# AUTO BILLS FIND FEW FRIENDS AT HEARING

## Assembly Chamber Filled with Motorists Who Want No Change in Callan Law.

## AGAINST OPERATOR'S BOND

### Signal Device in Rear of Cars Also Strongly Objected To—Abolishment of Bureau Desired.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Albany, March 13.—Automobile owners, chauffeurs and representatives of manufacturers and dealers' associations, who filed the Assembly Chamber this afternoon, joined in protesting against all of the bills amending the Callan motor vehicle law, now before the Legislature. Most of them contended that the Callan law could not be improved on, although no objection was made to the bill requiring all vehicles to carry lights at night. The hearing on the bills was held before the joint Senate and Assembly Internal Affairs Committees, which afterward announced that it would reserve decision to give many automobilists who were unable to be present to-day an opportunity to file briefs.

The strongest attack was made on two bills introduced by Senator Stilwell, one requiring a bond of $500 for all operators and the other requiring that if a signalling device on the rear of a car were used it should be one which would show the intention of the driver when about to slow down or turn a corner. Only representatives of the casualty companies wanted the former and a few chauffeurs favored the latter. Another bill that was heartily condemned required a $2,000 bond for operators. Frank Gilbert, a New York attorney, being the only one to speak for it.

J. F. McInerney, a former Assemblyman, who represented the Rochester Automobile Club, declared that it was so drawn that only a casualty company could furnish the bond, private bonds not being allowed. He called the Stilwell signal bill an old friend, saying that it had been introduced in the Legislature for three years.

Mr. McInerney held that the automobile bureau in the office of the Secretary of State be abolished. He said that the State Automobile Association would be glad to distribute number plates, conduct chauffeurs' examinations and look after the other duties now attended to by that bureau. He added that the association would be willing to bond itself, if necessary, for the faithful performance of the duty.

Melvin Bender, chairman of the legislative committee of the New York State Automobile Association, attacked the McClelland bill, doubling the automobile license tax, which is favored by the Secretary of State, while Charles T. Terry, counsel to the New York City Dealers' Association, objected strongly to the police powers given to the Secretary of State by nearly all of the bills. He thought that the increased tax on motor trucks was an imposition.

Frederick R. Coudert, president of the National Protective Society, appeared in favor of the Herrick bill, which gives to the Secretary of State greater control in the licensing and regulating of automobilists and chauffeurs. He held that there should be a reduction in the speed rate in built up portions of cities. A rate of sixteen miles an hour on Fifth avenue, New York, he said, had proved practicable, and urged that that rate be made the standard throughout the state.

Secretary of State Mitchell May said that automobilists, as they secured the greatest benefit from highway construction, should willingly contribute to its cost.

## AT WORK ON BOATHOUSE

### Home for Columbia Crew at Poughkeepsie Takes Form.

Announcement was made yesterday by Morton G. Bogue, graduate director of the Columbia crews, that the University Rowing Club will begin at once on a stone boathouse at Poughkeepsie.

Plans for the new house were projected last spring, but because of the lateness of the date at which they were completed it was decided to postpone building until this year.

The new training quarters will be on the old icehouse dock at the one mile mark of the regatta course, and it is said the cost will be in the neighborhood of $19,000. Although nothing elaborate will be built, the two structures probably will be the most complete of the kind in this country. One building, some fifty feet square, will be constructed almost in the middle of the plot. This will contain a large kitchen, sleeping quarters for the help and a dining room for the use of the crew men.

The other building will be approximately eighty feet long and thirty feet wide. The lower floor will be divided into two compartments. One, sixty-five feet long and opening directly on the river, will be used for storage of shells. The smaller room will be given over to the boatmen's quarters and a repair room. The second floor will be used entirely for the sleeping quarters of the oarsmen, and there will be accommodations for between forty and fifty men. The coach will also have quarters on this floor.

Surrounding the entire building will be a double-deck fifteen-foot veranda, on which hammocks will be swung for the use of the oarsmen during the day when they are resting.

The buildings will be finished by May 29, two weeks before the time set for the Columbia crews to begin training on the upriver course.

## RACQUETS TOURNEY BEGINS

### Crane and Smith Win Matches in Canadian Fixture.

Montreal, March 13.—Play in the Canadian racquets championship matches began here to-day. Joshua Crane, of Boston, defeated H. B. MacDougall, of Montreal, and H. Meredith Smith, of Montreal, put Hecksher, of New York, out of the running.

