

THE TIMES SPORTING PAGE

Gossip and Comment

Tom Flanagan signed a contract in Buffalo to be the Canadian manager of P. T. Powers' "stable" of Marathon runners, that is to say, whenever Longboat, Dorando, White or any of the other runners under Pat's charge are competing in Canada Flanagan will have charge of them.

That means that Longboat will practically again be under the control of the genial Irishman, as the Indian department has ruled that Longboat's contract with Powers is valid.

Longboat, it is said, was much disappointed when he heard that the department had ruled that he must keep his contracts, or be liable for breach of agreement. However, the ruling is really for his own good. Regarding the decision, the Toronto Star says:

"He will probably now go into serious training soon for his fifteen-mile race with Shrubbs. It was part of the arrangement for the Marathon race in New York that there should be a return race at the distance named by Shrubbs, but as soon as he was told of the long race the Indian, badly advised, decided to repudiate the remainder of his contract. Now he will have to meet it or give up running."

"That the Indian is nailed to the wall will be a source of great satisfaction to those who believe in honor among athletes. There is only this about it, the contract only holds a year. The Indian may be laid up until the year is over, and so defeat Powers."

Longboat went to California this morning to see the old folks at home—and to continue his "rest cure."

From every quarter in Canada come reports of marvelous Indian runners. There seems, in fact, to be a run of them, and all are embryo Longboats, to hear the stories told. Some of them, Simpson and Jackson, for instance, are really making good, and it will not be surprising if another dusky wonder is unearthed.

Here's a mean thing from the Buffalo Times:

"Longboat says he's not a dead one. Which, translated, means he's no good."

Mrs. Wadgell must be a queer woman. She insists on remaining married to "Rubie."

New York Telegraph: About town considerable talk is heard of the strange defection of the Maryland Jockey Club, through its secretary, Wm. W. P. Riggs, in the matter of inducements for the Pimlico spring meeting and the further possibility of an unpleasant misunderstanding with the Jockey Club.

It turns out, though, that there is little danger of a Pimlico-Canadian combine, such as was foreshadowed recently, for on the last authority, no such thing is probable or possible.

And principally for the reason that Mr. Riggs is not connected with the sport in Canada in any official way, and from all accounts is not likely to be. Canadian sportsmen are the best of sportsmen, and their regard for racing has been shown of old. The establishment of the new Rine Bonnets course at Montreal has been attended with marked success, and the end course at Toronto and other points in the Dominion have always upheld the best traditions of thoroughbred sport.

Further information with regard to the peculiar attitude of Secretary Riggs, of Baltimore, goes to show that the ambitious manager of race courses has in mind the establishment of a southern racing circuit, which, it is said, is to include Savannah, Tampa and any other half-mile merry-go-rounds that are inclined to join.

Professional hockey, so far as salaries are concerned, has reached its height in the Temiskaming League, but a record price would have been established had Haileybury been so far behind in the first match, as they would have paid the Montreal Wanderers \$5,000 to take up their full team.

In view of the fact that two of their players are not eligible for the Stanley Cup series, Galt has decided not to go after the cup, and Manager Buck Irving is therefore saved a lot of expense and the Ontario League a bad showing up.

A CHECKER EXPERT.

A very interesting game of checkers will be played at the Liberal Club rooms, Arcade building, on Monday and Tuesday, afternoon and evening, by the celebrated checker expert, Nels W. Banks, of Detroit, juvenile champion of America. The boy wonder will give simultaneous exhibitions of ten to twenty tables, blindfold and cross-board play.

Mr. Banks is the guest of the Hamilton Checker Club. It is to be hoped that all lovers of this game will be on hand.

DISTRICT CARPET BALL.

A very interesting game in the Hamilton District A. O. U. W. carpet ball series was played last evening between Hamilton Lodge, No. 49, and Dixon, No. 237, both of this city. Dixon Lodge won by one point. James Smith captained the Hamilton team and Geo. Davis the Dixon team. A large and enthusiastic crowd was present.

Why They Don't.

Would some oracle might utter, giving me the reason why? Maidens in a constant flutter—Never fly!

Needs no oracle to answer! Ribald rhymist, cease thy mirth. They are held by some young man, sir, down to earth.

