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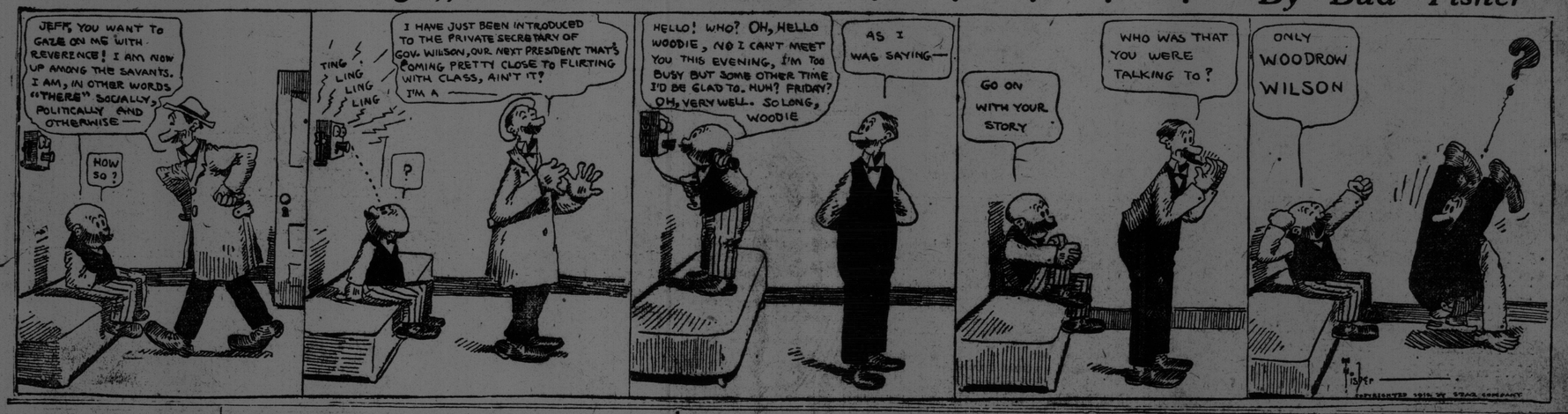


SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

Baseball

Indoor Game Popular Here.

The Eureka baseball game has evidently come to stay for it well supplies interest for lovers of the great game during the months when the actual sport is out of season. It does more, for it is such a clever and fascinating home amusement that summer as well as winter evenings will be found to pass all too rapidly in enjoying it.

It is, briefly, baseball in the house. It consists of a large board at one end of which is drawn the baseball diamond. At the other is a large circle with spinning hand. This circle is divided by lines from the centre to the circumference and each space so made has been marked by one of the many possible plays in real baseball. The hand is made to spin and the play found printed where it stops indicates the action on the diamond.

Here nine discs of cardboard have been placed to represent the team in the field. Nine others represent the team at bat. One set of discs is blue, the other red. Suppose the reds are at bat. The hand is set spinning by the player who represents the reds. Say it stops at "base hit," The player then places a man on first and spins again. This time it may be "out at third" or "two base hit" or anything else possible on the diamond. So the game goes on till three men are out. Then the blues come to bat and so on for nine innings.

While the game may be played on the one circle, there are two smaller ones, one for base running and one for sacrifice hits. Working these gets the players deep into the science of the game and makes the pastime intensely interesting. Still a fourth indicator keeps count of the men out and there are also score cards and other accessories. The game has been so cleverly devised that a complete tabulated score of runs, hits, errors may be kept not only for the teams but each man. In fact it is baseball only without the actual play in the open. At W. H. Thorne & Co's it is reported that the game has caught on quickly here and has been highly praised.

"Chick" Gandill

Washington, Dec. 27—Chick Gandill, the Nationals' rangy first baseman, a sensation of the American League last season, is considered by Clark Griffith as the greatest first sacker in the Ban Johnson circuit, Hal Chase included.

"While not as sensational as Chase, Gandil is steady and I believe a better man on low throws than the Peerless Hal."

It is not divulging a secret to say that Griff completed one of the smartest baseball deals in recent years when he purchased the release of Gandill from Montreal last May. Sharp trading and a little luck helped land a player who made the Nationals a second place club. The deal was a clever one, for the reason that Gandil cost the Washington Club only $6,000, notwithstanding the fact that it was generally supposed Griff paid $10,000.

It will be remembered that Manager Griffith jumped his ball club in New York during the last week in May to see Gandill play and to buy him if the price was not too large. The Nationals' manager declared just before embarking on his expedition that he would not pay a fancy price for a ball player until he had seen him in action. Hence the trip.

"Gandill had an off day when I saw him with Montreal," said Griff. "He failed to connect for a safe hit and did not look like a star at first base, but I liked the way he handled himself and because he made such a poor showing I was able to get the player from Montreal at my terms, which included so much cash and three men under contract with me."