Crane had little difficulty in disposing of MacDougall, winning in straight sets by a score of 15—4, 15—3, 15—8. The other match was by far the more interesting, although Smith also won in straight sets at 15—9, 17—14, 15—8.

The squash championships start to-morrow. Teams of five men each are also coming to-morrow from Toronto and Hamilton for an intercity match with Montreal.

## LET-UP FOR THE YANKEES

### Diamond Too Wet for a Game with Jersey City Skeeters.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

Hamilton, Bermuda, March 13.—The miniature deluge late yesterday afternoon cost Frank Chance and his Yankees a practice game with the Jersey City Skeeters this afternoon. The weather cleared, but the improvised diamond on the cricket field was so wet and soggy that it was necessary to confine the day's work to the lightest kind of practice. The men tossed the ball about, indulged in some fungo batting and did a little walking and running to improve their wind, but nothing in the way of a game could be attempted.

The players rather welcomed the little let-up, as Chance has been driving them fairly hard in the last few days. Not too hard for their good, it may be said, as the former manager of the Cubs has the eye of a hawk and seems to know by intuition when a man is in danger of going stale from too much work. His handling of Paddy Green has been a clear indication of this, as the pitcher, who is showing high promise, was warned two or three days ago to take things a bit more easily.

The Yankees will line up against the Skeeters to-morrow, to make up for the time lost to-day, and a closer struggle is indicated than when the teams met on Tuesday.

## EBBETS TO TAKE A REST

### Owner of Superbas Will Sail Away for Short Vacation.

Charles H. Ebbets, chief owner of the Brooklyn Superbas, is going on a vacation. He will sail for New Orleans to-morrow morning to get a much needed rest after his efforts to get the new home of the Superbas ready for the opening of the season. He expects to return on March 27.

Tommy Sheehan, the fast third baseman, who failed to report to the Superbas last season owing to the illness of his wife, has received his unconditional release. Sheehan will play on a California nine this year and will act as scout for the Brooklyn club.

## RUBE WAGERS REAL MONEY

### No Chance, He Says, to Catch a Turnip on a Fork.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

San Francisco, March 13.—Can Jean Bedini, juggler, catch a one-pound turnip thrown from the top of the Call Building on an ordinary two pronged fork which he will hold between his teeth?

"Rube" Marquard, pitcher of the Giants and actor, says no. So sure is he that he has wagered $500 to $250.

Can Marquard catch a ball dropped from the top of the Call Building?

"Certainly not," said Bedini. "I have waged $250 to a like amount that Marquard cant turn the trick. Ten thousand 'fans' who are familiar with 'Rube's' work will agree with me." Saturday will tell the story.

Marquard has wagered $500 in cold cash to Bedini's $250 that the latter can't catch the turnip. Bedini, in turn, has bet Marquard an even $250 that "Rube" can't cling to a common baseball after it has fallen the distance.

The press agent will do the laughing.

## RAIN LAYS OFF SUPERBAS

### No Practice To-day Either Unless Field Dries Up.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Augusta, Ga., March 13.—A rainstorm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, early this morning left Warren Park in such a condition that practice of any kind was out of the question for the Superbas to-day. The sun shone brightly this afternoon, however, and several of the players visited the grounds and did a little light work for an hour or so. Another storm passed over the city about 5 o'clock, so work to-morrow may have to be abandoned also.

A large crowd is expected at the game on Saturday between Ty Cobb's All Georgians and the Superbas. Ex-President Taft, through his secretary, has made arrangements for a party of twenty, and many other guests are expected from the big hotels here and in Aiken.

Dahlen probably will use Allen and Ragon in the box against Rucker, who has been loaned to Cobb for the occasion. This trio is in the best form of any of the Superba twirlers. Ducky Holmes, who is working out here, preparatory to joining the Rochester club at Charlotte, will be in Cobb's line-up.

Captain Jake Daubert, secretary of the baseball players' fraternity, distributed buttons of that organization to nearly all the players this morning.

## BARS CONTRACT JUMPERS

### United States League Makes Ruling on Ball Players.

According to a statement issued by William A. Witman, president of the United States League, yesterday, no contract jumpers from either the major or minor leagues will be allowed to play with any club in the new organization. The owners have been notified to this effect. Witman has been making a tour of the cities in the league, and is highly pleased at the conditions for a successful beginning.

