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SPORTING GOSSIP TODAY

OUR INQUIRY DEPARTMENT

"Butte, April 22, 1903."
"Sporting Editor Inter Mountain:
"Please name winner of the English derby last year.
"ALF BRANDON."

Answer: Ard Patrick.

"Phillipsburg, Mont., April 21."
"Sporting Editor Inter Mountain:
"Was Bob Fitzsimmons ever defeated before coming to America? There is a bet up here of $100 a side that Fitzsimmons never met defeat before Jeffries whipped him. It was agreed to leave it to you to decide. Yours truly,
"JESSE SCROGGINS."

Answer: Fitzsimmons lost to Jim Hall in four rounds in Australia. This was in 1890, and before he had ever seen America or heard of Jeffries.

Butte is at the bottom of the list now, but that shouldn't discourage the local fans.

Many a horse has trailed until the turn up the home stretch and then spurted to the front and won by a length. Not a few have been left at the post and yet come under the wire first.

So why should we grumble so soon?

The race for the 1903 pennant has scarcely begun, and the Orphans may prove to be the longest-winded runners in the bunch. Butte's game yesterday in Los Angeles is not to be despised; it is not near so discouraging as some of our games with San Francisco, when we made anywhere from three to eight errors.

Indeed, Butte played just about as well as the Angels, and it was anybody's game up to the very last. We were only beaten by one run, and while Gay was touched up for 13 hits, the Smoke-eating sluggers returned the compliment and rapped out just as many.

It is pleasing to note that Billy Kane has at last played an errorless game. There must have been a hoodoo on Billy in 'Frisco, for the festive shortstop did awful poor work in the infield. Wonder if there can be a hole or something of that sort near the shortstop's position on the San Francisco diamond?

That is often the case.

Yesterday was a batters' battle and Los Angeles had the good luck to cross the plate once to the good, but today may tell a different tale, and the chances are it will if Dowling pitches.

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The powers that be in the local baseball world are keeping their eyes skinned for two new pitchers and a good third baseman.

The team could use them to good advantage.

It has about been decided to drop Skel Roach. In view of the fact that Skel gave us the G. B. when we most needed him, has soured ever local fan against him, and as far as Butte is concerned the lanky pitcher can remain at Michigan University forever, coaching the Wolverines.

Not that Roach isn't a star twirler, for everybody that has seen his work in the box knows he is in Class A. But there are several reasons why he is not the best addition in the world to a pitching staff like ours.

In the first place Skel Roach is spoiled. He acts at times like a schoolboy. For instance, there was a time last season when Dowling was sick and unable to go into the game. McCloskey asked Roach to do the work and the latter whined around like a baby. Finally Mac offered to give Roach $10 extra to pitch, and this fetched him.

When Dowling learned how badly Roach had acted he was pretty "sore." He went up to McCloskey and said:

"Mac, I will never get too sick to pitch again if we have to rely on Roach to take my place. I would pitch myself into the hospital rather than have you begging Roach to do it."

And Pete was sincere, for on another occasion he was feeling pretty weak from a night of fever, but he went into the box and did himself proud. When the game was over McCloskey said:

"Pete, I want to make you a present of this $10 gold piece."

"What for?" asked the surprised pitcher.

"Why, for doing such splendid work today and helping me out of the hole when you were sick."

"I won't accept a cent!" declared Dowling. "I was hired to pitch and I did it well because I want my team to win."

And that's the difference between Skel Roach and Dowling.

