

# SPORTS

## LONG BICYCLE GRIND IN OLD NEW YORK STARTS AGAIN

FIFTEEN TEAMS, INCLUDING CRACK RIDERS OF WORLD, IN CONTEST.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR

New York, Dec. 11.—Fifteen riders representing as many teams started at 12:05 o'clock this morning in the 19th annual six-day bicycle race in Madison square garden. There was a yell from the big crowd that filled the amphitheater as the starting signal was given and the riders broke away on their first circuit of the 10-lap-to-the-mile saucer track. At the end of the first lap Leon Georget led the bunch of riders. At the end of the first mile, which was made in 2:34, E. A. Pye, the Australian, who teamed with Edmer Collins of Boston, was making the pace. The score for the first hour was 24 miles and six laps with Georget leading. The old record is 25.5, made by Anderson and Vannoni in 1909. During the running of the ninth hour riders wet down in a heap but none was injured. Lapise of France in relieving his partner Van Houwaert, was responsible for the mixup, in which Wiley of Syracuse and Fogler were thrown. At 2 o'clock, the end of the second hour, the bunch of riders, led at that time by Georget, had roiled off 48 miles and one lap. The record for the second hour is 50 miles on one lap, made by LaForencade and Pater in 1905. All 15 teams, including star bicycle riders of seven countries, were in readiness to start at midnight in Madison square garden on a grind for six days, or 142 hours to be exact. There are 17 eastern riders in this year's lineup and four from San Francisco. A conspicuous omission from the entries is the name of Walter Rutt, the great German sprinter. In his place Willie Lorenz, the present sprint champion of Germany, has come and will have as a mate Karl Saldow of Germany. This pair won the recent international six-day race in Berlin. The American sprint champion, Frank Kramer of East Orange, N. J., and James B. Moran, of Chelsea, Mass., make up one of the favorite teams. Moran, with Eddie Root of New York, formed the winning team of last year's race, but Kramer has never negotiated the six-day grind. Jackie Clarke, the Australian title holder, will be paired with Joe Fogler of Brooklyn.

The full list of starters follows: 1—Willie Lorenz, Germany, and Karl Saldow, Germany. 2—Leon Georget, France, and Maurice Brocco, Italy. 3—Octav Lapize, France and Cyril Van Houwaert, Belgium. 4—Frank Kramer, East Orange, N. J., and James B. Moran, Chelsea, Mass. 5—Joe Fogler, Brooklyn, and Jackie Clarke, Australia. 6—Eddie Root, New York, and Fred Hill, Boston. 7—William (Pedlar) Palmer, Australia, and Fred (Jumbo) Wells, New Zealand. 8—E. A. Pye, Australia, and Elmer Collins, Boston. 9—Alfred Halsted, San Francisco, and Peter Drobach, Boston. 10—John Bedell, Lynnbrook, L. I., and Menus Bedell, Lynnbrook. 11—Grassy Ryan and Frank Cavanaugh, Newark, N. J. 12—George Cameron, New York, and Jake Magin, Newark, N. J. 13—Frank Galvin, New York, and George Wiley, Syracuse, N. Y. 14—Lloyd Thomas, San Francisco, and Charles Stein, Brooklyn. 15—Walter De Mora, San Francisco, and Percy O. Lawrence, San Francisco.

## PASSPORT QUESTION REVIEWED IN RUSSIA

St. Petersburg, Dec. 10.—The Novoye Vremya declares the days of the Russo-American commercial treaty evidently are numbered because no country can grant more extensive rights to foreigners than to its own subjects. The paper says that from the Russian point of view the American regulations are incredibly cruel, for instance, the rejection of immigrants who are not able to comply with the money qualification, and the exclusion of polygamists, which closes the United States to 15,000,000 Russian Mussulmans. The Novoye Vremya says the logical development of the abrogation of the treaty will be the exclusion from America of hundreds of thousands of Russian Jews. The desire for such exclusion, adds the paper, is the real motive of the Jews in the United States who are driving American politicians with a pitiless whip.

## POSSE KILLS MURDERER.

White Rock, S. D., Dec. 10.—After a running battle of 30 miles with a company of state militia and a posse of armed citizens, John Weldemeier, who shot and killed Sheriff Moody of Watpton yesterday, was surrounded near here and killed today after he had wounded three of his pursuers. Weldemeier killed Sheriff Moody when the latter attempted to eject him from a house on the farm of United States Marshal Shea.

## LOCAL DIRECTORS TO BE HOSTS

The Missoula Baseball association's members are active nowadays in preparing for the reception and entertainment of the directors of the Union Association of Baseball Clubs, who will meet in business session in this city Thursday, December 14. As has already been announced, the meeting will be at the Florence hotel. It was given out yesterday that a banquet, at which the local magnates will be hosts, would be the closing feature of the day.