The Brooklyn club yesterday received its incorporation papers, naming its capital as $10,000. The directors are Leo L. Groom, William A. Witman and S. Dudley Shirk. "Bob" Ganley, of Lowell, Mass., has been appointed manager of the team.

The club will not have any conflicting dates with those of the Brooklyn National League club, nor will it attempt to play Sunday baseball.

## DONOHUE AN EASY VICTOR

### Outboxes Johnny Marto in a Fast Battle at 44th Street Club.

Harry Donohue, of Peking, Ill., easily outpointed Johnny Marto, of this city, in ten lively rounds at the Forty-fourth Street Sporting Club last night. The Western boxer was clever, and used a left hand jab effectively. Donohue frequently jabbed his opponent six and seven times without a return, but Marto stood to his guns in game fashion. In the sixth round Donohue went down for an eight-second count from a wild left hand swing. He barely lasted the round.

Al Rogers, a Buffalo middleweight, took the place of Joe Thomas, of California, against George Ashe, of Philadelphia, and easily outpointed the latter in ten rounds by a large margin.

"Louisiana," of Philadelphia, met Johnny Murray, of Brooklyn, in the other ten round bout, and won easily.

# TIMELY BITS OF SPORT

## Ban Johnson Hot on Trail of the Literary Players.

## DEMANDS HELP OF OWNERS

### Flagrant Cases, He Insists, of Fake Journalism Call for Quick Action.

Byron Bancroft Johnson, president of the American League, is continuing his crusade against the so-called literary efforts of baseball players, and to that end has addressed a letter to the club owners in his league asking their co-operation. The letter, in part, follows:

"The growth of baseball in the last few years and the growing interest created have brought to the sporting departments of the newspapers some of the best talent in the field. It is to the advantage of every interest that this class of reporters continue in this field of labor.

"This end cannot be attained if their work is not remunerative. The players' action in encroaching upon the work of these writers is exceedingly harmful and a blight upon the reportorial branch of the sport.

"The articles that appear, with players' names attached, are seldom of their own creation, and therefore an imposition on the public. Opposition to this fake journalism has already taken concrete form, and unless some positive action is taken by the club owners they will be petitioned for relief."

In commenting on this letter Mr. Johnson is quoted as saying: "The American League will stop players from writing. In some instances the order is not needed, but the limit has been reached by some flagrant cases. Players have boasted of their 'soft money' and asserted they never even saw the articles or the men who wrote them. This is unfair to the public and to the players who are criticised. The whole scheme is repugnant to the dignity of baseball.

"We cannot make rules for the National League, but I hope President Lynch will take similar action."

A contract has been drawn up between the Tampa Baseball Association and Charles Murphy, of the Chicago National League club, which provides that the Cubs will train in Tampa for the next five years.

A similar contract will take the Philadelphia Athletics to Jacksonville for a term of years. It is planned that when the two teams come to Florida for spring training next year a series of games at Tampa and Jacksonville will be played.

Arnold Hauser, shortstop of the St. Louis Cardinals, twisted his right knee, while sliding to second base, in a practice game on Wednesday, and may not be able to play again until the start of the championship season.

Johnny Evers, the new manager of the Chicago Cubs, has begun to chafe at the imputations that the strain of leading a major league team will be too heavy and that Roger Bresnahan will be in his shoes by midseason. He is quoted as saying: "All I ask is a fair chance, one good opportunity to show what I can do. I think I can hold down this job. I expect to make mistakes; every manager makes them. I expect to be criticised; every manager is. But I don't intend to pay much attention to criticism. I am going on about my business, doing the best I can, and I want the 'fans' to withhold judgment for a while. Don't count me out before I enter the ring. Physically I never felt better in my life. Mentally I am in good shape."

Friends of Frank Chance in Chicago—and he has a host—are making big plans to welcome him on May 15, when the Yankees play their first game of the season with the White Sox.

Two thousand seats have been reserved for what will be called "Chance day" on the first base side of the grandstand in the hope that the new manager of the New York club will play the initial bag. An automobile parade, headed by a police escort and a brass band, will start from the Board of Trade Building and move through the South Side boulevards to the park.

The story is going the rounds that Jimmy Archer, the "hold out" catcher of the Chicago Cubs, has set his price at $7,500.

