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SPORTS OF THE DAY

BASE-BALL ATHLETICS

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AQUATICS WRESTLING

PROF WILKINSON WILLING TO SWIM FROM MONTREAL TO THREE RIVERS IN TWENTY FOUR HOURS

Swimming Instructor Well Known Here is Anxious to Undertake This Feat and Declares he Can Easily Accomplish it--Distance is About Ninety Miles.

(Montreal Standard.) To swim a distance of ninety miles, remaining in the water over twenty hours, and finish it within twenty-four hours, is the daring proposal of Professor Thomas Wilkinson, swimming instructor of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, and one of the ablest exponents of the art of long distance swimming in this continent.

Four hours would sweep him down to the mouth of the Saguenay, with hardly more effort than is required to keep afloat; then the tussle would commence, but the professor thinks he would be equal to the task. The project creates considerable discussion round the M. A. A., and several of the members have hinted that they will not be slow to follow the professor in his daring natural feat.

Professor Wilkinson is a specialist in long distance and fancy swimming, and life saving. He has already saved a large number of people from death, and wears on his watch chain the highest tribute the Royal Life Saving Association--their gold medal for proficiency in life saving, a handsome trophy of his courage. Mr. Wilkinson considers one of the best swimmers he ever won against Mr. Albert Dickinson, the amateur champion of the north of England. The distance was five miles, and after a strenuous encounter, his opponent had to confess himself beaten, and leave the water. On one occasion, in Scotland, he swam fifteen miles in the sea, taking about eight hours to do it on account of the roughness of the water. But his most daring feat was in Douglas Bay, when there was a furious storm raging, and no boat could cross. Having to get across at all hazards, the professor determined to swim it. Although the sea was running high, he succeeded in crossing the three miles between shore and shore in about two hours.

SUCCESSFUL SPORTS BY EVERY DAY CLUB

Algonquins Secured Most Points in Athletic Meet Last Evening. The sports held on the Every Day Club grounds last evening developed into a spirited contest between athletes of the Every Day Club and the Algonquins, the former being the victors. In points the result was as follows: Algonquins, 38; E. D. C., 18; Portland Y. M. A., 3.

ST. JOSEPHS WIN FROM ST. PETERS

Exciting Game in the Inter-Society League Last Evening. St. Joseph's baseball team lowered the color of the league leaders last evening by doubling the score in an exciting game. St. Peter's played in hard luck, and the winners left things going at a lively pace, making the score 8-4. The spectators, largely St. Peter's boys' supporters, were obliged to accept defeat for the second time only this season. The remaining games promise to arouse much interest.

A FINE EXHIBITION

What the Acadian Recorder Has to Say About the Sullivan-Foley go. (Acadian Recorder.) While the lightning flashed and the thunder rolled, and the rain poured in torrents on the immense roof of the Arena as it made a sound like the roar of the ocean, the preliminary bouts to the boxing exhibition between Mike Twin Sullivan, of Boston, and Tom Foley, of Halifax, went on last night, and the 1,200 spectators were too much interested in the sport to bother about the storm. The good preliminaries to one of the best fights of the year were held in the hall, and it showed how really enjoyable a boxing bout could be without being a fight. There were of course some few people who called this "a fight," but they were never intended as such; it was never advertised to be other than present; and it was a fast, clean and clever exhibition of a top-notch in his class, against a local champion, with the latter doing his best and the former cleverly illustrating the various tactics introduced in the ring.

POLICE ARE AFTER TRACK GAMBLERS

Exciting Scenes at the Brighton Beach Race Track Yesterday. New York, N. Y., July 16.--There were exciting scenes at the Brighton Beach race track today resulting from the tactics of the police in their determination to run down and round up the track gamblers. Arrests were made right and left by plain clothes detectives detailed to the track in place of the uniformed squad that has been on duty there. The crowd of 5,000 in the field and on the stands were wrought up to a high pitch of excitement when detectives not only took a score or more of suspects into custody, but proceeded to search some of the prisoners in full view of the spectators. There were no demonstrations against officers, however. Some of the men arrested on the track were released after being escorted out of the grounds. Eight men, however, were taken to Brooklyn police headquarters and afterwards released on bail for a hearing.

CANADA'S CHOICE FOR MACKINNON CUP MATCH

Montreal, July 16.--A special London cable says--The rifle match between Canada and the mother country and the United States has been abandoned. This was a special individual match for a gold cup, the gift of Bennett Burleigh. The team for the Mackinnon cup match has been decided on as follows: Capt. Crowe, Guelph; Lieut. Elmit, Ottawa; Sgt. Freeman, Hamilton; Corp. McInnes, Edmonton; Major Jones, Pownal, P. E. I.; Pte. Leask, Toronto; Arm-Sergt. Martin, Calgary; Sergt. Morris, Bowmanville; Pte. Rowe, 46th regt.; Sergt. Smith, Ottawa; Pte. Steele, Guelph; Pte. Williams, Annapolis, N. S.