## WELSH AND BALDWIN.

New Orleans, Dec. 10.—Freddie Welsh, the English lightweight, whose match with A. D. Wolgast Thanksgiving day was called off when Wolgast was stricken with appendicitis, has agreed to meet Matty Baldwin of Boston for 10 rounds at the West Side Athletic club here January 14, according to an announcement made tonight.

## YEAR OF BASEBALL IS JUST ABOUT TO START

SEASON OF 1912 PRACTICALLY BEGINS WITH MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.

## NEW CLASS LEAGUE UP

New York, Dec. 10.—The baseball year 1912 virtually begins this week. Members of the supreme council of the game, heads of several leagues and presidents of many clubs already are in the city holding informal conferences. New business of the week will include action by the National commission on the election of the American association, the Pacific Coast league and the Eastern league to the new double "A" class. The respective presidents of these leagues, Chivington, Kising and Borrows, had all arrived in New York today and with Secretary J. H. Farrell of the National Association of Baseball Clubs, were in consultation all afternoon. The league representatives expressed confidence of favorable action on the new rating. Mr. Burrows believed the proposal to call the Eastern league the "International league" because it includes two Canadian clubs, will go through. "Harmony" was the theme of National league magnates. Opposition to the re-election of President T. J. Lynch of the National league, was not evident today. The meeting of the national commission will be called tomorrow morning and it is known that President Johnson is bringing with him evidence relative to the speculation in world's series tickets here last fall. Well informed baseball men said the commission had little to hope for in placing blame for the way in which the ticket selling was conducted. A number of baseball deals are expected while the club owners are in the city. Herrmann has a new manager for the Cincinnati team and he says the announcement, which he insists on keeping secret for a day or two, will be a big surprise.

## RAILROADERS LEAD INDOOR LEAGUE AT PRESENT

Crescent team has two victories to its credit so far this season. Large number of runs scored during the past few games is due to poor showing in the box—Allen, Athletic twirler, is out of town.

## PITCHERS ARE SCARCE

The end of the second week of the indoor baseball season has left the various teams pretty well divided into two sections. The Northern Pacific Crescents lead the league with a percentage of 1.00. The White House and the Peerless teams are the teams that contributed their help toward placing the railroaders at the top of the heap. The Athletics and the Mercantile teams are tied with the Northern Pacific in the matter of percentage, but their number of games played is not as large, as each team has played but once. The White House follows with a percentage of .500. The Tattmen won one game from the Shamrocks and were defeated once by the Northern Pacific. The Peerless and Shamrock aggregations are at the bottom of the heap, both team having suffered two defeats.

## STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Northern Pacific	2	0	1.000
Athletics	1	0	1.000
Missoula Mercantile	1	0	1.000
White House	1	1	.500
Peerless	0	2	.000
Shamrocks	0	2	.000

## GAMES THIS WEEK.

Monday—Mercantile and Athletics. Wednesday—Northern Pacific and Shamrocks. Friday—White House and Peerless.

## AGGIES OF BOZEMAN PLANNING TRIP FOR FIVE

STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IS WORKING ON BASKET-BALL CAMPAIGN.

## OUTLOOK IS EXCELLENT

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## MARSHAL ACQUITTED FOR KILLING LEWIS

Centralia, Ill., Dec. 10.—The coroner's jury that investigated the death of George Lewis, special agent of the Illinois Central railroad, who was shot and killed last night by Deputy United States Marshal James E. Bacon, returned a verdict tonight of "justifiable self-defense." Bacon was discharged.

## FOLLOWERS IN PRAYER FOR CONVICTED PASTOR

Durham, Mass., Dec. 10.—The members of the flock of the Rev. Frank W. Sanford, leader of the Holy Ghost and Us society, who is now under bonds awaiting sentence on the charge of being responsible for the death of six of his followers, spent the entire day in prayer for his safety.

## ROCKS STRENGTHEN, THE NORTHERN PACIFIC TEAM SHOULD BE THE VICTOR WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The attendance during the past week has been all that could be desired and it is thought that, as the season progresses, the fans will warm up still more. Seating facilities have been poor in Bennett hall, but this will be remedied at once. The present plan is to build bleachers along the first and third base lines. This will accommodate many more spectators and will afford them a better view of the games. The games should go faster as the season progresses, and there should be some fast contests before the season is closed.

## FOOTBALL RULINGS ARE AWAITED EAGERLY

BLESSINGS OF GRIDIRON FANS ARE PILING UP FOR RULE-MAKERS.