George Tyler, the left-handed pitcher of the Boston Braves, who has been demanding more money than the club was willing to pay, signed his contract at Athens, Ga., yesterday. He finally compromised on an increase of $600 over his salary a year ago.

Beals Becker, utility outfielder with the Giants last year, is being groomed for right field with the Cincinnati Reds, a place left vacant when Mitchell was traded to the Cubs in the Joe Tinker deal.

Word comes from Milwaukee that the University of Wisconsin will send three crews to the intercollegiate regatta at Poughkeepsie next June.

"Dummy" Taylor, the deaf and dumb pitcher, formerly with the Giants, who has been playing with the Montreal club of the International League for the last few years, is now a free agent. The Royals put him on the market recently, and could have sold him to a club in a lower league, but gave him his unconditional release in recognition of his past services.

## ATHLETIC LEAGUE BOWLING

### Columbian Club Ties with New York for the Lead.

The bowlers of the Columbian Club, of East Orange, went to North End, in the Athletic League, last night, shut out the home combination and incidentally tied the New York Athletic Club for the lead, with 29 games won and 16 lost.

Oliver Haff began with 245 for the visitor and Crum made a fine effort to hold him, with 231. It was then man for man until Day and Harper finished, with the Columbian roller forty pins better. At anchor Lum had Booth twenty pins, so altogether Columbian won the first by seventy-four pins.

After the first game there was nothing to the series but Columbian. The visitors hit the headpin to a nicety and obtained for this work a lot of strikes, although their breaks were splits, because of occasional full hits. Lum was one to suffer, but his teammates made up for his deficiency.

The scores follow:

| NORTH END. | | | | COLUMBIAN. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Crum | 231 | 186 | 200 | Haff | 245 | 174 | 184 |
| Baldwin | 170 | 151 | 141 | Blatchley | 170 | 180 | 193 |
| Clark | 179 | 158 | 188 | Smith | 181 | 202 | 239 |
| Harper | 195 | 188 | 167 | Day | 203 | 266 | 166 |
| Booth | 170 | 171 | 147 | Lum | 190 | 169 | 152 |
| Totals | 915 | 854 | 843 | Totals | 989 | 934 | 926 |

# *Quebec Hockey Team Humbled by Wanderers*

## Change in Montreal Line-Up Not a Handicap.

## FAST PLAY ON BOTH SIDES

### Cleghorn a Host in Himself—Cadotte Blocks Many Shots at Goal.

A crowded house enthused while the Wanderer team from Montreal defeated the champion combination from Quebec by a score of 9 goals to 5 in a professional game of hockey at the St. Nicholas Rink last night. According to the conditions these teams have agreed to play two games and at the end of the second tilt the side with the largest total number of goals to its credit will be declared the winner and receive the major portion of the $2,500 purse offered by the management.

Because the sextette from Quebec had won the Stanley Cup, emblematic of the championship of Canada, great things were expected of it last night, and when it was found that the Wanderers had to get along with a changed line-up expressions of sympathy were heard on all sides. As it turned out, the sympathy was misplaced. Those missing were Ross, Roberts and Boyce, the goal tender. The first named was called home, but will be back for to-morrow's game, while Roberts, who is studying to be a physician, had to go back to take examinations.

In their stead Cadotte went in at goal and played a wonderful game, while Price, at cover point, and Russell, at centre, left little to be desired. The real star of the evening, however, was Oddie Cleghorn. He proved a host in himself, and it didn't matter whether he was advancing or checking the advance of the opposition, the result was the same. He has a way of hooking the puck away from an opposing player.

A band of Quebec rooters, led by a girl with a flag, attracted considerable attention. "Come on Quebec, come on!" was her favorite cry of encouragement, but toward the end of the game her voice failed, and thereafter she was like a child, "seen but not heard."

There was enough action in the first period to satisfy any one. Quebec scored first in a trifle more than a minute as a result of a rush by Smith, the left wing. It was a long time, however, before this same side caged the puck again, for the team from Montreal cut loose with a speed that would not be denied.

Cleghorn made the most spectacular play of the night when he "stole" the puck from one of the opposition and at once started a zigzag course toward the other end. In his own inimitable way he evaded the Quebec defence until Moran, the goal tender, remained the only hazard in the way. Seeing the impending danger, Moran rushed out to clear, but Cleghorn deftly avoided him and then shot the rubber to the unprotected cage.

