

# AUTO RACE MARRED PORTO RICANS MAY BY ACCIDENTS BE CITIZENS

### SPEED TEST AT ASCOT PARK CHIEF OF BUREAU OF INSULAR AFFAIRS MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS IN REPORT.

Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—In the six-hour automobile race at Ascot park today, which was marred by numerous accidents to cars and serious injuries to two participants, the Stearns driven by Spaulding won, the distance made being 283 miles. This establishes a new coast record for six hours, the former record of 267 miles having been made by a Kissel-Kar at Ascot park last May. The Pullman, driven by George Kussman, was second, with 271 miles. The Buick led until the sixth hour, when it withdrew on account of a breakdown.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Extension of American citizenship to Porto Ricans who desire it, and conferring it upon those who do not, is recommended by Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, in his annual report made public today. In speaking of the recent tariff legislation by congress for the benefit of the Philippines, General Edwards says the net results so far have been to increase the price paid to the owner for his leaf tobacco from 10 per cent for the poorer grades to 45 per cent for the best grades.

The price received by the producer of sugar has increased 25 per cent. He says that, up to date, importations into the United States of Philippine cigars since the passage of the tariff act have been at the rate of about 75,000,000 a year, or one-half the limit for free admission. "The effect on the American industry of this importation," says General Edwards, "may well be judged by the fact that these cigars may be found only with the greatest difficulty."

General Edwards says that one-half of the regular number of troops now in the Philippines are a sufficient guarantee against any possible internal disorder.

# SYNDICATE OF BANKS RAKES IN HUGE POT

Washington, Dec. 12.—The syndicate of French banks formed last spring with the expectation of listing a million shares of steel common stock on the Paris bourse was dissolved a few days ago, after liquidating its holdings. The syndicate's profits, according to gossip, were large, probably exceeding those of any financial transaction in which the interested banks have been engaged in recent years. It is explained that the syndicate's decision to distribute its holdings was due to complications which arose in connection with the proposed listing, especially the delay in the work of the commission appointed by M. Caillaux, then minister of finance, to investigate the application of existing laws to the introduction of foreign securities.

### FIVE SKATERS DIE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Five deaths have resulted from the inauguration of the ice skating season today in this state and New Jersey. Four were of boys who had ventured on thin ice, and the fifth, a father, was drowned after rescuing his 12-year-old son.

A recent costly forest fire in the Grass valley region of California was blamed to a squirrel, which formed a short circuit between two heavily-charged electric wires in a tree, the resulting heat being sufficient to ignite dry moss on the tree.

A business is to be made in California of slaughtering the big brown rats of that city for their skins, which are useful for bookbinding and for a great variety of small leather articles.

# Frank Gould's Affinity



Bessie DeVoe, who is suing Frank J. Gould for \$200,000 love balm.

New York, Dec. 11.—Bessie DeVoe, the dancing girl, is camping on the trail of Frank J. Gould, determined to have \$200,000 as a balm for her alleged injured feelings. She declares she has scores of love letters in her possession proving the passion of the millionaire, who is determined to marry another woman. Gould is in Europe and refuses to discuss the case further than to say he does not even know the girl. Miss DeVoe says Gould made repeated professions of his love to her and that she promised to marry him. She has retained a distinguished New York jurist to fight her case for her and the suit promises sensational developments. William A. Slayback, Gould's most intimate chum, is also named in Miss DeVoe's suit. She charges that he was instrumental in bringing about a change in Gould's affections, and she demands \$100,000 of him.

# Story of The Third Degree

Theatergoers who were fortunate enough to see Charles Klein's great drama, "The Lion and the Mouse," will be overly anxious to witness his latest success, "The Third Degree," which comes to the Harnois Friday. The story of "The Third Degree" is interesting. It will be printed in four installments.

The first act takes place in Robert Underwood's art studio in Fifth avenue in New York city. It is evening, and Underwood, a pale, nervous man of about 38, is alone when Mr. Bennington is announced over the telephone. "Send him up," Underwood calls, and hanging up the receiver, he throws away his cigarette and picks up a newspaper, which he carelessly scans, awaiting Bennington's arrival. "This is a surprise," Underwood declares when his guest enters, but the latter, waving formalities, says his time is short and his mission a delicate one. He has come to warn Underwood that the firm employing him has learned he has sold many of their valuable objects, for which they have received nothing, and are now about to ask a return of their property.

