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## THE COURIER'S COMPLETE SPORTING PAGE

### Popularity

By WALT MASON

We all desire approval, and hope that when we die our premature removal will cause a public sigh; and while on earth we linger, we hope that dames and gents will at us point the finger of pride and confidence. And so, to gain indorsement, we try all kinds of tricks; some strive for law enforcement, some enter politics; some try to heal diseases by making purple pills, some deal in moral wheezes, and others pay their bills. Some cultivate politeness, or wear a manner great; some have an airy brightness that ought to captivate. Some hand out eloquence, the verbal flight that thrills; some plug for revolution, and others pay their bills. Some dress in gorgeous raiment, with bonnets rich and glad, while tailors shriek for payment, and milliners go mad. In one way or another we always strive to gain the plaudits of our brother while we on earth remain. One method is a winner; with happiness it fills the breast of saint or sinner—the paying up of bills. There is no plan that's better, no method that's more fit, because the chronic debtor can't hope to make a hit.



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### Al Shaw To Be The Lead-Off For The Toronto Ball Team

Bill O'Hara Has Been Batting Consistently in the South Leafs to Start the Season With Two Seasoned Catchers—Bisons are Strong in Batting.

#### NORTHERN ONLY NEW MAN ON TORONTO TEAM

By W. A. Hewitt.  
Pitcher Brant made a satisfactory debut with Toronto.  
Bill O'Hara has been batting consistently in the south.  
The Leafs will start the season with two seasoned catchers.  
The Buffalo team promises to be strong in batting.  
If the Bison pitchers stand up, they will be hard to beat.  
Rochester will miss Outfielder Barrow for his speed and hitting.  
President McCaffery says the Leafs are in excellent shape.  
Morning practices on the way north will break the monotony of the Leafs.

Al Shaw will be the lead-off man for the Leafs this season.  
With Holly back in the game the only change on last year's champion team will be in the right field, North replacing Meyer and Dalton.

Pitcher Wheatley.  
Pitcher Charles Wheatley has been turned over to the Providence team by Detroit.

Newark News: Outfielder Jack Dalton of the Indians, arrived in this city late yesterday from Savannah in response to a message that his wife was seriously ill. He reports that the Newark team is in great shape, and that Marty Kavanagh, the "Harrison Phenom" is likely to become the Indians' regular second sacker.

New York Globe: Jack Murray complained about the "high sky" that made fly balls difficult. Josh Devore had an explanation that satisfied Murray. "They have that high sky here all the time," said Josh. "It has to be high or else they couldn't get these mountains under it."

Knoxville ought to be a great place for producing players. It is the center of a great marble and hard wood country.

Catcher Fred Payne of Baltimore has signed his contract.

Manager Larry Schaffly of the Skeeters is after Bill Stump of New York Yankees. Should Schaffly land Stump it would give his team a strong infield, as the other members of the infield are Bradley, Purcell and Knight.

Walter Johnson Looks Well.  
Walter Johnson, they look better than ever this spring. Even as he was last year the fellow was a pretty fair pitcher. If the improvement mentioned has been noticeable we forecast the following description of a Washington ball game:  
"The Senators won, but Johnson was clearly off and far below his standard form. In the fifth innings he permitted a foul, while in the ninth two fly balls were driven to the outfield. He

was touched up for one well bunched hit and only fanned up men. In view of this ragged performance it seems that he has been overworked and Griff may decide to give him a brief rest until he recovers his stride."  
Montgomery, Ala. News: A deal has been closed by Manager Dobs with the Toronto club of the International League for the services of Shortstop Ed. Holly. Holly is well known in the Southern League. He was captain of the famous New Orleans champions of 1905 that won from Montgomery. When Ike Durrett and his bunch made made their famous driving finish. Since that time he has been in the International League. Last year with Toronto, he hit .267. Toronto won the pennant, and much of the success was attributed to his able field generalship.

There have been many improvements made in the Newark ball park during the absence of the team. The depressions in the outfield have been filled in and the diamond has been massaged until it is as good a piece of ball ground as could be desired.  
Manager Smith of Newark will have a consultation with Manager Dahlie of the Brooklyn club, as to the disposition of the latter's surplus youngsters. Smith is angling for Leo Callahan and Pitcher Cliff Curtis, and if Dahlie can get them out of the big league by the waiver route they will sport the Indian uniforms this season.