Two seconds before the bell Malone scored Quebec's second goal of the game. He did it all alone on a dash from the face-off.

When the teams took the ice for the second twenty-minute session, Crawford had taken Malone's place at centre for Quebec. The first penalty of the game followed a little later, Russell being sent to the side for tripping Crawford. Quebec played whirlwind hockey throughout this period, Marks, the speedy right wing, scoring twice for his side.

A spell of the wildest kind of hockey followed, and the Wanderer's, now thoroughly aroused, fought desperately. Several times Cadotte rushed yards out to clear, thereby averting what seemed to be a certain tally. The Wanderer's only goal in this period went to the credit of Hyland, who got the puck on a rebound from O. Cleghorn and shot it from where he stood.

Although Oddie Cleghorn was compelled to slow up a trifle in the third period, he managed to score one of the two goals credited to his side, Hyland getting the other. Marks, the clever wing, made the only tally for Quebec.

The game was quite free from unnecessary roughness.

The line-up was as follows:

| Wanderers (9). | Position. | Quebec (5). |
|---|---|---|
| Cadotte | G. | Moran |
| S. Cleghorn | P. | Hall |
| Price | C. P. | Mummery |
| Russell | C. | Malone |
| Hyland | L. W. | Smith |
| O. Cleghorn | R. W. | Marks |

Substitute—Crawford for Malone. Goals—For Wanderers, O. Cleghorn (4), Hyland (4); Russell; for Quebec, Smith, Malone, Marks (3). Penalties—Russell, 2 minutes for tripping; Crawford, 2 minutes for tripping. Referee—Russell Bowie, Montreal. Assistant referee—William Russell, Hockey Club. Goal umpires—Frank Ellison, Wanderers; E. Garm, Irish-American A. C. Timekeeper—W. J. Croker, Wanderers. Penalty timers—R. Condon, Wanderers. Time of game—Three twenty-minute periods.

## HOME RUNS IN PLENTY

### Giants Hammer Out Six with Help of High Wind.

## REGULARS BITE THE DUST

### Burns the Only Player Who Failed to Make a Hit in Wild Game.

[From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.]

Marlin, Tex., March 13.—In a game of wild and hurly hitting the youngsters triumphed over the regulars when the Giants lined up for the afternoon party at the training grounds here this afternoon. The score was 19 to 14. The weather was warm and clear, but a stiff wind swept across the field, blowing all high flies into home runs and making the lives of the outer gardeners miserable.

Six circuit clouts, two of which came with the bases full, were part and parcel of the day's doings. Five of these long hits were made by the youngsters, three off Fred Smith in the fifth inning.

Stock scored three men ahead of him with the first, Cooper sent two home with the second and Thorpe circled the bases in solitary grandeur for the third. Robertson and Kirby both nicked the offerings of McGraw for home runs in the sixth frame.

Fred Merkle was the only member of the first team who broke into the division of honor. He made only one hit during the day, but this one sent Devore, Doyle and Murray racing home in front of him.

Burns, the young utility outfielder, was the only player of either side who failed to make a hit.

This may be partially accounted for by the fact that he was so busy retrieving the long wallops of the others that he had little desire to do anything himself. After a man has chased two home runs, two triples and two doubles to the fence, besides catching all the flies that he can get under in nine innings, he is pretty likely to want to rest his weary legs.

Wilson, who caught for the second team, was the hitting king on a day of heavy swatting. With two triples and three singles in five times at the bat, he held undisputed sway with the stick, but Stock pressed him closely for honors with a home run and three singles.

Larry Doyle and Josh Devore were represented by four hits apiece, while Murray, Herzog and Meyers each picked up three. The lot of the pitcher was a sorry one. Goulait, in the box for the youngsters, was touched up for five runs on eight hits in the first three innings. Schupp then went in for a couple of frames and showed his class by allowing only one hit and shutting out the side. Kirby twirled the last four stanzas with a record of eleven hits and nine runs.

Demaree undertook to lead the veterans to victory, but six hits and four runs were his portion in the first three innings, while Smith, who succeeded him, received even rougher treatment, when nine hits registered ten tallies in the next two frames. McGraw finished the game, being found for eight hits and five runs.

