

In the Realms of Sport

B.L.S.-MASONIC BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

First Game To-Night In The B. L. S. Rooms.

The second annual billiard tournament between the B.L.S. and Masonic Clubs, will commence at 7.30 o'clock this evening when Tommy Ryan, the champion of Newfoundland, will string off with George Rabbits, the 1923-24 Masonic champion. The second game will take place immediately afterwards when W. J. O'Neill, B.L.S., will clash with Gus Sellars, Masonic. Great interest is centred in the contest and billiard enthusiasts are awaiting the results which created renewed interest in billiards last year. The first half of the series will be played in the B.L.S. rooms and the last half, or second round, in the Masonic rooms. Each game will be 350 points. The following is the list of players and their clubs:

B.L.S. VS. MASONIC.	
Masonic	B.L.S.
G. Rabbits	T. Ryan
A. Sellars	W. O'Neill
Wednesday, 26th.	
L. J. Harraun	W. Wallace
G. Freeman	W. Skinner
Thursday, 27th.	
J. Wornell	H. Buckingham
G. Knowling	D. French
Friday, 29th.	
A. Greaves	C. McKay
J. Angel	A. Moakler
Saturday, 29th.	
H. Foster	J. Walsh
H. W. Dickinson	C. Merner
Monday, 31st.	
W. H. Bartlett	E. Phelan
W. J. Martin	J. Carberry
Wednesday, 2nd. (April)	
D. R. Thistle	G. Edens
D. P. Duff	J. Hickey
Thursday, 3rd.	
J. Edwards	R. Power

Games start at 7.30 p.m. each evening.

BILLIARD MEETING CALLED.

Billiard enthusiasts are reminded that a meeting will be held in the G. W. V. A. Rooms to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of forming a Billiard Association and for the arranging of a Billiard Championship. The Prime Minister, Hon. W. R. Warren, who has very generously donated a cup for the revival of billiards, has signified his intention of being present.

A cordial invitation is extended to all billiard enthusiasts to attend this meeting.

INTER CLUB BOWLING.

This Week's Fixtures.

Monday, 7.30—	Gaelic vs. Oddfellows.
Monday, 9.00—	Guard vs. B.L.S.
Tuesday, 7.30—	Fellidians vs. C.E.I.
Tuesday 9.00—	St. Andrew's vs. Star.
Wednesday, 7.30—	Masonic vs. C.L.B.
Wednesday, 9.00—	K. of C. vs. Dunfield.
Thursday, 7.30—	Gaelic vs. B.L.S.
Thursday, 9.00—	Guard vs. Fellidians.
Friday, 7.30—	Oddfellows vs. Star.
Friday, 9.00—	St. Andrew's vs. C.E.I.

DEMPEY AND GIBBONS.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Despite increasing indications that the proposed return match in the metropolitan district early in June between Jack Dempsey and Tom Gibbons would be shelved, Tex Rickard declared

last night he was still in the field for the match and would make a definite offer within a few days to Jack Kearns, the champion's manager.

Fixed with the statements of Dempsey and Kearns that the title-holder's next bout and only 1924 battle, probably would be against Luis Firpo, in September, Rickard indicated that he is going ahead with the Dempsey-Gibbons plans. The promoter already has obtained Gibbons' consent to the terms.

ENGLISH GOLFERS TO VISIT IN UNITED STATES.

British Golfers Association Will Send Strong Team to the U.S. Open Championships.

Two weeks ago word was received by Cornelius E. Lee, president of the American Golfers Association, from Henry Cullen, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, the governing British links authority, that Britain would send a team over the water to have another try for the Walker trophy, emblematic of the international amateur golf supremacy, this season. And the American Golf Association will return the compliment by sending a star team to compete in the British open affairs.

Walter Hagen, American champion, has announced that he will make the trip again this season to England. It will be remembered that on his return from the Old Country last season, Hagen made a number of statements pertaining to the sportsmanship of the British golfers and the treatment that had been accorded the Americans during their short stay overseas.

The remarks made by Hagen were bitterly resented by golfers on both sides of the water and it was generally felt that Hagen had "queered" himself with the English golfers, and indeed, enthusiastic golfers on this side of the water made many caustic remarks on the bad display of temper on his return from the English Greens.

With rather startling suddenness comes the statement from no less a person than Walter Hagen, that he will journey to England this year, evidently he intends to make amends for his conduct of last season, and prove to the English golfers that his win over the open champion in California last fall was no fluke.