Philadelphia Telegraph: Manager Dohin has begun to cut the strings to the extra men on the squad. Buck Taylor goes to Montreal and Catcher Lalonde and Pitcher Stanley to the Portland team of the Pacific Coast League in trade for Howley, a backstop. There will be no releases in the Athletic camp until Connie Mack returns from his trip with the yanigans.

Myers' New Mitt.

Chief Myers has hit upon a new wrinkle for his catching mitt. While in Knoxville, he went into a drug store and spied a flat rubber sponge. He proposes trimming this down to the right size and using it for padding. He thinks it will serve better than the ordinary felt padding, especially to take the jar of impact off the hand and that unless there is too much of a rebound from the article it will work fine and mayhap prove an acceptable innovation to catchers.

A game at Louisville was featured by a near scrap between Bob Bescher and Sherwood Smith, former Pirate, who pitched for Louisville. The men nearly came to blows in the sixth innings. Bescher thought Smith was trying to hit him when he shot two

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### SPORTING COMMENT

A Honolulu paper announces a game arranged between the Twenty-fifth infantry baseball team, which was recently in Spokane at Fort Wright, and an all-Chinese team captained by Sammy Hop. A Frenchman named Le Mere is slated to umpire this Yankee contest between the dark and yellow.

The Hawaiian sporting writer announces the Chinese line-up in the following fashion. Sammy Hop, second base; Bum Wing, pitcher; Wu Run, left field; Hop Hed, short stop; Hit Long, first base; Hi Fly, right field; Low Hitt, centre field; So Kum, catcher; Sam Bing, second base.

Baseball appears to have worked itself into the family designations of the erstwhile heathen Chinese.

Dr. James L. Hughes, Chief Inspector of Schools, Toronto, received an interesting letter recently from Macon, Georgia, from a boy in the senior class at one of the schools there. The boy asked as to the manufactures of Toronto, and the farming products of the environs of Toronto. The boy stated that he had seen the Toronto baseball team play with Mercer College and that they won, and that they were "some baseball team." "I have also seen Kelly, Trout, O'Hara and Rudolph play." Evidently the boy thinks that a team hailing from a place that can heat Mercer must be of great importance, so far as manufactures and its situation are concerned.

### Football

Tutela Club.  
The Tutela Club is meeting tonight at 143 Eagle Ave to transact important business. Members are requested to be present at 8.30 p.m.

The Dragons.  
The 25th Brant Dragon Club under the management of Bert Garrow had a splendid practice last night at Agricultural Park. The Dragons have a formidable team getting ready.

A Practice Game.  
Holmedale and St. Andrews had a practice game on Saturday. The game started at 6 o'clock. Mr. A. Speechley acted as referee. The Holmedale team made a good showing, the forwards being quick on their feet, the left wing especially; Archer putting some fine centres in. Scallion should make a fine inside man, with Archer if they practice together. Hart played a good game only he was short of a good outside man to take his touches. Hoyle as usual played his old game. Fans are looking forward to a good game on Saturday with St. Andrews, the Holmedale team will be at full strength and it is hoped that St. Andrews will be the same to make it a good game. It is hoped that every player who is signed on for the club will turn out for practice as often as he can. Harner and Ethelridge were slow through short of practice but the trainer has taken the players in hand and if there is any playing in them, he will bring it out.

### Canadian League

(Ottawa Free Press)  
Four weeks from Wednesday the curtain is hoisted on the Canadian League season. Fans are getting more definite matter as the opening draws near, of the respective strength of the various clubs. As is only natural in minor league baseball, the dope is not nearly so dependable as the majors. Much new and untried material breaks into the minor leagues to replace those who have gone up or been turned loose. However, it will be noticed from daily reports throughout the Canadian circuit, the clubs have retained the pick of last year's men and supplanted the mediocre players with new men. This is prima facie evidence the league will be stronger and faster from every point of view.

There is one department however, where the dope is dependable, and that is the battery end of the clubs. As Johnny McGraw remarks, the pitcher is 60 per cent. of the team. Most of the clubs in the Fitzgerald alliance have their staff of gunners completed.

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### More Light is Shed on Terrors of the Toe Hold

Compared With Pain of It, a Fat Man on Your Favorite Bunion Is Pleasant Caress; It also Covers Multitude of Suspicious Circumstances.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Another Russian strong man has wilted under the fervor of the Gotch toe hold. Some time ago it was George Hackenschmidt who raised himself on his elbow from a Chicago wrestling mat and urged the lowan in the name of humanity not to exert full pressure on a suffering pedal digit.

