

All Latest Sporting News and Gossip

Coverpoint's Philosophy

In Chicago, they are going to cut all crooked "rascals" off the programmes, and up to the minute they have two juveniles entered in one class. Some people are even suspicious of them.

Some time ago Charles Murphy, of the Chicago Cubs, made the bluff that he had \$10,000 to divide among the champions, but the national commission would not allow it. Now, B. Johnson, of the commission, says that Charles is giving his head off to spend the money, they will allow him to do so. At this minute C. M. is thinking deeply, but has not said a word. Looks as if he is called good and plenty.

Dorando has won a Marathon race, and forgot to collapse anywhere along the road. In St. Louis Saturday night he beat Smallwood. Which shows that the Italian can go the distance, provided, of course, that there is no Indian to wear him to pieces between ends.

The C. A. A. U. will not stultify itself in any way by giving Tom Flanagan a clean bill of health. There is not a single person in this section, so far as we can learn, who believes the genial Irishman is anything but on the level. His association with Longboat, which was practically at the demand of the public, cannot have impaired his standing at all.

Wright, the aeroplane gent, suffered from cold while taking his little jaunt lately, and now there is a demand for steam-heated aeroplanes. We must be comfortable in our little excursions.

The Edmonton team are on their way home, and stopped off in Winnipeg long enough to beat the best they had there by 13 to 5. Which is good enough for a trip east again, as it will be worth almost the price of the jaunt for Edmonton, Alta., to hang in Winnipeg, Man. With some team work this bunch will hustle the Wanderers some.

Dave McKend, of Mitchell, one of the merry crew of bowlers who annually visit the London tournament, has been elected president of the C. F. U. Dave is a great scout, and deserving of the honor, or is it honour? Anyway, he and his side partners, Billy Barley and Capt. Thompson, and the rest are all to the good.

Billy Pappe, who when his head and heart were sore with the whaling he got from St. Ketchell, retired from the ring, has signed up for a fight. It is different when the coin beckons.

That Professional Hockey League seems to be in a bad way. Every time a team lines up it looks different. Now there are rumors of desertions, hold-ups and what not. The money game is not a good one.

Harry Stinson, of Galt, is training a handsome yearling by Moggaza-Vanity, with which he hopes to take the yearling record. The "baby" is a pretty one, and can trot like a veteran. Here's hoping that Miss Wilks will get more than one world's record with her fine string.

James J. Corbett gives Mistah Johnson two years' tenure as champion. If John goes the way of the others, there will be nothing much left to beat.

Now that Pat Powers has T. Longboat he will be put to some use if he

cannot win races. Pat cannot afford to have a dead one about.

The grand old game of curling is noted as a home-disturber, for its devotees never know when to go home when there is a game on, but the Toronto Telegram vouches for this story, the incidents related happening during the recent curling competition:

They tell a good story of one of the clerks who is an ardent follower of the game and isn't a Scotch Presbyterian, either. It appears that on Friday night he had arranged to perform a wedding service at his home at 10:30 p.m. That night, you remember, the first single rink games were on, and he was down to play. He naturally figured that he could get through with his game and back home in time to tie the little knot. But when curling you don't keep much track of time; neither do you think of the clock. Consequently the contracting couple waited impatiently from 10:30 till 11—waited, for the preacher who never came. Then they departed, and nobody knows whether or not they are married yet. But the preacher won his game.

When the old dog tries to reclaim the tricks he used to know. It's pretty tough. When he brings out his ancient tools and finds he has no show, That's enough.

He sloughs his cocky manner when he finds he cannot jump. Just as high as he was wont to and he finds that he's a chump. And the game that he was good at has taken on a jump. He's a bluff.

You can't forsake a calling and go back to it again. That's a case. For they've kept on marching by you and they simply "knew you well."

In the race. They've learned a lot of things about the game you've turned loose. And when your breath grows shorter you will gasp out "What's the use?" I might as well get Jerry to the fact that I'm a deuce. Not an ace.

—Heck, in Chicago Tribune.

Dave McKend, of Mitchell, Ont., is the new president of the Canadian Football Union. Of course, David once lived in Hamilton, and that's what he qualifies on. But if the Eastern Canada Hockey League found the disadvantage of having a president in Quebec so great as to suggest the services of a professional head, how will the C. R. F. U. pull out with a president situated so that he can't only be reached by the way-freight route?—Toronto Telegram.

Little Shrubbs was the surprise of all the runners we have seen of late. It is certain that he will be the idol of the Marathon fans the night he meets good-natured Tom Longboat for the full distance. Longboat expects to be out in the first ten miles of that race, and figures that he will have to regain his lost legs after the fifteenth mile is passed. Experienced timers and trainers say that Shrubbs can't stand up after fifteen miles. That may all be true, but the little Britisher was certainly footed at the finish of the twelve miles Saturday night. Longboat may break his heart, but Halfred "Bury" will be on the job for many a mile. I can tell you, I agree, in New York American.

