

SPORT NEWS GLEANED FROM WORLD'S CENTRES

CHALLENGE FILED BY TOM GIBBONS

Sure of Dempsey Bout, and
Wants Title Match with
McTigue.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The World championship bout on both of which may be staged before the close of the present indoor season, looms as strong possibilities in the wake of the American's Christmas Fund benefit show, held in Madison Square Garden Tuesday night, and promoter Tom Rickard yesterday lost little time in getting to the task of completing arrangements for the matches.

One of these bouts in prospect is a world's heavyweight championship clash between Jack Dempsey, holder of the title, and Tommy Gibbons, while the other is a world's middleweight title bout in which Harry Greb will defend his laurels against Tiger Flowers, the sensational Atlantic negro battler.

That Gibbons, by his decisive, six-round knockout victory over Kid Norfolk, had clinched for himself a return meeting with Dempsey was conceded by local boxing experts yesterday. Rickard, however, has been more or less skeptical regarding the drawing possibilities of a Dempsey-Gibbons bout in the East, made no attempt to hide his enthusiasm yesterday and immediately set to work outlining details for the match.

Prior to the Gibbons-Norfolk bout it had been Rickard's plan to hold the proposed Dempsey-Gibbons meeting in the Garden on May 1, explaining that sentimental reasons prompted this desire in view of the fact that it would mark the last boxing show to be held in the historic arena, which is doomed to be raised after the close of the present indoor season.

When Tom Gibbons Knocked Kid Norfolk Down and Out



This photo shows graphically what happened to Kid Norfolk. The dusky battler, beaten into insensibility, falls to the canvas without being hit in the sixth round at Madison Square Garden, New York. The referee is shown grabbing Gibbons to stop the fight, which was awarded to Tom by a knockout.

DRASTIC CHANGES IN HARNESS RACING RULES ASKED FOR

Harness Horse Association
Likely to Accede to Com-
mittee Request.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Drastic changes in harness racing rules, including introduction of claiming events, on the 1,200 American tracks over which racing and trotting races are held, were urged by a special committee of the American Horse Association of America in resolutions presented to the association at its annual meeting here today. Adoption appeared certain, members said.

Horses eligible to claiming races would be classified according to their winnings instead of their their records. Committee members predicted that a majority of the races of next season will be conducted under the claiming rule.

Such veterans of the Grand Circuit and lesser tracks as Tommy Murphy, Walter Cox and Harry O. Reno, aided in framing the new trotting rules, which, they predicted, if passed would do more toward popularizing the harness sport than any move the association has made in a dozen years.

Many Horses For Sale.

More than 600 pacers and trotters will go under the hammer at the Chicago Stock Yards today, at the annual horse sale, a feature of the association convention. Horsemen from all sections of the continent are here.

River Flows Under Bank of England

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Architects and engineers of new buildings under construction near the Bank of England are being caused much trouble by the hidden River Walbrook, which, though covered over and forgotten in the 10th century, still flows. It pours into excavations and has to be pumped out. The deep basements of new buildings have it to be water-tight tanks. F. W. Troup, who, with Herbert Barker, architect of the new bank building, says that the course of the Walbrook is right under the Bank of England, and may give trouble when the new building is erected.

"Until the excavations are carried out we shall not know whether the river is dammed or not. The Walbrook was a tidal river—being apparently 80 to 40 feet wide at high tide—and it is still tidal."

The water percolates up the bed gradually, and high tide of the Walbrook at Chesapeake is probably about two hours later than in the Thames. There may possibly even be a high tide and low tide of the river under the Bank of England itself.

"The river is about 80 feet beneath the level of the ground at the bank. When the new bank is constructed it may be advisable to run the stream through pipes."

NOTED LECTURERS COMING TO CANADA

Visits to Canada by noted lecturers are announced by Major J. Fred Ney, M. C., executive secretary of the National Council of Education, who arrived here on the steamer Montcalm from England. The lecturers will tour Canada for several weeks and the arrangements have been practically all completed. The first of these British lecturers will be Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the MacDonald Government, who will be in St. John on Jan. 4. In February Miss Faithfull, recently retired head mistress of a famous ladies' college at Cheltenham, Eng., will arrive and she will be followed by Allen Walker, lecturer at the University of London, in March. Lord Willingdon, former Governor of Bombay, will be here in April to speak on India. Among the others who may come to Canada to speak are Lord Meston, Sir George Lloyd, Lord Parmoor and the Duchess of Athol.

