

SPORT NEWS GLEANED FROM WORLD'S CENTRES

THE TIMES-STAR SPORT REVIEW

Brief Comments on Pastimes of Interest to the Fans.

Champion Jack Dempsey's arrival in New York has started all kinds of ring gossip. Some writers express an opinion that he and his manager are there to interview Tex Rickard with regard to other matches, but both Dempsey and Rickard deny this. With reference to his opponents, those most prominently mentioned are Wills, Firpo and Gibbons. It is hard to figure Gibbons as a logical contender for the crown, although he is conceded to be exceptionally clever and did stay fifteen rounds with the champion in Shelby. Many thought that Dempsey allowed Gibbons to stay the fight, as he had won in the State and did not begrudge Tommy a little publicity. A match between Gibbons and Dempsey should prove to be a good drawing card and would give fans an idea just how good Tommy is at the present time. Another big card would undoubtedly be Firpo and Wills. By eliminating some contenders, then a real opponent could be secured for Dempsey.

Col. Jake Ruppert, owner of the Yankee Stadium, announces that it is not his desire to convert the ball park into a boxing arena. He contends that he will not consider staging any second rate contests, but will make a bid for outstanding bouts of national and international significance. He can hardly be criticized for this, because the stadium has cost him a fortune and important bouts are very lucrative. Because a few big bouts are staged in baseball parks it should not detract from the attendance at the regular games.

That any Canadian Club always receives a royal welcome in the States is quite true, and it is largely through sport that this good fellowship is perpetuated. Ed Cunningham, one of the leading sport writers in Boston, commenting on a proposed trip of McGill University hockey teams, says: "The McGilligans are scheduled to make their annual invasion of New England this week to tackle Harvard, Boston College, Yale and the New Haven Bears. It always has been considered proper to have the athletes do a little skidding around, on the steel runners before they hop across the border. No try to take our boys for a sleigh ride. Unfortunately for the McGillhooleys the only ice-making plants in Montreal cater to those gentlemen who delight to hear the ice clinking in glasses that contain a sparkling beverage, and it is said on good authority that ice improves the best Canadian club put on the market. It is well known that the longer those Canadian clubs are on ice the better they become."

The coming of a Canadian club always is anticipated by the natives of the old Bay State, and thousands of them trickle down during the season, which begins Jan. 1 and closes the last day of December. Therefore the McGillivays always know they will receive a royal welcome from the customers when they park in our midst."

The present cold snap is welcomed by the vast majority of sport lovers. It means skating for thousands, hockey for many, and curling for the enthusiastic "knight of the broom." The winter season would indeed be dull if there was no ice to provide these popular pastimes.

It is regrettable that dissension still exists among the local hockey players, and a hope is expressed that they will get together and adjust their difficult "fitted for this important task. That this son is "a chip of the old block" is evident, and from all indications the day is not far distant when he will go forth to seek international honors, and who would be more fitted to guide and coach him than his father, who some years ago won this signal honor himself?

CUTLER CHOSEN TO REFEREE MATCH

The Former National Junior Champion is Named.

New York, Dec. 18.—Albert G. Cutler of New York has been chosen to referee the challenge match for the world's 18.2 balking title tournament which will be played in Boston on Jan. 10, 11 and 12. The match will be between Willie Hoppe and Welker Cochran, who clash in the play-off match for the world's title in Chicago this week. The loser of the play-off match will be rated second in the tournament standings and is therefore rated the official challenger. Cutler refereed the international tournament here last year and again this year. He is a former holder of the national junior 18.2 balking title.

CRESCENTS DEFEAT SEATTLE Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 18.—Saskatoon Crescents again defeated the Seattle Mets 2 to 1 in an inter-league game played here last night. The victory marked the third straight win for the Crescents over Pacific Coast League teams.

ESKIMOS ARE VICTORS. Edmonton, Dec. 18.—By defeating Vancouver here last night 3 to 2 the Edmonton Eskimos completed another clean sweep of inter-league hockey games between representatives of the Pacific Coast and Western Canada hockey teams.