Gentleman Jim Corbett Is the Man To Meet the Big Black Champion

So Says Battling Nelson, Who Is Training for His First Bout With Literature.

New York, Jan. 12.—"No friend of Jim Jeffries nor no man who is anxious to see the heavyweight championship in the hands of a white man will urge Jeffries to take on a match with Jack Johnson," said Battling Nelson today. "The Dane is in New York training for his first bout with literature, which is scheduled to come off in the course of the next few weeks in the form of a 27-chapter autobiography written at catch-weights. Nelson is being seconded by Robert Edgren and T. A. Dorgan, two New York sporting editors. When shown the statement in the morning paper that Jeffries is wavering before a big purse, Nelson said: "It would be a crime to allow Jeff-

Contract Jumping in Pro. Leagues

Toronto, Jan. 13.—The Ontario Professional Hockey League managers are having their troubles already with contract jumpers and such like, and the men they induced to jump contracts in Pittsburgh are paying them back in their own coin. The evil threatens to disrupt the league as it did in Pittsburgh. Nor is the trouble confined to outside clubs and leagues. On the contrary, it is openly charged that the clubs are trying to steal each other's players—at least any of those that show a flash of merit.

A meeting of the league will be held in Guelph, when the managers will fight it out among themselves. The original trouble is laid at the door of the Toronto club. Berlin says that Toronto "stole" Kerr, who was under contract to the Dutchmen. To settle the matter was the primary

EDMONTON TEAM WON AT WINNIPEG

Maple Leafs, With Joe Hall on the Line-Up, Were No Match for the Cup Hunters.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 13.—In last night's F.R. Reform cup hockey match Edmonton defeated Maple Leafs by 12 to 5, showing in most decisive fashion that Whitcroft's team is still a strong aggregation. Maple Leafs had Joe Hall, whom Edmonton dropped before starting after the Stanley Cup, but he was not the help he was expected to be. The Edmonton line was too fast for him. Miller and Deaton fully justified Whitcroft's desire to play them in the first of the Stanley cup matches against the Wanderers, when overruled by club officers.

Reports of a change in management of the Edmonton team are denied. Nicholson had lots of work, but did it well, and the defence was so well helped out that the Leafs were smothered.

HOCKEY SCORES IN MANY PLACES

Galt, Jan. 12.—Galt had all the best of the game, with the O. A. C. Guelph, defeating that team by 7 to 1. Munroe and Gilliland did fine work for Galt, while Hoffman in goal starred for the O. A. C.

Seaford Defeated. Seaford, Jan. 12.—Though crippled by the loss of Edmunds and Hern the Stratford intermediates made short work of the Seaford team, defeating them by a score of 13 to 3. Seaford played hard and the game was a better exhibition than the score would seem to indicate.

Grimsby, Jan. 12.—After a very close game Beausville finally defeated Grimsby last night by the narrow margin of one point, the score being 7 to 6.

Mount Forest, Jan. 12.—The junior O. A. C. played here resulted in a score of 15 to 12 in favor of the Mount Forest team.

Midland Wins. Midland, Jan. 12.—Midland carried off the honors last night by winning from the Orillia juniors by 11 to 8.

Preston, Jan. 12.—The game here tonight between Hespeler and Preston resulted in a score of 7 to 6 in favor of the former.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Harvey Pultford persists in his intention to stay out of the game, and though many flatterers and offers have been made him, he insists that he has played his last game of hockey.

Resch Agreement. Galt, Jan. 12.—Mercer and Murphy, the suspended players, have come to an agreement with the management and will be in the game against Toronto tomorrow. A special is being run by the management and Galt feels sure of a victory.

Cobourg Outplayed. Lindsay, Jan. 12.—Cobourg was hopelessly outplayed in the intermediate series game, last night, the score standing 10 to 6 in favor of Lindsay.

A Fast Game. Barrie, Jan. 12.—Midland won from Barrie here tonight, defeating the local team by 7 to 4. The game was a fast one throughout.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—It is reported that Taylor has played his last game of Berlin, and that several men who have been playing with Edmonton may yet figure in the line-up.

EDDIE SUMMERS JOINS THE LIST

Tiger Twirler Signs 1909 Contract; Four Pitchers Are Now In.

Detroit, Jan. 12.—President Navin on Tuesday shoved another long white envelope into his safe to join the other 1909 Tiger contracts. Eddie Summers was the man to send in the latest document.