The Montreal manager wanted $10,000 and a couple of players for Gandill, but before Griff got through with him the price was sliced to $6,000 and three players, the men being Cunningham, Buck Becker and Jerry Akers.

Gandill started to play good ball the minute he joined the Washington club. The first time Chick faced Joe Wood in Boston he smashed one of Smokey Joe's curves to right field for a double and from that time until the season closed the National's first baseman made the critics take notice.

Against College Baseball

New York, Dec. 28—Glen Warner, athletic coach at Carlisle declared last night that baseball in colleges should be abolished.

"Our experience at Carlisle has convinced us that, instead of baseball making men of Indians, it was more apt to make 'bums' of them. I speak not of baseball in colleges, but the professional game at Carlisle. We substituted for baseball the game of lacrosse. I believe that the only solution of the baseball evil in our colleges is to substitute a game that is not so professional."

This indictment of baseball resulted in the appointment of a committee to take up the baseball matter and see if some of the bad things about the college game could not be cured. Professor Bolser of Dartmouth, speaking on the baseball question, declared that the greatest evil was that of "epping." He declared that if this practice were abolished baseball in colleges would be much better.

The Ring

Jesse Willard knocked out Sailor Kearns in the eighth round of a scheduled ten round bout at Madison Square Gardens, New York, last night.

Tommy Burns has been matched to meet Bombardier Wells in a fifteen round bout in Calgary on March 14. The purse will be $37,000.

Decision for Smith.

San Francisco, Dec. 28—Gunboat Smith of San Francisco was given the decision over Frank Moran of Pittsburg at the end of twenty rounds of slow fighting last night.

Smith had easily the better of every round, but failed to show anything like championship form. Moran's work was so poor that he was hooted continually, and left the ring amid a volley of hisses and cat calls.

Moran went into the ring weighing twenty pounds more than Smith, who stripped at 186. After some fast firing in the first round, Smith sent over a right cross and caught the Pittsburg man flush on the jaw and brought him to his knees. The bell saved him during another fierce onslaught. Both men fell out of the ring in the fifth, and in the sixth Moran seemed so badly frightened, as Smith rushed him, that he appeared to be looking for a place in which to escape from the ring. Throughout the contest the sailor used a straight hard left to the face, punctuating the series with an occasional right hand swing to the head or jaw. He used both hands successfully in uppercutting.

Hockey

In Upper Canada.

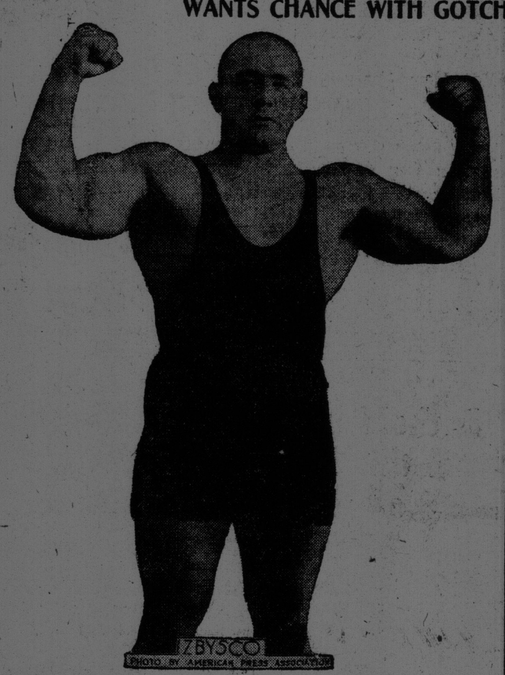
Montreal, Dec. 28 — Montreal's senior hockey season will be ushered in tonight in the Arena, when Toronto will play a return match with the Canadiens. The Toronto team, which sprang a surprise in the opening game on Christmas Day, will be even stronger in tonight's match, with Jerry Laflamme to play centre for them. Manager Geo. Kennedy, taking no chances, will play his strongest team against the Ontario youngsters. Payan will be on the wing, while A. Dubeau, who has been on the ailing list for the last few days, will be dropped, and Pitre will be played back on the defence.

The teams will be:—

Canadiens.	Torontos.
Goal.	
Vezina	Holmes
Point.	
Pitre	Cameron
Cover.	
Laviolette	Davidson
Wing.	
D. Smith	Foyston
Centre.	
LaLonde	LaFlamme
Wing.	
Payan	Doherty

The Wanderers left this morning for Toronto to play their first scheduled game against the Tecumsehs. Harry Hyland will likely be played during the first period. Cadotte and Walter Miller will be taken along as spare men. The probable line-up will be:—Goal, Boyes or Cadotte; point, Art Ross; cover, Sprague Cleghorn; forwards, Harry Hyland, Gordie Roberts, Odie Cleghorn and Ernie Russell, worked at different periods.