Boy Champion Now In Training



WILLIE LOGAN

IRISH CHAMPION VISITS ST. JOHN

Jim Montgomery Here from Liverpool Enroute to New York.

Jim Montgomery, heavy and middleweight champion of Ireland, who arrived in the city last Saturday on the Canadian Pacific steamship Montrose, left last evening for New York, where he hopes to secure bouts with the leading middleweights and light heavyweights. Followers of the ring know that he is one of the best boxers in the game and fate alone seems to stand between him and the championship of the world. His record is one that speaks for itself and sport writers all over the continent agree that he is one of the best men that ever came to America from the British Isles. Jim is an Irishman and the only thing wrong is his first name. After listening to him talk, hearing his quaint brogue, and enjoying his ready wit one would agree that he should have been called Pat. His visit to the Times office yesterday was like putting up a window blind and allowing a ray of sunshine to enter. With sparkling eye, a picture of rugged health, and good nature, beaming like a radiance from his countenance, he narrated some of his adventures, which evoked prolonged laughter and merriment. It is quite easy to understand why he is so popular and he will always be a welcomed visitor to the sporting department.

That Jack Dempsey appreciates his worth is evident from a fact that while training for his bout with Bill Brennan he sent for Montgomery and worked out with him, during his entire training period. "When he signed to box Gibbons he also sent for Jim, but as the Irish champion was so friendly with both men he decided that he would not care to have anything to do with this match. He also worked with Dempsey in the famous motion picture, "Dare Devil Jack."

Montgomery defeated Spike Sullivan, Mike Ahearn, New Sam Langford, Eddie Dixon, Jim Monahan, Billy Hinnery, Dan Lynch, Fred Dyer, Silent Martin and many others. Since the termination of the war he boxed 50 exhibitions for wounded soldiers and paid all his own expenses. The gameness of this "fighting Irishman" is evident for records show that he defeated Red Grogan of Corvallis, Panama, middleweight champion, in a twenty round bout, although he broke his hand in the third round. He is also credited with a draw against Jack Britton and only last June defeated Johnny Wilson, when the latter was middleweight champion of the world. Newspaper comments on this bout said that his decision had been allowed Montgomery would have been champion of the world.

Montgomery has been in the ring for ten years, and during that time won 85 bouts, lost six, but never took the count in his life. Three months ago he went to Ireland, where he had been promised a bout with Mike Tigue for the light heavyweight championship of the world, but he was disappointed, for the champion refused to be lured into the ring with him. He then went to England and stayed there two weeks trying to secure a match with Frank Goddard, British heavyweight champion, but again he failed. He was told that Goddard had only won the championship and was not anxious to take any chances of losing it.

It is possible that early in the year this great boxer may be seen in St. John. During his stay in this city he made many friends and promised to come here and help the sport along providing a suitable opponent could be secured to meet him.

AMERICAN GIRLS TO TOUR ENGLAND

Field Hockey Team Will Sail Early Next Month.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Members of the All-American girls' field hockey team, picked to tour England early next year, have been practicing informally here for the last two weeks. The team will sail Jan. 12. The American girls will play four games scheduled matches, the first one being with the All-England touring team at London, late in January.

LOCAL SKATERS WHO ARE TRAINING

Boy Champion Has Work- Out—Gorman is Attract- ing Attention.

Freddie Logan, former international champion, and his son, Willie, United States and Canadian boy champion, pulled on their skates yesterday and held quite a workout on the Mill Pond in Indiantown. In the afternoon they went out to Robinson's Lake, taking a small improvised snow-plough with them. They ploughed off a track along the edge of the lake and indulged in a workout there. Lily Lake is frozen at the edge but is not strong enough to bear a person's weight. If a good cold spell gets in now, there would be all kinds of skating.

Gorman Attracting Attention.

Gorman is attracting considerable attention while in Boston.

