AHLMANN BANK'S BOX EMPTY.

THE $180,000 WORTH OF SECURITIES MISSING.

Bank Superintendent Kilburn to Ask for a Receiver—Staten Islanders Angry Over the Scheme by Which 300 Depositors Get Money After Bank Closed.

The safe deposit box in the vaults of the Produce Exchange Safe Deposit Company, wherein were kept the securities of the Bank of Staten Island, whose cashier and virtual owner, Otto Ahlmann, killed himself last week, was opened yesterday by State Banking Superintendent Kilburn and one of his examiners. As had been expected by almost every one, the securities of the bank, amounting to $180,000, were not in the box. All that was found were the deeds to the bank's property in Stapleton and an abstract of title.

Mr. Kilburn said he would apply for a receiver to wind up the bank's affairs this week. The general opinion of the examiners is that Ahlmann sold the bonds from time to time to get money to meet his losses in speculation.

On the day before he killed himself Ahlmann drew a check for $18,500 to pay his brokers, and with this closed his account. This check was what is known as a "cashier's check," and the bank will have to pay it.

The examiners said yesterday that the loss to depositors on account of the missing securities and the shrinkage of commercial paper which always results from enforced liquidation would amount to about 35 per cent. One of them said the eventual loss would be about $130,000.

To the loss of 35 per cent. about 6 per cent. will have to be added in the case of some 300 depositors. This is due to the success of the scheme that was worked through the National Bank of Stapleton by which about three hundred depositors get all their money, amounting to $70,000, out of Ahlmann's bank after its doors were closed. These depositors opened accounts with the National Bank of Stapleton by depositing with it checks for the amount of their deposits in Ahlmann's bank, and the checks were cleared through the National Bank of Commerce.

The success of the scheme appears to be due, as a bank examiner explained yesterday, to the Clearing House rule which makes it obligatory on a bank clearing for an out of town institution to honor all checks presented within twenty-four hours after the closing of its correspondent. Ahlmann's bank was closed at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning and the holiday that followed made the time extend over to the next banking day, which was Saturday.

"The withdrawal of these deposits," said the examiner, "may or may not be strictly legal, but I doubt very much if the bank ever can get the money back to be distributed pro rata among the depositors.

"The National Bank of Commerce had to honor the checks. It had $80,000 belonging to the Bank of Staten Island when that bank closed, and that happened to be enough to cover these checks.

"As the law stands, however, if all the depositors had done the same as the 300 did, the National Bank of Commerce would have been obliged to clear the checks, providing they were within the twenty-four hour limit, whether the balance covered the checks or not. This obligation a bank assumes when it agrees to clear for another bank, and to protect themselves all banks like the National Bank of Commerce require from their correspondents the deposit of a good deal of collateral.

"As it stands now, instead of there being a balance of $80,000 at the National Bank of Commerce, there is only $10,000 to divide among the depositors who didn't close their accounts by this scheme. It has resulted in a lot getting out without loss, but by so doing they have added considerably to the loss of the others."

A question has been raised as to the legality of this transaction. Supt. Kilburn will make a demand for this money on the National Bank of Commerce and that bank will forward the demand to the Stapleton bank.

There is likely to be a lot of hard feeling on Staten Island as a result of the deal that was worked, for, as it stands now, a lot of tradesmen may go to the wall. Some of them were as mad as hornets yesterday.

The Banking Department cannot officially inquire of Ahlmann's relatives in Germany if they will make good his theft, but it was said that officers of the bank would do this immediately. Should his father in Germany come forward with the money the bank could resume business and pay its depositors in full. Consul-General Buenz rather dashed the hopes of depositors in this matter yesterday by contradicting a story that he had said the father had informed him by cable that he would make good.

Ahlmann was a classmate of Prince Henry of Prussia. When the Prince was in this country Ahlmann called on him at his request.

The bank examiners admitted yesterday that owing to the astonishing manner in which the bank was run it was possible for Ahlmann to use the bonds for personal loans time and time again. If he had them up as collateral at the time of an examination all that he would have had to do, it was said, was to borrow them long enough for the examiners to count them and then return them. When the bank was started it had a rule requiring the use of two keys to get into the safe deposit box, one being held by the president. Ahlmann had this changed after a time so that for years his was the only key that could open the box. The officials of the safe deposit company told the bank examiner that they did not remember seeing Ahlmann for over two years, showing that he may have used the securities as collateral a long time ago.

Mr. Kilburn said yesterday he would make a search for the securities, but he had little hope of finding them.

"The one-man bank," said Mr. Kilburn, "is not an institution to be encouraged, and directors who accept a trust should be compelled to give some sort of attention to it."

Ferdinand C. Townsend, president of the Stapleton National Bank, said yesterday that his bank was ready to open negotiations with the view of taking over the assets and liabilities of the Bank of Staten Island. He said that the officers of his bank had drawn up a petition embracing the proposition referred to and it was being signed by many depositors of the Bank of Staten Island. If it was adopted it would make unnecessary the appointment of a receiver and would mean a saving to the depositors.

