ALL THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC WORLD

700 MILE CONTEST OVER OCEAN

Robert H. Sexton, a member of the Aero Club of America, who left for Bermuda Wednesday, is endeavoring to organize a flying race across the ocean from New York to Bermuda. Before leaving this city he was in conference at the club with its president, Alan R. Hawley, and Henry Woodhouse as to the conditions of the proposed contest.

Mr. Sexton hopes to raise $25,000 in prizes for the race, which would be open to hydro-aeroplanes and flying boats as tentatively arranged. Sanction for the meet would be sought from the Aero Club under the rules of the International Aeronautic Federation. The distance is about seven hundred miles, and it is believed that by holding it in the summer season favorable west winds are likely to be encountered. In this event it is believed the passage may be made in ten hours.

The requirement that each of the contesting craft be equipped with wireless apparatus it is believed would add to interest in the race through the receipt of bulletins showing the progress of each aeroplane.

Mr. Sexton will consult while in Bermuda with prominent sportsmen and others interested in bringing about the contest.

ST. JOHN ATHLETIC CLUB MEETS

The members of the St. John Athletic Club held a meeting in the rooms over the Victoria Bowling Academy last evening and discussed the work for the coming season. Baseball was the principal matter discussed and it was practically decided to form a team for the 1914 season. There is some good material among the club members and it is expected that a strong team will be organized. On Tuesday evening next the semi-annual meeting will be held when there will be the election of officers.

DETERMINED TO GET RID OF THE PROS

President Louis Gastonguay and Secretary A. O. Blois have got right busy during the last few days about the amateurs cavorting with pros.

Goddard and Rudolf have been professionalized. Goddard says is going down to see Mr. Gastonguay about this matter an ask him to be reasonable. However, Pres. Gastonguay declares that he has the goods on Goddard and he will not reinstate the Orioles man while he has anything to do with amateur sport.

The Glace Bay team will be professionalized for playing with and against professionals. Toby McDonald and Neilly McIntyre have both played in Glace Bay games.

The reply has come from St. Francis Xavier. They said that they put a written protest in the hands of the referee in regard to McIntyre. However, Pres. Gastonguay thought that they should have wired for permission. He felt that the referee should have sent in the protest. So he has decided to suspend the St. Francis Eavier team for playing with a professional.

Mt. Allison has been heard from. They said they played against the Chtham pro team but they did not know the men were professionals. Further, Godfrey denied having played with pros this winter. These explanations have been accepted.

Pres. Gastonguay declared that he knows there is a lot of this "special course" business among college students. He is going to watch the college men and at the least sign of professionalism out they go lock, stock and barrel. The amateurs must apply for cards April 1. After that date any who play with men without cards will be suspended. Mr. Gasonguay said if necessary he will suspend every amateur in the country. He has written to New Glasgow to see if the Westville team played against the Black Foxes. But baseball will be his hobby this summer. He declared that he is going to root out professionalism from the amateurs or he will resign.—Halifax Echo.

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

Last night on Black's alleys in the City League the Wanderers took three points from the Sweeps. The scores follow:

Wanderers.

Black	103	79	99	281—93 1-3
Johnston	91	95	84	270—90
Logan	82	90	88	260—86 2-3
Richardson	76	81	96	253—84 1-3
Lewis	89	107	87	283—94 1-3
	441	452	454	1347

Sweeps.

Forshay	83	95	88	266—88 1-3
Ferguson	101	83	99	283—94 1-3
Gamblin	86	81	90	257—85 2-3
McMichael	87	85	76	248—85 2-3
Sullivan	108	80	94	282—94
	465	424	447	1336

Game Tonight.

In the City League—Ramblers vs. Imperials.

In the Commercial League—Ames Holden Co. vs. Emerson and Fisher.