The Boston Traveler in Saturday's issue has a likeness of Gorman and the following write up: "Canada will have only one representative in the skating events at the Olympic games in Paris, but that one has had the honor of having defeated Charles Jewtraw, the American champion. He is Charles Gorman, who is in Boston at present training daily at the Boston arena. Gorman is a husky youth of 24 summers, most of which have been spent in St. John, N. B. Eight Years in Competition."

He has been skating in amateur competition for the past eight years, holding the title in the 200 and 440 yard events in Canada. It was in 1921 at Lake Placid that Gorman first sprang into prominence when he defeated Jewtraw. A new record of 373-5 seconds was set up for the distance. For a youth of his years Gorman has had plenty of experience. When the war broke out he was among the first to enlist in the Canadian army. He saw active service on all the fronts, being wounded. He was a member of the Canadian Machine Gun battalion which was in the thick of the fighting at Vimy Ridge. While he is in Boston, Everett McGowan, the speed skater, looks after his conditioning. In his workouts at

the Arena, Gorman has been showing time trials which leads his trainer to believe that he—Gorman—will be the Olympic champion."

Saw Gorman.

D. J. Corr returned yesterday from New York, where he met the American skater training for the Olympic trials, with the exception of Charles Jewtraw, and talked over with them the prospects of coming to this city for the proposed big meet here. The opinion of the skaters appeared to be, he said, that it would be impossible to get here before the latter part of February.

Their steamship passage to France and back had been arranged, so that it would hardly be practicable to have them land at this port on their homeward journey. Meets at Saranac Lake and Lake Placid would take place before the local meet so that the ultimate result would be the setting back of the local date till late in the season.

Question of Sene.

Scene—Highland Junction. Londoner—"Portah! Portah! Where is my luggage?" Porter—"Aye, mon, yer luggage has main sense than yerse! Ye're in the wrong train!"

SETS NEW WORLD'S LIFTING RECORDS

Young Swiss Athlete Per- forms Sensationally in Big Meet.

The weight lifting teams of Lyons, France, and Geneva, Switzerland, met recently in their annual match and the French city won by the margin of a single point. Every event was closely contested and the final result of the match was not known until the end of the meet. Last year the team from Switzerland triumphed by a comfortable score and the odds were in favor of the Swiss in the recent meet.

Peronne, a young Swiss star who had previously never attracted attention and who participated in the meet only because of the sudden illness of one of the regulars on the team, set two new world's records for amateurs when he raised 65 kilos with the left

Gorman Committee

A meeting of the committee of the St. John Amateur Skating Association charged with the duty of raising funds to finance Charlie Gorman's trip to France will be held this evening in the office of J. C. Chesley, local agent for the Marine and Fisheries Dept. Mr. Chesley is chairman of the committee. Plans for holding a mammoth skating meet when Gorman returns will be discussed.

WINS WRESTLING TITLE

Isaac Robin is the new heavyweight wrestling champion of New Zealand through his defeat of Alexander Anderson, former holder of the title, in a match recently decided at Wellington. Anderson had no chance at the weights. He weighed only 150 pounds, while Robin tipped the scales at 240.

GAMES IN CITY BOWLING LEAGUES

Results of Last Evening's Candle Pin Matches on Local Alleys.

CLERICAL LEAGUE.

In the Clerical League last evening, the S. Hayward & Co. team took all four points from the C. N. R. Express Co. quintette. The winners hung up the high team single, 507, and the high team total, 1513, for the yeague for the season. The scores were:

	Total Avg.
S. Hayward Co.	69 73 82 224 74-2-3
Lawson	82 84 88 254 88-1-3
Bartch	83 116 74 273 90-2-3
H. Flower	105 101 91 297 99-0
Cromwell	72 87 101 260 100-1-3
	411 507 440 1358

	Total Avg.
Carpenter	75 79 235 78-1-3
Burton	68 68 205 68-1-3
Saunders	82 87 76 245 81-1-3
McNevin	75 85 97 257 82-2-3
Parfitt	79 79 251 82-2-3
	372 390 419 1181

MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE.

