

LONDON RACING MEN WILL DISCUSS THE MILLER BILL

Effect of the Anti-Gambling Law On the Local Race Meet Will Be Taken Into Consideration—Race Horse Men Tell How Books Work the People.

"Book-making is not a necessity to horse-racing or horse-breeding, and never was. The book-makers simply clean up thousands of dollars of suckers' money, pay over big fees to the racing associations, and laugh at the law and the public."

"Each year the book-makers who operate at the Queen's Park track during the meet of the London Trotting and Pacing Association, guarantee the association a sum that covers the entire expenses, and at that they go away with rolls of cash that make them millionaires in a few years."

This was the declaration of one of the most prominent horsemen in London, who is not adverse to gambling on a system where there is some chance, and who owns harness horses that have navigated around the 2:10 mark in the past few years.

This horseman is thoroughly in sympathy with the Miller anti-gambling bill, with a few alterations.

"RATS" MAY BE BLACKLISTED BY THE EMPLOYERS OF GIRLS

London Men Are Said To Be Contemplating Barring the Presence of Head Dress, Owing to the Danger of Ladies Who Operate Machines in Factories.

A number of local manufacturers are considering seriously following the example of a number of firms in Montreal and other cities, and forbidding their girl employees wearing "rats" in their hair. This action is not due to any wish to tyrannize, but is a measure solely for the protection of the girls.

"Rats" have increased to such a large size that they have become a peril to the girls who operate high speed machines.

LONDON SCHOOL CHILDREN SAVE \$4,458 IN THE PENNY BANKS

Scheme Has Only Been in Operation a Year, But It Has Proven a Big Success—Inspector Edwards Is Very Well Pleased With It.

According to the financial statement of the Penny Banks' Association up to Feb. 28, the school children of London have \$4,458 on deposit in these banks. This is considered an excellent showing, when it is understood that the banks have been in operation less than a year.

London is not to be compared with Toronto, of course, where the system has been in vogue some years, but the showing made by this city is much better than that of other cities of nearly the same size.

The idea is popular.

"The idea is catching on quickly."

SOUTH LONDON BOYS BITTEN BY A VERY VICIOUS CANINE

Jack North and Walter Richards, of Euclid Avenue, Were the Victims—Matter Reported to Police—Dog Not Suffering From Rabies.

A serious case of dog biting in South London has come to the attention of the authorities.

Two children, Jack North, 36 Euclid avenue, and Walter Richards, 15 Euclid avenue, were the victims. They were out in Highland Park with a dog belonging to a man named Jolly, living near the park. The dog was unmuzzled and turned on the youngsters while they were playing with it.

The North boy was bitten in the hip, the wound drawing blood. The Richards boy was bitten in the arm, but no blood was drawn. Today, however, the wound is swollen; it is black and presents a nasty appearance.

They were taken to a doctor and received medical attention.

The matter has been reported to the county constables, and the dog will probably be destroyed.

It is not thought that the animal was affected with rabies, but was merely of a vicious nature.

MISSIONARIES MAKE ESCAPE BUT LOSE ALL THEIR PROPERTY

Members of the Board, Stationed at the Capital of Honan, Arrive Safely at Hankow—Native Rioters Destroyed the Mission Houses and Effects.

[Associated Press.]

London, April 16.—Advices received here today state that a British gunboat has arrived at Chang Sha, the capital of Honan, and that there is no further cause for anxiety concerning foreigners in the rioting of the natives.

Both the Wesleyan and the London Missionary Societies received telegrams from Hankow, under today's date, announcing that the missionaries of Chang Sha either had arrived or were en route for Hankow, and that the missionaries in other parts of Honan had been ordered to that city.

The local headquarters has received no word from the China Inland Mission, which was established in Chang Sha.

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Betting by the Pari-Mutuel system, or at an auction pool, is fair to every person, as every man gambles with his neighbor, and the book-maker simply gets a commission of from 5 to 10 per cent, he says.

But which Mr. H. H. Miller accepted as a compromise, and which was given its third reading and sent on to the Senate at Ottawa, last evening, will have but little effect on the London race meet, but a meeting of the members of the local association will be held tonight to discuss matters.

The New Bill.

The new bill states that running meets must be limited to seven days, and that but two such meetings can be held on one track within twelve months. Trotting and pacing meets are cut down to three days a week, with a total of not more than fourteen days a year.

The London meeting has always been run four days a week, but as it is a mixture of trotting, pacing, and running, the backers hope to evade the law.