MONCTON ENTERS THE LEAGUE

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, N. B., Mar. 26.—As a result of a few of Moncton's prominent business men deciding today to handle a professional baseball team, the last loop for the formation of a Maritime Professional Baseball League has been formed and there only a few minor details to be worked out before the first league meeting, which takes the place of the old New Brunswick and Maine League. The league will probably be a four team organization. Halifax, St. John, Moncton and a Pictou County team to be represented.

Amherst and Fredericton will also be asked to join, but Amherst state that they have not the facilities and cannot see their way clear to enter. The Moncton magnates would rather have a four team, instead of a five team league.

Joe Page, who promoted the project, leaves Friday night to complete arrangements in Pictou County. It is probable that games here will be played on the exhibition property belonging to the city, which will be fixed up and made into a diamond. Enthusiasm is running high here and it looks as if the game would be revived. The first league meeting will be held in Moncton shortly.

SPALDING'S BASEBALL GUIDE.

The thirty-eighth annual number of Spalding's Official Baseball Guide, has made its familiar and seasonable appearance. Since the death of Henry Chadwick, the "Father of Base Ball," who was its editor for many years, John B. Foster, a former newspaperman and now the secretary of the New York National League baseball club, has occupied the position. Mr. Foster's experience of thirty years well qualifies him as an authority, his connection with baseball being coincident with the most critical periods in the life of the national game.

The contents of the Guide include the usual editorials on important subjects connected with the game, an account of the recent tour around the world of the Giants and White Sox, the world's series of 1913, reviews of the season in the National American (the latter by I. E. Sanborn of Chicago), and leading minor leagues, and a very instructive article on the art of batting. More alterations in the playing rules have been made this year than for many seasons past and deserve a careful study by all players.

THIRTY-FIVE TRIAL RACES TO CHOOSE

Thirty-five races have been arranged for the three yachts that are being built for the defense of the America's cup, according to an official announcement made by G. A. Cormack, secretary of the New York Yacht Club. These contests that have already been scheduled will be sailed between June 2 and August 22 over various courses between New York and Newport, R. I.

With the three boats competing instead of two, as in the actual cup races, yachtsmen and others who relish a marine picture of towering sloops under great spreads of canvas will have a treat in store for them. No such yachting menu has ever been presented before.

One of the most interesting series of contests promises to be three races over the America's cup courses off Sandy Hook. This will be sailed on June 10, 11 and 12. Match races will be sailed off Newport on July 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14. In these a novel pairing scheme has been decided upon. Two boats will race each day, the third dropping out. In this way each boat will have an opportunity to fight it out with her rivals separately. The final trials will be held off Newport between August 15 and August 22.

With the exception of the contests off Sandy Hook, all the races will be sailed either in Long Island Sound or in Block Island Sound, as it was stated two months ago they would be. This will afford opportunity for thousands to witness them during the summer. Five will be sailed off Glen Cove, N. Y.; three off Larchmont, two off Oyster Bay, one off Greenwich and one off Rye.

The schedule was prepared by W. Butler Duncan. In announcing it, Mr. Cormack stated that the races in June will not be considered by the America's cup committee in the selection of the boat to defend the cup, as fifteen contests are deemed necessary to experiment with the craft and train the crews. All the races sailed from July 7 on will count in the final reckoning of the boat that will be chosen to meet Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock IV.

The starting rules in all the matches will be those that govern the America's cup races. The regatta committees of all the other clubs that have arranged to hold contests have been requested to make these rules apply. They call for a preparatory signal fifteen minutes before the starting signal and a warning signal five minutes before the starting signal. At the starting signal a yacht may cross the line the exact time at which a yacht crosses during the succeeding two minutes to be taken as her start, and the end of that period as the start of the yacht crossing after its piration.

