

THE STANDARD'S SPORTING SECTION

Joe Beckett And Geo. Carpentier

London Express Tells How Fights Were Conducted Years Ago and at the Present Time—Something Likeable About the Frenchman.

The London Express says:—"In the days of knuckle fighting a principal heralded his arrival at the ringside by twirling his 'title' over the heads of the crowd into the roped square. The 'keepers' then battered a way for him through the mob, and he would duck inside and tie in his corner the colors he hoped to carry to victory. If he were rich in patrons, he might dispose of a large number of silk squares at a gallop.

"The fight in the open air, on green turf, and frequently under a grilling sun, when he had a bad time he was brought round by sips from the brandy bladder, or by a second hitting his ears—an exquisite form of torture. Times have changed. The boxer of today who is high up the ladder is looked after much more carefully than is a Cabinet Minister. He is never left alone. He is kept in extraordinary care. Men of his repute fly to satisfy every whim. He is bathed, anointed, and massaged till his body shines like fine silk. On the night of the contest he has his own dressing-room.

"Unlike his brother of many years ago, he is preceded to the ring by a small army of trusted attendants, who carry bottles containing potent revivers, bags of ice, and other paraphernalia. Then the great man himself strides down the gangway. He wears a dressing-gown; only his head is visible. He looks serious—as he has reason to do. He slips into the ring, and waits the all important moment when he is permitted to punch and be punched.

"There was such a moment at the Holborn stadium, and the heroes were George Carpentier, holder of the heavyweight championship of Europe, and Joe Beckett, who by defeating Goddard and Bombardier Wells, proved himself the best of England's heavyweights.

"Carpentier had with him his own cook. This may seem like carrying precaution to a ridiculous degree, but your modern professor of the mits must, above all things, take special care of his stomach. He fights on his stomach. To eat something that 'deserves' may lead to a serious setback in his training.

"There is something very likeable about Carpentier. He is, perhaps, not so high, so heavy, as a few years ago, for he has been through the war mill. He has seen his country laid waste, his fortune earned in the ring disappear as the result of the Germans despoiling the coal mines of Lens. But there is still the same trim, alert figure, the same speaking eyes, the same quick recognition of friends in this country as before the war.

"He looks anything except a boxer. He might be a smart young under-see retary, the son of a merchant prince; when he is stripped, however, you have the athlete man who has trained his body both wisely and well. The Frenchman is a more complex personality than Beckett.

"The Englishman strikes one as a simple soul, whom Nature has endowed with wonderful muscles and a remarkable fund of strength and stamina. One pictures Beckett as entirely happy in a cottage, so long as he could test his feet by a roaring fire. There is no polish about Beckett except on his massive body. He is a plain son of Nature, whose speech, on the rare occasions he can be persuaded to talk, is coarse and ready. Fine phrases are not for him."

EXPERT ON HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION

A meeting was held Friday night of the Hospital Commissioners at which the members of the Municipal Council and Doctors White and Rowley, representing the physicians, attended.

On the suggestion of Doctor White it was decided to apply to the American College of Surgeons for the services of an expert on the matter of hospital administration to go into the conditions at the local institution and submit his recommendations to the hospital commission.

It was explained by Doctor White that the college had available several of these men, who could be procured at a very small cost, whose business it was to go into the matters pertaining to hospital management and who were authorities on the standardization of these institutions. He spoke of several cases where their work had borne fruit quoting particularly the case of a new hospital at Vancouver.

Rugby County Games On Saturday

Gloucester Defeated Cornwall 18 to 9—Cheshire Lost to Durham—Oxford Trimmed Edinburgh—Other Results.

London, Dec. 14.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Two more games were decided in the rugby county championship, Gloucester displaying excellent form, defeated Cornwall eighteen to nine, crossing their opponents' line six times. Cheshire lost to Durham after leading a long period, nine to five, the final score being Cheshire 9, Durham 18.

In club games Oxford University won rather easily from Edinburgh 39 to 8. Cambridge were, however, quite overplayed by Newport, who won 40 to 8. Blackheath on their own grounds were given a hard game by Leicester but won by one goal to nil.