It will not be long before McGraw begins to swing the axe. Wilson, the Dallas player, who was sent down here to profit by McGraw's instructions, will return to his team to-morrow night, so that he will be able to get into the games with the Philadelphia Athletics in Dallas on Saturday and Sunday. It is rumored that Torrey is going to the Scranton club, of the New York State League. McGraw asked the youngster what he thought of the proposition the other night. Torrey is one of the best hitters among the new men, but an injured leg has prevented him from doing anything except take part in the batting practice. Larrie Kirby, the pitcher, has been slated for the Mobile club, of the Southern Association.

The news of "Rube" Marquard's marriage was received here with interest today, and congratulatory telegrams were sent to him in San Francisco by several members of the team. "Rube" informed McGraw to-day that he would join the Giants in Houston on March 22. Some of the men are disposed to give the southpaw credit for exceptional acumen. Most of them wish they could have escaped the sojourn in Marlin so luckily.

## TRIUMPH FOR VOLLMER

### Breaks Aquatic Record, Then Wins Gruelling Race.

## THREE NEW MARKS SET

### Clinton Captures Honors in the Indoor Swimming Championships.

Hal Vollmer, of Stuyvesant High School, was the individual hero of the seventh annual indoor swimming championships of the Public Schools Athletic League, held in the natatorium of the College of the City of New York last night. Vollmer lashed his foaming way through the waters to victory in the fifty-yard race, winning in 27 2-5 seconds, lowering the former record of 30 seconds, and after a few minutes' rest he returned to the tank and beat the best of the high school boys in the 100-yard race. Vollmer tied the record of 1:04 4-5, held by Frericks, in his heat, but he tired perceptibly in the final heat, and won in 1 minute 6 4-5 seconds, after a bitter battle with Allan Clyburn, the hope of Erasmus Hall.

Vollmer's performance in the 100-yard race was most remarkable. He had battled through trial, semi-final and final heats of the half century, and after he had won his trial heat of the 100 appeared to be done out. He was taken to the dressing room by friends and rubbed down thoroughly, and when he came out for the final heat he was ready for the battle of his life. It was well, for Clyburn, too, was primed and eager to revenge his defeat in the 50-yard race.

Off to a perfect start at the crack of the pistol the boys splashed down the tank shoulder to shoulder. At about thirty-five yards Clyburn showed in front by a slight margin, but soon Vollmer caught and passed him.

De Witt Clinton won first honors in the meeting for the third year in succession. The Red and Black team rolled up 21 points, and was just ahead of Erasmus Hall High School, which scored 14 points. Townsend Harris Hall was third, with 12 points, and Stuyvesant was next in line, with 11 credits.

With the exception of the plunge for distance every record of the Public Schools Athletic League was either tied or broken. In addition to Vollmer's performances in the 100 and 50 yard events, Clyburn won the 220-yard swim in 2 minutes 52 1-5 seconds, which broke the record established by Frericks, of Commercial High School, of 2:54 3-5 seconds, and the relay team of De Witt Clinton High School won its race in 2:48 2-5, which took 4 2-5 seconds off the former record, established by a Clinton team last year.

The summaries follow:

880-foot relay race—Won by De Witt Clinton High School first team (Bracken, Moore, Davidow and Jim Seymour); De Witt Clinton High School second team (Gottschaldt, Bird, Davidson and Jack Seymour), second; Boys' High School (Redmond, Slade, Phillips and Reinecke), third. Time, 2:48⅘.

220-yard swim—Won by Allan Clyburn, Erasmus Hall High School; Jim Seymour, De Witt Clinton High School, second; Bob Long, Erasmus Hall High School, third. Time, 2:52.

Fancy diving—Won by J. Cæsare, Townsend Harris Hall, with a total of 295 points; W. Handschuck, Townsend Harris Hall, second, with a total of 278 points; R. Galbraith, High School of Commerce, third, with a total of 225 points; I. Emmanuel, Townsend Harris Hall, fourth, with a total of 219 points.

Fifty-yard swim—Won by H. Vollmer, Stuyvesant High School; Davidow, De Witt Clinton High School, second; P. Palmer, Manual Training High School, third; G. Cramp, Erasmus Hall High School, fourth. Time, 0:27⅘.

100-yard swim—Won by H. Vollmer, Stuyvesant High School; A. Clyburn, Erasmus Hall High School, second; W. Moore, De Witt Clinton High School, third; R. Long, Erasmus Hall High School, fourth. Time, 1:06⅘.