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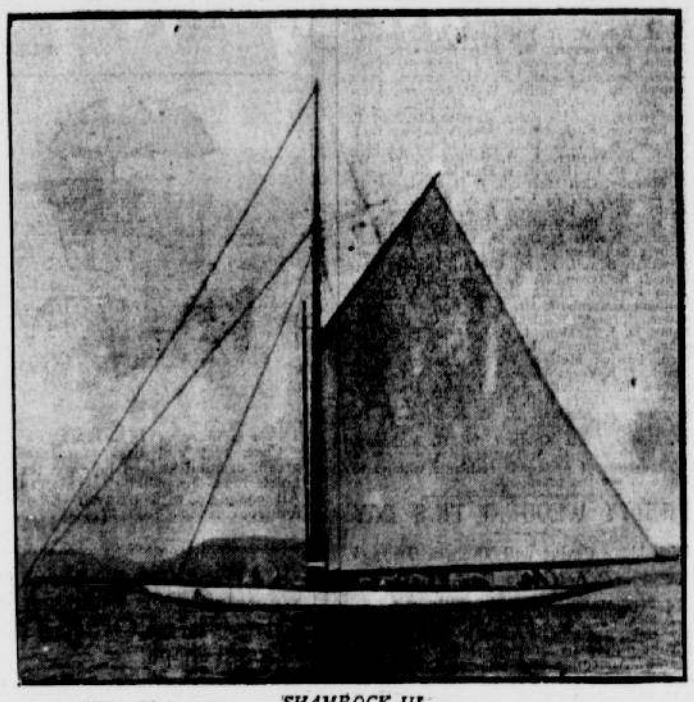
The Shamrock No. III. wouldn't look quite as good this morning if we could see the Challenger, as it does in the accompanying cut. The picture that appears herewith was taken several weeks ago when the Shamrock was being talked of as ready for its trial spin.



SHAMROCK III.

It will be recalled that Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht was recently caught in a squall; that the boat suffered about $25,000 worth of damages and that Sir Thomas narrowly escaped serious injury.

So the Shamrock III. is now resting in port and being doctored up for the next trial spin. Every true sportsman in the land will wish only the best success for Sir Thomas and his trim boat.

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Here's one on Ward from the Bulletin: When "Peggy" Ward walked to first in the eighth inning some one in the grand stand called out, "Say, press fellows, put in an item 'Peggy Ward wallows to first with a grunt of satisfaction.'" Peggy's known proclivity for leaving the diamond and mixing up with joshers bids the writer to be careful what he says and even now he quotes with fear lest he should feel the force of Peggy's disapproval.

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Young Corbett is expected to show in Butte the latter part of this month. The featherweight champion was booked to appear at the Grand April 26, but he has wired he can only be here several days later than that.

Wonder how it would do to have an exhibition bout between the Denver boy and Herrera?

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Morro Herrera got the decision over Kid Bernstein in Miles City last night. Aurelio Herrera had been spoken of as the Miles City boxer's opponent, and it has occasioned the sports here some surprise to know a change was made in the program at the last minute. Aurelio must be sick from that bad cold and Bishop decided to pick another horse from his stable.

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I was talking to Charley Fredericks over the long-distance telephone to Alhambra Springs this morning and the managing brother tells me the Kid is in prime shape for his prospective battle with Herrera.

Fredericks still has strong hopes that the fight can come off in Havre. He will find out definitely today and if the sheriff still says "Nit" then Fredericks will come to Butte and arrange with Bishop to have the contest take place here.

There isn't a lover of sports in Butte who wouldn't be willing to dig down in his pocket to pay to see this fight. The feeling against Fredericks caused by prejudiced sport writers, is changing, and there is talk of making Fredericks an even proposition in the betting against the Mexican.

Certain it is Kid Fredericks has a splendid record of clean victories, and according to form he should be able to give Herrera the battle of his life.

JOHN H. McINTOSH.

PHYSICAL HOUSE-CLEANING

A Thorough Cleansing of the System Now is the Surest Protection Against Spring and Summer Sickness.