## RESTORATION IS ASKED

New York, Dec. 9.—The blessings of several million football enthusiasts are piling up, to be showered on happy day upon the bulging brow of the genius who can restore the gridiron game to its old standing as a spectacle without giving another opening to the reformers, who see nothing but brutality in any contest that throws two perfectly-trained athletes into more or less violent bodily contact. Self-appointed rulemakers all over the country are offering solutions to a problem that is of more general interest to more people than anything else in the sport line today. Some of them sound good enough to warrant further consideration, some never would work out in a million years. The present code was framed principally to prevent or minimize injuries to players. Whether this end has been achieved is a question. The University of Michigan, a foremost advocate of the open game, suffered more injuries this season than in many years past. Yale and Harvard both had men more or less considerably banged up all through the campaign. Injuries are of just as frequent occurrence now as they were seven or eight years ago, and the game, as a spectacle, has gone back, rather than improved. In the old days the better team almost invariably won. There were few of the unsatisfactory battles that have become so common the past two or three years. Nowadays a team must be a third stronger than its opponent or favored by all the breaks in the luck, to win. For a time the failure of even the best-coached eleven to show scoring ability when pitted against a worthy foe was laid to unfamiliarity with the rules. No such argument could be advanced today. The fault rests entirely with the rules, for by the time such tacticians as Fielding Yost, Walter Camp, Tom Shevin, Percy Haughton, Alonzo Stagg, "Pop" Warner and Bill Roper get through with a guidebook it is pretty nearly certain they know just about everything that can possibly be drawn out of it. The coach who can invent something like 40 formations for the forward pass, as Yost has, can be depended upon to get touchdown plays, if there is any such thing to be found. In discussing the need for fresh legislation, Melvin Webb, the Boston authority, writes: "What the rulemakers will do, of course, may not be even guessed, but something must be done if the game is to progress. Open play, with its forward passing and inside kicks, may be all right, and it surely is all right for the middle of the field and for neighborhood territory, but the rules prohibit the use of the outside kick as a scoring play to be used inside the 20-yard line; the forward passes cannot cross the goal and be recovered. "If kick or pass cross the goal line a touchback results, and the opponent, with the ball passed over to him, has the option of a free kick or of putting the ball in play by scrimmage on his own 25-yard line—not altogether a fair proposition. "What may be plays that will score touchdowns, but those that will work when teams are evenly matched and are fighting down close to one goal line or the other are, indeed, few and far between. "All that is certain is that the game is one in which good drop kickers are more valuable than good ground gainers—players or plays—and is one that places a splendid premium as the reward for taking advantage of mistakes that are made either in the open field or through careless back-field work. "Many different things have been suggested, but the rules committee can't agree. The forward pass stays in the game because of football politics. In the Yale and Harvard game, of the 10 passes tried, only one was even recovered by the team that made it. The rules take into account any resulting gain. "With forward passes eradicated when close to the goal line, except as a tremendously long shot, and with the impossibility for the attacking team to use an inside kick, the team that is holding its goal need figure only on how to stop a rushing attack. "This is mighty easy, with the secondary defense drawn in and the inability for the attacking team to help its runner along over any part of the 10 yards that is as necessary to gain down the field as it is out in the open to secure first down. "It has been suggested that the downs be increased from three to four, with the distance to be gained remaining at 10 yards; that the downs remain the same, but the distance reduced to eight yards; that the attacking team be permitted to help a runner along after the 15-yard line has been reached; that a forward pass recovered over the goal line count just as well as one retrieved on the playing side of the line. "Some believe it would help if the secondary defense were forced to play 10 yards behind the scrimmage line, with no more than seven men on the defending line until the ball had been put into play; if any kicked ball striking the ground inside the 20 or 25-yard

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## MURDERER CAUGHT.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The murderer of Mrs. Hattie Kaufman was reported under arrest last night, when police officials secured from relatives of the dead woman papers guaranteeing payment of a \$2,000 reward for the capture. Mrs. Kaufman was shot and killed on the north side a week ago by a holdup man, who jumped from an automobile.

## ELIOT HOLDS HIS OWN.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 10.—Reassuring messages as to the condition of Charles W. Eliot, president of Harvard university, who was operated upon for appendicitis at Kandy, Ceylon, yesterday, were received here today. The patient's condition was said to be satisfactory. He is in a modern hospital and has skilled attendants.

## MOROS GIVE UP.

Manila, Dec. 10.—The guerrilla bands of Moros in the Jolo district, against which American detachments have been operating for the last few weeks, have capitulated. Three hundred rifles have been given up and peace seems now assured for this district. All other districts in the island are quiet.

## CARDINAL FARLEY HAS CHURCH.

Rome, Dec. 10.—Cardinal Farley, after attending a dinner given in the Irish college today in honor of Cardinal Bissetti, took possession of his titular church, Canonici Maria Soprana Minerva. The ceremony was imposing. The church was crowded with 10,000 persons of all nationalities.

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