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TWENTY YEARS ON THE CINDER PATH By JOHN D. NOLAN.

An article, mislaid in the series of 1891, describes a race which came near terminating my career on the cinder-path in a most tragic manner. Early in the month of August, 1891, I was induced to go to Albany, N. Y., to run a race with the since-famous Jim Smith of that city. I was met at the depot by a sporting man named Jim Conners and several others, and taken to Island Park, a mile track, where I ran a half-mile trial in 1m. 58s.

This pleased them and they tried to arrange a half mile race that night with Smith, but in this they failed. The following day I ran a mile for them in 4m. 32s. That night they succeeded in arranging a mile race with Smith for \$100 a side, a week later. Two days after I was sent another mile, and succeeded in it in 4m. 30s. As the American professional record was 4m. 23.2s, this trial made my supporters feel very confident, but the hard trials were wearing my strength, and I was five pounds under my running weight. To make matters worse, a steamer operator who called three days before the race left the track a veritable field of mud, over which they ran a scraper just before the race. The conditions were such that Smith was a young giant, weighing in condition 170 pounds. Before the start Smith and his backer, William Kearney, opened an equal division of the gate money, to which I agreed; but Conners and his friends rejected it. At 4 o'clock p. m. we were ordered to the track and were off in 1m. 58. I then passed him, and, running without any apparent effort, reached the half mile in 2m. 12s. and the three-quarter mile in 3m. 21s. Here Smith began a long spurt, and for the first 300 yards he was ahead of me, but his great strength served him well on the heavy track, and he drew away by five yards in the final hundred yards, winning in 4m. 28.2s. I had half second of the American record. It was said that Smith had run his trial in 4m. 22s. and I believe he would have duplicated the feat in the race had the track been in good condition.

Smith at once issued a challenge to run any race that the gates would amount to \$500 a side. The gate money amounted to \$100 over expenses, and Smith insisted on my accepting half. This annoyed Conners, who left the grounds at once, while a number of us paid a visit to St. Agnes' cemetery, nearby. To view the grave of the famous pugilist, John C. Heenan, where an imposing stone of Scotch granite marks the final resting place of one of the greatest and the most unfortunate fighter America has ever produced.

Shortly after the race was over the Smith people warned me to beware of Conners, who they said was capable of committing murder when under the influence of drink. I disregarded these warnings and went to the hotel, where I retired about 11 o'clock p. m. About an hour later I was awakened by a rap, and upon opening the door was confronted by Conners and two others, all in a state of intoxication.

Before I had time to speak, Conners raised his arm, and I saw a pistol pointed straight at my breast. I knew it was coming, and I felt a queer sensation I had never known before; but as I saw his eyes close I leaped aside, and I felt a sharp sting in the right leg above the knee, and dropped to the floor. Thinking I was done for, the gang rushed from the hotel, while I lay in an uproar at once. Seeing I was not seriously injured I turned out the gas and got into bed. But as the night clerk pounded on the door, I thought if anyone was injured in this street, I replied in the negative, and they went away. I slept soundly in my room, when I left for home, and while on the way, a little stiff from the effects of the wound, I felt little ill effects from it, however, and three weeks later went the mile and two mile races at Hampden park, Springfield, Mass., and a week later won the half mile race at the county fair in Newfield.

The pleasurable pastime of letting the grey and white in the coming baseball races will be far from a cut and dried affair. The Feds have drained some of our best corporations in such a fashion that it is hard to forecast the October returns. However, it will take more than this to beat the critics, and the bulls will be in another month. Pittsburgh, of course, will receive the usual consideration until Matty lumbers up the leadaway in the first game.

CANNOT PLAY IN ENGLISH MATCHES

McLaughlin, American Tennis Champion, Will Not Go to Wimbledon—Would Take Time He Cannot Spare—Won Tournament in 1912.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Maurice F. McLaughlin, the American tennis champion, cannot spare the time this year to go to England and play at Wimbledon in the British championships.

His trip would mean a month of traveling," said Mr. McLaughlin today, "to say nothing of time for practice and I don't feel that I can afford it."

In 1912 McLaughlin won the Wimbledon tournament and the right to meet Anthony F. Wilding in what is generally regarded as the world's championship match. The great New Zealander defeated him in a sensational series. Wilding will visit the United States this year as a member of the Australian team in quest of the Davis international cup.

LAUREL HILL VS. NEW HAVEN BASKETBALLISTS Last Game of the Season—Must Hustle to Win the Game.