The Tiger slabman who made good last year after his strenuous schooling of the year before, pulled his feet away from the coal stove long enough to sign his signature to this year's contract. The contracts of Killian, Donovan, Mullin and Summers are now in possession of the head of the Tiger family, with those of Crawford, McIntyre, Cobb and several of the youngsters who'll break into fast company this year.

THE TURF.

Tuesday's Winners. Los Angeles, Jan. 12.—Today's winners were: Halket 5 to 1, Donan 9 to 2, Carthage 3 to 1, Bucket Brigade 7 to 2, J. C. Clem 6 to 1, Procla 6 to 1.

Oakland, Jan. 12.—Winners today were: Gen. Haley 3 to 1, Fire 8 to 1, Fulletta 11 to 5, Smiley Corbett 11 to 2, Palindf 8 to 5, St. Francis 5 to 2.

Savannah, Jan. 12.—Winners today: San Clay 5 to 2, Miss Marjorie 5 to 2, W. G. Williams 2 1/2 to 1, Ogenchi 4 to 1, Counterman 11 to 5.

On Sunday the Rev. Dr. Pankhurst told his congregation that any woman whose big had obstructed the view of those behind her committed a theft.

CUBS TO GO TO THE COMMISSION

Present Petition That Murphy Be Allowed To Donate Them \$10,000.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—The world's champion Cubs are yet to get the money promised them by President Murphy, although the national commission held that the \$10,000 from Murphy could not be given his pets. It has now been arranged for a committee of five players to wait on the commission with a petition that Murphy be allowed to petition them the money. It is thought the request will be granted, Harry Pulliam having declared that he would vote favorably. Ban Johnson is not enthusiastic over the proposition, but it is thought he can be won over.

HERO ROLE A BURDEN TO JAMES J. JEFFRIES

Retired Pugilist Swamped With Offers While Reporters Dog His Trail.

Los Angeles, Jan. 13.—The most unhappy man in all the world today is Jas. J. Jeffries, and oddly enough, he is miserable because offers of good things are coming his way so fast that he cannot keep tab on them. His face has assumed a stern, worried and somewhat resentful expression, and when anybody talks fight to him he flies into a rage that makes the roar of the troubled ocean sound like the crooning lullaby of grandma.

He is receiving letters and telegrams daily from fight fans all over the world, urging him to get after the heavy-weight title which Mistah Jack Johnson has usurped in his sock. Every sort of preposterous offer from an irresponsible or unknown person is being made to him, but he frowns at them all.

As soon as he leaves his bed in the morning he is besieged by reporters for the local papers and correspondents for those out of town. They are with him in relays all day and far into the night. If Jeff should lift a dumbbell or swing a club to lumber up after his night's sleep, wild bulletins announcing that he has started to train to fight Johnson are sent broadcast by the enthusiasts.

The fact is, Jeffries is taking exercise enough to keep him in trim so that he will be in proper shape to take big Al Kaufmann, who is to be his sparring partner, jump around on their theatrical tour. And the more some circles is that Jeff wants to pass the brick to Kaufmann and let him take on the "Big Smoke."

When asked today if it was his decision, he said: "I wish they'd let me alone. I tell you it's pretty tough for a fellow to decide what to do when the world is clamoring for him to do it. I mean what I said when I announced my retirement to the public. I said that if I was answered scores of telegrams from persons and newspapers the same way some weeks ago. But they won't let up on me. When I don't make it out that it is my duty as an American citizen and a white man to whip Johnson."

"I don't specially want that money. But then, it's a tidy sum, ain't it, and they all say: 'Look, Jeff, what you could make out of the purse if you licked Johnson.' Why, Kipper talks about \$20,000, like it was already mine. He says the pictures would mean a big bunch, and I could go around the world and clean up for good. I tell you it makes a fellow think; but I wish they'd leave me alone."

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LOST TO WORLD FOR 40 YEARS

Londoner Said To Have Secreted Lunatic and Used Fortune.

Dublin, Jan. 12.—A strange romance of an Irish estate was described in the chancery division in Dublin. The case concerned the estate of John Boyce, a person of unsound mind, and the defendant was Edward St. John Brenon, of London.

T. M. Healy, K. C., M. P., who appeared for the plaintiff, Richard Pelham Jpsen, (the consignee of the person of weak mind), said he had taken to the court one of the most extraordinary and incredible of stories. Boyce was now an inmate in the Stewart Institute for Imbeciles. Brenon had known him at school.

About the year 1873 Brenon got this afflicted man to Italy, and there obtained for him an assignment of the income of the whole of his landed property—of the rents and profits of this property, amounting to about \$5,000 a year.