No good house keeper ever neglects Spring cleaning. With plenty of soap and water, hard scrubbing and scouring, sunlight and air, she soon gets rid of all rubbish, musty odors, germs and microbes, and the dust and dirt that have accumulated during the long winter months. But when the house has been put in order, and the premises cleared of all old plunder and trash, the great majority of house keepers feel that Spring cleaning is over, and forget that their systems may be in a worse condition than the house, and that the bad feelings, debility, loss of appetite, nervousness and sleeplessness from which they are suffering are due to neglect of the more important and necessary work of Physical house cleaning. A clean house does not insure against disease, but a clean system does. The poisons and humors engendered within the body, the waste matter that is clogging the system and contaminating and vitiating the blood, are far more dangerous to health than the dirt and dust of our homes. In the winter time we give free rein to our appetites, and eat more and oftener than is for our good. We inhale the polluted air of badly ventilated offices and rooms, take little or no exercise, and our bodies become a veritable hot-bed of disease-bearing germs, and our blood is loaded with impurities and poisons of every conceivable kind; and no wonder that Spring time is so often Sick time and finds us in such poor physical condition, with vitality slowly wasting away, our digestion impaired, the liver torpid, and all the bodily organs over-worked and out of repair. Unless our systems are given a thorough cleaning, and the blood purged and purified, the simplest malady may develop into some serious disorder or end in chronic invalidism, and often the pent-up impurities, poisons and humors break out through the skin, and all through the Spring and Summer you are tormented with boils, itchy rashes, sores, bumps and pimples, and all manner of ugly pustular and scaly eruptions.

Physical house cleaning should begin with the blood. It must be purified and strengthened, and when a stream of pure, rich blood is turned into all the nooks and corners of the system, the rubbish and disease-producing poisons are washed out, and the congested channels and avenues of the body are opened, and Physical house cleaning is made thorough and complete. S. S. S. cleanses the blood of taints and poisons and expels the waste and rubbish from the system. It is to the system what soap and water are to the house. Nothing else so quickly removes the stubborn, deeply-rooted poisons and humors that are destroying the purity of the blood and blocking the avenues of health and life.

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JIM TALKS FRANKLY

The frankness with which Jim Corbett has outlined the plan of battle he will use in his coming fight against Champion Jeffries is one of the most interesting articles in the fighting game that has appeared for some time. Corbett's talk has a ring of truth about it, and if he does not follow out the line which he has struck for himself the chances are that it will be because Jeffries beats him to it and puts him down on his back for the count. He says that he has not the slightest fear about making known his plans, because Jeffries is too slow to balk them, even if he has three months' warning and spends that time in putting up a particular defense.

If Corbett cannot deliver the goods he certainly is there with the talk. He has discovered that the short ribs which Jeffries hides under his crouch are so short that they do not protect his solar plexus or any of the other dangerous parts in that section of a man's anatomy, and Corbett has decided that the best thing he can do is to chop away at the ends of these ribs until he makes them curl up, and then drop home the punch that will make Jeffries think that the boilers are getting even with him for the manner in which he pounded them for years. The men who are figuring that Corbett is going to have a chance will be delighted to hear the evidence of Bob Edgren. He says that the ex-champion never looked better in all his career than he does at the present time; that he has muscles which never showed on his body before, and his arms have developed in a manner which indicates that he can drop the punch he says he can.

This time Corbett is going to slacken up in his speed and put the work into blows. He believes that this will bring home the goods for him. He says that he was ten times faster than Jeffries the last time they met, and now he is going to lessen his speed to three times and hang around the scene of battle long enough to put home his wallop. If Corbett tarries too long and makes a slight miscalculation upon the speed of the champion he is likely to find himself up against the real thing for keeps. There is one thing which none of the mitt jugglers doubt, and that is the ability of the champion to hit, and Corbitt's plans are very likely to go astray on this account.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

American Loan Office removed from 8 East Park street to 21 North Main.
ED ROSE, Prop.

MUD JOCKEYS AS WELL AS MUD HORSES

"Did it ever occur to you that it is just as important to study a jockey's mud riding ability as it is to figure a horse's mud-running ability?"

This question was asked by a student of form who has considerably enriched himself by closely watching and weighing every incident in racing. He proceeded to demonstrate his theory.