At first Underwood tries to deny, but seeing he is trapped before long, he says, "They're coming tomorrow—I promised to let you know, and I can do no more." Bennington answers, "In a moment the telephone rings and Underwood goes to the receiver. 'I can't see him—tell him I'm'—but he leaves the sentence unfinished to detain Bennington, who is about to leave. 'It's only that infernal nuisance, Howard Jeffries,' Underwood announces, and in another moment the nuisance, a young fellow of about 25, evidently slightly under the influence, makes his appearance and Bennington soon takes his leave.

Young Jeffries is profuse with apologies "for putting in" and wants to know of Underwood why he is downcast. "Wait till you hear my hard-luck story; that'll cheer you up," he says. It quickly develops that the boy is out of money and has come to borrow, and reminds Underwood of the 250 bucks he loaned him. "When my family kicked me out for marrying the finest girl that ever—well, my father cut me off with a piking allowance, which I told him to put in the church plate," Howard rambles on, as he helps himself to the decanter. He admits that he has the independence he sought, but is broke and wants to borrow a couple of thousand. Underwood advises his friend to go home and see his father.

Howard—After being tormented out like a dog with a young wife on my hands—not much—I've injured their pride. You know, father married a second time—loaded me down with a young stepmother, and I followed suit.

Underwood—Yes, I know. Howard—She's all right, but she's so confoundedly—do you know her? Say, didn't you and she—wasn't there some sort of an engagement once? Seems to me I—

Underwood doesn't care to talk about the matter and asks Howard if he cannot postpone his visit until the boy simply takes another drink and continues talking. He declares he has married the finest little woman in the world; she is a little brute, but the only thing he objects to is she insists on going back to work, and he won't allow that. He, by the way, has attempted several things himself, unsuccessfully.

Underwood tries to tell Howard he is broke and again advises him to go to his father, who will relent, Jeffries, Sr., has too much brains and too little heart, his son thinks, for any chance of relenting. "My God, how obstinate that man is," he draws drily, as he throws one foot over the arm of the couch on which he is sitting.

"See, but I've made a mess of things, haven't I?" he moans.

Underwood—You've had a mess of your life, but you've had some measure of happiness—at least you married the woman you love. The woman I wanted is married to someone else—damn him!

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in "Veronique," has been engaged by Arthur Collins for the coming Christmas pantomime at the Drury Lane theater in London.

Margaret Anglin has secured the dramatic rights to a French play, "La Rivale," of which Frederick Fenn, the author of "Hop o' My Thumb," will make the English adaptation.

Frank Meenan will soon begin the rehearsals of his new play, "The Heights," by William Anthony McGuire, in which he will star this season under the management of Henry B. Harris.

Miss May Elinore is no longer associated with her sister Mate, the latter having married recently and formed a separate combination with her husband, who has made quite a success in vaudeville.

# A Most Intelligent Dog

Menominee, Mich., Dec. 12.—Menominee is the home of one of the most valuable and intelligent dogs in the country, Clipper Okaw, a handsome English setter, the property of Fred Stephenson, the well-known American capitalist and sportsman, who is now enjoying a hunting trip in Africa in company with John T. McCutcheon, the cartoonist, and a distinguished party.

Mr. Stephenson thinks more of Clipper Okaw than any other dog he owns, and his kennels in Texas are said to be among the finest in the country, and hesitated to leave him behind on his departure for the African wilds. He persuaded his friend, Fred Harrison of this city, who is a thorough sportsman and one of Michi-



gan's crack shots, to keep him during his absence.

Clipper Okaw loves children, and his best friend is Eddie Gosling, a son of a prominent business man of this city, who insisted on being in the picture when his playfellow was to be photographed.

Clipper Okaw is one of the canine aristocrats of America. In 1907 he won first in the field trial of Texas over 15 other full-blooded contestants. The same year he won second in the field trials of Oklahoma. He is valued at \$1,000 by dog fanciers, but money could not buy him from Mr. Stephenson.

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