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Method.
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Norwalk, Conn. Deputy Sheriff D. Louis Ludrigan, who is with the Bell Telephone company in the west, is renewing acquaintances in town.

NOTICE
Special Town Meeting

The Legal Voters in Town Meeting of the Town of Norwich are hereby warned to meet in Special Town Meeting, at the Town Hall, located in the Court House Building, in the said Town of Norwich, on Thursday evening, Dec. 30, 1915, at eight o'clock, to act upon the petition of more than twenty legal voters of the said Town asking that the Town appropriate a sum sufficient to meet the expenses of Medical Inspection in the school of said Town and to act upon certain recommendations of the Town School Committee to the effect that such Medical Inspection be provided for; also to do any other business which may properly be brought before said meeting.

Dated at Norwich, this 24th day of December, 1915.
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The Thames National Bank
 Norwich, Conn., Dec. 22, 1915
 The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before them is hereby called to be held at their banking house on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1916 at 11 o'clock a. m.
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BEN HURS LOSE TWO GAMES

Taftville and Jewett City Fives Outplay Hartford Boys on Christmas Day—Capital City Quintette Unable to Counteract the Speed of the Winners.

The Ben Hurs of Hartford, considered one of the fastest quintettes in the Capital City, were defeated twice in this victory on Christmas afternoon and evening.
 In the afternoon they played against Taftville and were outplayed in the latter half of the game after they had secured 6-2 points in the lead.
 In the first half the Ben Hurs showed good speed but when Taftville placed on the floor the old famous combination that has put Taftville on the basketball map the Ben Hurs were left trailing along in the rear, unable to score a point.
 White, Vickery and Corrin were in the line-up. White scored 6, Vickery 8, and Corrin 4 baskets.
 The Jackson-Stanley guard position in the second half was unperceivable. They showed up in their usual form.

TFTVILLE BEN HURS.
 Corrin Left Forward. Opplet Right Forward. Anderson Center. Larson Right Guard. Wolf Left Guard.
 Goals—Taftville, Murphy 3, Vickery 3, Jackson 1, Stanley 2, White 6; Ben Hurs, Corrin 4, Opplet 2, Anderson 1, Wolf 2, Murphy 1, Opplet 1; referee, Fountain; timer and scorer, Pucha.
Jewett City Wins.
 Jewett City defeated the Ben Hurs of Hartford Saturday evening in the Bijou hall, Jewett City, by a score of 54-27, in the fastest and most exciting game of the season. There was a large crowd in attendance. Barry, last year's star, was back in the game and showed up in his usual form.
 Jewett City will play Baltic next Thursday.

JEWETT CITY BEN HURS.
 W. Benjamin Left Forward. Opplet Right Forward. Cronin Center. Larson Left Forward. Anderson Right Guard. Wolf Left Guard.
 Goals—Jewett City, W. Benjamin 5, Blake 8, Cronin 5, L'Heureux 4, Cronin 4, Opplet 2, Cronin 5, Anderson 3, Wolf 2; fouls—Jewett City, W. Benjamin 4; Ben Hurs, Wolf 1, Cronin 2; referee, W. Robinson; scorer, D. J. Connell; timer, Melvin.

WILLARD WILL SURELY MEET FRED FULTON.
Jess' Manager Assures Mike Collins That Fulton Will Be the Champion's Next Opponent.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Tom Jones, manager of Jess Willard, tonight assured Mike Collins, manager of Fred Fulton, that regarding what the New Orleans promoter told, Willard will take on no other opponent until he has boxed Fulton.
 According to Jones and Collins, it is now up to Tom Burns and Dominick Torricchio, who originally scheduled the fight for New Orleans, to say whether they are prepared to go through with it or not. If they are not, said Jones, Willard from other promoters will be in order. After the battle with Fulton, no matter where decided, Willard will be open to other challengers.

CORNELL ANXIOUS TO WIN WRESTLING HONORS.
Ithacans Have Captured Title for Four Consecutive Times.