A GOOD HOCKEY CAREER

Montreal, March 26.—Riley Hern, who refereed the "Art Ross" cup match on Saturday between Victorias and Emmetts, stated after the match that he had handled his last match. Hern holds the record for referees this season, having handled thirty-one matches, twenty of them being National Hockey Association fixtures. He was the only official to work in every series of the N. H. A., and has worked in several City League series. Hern is one of the best known among professional hockey players. He was born in Stratford in 1881, and played his first senior match in 1899, when he graduated from the junior ranks to play with Stratford seniors.

He played with his home team until he went to London in 1901 and the following season he went to Pittsburg to play with the Keystones, winning the United States championship. The following season the Keystones were beaten in the final match. In 1904 he joined the Houghton, Michigan ttam, and was one of the champions of that season. In 1906 he came oo Montreal as a member of the Wanderers, playing with them until the season of 1912, when he retired as a player to take up the work as a referee, at which he was most successful.

He figured on the Stanley cup teams of the Wanderers during the season of 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911, and helped them to win more than one championship. He started playing hockey as a forward and afterwards went back into the nets, he filling the position of goal keeper for the greater part of his career with marked success. Hern was also a lacrosse player, but did not give a great deal of attention to it so that he never figured on a championship twelve. He has probably more championship hockey trophies to his credit than any player in the game today.

ATHLETICS AT THE EXPOSITION.

New York, March 26.—James E. Sullivan, director of athletics of the Panama Pacific International Exposition, who has been in California for nearly three weeks, has returned to this city. He speaks glowingly of the prospects of track and field sports at the exposition.

"I predict," he said, "that the total number of entries received will be between 8,000 and 10,000. All of the blue ribbon events of the athletic world have been assigned to the exposition, and there is no doubt that the attractions will bring to San Francisco teams from each and every country in the world that is athletic, and the world will witness contests that will be hardly second to the Olympic games."

Don't worry. Do your spring cleaning with an electric vacuum cleaner. The Knox Electric Co. is selling a beauty.

CHAMPION WANTS BIG SUM TO MIX

Willie Ritchie, who clinched his title to the lightweight championship by winning a newspaper decision over Adolph Wolgast, said that he would give Wolgast another battle at any time promoters would arrange the bout.

Wolgast, who claimed a foul came back immediately with the acceptance of the offer, and asked that the next battle be fought May 30 or July 4. He asked for a 20-round fight to a decision.

As Wolgast was coming strong at the finish and was not badly worsted at any other time, fight followers agreed that the Cadillac ex-champion was entitled to another "go" at a longer route, with a chance to win back his title.

The evident willingness of the two men to come together after one of the best short fights ever seen in the Middle West, started fight promoters from the Pacific Coast bidding. Ritchie made one qualification of his offer to give Wolgast another chance. He said that the promoter who staged the bout would have to pay well for the privilege.

Ritchie meant obviously that the sum offered would have to be larger than what he received last time. Ritchie and Wolgast fought befort a $40,000 house, about 11,000 being present. It was the largest and best paying crowd that has seen so short a scheduled battle in some years.

The receipts amounted to $39,805, according to a statement today by Manning Vaughn, secretary of the Wisconsin State Boxing Commission.

Forty per cent. of this amount, $16,922, went to Ritchie. Wolgast received $11,941, thirty per cent., and the promoters divided $9,952, Vaughn said. The commission received $1,990

The contract for the bout provided that Wolgast should receive seventy per cent. of the total receipts, out of which he would have to pay Ritchie $10,000, or Ritchie would take four per cent. The champion chose the forty per cent.

Fred Snodgrass, outfielder, is playing third base for the Giants this spring.

QUEEN MOTHER'S BASSET HOUNDS ARE CHAMPIONS

Queen Alexandra won three championships with her Basset hounds Weaver, Pamela and Valens at the Manchester dog show Tuesday, at which there was a capital entry of 3,040, including Great Danes, bulldogs, terriers. Pekingese and Pomeranians were the strongest sections.

Gertrude Lady Decies scored heavily with her "Pekes" Rosemary of Burton. On Dee, Vickara, Ouen Fei of Hollybrook and Lu Chin, and Mrs. Loftus Allen also won several firsts with Tchy Ti and Peiching Pong Woo.