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BALFOUR SPRINGS SENSATION ABANDONS FOOD-TAX POLICY

Unionist Leader Makes Deliberate About-Face by Dropping Protection as an Issue and Coming Out for Free Wheat Grown Within Empire.

London, April 16.—The Canadian Associated Press cables news of the most astonishing about-face in recent political history. The cable reads as follows:

Replying to a letter from a Unionist M. P., Mr. Balfour says: "Wheat grown within the limits of the empire should be imported free. This policy will, I believe, commend itself to the judgment of the British community, and will certainly be received with favor in the colonies."

This is a complete reversal of the policy announced definitely by the Conservative leader in his speech at York in the second week of January, just before polling began. In that speech Mr. Balfour stated that colonial grain would have a preference over foreign grain in the British market, but both would be taxed. The Protectionist press, speaking, it was understood, for Mr. Balfour as well as for tariff reformers, placed the probable duty on colonial grain at 2½ per cent.

There is no doubt at all that the fact that the Unionist proposes to tax all food coming into Britain for the benefit of the landed interests was the most powerful factor in the defeat of the Conservatives. Mr. Balfour has evidently decided to cut loose from the Protectionists on the issue of taxing food and return to his former preferentialist attitude. That this change of policy will prove an advantage to Mr. Balfour's party in the coming contest in the cities of the industrial north is quite certain. The question is: Can the Conservatives hold their great lead in the rural constituencies—a lead obtained in some measure by the announcement that grain, bacon, meat, butter, etc., from the colonies as well as from foreign lands would be abandoned in the face of the deliberate abandonment of the policy of last January? Mr. Balfour is the undoubtedly master of his party, but it has not yet become an adept at the political waltz and may refuse to "reverse."

THE KNIFE AND REVOLVER BUSY TWO MORE NEW YORK MURDERS

Citizen Stabbed to Death While Defending His Son From Attack and Another Man Is Killed Over a Street Argument.

[Associated Press.]

New York, April 16.—Two murders—one of them unusual and a third murderous assault—were on the police records this morning as occurring within the past twelve hours.

Robert Fullam, 38 years old, was fatally stabbed in the throat, on his own front steps, in the Bronx, while trying to protect his son from a neighbor's attack. He died two hours later in the hospital.

Lawrence Cassow, 23 years old, was shot dead during a street argument, while Matilda Villy, 22 years old, was shot by a rejected suitor, but thanks to a sturdy cheekbone, was only slightly wounded.

For half an hour after Fullam's throat had been ripped open a crowd of Italians and negroes stood about him as he lay bleeding and unconscious in the street without offering assistance. His son, Robert, the innocent cause of the murder, partly stanching the flow of blood by tearing his shirt from his back, and then summoned the police.

REQUEST CITY TO INVITE JENNINGS

Council Asked to Aid in Bringing the Tigers Here.

SWEET CHARITY'S SAKE

Proposed That American League Champions Be Guests of the Municipality.

A letter will be sent to the city council on Monday asking that body to issue an invitation to Hughie Jennings and his Tigers to visit London during the summer for a game with a local team, the proceeds to be devoted to the sanatorium and the Home for Aged Women. The council will be requested also to appoint a committee of citizens to co-operate with Mr. E. C. Buzzell, the United States customs officer, in making the necessary arrangements. There is no question that the request will be granted and that such a committee will be appointed, done.

Mr. Buzzell is awaiting an answer as to the probable date of the coming of the American League champions.

For some time he has been in correspondence with Jennings and while at San Antonio he promised to bring the team to London if at all possible.

An open date satisfactory to both parties will likely be arranged.

"The proposition is a fair one, and I am confident that Mr. Jennings will bring the Tigers here," said Mr. Buzzell. "Satisfactory terms can be arranged, and we are confident that everything possible will be done to bring about the result we anticipate. A considerable sum of money can be raised for charitable purposes. I am asking the council to appoint the committee for the simple reason that all can be united for this cause."

Letter to Council.

The letter to be presented to the council is as follows:

To His Worship and the Common Council, City of London.

Gentlemen.—Having entered into an agreement and secured an option for purchase of the Detroit Club to come as the guests of the city of London, and also appoint a citizens' committee to co-operate with me in arranging a programme for same.

This, with the distinct understanding that all proceeds from the legitimate expenses and agreement with Mr. Reid are taken care of, to be paid over to the London Health Association for the care of consumptives at the sanatorium and for aged women, in proportion as the committee may decide.

I believe if this request is granted, and we can arrange to have the club come to London, we can make it the greatest day in the history of the city, and materially add to charitable objects in which all citizens are deeply interested. Respectfully,

F. C. BUZZELL.

London, April 16, 1910.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

At New York—Indiana, from Naples.

