

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY IN THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Gossip and Comment

Hundreds of racing fans will go from Hamilton to the Woodbine on Saturday to see the running of the King's Plate—probably more than ever, on account of the low holiday rate being in effect on the two railways. The running of the King's Plate on the opening day of the O. J. C. spring meeting is always a society event of Dominion importance. The Governor-General and his suite form the setting of the world of fashion, and the sight is one to be long remembered by those who witness it.

It begins to look as though Peter Maher would never be able to land that terrific punch of his.

I always thought Walter McMullen was a foot running expert till I heard Sam Robinson of the Maple Leaf Park Co., talk last night.

From the Toronto Star: The Hamilton handicapping was awful. Think of giving a man 175 yards in half a mile bicycle race, and a novice only 175 yards in a two-mile walking race, with such cracks as Goulding, MacDonald, Goddard and Skene on the scratch.

Who did it?

Progress is noted in the reactionary racing movement in New York. After feeling it out for a couple of days, the gamesome gentlemen who were following to take a chance at demonstrating that the sport had a vital principle detached from systematized speculation are greatly encouraged and they are beginning to think they would be justified in making six days of it instead of three. This may be taken to mean that the customers are adapting themselves to the wink and the nod system of fulfilling the real purpose of their presence.

Toronto World: Track habits are sweet on Hendrie Shimonese owing to their steady good work, while followers of Dymont took courage yesterday on account of Fort Garry's impressive performance, and they are wondering how good the list of the Seagram lot will prove, though the sharps say that Courtney and whatever others are selected are sure to start on Saturday pretty pronounced favorites.

The dope on to-night's principals would make Jake O'Brien win from Jack Johnson in his six rounds at Philadelphia. The Quaker scrapper went out too soon against Ketchell, showing that he is likely on the down grade, says the World's dope artists. Training reports have the champion in the finest condition. He is good enough to fight six fast rounds, in the judgment of A. J. Drexel Bidell, Philadelphia society man who is also something of a boxer, and who tried out the conqueror of Tommy Burns in a short bout with gloves on Monday. Much to the regret of the crowd, Johnson would only box two rounds of two minutes each with Bidell.

Johnson will weigh about 185 pounds to O'Brien's 167 and the latter also is reported in good shape. There can be no winner or loser except in cast of a knock out, but the bout will serve well to give a line on Johnson, who has not been seen in real action since he defeated Tommy Burns.

Woodbine Special

The report of the Times' special correspondent at the Woodbine race track appears on the last page.

WHO ARE THE "SCRIBES," ANYWAY?

In the F. M. & P. League last night at the H. B. & C. all the Bank of Commerce team defeated the aggregation known as the Scribes—defeated it badly. The bank team won all three games and was over 500 pins up. The scores:

Bank of Commerce—					
H. S. Harrison	178	197	153	528	
R. Iabister	161	138	150	449	
R. G. Hopkins	159	161	143	463	
A. Forester	169	181	158	508	
G. W. Wigle	161	156	158	475	

Scribes—					
M. Powell	136	180	113	429	
W. Jackson	137	165	122	424	
E. Zimmerman	132	153	93	378	
J. Dixon	81	89	128	298	
W. C. McMullen	152	83	92	327	

ENG. BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

In the English billiard tournament the following games were played: Geo. Cowman won from W. Sales. Bert Crawford won from E. Johnston. L. W. Symonds won from F. H. Jutson.

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Prevailing Winds in Antarctic.

In the reports of the recent Antarctic expedition frequent allusion is made to the prevailing southerly winds and blizzards. The fact that these winds continue to within such a short distance of the South Pole throws doubt on the view that a great anticyclonic area lies over that region. If such were the case light variable breezes might rather be expected so near the pole.

SHERRING AND SHRUBB

Englishman Hands Out Queer Talk.

Will Not Run Hamiltonian in Canada.

Acocose is Declared a Real Runner.

Montreal, May 19.—Alfred Shrub, who is here preparing for his match race of twenty miles with Henri St. Yves on Thursday afternoon, came out with a bitter statement this afternoon in reply to Billy Sherring's sweeping defiance. Shrub says he will run Sherring a fifteen-mile race, providing the Athens Marathon winner will gamble \$1,000 on the side, and run anywhere except in Canada.