ZYBSCO, POLISH WRESTLER, WANTS CHANCE WITH GOTCH



New York, Dec. 28—Zbysco, the Polish giant, champion wrestler of Europe who is now in this country seeks an engagement with Frank Gotch, who tacks world's champion grappler after his name. The Polish champion did his best last year to coax Gotch into a match for the title, but the husky westerner politely declined the issue. Soon after Zbysco took the steamer home Gotch announced his retirement. The worst part of the retirement was that Gotch took part in a few matches which came under the named of "head pipe cirches" Zbysco is going to pay Gotch a visit and make all kinds of efforts to get the champion to reconsider his retirement. If Gotch persists in his determination to remain in the division of undefeated title holders Zbysco is going to claim the crown and defend it against all comers. The Pole is not anxious to get the title through default, for he says he fully believes that he can defeat Gotch. Jack Herman, the manager of Zbysco, has mapped out a strenuous season for the foreign grappler. He will make an extended tour through the west, meeting all comers. If Gotch "comes back" the itinerary will be called off, and the Pole will train only for this match.

ENGLISH VIEW ON NEW RULES FOR THE RING

There are clear and unmistakable indications that if the standard of weights outlined by the New York State Boxing Commission is to be the standard set by the proposed board of control, England will have none of it. In fact, there seems no immediate prospect of the controlling bodies in the world of boxing coming to any satisfactory agreement so long as first one side suggests something and the other instantly throws it down.

The matter has received considerable attention in London and one prominent writer, who is usually inspired by the only authority that counts—the National Sporting Club—in pointing out that the weights differ considerably from the standard in London and also, in some instances from those that govern in France, says:—

"This difficulty may be bridged or not, but personally I do not see why we should tinker with our scales just to be in accord with the powers that be in the states. It is not so long since the committee of the National Sporting Club went very carefully into the matter of weights, which were altered and increased to eight by the inclusion of fly-weight, welter-weight and light-heavyweight.

"Of course boxers have increased and multiplied almost beyond number recently, and one cannot, on looking back, but be reminded that in the days of the Queensbury championship we only had light, middle and heavy; that at the start the Amateur Boxing Association had but feather, light, middle and heavy, and even now, in its twenty-second year, but the additional bantam-weight, while the efforts to introduce a seven-stone twelve-pound have failed on two occasions."

The same authority in denouncing the suggestion that all weighing-in should be done at the ringside, gives reasons that will carry effective weight in London against any such proposal. "I take it a board of control," he says, "will include a set of laws and rules concerning everything pertaining to the sport of boxing, the laws and rules to be accepted and to govern all contests. This being so, America will ask for ringside weighing, Australia for the elimination of infighting and the free use of the kidney punch (barred in England), and France, I believe among several other things, two judges and a referee. Ringside weighing is, to my thinking, out of the question, and will not, I believe — and I certainly sincerely hope—ever obtain in England. To begin with, it is not a fair thing to ask a competitor, while it smacks too much of the old prize ring days.

"Ringside weighing means a long spell of suspense and uncertainty for a competitor—torture some men have called it; in fact it is the inclusion of a clause that means a near thing at the scale and a delay right up to the time of taking the ring that keeps a boxer uneasy and unsettled up to the moment he puts up his hands. From a spectators's point of view, too, it is not by any means an advisable process, for how can a patron make sure of a fair return for his five-guinea ticket when everything may be upset at the last moment by one of the competitors having to forfeit his side stake. The contest may be fought out by some arrangement, but the fact of one man being on so much to nothing takes away a certain amount of interest which, with all plain sailing, would be centered on the bout.

"Then there is the promotor, or the club, giving the purse, who must also be anything but comfortable until the scale has been safely passed. Two o'clock weighing is the rule and should not be abolished. It is fair to all concerned, which cannot be said of the ringside scaling."

WITH THE SOCIETIES IN ST. JOHN

A Masonic banquet was held last evening with some 250 Masons present. After the banquet the following programme was carried out:—Toasts to the King and the Craft; The Grand Lodge, proposed by Grand Master F. J. G. Knowlton, and responded to by Past Grand Master, Dr. Thomas Walker and Judge J. G. Forbes.

Following the speeches there was an excellent musical programme, with D. Arnold Fox acting as accompanist, as follows:—Song, F. T. McKean; songs, Ah, So Fair (Martha), and Funiculi, Mario Manetta; sketch; Ralph A. March; song, D. B. Pidgeon; song and chorus, F. H. Hartt, and other songs and selections. The sketch of Ralph A. March was particularly funny, and the selections of Mr. Manetta came in for great applause.