At St. John—Empress of Ireland, from Liverpool.

At Halifax—Tunisian, from Liverpool; Campania, from Rotterdam.

At Rotterdam—Nieuw Amsterdam, from New York.

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[Associated Press.]

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PUBLICITY AGENT WAS ASKED FOR

The Manufacturers' Committee Recommend to Council That One Be Employed.

WHO'LL PAY THE SALARY?

Board of Trade Cannot Contribute, President McMahon Told the Committee—Providing Sites.

The manufacturers' committee yesterday afternoon decided to recommend to the council that a publicity agent be employed by the city, and that \$500 additional be placed in the estimates for that purpose.

Assessment Commissioner Grant and City Engineer Graydon will report regarding the advisability of annexing some vacant land to the east of the city for manufacturing sites.

The matter of a publicity agent was brought up first, and some discussion took place on the subject.

Ald. Underwood thought it advisable that an agent be employed, as a very great deal could be done during the next few months. He advised asking for a larger grant, as the money at the present time given them would not be sufficient.

Mr. A. T. McMahon, Mayor Beattie, Mr. J. T. McMahon and others supported the idea.

Board Cannot Help.

Mayor Beattie wanted to know whether or not the board of trade would contribute to the support of such an agent, but Mr. McMahon thought that it would be impossible.

On motion of Ald. Underwood and Col. Garthshore, it was recommended that a commissioner of industries be employed, and that \$500 more be placed in the estimates for that purpose. The motion carried.

Ald. Fitzgerald thought that more land should be annexed to the city. He suggested an area bounded by Oxford street on the north, the asylum road on the east, and Hamilton road on the south.

Mayor Beattie declared that the city covered too much space as it is, and expressed his opinion that the suggestion of Ald. Fitzgerald's was too large.

Must Secure Land.

Mr. Grant thought it absolutely necessary to secure vacant land suitable for factory purposes. He did not know if it was necessary to take in so large an area, but some land was certainly necessary.

Mayor Beattie pointed out that it would be impossible to force the residents in that section into the city.

However, on the motion of Ald. Eckert and Ald. Underwood, Assessment Commissioner Grant and City Engineer Graydon will report on the subject.

Measures John M. Parsons, William Hayman and Dr. Harry T. Reason were added to the committee.

A deputation from Michigan were introduced, and discussed the probable establishment of an industry in the city.

Those present were: Ald. Fitzgerald, chairman, Ald. Ashplant, Ald. Eckert, Ald. Underwood, Mayor Beattie, A. T. McMahon, Col. W. L. Garthshore, John M. Parsons, Dr. Harry T. Reason, D. H. Gillies, B. G. H. Wright, T. G. Roles, H. B. Archer, Stephen Grant and Secretary Baker.

STRATHROY LOCAL OPTION CASE STANDS

Was to Have Come Up for Trial Today But Was Again Laid Over.

The weekly high court was held this morning before Mr. Justice Sutherland.

Only one case was up, that of Primeby, in the case of the City of Strathroy, on motion of Mr. J. C. Judd, K. C., the case was allowed to stand over until next Saturday.

BATTLE IN COUNCIL OVER PUBLICITY AGENT

Ald. Richter Is Against Present Scheme and Favors a Quiet Campaign.

There will be a big battle in the city council on Monday night relative to the appointment of a publicity agent for the city.

At the meeting of the manufacturers' committee yesterday afternoon, a grant of \$500 was asked for the committee to appoint a man temporarily, perhaps for three months.

The two men in view for the job are T. G. Boles, secretary of the Citizens' League, and Mr. A. M. Hunt, secretary of the Western Fair board.

As Mr. Boles is the secretary of the association on whose platform many of the aldermen were elected, there is quite a lot of sympathy for him, and it is possible that he may be given the position.

ALLOWED DOGS TO RUN AT LARGE

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[Associated Press.]

San Jose, Costa Rica, April 16.—The earthquakes which have been felt for the last 48 hours are now decreasing in number and violence. A majority of the people continue badly frightened and are living in the open, refusing to re-enter their homes. The Government has adopted measures to assist sufferers throughout the country.

The nature of the phenomena is being everywhere discussed. No activity is being shown by the volcanoes and some of the scientists believe it is due to a disarrangement of geologic formations. There has been no loss of life as a result of the earthquakes.

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The cost will not exceed 28 cents a running foot per annum for the work, and every businessman of standing has been quick to recognize the advantages.

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