For the last game of the season the Laurel Hills team will meet up with a team that will make them hustle. During the last week the locals have practiced little in the gymnasium. The boys say they will play harder than they ever played before. They started in the season right by winning the first game so they want to end in good order. The team from New Haven has not been beaten in any of their games coming here with the idea that they will run away with the game before the Laurel Hills know it. Manager Coyte received the lineup of the New Haven manager and it will be as follows: Pardee, C. Woodson, F. Pratt, H. McDonald, R. Wester, H. D. Deloach, sub. The home team will use the same lineup as used in other games.

FEDERAL LEAGUE DOINGS. To Avoid Conflicting Dates with American Association—Withholds List of Players Until World Tourists Arrive.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Followers of baseball believed they read between the lines of a story published here today, that the organized baseball had virtually recognized the belligerency of the Federal league. The story stated that the Federal and the American association's leaders had arranged their playing schedules so that conflicts in the two towns in which they have both represented—Kansas City and Indianapolis—would be avoided. Such an agreement would indicate an association of some of the large leagues in organized baseball, had decided not to make war on the Federal, but rather to enter into a working agreement.

President Chivington of the association denied that any agreement existed between the two leagues, president of the Chicago Federals, declared he had talked with Joe Cantillon, the Minneapolis association owner, and that the Kansas City owner, and that both had virtually promised there would be no conflicts. The Federal league will withhold its list of players until the arrival of the steamer bearing the world's tourists at New York.

A match between Hoppe and Calvin Demaree ought to prove an interesting one. Hoppe is playing great billiards this winter.

PRESENT WHITE HOPES LACK THE CLASS.

Jim Corbett Says They Are Too Heavy on Their Feet.

James J. Corbett, once past master glove man, isn't shrieking with ecstasy over the choice of the present crop of "white hopes." Fact is, Jim has a lot to say about the lumbering crew from which must step the man who is to win back the premier title for himself. "They lack class," said Jim right off the reel. "In five years of white-hoping, you find to see a single one of them faint an opponent. You've got to do that—you've got to send a man into Johnson who has some idea of the job on hand. They should be on their toes and going. The trouble with the present crop is that they're too heavy to get up on their feet. And there isn't a man among them who understands the finer points of the art."

"One of my pet theories was to make the other fellow do all the pushing and tearing by simply bluffing him into the notion that you were just about to start to fight him off his feet. To take my fight of 23 rounds with Jeffries at Coney Island, I bluffed that big fellow all through that fight until he had his desperation in his eyes, tearing out my corner at the beginning of each round. I'd fight like a tiger for the first minute—just fight big Jeff down. Then I'd step back and survey the enemy. Then for the two remaining minutes I'd make Jeff think I was going to repeat the first minute's attack. It served to keep him coming at me, and I showed him up as he never was before. "My points is that I fought my hardest for one minute of the three and rested up for two by simply moving away and letting Jeff do the rough work. That is an art that the present crop doesn't seem to be able to understand. "Johnson is master of it, and more's the pity. He hasn't anyone to whip, and he knows it. John L. Sullivan would not meet Peter Jackson, for he was considered the greatest fighting machine in the world. Well, I had the nerve and the confidence to try to tackle him. It was a bitter fight, and though I was a mere boy I fought him to a standstill in a terrific argument of 51 rounds."

LEAGUE MUST O. K. NEW PRESIDENT OF CUBS. One of the Conditions When Taft Bought Murphy Out.

National league solons returning from the meeting in Cincinnati which marked the exit of Charles W. Murphy brought news of conditions by which it will be impossible for Charles W. Taft to select a president for the club without the sanction of the National League. Should the club be disposed of to a club president can name a club first getting the league official O. K. This is one of the conditions Mr. Taft agreed to work over.

A meeting of the National league board of directors will be called for March 6 at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. On this day the world's tourists are expected home, and in addition to the representatives of organized base-

ball gathered in New York, the Federal league leaders intend to rally and take part in the bidding for the unsigned players among the tourists. James E. Glavin, president of the Boston National league club, says that his part of the Evers deal could not be recinded. "We have championship hopes, and the fans in Boston are prepared to welcome Evers as the player needed in the pennant hunt."

Commenting on the reports of Otis Crandall and Arthur Wilson jumping, John B. Foster, secretary of the Glenside, says: "Any player who jumps like Glavin shows his actions. He does not consider himself of the caliber necessary for a championship team."

YANKEE PITCHER HAS NARROW ESCAPE Thrown from a Horse While Riding—Twenty-three Players in the Camp.