The most successful Pomeranians were Miss Barton's well known haded sable Flaming June, Mrs. Rowson's Berwyn Beauty and Mrs. Roy Geddes Grenville's Flamingo.

Lord Worttesley was a successful exhibitor in dachshunds, and a well known London exhibitor, Mrs. Linoel Faudel Phillips won the open class for Chows of any color with her famous Poyang. The same owner's Bluet headed the open class for bitches.

Other well known persons whose dogs met with more or less success were the Honorable Mrs. Lytton, the Honorable Mrs. Lascelles, the Honorable L. Harcourt, Sir William Savory and Mrs. Handley Spicer.

IN THE ROPED ARENA.

It cost "Jimmy" Clabby, the middleweight prize fighter, $1,000 Wednesday to avoid legal punishment in Los Angeles for having beaten Charles Laurance, a policeman, in a street brawl on January 28. Clabby and Arthur McQueen, his trainer, pleaded guilty in the police court, and Judge White admonished them to pay for the damage done to the policeman. Laurance demanded $2,000, but compromised at half that amount.

"Battling" Levinsky, after his defeat by "Bob" Moha in Milwaukee Monday night, suffered an acute attack of gastritis. Levinsky's engagements at Youngstown, Ohio, and Butte, Mont., will be cancelled, according to his manager.

"Battling Jim" Johnson, who fought "Jack" Johnson a ten round draw in Paris two months ago, and who is to box "Sam" Langford at the Empire Athletic Club, New York, Friday night, has accepted an offer to box "Jack" Johnson twenty rounds at Chantilly, France, on May 16. Johnson leaves for Paris April 15. He expects to train on the estate of Milton Henry, formerly an American jockey.

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Present Baseball Conflict Recalls the "War of 1902."

This year's baseball war, exciting as it may see mto the younger fans, seems quiet and lacking in sensational features to the old-timers who can recall the ferocious "War of 1902." That historic conflict began in 1899, when Ban Johnson's Western League, at a meeting in Chicago, changed its name to American League and put a club in Chicago, under the management of Charles Comiskey. The White Sox won the pennant in Byron Bancroft Johnson's major league in 1900, the other clubs in the circuit that year being Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Detroit, Kansas City, Cleveland, Minneapolis and Buffalo. At the close of the 1900 season the American League announced that it would no longer be bound by the national agreement, that it would replace Indianapolis, Kansas City, Buffalo and Minneapolis by adding Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore to the circuit, that it would adopt a twenty-five cent tariff, and that the doddering old National League could go hang. Then the war was on, but it did not reach the fast and furious point until 1902. Then Milwaukee was transferred to St. Louis, and most of the National League stars in the Mound City were induced to transfer their allegiance to the invader.

That annum of 1902 was certainly a lively one for the fan. The Americans had secured seventy-seven of the best and most popular players of the old league, and every National club, with the single exception of Pittsburgh, was shot to pieces. The Pirates were left with an unbroken front to present against the collection of misfits that represented the other cities, and as a result it was a runaway race from beginning to end. The Pittsburgh percentage over Brooklyn, second in the race, was .198 at the conclusion of the season.

In Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis, where there were rival clubs and often conflicting dates, the new league led the old in attendance. In Philadelphia, which captured the 1902 pennant, the old National League park was almost deserted, while the crowds rallied to the support of the invaders. Almost the same condition prevailed in Boston. In Chicago and St. Louis the war was more evenly contested, although the new circuit had a little the best of it. In cities where there was no competition, however, the Nationals drew better than the Americans.

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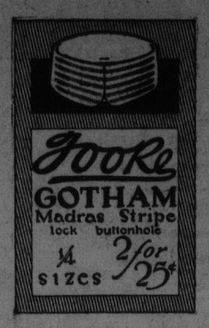

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