Plunge for distance—Won by L. Schwartz, De Witt Clinton High School, with a plunge of 65 feet; J. Amar, Townsend Harris Hall, second, with a plunge of 62 feet; P. Horgan, Erasmus Hall High School, third, with a plunge of 61 feet; R. Barnhardt, Stuyvesant High School, fourth, with a plunge of 60 feet.

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BOMBADIER WELLS vs "GUNBOAT" SMITH

## FURIOUS BOUT IN VIEW

### "Gunboat" Smith and Wells Brimful of Confidence.

## "I'LL WIN," INSISTS ONE

### "It's Easy," Says the Other, and Big Crowd Will Watch the Battle.

"Bombardier" Billy Wells, the heavyweight champion of Great Britain, and "Gunboat" Smith, of San Francisco, will cross gloves for ten rounds at Madison Square Garden to-night, and a rare contest is assured. The boxing enthusiasts believe that action of the most furious kind will be seen, and a big crowd will be on hand when the men enter the ring. The advance sale has been quite as large as that before the meeting of McFarland and Jack Britton, and the crowd may be bigger than the one which saw the two lightweights circle and spar.

If confidence was the one factor necessary to solve the question of supremacy then each would be returned winner in short order. Never was there a more confident boxer on the eve of an important battle than Smith. He is right on edge, eager for the fray, but as careless and happy as a boy. The thought of losing never entered his head, apparently, and all through his final work yesterday he spoke of a match with Luther McCarty after winning to-night.

Wells seemed quite as sure of the ultimate outcome, but was far more serious in his manner than the California lad. To the Briton the bout means more than much, for he cannot well afford to meet with defeat for the second time in an important battle in this country. Victory over Smith, he feels, will lead to a match with Luther McCarty, the recognized white heavyweight champion.

Wells covered several miles in Westchester County yesterday, and came back to Dal Hawkins's road house all aglow. He weighed exactly 197 pounds, and after a hard rubdown announced that his task of preparation was at an end.

Smith ran through the roadways in Central Park to the reservoir, which he circled at a steady pace. His wind was all right, and when he returned to the Sharkey A. C. he was steaming. He hopped on the scales and tipped the beam at 179½ pounds, stripped. He rested during the remainder of the day, and said he might weigh a trifle more than 180 pounds when the bout begins, at about 10 o'clock to-night.

"I'll win this scrap just as sure as Mexico is on the map," said "Gunboat." "It doesn't make any difference how much Wells is boomed, I'll beat him as easily as Palzer did. His punches and cleverness may be wonderful, but I'm not afraid. I can hit just as hard, and if the Englishman will mix it with me he'll take the full count."

The English champion, holder of the Lord Lonsdale belt, is 6 feet 3 inches tall and has been boxing for three years. He came here for the first time last year, and in June was beaten by Palzer in the Garden.

In the opinion of good judges, Wells is the quickest big man in the ring. He is a wonderful boxer and a tremendous hitter, but whether he possesses the proper amount of stamina remains to be seen. He insists that he was handicapped last summer by the hot weather, but will be at his best this time.

Gibson has arranged a ten-round semi-final bout between George Rodel, the gigantic Boer heavyweight, and Tim Logan, champion of the navy, who made Luther McCarty fight hard to win by a small margin in a six-round bout last year. There will be four other preliminaries. William Joh will referee all of the contests.

Word was received from Chicago yesterday that if Willie Ritchie, the present champion, consents to a return match with Ad Wolgast he will insist upon a clause being inserted in the articles of agreement stipulating that if one or the other is disqualified for fouling he shall not have his share of the gate receipts. Ritchie declared that it was as fair for one as for the other, and that he did not care to take part in another battle decided in such an unsatisfactory manner.

## GROMMER LEADS AT CHESS

### Annual Tourney of Rice Club Draws to a Close.

With the annual championship tournament of the Rice Chess Club drawing to a close, Professor Jacques Grommer, of Paris, who has been in the lead for some time past, completed his schedule yesterday by drawing a game against J. Rosenthal, former state champion. The Parisian player's final score is seven victories and two defeats, including drawn games.

In games lost, Rosenthal and I. Tenenwurzel are on even terms with him, but each of these players has won only five times. Both have two more games to play, one of these being with each other; so that only one, by winning twice, can possibly tie with Professor Grommer for first place.