QUEEN'S SILVERWARE.

Kingston College Team Defeated McGill.

Good Bouts at Toronto Last Night.

Ball Games in Military Indoor League.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 27.—Queen's and McGill met last night in the last scheduled game of the intercollegiate series. The awarding of the silverware hinged greatly on the outcome of this game. Queen's had to win to become holders of the collegiate trophy, and if they lost they would lose it.

The ice was in fine condition after a two-days' cold spell. The rink was crowded, about one thousand people being present. Queen's won by 9 to 2. Half-time score, 3 to 1. Teams:

Queen's—Goal, Daniels; point, MacDonnell; cover, Pennock; rover, George; centre, Crawford; left wing, Dobson; right wing, Campbell.

McGill—Goal, Johnson; point, Mosely; cover, Baillie; rover, Raphael; centre, Blair; left wing, Sargent; right wing, Ramsay.

Referee—J. T. Sutherland.

STRATFORD BY ONE GOAL.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—Berlin nearly won from Stratford juniors last night, being one goal ahead until a few minutes of time, when the visitors, after having decidedly the worst of the argument, in the second half, pulled together again and ran in two in a hurry. At half-time Stratford was ahead 5 to 3, and at full-time they had 7 to Berlin's 6.

The ice was good and the play fast, but the game was marked by rough work by Stratford, the visitors being a much heavier team than the Berliners. Referee Moxon was too lenient in this respect, but otherwise held down his job pretty well. The teams were:

Stratford—Goal, Dillon; point, Richards; cover, Preston; rover, Rankin; centre, Dorland; left, Simpson; right, Bradshaw.

Berlin—Goal, Dillon; point, Richards; cover, Preston; rover, Rankin; centre, Dorland; left, Simpson; right, Bradshaw.

CORAL'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

Cobalt, Ont., Feb. 27.—Cobalt has landed the championship of the Temiskaming Hockey League for this season. They acquired the honors by obtaining in the last two matches two goals against Haileybury's six. Last night the second and final game was played here at the new rink before over three thousand spectators. The game resulted in a score of five goals each, and unlike that of Tuesday, was a decided credit to Cobalt in every way. One point of note was regarding the speculation, Haileybury supporters being conspicuous by their absence. The fact that their manager requested Cobalt to present a good clean game was also significant. This they got in every way, for not a single Cobalt player was fouled in the game.

The first half ended with the score, Cobalt 4, Haileybury 1. The last named were first to score, through Tom Smith, and Cobalt's quartette was obtained by C. Toms, Ridpath, Campbell and Ridpath. In the second half Clarke found the net for Cobalt's fifth three minutes after the start. Then Harry Smith added Haileybury's second, Tom Smith the third, Gaul the fourth and within less than half a minute of time Ronan the fifth.

Mayor Lang, after the match, presented the league cup to Herb Clarke, captain of the Cobalt team.

The line-up:

Cobalt—Jones, Ross, Small, Campbell, C. Toms, Clarke, Ridpath.

Haileybury—Nicholson, Corbeau, Baird, T. Smith, Gaul, H. Smith, Ronan.

YESTERDAY'S SUMMARY:

O. H. A. Junior.

Stratford..... 6 Berlin..... 6

Queen's..... 9 McGill..... 2

Oxford-Waterloo League.

Drumbo..... 4 Ayr..... 1

Temiskaming League.

Cobalt..... 5 Haileybury..... 5

Trent Valley League.

Stirling..... 1 Marmora..... 1

Southern Counties League.

Waterford..... 7 Hagersville..... 6

Exhibition Games.

U. C. College..... 5 St. Andrews..... 1

Gravenhurst..... 9 Orillia..... 7

Mr. Forest, Jun. 12 Harrison..... 4

GOOD BOXING BOUTS.

Results at Toronto Tournament Last Night.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—A good crowd witnessed the preliminary bouts of the city amateur boxing tournament in the Riverside rink last night.

W. Petty, of the British United, and Frank Judge, Crescent, opened the bout, both were pretty tired in the third round, and the judges sent them an extra round, Judge getting a rather unpopular decision.

