been discovered here. By it, local bankers declare, spurious 1,000 franc notes of the National Bank of Belgium have been sold to the extent of \$400,000 to money brokers in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and many other cities.

Zimmerman & Forsyth, a banking firm at 9 Wall street, is credited with diverting the swindle.

The fraud came to the attention of Zimmerman & Forsyth in a letter from a Swindler who attempted to sell the firm 20,000 francs were told on the spot that the notes looked bogus. The matter didn't stop to argue the matter, but ran out of the office and laid the bad notes behind. In a day or so a great quantity of the spurious paper began to come in, not only from money brokers in this city, but in all the other leading cities in this country.

The firm took all these notes for collection, but made it plain that there was little prospect of realizing any money on them. Zimmerman & Forsyth have not lost anything by the fraud, but are in the collection charges whether the notes are good or not.

No Legal Action Taken.

No action has been taken by authorities, as Zimmerman & Forsyth are awaiting advice from Brussels before taking the matter over to Chief Flynn of the secret service. While the banking firm is certain the notes are bad, they want to have the assurance of the Belgian bank by mail or cable before permitting the bushel full of 1,000 franc notes which would be worth \$193 apiece if they were good to be seized by Chief Flynn.

A member of the firm of Zimmerman & Forsyth described the wholesale swindle as follows:

"Ten days ago a man and woman came into the office looking for a foreign note like foreign tourists. They appeared able to talk just enough English to get around comfortably. The woman had a canvas slung over her shoulder and the man carried a hand-bag.

Clerk Detects the Fraud.

"After stating their business, the man wanted to know how much we were paying for 1,000 franc notes of the Bank of Belgium. The clerk said our price was \$193, whereupon the man set up a great cry about having to part with notes for what he considered was less than their value. Finally he shrugged his shoulders and said he guessed he might as well take what he could get.

"When the man handed over the notes the clerk instinctively ran his fingers across the surface of one of the notes. Furthermore the quality of the paper was just a little bit coarser than in the good notes.

"It was when the clerk handed the notes to me for my inspection that the man and woman became alarmed, and when they saw we shook my head they turned and showed us their heels. The clerk ran after them, but when he got in Wall street they were nowhere in sight. The counterfeiting is the finest I have ever seen. We have been informed the National Bank of Belgium already is aware of the wholesale fraud."

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO.

Arrive from the east—3:30 a.m., 10:56 a.m., 11:12 a.m., 11:23 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:10 p.m.
Arrive from the west—12:09 a.m., 3:35 a.m., 11:28 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m.
Depart for the east—12:14 a.m., 2:40 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:38 a.m., 3:05 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 6:55 p.m. (Eastern Flyer).

The trains leaving at 7:30 a.m. and 2:05 p.m. stop at all stations.
Depart for the west—8:50 a.m., 7:40 a.m., 11:18 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 8:18 p.m.
The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:40 p.m. trains stop at all stations.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.
Arrive—10:25 a.m., 4 p.m., 6:50 p.m. (Eastern Flyer), 11 p.m.
Depart—8:55 a.m., 11:27 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 8:10 p.m. (International Limited).

STRATFORD BRANCH.
Arrive—3:25 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:33 p.m., 8:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m.
Depart—6:00 a.m., 10:25 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 4:55 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.
Arrive—10:10 a.m., 6:10 p.m.
Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Trains marked thus * run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.
Arrive—5:40 a.m., 7:10 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:40 p.m.
Depart—8:45 a.m., 12:20 p.m., 1:56 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
* To and from Walkerville without change. Trains not * starred to Port Stanley.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.
Arrive—From the east—11:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 10:52 p.m. From the west—4:30 a.m., 8:35 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Depart—For the east—4:40 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 6:25 p.m. For the west—11:38 a.m., 8:35 p.m., 11:00 p.m.
Trains marked thus * run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday. * From Chatham only. MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.
Arrive—6:55 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 6:10 p.m., 9:50 p.m.
Depart—7:15 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 6:35 p.m., 10:25 p.m.
* Run through to Waterford.

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