"So Sherring has decided that he can trim me," said Shrub, after finishing a ten-mile jaunt. "Well, he can have a whirl with me if he will bet \$1,000 on the side and post an equal amount to guarantee his appearance at the track-side. I have been fooled too much by Longboat, and hereafter I want to see my opponent's money."

"In answering Sherring's challenge I want to add that the race must take place in America. I won't run him in Canada. New York, Chicago or Buffalo will suit me. The race must be held within two weeks. After June 5th I will retire for a rest. I've been running too much. I don't want to go stale. If Sherring means business, he should get down to cases at once. If he doesn't accept these terms immediately I shall consider his challenge a bluff. If he means business I say, up and then pick the place."

"I understand that Sherring has been quietly preparing for me," continued the great English distance runner. "I came to this country to demonstrate to the American people that I'm the world's greatest fifteen-mile runner. If Sherring thinks he can disprove what I've started out to prove, I'm welcome to try, if he will accept the terms I name. I'm ready with my money. Let Mr. Sherring come forward. His bluff is called."

If Shrub and Sherring match up, Canada will back the Hamilton boy off the boards. Sherring is unquestionably the greatest distance man this country ever produced. Shrub stubbornly declares that the race must be run in America. He won't give his reasons. If the pair could be brought together in one of the Dominion cities there isn't a race track large enough to hold the crowd that would attend.

When Sherring was told of Shrub's reply he lost no time wiring signifying his willingness to sign immediately under the terms stipulated by Shrub. The race will be run in Buffalo.

ACOCOSE A GOOD ONE.

Winnipeg, May 19.—That Acocose, the Grenfell Indian, is one of the greatest runners in the world today is the opinion of Fred Appleby, the English champion, who went down to defeat before the redskin last night in the greatest race ever seen in the west.

"I ran the fastest race in my career, except when I broke the world's record against Shrub," said Appleby, "and I'm a remarkable runner, although I may be able to beat him on an outside track, where I hope to arrange a race shortly." The time made last night was remarkable when it is analyzed. Shrub and Marsh ran over the same track, but it was not a mile, and was allowed at ten laps to the mile. Yesterday it was measured and was found to go eleven laps to the mile, consequently Appleby and Acocose had to run fifteen laps further than Marsh and Shrub, or about one mile and a third, yet they did it in just 49 seconds more time. Acocose will be taken east to go against the best Marathons.

John D. Marsh, who is training at home here, will not run in the New York Marathon, where he has been entered. His ambition is to beat St. Yves and Sellen at Toronto Saturday night next.

ACOCOSE FOR TORONTO. Toronto, May 19.—Paul Acocose, the Grenfell Indian who has been outclassing all the western runners and who beat Fred Appleby at the latter's world's championship distance, fifteen miles, at Winnipeg Monday night, has been signed by the promoters of the St. Yves-Marsh-Sellen race at the Island Saturday night to meet the winner here next month. The winner of the Montreal professional Marathon will also be invited to start against Acocose in this race.

The big three-cornered event at Hamilton's Point will be started at 8.45, and most of the one hundred electric arc lights have already been installed around the track. St. Yves is being lionized by thousands of French admirers in Montreal. The tri-color's fast representative will have to be in great condition to win from Sellen and Marsh here Saturday night.

TIM O'BROURKE'S OPINION. Tim O'Brourke thinks it's a good bet that either Coley or Sellen will defeat St. Yves in the big three-cornered twelve-mile race at Britannia Park next Tuesday night, as both of the Canadians are under his instructions at Toronto and are working hard. They are working out at Varsity Oval.

A large number of arc lights have been placed in Britannia Park for the race, and the track will be brilliantly illuminated, so the spectators can follow the runners at all stages of the journey. More interest is being shown in the race since it was decided to make it a three-cornered affair.

CHICAGO'S MARATHON. Chicago, May 19.—World's champions will race in a Marathon run to be held at the south side baseball park on May 29, all of the stars who ran in New York city were expected to compete.

Chas. Harvey, who is handling the New York end of the arrangements, stated that he had secured the promises of John Svanberg, Johnny Hayes, the Olympian champion, and Dorando Pietrangeli.

LOST YESTERDAY.

Torontos Beaten by Providence, 6 to 2.

