

SPORT NEWS OF THE DAY HOME AND ABROAD

Gibbons and Les Darcy New Orleans, Dec. 26.—A local fight promoter announced today the receipt of a telegram from Mike Gibbons' manager at St. Paul, accepting the offer of a New Orleans club for a fight here during February with Les Darcy, Australian middleweight. A \$15,000 purse was offered.

Notes of Interest Joe Rivers, of Gloucester, won a decision over Jack Savage of Brockton in a twelve-round bout held in Gloucester on Christmas afternoon.

ICE RACING Horsemen Planning Big Meet Plans are being made to have a big horse meet on the ice at Rousesay on New Year's day. It is said that the fastest local horses will be entered in the race.

BOWLING The Gold Bonds Won Two teams of bowlers from the firm of Geo. E. Barbour Co., Ltd., played a match game on the Victoria bowling alleys last evening for a turkey supper.

BASEBALL Cleveland Sells Beebe Cleveland, Dec. 25.—Vice-President McRoy of Cleveland has announced that Pitchers Beebe and Penner have been sold to the Portland club of the Pacific Coast League, and that first baseman Miller and Pitcher Dickerson have been purchased from Columbus of the American Association.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Joseph E. Tinker, former manager of the Chicago Nationals, who on Friday was virtually closed a deal for the purchase of the Columbus club of the American Association, will be given his unconditional release from the Chicago club if he desires it.

Nat. Com. to Meet Cincinnati, Dec. 25.—It is announced officially that the National Baseball Commission would meet in this city on Jan. 2, 1917, when the Class AA draft question will be brought up by the minor leagues.

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Draft of 300 Men Replaced by Similar Number From 132nd—News of the Soldiers

In a letter received in the city, Captain Percy M. Rising, quartermaster of the 104th Battalion, says that the vacancy caused by the draft of 300 men for France has been filled up with a similar draft from the 132nd Battalion.

The men secured in the city, yesterday were: William Lefeb, Albert, naval services; Thomas Davidson, St. John, naval services; Earl Irvine, Vancouver, Canadian Engineers; W. Maxwell, St. John, home defence; Leo Walsh, St. John, 28th Battalion; E. L. Comeau, St. John, 8th Battalion; Frank Simmons, St. John, home defence; Felix Diego, St. John, Canadian Engineers; Michael Siggins, St. John, Canadian Engineers, and L. F. Brown, Lickford, Canadian Engineers.

The official report issued by Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. McAvilly, C. R. C., of the week ending Saturday, Dec. 23, follows:

- St. John County— 28th Battalion 1 104th Battalion 1 Canadian Engineers 1 Machine Gun Draft 1 Dental Corps 1 8th Field Ambulance 1 H. C. N. V. R. 2 Home service 1 Restigonche County— 12th Artillery Draft 2 28th Battalion 1 Home service 1 Westmorland County— 16th Battalion 3 Carleton County— 9th Siege Battery 1 28th Battalion 2 York County— 9th Siege Battery 1 Home service 1 Victoria County— Home service 2 Charlotte County— 6th Field Battery 1 Canadian Engineers 1 Northumberland County— 28th Battalion 2 Queens and Sunbury Counties— 28th Battalion 1 Kent County 1 Kings County 1 Gloucester County 1 Madawaska County 1 Total 85

Dr. Stanley Bridges, chief house surgeon at the Worcester, Mass., Hospital, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Bridges, Wentworth street. It is understood that Dr. Bridges has been offered a position with the Harvard unit and will leave soon for overseas.

Reception for Soldiers. A reception was given last evening in the St. Philip's A. M. E. church to about thirty of the members of the No. 2 Construction Corps, who are home on a few days leave.

Fred Woodbury, of St. Andrews, N. B., writing to B. E. Armstrong, of the local Board of Trade, says that Sammy Williamson, also of St. Andrews's is greatly missed by the boys "since he has gone from us." He said that it made the boys who were left rather sad to see so many familiar faces missing from the ranks owing to the havoc of war. Joe Clark, of St. George, still is missing.

VISIT OF LADY ABERDEEN

The Countess of Aberdeen and Tansar arrived in the city on the Boston train last night, and left for Halifax in a private car which had been provided for her by the government railways. She was accompanied by Miss Louise Thompson, daughter of Sir William Thompson, chief registrar of Ireland, for her to visit St. John and deliver a public address in the city on Tuesday evening in the Imperial Theatre.

The Countess of Aberdeen is making a tour of Canada for the purpose of emphasizing the importance of preparing for the period of reconstruction after the war and arrangements have been made by the Women's Canadian Club of the city, for her to visit St. John and deliver a public address in the city on Tuesday evening in the Imperial Theatre.

On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock she will speak at the Imperial Theatre under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club, and will afterwards hold a reception for those present. On Wednesday evening Lady Aberdeen will be the guest of honor at a dinner to be given in her honor by the lieutenant-governor on Thursday morning. She will meet the members of the Local Council of Women in the rooms of the Natural History Society. Lady Aberdeen will leave St. John on Thursday afternoon at 5.30 o'clock.

RECENT WEDDINGS

A very pretty wedding was solemnized yesterday at 129 Waterloo street by Rev. E. B. Tait, of the Charles C. Adinson and Jean M. Blue, both of Debec, were united in marriage. A few friends of the contracting parties were present. The wedding took place on Thursday afternoon at 5.30 o'clock.