Although there are about 100 candidates for the Cornell wrestling team now at work on the mat in the university gymnasium, Walter O'Connell, instructor in wrestling and coach of the Cornell team, who has made a phenomenal record in this important branch of minor sports, faces an unenviable task in this year's season when he attempts to develop a team which will capture another intercollegiate championship.

Wins Four Times.
 Cornell has won the wrestling title four times in succession, and is naturally anxious to repeat this year, but owing to the loss of some mighty good veteran material, faces a difficult task. Cornell won the meet at South Bethlehem last year by scoring 24 points to 19 by Lehigh at Princeton and Pennsylvania and 4 for Columbia.
 Three of the wrestlers whose work clinched the championship for the Ithacans a year ago graduated last June and are no longer available. They are E. J. Galloway, captain of last year's team, who won the intercollegiate championship in the 158 pound class; E. S. Post, winner of the intercollegiate championship in the 145 pound class, and W. J. Cubertson, winner of the 115 pound class, and one of the greatest wrestlers ever turned out at Ithaca. These three men, each captured a first place in the title meet, and they were the only Cornell wrestlers to win such first places. Their loss, therefore, creates a serious problem.

Veterans Remain.
 O'Connell starts in with the following point winners from last year's team: Hugh MacKenzie, second place in the 175 pound class; E. W. Kleinert, second place in the heavyweight class; J. A. McKeese, third place in the 175 pound class; F. C. Sager, captain this year, who won the 145 pound class. In last year's meet Lehigh, the runner up, scored two first places and three second places, and every member of the Lehigh team is back in college this year and able to compete. At the beginning of the season, therefore, it would appear as if the Bethlehem folk had a decided advantage over Cornell, and nothing but the hardest sort of work and O'Connell's ability to pick out and develop new champions will give Cornell an opportunity to win another title this year.
 The Cornell coach expects that McKeese, who was hurt in his bout a year ago, will improve this year, that Kleinert will be good for at least the same number of points he scored a year ago, and that both MacKenzie and Sager will be able to do better work this year. He must develop, however, good men for the 115 pound class, the 125 and 135.
 Of the 100 men who have so far reported, there are very few aspirants for places among the heavyweights; the candidates for the middleweights are also rather scarce, but there are a considerable number of good men out in the light and bantamweight classes, and it is expected that O'Connell at the opening of college after the holidays will be several football men who advised by the football coaches that wrestling is good training for football preparation.

Cornell Successful.
 Cornell has been unusually successful in wrestling since she took up the sport as an intercollegiate game about 10 years ago. The Ithacans won one championship under the coaching of Eddie O'Connell of New Haven, a former Yale coach, but it was not until Eddie O'Connell's brother, Walter, went to Ithaca that the Cornellians established their complete superiority over all other eastern institutions.