Ray Caldwell, the crack young pitcher of the Yankees, had a lucky escape from a serious injury the other day when he was thrown from a horse while riding with several of his teammates. Caldwell went horseback riding and it came near being a costly experience.

The spa is noted for its frisky animals, the best of the livery being delectable. The horse Caldwell was riding felt mighty good, as the day was bright and the air bracing. The ride was a most enjoyable one, and the renowned Malvern road, where Jesse James operated, when Caldwell's mount struck his right foot into a hole. Then it happened. The horse gave a sudden lurch, and out of the saddle he went. Caldwell landed among some bushes and nothing but his feelings were hurt. However, the fall was extremely fortunate that he did not break a bone.

NEW YORK YACHT IN PROGRESS. Draught Will Be 22 Feet—Greater Depth Than Defenders of Past.

Bristol, R. I., Feb. 27.—Preliminary markings made today on the hull of the New York syndicate yacht which is to be built in the city as the defender of the America's cup, show that she is to have a draught of 13 feet 10 inches. With eight feet of centerboard to be added, her draught will be nearly 22 feet, a depth greater than that of the ninety-foot defenders of other years. As in other stages of construction, today's work was photographed, and prints will be sent to Bermuda, where the designer, the designer is keeping in touch with the progress made in the yacht.

CORNELL CLINCHED FIRST PLACE Defeated Yale in Close Game by Score of 25 to 22.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 27.—Cornell defeated Yale at basketball tonight, 25 to 22, in a closely contested game, thereby clinching its hold on first place in the intercollegiate race. The first half ended 13 to 10 in favor of the Cornell team, the score being 13 to 10 at the close of the game, 19 to 13. In the last few minutes of play, Cornell won the game by a score of 25 to 22. The Cornell team, which is kept in the touch with the progress made in the yacht.

New London Standing Pat. Gene McCann, manager of the New England club of the Eastern baseball club, announces that he will spend little time experimenting with untried players, but will stick to the old pitchers, three catchers, five infielders and four outfielders, and intends to add no more men to his roster. He will stand pat on the material now on hand, but is confident he will be able to give any club in the league a good game.

SPORTING NOTES. The Providence club of the International league, has arranged exhibition games with the Washington Senators, the Philadelphia Athletics and the Philadelphia Athletics on April 19, it has been announced. Shortstop Johnny Lavan, who was shifted from the lowly St. Louis Browns to the Philadelphia Athletics last season, has been named as a second baseman to take the place left vacant by William Kenworthy, who has gone to the Kansas City Federals.

Noank H. Swayne, owner of the Toledo baseball park, said to be the first minor league park to be organized or otherwise, that wants it. Swayne is the manager of the National commission by the Central league for the vacated Toledo territory. Johnny Dundee is booked to meet Pat Moore in a ten round bout in New York City on Friday night. Dundee has been doing more boxing this winter than any boy in his class. He generally concedes several points to an opponent, but doesn't show any difference with him. He beats the best of them.

The University of Keio, Japan, baseball team will arrive in San Francisco on April 9 for its American tour, according to manager Fred Thompson of Stanford University, Cal. The team will tour as far as New York. Among the eastern colleges that have written asking for games are the University of Chicago, and the Washington and Lee university.

Baker will find plenty of old friends in Evansville, for Ray Williams, who pitched for Waterbury last season, has been in Evansville for some time. He is doing work for the Briar city outfit, but manager Lee Pohl wants new faces in Waterbury this year. Toledo which is another Cleveland farm, owned by Williams, Hauger, who was a member of the Waterbury outfit in 1913, will be with Baker at Williams in Evansville.—Bridgeport Telegram.

The New London club has traded for Fitcher Abernethy to Springfield for Outfielder Chet Waite. It is said that New London gave some cash in addition to the player. Abernethy won 14 and lost 12 for the Planters last season. He did fine work in the early season, but never worked so well for Gene McCann as for Jack Burns, who was released to make way for McCann. Waite has been in Springfield since 1907 and wanted a change of scene.

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NEWS FROM BULLETIN CORRESPONDENTS

JEWETT CITY. Funeral of Howard Leonard—Baptist C. E. Society Gives Washington Social—Harmony Club Entertained.

Funeral services for Howard Leonard were held at Packard church Friday afternoon. Rev. F. S. Child officiated at the service. Mrs. James George, Miss Lucy Lathrop, Fred Edmonds and S. F. Palmer sang. Burial was in the cemetery. The Harmony Club entertained at a social on Friday evening. The program was well received. The Harmonists are planning to give a social on Saturday evening.