"Take the past meeting at New Orleans for example and I can show you that mud riders are the thing in mud going. There was a little short of a deluge all winter and if the track was really fast it must have been on Sundays or at midnight some time. I firmly believe it was that condition that put Jockey Fuller into prominence.

"When Archie Zimmer appeared on the grounds with his charge he had some trouble finding good mounts for him. The boy was comparatively unknown and what measure of success is his did not come to him—he went after it. That he was a success was demonstrated in the first few weeks of the meeting. He simply reveled in the deep going and after he had hooked up with Odom, Buchanan, Redfern and some of the others of quality a few times people reached the conclusion that he knew how to sit on a horse. Before the close of the meeting the fact of Fuller having the mount when the track was muddy would result in a shorter price than would reasonably be expected. This was as it should be, for he developed into a mud rider who was pounds better than anything else on the track.

"I will say on behalf of the boys of known ability who were at the track that they did not have as many 'muddy' mounts as did Fuller, and some of them showed a disposition to 'duck' the sloppy track. They did not relish being splashed and bumped about and mounts were taken under protest. Fuller had a reputation to make; the others had made theirs. Fuller made his reputation and when some of the good ones met him they

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WHAT IS TERRY'S FIGHTING WEIGHT?

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Chicago, April 22.—What is Terry McGovern's fighting weight? Can the lithe Brooklynite make a low notch and still be strong enough to put up a hard fight? These are the questions that naturally arise after looking over the articles of agreement that his manager, Sam Harris, sent on to John Hertz, manager of Benny Yanger, for the latter's signature.

While training for his fight in 'Frisco with Young Corbett reports had it that McGovern could easily have made 122 pounds or even 120. While this statement was doubted by many, there is little reason to doubt that Terry was down as low as 124. Did the making of this low notch so sap his strength as to make him unfit to put up a grueling fight with the champion? Seemingly it did, and it looks as if his trainers realize the fact now.

Just after the fight with Corbett Sam Harris declared that it would be McGovern's policy in the future to fight all the men below Corbett and at as low a weight as those men would make and in this way bring himself to a point that he could demand another match with the champion.

McGovern's first attempt at a match after leaving 'Frisco was with Benny Yanger. Harris and Hertz met in the office of the Chicago American and practically arranged a match. In the discussion the weight question was broached and it seemed to be the desire of both men to fight as near the featherweight limit as possible. There was no weight set, however, and Harris was told he could name his own weight for a match. This he agreed to do. Harris was to go on to New York and there draw up articles of agreement, naming the weight and other conditions for the match.

It was thought that inasmuch as McGovern claimed he could make the featherweight limit he would name a notch very near that mark, but this did not prove to be the case. The articles drawn up by Harris arrived here yesterday and the weight named was 130 pounds ringside.

This looks very much as if Harris was aware that his boy was unable to make a low notch and be strong enough to defeat a boy of Yanger's ability. Should Yanger and McGovern fight at 130 pounds ringside, there is no doubt that McGovern would step into the ring a few pounds the heavier. Yanger is able to make a low notch, although his manager does not care to force him to do so, believing that hard training takes too much out of a man. However, the McGovern match is now off, Yanger having made arrangements to take on Eddie Hanlon on the coast in June, and so the matter is dropped.

SOPHS AND FRESHMEN BATTLE AND DO DAMAGE

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 22.—In a fight, compared to which the average bread riots are but child's play, the annual bowling contest between the sophomore and freshmen classes of the University of Pennsylvania has been waged in the old Franklin Field, and the freshmen won.

James Armstrong, a sophomore, is badly injured, perhaps dying, in the university hospital. He had been lying under a struggling mass of students for 10 minutes. A dozen or more students were seriously injured and were taken out of the fight; but Armstrong was the only man who had to go to the hospital. Three thousand men, women and children looked on and cheered the combatants.

YANGER'S ODD MATCH

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Chicago, April 22.—First steps toward a possible handicap match for Benny Yanger were taken by Sam Summerfield yesterday when he posted a forfeit of $1,000.