Wrestling is a recognized exercise in the intercollegiate training at Cornell university, and so popular has it become that the facilities of the old gymnasium are no longer adequate.
MICHIGAN WILL MEET DARTMOUTH NEXT SEASON
 An Additional Football Battle East and West for 1916.
 The University of Michigan will stand the test of an additional East vs. West football battle next fall if the present negotiations between that institution and Dartmouth bear fruit.
 Correspondence between the two universities has now been completed and it is expected that the Dartmouth team to Ann Arbor for a game.
Two Much Travelling.
 Dartmouth is anxious to establish relations with the University of Michigan of the athletic board of the Hanover college at present stands in the way of a similar agreement. Because of the isolated home of the college, Dartmouth is forced to do an unusual amount of travelling during a football season to meet and play opponents on the gridiron schedule, and too much travelling by the team next year is opposed. If the deal goes through it will call for the Dartmouth-Michigan game to be played in the Middle West in 1916, and the agreement has been taken up by the Harvard-Dartmouth games.
 Next year's schedule for the Green team will be quite different from the 1915 list, according to Bernard O. Gerich, the captain-elect. The schedule during the season just past was very irregular, and it is expected that the three big games for Dartmouth—those with Princeton, Pennsylvania and Syracuse—will be played in the Middle West, and probably Brown, and then a road to permit the promotion of the team to meet their three strong opponents advantageously. The result was a narrow squeak for the Green team, and probably Brown, and Pennsylvania, and an unsatisfactory scoreless tie with Syracuse at the tail-end of the season.
 The placing of Michigan on the Dartmouth schedule would mean the possible dropping of relations with Syracuse, and Dartmouth could not very well burden itself with such heavy contests as those with Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Syracuse, Amherst and probably Brown, and then hope for a successful season.
 If the reestablishment of relations with Brown University is effected, Dartmouth will surely have to curtail the number of contests with major elevens for the 1916 season and Syracuse is the team most likely to go. The Green team has already fulfilled its agreement with the Orange and Black. Syracuse is not a natural opponent of Dartmouth, and the game would never serve to draw a big gate in Boston, where it would be held next year if the relations were maintained.
 Much depends on the result of Brown's attitude with regard to an annual game with Dartmouth. If this is agreed to, such a contest played in Boston would be the big local game of the year for Dartmouth, and the necessity of having some other big opponent for Cavanaugh's team for the Boston date would then be obviated.
 New Haven.—There was no municipal Christmas tree in this city this year.

LEVINSKY THUMPS OLD JIM FLYNN.

Battler Outboxed the Pueblo Fireman Saturday Afternoon.

Battling Levinsky, 172 pounds, outboxed Jim Flynn, 192 pounds, the Pueblo fireman, in the star bout of ten rounds at the Broadway Sporting club in New York Saturday afternoon. Levinsky used a tantalizing left jab that popped the Pueblo man's head back more than once. The rounds all went to the Battling one on points. Flynn started as the first favorite because he made a mad rush, but was met with a dozen lefts to the face. Flynn, although aggressive, was no match for the clever Battler. The funny feature of the show was when Flynn's second would tell him to bore in and Flynn would be sidestepped by Levinsky and popped on the chin. Levinsky lacks the stopping punch, and although he always boxes on the offensive, cannot knock out his opponent. This was seen when the Battler landed on Flynn's head and wind, shaking the fireman but not doing any serious damage.
 It would be no exaggeration to say that Levinsky has the best times as many real swats as did Flynn. Despite this, Morgan's durable Battler was unable to subdue his rival, Flynn is a bear puncher and everything that came his way, shook his head, and then bored in again for more that evening.
 In a while Levinsky would look astonished and step back to see why Flynn did not drop.

The fireman landed several good smashes, chief among them being a left to the neck in the second round, which sent Levinsky to the ropes. As though a battering ram had hit him, the Battler soon shook off the effects of the blow and managed to stall through the rest of the round.
 In the fourth, after the men had been mixing for two minutes, Flynn shot a left to the Battler's chin that had him groggy for the rest of the round, but that ended Flynn's spurt, after that it was the Battler all the way.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS ON AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

