

LATE SPORTING NEWS AND VIEWS

WAR IS HARD ON BOWLING

Boston, Oct. 31.—The European war has made itself felt in many ways but the latest is the effect it has had on bowling. With more leagues and more bowlers in competition than ever before, there is danger of disaster in the bowling world on account of the shortage of pin boys. Never before has there been a shortage of so serious a character.

Foreigners, principally Poles, make up the ranks of the army of pin boys. Few American lads, except in small cities and towns, set up pins, hence the Slav has had a monopoly of that line of work for two years.

However, few, if any Poles, have found their way to this country, and there has been no supply of green boys.

Since the opening of the war the green pin boys have secured a grasp of the English language, and have come to work in large numbers in factories and other establishments.

Those who remained in the alley game have learned to ask for a raise, and they have been getting them at such regular intervals that clubs and public alley managers are almost in despair.

The increased wage is not the only trouble. The fact is that at almost any price, good pin boys in sufficient numbers cannot be secured. In the good old days plenty could be secured at the wharf for \$5 a week. Today the few who are available command at least twice that. On busy days and nights in large establishments it is not unusual to see the dignified alley managers in the pits setting up pins.

What will happen when the real cold weather sets in is the question at the top of the question.

The situation today is such that the alley man has sent out a cry for help to his customers, asking them to be patient if the pins are not set up fast enough, for many times one boy must take care of two or three alleys.

Next Wednesday afternoon the Billard and Bowling Association of Boston, Miss Murray, president, will consider the situation, a committee being due to report.

PICKS MAN TO WHIP WILLARD

New Orleans, Oct. 31.—Oren Kirkpatrick, 24-year-old student of Harvard University, a Texan, is by far the best man in the country to defend or battle for the world's heavyweight title, according to John L. Sullivan, "the grand old man" of the ring, who is here filling a theatrical engagement.

"Kirkpatrick would fight but his people won't let him," said Sullivan. "They have money and don't want him to become a prize fighter. I am sure he could defeat Willard because he fights and knows how in a fighting way that seems natural to him."

"If he is ever able, he can become champion, as he can make 210 pounds easily."

SPORTSMEN'S BATTALION FIELD DAY

The 180th Battalion has opened its heart again and on Saturday afternoon next on the Barrack Square there will be some fine sporting events.

Among the attractions on that date will be a marathon between the famous Jim Corkery, Tom Longboat and Ted Wood, all champions, and their appearance alone will be sufficient to draw a great crowd.

The entire receipts of this field day are to go to the funds of the returned soldiers' committee of this city and the boys of the 180th will excel themselves on that date.

Among the sporting attractions will be a baseball game between a picked team from St. Peter's League and the team of the 180th Battalion. Among other events will be track sports in which sprinters and Canadian champions in every department of athletics will participate. It is understood that the events will be left open to any local sports who desire to compete against the members of the Sportsmen's Battalion, which will no doubt increase the interest in the affair.

If the weather is unfavorable arrangements will be made to carry on the affair in St. Andrew's rink.

The marathon race will be equal to any ever pulled off in Canada and the big grand stand at the grounds will be thrown open for those who desire to witness the feats of endurance. The 180th Battalion is bound to make its presence felt in the city while here, and they claim that if charity begins at home so does patriotism, and they will do all in their power to assist local patriotic societies during their stay here. After witnessing the performance staged by the men of the battalion at the Imperial on Monday night there is no doubt but that there will be a bumper crowd on Saturday afternoon.

PROMOTERS LOOK VERY FAR AHEAD

Jack Curley, one of the directors of Champion Jess Willard, is earnestly hoping for an early termination of the war in Europe. Jack has plans to match the heavyweight champion of the world with Georges Carpentier, the French champion, who is now serving his country as an aviator.

Curley says that a Willard-Carpentier match would draw a crowd larger than any that has ever witnessed a pugilistic contest—and Curley is right. But it seems a long way off now to such a match. However, it is not impossible or even improbable, and the sporting public would take a renewed interest in Willard if such a meeting were under consideration.

In the meantime Carpentier is fighting at the front for a paltry ten dollars a month. It is estimated that his earnings before the war were close to a million dollars, as he was the most popular fighter in Europe.

REFUSES TO LIFT COLOR LINE

Some of the New York and Boston promoters are talking about trying to match Jess Willard with Harry Wills, the big negro heavyweight. It is said that Jim Buckley, the man behind Wills, has an offer of \$40,000 from a syndicate in Boston to stage such a match.