The building of the Bank of Staten Island is a handsome two story brick structure at the foot of Exchange place. If the negotiations succeed, the Stapleton National Bank will take possession of the building, as well as all other property of the Bank of Staten Island. State Bank Superintendent Kilburn is expected to talk over the matter with the officials of both banks to-day.

"Plant Me Between Mother and Wife."

The will of Henry C. Green, a notary public who died at Bath Beach some time ago, was filed for probate yesterday. The concluding sentence of the will, which leaves "what little I possess," to his granddaughter and two other relatives is:

"Plant me between my mother and my wife."

The will is written on a sheet of note paper and is not dated. The testator wrote it on the impulse of the moment "in case anything might happen to him."

Northern Pacific Blackmailer Sentenced.

HELENA, Mon., Jan. 4.—Isaac Gravelle, convicted of having sent blackmailing letters to the Northern Pacific officials demanding $50,000, was sentenced by Judge Smith in the District Court to-day to ten years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $5,000.

BRIGHTON HANDICAP FILLS WELL

All of the Turf Cracks Entered for the $25,000 Race at the Beach.

While the entries for all of the big spring handicaps closed yesterday, the Brighton Beach Racing Association was the only one to make an announcement. With the mail entries still to be heard from, Secretary John Boden, Jr., made public the following list of horses expected to run for the $25,000 handicap, at a mile and a quarter, next July:

Africander.	Injunction.
Advance Guard.	James V.
Aceful	Jocund.
Adios.	Major Daingerfield.
Baseful.	Montreson.
Broomstick.	McChesney.
Capt. Buchle.	Orthodox.
Careless.	Onatas.
Cannon Ball.	Ort Wells.
Dick Bernard.	Ormonde's Right.
Damon.	Palmbearer.
Dolly Spanker.	Phaser.
Delhi.	Phaon.
Dick Welles.	Runnels.
Golden Maxim.	Rechampion.
Gold Saint.	Stalwart.
Grand Opera.	St. Valentine.
Grey Friar.	South Trimble.
Gleuwater.	Savable.
Hermis.	Slave.
Highball.	Toboggan.
Hunter Raine.	Wotan.
High Chancellor.	Waterboy.
Hamburg Belle.	Whorler.
Hurstbourne.	

It will be seen that this big race has attracted all of the turf cracks, except Gunfire, Irish Lad and a few others. The Brighton Handicap is the richest stake of its kind run in the East, and it generally decides which is the best horse of the year.

The event has filled remarkably well, and the other big handicaps will not excel it to a marked degree.

The Saratoga Racing Association announced yesterday that on Monday, March 7, many of its most important stakes will close, including five events for two-year-olds, total value, $40,500; four events for three-year-olds, total value, $15,500; eight events for three-year-olds and upward, total value, $50,800; and on about April 4, four steeplechase events, total value, $13,000. Those events that have already closed are the Great Republic of $50,000, the Hopeful Stakes of $40,000, the Saratoga Derby of an estimated value of $8,000, the Travers Stakes of $8,000, the Alabama Stakes of $5,000, the Spinaway Stakes of $17,500, the United States Hotel Stakes of $12,500, the Grand Union Hotel Stakes of $12,500, and the Flash Stakes of $6,000, making a grand total of $256,800.

At the headquarters of the Jockey Club it was said yesterday that the entries for the other big handicaps would not be made public until all of the nominations sent by mail had been received.

RACING AT NEW ORLEANS.

A Killing With Footlights Favorite—Four Choices Win.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—The books received a severe drubbing to-day when four out of the six favorites got the money. The St. Louis crowd pulled off a killing with Footlights Favorite in the handicap feature of the day. The filly was backed from 8 to 1 down to 5 to 1 at post time and just romped in. In this event Mose Goldblatt's Rainland was installed favorite and carried the public money. He went to the post at 9 to 10, but was slow to begin and when he got going Footlights Favorite had the race won. Scorpio and Komombo divided the balance of the purse, with the favorite just outside of the money.

Big Ben displayed his ability as a sprinter and just ran over his field at the end. He was one of the winning favorites, Reckoner, Pompino and The Messenger being the others. Jockey Troxler was called into the stand to explain the running of Nellie Forest, played for a good thing in the second race, but nothing was done with him. A ruling was handed down in the case of the alleged doping of the horse Calcutta, and Trainer Walter Sims and stable hand Clifford Moffatt were suspended. The entry of the horse will be refused in the future.

First Race—Seven furlongs—Reckoner, 109 (Helgerson), 7 to 10, won; Boundling, 106 (Pieratt) 7 to 2, second; Royal Pirate, 112 (W. Hennessy), 16 to 1, third. Time, 1:30 2-5. Trial More, Fullback, Russell Garth and Fleetful also ran.

