

## CAMPAIGN NOW IS UNDER WAY TO BRIGHTEN BRITISH SUNDAY BY SPORTS

Churchmen Are Favorable to Scheme to Provide Wholesale Outdoor Recreation Under Proper Auspices.

London, April 23.—A much needed step toward making the British Sunday a better, brighter and healthier day is to be taken soon. Representatives of the various sports governing bodies are to be invited by the Sunday Games Association to attend a meeting

next month to discuss thoroughly the subject and put the organization on a proper working basis. Promoters of the association have endeavored to make it quite clear that they do not wish any way to conflict with public worship or increase Sunday labor. Many distinguished churchmen themselves, with such assurance, are favorable to, if not enthusiastic over, the scheme, judging from the letters which have been received by S. H. Noble, the honorary secretary of the association. Mr. Noble is a seasoned sportsman, and his connection, official and otherwise, with pastimes of the

rigorous and healthy kind extends over many years. "During that time," he states, "I have seen the blighting influence of betting, and, speaking for myself and those who are working with me, we shall do all we can to check any form of betting or gambling, and confine ourselves to endeavoring to make Sunday what it ought to be—a real day of recreation for boys and girls, men and women."

### A Revival of Old Customs.

"A brighter Sunday will make for a healthier, more moral and, in the best sense of the word, more religious people. Happily, these are signs that the churches will not continue to hold aloof from the movement."

If the Sunday Games Association has its way it will simply mean a reversion to a phase of English life in earlier days. It is not so very long ago that a certain "squire" and another country parson used rather to encourage football among rustics on Sunday afternoon.

It was a common custom centuries ago for men and youths to go straight from church to practice archery at the butts, and other sports were favored provided they did not interfere with religious observance. Then came a violent reaction, and among those who took a stern view of Sabbatharian moralities was Sir Isaac Newton. A few years ago a notebook used by him in his undergraduate days was discovered and deciphered, and among the contents was an account of Newton's self-examination before he received the sacrament one Sunday in 1662. The sins for which he asked pardon were "eating an apple at Thy house" and "making a mousetrap on Thy day." Poor, self-tormented Isaac!

### London Hotels Overflowing.

If some speeding up could be done to improve the hotel accommodations in London it would be more to the point at the present time. I met two men just arrived in London the other day who were discussing the extraordinary difficulty in obtaining rooms. They had telegraphed, but it was not enough in these days, when beds are booked weeks in advance. One said that on the previous night the foundation of the bed was a bathing room across which a mattress had been placed. In the middle of the night he was awakened by a "sinking sensation." The mattress had collapsed. He rearranged his bed on the sure foundation of the floor for the rest of the night.

Another, after racing round to hotels in a taxi cab and after a subsequent spell of telephoning, considered himself fortunate in securing a cubicle in the Turkish bath department of a large well known hotel. "You paid your money beforehand," he commented, "and your boots were not cleaned." There he got rest, but little sleep. For the first few hours his ears were assailed by the wildest noises he has ever heard, and, looking through an aperture in his cubicle, he got a fairly comprehensive view of a jazz dance in full swing in an adjoining hall. "And when that beastly banging was over," he continued, "it wasn't much better. The host was awful. You

couldn't stand any clothes on the bed. Then, when I thought I was going to sleep, a voice yelled out from the next cubicle and asked me if I was cold. I reminded him he was in a Turkish bath. "Thank heaven!" he said; "I'd forgotten. Thought it was the first coming on!"

It is curious that at such a critical time as the present, when the whole country is agitated over the cost of living and the regulation of wages, there should be such a large and growing campaign against the importation of a new dance. Of course, all the outcry against the "jazz" recalls that a few years ago again the "tango." It was forbidden by the Vatican until a couple of experts danced it before the Pope, when it was reinstated. Even the Kaiser danced it—but his substitute was the goose-step.

Most of the critics, as one may gather from the correspondence in the newspapers, seem to forget that there are only three kinds of dancing—graceful, ungraceful and disgraceful. Everything depends whether in a solo or duet, upon the spirit in which it is performed.

American soldiers, both officers and men, of whom there are still a great many around London, are amused at the fight. Mrs. Lawrence, organizer of the American Nights at Prince's, at which the jazz forms a conspicuous part of the programme, has issued a challenge to Canon Drummond, the Rev. Hugh Chapman, Sir Dyke Duckworth and a committee of five clergymen, to come and see it and be converted, as the Vatican was to the tango. She is willing to give \$500 to any clergyman named if the committee's verdict is that the jazz dance as performed at the American Nights entertainments is either vulgar or demoralizing.

"I am quite in sympathy with a newspaper campaign against any dancing which is rightly considered decadent or improper," said Mrs. Lawrence, "and I am willing to agree that there are places where 'jazz' is made an ugly if not unwholesome thing. But at such places the simplest and most unadorned of dances is ruined by its treatment, and I do not believe there is anything inherently wrong in the 'jazzing' seen at our dances or in the best London society. Some of the critics have condemned the dance without seeing it. I hope my challenge will be accepted."