Northern Union Rugby results: Barrow 18; Wigan 3. Bramley 8; Heliway 3. Dewsbury 2; Halifax 2. Huddersfield 15; Brighouse 9. Hull 28; Bradford 3. Hunslet 9; Leigh 2. Oldham 0; Widnes 7. Rochdale 10; St. Helens Recreation 9. Salford 14; York 0. St. Helens 12; Swinton 7. Wakefield 9; Hall Kingston 5. Warrington 45; Batley 3.

Club Rugby Games. Harlequin 8; Merchants Tailors 5. Guy's Hospital 10; London Welsh 0. Rosslyn 0; Richmond 6. Northampton 15; Gloucester 8. Bath 8; Cheltenham 0. Twickenham 45; Saracens 0.

Junior A and B League Games

Junior A School Boy Basketball League of the Y. M. C. A. is proving very close, the final games of both "A" and "B" League will finish next week, and the team to be awarded the badges is still undecided. The results of Saturday morning's games follow:

Junior "A" First game—Sprout Capt. (4) Irving, Humphrey, Brown, Rolston. Langstroth (1), Rockwell, Fraser, Moore, Wark. Second game—Polly Capt. (4), McLellan, Carter, Stephenson, Crawford, Stratton Capt. (2), Murray, Connell, Ward, Hatfield, McKinney. Third game—Cummings Capt. (10), McBeath, Turner, Armstrong, Thomas Capt. (1), Sage, Ebbert, Hopkins, Rine. Fourth game—Stewart Capt. (7), Stratton, Tilton, Luskin, Lewis, McAuley. Haley (4), Queen, MacRae, Williams Smith.

Junior "B" Games. First game—Wetmore, Capt. (5) Webber, Henry, Plimpton, Cart. Second game—Finley Capt. (110) Seely, McKay, Bestwick, Ewing. Barker Capt. (6) McKinney, Henry, McLaughlin, Archibald. Third game—Humphrey (10), McCann, Brown, Goodwin, Gunn. Robertson, Capt. (2), Cohen, Howard, Brown, Jenkins.

CLUB SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Y. M. C. A. have a remarkably fine lot of swimmers among the men, boys and are now planning to hold the club swimming championships on the morning of New Year's Day, when a large programme of events will be requested to get into training. Entry for February the "Y" are holding the Y. M. C. A. championships open to all swimmers in the province and some outside entries are expected.

LIQUOR IN POSSESSION.

One man was taken in by the police Saturday evening, charged with having liquor in his possession other than in his private dwelling.

SCOUTS PASS FOR SWIMMER'S BADGE

A number of Boy Scouts successfully passed their tests for their swimmer's badge in the Y. M. C. A. pool Saturday afternoon, as follows: Centenary Troup—H. Barker, T. Steer. Stone Troup—R. Wetmore. The boys have a stiff test to pass, having to swim 50 yards with their clothes on, undress in the water, swim 100 yards, 50 of the distance on the back without hands, and, fourth, dive for an object.

Local Bowling Results Saturday

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE. A bowling match between the Imperial Optical Company's team and a team from the Maritime Nail Works took place Saturday evening on Black's Bowling Alley, the latter team winning by four pins.

Maritime Nail Works. Anderson ... 92 81 83 259 86 2 3 Whitaker ... 78 85 89 252 84 1 Akorly ... 79 94 88 261 87 1 Givan ... 94 96 83 273 91 1 Lemon ... 90 92 101 283 94 1 423 448 417 1328

Imperial Optical Co. E. Cunningham 89 102 88 280 93 1 3 Brockwell ... 83 79 241 80 1 3 Cunningham 87 74 71 232 77 1 5 Stanton ... 80 104 112 296 93 2 3 417 441 428 1286

Carpentier Wants An Early Fight

Says He Wished Matter Between Him and Dempsey Could be Arranged Quickly—Willing to Go to America or Australia.