At Toronto—We had to lose a game some time, and yesterday was just as good a day to take a licking as any other. Providence looked at it the same way, but with reverse English—hence the result. Manager Duffy knew, of course, that the Diggers were scheduled to arrive, but he took no chances, using his one best bet, Lavender, to make things sure. Mr. Lavender earned his pay all right; for was not the score 6 to 2, with the Leafs four down and none to play? But at the same time the gentleman of the mauve cognomen had no kick coming on the way things broke for him. More than once wallows tagged the real and genuine were unexpectedly taken care of in rabbit's foot, if spectacular, fashion by one or another of the men behind. Still, he was effective, taking him all around, enough so, at any rate, to keep the game pretty well preserved after the first few innings. It was different with Kellogg, who started off on the rubber for the Leafs, for by the time the erratic southpaw was superseded by Moffitt, in the third, the visitors had acquired what proved to be a winning lead. Score: R. H. E. Providence 6 7 3 Toronto 2 5 2

Batteries—Lavender and Fitzgerald; Moffitt, Kellogg and Mitchell. At Buffalo—Buffalo 6, 0; Newark 0, 7, 0. Called at end of 14th innings; darkness.

At Rochester—Rochester 2, 4, 4; Baltimore 7, 13, 2.

Games today: Providence at Toronto, Newark at Buffalo, Baltimore at Rochester, Jersey City at Montreal.

CRIPPLES DON'T COUNT. Buffalo, May 19.—Those who expected the gore to be shed and the fur to fly at yesterday's meeting of the Eastern League in Buffalo, were greatly disappointed. It is true that the session last night at the Lafayette Hotel occupied many hours, and the reporter who timidly knocked at 12 o'clock, midnight, had mental visions of a terribly tragic scene when the door should be opened. On the contrary he was ushered into a private parlor, the air of which was blue with tobacco smoke and the atmosphere generally one of jollity, while round about sat President P. T. Powers and his band of magnates, visiting, as they put it. It was quite reassuring, but, nevertheless, quite disappointing.

And what had been done at the executive session?

To believe the sober explanation by the spokesman of the party, one must appreciate that those magnates, gathered from every corner of the circuit, had spent four solid hours debating on the simple proposition to extend the player and salary limit in emergencies and had finally returned a favorable decision.

It appears that the unexpected meeting was called at the instance of two or three of the club which have found it impossible to comply with the Eastern League and American Association joint rule calling for a reduction of the club strength to sixteen men, with a fixed salary limit, by May 15. Two or three clubs have been troubled with this list, especially Jersey City, which has two of its best men laid up for repairs. And as it has been found impossible to operate with their names included in the list of sixteen, something had to be done. Finally it was agreed that each club should be allowed fifteen able-bodied men—that is, that bona fide illness or accident to a player or players would be considered sufficient excuse for a corresponding increase in the numerical

playing strength, with salary-limit extension to correspond.

"And," said Mr. Powers, "there will be no opportunity for improper action, as we will see that the emergency rule is not abused."

President O'Brien, of the American Association, was called on the long-distance phone at Milwaukee and acquiesced in the action taken.

There were present, in addition to Mr. Powers, A. B. Potter, President; Fred Bremson, Vice-President, and Judge Louis B. Hart, Buffalo; Walter O'Mara, Jersey City; J. C. Hickman, Montreal; Joe McGinnity and T. J. Martin, Newark; Charles T. Chapin, Rochester; Hugh Duffy, Providence, who carried the proxy of J. J. McCafferty, of Toronto. Ed. Hanlon expressed his views by letter from Baltimore.

IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE. Boston 5, Detroit 3. New York 4, Cleveland 2. Philadelphia 5, Chicago 0.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Detroit	17	8	680
Boston	15	9	625
New York	13	9	625
Philadelphia	14	9	609
Chicago	11	15	423
St. Louis	10	14	417
Cleveland	12	17	360
Washington	6	17	261

Games today: Washington at Cleveland, Philadelphia at Detroit, New York at St. Louis, Boston at Chicago.

IN THE NATIONAL. St. Louis 3, Boston 1. Chicago 3, Philadelphia 2. Pittsburgh 8, Brooklyn 5. Cincinnati 4, New York 2.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Pittsburgh	18	9	667
Chicago	17	12	586
Philadelphia	12	12	500
Cincinnati	15	15	500
Boston	11	14	440
Brooklyn	11	14	440
St. Louis	12	17	433
New York	10	14	417

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FOUL TIPS. Cleveland, O., May 19.—Vice-President Somers, of the Cleveland American baseball team, closed a deal yesterday for the purchase of Neal Ball, a former shortstop for the New York American team.