This time it was George Lurich, who for some months has ached for a chance to wipe out the indignities thrust upon Hack. Gotch and Lurich had it out on the carpet at Kansas City and Lurich's shoulders kissed the mat twice.

The report of the proceedings says "the fatal toe twist did much to undermine the confidence of the Russian. When he began to feel the pressure an expression of agony appeared on his face and he was forced to rest both shoulders on the mat." That was the way the first fall was gained. In the next Gotch did not have to bring his prehensile fingers into play in the manner described. A man who elects to be thrown twice by the toe hold in one night is a glutton, and Lurich's appetite for suffering is apparently normal.

An awful thing this toe hold. Hal

### TWO SAMs ARE SCRAPPING FOR M'INTOSH CASH

Langford and McVey Suing for Purses Due Them.

#### GAME MAY IMPROVE

With Baker at Head, Australia May Be Better Country for Fighters.

CHICAGO, April 8.—It may take Sam Langford and his manager, Joe Woodman of Boston, three or four months longer to get what is coming to them in Australia. The split instituted for the contract price for Sam's bout at the McIntosh stadium in Sydney is being delayed by the McIntosh attorneys, evidently for the purpose of tiring the Americans and getting them to hurry their departure from the land of the kangaroo.

It developed that Sam McVey, another colored fighter from this country, also has instituted suit against McIntosh who failed to pay this Sam what was coming. Though McIntosh has announced extensively that he is now out of the boxing game, the suits have caused a big jumble in the sport in Australia and will seriously injure it.

"Get your money before you start for Australia," is the warning issued by Woodman.

Woodman Hap to Proceedings.  
Under date of March 8, Woodman writes that he is badly tied up with the suits and that while he expected to be able to catch the March boat for this country he feared at that time that it might be four and possibly five months before he would be able to make a move. "It's mighty tough to be so far away from home and after fulfilling your contract to have to go to law and spend time and money to get what is coming to you," Woodman writes. "I've been getting the worst of it in the matter of delays and it looks as if they are trying to tire us out."

McVey also is abusing McIntosh for money coming to him for contests here. The wily Hugh got out of the game to avoid the payment of money on the boxers' contracts and while we have received the worst of the cases so far, I intend to carry the decisions so far. I intend to carry the cases to the highest courts. It is not much good in this country and I would advise all American boxers to get their money before they leave home. They will dodge a lot of trouble if they do this.

Is a Good Boxing Country.  
This is a good boxing country, there is no question about that, and now that "Snowy" Baker is at the head of things the game may improve some. He is a straight fellow but has had a pretty hard road ahead

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### Billy Britt, Ketchel's Manager, Forced Him Into Unequal Bout With Champion Jack Johnson

On the afternoon of October 16, 1909, Jack Johnson knocked out Stanley Ketchel in the twelfth round, the unequal match occurring in the old Colma (Cal.) arena.

In the eleventh round the big black heavyweight champion took a light blow on the left side of the neck, flopped to the canvas and got up rubbing his right cheek. The "knock-down" brought a great crowd to its feet but Johnson only smiled and in the next round beat poor Ketchel to the floor, where he lay in a heap.

The sensational finish was expected to make the moving pictures of unlimited value, but on "the morning after" the San Francisco critics picked the affair to small bits of ridicule. Charges of "fake" were made, but never proved.

And now, more than three years after the encounter, the truth becomes known.

Ketchel was the world's middle-

weight champion and a public idol at the time.

He was given the usual reception of wild shouts, shrieks and hand clapping when he climbed between the ropes, but immediately sank into his chair, where he broke into tears as his gloves were being adjusted.

Stanley Ketchel and Billy Britt, who was his manager, are both dead, and therefore a prominent sporting man of New York to whom Britt confided the truth of that bout tells it.

"Ketchel broke down because he had paraded the pine aisle to certain defeat, while Britt followed, threatening the champion with death if he didn't go through with the fight."

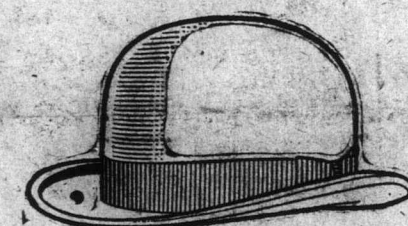
"Britt, the brainiest, most cunning and resourceful man that ever handled a fighter, was alone responsible for the situation. He himself explained it to me not long afterwards."

"Britt figured that by matching the

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