Gibson and Shea put up a good bout, also in the 105-pound class, the mill going the limit, with Shea a close winner.

N. Goodman could not make the weight in the 105, and went on with Wills, of the British United, at 112 pounds. He proved to be a good one, with a wallop in either hand. Wills was willing and kept coming in for more. Goodman put Wills in the mat in the third with a stiff right hander and the referee stopped the mill.

S. McKay, British United, scored a clean knockout in his go with Fred Moran, of the L. C. R. U. The bout was a hummer while it lasted, the first round being fairly even. In the middle of the second McKay caught Moran a right swing on the point of the jaw, and the Irishman took the count. Following is the summary:

105 Pounds.

F. Judge (Crescent) won from W. Petty (British United).

M. Shea (L. C. R. U.) won from W. Gibson (Good Luck).

112 Pounds.

R. Goodman (Reliance) won from A. Wills (B. U.).

S. McKay (British United) knocked out Fred Moran (L. C. R. U.).

J. Cruise (British United) won from Ed. Doyle (Reliance).

118 Pounds.

W. Mara (Dons) won from P. Jackson (West End).

H. Westerville (West End) knocked out M. Fadden (Reliance).

J. Lansdowne (British United) won from M. O'Brien (Dons).

125 Pounds.

J. Tuckwell (British United) won from M. Dorsey (Reliance).

W. Graham (Dons) won from D. Smith (West End).

H. Westerville (West End) won from A. Roffe (British United).

135 Pounds.

A. Lees (Thistles) knocked out R. Hubbard (British United).

R. Halder (British United) won from W. Carr (Reliance).

145 Pounds.

H. Peters (Thistles) won from L. Peters (British United).

ENJOYABLE TIME.

Good Card at National A. C. Smoker Last Night.

The fourth annual smoker of the National Athletic Club was held in Arcade Hall last night, and was the most successful yet held by that flourishing organization. The hall was filled with members and friends, and all had an enjoyable time. Mr. Walter Cleary, President of the club, was master of ceremonies, and Harry McDonald was referee and ringmaster. The programme

THE TAR, THE FEATHER AND THEN THE WORLD.

There is a story current in the papers which, the police diagnosis is correct, has a counterpart in ancient history, says the Chicago Tribune.

A man named Quinn invaded this peaceful village sixteen years ago and set himself up as a reformed gambler who had written a book disclosing all the methods of the cheater and tricks for which only blind men will fall. He was taken up extensively. We uns of the uplift were longing for some such brand from the burning to happen along about that time to throw a little real scenery and do some top lining.

Quinn delivered a lot of lectures and those of us who did not dare to think that there was so much wickedness in the world were thrown into a state of horrified ecstasy.

In the grey dawn of a summer morning a policeman taking a short cut through Union Park came upon an object. The object looked like a stricken ostrich at the first glance. The policeman approached and prodded it. It rolled over and groaned, "Oh, the gamblers did it."

"Done what?" asked the harness bill, with a supreme knowledge of grammar.

"Can't you see?" said the object. "They tarred and feathered me because I wrote a book exposing gambling—75 cents paper cover, \$1.35 cloth."

The policeman sent a hurry call for the wagon. The object was loaded passively, and taken to the station, and the captain of the precinct put a plain-clothes man on the job.

Now, it so befell that the plain-clothes man was a matter of fact person with a bent for sporting mysteries. It took him just two hours to locate the place where Quinn bought the can of axle grease with which he had smeared his torso, and the South Water street merchant who sold him the chicken which yielded up the feathers.

The moral in this is that it is a real story, and not a creature of the imagination.

Knocking Down the Pins

At the H. B. and A. C. alleys in the P. M. and P. League yesterday afternoon the Bank of Hamilton team took three games from the City Travellers.

The scores were:

Bank of Hamilton—

Geo. Smith..... 198 183 133 314

F. Sturt..... 150 129 175 454

W. G. Smith..... 155 161 185 501

J. G. Stanzel..... 148 147 185 480

G. W. McIntosh..... 150 168 163 481

801 788 841 2430

City Travellers—

C. Wilson..... 145 111 134 390

L. Graham..... 123 166 149 438

Elliot..... 146 119 157 422

W. Buttrum..... 108 142 161 411

M. Zimmerman..... 179 181 162 522

710 719 763 2183

In class C the Soundrels won two games from the R. H. V. C. No. 1, and the Royal Distillery won three from the St. Patricks No. 2. The scores:

CLASS C.