Wills may be a great fighter and all that, but it is a certainty that black and white contests in the ring are a thing of the past. Willard declared some months ago that as long as he was champion he would never agree to box a colored man. When Willard started out for the heavyweight championship he declared that after he had restored the championship title to the white race he would maintain a strict color line.

Jack Curley, who has an interest in the earnings of Willard, stated a short while back that Willard was getting ready to box this fall when he ended his show work. In order to keep up his price as a circus attraction it becomes necessary for the heavyweight title holder to defend his title at least once during the resting period.

Last year Willard did this. Even though it is only a ten-round match, the fact that the champion is out there before the public helps. Willard stepped into the ring with Frank Moran and gave himself publicity.

But when it comes to grooming Wills for a match with Willard, this is out of the question. It took a long time for the promoters to get over the effects that Johnson's victory over Jeffries had on the boxing game.

N. Y. WANTS SUNDAY BASEBALL

The old question of Sunday baseball for New York, which has been brought up time and again in past years, is to be brought on an issue this winter.

It is planned to present a bill at the coming session of the legislature which for the first time will be given adequate support. Those in charge of the campaign intend to back up their bill with an expression of sentiment from the fans, so that the fans themselves, who constitute a substantial part of the voting population, may have a chance to determine whether they want Sunday ball or not.

Sunday ball has proved a big thing in the west, and the experiences of these western cities are a strong argument in favor of the issue.

Sunday baseball would undoubtedly draw great crowds in New York. It would furnish healthy outdoor amusement for thousands of lovers of the game who cannot get away to see the games on week days. There are many fans among the working classes who never see a big league game in New York.

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

In the City League match on Black's alleys last night the Wanderers captured three points from the Nationals. The scores follow:

Nationals.
Olive 81 80 82 253 84 1-3
McKean 83 90 80 262 87 1-3
Cogrove 90 84 96 270 90
Gilmour 84 82 82 248 82 2-3
Moore 101 85 118 304 101 1-3

Wanderers.
Cromwell 80 87 92 259 86 1-3
Wright 106 84 91 281 93 2-3
Irvine 89 78 79 246 82
McCaw 92 98 93 283 94 1-3
Logan 106 87 84 277 92 1-3

473 434 458 1348
Beavers and Whips play tonight.

SPEAKER TO MANAGE CLEVELAND

It looks very much as if Tris Speaker would be made manager of the Cleveland Indians for the 1917 season and as much longer as owner Dunn decides.

Although he has not announced his decision, he is expected to do so in a day or so, after going over matters connected with the club with Lee Fohl.

One high up in American League circles said that Speaker would be Dunn's choice for the place.

Mr. Dunn is going to Forest City to consider the list of manager prospects.

At least 10 well-known baseball men have applied for the position and while Fohl's record as boss of the Indians last year was one of the surprises of the American League, he is far from being the leading candidate, judging from Dunn's statement.

George Stovall, a former Cleveland first baseman when Lajoie was bossing the club and later temporary manager of the then Naps, is one of the men seeking the place.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Subscriptions.
Single—F. P. Starr, \$1,500.00, which with \$500.00 paid before makes \$2,000.00; H. Sullivan & Co., \$500.00; J. M. Robinson & Sons, \$500.00; Dr. W. W. White, \$500.00; Leonard Bros., \$200.00; F. C. Smith, \$100.00; J. T. Knight, \$200.00; J. Willard Smith, \$500.00; The Jas. Robertson Co., Ltd., \$1,000.00; A. W. Adams, \$100.00; Paul, \$100.00; W. Morrison, \$100.00; H. Usher Miller, \$500.00; M. G. Teed, \$100.00; I. & E. R. Burpee, \$200.00; F. E. Holman & Co., \$100.00; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lockhart, \$250.00; C. H. Peters & Sons, Ltd., \$250.00; Margaret Ready, \$200.00; R. E. Coupe, \$20.00; Randolph & Baker, \$100.00; Miss Hanford, \$10.00; Mrs. John H. Thomson, \$250.00; Geo. McArthur, \$100.00; Edward Partington Pulp & Paper Co., and the Nashwaak Pulp & Paper Co., \$2,000.00; St. John Railway Co., \$2,000.00; James S. Gregory, \$1,000.00; D. C. Davies, \$400.00; Monday—W. T. McGivern (2 mos.), \$4.00; E. M. Olive (2 mos.), \$2.00; H. V. Butler, \$5.00; Dr. Geo. G. Melvin, \$5.00; Employees Can. Con. Rubber Co., \$23.50; J. Medley Belyea, \$2.00; B. J. Grant, \$1.00; Mrs. W. Keefe, \$2.00; the Misses McBride (4 mos.), \$8.00; W. T. McShane, \$1.00; Edgar Fairweather, \$5.00; Taylor and Sweeney, \$2.00; E. L. Jarvis, \$2.00; R. P. Church, \$2.00; R. C. Elkin, \$2.00; Bank Friend, \$5.00; E. H. L., \$5.00; R. W. Wigmore, \$10.00; Wm. Murdoch, \$5.00; King & McDonald, \$2.00; B. E. DeBow, \$2.00; W. J. Hill, \$2.00; G. D. Martin, (3 mos.), \$6.00; Geo. H. Ellis, \$5.00.