Paris, Dec. 13.—The general opinion in Paris is that Dempsey would not be willing to come to France while Carpentier's expressed willingness to go to America or Australia has caused renewed enthusiasm. "I wish that this matter could be arranged as soon as possible," said Carpentier today, "so that I might go to work. I desire to depart from the old time publicity stunts. I believe that the records of both Dempsey and myself speak for themselves, and I wish to get down to business and settle the matter once for all. If I am defeated I will proclaim Mr. Dempsey the greatest living fighter."

BOXING AND WRESTLING

The "Y" Boxing and Wrestling classes are coming along in good style, a dozen of the boys had a good workout under Brookes in the art of wrestling Saturday night and the club expect to have a good entry list when the tournament comes off later in the season.

NEW CANADIAN PACIFIC TOURIST CARS

Did you ever examine the cars in which you travel year after year and notice the improvements made for your safety, convenience and comfort? The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has just perfected a new type of tourist car, of steel construction. The outstanding advantages of the tourist car are that it is a more economical, though less luxurious means of traveling, than the Standard Sleeper and also that a woman can prepare her own food in her own way in the tiny kitchen at the end of the car. For those who desire a trip at the minimum cost, the tourist car is ideal.

The new car remembers the babies, and so, besides the range, it possesses a gas stove, where mother may speedily warm baby's bottle for him. She can keep his bottles in the refrigerator, where a receptacle is specially provided for milk bottles.

She washes her dishes in the enamel sink, dries them on the sanitary metal dresser and puts them away in a shining white cupboard. No boards to scrub off, with a consequently unpleasant smell of damp, greasy wood. The metal metal is hygienic and will not rust.

When the children want a drink—as they do twenty times a day—they no longer require to enter the dressing room for it. Two water coolers, with sanitary cups, occupy a corner of the passage, easily accessible.

Who has never banged frantically on the dressing-room door can never realize all the agony a woman feels when she knows her station is the second one off—dress at once. Happily the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has cared for the poor soul; now she may share a room large enough for three women to dress at a mirror over each, a long mirror in one door, and a curtain inside the entrance to protect one from any chance newcomer. The clean towels are packed in a box, the soiled ones go into a basket under the box. These rooms are absolutely sanitary—open plumbing sees to that.

The car, proper, contains fourteen sections, is finished in mahogany and rejoices in a strip of carpet down the middle of the floor. "How light it is," a chance visitor remarked. This extra light is due to the windows having brass sashes—the pane is not divided, and the wood does not encroach on the glass. There are no deck sashes, only panel sashes. "Porter, a screen, please," will soon be heard no more. The new cars keep the screens in position constantly, so that when the glass goes up, the screen comes down over the entire 19½ inches. If one requires a porter during the night, all one does is "push the button." Each berth has an electric light and a push bell; and, joy of joys, a mirror. No excuse now for parading the aisle in curl papers. The light under each lower berth shines out on the floor and saves the shins of many who might stumble over baggage in the darkness of the car at midnight. The berths are comfortable, the improved ventilation makes cinders and "unknown quantity," so the women who travel in them are sure to say that the New Canadian Pacific Tourist Cars spell Travelling Comfort.

Frenchmen Won Fights Saturday

Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 13.—Benny Vaghar, the French lightweight, won from George ("Knockout") Chaney, of Baltimore, on a foul in the fifth round of a scheduled six-round bout here tonight. The Baltimore man was warned after fouling in the second and fourth rounds. The low blow delivered in the fifth was regarded as accidental. Chaney had the better of the bout through superior punching ability up to the time it was stopped.

Fight in Paris. Paris, Dec. 13.—Charles Ledoux, of France, retained the bantamweight championship of Europe by defeating Walter Ross, the English bantamweight champion, tonight. Ross quit in the twelfth round.

RECRUITING

Training in the Active Militia is to begin shortly. The 62ND REGIMENT is being reorganized under the Command of Major A. McMillan, D. S. O.

Men are wanted to join this Unit at once. War experience not necessary. All men between the ages of 18 and 45 years, and of good physical build are eligible to join the Militia.

Pay for the season 1919-20 will be at Militia Rates, plus efficiency pay. Khaki clothing will be issued.

The object of the Militia is Military Training and to bring men together socially.

There are SIX SPLENDID BOWLING ALLEYS and a MINUTEMAN RIFLE RANGE in the Armoury for the use of Militiamen—FREE.