At Least 15 Organizations Governing Sports Will Be Represented.
 New York, Dec. 26.—Beginning tomorrow and continuing through the week, several important meetings having a bearing on the future conduct of all branches of amateur athletics, national and collegiate, will be held in this city. At least 15 organizations governing sports in the United States and Canada have delegated representatives to attend the conferences called for tomorrow, at which the restoration to his amateur status of an amateur, acts which are being considered by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, and the possibility of a universal definition of what constitutes an amateur athlete.
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Strategic Center of the Near East
 Bagdad Second in Importance Only to Constantinople.
 (Special to The Bulletin.)
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 "Bagdad is the dominant city of the eastern part of the Ottoman Empire, yielding little in importance to its great sister metropolis upon the Bosporus. As Constantinople is the guarding heart and brain of Turkey in the west, so Bagdad is the strength of the Empire's eastern defense. Within its boundaries are the administrative offices of the supply depots, and the bureau for organization, operation and supply, which constitute the backbone of defense in the whole Mesopotamian division of Turkey.
 The ancient city, moreover, lies upon the natural line of communication between Persia and the West, and between the West and the Persian Gulf. Three ancient caravan routes, one from Khirasan, another over the Euphrates into Syria, and the last up the Tigris into the Armenian plateau, and to the Black Sea behind it, were the elements of Bagdad's trading strength in ancient times. Today its importance is almost wholly gone, but in the potential wealth of its surrounding plains, watered by the Tigris and the Euphrates, where among earth's earliest civilizations dawned, flourished, decayed and shrunk into oblivion; and in its dominating position upon the line of communication between India, Persia and the West.
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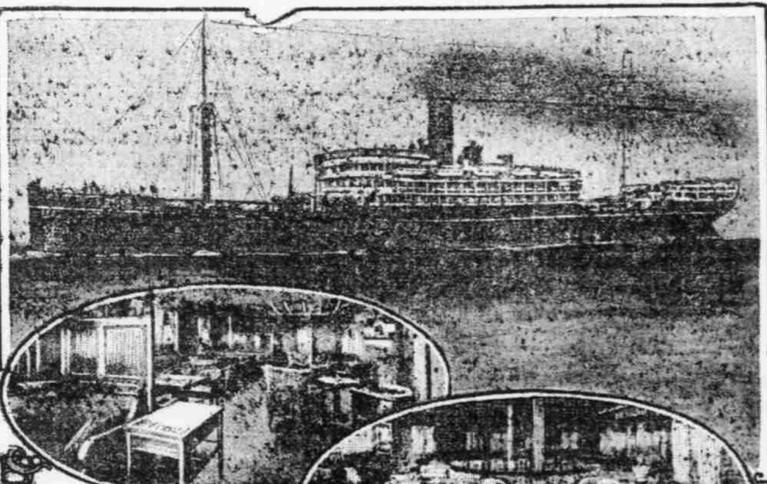


Accused of conspiring to blow up the Welland canal, one of the most important of the world's artificial waterways, H. E. Leyendecker and Paul Koenig (left and right respectively in No. 2 in the accompanying picture) were held in heavy jail in New York. Through the Welland canal passes much of the grain and other commodities shipped from the West of Canada to the east. Construction of the Welland canal was begun in 1824, and it was first opened to small vessels in 1829. It is estimated that the total cost of the canal has been about \$27,000,000. The annual tolls are about \$20,000. The canal is 600 feet wide. It has twenty-six locks, making a rise of more than 325 feet between the two lakes. The canal is well guarded by the Dominion of Canada military authorities. No. 1 shows a squad of cavalry accompanying a steamboat (shown in the picture) through the canal. No. 2 is the holdup of a man seeking to approach the canal and the production of military pass by him.

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rolled by since Turkish overlordship first began, for Mohammedan lands of the Near East have seen it sink slowly in importance as a mart for international trade, as a station on the path of the rich merchandise caravans from the East and the West, and as the center of a land of abundant harvest. It is still, however, the second city of the Empire, and its loss to the Turk would be relatively almost as great as the loss of Chicago would be to the United States. But more than this, the nation of the West controlling Bagdad, would control the whole fruitful area between the Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean, the Nile and the Euphrates—would dominate the Persian Gulf; and would exercise a powerful influence in the affairs of southern Persia. Then an English conquest here would place the Empire's northern frontier about India beyond the peril of attack.
 A new series of things began for the time-burdened city in the few years before the outbreak of the war, and hints of the nervous, keen, hasty, modern life of the West were multiplying. The restless beat of the American oil engine was replacing the more deliberate ways of the donkey and the heat-oppressed human. Oil wells were sunk in the Karun river region, south of Bagdad, and American well drills were employed. Oil refineries were built here, and modern Bagdad contemplated industries for the manufacture of native materials supplied with this fuel. Before the discovery of oil, Bagdad's industry was hampered by its exorbitant prices, which could be brought to this region as distant from its source of production—\$15 and \$20 per ton. Bitumen and asphalt taken from ancient springs in the northern reaches of the Tigris, and promise riches to a future Bagdad.
 The city has a population of about 200,000, and is governed by a Pasha who is assisted by a council. The Pasha comes from Constantinople. There is some difference between