### Hat Shortage Threatened.

There is a conspiracy to make you go without your hat in this country. The Felt Hatters' and Trimmers' Union of England threaten to make every one join the "Hatters' League." At least this is the effect of their ultimatum to the Hat Manufacturers' Federation. They demand a thirty per cent increase in wages and a forty-hour week, and apparently if they do not get these concessions they will "down hats."

To make people go without hats in such weather as we have been having would be cruelty of the purest Bolshevik type. At present London haters say they have no bobbies to go round for another month.

### CRIME WAVE SWEEPS "BONE-DRY" CAPITAL

(Bangor Commercial.)

The Association Opposed to National Prohibition Saturday gave out a statement pointing out that the crime record in the district of Columbia has increased since the district was declared bone dry by Congress. It is pointed out by the statement that the association had no figures to show that the number of drug addicts has increased in the district.

"The Grand Jury found 107 new indictments which, added to 80 other true bills previously reported, made 187 criminal indictments for one week," said the statement. "United States District Attorney Lacey, whose duty it is to prosecute the criminal cases in the Washington courts, is quoted as having said that Grand Jury since he has been in office has ever returned so many indictments against violators of the criminal law."

Sixty-two of the 187 indictments were for the taking of human life, the degrees ranging from murder outright to homicide. Some of the murders are said to have been committed in the most cold-blooded, savage ways. One of the accused is charged with having thrown a lighted lamp at a woman, setting fire to her clothing and causing her to be burned to death. Several persons were beaten to death with lead pipes. A great number of automobile collisions occurred, causing death and serious injury as a result of criminal negligence. Such acts of depravity and savage violence are too often pictured by the anti-prohibitionists as the sole results of inebriety, and they promised Utopian realization of law and order if Congress would only vote the District of Columbia bone dry. But after something more than a year of the bone-dry delusion, the nation's capital city is showing up the worst criminal record in its history.

"Crimes involving violence are invariably laid to interperence by the prohibitionists. If the assaults and murders committed in a corner of the Capitol are to be thus accounted for, it must be concluded that interperence is on the increase in Washington since the District of Columbia was voted dry and prohibition at the very citadel of the Republic has proved a miserable farce. But the great bulk of indictments returned by the Grand Jury tells of an increase in other crimes than those of murder, manslaughter, homicide, and assault. There were 29 cases of robbery, embezzlement, forgery, cheating and swindling returned."



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### "The Home Commands."

Westminster Gazette.—"The decision of Sir Ian Hamilton and Sir Julian Byng to refuse high command in order that, as Sir Ian puts it, 'younger men should now be given

a chance, is close akin to the attitude that is becoming fashionable in the Navy, where Rear-Admirals wait for a step in rank and then at once go on to the retired list to make way for their juniors. It is a measure of self-sacrifice that has much to commend it, and both Sir Ian Hamilton and Sir Julian Byng can well afford to be generous. They are men with great reputations, who have distinguished themselves as few soldiers have done."

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Philadelphia, Pa.—"I was very weak, always tired, my back ached, and I felt sickly most of the time. I went to a doctor and he said I had nervous indigestion, which, added to my weak condition, kept me worrying most of the time—and he said if I could not stop that, I could not get well. I heard so much about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound my husband wanted me to try it. I took it for a week and felt a little better. I kept it up for three months, and I feel fine and can eat anything now without distress or nervousness. Health and happiness? Yes, I have both now."—Mrs. J. WORTHINGTON, 2838 North Taylor Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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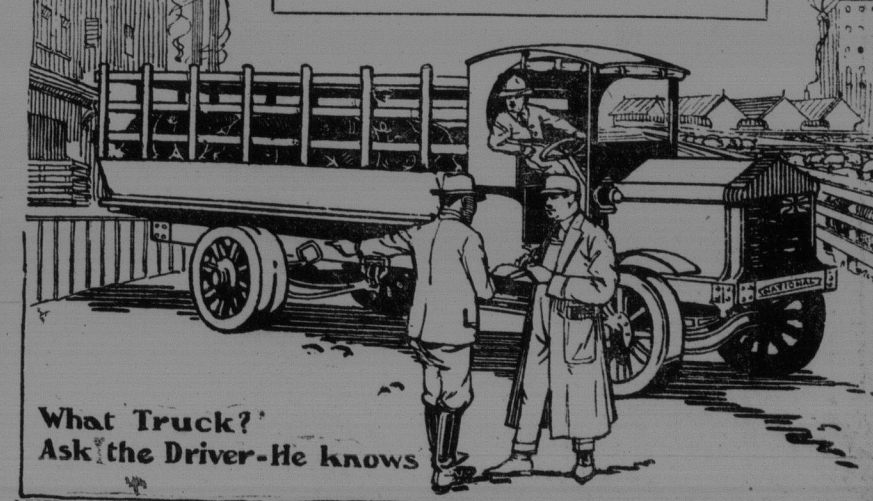
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