

HORSE NOTES

More than twenty years have now elapsed since the day Hamburg Belle, 2:11, acquired the two-hour record in the match race at Cleveland when she defeated Uhan, 1:58, in 2:01 and 2:01. Many declared at the time the record would stand for some time, and, although this prediction has been justified to date, the season of 1917 is beginning to look like the funeral year of this remarkable performance as a world's record feat, and incidentally the installation of the Battle Royal may prove the death blow.

The entrance of the great trotters, namely Mabel Trask, 2:08 1/2; St. Frisco, 2:03 1/2; Zomro, 2:04 1/2; and Mary Putney, 2:04 1/2, in the Battle Royal purse at Hartford Labor Day week, is responsible for the above warning, and it will be no surprise to horsemen to see one or more of the above quartet win a heat in two minutes or better during the coming season.

The performance of Mabel Trask and St. Frisco are of recent date and so remarkable that every horseman is conversant with the racing qualities of this, the greatest pair of trotters that ever raced thru the Grand Circuit, and it is not necessary to dwell on their chances of winning this championship event. The last-named, Mary Putney, demands more than a passing mention, as she flew her only start of season in 1916, when she equaled the world's record for four-year-old mares, trotting a remarkable race, and, although she did not leave as lasting an impression on the public as at the conclusion of her career-year-old campaign, when, in addition to winning her every start, she placed the world's record for three-year-old mares at 2:05 1/2. The filly is in the stable of Walter Cox, who also has Mabel Trask, so Dick McLellan will likely drive the daughter of San Francisco, 2:07 1/2, in her races next summer, as this trainer has also driven her in races before the change should not affect the mare's chances. Neither trainer has

an accurate knowledge of the speed possessed by Mary Putney, as she has never been forced out in a race, and is the only one of the four entered that has never experienced defeat in a race, and while discussing her speed many will remember that the public thought some of the fast three-year-olds of 1916 would put a crimp in the filly in the Kentucky Futurity, but in the deciding heat Mary Putney came away from her field at the finish of the third heat, and like the old warrior Croesus she did not know where the wire was and was well around the turn before McLellan was able to take her back. It is the opinion of several horsemen that if either her stable-mate or one of the two stallions beat her in this race the record of seven years' standing will be endangered.

Zomro, the other entry, will be remembered as the search horse that raced so seasonally at Columbus and at Lexington last year, and, while the son of the other three, he nevertheless must be considered as a dangerous factor, when you consider his past performances, and which when she was invincible in the three-year-old futurities.

The champion three-year-old filly, Volga (2), 2:01 1/2, is also eligible, although her owners have, not as yet, signified their intention of meeting Mabel Trask and St. Frisco. Volga has been beaten, but her campaign last year was remarkable when she was invincible in the three-year-old futurities.

once a member of the Murphy stable, was shipped to the Blue Grass State to the farm of E. L. Nash, and will enter the harness of the speed producing young stallion, Atlantic Express, 2:07 1/2. In the same car was W. Baker's purchase, Ena the Great, en route to the court of Lord Dowsy, 2:08 1/2. Ena has been the custom, the past few years, a number of the youngsters sold by the Walnut Hill nursery, were brought back to the farm to be turned out. The same was done with the champion two-year-old, the Real Lady (2), 2:04 1/2, when the little miss passed thru the sale as a yearling, and this year the lot numbers twenty-one, nine of which were purchased by Walter Cox, who, following his custom of former years, by buying the lower-priced ones, from which he has developed some very useful trotters.

One of the yearlings brought down was Del Rico, a son of Mammo (3), 2:07 1/2, and the good race mare, Dairone, 2:03 1/2, and dam by Alleton, 2:06 1/2, 3rd dam by Axel (3), 2:15. This fashionable brood yearling was purchased by Mr. Dever, and apparently is one of the bargains of the sale, as he showed exceptional speed as good as galloped and has inherited his sire's good looks. Del Rico will go into E. B. Moorhead's stable at Lexington, but after a little breaking will be sent to join the rest of the sale colts at the nursery.