In the Manufacturers' League last evening, James Pender & Co. team took four points from the E. S. Stephenson quintette. The scores were:

	Total Avg.
James Pender & Co.	80 87 73 240 80-1-3
Burns	84 78 84 246 82
Vincent	84 85 249 82-1-3
Mabee	77 84 85 246 82
Gaynes	107 101 278 82-2-3
Lennon	101 83 100 284 94-2-3
	455 406 443 1304

	Total Avg.
E. S. Stephenson & Co.	75 82 83 240 80
Stephenson	75 82 83 240 80
White	77 76 67 220 73-1-3
Carey	79 82 84 245 81-1-3
Chamberlain	96 77 81 254 84-2-3
Cunningham	89 80 80 249 86
	414 406 405 1225

INTER-ASSOCIATION LEAGUE.

In the Inter-Association League last evening, the Knight of which team took all four points from the Y. M. H. A. team. The scores were:

	Total Avg.
K. of P.	83 86 70 240 83
Palmer	82 83 108 263 82-1-3
Dwyer	88 88 78 254 81-1-3
Downing	82 80 80 242 81-1-3
Till	90 80 84 254 81-1-3
Brentnall	107 101 278 82-2-3
	487 442 414 1353

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

In the Commercial League last evening, the T. McAvity & Sons team took three points from the Post Office. The scores were:

	Total Avg.
Post Office	83 74 73 230 78-1-3
Evans	89 68 78 235 78-1-3
Day	87 87 81 255 85
Wrightman	86 85 77 248 82-1-3
Clark	86 81 81 248 82-1-3
	410 381 399 1196

	Total Avg.
T. McAvity & Sons	87 85 85 257 82-2-3
Bewick	87 85 85 257 82-2-3
McKee	85 97 79 261 87
Williams	66 90 78 234 78
Christophers	86 85 77 248 82-2-3
Foshy	94 83 111 288 96
	358 424 430 1382

K. OF C. LEAGUE.

In the K. of C. League last evening, Teams No. 1 and 4 divided honors. The scores were:

	Total Avg.
No. 1	97 81 84 262 80-2-3
McManus	113 86 80 279 83-1-3
Kane	101 76 80 257 85-2-3
Hennessey	74 102 84 260 85-2-3
G. Ryan	91 83 84 258 86
B. Ryan	82 82 85 249 83-1-3
	485 424 431 1310

	Total Avg.
No. 4	113 86 80 279 83-1-3
Kelly	101 76 80 257 85-2-3
Daley	74 102 84 260 85-2-3
McGivern	84 88 80 252 84
Moore	83 73 91 247 82-1-3
	465 420 441 1316

Y. M. C. I. HOUSE LEAGUE.

In the Y. M. C. I. House League last evening, the Dodgers took all four points from the Forts. The scores were:

	Total Avg.
Dodgers	79 68 81 228 81-1-3
Gallagher	79 68 81 228 81-1-3
Jarvis	83 83 96 272 90-2-3
McNulty	68 85 85 238 79-2-3
McInnes	79 80 86 245 81-2-3
	399 441 437 1377

	Total Avg.
Forts	87 79 83 249 83-1-3
McGrath	79 68 78 225 74-1-3
Sinclair	79 82 84 245 81-1-3
Wall	98 84 84 266 82-2-3
Power	75 83 85 243 81-2-3
	398 415 420 1333

DOWN IN FLORIDA.

A Florida paper gives an account of a recent baseball game at Everglades, between married and single men, in which the former won by a score of 10 to 4. Elmer A. Belding, formerly of St. John, was third baseman on the winning team. The game was played on a new athletic field just completed.

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MY WORD! SOME LUCK!

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SO LONG! LISTEN! WHEN I'M ELECTED I MAY APPOINT YOU MINISTER TO SAMOA!

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