All Officers of the 62ND REGIMENT Have seen service.

Major C. J. Morgan, O. C. "A" Company.

Major G. Keefe, O. C. "B" Company.

Capt. W. A. McDougall, M. C. "C" Company.

Major P. D. McAvity, O. C. "D" Company.

Men will be signed on at the Armoury, St. John, N. B., on the following nights:

Tuesday and Wednesday—December 16 and 17—1919.

Join the Militia and make the City Regiment a credit to St. John.

Pacific Coast Hockey Assn.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 13.—A thirty-three game schedule, three more games than provided in last season's schedule, is announced today by President Frank Patrick, of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association. The opening match will be played at Victoria on Friday, December 26, while March 10 is the closing date.

4 Days Only 4

Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Thurs.

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This man is a matrimonial 'flivver'



Jesse L. Lasky presents CECIL B. DeMILLE'S Production

Don't Change Your Husband

An ARTCRAFT Picture

He could "smell" a "turn" of the market, but he couldn't down the smel of onions on his breath.

He could squeeze as close a deal on the Stock Exchange as old John D. himself, but he never wore creased trousers.

BE EARLY!—There'll Be Big Crowds

Matinees ... 10 and 15

Evenings ... 15 and 25

Mats 2-3-30 — Evenings 7-8-30

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Mickey, The Bogus Lord

The Film Feature

IT'S A HARD LIFE

IMPERIAL

Francis W. Sullivan's Throbbing Winter-Time Novel in Film

"CHILDREN OF BANISHMENT"

With Capable Cast Including Mitchell Lewis, Bessie Eytan and Geo. Nichols

British Weekly Topics of Day Mutt and Jeff

Official Cinema Records of Old Country Happenings.

The Brightest Things from the "Literary Digest"

Animated Cartoon by the Great Bud Fisher

Concert Orchestra In Continuous Programme

Santa Claus Matinees

Start Wed., 17th, 4 O'clock

English Pantomime Sketch with Carol Singers, Funny Characters, Fairy, Teddy Bear and Santa Claus

For The Kiddies

Our Christmas Sketch

has been arranged for children and will be played between shows in the afternoons, starting Wednesday.

Wed and Thurs.

OPERA HOUSE VAUDEVILLE

FIVE ACTS OF HIGH CLASS VAUDEVILLE

Serial Photo Drama and Orchestra

Evening at 7.30

ONE SHOW ONLY

The Old Country Football Results

London, Dec. 13.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Results of Old Country football games today follow:

THE LEAGUE.

First Division.

Bolton W. 1; Bradford C. 1.

Bradford C. 1; Preston N. E. 2.

Burnley 2; Oldham Athletic 1.

Chelsea 3; Arsenal 1.

Derby C. 0; Blackburn R. 0.

Liverpool 1; Middlesbrough 0.

Manchester U. 1; Aston Villa 2.

Newcastle 2; Sheffield U. 1.

Nottingham 1; Everton 1.

Sheffield W. 0; Sunderland 2.

Westbrom A. 2; Manchester C. 0.

Second Division.

Birmingham 2; Stoke 1.

Blackpool 0; Huddersfield 2.

Clapton 1; Nottingham F. 0.

Grimsby T. 2; Bristol C. 2.

Leeds C. 2; Bury 2.

Lincoln City 2; Hull City 0.

Rotherham C. 1; Leicester F. 0.

South Shields 0; Barnsley 0.

Stockport C. 4; Wolverhampton W. 1.

Tottenham H. 4; Fulham 0.

Westham U. 2; Coventry C. 0.

Southern League.

Bristol R. 1; Southampton 1.

Brentford 1; Swansea T. 1.

Crystal P. 1; Queen's Park R. 0.

Mrs. Murphy had received a cablegram from her son in India saying that he would be home shortly. She showed it to her neighbor, Mrs. Casey.

"Wonderful quick things, these telegrams, ain't they?" said Mrs. Casey.

"Quick ain't the word for it; the gum ain't dry yet what's on the envelope."

Troubles of Democracy.

Too many persons in this country are enjoying the right of free speech.

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