Both the American and Canadian golf associations, while perhaps feeling that Hagen and Company had cause for a complaint, did not approve of the manner in which the American ace attacked our brother golf association through the medium of the press. The sky, which for the past six months was overcast, started to clear this spring, and with the announcement that the English Golf Association would send a team to the U.S., the situation is much brighter. Before the end of the playing season the best of feeling should prevail between the golfers of the two continents.

Household Notes.

Chopped dates are nice in cup custards.

Serve parsley sauce with fillet of flounder.

A little lemon juice improves banana ice cream.

A linty dish cloth means drainage trouble sooner or later.

Use small oysters, thoroughly chilled, for oyster cocktail.

Stewed prunes are nice flavored with a little stick cinnamon.

Steamed hominy pudding is delicious flavored with apples.

To-Night's Big Show at the Majestic

WALLACE REID IN "THE DICTATOR" — CAMERON GEDDES SINGING THREE POPULAR OLD-TIME FAVORITES.

"The Heart Bowed Down" and "Arie Lurle," two popular old-time favorites, will be sung by Mr. Cameron Geddes at the Majestic Theatre to-night, when an extraordinary programme of pictures and music will be offered for the benefit of Majestic patrons. Mr. Geddes has already delighted thousands in St. John's by his vocal powers and capabilities, and the many advance references respecting his standing in the concert and musical world only in part justified the man whom to say the least is worthy of the numerous favourable comments and professional titles accorded him in the press and otherwise. Mr. Geddes' voice is one of great range yet he seems to enjoy the extremely low tones which materially please his audience. His tremendous power of tone combined with unusual breath control give the listener the impression of a limitless voice with no apparent effort, and no doubt his selections to-night, which are appropriate of his delivery, will be something for song lovers to remember for many a day. Mr. Geddes has travelled under contract with the Paramount Film Company for the past three years. Before accepting this contract he gave much time to Patriotic work, speaking and singing particularly during the raising of the Fourth Liberty Loan. His many experiences are very interesting. He was one of a few to travel for the Canadian Red Cross and toured the United Kingdom as soloist with Godfrey's Symphony orchestra. It was at this time he was commanded to sing before Queen Alexandra and Princess Mary in the Palladium Theatre, London. In addition to the treat assured by Mr. Geddes the Majestic has a strong line-up of film offerings including "The Dictator," a feature which in itself is sufficient to make a successful and an acceptable attraction.

In "The Dictator" Wallace Reid is the principal, whilst our old friend, Billy Murray, the funniest comedian in the film world, is seen in one of his best laugh producers. It's a big show. Three good pictures and three of Geddes' best song successes.

Obituary

MRS. JOHN O'REILLY.

On Sunday the 16th instant, three passed away at Carbonara, Mrs. John O'Reilly, an old and highly respected resident of that historic town, at the advanced age of 80 years, fortified by all the rites of Holy Church. The deceased lady was a daughter of Mr. Thomas Walsh, a well known resident of Harbor Grace, in the early and middle part of the past century—a man possessed of great musical talent, and a tailor by trade. Before coming to Newfoundland, he played in the band in various parts of Ireland during monster meetings held by Daniel O'Connell in his great and successful fight for Emancipation. The deceased lady was the widow of Mr. John O'Reilly, a prominent citizen and independent master cooper of Carbonara, who predeceased her some twenty years ago. She inherited her musical and vocal talent from her father, and in her young days, like her sister, the late Mrs. William Boland, she was a prominent member of the choir in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Harbor Grace. She had a noble and deep and lively faith and noble ideals of whom it may be truly said, "she went about doing good." Peacefully and prayerfully she awaited her last moment, and when at length the Master said "come," she calmly gave back to God her spirit after the priest pronounced in His name the words of absolution. Two brothers predeceased her, being residents of the United States for many years, and her only sister Margaret passed away about two months ago. Three sons and a niece, who reside in the United States, are left to mourn their great loss. Requiescat in pace.—COM.

Mah-Jongg Sets all From China

The outfit with which the game of Mah-Jongg is played is exclusively of Chinese manufacture, and says the Exporters and Importers' Journal, has become an important branch of industry in that country. The various pieces are all handmade, and there is not much likelihood of American competition, because "the employment of machinery and mechanical aids not being practical, the cheap and patient Chinese labor is likely to retain its monopoly of the industry."

Very primitive tools and appliances are employed, the manual skill required is not of a high order, and the prices obtained for the finished product prohibit the employment of labor at an American wage scale. Parenthetically, some of the highest-priced outfits, into which ivory, jade and other choice materials enter, are creditable specimens of the careful, patient work for which the Chinese artisan is renowned.