OFFERED BERTH IN MAJOR CLUB

Dan Howley, Manager of the
Toronto Leafs, Turns
Down Offer.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Dan Howley, manager of the Leafs, is home from Hartford and New York well satisfied with the deals that he put through while away. Naturally he is more than pleased over the action of the league in accepting the modified form of the draft, and he is optimistic as to the prospects of the International generally, and the Toronto club in particular.

Dan had a lot to say regarding the new players that he landed from Detroit but he very modestly kept to himself the fact that he was offered a salary much in excess of that which he is receiving here to take the job of assistant manager of a major league club. Howley refused to even consider the proposition, preferring evidently to be a "big noise" in the minors to being a small cog in the machinery of a club in the most exalted circles.

Howley's achievement in plotting the Leafs into second place last season was a notable one, considering that early in the campaign the experts refused to concede the club a chance of finishing in the first division. He didn't say so in as many words yesterday but it was apparent that he believes that he will improve on this showing next summer.

Remarkable Runs In Billiard Play

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 15.—The most remarkable six days' play in the history of English billiards has just ended with the last of three records. The following is the list of scores:

Newman, 1,370 (world's record with iron ball).
Smith, 1,173 (personal record).
Luman, 950 (personal record).
Smith's best score was the first 100-point break of his career. Thus three players within six days set up fresh records.

HARRIERS DEFEAT NORMAL SCHOOL

The Harriers basketball team of this city defeated Normal School yesterday in a game played at the city gymnasium. The Harriers won by a score of 40 to 36. Boyce was the chief scorer for the winners, amassing 26 points.

ASKS ASSISTANCE OF BOARD OF TRADE

The editor of the Canadian Export Pioneer writes the secretary of the Board of Trade:

"We have had much pleasure in seeing you each month a copy of the Pioneer. This we trust you have found helpful and of interest. But we desire to go further and enlist your assistance in our work on behalf of the trade of the Dominion and of your city in particular."

"Will you, therefore, be so good as to mail reports issued by your Board of Trade, and to supplement these with a note dealing with trade conditions and requirements in your district."

Information along this line has been mailed to the London office of the "Export Pioneer."

National League Teams Prepare For the Golden Jubilee Celebrations Next Year

The millennium is due. The perfect baseball year approaches. Every team in the National League will receive a pennant. Ball clubs cannot ask more. It ought to be a happy family in the Heydler circuit.

All eight teams will get pennants, because 1925 is the golden jubilee of the first real professional league of ball clubs. These proud flags will fly over the various parks all summer, but in the autumn the ownership of a ninth flag will be decided.

The coming year in the National League will be one long round of celebrations. There will be more festivals than there are holy days in the Roman calendar.

Even before the season gets under way the jubilee will give its first merry thought. This will be the schedule meeting next February, which for the sake of sentiment will be held at the old Broadway Central Hotel, New York, where the National League was organized. Schedule meetings ordinarily are not peppy, but this one will be different. It will schedule not only games, but parties, blowouts, high jinks and durbars, extending clear through the year, and culminating in a fiftieth birthday party.

British Football Results

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 12.—The sixth qualifying round of the English Association Cup contests was played today with the following results:

Doncaster Rovers 1, Southport 0.
Queens Park Rangers 1, Charlton Athletic 1.
Alfreton Town 2, Port Vale 0.
Reading 0, Barnet 1.
Milton 2, Southend 0.
Plymouth 2, Abingdon 0.

SOTTISH LEAGUE.
First Division.
Airdrieonians 4, Patrick T. 1.
Ayr United 1, St. Mirren 1.
Cowdenbeath 4, Queens P. 0.
Falkirk 1, Dundee 2.
Hearts 3, Celtic 1.
Morton 1, Aberdeen 1.
Motherwell 2, Raith Rovers 1.
Rangers 2, Hamilton A. 0.
St. Johnstone 4, Kilmarnock 2.
Third Lanark 1, Hibernians 2.