R. H. V. C. Club No. 1—

G. R. Judd..... 119 143 125 387

C. W. Scott..... 103 139 153 395

G. W. Raw..... 123 123 147 393

G. J. James..... 131 132 162 425

J. Morris..... 175 149 146 470

701 686 733 2120

Soundrels—

R. Green..... 138 144 157 439

M. Powell..... 127 171 195 493

W. R. Jackson..... 80 104 110 303

J. Shelby..... 107 154 153 414

P. Muldoon..... 131 138 145 414

consisted of boxing and wrestling exhibitions and musical selections, as follows:

Trio—Dunkin Bros. and Lomas.

Songs—T. Marshall, E. Van Every, J. Hulbert.

Wrestling bouts—Thorne vs. Newton; Sheridan vs. Geddes; Burlinghoff vs. Long.

Boxing bouts—Sandwell vs. Sandwell; Pedrick vs. Welsh; Button vs. Wall.

Refreshments were served in the course of the evening, under the direction of the well-known wet goods dispenser, Click Burke.

BASKETBALL.

Y.M.C.A. Juniors Land Canadian Championship.

One of the most exciting games of basketball of the season was played last night on the local gymnasium, when Toronto West End Y. M. C. A. Juniors met the local juniors in the championship game. Toronto started off at a good clip, and scored seven points before the locals got a look in. Bainbridge got a basket, and then the locals gradually came out, and then kept it until the finish. Kennedy and Madgett, the local forwards, did some good work, while McElroy and Wilson held down the defence in good shape. Bainbridge had the jump at centre throughout the game. At the close of the game, the score stood 20-34 in favor of the locals. Mr. John McKay refereed the game, to the satisfaction of all.

A preliminary game was played by the Intermediate and Boys' Club second team, resulting in a victory for the Intermediates by a score of 11-33. The specialties between the games and at half time were very amusing.

The girls' walking race was very well contested, Miss Minnie Smith winning. The newsboys will hold an evening next Friday, to which all are invited.

SHORT ENDS

Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near.

Allan Weir, of this city, challenges Jack Duffy to a mile roller skating race to take place at the Britannia rink on Friday evening next for \$25 a side.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The Sunday afternoon meeting at the Y. W. C. A. will be held as usual at 4.15. The speaker will be Mrs. Clunas, and the subject "Frances Willard." All young girls are invited to attend.

The senior gymnasium class entertained the Junior High Thursday evening with a children's party. Refreshments were served and all spent an enjoyable time.

Proposed revenue measures have created a political situation in Germany approaching a crisis.

From the Scrap Heap

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 27.—Tommy Mowatt, of Chicago, was knocked out in the third round by Phil Knight, of Leavenworth, Kan., in what was to have been a ten-round go here last night. The men fought at catch weights, being about 133 pounds.

New York, Feb. 27.—Thomas, in his battle Thursday night, was lacking in stamina, speed and endurance. When he tried to hold his own with Kelly, he found that he could not hit a dangerous blow, and at the same time found it impossible to move around on his toes. Instead, Thomas was flustered, like a duck, and boxed as if his arms weighed many pounds. He was so weak on his pins that three of the five knock-downs inflicted by Kelly were directly due to rather ordinary blows which landed in the region of the heart. At that Kelly did not punch with unusual power, in fact, it is doubtful if he ever could deliver a crushing knockout blow, but in Thomas he had such a soft mark that it seemed a shame for the Chicago man to take advantage of it.

New York, Feb. 27.—There will probably be a big turn-out to see Young Corbett, rejuvenated, box ten rounds with Johnny Marto next Tuesday night. Marto's game battle with Driscoll has not been forgotten, so that there is much eagerness to compare Young Corbett's showing with him. Marto is a hard hitter and a glutton for punishment. He wants to mix it every minute, so that Young Corbett will find there is no time for resting. The Denver boy, who is a big favorite with fight fans, has trained himself so carefully that he is as strong as a lion when it comes to infighting and slugging. Persons who saw Young Corbett waddling about the Metropolitan tracks last summer will positively doubt these statements, but they are nevertheless true, and the conqueror of Terry McGovern says he will back them up when he strips for action next week.