It has been a somewhat difficult feat of recent years for a young stallion to figure prominently as a sire until he has at least reached his teens, due practically to two reasons, firstly, owners of good mares are apt to hesitate to waste, as they too often think a season on an unproven sire, and secondly, stallions with a long list of standard performers, secondly, there are so many young stallions entering the stud nowadays that are equally well bred and have good race horses, and while this has been rather rough on young stallions, it nevertheless appears the custom of the day.

Huge as these obstacles appear, they are occasioned by no means ordinary success, while still quite young, is none other than the Canadian-owned stallion, Kentucky Todd, 3 (2:08 1/2), the property of Miss K. L. Wilks of Galt, but now under lease to Mr. D. Ryan of Shamrock Farm, at Clinton, Iowa. It was in the year 1906 that Harry Stin-

son took the handsome black son of Todd (2:14 1/2), across the border, and proceeded to take the Yankee two-year-olds into camp by winning the junior division of the Kentucky Futurity. The following year the colt won the three-year-old Western Horseman and Stock Farm futurities. The colt was then retired to the stud, where he immediately proceeded to make a name for himself as a sire. In his first crop of colts he bred three yearlings to take records in standard time, namely, Princess Todd, L (2:17 1/2), The Baronet, L (2:21 1/2), and K. L. Todd, L (2:25 1/2). The former was sent to the Murphy stable to be prepared for her two-year-old engagements, and won the junior division of the Horseman and also the Kentucky Futurity, making her sire the only stallion to win and sire a winner of that event. The filly also won the rich Horseman Futurity as a three-year-old.

Kentucky Todd is the only Kentucky Futurity winner to ever stand for service west of the Mississippi River, and was the most successful sire in the western states last year, when he placed 11 new ones in the list, making a total of 37 to his credit, most of which are under four years of age. His most successful performer last year was The Toddler (2:07 1/2), campaigned exclusively on the half-mile rings, but the ability of his get to fight out desperate races was often demonstrated by the gallant little race mare, Patrena (2:18 1/2), and others of note were Silver Todd (2:15 1/2), Katy Todd (2:15 1/2), K. L. Todd (2:17 1/2), and others. Besides The Toddler, Prince Todd (2:08 1/2) joined his sire's list of performers in 1916, while the three-year-old Toddler, beat the honor mark away off in his work.

Austrian War Minister Will Give Up His Office
Amsterdam, April 20.—The Neo Freie Presse, of Vienna, says that General Bobrinsky, who recently was appointed minister of war in succession to General von Krobatin, who resigned, will retire from office.
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1559—L. J. Brignoli, Cambridge Gym	5:00:00
1560—J. J. Caffrey, Hamilton, Ont.	5:02:30
1561—J. J. Caffrey, Hamilton, Ont.	5:04:45
1562—S. A. Mallor, Holywood A.C., N. Y.	5:07:00
1563—J. C. London, Cambridge Gym	5:09:20
1564—Michael Spring, Pastime A.C., N. Y.	5:11:40
1565—Fred Long, New York	5:14:00
1566—Timothy Ford, Hampshire A.A., Cambridge	5:16:20
1567—Tom Longboat, West End Y.M.C.A., Hamilton, Ont.	5:18:40
1568—T. P. Morley, Mercury A.C., Yonkers	5:21:00
1569—Henry Renaud, Nashua, N.H.	5:23:20
1570—Fred Cameron, Amherst, N.S.	5:25:40
1571—Clarence DaMier, North Dorchester A.A.	5:28:00
1572—Michael Ryan, Irish-American A.C., N.Y.	5:30:20
1573—Fritz Carlson, Cooke Gym, Minneapolis	5:32:40
1574—James Duffy, Rambler Bicycle Club, Hamilton, Ont.	5:35:00
1575—Edouard Fabre, Richmond A.C., Montreal, Can.	5:37:20
1576—Arthur Koch, Dorchester Club, Dorchester, Mass.	5:39:40
1577—W. J. Kennedy, New York	5:42:00

SWEDEN IS FULL OF PEACE RUMORS

Pro-German Newspapers Now Join in Propaganda to End War.