Second Division.
East Fife 3, Johnston 1.
East Stirlingshire 2, Bonness 4.
Bathgate 4, King's Park 3.
Clyde 6, Broxburn U. 0.
Clydebank 5, Dundee U. 0.
Stenhousemuir 1, Dunfermline A. 4.
Aberdeen 1, Forfar A. 0.
Armadale 0, Dumbarton 2.
Crystal P. 2, Waverhampton 1.
Arbroath 2, St. Bernards 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE.
Black Heath 0, Leicester 0.
Guys Hospital 3, Aberavon 0.
Old Merchants 2, Tallow 28, Harlequins 11.
Old Leysians 16, London Scottish 11.
Rugby Park 8, Old Blues 13.
Glasgow Aries 3, Cambridge University 20.
Bath 16, Richmond 8.
Coventry 2, Richmond 9.
Coventry 21, Bedford 0.
Bridgewater 0, Plymouth 0.
Bristol 16, Clifton 0.
Cheltenham 0, Gloucester 9.
Combined Services 3, New Zealand 28 (played at Wickenham).
Northampton 29, Cinderford 4.
Rugby 3, Mill Harriers 6.
Abercromby 8, Macclesfield 0.
Lancaster 7, Cardiff 0.
Bridgwater 0, Crosskeys 5.
Neath 8, Pontypool 4. (Game abandoned, rain).
Swansea 0, Newport 0.
Perthians 19, Royal High School 0.
Edinburgh University 6, Glasgow High School 9.
Edinburgh Wanderers 6, West of Scotland 6.
Brentford 0, Watford 0.
Brighton 0, Swansea 0.

GLACE BAY TEAM LEVELS 1400 PINS

The Hustlers, of Glace Bay, in a league game against the Game Birds at Glace Bay on last Tuesday night, rolled up a total of 1400, and believe they have established a new Maritime record. The mark set by Black's team, at the Eastport, Me., tournament last year was 1388. McPherson made a high individual score of 142, while O'Donnell crashed the pins for 127. Martel, of Conn and Mac's Bowling Alleys, where most of the local matches are staged, said that the mark sets a new record.

PRINCE OF WALES APPEALS FOR SAILOR

According to a recent issue of the London Telegraph, the Prince of Wales has launched an appeal for funds for sailors and for those organizations that are interested in helping the sailors and adding to their comforts.

The Navy League of Canada and the Seamen's Institute of St. John are two affiliated organizations that have this aim in their hearts. The Daughters of the Empire and several other women's societies are also interested in this movement and have been contributing funds for the comfort and pleasure of the seamen who call at the Port of St. John.

Last Christmas, women's organizations throughout the entire province forwarded financial aids for sailors to the New Brunswick Division of the Navy League. This year's contributions are being received for the sailors' Christmas entertainment, which is to be held in the Seamen's Institute at the end of December.

The London Telegraph remarks editorially: "His Royal Highness has reminded that we, as a nation, owe a great debt to all sailors, whether they serve under the White, Blue, or Red Ensign. They (the sailors) stand at ways between us and the threat of starvation. The sailor's life is one of varied perils; he has to confront the elements and the sea in all its moods of nature's forces even in times of peace, as this week's storm has proven, and when the passions of war are roused, our necessity thrusts him into the forefront of the struggle. If for any reason the supply of sailors hazzarding their all on our behalf failed us, the whole structure of our social and economic system would crumble up."

LEAVES FOR TORONTO.
George Fifield, who was awarded the decision over Jimmie Cox, of Worcester, Mass., in the bout in the Armories on Friday night, left yesterday afternoon for his home in Toronto.

BOXING CONGRESS GIVES FIRPO'S TITLE TO ROMERO

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 15.—(Associated Press.)—The South American Boxing Congress, in which Argentina, Chile and Uruguay are represented, today decided to confer the title of South American heavy weight champion upon Quintin Romero, Chilean boxer. The congress decided to take this title away from Luis Angel Firpo on the grounds that the Argentine boxer had not answered within the scheduled time limit the challenge of Romero, which was issued by the Chilean early this year.

Bowling Matches Played Saturday

Commercial League.
On Black's alleys Saturday night the Vassie & Co. team captured all four points from C. P. R. Mill street. The scores follow:

C. P. R. Mill St.	Total Avg.
J. Galbraith	75 81 95 231 85.2
O'Brien	83 82 93 258 86.3
Osborn	86 79 92 257 85.8
Galbraith	68 73 75 216 72.0
MacDonald	102 98 96 296 102.0
	412 428 441 1276

Vassie & Co.
Total Avg.
Coholom 87 86 99 272 90.2-3
Perry 85 85 93 263 87.2-3
Connolly 73 76 83 232 77.1-3
Hart 101 111 101 313 104.1-3
Ackerley 92 87 89 268 89.4

498 455 469 1382

Tonight Vassie and N. B. Power Co. roll.