P. E. ISLAND GOLFERS DEFEATED HALIFAX

Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 16.--(Special)--A real weather greeted the visiting Halifax golfers at Belvidere links. In the forenoon singles were played and resulted in, Charlottetown 16 points, Halifax 8 points. After luncheon a match of foursomes was played. Result, Halifax 6, Charlottetown 5. A return match will be played.

PICKPOCKETS THOUGHT TO BE OPERATING IN ST. JOHN

Cases Where Money Has Been Lost in Crowd

In Each Case the Circumstances Pointed to the Presence of a Slick Gang of Thieves Working in Cars, Parks and Other Public Places. The reporting of a number of cases of losses of money and valuables has aroused the suspicion that this city is recently being made the scene of operations of clever pickpockets who operate on the streets, in the parks and on the arrival of trains.

DOUKHOBOR FANATICS HURLED FROM TRACK AT MILE A MINUTE GAIT

Rotten Tie Caused Serious Accident

White Mountain Express Ditched and as Result Many Passengers are Badly Injured and Three are Dead. Greenwich, Conn., July 16.--One woman was killed, two many die from shock or injuries and nearly a dozen persons were seriously hurt when the White Mountain Express of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad was wrecked 100 feet west of the station here at 9:20 o'clock this morning.

ARMED AFTER HARD FIGHT

Band of Sixty Fought For Three Hours

Twelve Members of the "Naked Brigade" Sent to Jail for Six Months as a Warning to Their Followers. Winnipeg, July 16.--A Yorkton, Saskatchewan, dispatch tells of the arrests this morning of Doukhobors, the ring leaders at Arctida camp. These are the chiefs of the gang that march without clothing, not James Sharp's band.

SOLDIERS ARE READY NOW TO LEAVE FOR QUEBEC

Col. McLean and Staff Will Leave Tonight

Arrangements were completed last evening for the departure of the local troops to take part in the Quebec tercentenary celebration. The special train is scheduled to leave the I.C.R. depot at 8 p.m., on Saturday and will consist of one sleeping, nine colonist cars, two baggage cars and a kitchen car. The train is due at Quebec at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

ONTARIO POWER TO BE CHEAPER

Tenders for Construction of Line to Niagara Falls are Less Than Expected.

Toronto, July 16.--Hon. Adam Beck considers that judging by the tenders which have been sent into the Hydro-Electric Commission, the price for power from Niagara to Toronto can be constructed at a cost as low as 10 per cent. below the price now being asked. This fact coupled with the fact of the right of way by the introduction of the easement system, will, he thinks, enable the commission to give power to municipalities at much lower rate than has ever been contemplated.

SHIPBUILDING DULLEST IN YEARS

Clyde's Record The Lowest Since 1893--Only 140,149 Tons Launched During the First Six Months of 1908

Gloucester, July 16.--The record of the shipbuilding industry is the poorest since Clyde's record of 1907. For the first six months of the year only 140,149 tons of ships were launched, compared with 302,847 tons in 1907, and 336,258 tons in 1906.

MARRIES TRURO GIRL

Truro, N. S., July 16 (Special).--Rev. Alexander G. Russell, of Oyster Bay (N. Y.), where he is pastor of an influential Presbyterian church, was married in Truro today to Sarah B. Patterson.

MILITIA APPOINTMENTS

Ottawa, July 16.--The following appear in the Military Gazette:--New Brunswick--New Brunswick (Heavy Brigade): To be majors, Capt. W. H. Harrison, vice Major J. M. Robinson, who is transferred to the corps reserve; Captain S. B. Smith, vice B. M. Baxter, promoted.

THE INGLENOOK PHILOSOPHER OF KENNEBECASIS BAY

Mr. Pollard relieved me of my hat and walking stick at the door. Then he kissed my expansive forehead twice. It is a really noble forehead and extends from my eyebrows to the nap of my neck.

MAINE PAPERS CANNOT PUBLISH LIQUOR ADVERTS

Portland, Me., July 16.--In the case of the state vs. J. P. Bass Publishing Company, Bangor, Chief Justice Emery of the Maine Supreme Court today handed down a decision which in effect affirms the constitutionality of the Maine statute prohibiting the advertising of intoxicating liquors in Maine publications.

TO HONOR U. S. RIFLE TEAM

Washington, July 17.--Signal honours will be given to the United States rifle team upon its return from the Olympic Games in London, where it won the shooting contests. It is expected that the team will reach New York on Saturday, July 25, and preparations are being made for a semi-official welcome of an imposing character.

FRANK GOTCH TO RETIRE

Houston, Texas, July 17.--Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of the world, announced last night that after the exhibition in Galveston on Friday night with Herman Lerner, he will retire from the mat.

ARTILLERY INSPECTION

The inspection of the 2d regiment C. A., under command of Lieut.-Col. J. B. M. Baxter, was completed last evening by Col. T. Benson and Major Elliott, No. 2 battery having been inspected in gun drill and the officers and non-commissioned officers of Nos. 2 and 3 batteries answering questions.

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