It is said that Manager Stalling received \$3,000 for Ball. Ball was recruited from the Southern League last year.

Mail-Emire: The amending of the player limit rule was by no means the only important matter taken up at last night's Eastern League meeting in Buffalo, though just what occupied the greater part of the club owners' time was apparently not given out for publication. Rumor has it that the meeting was not altogether a zephyry one.

Manager Mike Kelley has released Joe Bean, an Orville Kilroy, formerly with Minneapolis and last year's Toronto pitcher, is now a Saint.

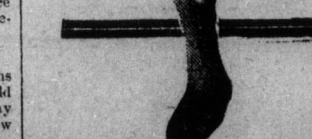
Washington, May 19.—On behalf of George B. Dover, the President of the Boston National League baseball team, Senator Lodge yesterday presented to President Taft a special pass to the games of that club in Boston this summer. The pass is engraved upon a silver plate, and is good for the President and his family. The President thought he would avail himself of the privilege while spending the summer on the Massachusetts coast.

TRAVIS MEETS HENDERSON.

Edinburgh, May 19.—Jerome D. Travis, the amateur golf champion of the United States, will be pitted against W. A. Henderson, a strong member of St. Andrew's Club, in the first round in the British amateur championship tournament over the Muirfield course, which begins May 25. The drawings for the tournament were held yesterday, and the American players are in a hard section and will have to meet the best men of the tournament. The entries number 167.

Travers, with T. G. Stevenson, of Boston, as a partner, lost a foursome to Edward Brickett and A. R. Aitkin, Scotch amateurs.

SAINT YVES AND SVANBERG.



St. Yves and Svanberg, winners and place men in the \$10,000 Marathon held at the Polo grounds, New York, recently. St. Yves led by five laps at the finish, and ran the 25 miles 385 yards in 2.44.05. St. Yves is shown with Svanberg running close upon his heels, but in reality five laps behind the sturdy Frenchman.

FORT GARRY IS HIGHLY BRED.

Dymont's Colt Now Looked Upon as Serious Contender of the Plate.

Toronto, May 19.—Dymont's Fort Garry, who showed good form at the Woodbine yesterday, is by Fort Hunter, out of Flying Bass, the latter being by Courtown—Galena. He is a strictly Barrie production, and both his parents carried the orange and green jacket with the distinction before they retired to the stud farm. Fort Hunter was a champion three-year-old and a Derby winner, whose triumphs are fresh in the memory of racers, as they are tales of only a few seasons ago. Flying Bass, like Fort Garry, was bred at the Brookdale Farm, overlooking Kempenfeldt Bay, and was one of the late Mr. N. Dymont's particular favorites. A successful performer at two years old, she had an off-season at three, but recovered her form at four years, and several times won mile races at 140, when such time was not so frequently recorded as it is nowadays. The story is told that at the end of that season, when Mr. Dymont sent his cheque for a large contribution to discharge the debt on his home church, he said, the "credit should be given to Flying Bass, who was bred in Barrie." Both sire and dam of Flying Bass were imported, and the lines of Courtown's breeding, if not so fashionable as some other parts of the pedigree, are without a flaw. Courtown himself was practically always a private stallion, but all his progeny that were trained showed high speed. He could begot Plate winners, for Sapper and Thessalon were sons of the Irish horse, and a daughter was Jessamine Porter, who long held the Canadian record for a mile and a quarter. Imported Galena was a tower of strength to the Barrie breeding establishment, her produce including Flying Bass, Lady Berkeley and Court Martial. Fort Garry is not without racing experience, as he ran in five races last year, but did not get into the money in any of them. On paper the Fort Hunter colt lacks none of the requirements of a winning Plate horse. Nothing in the race has a greater turn of early speed. Even if Dog of War is a faster runner, and Shimonese worked six furlongs better than 1:13 last summer, Fort Garry should be able to take his place in the early stages on Saturday, and escape the crowding. His work all goes to suggest that he can stay, so the Cook of the North can be looked on as still in the pit, healed and ready.

Mr. R. J. Mackenzie's Derby horse Direct arrived at the Woodbine yesterday from Louisville.