This forfeit calls for a match according to his original statement. He believes that Benny Yanger cannot make 122 ringside and be strong, and previously made the suggestion that at this weight Yanger could not beat either Rauch or Kid Herman.

John Hertz, with Manager Yanger, asked for a $5,000 to $4,000 wager on such a possible meeting, agreeing that his man should put both lads away the same night.

With the view of clinching such a match and as part of the $4,000 bet, this $1,000 was deposited.

The proposition is that Hertz may name the number of rounds for the contest with Rauch and Herman, which is to be before either a club or in private, George Siler to referee. The forfeit is to remain up a week and if not covered within that time will be taken down.

Rauch claims that he never met Yanger save once, when Choynski called it a draw, over in the Chicago Athletic association.

FISH WINS THE "Y" AT LAST

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New Haven, Conn., April 22.—Stuyvesant Fish has been installed as No. 6 in the regular 'varsity eight of Yale, taking the place of Miller, who has been dropped to the second boat.

For two years the son of the Illinois Central railroad magnate has accepted the drudgery that goes with a season's training for a profit of finally wearing a "Y." He won his class numerals last June by rowing in the freshman race against Harvard, 1905.

ALL OF THE BALL GAMES

STANDING OF PACIFIC NATIONAL

CLUBS.	Won.	Lost.	Standing
Seattle	4	2	.667
Spokane	4	2	.667
Los Angeles	4	2	.667
San Francisco	4	3	.571
Helena	3	3	.500
Tacoma	2	4	.333
Portland	2	4	.333
Butte	2	5	.286

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING

CLUBS.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Pittsburg	5	4	1	.800
New York	3	2	1	.666
Boston	5	3	2	.600
St. Louis	5	3	2	.600
Chicago	4	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	5	2	3	.400
Brooklyn	3	1	2	.333
Cincinnati	4	0	4	.000

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING

CLUBS.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Boston	2	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	2	1	1	.500

At Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, April 22.—Los Angeles won from Butte by a score of 6 to 5. There was hard and persistent batting on both sides. Gannon hit a home run in the seventh with three men on bases. Gay repeated the home run in the ninth for Butte, but the bases were clear. Attendance, 200. Score:

BUTTE.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Muller, R	5	0	2	2	1	0
Kane, ss	4	1	2	3	3	0
Ward, 2b	4	0	0	1	5	0
Laroque, 1b	5	0	2	10	0	0
McKevitt, rf	5	1	1	0	0	0
Swindells, c	3	0	2	5	0	1
Brockhoff, 3b	4	1	1	1	2	0
McHale, cf	4	0	1	5	0	0
Gay, p	4	2	2	0	1	0
* Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	39	5	13	27	12	1

LOS ANGELES.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Walters, cf	4	2	2	1	0	0
Hollingsworth, ss	4	1	3	4	5	2
Gannon, rf	5	1	3	1	0	0
Hall, 2b	5	0	0	2	0	0
Reilly, 3b	5	0	0	1	3	0
Messerly, 1b	4	1	2	9	3	0
Hardy, lf	4	0	1	5	2	0
Hanson, c	5	0	1	4	1	0
Strickett, p	3	1	1	0	3	0
Totals	39	6	13	27	17	2

* Batted for Swindells in the ninth.

Los Angeles 0 1 0 0 1 0 4 0 0—6
Butte 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 2—5

SUMMARY:

Sacrifice hits—Walters, Hollingsworth. Stolen bases—Helena, 1. Two-base hits—Gannon, 2; Gay, McKevitt. Home runs—Gannon, Gay. Bases on balls—Off Strickett, 3; off Gay, 3. Double plays—Hardy to Messerly. First base on errors—Los Angeles, 1; Butte, 2. Three-base hit—Swindells. Struck out—By Strickett, 3; by Gay, 5. Left on bases—Los Angeles, 11; Butte, 9. Time of game—One hour and 45 minutes. Umpire—Huston.

At San Francisco.