Washington Social. The Baptist Christian Endeavor society held a Washington birthday social in the vestry Friday evening under the direction of the social committee. George Washington, Mrs. H. H. Prior, Miss Evelyn Gardner, Miss Georgia Campbell, Tyler Gilbert and Adelbert Babcock. The program was all a patriotic nature. The speakers were Miss Ziba Huntington, George Lathrop, Everett Salisbury and Albert Burton. There were flowers from the Ladies A. Geer and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Young. A. J. Tinker was in charge of the arrangements.

End of Ice Fishing. Today (Saturday) is the last day for picking fish through the ice. On account of the thickness of ice and the heavy coating of snow on the ponds local fishermen have not ventured forth. Charles H. Hammond returned to his home in Rockville Friday. The morning services in the Baptist church Sunday Rev. B. D. Remington, the pastor, will occupy the pulpit. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the service. Young People's union in the vestry at 6 p. m. Evening prayer and worship at 7 p. m. A. Bulkin and brother David, of New York are guests of their father, J. Bulkin at Piney Creek ridge. Miss Rose Levine of Williams is at her home on Hayward avenue for a few days' visit.

STONINGTON. M. F. Andrews Badly Burned—Samuel H. Chesbro's Funeral—Bad Fishing Weather.

M. F. Andrews was painfully burned by the explosion of a cylinder oil stove which he was heating. The flaming oil struck him in the face, singeing his hair and eyebrows and burning one side of his face badly. His left hand was also burned. Funeral of Samuel H. Chesbro. The funeral services of Samuel H. Chesbro were held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at his home on Water street. Rev. George B. Marston, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated. The bearers were Joseph Wilcox, Chas. Main, Edward Garity and Elias B. Hinckley. Burial was in the family lot in the Stonington cemetery.

Game Warden William Kinkor during the past two weeks has been busy making interest in the feeding of game birds in this vicinity. Mr. Kinkor has personally attended to the feeding and reports pleasing results from his efforts.

Storm Cost Nearly \$1,000,000. New York, Feb. 27.—The recent heavy snowfall has already cost New York city nearly \$1,000,000 and were it not for probability that rain and warmer weather will help out, the city's bill would reach approximately \$2,500,000 figuring on the contract price of removal.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

NEW HAVEN WEAKENED. Affected by Reported Hitch in Dissolution Agreement.

New York, Feb. 27.—After an indifferent start with little appearance of speculative interest on either side of the market, stocks gradually gathered strength today. The demand was not enough to push up prices rapidly, but the movement continued steadily until in the last hour, the market advanced a point or more above yesterday's close. Speculative conditions were better. The cables reported that financial difficulties in Paris had been adjusted and the foreign markets were more cheerful. Liquidation of American stocks in London reports of a hitch in the negotiations for dissolution of the system, and at one time sold within a fraction of its low record. Northern Pacific, however, reported of new financing, and by an unfavorable January statement, was heavy in the early market. United States Express jumped twelve points and Mexican Petroleum advanced on the general list.

Some of the specialists made large gains. United States Express jumped twelve points and Mexican Petroleum advanced on the general list. Northern Pacific's decrease in operating income last month was \$903,000. Northwestern reported a small decrease in net earnings to the general run of unfavorable statements. Illinois Central showed a net gain of \$142,000. The bond market was irregular, with wide fluctuations in some of the speculative and convertible issues. Total sales, par value, \$1,700,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Table with columns: STOCKS, High, Low, Close. Includes entries for 2000 United States, 1000 Federal Reserve, etc.

Table with columns: COTTON, New York, Feb. 27. Spot cotton output; middling uplands 13.05, 13.10; sales 13,000 bales. Futures closed steady. March 12.24, May 11.90, July 11.88, August 11.72, October 11.40.

Table with columns: MONEY, New York, Feb. 27.—Call money firmer, 1-4-1/2 to 2 cent, ruling rate 1-1/2 cent, closing bid 1 3/4-2 cent. Time money: sixty days 2 1/4-2 1/2, ninety days 3, six months 3 1/2-3 3/4.

Table with columns: CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET, Wheat, May, 94 1/2, 94 1/2, 94 1/2-10-15-16; July, 92 1/2, 92 1/2, 92 1/2-10-15-16; Corn, May, 67 1/2, 67 1/2, 67 1/2-67 1/2; July, 65 1/2, 65 1/2, 65 1/2-65 1/2.