At the special meeting of the Rice Chess Club, at which Professor Isaac L. Rice presided, Julius Finn, the expert at blindfold chess, submitted a highly satisfactory report as financial secretary, showing 130 members in good standing on the roll of the club. It was voted to change the dues of the club to $10 a year, payable semi-annually, in April and October.

## CONAN DOYLE TO OFFICIATE.

London, March 13.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has joined the newly formed British committee of sportsmen which is to organize an Olympic team for the Berlin Olympiad and have control of the finances and general preparations.

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## CROCKER DEVISED PLAN

### Arrangements Complete for Housing English Mounts at Piping Rock.

For the first time in the history of horse breeding in this country, a scientific and systematic effort is to be made to breed polo ponies through thoroughbreds. This was the statement made yesterday by Frank L. Crocker, of the Piping Rock Country Club, of Locust Valley, Long Island. He is the chairman of the committee that is making every arrangement for the reception of the English polo challengers in this country early in May and their subsequent practice for the international cup matches on the fine field at Piping Rock.

"The lovers of polo at Piping Rock have been studying the pony situation for some time," said Mr. Crocker yesterday at his office, No. 5 Nassau street, "and an agent of the club, one of our most competent trainers, in fact, has for some months been searching through the mountains of Virginia for the wiry little horses that work so splendidly on the polo field.

"We have received word from him that he has picked up fifteen ponies that promise unusually well. Judge J. J. Graham, of the club, has left for Virginia to look over the lot before they are shipped North. Several of the ponies have already been purchased by Piping Rock members. All of the others will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at a dinner planned for polo players and followers of the game. This dinner will be held as soon as the ponies arrive and have been looked over.

"Of course, the breeding of the pony and thoroughbred is a new departure. It is our belief, however, that wind and strength can be improved with the breeding, so that ideal mounts for the game may be foaled. It is an experiment, but one of which we are especially hopeful as to results. Our field at Piping Rock, on which the English team will practise, is one of the finest in the world. Some of us like to think of it as becoming the American Hurlingham, and some day we may achieve our high ambitions."

The preparations for the English team, according to Mr. Crocker, have been most complete, even to the smallest details. Fifty box stalls have been arranged for the English ponies. From the recent letters received from Major Edgerton Green, of Hurlingham, however, the English string of mounts numbers only thirty-six.

Forty of the stalls are located in the stables immediately adjoining the clubhouse, while the remaining ten are on the farm of Herbert L. Pratt, a mile away by bridle path. By this arrangement the English players may keep their best mounts close at hand. Ample provision has been made for the grooms and trainers in the way of dormitory accommodations.

## GYMNASTS IN SESSION

### Decide Details for Big Meet—Plea of Rutgers Heard.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Gymnasts of America was held at Earl Hall, Columbia University, yesterday to decide details about the intercollegiate meet to be held at Princeton March 28. A list of judges was approved by the committee, from which the Princeton management will select the men who will do the judging.

Rutgers brought a protest before the committee, asking for another chance against Pennsylvania. In their recent meet the Quakers got the big end of the score by a narrow margin, and Rutgers protested, on the ground that the Pennsylvania club swingers had swung only three minutes, while their men had gone the full official period of four minutes. Pennsylvania won the contest and the meet. The executive committee recommended that the contest be run off again at the intercollegiates, under whatever conditions the two teams may agree upon.

The representatives at the meeting were: L. L. Bristol, New York University; G. N. Bissell, Princeton; J. H. Donaldson, Yale; M. L. Harkey, Pennsylvania; B. H. Anderson, Rutgers, and S. P. Houghton, manager, and J. H. Miller, assistant manager, Columbia. The other members of the association—Lehigh, Haverford, Amherst, Harvard and Illinois—did not send representatives.

## PLAN SERIES OF TRACK GAMES.

Bernie Wefers, coach of the Columbia track team, announced yesterday that, beginning next Wednesday, there will be bi-monthly handicap track games on South Field for the purpose of bringing out candidates for the team. The first meet will consist of 120-yard high hurdles, two-mile run, 220-yard dash and 880-yard run, running broad jump and running high jump.

Two weeks later the second meet will be held, and the 100-yard dash, one-mile run, 220-yard low hurdle and 440-yard run, hammer throw, pole vault and shot put will be run off.

There will be similar meets on April 16 and April 30. All men eligible to represent Columbia in dual meets will be allowed to compete.

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