Mrs. L. A. Livingston's consignment from the Ranocosa Farm in New Jersey comprises sixteen head, all but four of which are two-year-olds. They were: Love Tree, Verbatim, Auri, Nod, Appa, Profile, Kingship, Ararak, Amyl, Oppartea, Herpes, Mawdalen, Egret, Amelia Jenks and Bang.

Other arrivals were: G. P. Sherman's Canvas, Dale Strome.

Lord Rosebery's Aliquando, by Ladas, won the Badminton Stakes at Bath yesterday. Leopold de Rothschild's French-bred Robert Houdin was second, and Charles Carroll's Trunk, by Meddler—Hotosos, was third. Six ran.

A London cable says: It is announced that at a meeting of the Jockey Club Tom Sloan's application for a renewal of his riding license was rejected. In addition to refusing a license to Sloan, the Jockey Club issued a letter to the clerks of the courses directing them to refuse Sloan admission to any reserved enclosure or stand within their jurisdiction.

Peter Sterling, the good Lord Eastern horse and a Canadian record-holder, died of lung fever at Louisville this week.

The Woodstock Stable's Detective is due from New York to-day. He worked a mile at Gravesend on Monday in this fractional time: .24, .36, .49, 1.02, 1.15, 1.29, 1.43.

Lexington, Ky., May 19.—Jockey J. Butler, who had a successful season in California the last winter, purchased a 250-acre blue grass farm from R. R. Early near Lexington yesterday, and he will engage in the breeding of thoroughbreds on a small scale. Butler is 49 now at his home in this city, nursing a broken arm, sustained in a bad fall during the latter part of the season on the coast.

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From the Scrap Heap

Chicago, May 19.—James J. Jeffries has jumped on the scales in public for the first time since he came out of retirement, and in the presence of a few interested persons tipped the beam at 243 pounds.

Jeffries announced he would weigh again before he left the city and would show whether or not he was reducing his weight. He said his best fighting weight is 220. "I don't see where I am asking much for delay in training," said Jeffries. "I simply want to be in the best possible shape when I enter the ring."

When Sullivan and Corbett signed in 1892 it was in March. They met in September. How long did Fitzsimmons and Corbett have for training? It was a number of months, I know."

Pittsburg, Pa., May 17.—Six times last night Hugh McGinn was down for the count of nine for his six-round bout with Stanley Ketchell, champion middleweight of the world. Five times in the sixth round he was saved from a knockout by a second. Twice he was knocked through the ropes, once clear across the press table into the seats of spectators. Ketchell apparently toyed with his opponent. Only the cheering voices of his companions from the audience inspired McGinn several times to get upon his feet again, after being all but knocked out.

For the first three rounds McGinn

San Francisco, Cal., May 18.—Battling Nelson started training this morning for his contest with fighting Dick Hyland, at Colma on the afternoon of May 29th.

New York, May 19.—With a constant necking of lefts and right jabs, a local lightweight, handily outpointed Freddie Corbett, of Philadelphia, in a ten-round bout before the Bedford A. C. in Brooklyn.

There was no police interference during the main bout, nor during the preliminary, but after the fights were over, the manager of the club and fighters were arrested.

Oscar T. W. F. Fasig, Belle of Phoenix and Teddington.

O. J. Decker's Adoration.

A. A. Laurie's Charivari.

G. E. Dudley's Dr. Keith and Soil.

J. C. Nally's Maword Sheen.

C. J. Brockmiller's Dave Nicholson.

M. Hutchinson's Edgely and Green-dale.

R. W. Walden's Giles, Consistent, Cunningham, Belle of Jassemine, Trudo, Chilton Queen and Beau Chilton.

J. A. Sykes' General Lee, Pulka, Set Back, High Peak, Hickory Stick and Isleton.

T. F. Coles' Juggler, Neoskaleta, Bound Brook, Bobby Kean, Zehalia, Cheek and Hawkwing.

W. H. Seeman's Sally Preston and Sister Phyllis.

J. W. May's Patriot, Tom Dolan, Ruby R. Turf Star and Semples.

A. Weber's Zipango, Debar, Edwin L. Spion, Refined and Thos. Calhoun.

F. Musant's Siskin.

HARRIGAN WON CROTONA.

Belmont Park, N. Y., May 19.—The threatening weather helped to keep the attendance down at the Belmont Park yesterday, probably 3,500 persons being present when the sport began.

The feature of the card was the