It was said to-day that Attell and

Owen Moran had been practically matched to box ten rounds at the National A. C. the latter part of March. The weight will probably be 122 pounds at 6 o'clock.

Dunkirk, Feb. 27.—The wrestling match between Paul Bowser, of Monaca, Pa., middleweight wrestling champion of Pennsylvania, and Young Beel, of Rochester, before the Lake Shore Athletic Club, last night, resulted in a draw. Both men were on the mat for an hour, but neither could secure a fall. The contest was a grueling one from start to finish, and was witnessed by a fair-sized crowd, which included several sports from Jamestown.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 27.—After it had gone fourteen fast rounds, and when one of the contestants was weakening fast, the scheduled twenty-round bout between Tommy Devlin, of Philadelphia, and Eddie Kinney, of Chicago, was stopped last night by the Sheriff and the decision awarded to Devlin by the referee.

The interference came after the bout was considered to have passed the boxing contest stage, the recent orders of Governor Donaghy being that no more prize fights should be permitted here. Mayor Jodd ordered the principals arrested by the police in order that a test trial of the case might be made to-day.

Toledo, O., Feb. 27.—Frank McHugh, former lightweight pugilist champion, who shot and killed Hugh Christy on Saturday night, was exonerated by Coroner Hennsler to-day on the plea of self-defence. He was released from jail.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 27.—After Ad. Wolfst, of Milwaukee, had knocked out Walter Lutz, of Chicago, last night, Tommy Walsh, the referee, explained his action in declaring all bets off. He said that there had been confided to him "a scheme to make a little money" by one of the fighters losing on a foul. For this reason he had taken prompt action.

BRANTFORD POLICE FOR THE BOYS.

Keeping a Sharp Look-Out For the Hamilton Murderer.

Cataract Co. to Supply Light to Brantford.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Brantford, Feb. 27.—No less than eight claims for damages as a result of flooded cellars due to defective street drainage were presented at the City Hall yesterday, and there are more to follow.

The claims average between \$100 and \$300. The flood was general throughout the city, drains being blocked and frozen, resulting in several streets being submerged.

WAS ARRESTED.

As a result of the tramp emigration out of Hamilton, Justice House, a tramp from the Ambitious City, was arrested here last evening. John Grey, a vagrant, also from Hamilton, on his way to Woodstock, was given a night's looking. The local police are on a sharp lookout for the perpetrator of the outrage on Thursday at Hamilton, and special men were placed at the depots yesterday.

BOY LOST.

Willie Hunter, eleven-year-old boy, has been reported to the police as having been seen on Brock street. The boy left home several days ago and has not been seen since. He is of dark complexion and wore a dark overcoat, blue hosiery and knee pants. Theories of foul play have been suggested, but it is believed the boy has been induced to leave home.

WILL MAKE GOOD.

The talk in municipal circles here last evening centred on the local street railway situation. On Monday the local company must file a bonded guarantee of \$25,000 that the agreement with the city will be carried out, including double tracking and rebuilding some of the present lines. President Vernon announced last night that the company would make good, and were prepared to live up to every article in their agreement.

WILL CLOSE AGREEMENT.

Ald. Lyle, chairman of the Power Committee, announced last night that an agreement had been closed on Monday evening with the Cataract Power Company for street and domestic lighting in this city. He refused to give the figures of the proposed agreement, but they are a considerable reduction on the present rates, and are close to \$47.50 per foot light and 7½ cents per kilowatt. Vice-President Knox, of Hamilton, had a lengthy conference with the City Council and Board of Trade committees last night.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of Hamilton Circle No. 18, C. H. C. on Thursday evening the following officers were installed for 1909 by Senior Past Leader Bro. Edward Porter:

P. L.—Bro. W. S. Cody, M. D.

V. L.—Bro. W. T. Sileo, M. D.

V. L.—Bro. J. Bensley Kerr.