Stockholm, April 19, via London, April 20.—Stanning, minister without portfolio in the Danish cabinet, has arrived here for a conference with the local Socialists over the approaching meeting of the Socialist international committee to be held in Stockholm. The peace propaganda is being actively carried on, but it appears to be almost entirely supported by the activist and other pro-German papers and elements, with the exception of a few of the most radical ultra-Socialists, whose activities are inspired not by partisanship for one or the other groups of belligerent nations, but by "general brotherhood of man" ideas. The newspapers which formerly headed the activist movement for Sweden's entrance into the war on Germany's side are now eagerly grasping at every peace rumor and publishing in particular much concerning the separate movement in Russia. Much money also is being paid from some source for pro-peace circulars, which are being widely distributed by mail over Sweden.

One of these circulars, captioned "Shall the War be Prolonged to Starvation, or Shall We Have Peace Quickly?" attacks the parties of the left, especially the Socialists, as the most bitter enemies of peace, and declares that they desire "war to the uttermost against Germany."

LOAN OF TEN MILLIONS TO AID SHIPBUILDING

Ottawa, April 20.—A loan of ten million dollars offered by the government to the imperial munitions board to aid in the development of wooden shipbuilding in Canada has been accepted by the board.

Specifications and designs of the type of wooden vessels required have been under discussion between the board, the representatives of the British minister of shipping and various shipbuilding firms. It is hoped to begin work very shortly and that the building of a considerable number will be arranged for in Canada, probably for the most part on the Pacific, where suitable lumber is available in abundance.

CANADIAN WOUNDED IN MANY HOSPITALS

List of Late Arrivals, With Brief Particulars of Their Condition.

London, April 20.—The following are dangerously ill at Boulogne: Lieut. J. Morgan, shot in head, seriously ill; Lieut. G. H. Ross, shot in right thigh and fracture; S. Wood, fractured thigh, condition improved; Lieut. H. M. Kennedy, shot in body and chest. Seriously wounded: Capt. Costigan, abdomen; in London: 1st Denmark Hill; Lieut. H. A. Allum, shot in leg; A. G. Read, tonsillitis. At W. Wandsworth: Majors H. P. Stanley, knee and face; G. S. Thornton, shot in thigh; Lieut. G. S. Ashby, shot in head. Lt. Camberwell: Lieut. W. S. Duncan, foot at Roland Garden; Lieut. F. C. Harrington, back. In Manchester: Lieut. R. C. McIntyre, thigh, slight; Capt. G. B. Ross, right leg, slight; Lieut.-Col. C. M. Edwards, right shoulder, slight; Lieut. G. J. Allen, right ankle and contusion of the chest, severe; Mr. Donald, sprained wound in arm, slight; A. S. Bleakney, left chest, severe; A. R. Ledingham, lower body, slight; Capt. W. Maybin, left leg, slight; Lieut. W. G. Worth, fracture of lower jaw, severe; A. G. Bennett, right thigh and left shoulder, slight; G. S. Glibborn, right leg.

PASSENGERS ON LINER IN FEAR OF TORPEDO

Warning Given as Steamer Neared U. S. Coast Caused Anxiety.

New York, April 20.—Passengers on a steamship which arrived here tonight, declared they had not slept for two days because of a submarine warning given them by a United States warship as they approached the American coast. According to the story, the warship steamed alongside the steamer and the captain megaphoned the information that there was a report that two enemy submarines were lurking between the steamer and its destination.

The captain of the merchant vessel then gave directions that a zig-zag course be followed. It was said, and the passengers were directed to be ready for sudden call to the lifeboats.

BARN AND HORSES LOST.
Special to The Toronto World.
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