Prize Winners.
The daily prize winners on the Victoria alleys:
Saturday, Dec. 14.—J. Lord, 129, 1st; L. Kerr, 121, 2nd; H. Manning, 120, 3rd.
Monday.—W. Manning, 131, 1st; H. Manning, 130, 2nd; J. McCurdy, 127, 3rd.
Tuesday.—J. Creary, 112, 1st; T. Coogrove, 110, 2nd; E. Ogier, 110, 3rd.
Wednesday.—B. Palmer, 118, 1st; H. Manning, 112, 2nd; J. Creary, 112, 3rd.
Thursday.—H. Manning, 122, 1st; P. Lawson, 121, 2nd; N. Jenkins, 113, 3rd.
Friday.—C. Martin, 120, 1st; G. Garret, 120, 2nd; J. Creary, 118, 3rd.

PLAN TO REBUILD BOSTON NATIONALS

Christie Mathewson Denies
That His Club Will
be Sold.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Sir Christopher Mathewson, once king of pitchers, has spiked a baseball rumor. Matty, who is the president of Boston National League club, the Braves, vigorously denied the widely circulated story that the franchise and players, together with the lease of the Braves' field, soon would be sold. In this positive assertion Matty was backed up by the club's vice-president, former city magistrate, Emil E. Fuchs, who, as money last season may have prompted the rumor, which originated in New Haven, where minority stockholder Powell resides. Powell, a wealthy coal merchant, is said to have invested nearly \$200,000 in the Boston club, only to be rather disappointed by results. But Powell also denies that the Braves are for sale or that he has grown tired of baseball.

President Mathewson is so confident of success in the near future that he has purchased a block of the club's stock with his own money and is prepared to help his partners in financing deals for new players. In discussing the back of building up the Braves, Matty said:

"We are going to replace several old players with youngsters whose release soon will be purchased regardless of cost. We paid nearly \$80,000 the other day for a fine prospect in Outfielder Welch, who surely will strengthen our team. The best way to build up a new team is by experimenting with ambitious kids, who will play their heads off to make good."

"Our team last season encountered all kinds of misfortune. Tony Becker's death in the spring deprived the Braves of a splendid third baseman. Later, the prolonged illness of Manager Dave Bancroft wrecked the infield and destroyed the winning spirit of the other players."

"Injuries and sickness hurt other players of the team from time to time, so that the Braves were tremendously handicapped and simply could not get out of last place. But hard luck cannot last forever, and we are looking for better breaks in 1925."

"Boston is a great ball town and if the Braves are able to provide the fans with high-class sport our attendance figures will steadily increase, until the club is on a paying basis."

"We sincerely hope that the Red Sox will improve, too, for there are no other sportsmen than Bob Quinn and Lee Fohl. It is my ambition to see both Boston teams attain high positions in the pennant races and some day meet in a world series."

SKATING CLASSIC FOR SARANAC LAKE

International Meet Will Be
Held There Instead of
St. John.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Dec. 14.—"The International outdoor speed skating championships have been awarded to Saranac Lake and will be held at Pontiac Rink during the last week of January or the first week in February, Charles H. Goldsmith, secretary of the International Skating Union announced yesterday. St. John, N. B., has decided not to stage the championships which were assigned to that city by the union several weeks ago, Mr. Goldsmith said.

MCCORMICK'S FAST SHOT WINGS GAME

CALGARY, Alta., Dec. 15.—A fast shot by Joe McCormick, notched 41 seconds after the commencement of the final period broke a tie and gave the Edmonton Eskimos a 8 to 2 triumph over the Calgary team in the opening of the local Western Canada Hockey League season Saturday night. More than 4,000 fans witnessed a sparkling exhibition of professional hockey.

N. H. L. RESULTS

The Canadiens continued their sensational playing in the N. H. A. last Saturday night, when they defeated Hamilton in Montreal by a score of 6 to 2. It was Hamilton's first defeat of the season. Seventeen penalties were handed out during the game for minor offences.

The New Montreal team vanquished St. Pats in Toronto last Saturday night by a score of 3 to 1. Montreal won the game in the last period, when they scored two goals.

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