The wedding of Miss Marion Chubburn, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Cook, Kempt street, Yarmouth, to Kenneth Lovitt Burrill took place on Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William Phillips.

THE BAPTIST MINISTERS.

We were pleased to receive a call during the week from Rev. A. J. Prosser, pastor of the Cornwallis church. He had been enjoying the inspiration of the Sunday meetings. Another attendant at the services was Rev. R. M. Byron, of Lewisville and Kent County. He was accompanied to Boston by Mrs. Byron.

Pastor A. G. Peters has moved to Upper Kingston, N. B. Rev. J. A. Swetman was a visitor in our office last week. He has been at the Gordon College and will take a field after a brief Christmas vacation. He arrived home at Wolfville in time for Christmas, after spending two weeks in Boston and New York.

The churches on the Whiteville field have made great progress under the pastoral leadership of Rev. H. E. Alaby. Last year the home mission grant was reduced one-half and the churches are now seriously considering the question of becoming entirely self-supporting. Both churches exceeded their allotment for missionary purposes last year.

Another home missionary who is doing exceptionally good service is Rev. Neil McLean pastor of the Arthurette field. The three churches on this field were in the honor roll last year in respect to their offerings for missionary purposes.

Rev. L. J. Tingley, pastor of the Millstream field, is enjoying a brief and well-earned vacation. He is abounding in labors, but the pastoral care of six churches is enough to tax the physical endurance of even the strongest man. He will spend the two weeks of his vacation in Boston and vicinity.

OPERA HOUSE

Table with columns: TONIGHT, 25c, 15c, 10c, TWO BIG SHOWS, 8.45, 8.50, 9.05, 9.20. TIME TABLE: 7.15 J. WARREN KERRIGAN in a Mutual Picture. 7.30 FLINT AND LETNER'S Dog and Pony Circus. 7.45 Westernman Musical Co. in "THE KING OF PATAGONIA". 8.45 INTERMISSION. 8.50 PICTURE. 9.05 DOG AND PONY CIRCUS. 9.20 WESTERMAN MUSICAL CO.

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MEREDITH MAY GO TO SWEDEN AGAIN IN 1917

Will Train as He Formerly Did for His Great Intercollegiate Campaign

Ted Meredith has started in training again. The world-beating Pennsylvania, fired anew with athletic ambition by the defeats he suffered at the hands of J. Bolin, Sweden's latest and best middle-distance producer, has decided that he wants "just one more season" on the track. So Ted has done his well-worn athletic togs for the start of a campaign which he plans to last through the autumn of 1917.

Meredith will train just as he did for his three great intercollegiate campaigns and he will work under the eye of the man whose advice he has sought ever since he developed into a world's champion. This arrangement will work through the indoor season, competing here and there as in former years. When the University of Pennsylvania athletes get out on the cinders next spring the half-mile record holder will be with Bolin among them, to the United States, barring possibly Mel Sheppard.

There's no much doubt that Meredith is pointing for Bolin, who handled him rather roughly on the Swedish tracks during the American invasion of Scandinavia this fall. Because of the fact that he was not in shape to perform creditably beyond the quarter-mile, Meredith's reputation as the world's greatest middle-distance runner suffered considerably on the Swedish trip, and Ted wants to correct this impression—especially on the other side of the Atlantic ocean.

Bolin and Meredith are sure to clash next summer. The one thing that can prevent their meeting is Sweden, which is in Europe. This possibility is more remote today than ever. It is not unlikely that Meredith will make the trip to Stockholm early next fall, regardless of all other happenings.

It is almost certain that Meredith will go to Scandinavia for a series of races with Bolin late in 1917, even if the Swedish champion comes to the United States to race earlier in the summer. Meredith means to see to it that when he meets the Swedish wonder the next time his old "finch kick" will be working as it should, no matter what the distance of the race may be.

Imperial Theatre

Sunday, Dec. 31 A Lecture on Christian Science

By Edward A. Merritt, C. S. B., member of the board of lecturership of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass. Seats Free. No Collection. Public is Cordially Invited.

Gaffney May Buy Pirates

Drafts Said to be Ready to Sell—Still Sore Over Sister Case

The biggest deal which the National League meeting brought forth is the possible sale of the Pittsburgh Pirates by Barney Dreyfus to James E. Gaffney, who owned the Boston Braves when they won the world's series from the Athletics in 1914. If Mr. Gaffney decides to buy the Pirates he will probably buy the release of Johnny Evers from Boston and appoint him manager.

The efforts which were made to keep the negotiations under cover failed when Mr. Gaffney and Johnny Evers had a two hours' conference at the Waldorf. The contract which Evers has with the Boston club has another year to run. Evers says that he has entirely recovered from the illness which kept him out of the game last summer for so many weeks. He stated recently that next season would probably be his last as a player.

Ever since Mr. Gaffney had such great success with the Boston Braves he has been anxious to get back into baseball. Last year he and Harry F. Sinclair, the former Federal League owner, offered a high price for the Giants, but the offer was refused.

"I would like to get back into baseball," said Mr. Gaffney, "if I could find a proposition which looked attractive enough." After his long talk with Evers, Mr. Gaffney hurried away from the hotel and Evers was rather reticent for the rest of the afternoon and would not say a word about any impending deal.

"If I could get the price I wanted I would sell my club and get out of baseball tomorrow," said Mr. Dreyfus. "I am willing to sell, but no one has yet made me a direct financial offer for the club."

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