Meantime, said counsel, the unfortunate man Boyce was left to starve in penury and disease in Naples. He was only rescued in the course of last year by the solicitor for the plaintiff, who, at his own expense, went to Naples, and there, with the assistance of the British consul, found Boyce, who had been a man of wealth and station, living in a common lodging-house.

For 30 years Boyce had been allowed \$5 a week; but about five years ago even that was stopped, and so weak and emaciated was he that he could not be removed for some days from the house in which he was discovered. He had been brought by easy stages to Ireland, and the plaintiff in the present case was appointed as his consignee by the lord chancellor.

The question now was where were the deeds, and what had happened to this man who had been blotted out from Irish recollection for nearly 40 years?

Proceeding, counsel stated that by a deed dated February, 1875, Boyce transferred to Brenon \$12,500. At the death of Boyce's father, there was about \$75,000 in cash; and Brenon got not only the lands but Brenon got the whole of that money.

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Abdul Must Accept Responsibility for Public Wrongs or Name Those To Blame.

London, Jan. 12.—His new Parliament is trying to make the Sultan tell what individuals were responsible for the 32 years of governmental mismanagement that intervened between Turkey's first and second experiment with constitutionalism.

Abdul started the trouble himself by announcing in the address with which he opened the national assembly that certain of his advisers persuaded him to withdraw the constitution of three decades ago on the ground of the country's unfitness for it at the time.

The lawmakers burst into a hurricane of passion almost before the words were out of his majesty's mouth. There was no open debate of the question, but among themselves the legislators had tacitly agreed while the initial session was still in progress that fuller particulars must be insisted on from the commander of the faithful.

Through the members of the cabinet repeated and urgent demands have since been made upon him for a detailed account of the causes which led to the misrule of so great a part of his reign.

Answers Not Given. To the parliamentary leaders who insist so vigorously upon the disclosure of no satisfactory answer has yet been returned from the Yildiz Kiosk.

There is a suspicion, of course, that Abdul was really affected by no outside influence and simply spoke as he did to the assembly to "save his own face." Still, it is deemed possible that he may have been deliberately misguided. If this is true, it is intimated that the culprits, providing they are still living and within the new regime's reach, should be made to answer for their crimes.

The investigation is being very quietly conducted, because the Young Turks do not care to have known that friction is occurring between the Sultan and his Government. Enough has leaked out through diplomatic channels, however, to make it clear that in the end Abdul will either have to accept personal responsibility for the people's wrongs or point out the men to blame for them.

Protect Sultan. Unless he yields to private pressure the matter will unquestionably come up soon on the floor of the parliamentary chamber.

For all of the lack of ceremony with which they have occasionally treated him since the revolution, the Young Turkish leaders are understood to have

FACES MANY CHARGES

Jeremiah Jackson Accused of Assault, Arson and Handling Stolen Goods.

Windsor, Jan. 13.—Jeremiah Jackson, a burly negro, thirty-six years of age, was arrested at Puce, a village about fifteen miles east of here, on a charge of attempted murder.

It is alleged Jackson burned the home of Thos. Carter, another negro, because the latter's 15-year-old daughter refused to elope with him. When arrested, it is alleged, the officers identified him as the man who thirteen years ago figured in a murderous assault and escaped. He will be charged with assault with attempt to kill, arson, and bringing stolen goods into Canada.

Last year a return shows as many as 104 new London straws, having a total approximate length of 8 1/2 miles, were made.

TRAVELS 5,000 MILES FOR WIFE

Deserted But Loyal Frenchman Misses Her in London by Fifteen Minutes.

London, Jan. 12.—"I have traveled 5,000 miles during the present year in search of my dear wife, and missed her in London by a bare quarter of an hour," so said M. Alphonse Brochier, a young Frenchman.

Three years ago he was married at Marseilles to a beautiful girl, with the dark eyes and hair of the southern French woman. It was a love match. They emigrated to New York.

"We were intensely happy," said Brochier, "until money troubles beset us. Suddenly, on Dec. 20, a year ago, my wife was missing. I scoured New York for her. I worked and made money and then set out on my long journey to find her. She is now away from me of her own choice. She is not happy, I am sure."

"I travelled to Boston, Philadelphia, and through New York State. All in vain. Then I crossed the Atlantic, arriving in London towards the end of October. I made every inquiry. On Nov. 13 I learned that a lady answering the description of my wife was staying at a house near New Bond street. I hesitated to go, as I am a stranger."

"At last I went. Judge of my feelings—she had gone, they knew not where, less than 15 minutes before I arrived."

"I have since established that it was my wife. She is in London. I want her to know that if I could see her I should be the happiest man in the whole world."

"Here is her picture. I have carried it throughout my search, and kept it over it a thousand times. I will search London street by street while I think she is here. She is too proud to come to me. She will never come to me. I must go to her. I only desire her to know that I love her still."

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