San Francisco, April 22.—Helena defeated the home team yesterday by heavy hitting. Putnam puzzled the locals when hits were needed. All the home team's errors were costly. The score:

Helena 0 1 1 0 2 1 0 0 x—5
San Francisco 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—3

Sacrifice hits—Peeples, 3; Burns, Ely, Weed. Stolen bases—Helena, 1. Two-base hits—Brown, 2; Clark, 2; Carisch, Marshall, Peeples. Bases on balls—Off Putnam, 1. Passed ball—Zearfoss. First base on errors—San Francisco, 2; Helena, 2. Struck out—By Stovall, 4; by Putnam, 6. Left on bases—San Francisco, 9; Helena, 8. Hit by pitcher—Frary. Time of game—One hour and 15 minutes. Umpire—Warner.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Los Angeles, April 22.—Score:	R	H	E
Sacramento	9	4	1
Los Angeles	3	7	1

Batteries—Cutter and Graham, Hall and Spies.

Oakland, April 22.—Score:	R	H	E
Oakland	7	14	5
San Francisco	8	13	3

Batteries—Herr and Gorton; Lindsay, Iberg and Kelly.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES

Boston, April 22.—Boston made only three hits off Burchell yesterday, yet won the game handily on errors by Wolverton and Burchell and Cooley's safe drive. Attendance, 1,600. Score:

	R	H	E
Boston	3	3	4
Philadelphia	1	6	5

Batteries—Piatt and Kittridge; Burchell, Duggleby and Dooin. Umpire—O'Day.

Pittsburg, April 22.—Pittsburg lost its first game of the season yesterday. Preceding the game President Pulliam made a speech to the two teams and then conducted the ceremony of hauling down last year's pennant and hoisting the new one amid deafening noises of all kinds and loud cheering from the 18,000 persons present. Score:

	R	H	E
Pittsburg	8	10	3
St. Louis	0	14	5

Batteries—Phillippi, Falkenberg, Phelps and Smith; M. O'Neil and J. O'Neil. Umpire—Johnstone.

Brooklyn, April 22. Sixteen thousand persons attended the opening game of baseball at Washington park yesterday and saw Hanlon's men defeated in the final inning. The score:

	R	H	E
New York	2	8	3
Brooklyn	1	3	1

Batteries—Mathewson and Warner; Schmidt and Jacklitsch. Umpire—Moran.

Chicago, April 22.—President Hart announced yesterday that the scheduled opening game for the afternoon between Cincinnati and Chicago was off on account of the cold weather.

JOHN M'GRAW TALKS

"Did you ever hear of four runs being scored on a missed third strike?" says John McGraw. "This is how it happened: Some years ago there was a catcher playing named Tug Arundel. Tug was a short, heavy-built man and as slow as New Orleans molasses.

"Nevertheless Tug thought he was faster than he got credit for being, and often challenged his tormentors to foot races, in which he was always beaten. One day the opposing team had three men on the bases with two out and a man at the bat who had beaten Tug in a race. The batter had two strikes on him when Tug remarked:

"'You strike at the next one and I'll drop it and catch you before you get to first.'

"'I'll go you,' said the batter. He hit at the ball and missed it. Tug dropped the sphere, picked it up and then went after his man. Of course all the base runners started for home. Tug chased the four runs in ahead of him, as he never did get near enough to the runner to tag him."

BUTTE RACE MEET IS POSTPONED

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

San Francisco, April 22.—As a result of an agreement between promoters there will be no opposition at Seattle and Butte this year. The sport will commence at Seattle, May 30, and continue until July 11.

The Butte meeting was to have opened June 6, but it has been postponed until July 16, so that the horses that participate in Seattle may race there.

EDDIE BALL TAKES A FALL

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Savannah, Ga., April 22.—Eddie Bald of Buffalo suffered a bad fall on the Coliseum track yesterday afternoon, causing the postponement of his championship motor-paced race with Bobby Walthour, scheduled for last night.

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