Single—Hon. William Pugsley, \$50.00.

New P. E. Island Railway Head.
T. B. Grady of Summerside has been appointed superintendent of the P. E. Island division of the Canadian Government Railway. He succeeds H. McEwan, retired.

RESTORE FORMER STANDING

Figures in the possession of Walter S. Voebsch, the official handicapper of the Jockey Club, New York, give some idea of the shrinkage in the production of the thoroughbred in the United States during the past decade. This official has a minute record of his labors for the twenty-seven years he has been adjusting the weights, and from them it is gleaned that the high-water mark for the racing of thoroughbreds in this country was reached in 1903, when he handicapped no fewer than 9,200 individual horses.

When it is remembered that there were other thousands of horses that did not race on the Jockey Club courses—Mr. Voebsch's jurisdiction not extending to any of the courses in Canada, California, Kentucky, Louisiana, or other distant points—some idea of the magnitude of the thoroughbred breeding industry may be obtained. The number varied from the maximum in 1903 down to less than 3,000 in 1914, while to date this year 4,600 different horses have come up for official consideration. By the close of the Maryland season perhaps the total will reach 5,000.

The brighter days which will come for the turf will no doubt see a very material increase for 1917. The foal registrations in the Jockey Club's stud book for the current year are better than in 1915, but the total is not as great as many would think, much of our brood mare stock having been sold overseas or put to menial uses many good mares having become producers of mules instead of race horses.

It is from the extensive importations of English and French stock that this new material will be recruited. Already more than 400 head of yearlings, brood mares, and sires have been imported in 1916, and with Thomas Welsh, J. O. Keene, and others abroad eager for bargains there will be at least 500 foreign-bred thoroughbreds on our shores by the beginning of next year.

The fact that the agents from this country are at present taking nothing but the best bred ones that can be found is being commented upon by English breeders, who do not relish the thought of parting with the blood which has made turf history abroad. Some of the earlier purchases for American account were not remarkable for either individuality or blood lines, and they ran as they looked, but when the Joel and Blanc studs were invaded by Messrs. Macomber and Widener there was a real protest that something should be done to prevent the further depredation of the representative studs of England and France.

The announcement from Mr. Joel that he would continue breeding his soothed John Bull somewhat, however, where there is a demand for more racing in order that the horse breeding industry of England may not become the empty shadow of its former glory, when it was the thoroughbred nursery of the world.

There was time when the thoroughbred was used exclusively for racing in the United States, but of late years the excellence of the clean bred animal for horse shows, saddle and hunting purposes has made friends for him in communities where he was hitherto a stranger. Those who attended the recent big shows at Piping Rock, Syracuse and Rochester found the thoroughbred and half-bred in evidence in the hunting and saddle classes—not only the finished product, but the immature representatives of the stallions of the breeding bureau of the Jockey Club.

Friends of Governor Whitman, who have visited many fairs throughout the state this autumn, say that he commented favorably on the display of light horses suitable for army purposes.

Regions which have not given any attention to the production for half-breds have taken up the matter seriously, Willis Sharpe Kilmer of Birmingham, and Geoffrey Tower of Waterville being the newest additions to the ranks of the enthusiasts, while W. Averil Harriman and Pierre Lorillard, Jr., of Goshen, on their return from a hunting trip in the west, will make a requisition for a thoroughbred sire from the breeding bureau. In addition to these the State Agricultural

College wants a horse, so that the horse breeding industry in New York may be safely pronounced as being in a highly-encouraging state.

NEWSPAPER MEN UP FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 31.—By order of the court of King's Bench sitting en banc this morning, Edward Beck and C. F. Roland of the Winnipeg Telegram are to appear before court to be arraigned in connection with an article published in the Telegram on Saturday last and held by counsel for

the attorney general to be contempt of court.

The article complained of was quoted from the Halifax Herald and dealt with the proceedings against Knott Mason for alleged contempt of court.

"I intend to urge," said Isaac Pitblado, K. C., "that all news is not publishable. There must not be trial by newspapers of matters before the courts."

The respondents were not represented by counsel this morning.

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