The officers of Albion Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., who were installed in the Masonic hall yesterday afternoon, Worshipful Master Dr. Thomas Walker being the installing officer, were as follows:

E. H. Cairns, W. M.
Dr. W. S. Morrison, I. P. M.
N. L. Brenan, S. W.
J. A. L. MacMurray, J. W.
Rev. J. A. Macneigan, chaplain
Dr. Thomas Walker, treasurer.
Dr. F. A. Godsoe, secretary.
R. S. Orchard, E. D.
R. L. Hunter, J. D.
Dr. D. C. Malcolm, S. S.
Dr. J. S. Bentley, J. S.
J. G. Leonard, organist.
J. J. Donovan, D. of C.
B. Fowler, I. G.
Robert Clerke, tyler.

Carleton Union Lodge.

Right Worthy John V. Ellis, past grand master, installed the officers of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M., last evening in the Masonic hall, West St. John. The meeting was well attended and after the installation ceremonies a very pleasant time was spent in the refectory. The officers installed were as follows:

George M. Baillie, W. M.
J. Frith Brittain, S. W.
George N. Kennealey, J. W.
Uriah Drake (past master), treasurer.
R. W. Wetmore (past master), secretary.
D. C. Clarke (past master), chaplain.
Jarvis M. Wilson, S. D.
T. Giles Allan, J. D.
S. Irons, S. S.
W. L. Stewart, J. S.
F. K. Stuart, D. of C.
J. Percy Cruikshank, I. G.
George Scott, organist.
George W. Carleton, tyler.

Court North End, C. O. F.

The election of officers at the annual meeting of Court North End, C. O. F., last night in Temple building, Main street, resulted as follows:

George Day, chief ranger.
R. J. McMillan, vice chief ranger.
James C. Gorrie, F. S.
Arthur Cowan, R. S.
William Scott, treasurer.
Harry Lowe, chaplain.
Rev. Dr. Hutchison, junior past chief ranger.
Charles Barton, S. W.
Arthur Clarke, J. W.
Hazen Taylor, S. B.
Otis Morgan, J. B.
Dr. C. M. Pratt, physician.

It was decided that the installation of officers should take place on the last Tuesday in January, when the finance committee and all the standing committees will be appointed. It is probable that a smoker and entertainment will also be held on that date.

After the officers were elected a short programme was carried out. Among those who contributed were: District Deputy Chief Ranger Robert Moore, an address; Harry Lowe, piano and vocal solos; George Day, address; R. J. McMillan, reading; William Scott, vocal solo; Samuel Holder, solo; Hazen Taylor, reading, and retiring junior chief ranger, who gave a short address.

The annual meeting of Court Log Cabin I. O. F. was held in their rooms, Coburg street, last evening, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

F. W. Jenkins—C. D. H. C. R.
Dr. G. G. Corbet—C. P.
W. H. McBride—C. R.
George Biddescombe—V. C. R.
James E. Arthurs— R. S.
S. W. Paul—F. S.
J. V. Russell—T.
H. H. Bell—O.
S. B. Brown—S. W.
H. Makepeace—J. W.
J. R. Russell—S.V.
T. E. Perkins, J. B.
T. E. Perkins and B. H. Bell—Finance committee.

F. W. Jenkins and O. J. Dick, trustees. Chief Ranger W. H. McBride, presided, and after the election several members were initiated. The installation of officers will be held at the January meeting, when the officers from the Royal Foresters will officiate.

F. W. Jenkins who had held the position of financial secretary for the last fourteen years, declined another election, and E. W. Paul was chosen to fill that office.

XMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

The annual Christmas tree and treat for the children of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Sabbath school took place last evening in the school room of the church. There was a large attendance and everyone present greatly enjoyed the entertainment. Besides the tree and treat there was a musical programme. C. F. Stevens, superintendent of the school, presided. Miss Robertson acted as organist and George Craigie had charge of the arrangement for the programme.

The annual Christmas celebration for the scholars of the St. Luke's church Sunday school took place last evening. A fine programme was carried out. The numbers were as follows: Greetings, Fannie Clark; violin solo, Sydney Murray; recitations, Olive Brayley, George Bedell, Robert McConnell, Isabelle Gaskin, Muriel Hawker, Noram Budd; solos, Roberta Craft, Otilda Moore, Edith Pellow, Kathleen Craft. There were several choruses by the following: Marion Lewis, I. Gaskin, Annie Adams, Muriel McMillan, Frances McMillan, Margaret Ramsey and Ruth Morrisey. The arrangements for the entertainment were in charge of Mrs. Lingley and the Misses Harrison, Reubens, Craft and Ramsey.

An entertainment for the eighty primary members of the St. James' Church Sunday school was held yesterday afternoon. Games were played until supper time, and after supper Santa Claus arrived with presents for the children and also a comfortable Morris chair for the rector, Rev. H. A. Cody.

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