The majority of mah jongg pieces, called tiles, somewhat resembling dominoes in form and size, are made of bone, with a bamboo backing, the characters being engraved on the face and filled in with enamel of different colors. Bone of close texture that will take a fine, smooth finish is selected, and saved into the size and shape required of mah jongg tiles.

After passing through the various processes of engraving, polishing, etc., they are turned over to the colorists for the proper colors, all hand work and calling for some skill.

The pieces thus prepared are assorted into sets, a certain number of each denomination to each set, and with the dice, counters, etc., required in playing the game, are packed, each set boxed separately, the higher class quality being put up in neatly made cabinets. In some instances tastefully decorated and lacquered, separate trays or drawers being provided for the different tiles and other paraphernalia. The sets are then inspected and packed for transportation overseas to the "western barbarians."

First North Sea Train Ferry

Harwich, Eng., Feb. 26 (A.P.)—The first North Sea train ferry will soon be running from this port to Zeebrugge, a distance of 84 miles, in nine hours. It is planned to run three boats each of which will accommodate 84 railway trucks standing side by side on two sets of rails. The cost of loading and unloading each boat is estimated at four shillings per ton of merchandise, as compared with 15 to 25 shillings per ton when the contents of each individual truck have to be transferred between train and boat.

Lawsuit 500 Years Old, Ended.

Berne, Feb. 24. (A.P.)—Litigation more than 500 years old came to an end here recently when the city of Berne was awarded possession of Oeschel Lake. The litigation was commenced in 1400 and countless generations of plaintiffs have used their fortunes and effort in fighting what is said to be the oldest lawsuit in history.

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Bonnie Baby Competition

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

Bonnie Babies of Newfoundland Invited to Enter.

On the front page of to-day's issue is an advertisement for "Bonnie Babies" to enter a competition at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. The Imperial Baby Week Council invites competitors from Newfoundland's "Bonnie Babies"—these entries to be in three classes—3 months to 6 months of age, 6 months to 2 years and two years to five years. The prize for the Champion Baby is £250 also three prizes of £100 each and eighteen of £20 each. The entries to this competition will be by means of a photograph attached to a score sheet of medical testimony. These score sheets will be advertised on arrival from England and may be procured from the Child Welfare Association. Applications for same may be made to the Secretary of the Association. Photographs of babies must be ready no later than April 19th, and information as to size, postage, etc., may be had from the leading photographers. The entries from the West End will be made to Mrs. John Angel, Hamilton St., from the East End, Mrs. Frank Bradbury, Military Road, and from the Outport to Miss Margaret Purlong, Waterford Bridge Road. Information required from the Outports regarding size of photograph, etc., may be had on application to the Secretary, Miss Parker, Garrison Hill. Photographs must not be sent in without score sheet attached.

Beatty's Job

There is a good story going around new about E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The other day he walked into one of the small stations of the line on the Island of Montreal to catch a train to the city. The station agent was poring over his books.

"Has No. 18 gone through?" asked Beatty.

The agent was annoyed by the interruption of the stranger. Scarcely looking up from his work, he replied curtly and briefly, "No, and it doesn't stop here anyway."

The "stranger" walked out of the station.

As it happened, the station agent was trying to balance his books, and he was not meeting with much success. It suddenly dawned on him that the visitor had asked for the train by number, and not by its time of arrival at the ordinary layman's dose. That stamped the stranger as a railway man. The agent called to him as the door was closing on him.

"Say, there, come here a minute. You a railway man?"

"Yes, I'm a railway man," said Mr. Beatty.

"Thought so. Think I've seen you around Windsor Station. Do you know anything about balancing books?"

Mr. Beatty walked over to the books to see if he could help.

The agent rambled on: "I'm only a temporary man here," he confessed. "That blankety-blank agent who is supposed to be on this job went away leaving his books in a ding-busted, blankety-blank condition."

The C. P. R. president soon found out what was wrong and showed the agent as profuse in his thanks, and asked: "What department do you work in?"

"I've got a job in the president's office."

"Pretty soft working there, I guess," mused the station man. "What's your name?"

"My name? My name's Beatty. What's yours?"

Big Guns Trained On British Towns.

French "Big Bertha's" Basis of MacDonald's Letter to Poincare.

London, Mar. 8.—The Paris correspondent of the Westminster Gazette telegraphs that the French have planted "big Bertha" guns at two points on the English Channel commanding important English towns, and plan to place another at Carteret, near Cherbourg.

The newspaper declares that these facts lie behind the references in Premier MacDonald's recent letter to Premier Poincare regarding British anxiety about French armaments "in western France."

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