the ruling Turks from Constantinople and the native Arab population of Bagdad, as the Turks are Sunnites and the Arabs are Shites. This religious difference has many times prevented harmonious cooperation between the Turk and the Arab.
 The city does an annual trade in normal times in imports and exports of about \$15,000,000, buying oil, cheap cottons, shoes and other western manufactures, and selling hides, wool and dates. Germany, England and Russia have been the strongest dealers in diplomacy and commerce at Bagdad.
 The city lies about 500 miles from the Persian gulf following the course of the river, the Tigris, like the Danube is the great water highway of an agricultural country; and it is the artery of Bagdad's external traffic. It maintains, in times of peace, steam communication with its port toward the Persian gulf by means of one British and one Turk line of steamers. The service on the Tigris ends at Bagdad, though sailing vessels ascend much higher up the river. Two lines of telegraph, one British and one Turkish, formerly connected this city with Europe, while, to the west, the Euphrates furnishes a water highway through many hundreds of miles, to the northwest, Bagdad and Tebranz, for years diplomacy's chief Near Eastern theatre strategic endeavor, have been places of keenest interest to the foreign offices of England, Russia and Germany. In these two cities, the one the second city of the Turkish Empire and the other the capital of the decaying Persia, the great game of eastern politics was fought at close range with all the dexterity, which the great Empires could bring to bear. There, thus, attaches to an invasion of Bagdad, an importance far beyond the importance of the city's wealth or its military value."
Why Did He Overlook That?
 About all that Colonel Roosevelt didn't criticize about President Wilson's message was the spelling.—Detroit Free Press.
So Say We All.
 Let us hope that the hungry old Anthracite Trust won't hear that coal is selling for \$10 a ton in Italy, lest it be calling for what we ought to pay it.—Rochester Herald.



STEAMER YASAKA MARU, SMOKING ROOM AND SALOON
 That the steamship Yasaka Maru, sunk by a German or Austrian submarine off Port Said, carried \$12,500,000 Japanese gold with her to the bottom was announced in Tokyo. Although the new 11,000 ton vessel was almost hurled out of the water by the force of the torpedo and sank in forty-nine minutes, the commander manoeuvred with such skill every person on board, and the small boat before the steamship turned turtle and disappeared from view. A French submarine, cruising near, picked up the survivors and crew at midnight and landed them at Port Said. On the passenger list were fifty-one men, fifty-four women and fifteen children, most of whom were British subjects. W. J. Leigh, the only American citizen on board, was born in China. His father was a resident of California. Mr. Leigh has passed most of his life in China, but recently has lived in England. He was returning to China on board the Yasaka Maru to take a position with a business house. The insurance on the vessel amounts to \$500,000 (\$2,800,000). The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, owners of the Yasaka Maru, are discussing the feasibility of abandoning the Suez canal route for future voyages of their vessels in favor of a route around the Cape of Good Hope. News of the sinking of the Yasaka Maru caused great excitement in Japan.
News in General.
 Ovilas Charron spent Sunday with friends in Worcester.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Racine spent Christmas with Dayville relatives.
 Samuel Peterson and family spent the holidays at their home in New York.
 Thomas Platt of Greenville spent Christmas with local friends.
 The Rev. Dr. D. W. Hackensack, N. J., spent Sunday with local friends.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ira Edson and son, of Cranston, R. I., spent Christmas with their parents in Norwich.
 Mrs. Edson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gibson.

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