Second Race—One mile—Pompino, 122 (W. Hennessy), 9 to 5, won; Balm of Gilead, 130 (Munroe) 6 to 1, second; Hist, 125 (W. Hicks), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:44 4-5. Kitty Clyde, Navigator, Jove Nellie Forest, Glendon, Glass Leader, H. L. Coleman, Leviathan and Nabocklish also ran.

Third Race—Six furlongs—Dusky, 107 (Gannon), 5 to 2, won; Ostrich, 107 (W. Hennessy), 6 to 5, second; Preakless, 107 (H. Phillips), 30 to 1, third. Time 1:15 2-5. Hexam, The Brown Monarch, Any Day, Edward Hale, John Doyle and Shortcake also ran.

Fourth Race—Six and a half furlongs—Footlights Favorite, 107 (Higgins), 5 to 1, won; Katie Powers, 109 (Helgerson), 30 to 1, second; King Croker, 111 (W. Phillips), 16 to 1, third. Time, 1:23. Rainland, Dutful and Low Cut also ran.

Fifth Race—Five furlongs—Big Ben, 117 (Robbins), 7 to 5, won; Scorpio, 107 (Helgerson), 5 to 1, second; Komombo, 91 (Pieratt), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:01 1-5. St. Tammany, Henry Luehrmann, Jr., Edna Edwards, Allister and Jimalong also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile and a sixteenth—The Messenger, 108 (W. Fisher), 9 to 5, won; Lampoon, 101 (Butler), 7 to 2, second; Ora McKinney, 79 (Jenkins), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:50 1-5. Hymettus, Docile, Sertilia, Dr. Stuckey, Miss Golightly, Alpaca, Locket and Debenture also ran.

New Orleans Entries for To-day.

First Race—Six furlongs:

J. P. Mayberry	110	Tom O'Day	95
Clangor	110	Arthur	95
Cyprienne	105	Second Sight	90
Inquisitive Girl	105	Equity	90
Lady Walter	107		

Second Race—Selling; one mile and a quarter:

Stonewall	105	Free Admission	99
Arden	104	Charles D.	99
Felix Bard	103	Lee King	96
Roastem	103	Ben Woods	94
Blue Victor	103	Gin Spray	94
Sidney Sabath	101	Mary Moore	93

Third Race—Seven furlongs:

Capt. Gaston	110	Marlonetta	99
Monograph	109	Exclamation	97
Elbo	106	Ralph Yonest	94
Noweta	106	Silver Meade	92
Sabot	106	Dickens	90
Onyx II.	101	Ester Walters	85

Fourth Race—Handicap; one mile:

Big Ben	120	Ascension	105
Dan McKenna	110	DeReszke	104
Huzzah	108	Hands Across	103
Ethics	108	Mynheer	99

Fifth Race—Selling; six furlongs:

Sadducee	114	Mayor Johnson	104
Little Jack Horner	109	Neither One	102
Tally H.	107	Sly Boots	102
Carl Kahler	107	Annie Max	100
Over Again	103	Wreath of Ivy	93
Frank Rice	104	Lady Free Knight	89

Sixth Race—Selling; one mile and a sixteenth:

Will Shelly	103	Hegira	98
John Coulter	102	Apple Bloom	95
Medal	102	Lady Matchless	93
Reckoner	99	Whiten	91
Kiwasa	98	Louise Elston	91

At San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The New York delegation backed Daisy Green to win the fourth race at the Oakland track this afternoon, but Incubator caught her at the head of the stretch and won cleverly. In a nose finish Barney Schreiber's Henry Ach beat Prince Brutus a nose in the first two-year-old race of the season. Burns's riding won for Henry Ach, a son of Balgowan.

First Race—Five and a half furlongs—Bard Burns, 120 (See), 7 to 1, won; Goddess of Night, 110 (Greenfield), 20 to 1, second; Fiver, 109 (Victory), 40 to 1, third. Time, 1:09. Belle Reed, Planet, Florinel II., Lustig, Capitvate and Abydos also ran.

Second Race—Three furlongs—Henry Ach, 112 (Burns), 11 to 5, won; Prince Brutus, 112 (Bullman), 5 to 2, second; M. A. Powell, 112 (J. Daly), 15 to 1, third. Time, 0:36. Peggy O'Neil, Edith Vice, Pierella, Salable, Liberty Star, Saccharate, Paddy Lynch and Storma also ran.

Third Race—Seven furlongs—Constable, 108 (Donovan), 15 to 1, won; Billy Moore, 102 (J. Martin), 4 to 1, second; Tom Slavin, 105 (McKinnon), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:32. Martin Nultah, Blonda, The Stewardess and Road Agent also ran.

Fourth Race—One mile and a sixteenth—Incubator, 106 (Burns), 2 to 1, won; Daisy Green, 101 (J. Jones), 11 to 5, second; Leader, 106 (J. Martin), 11 to 2, third. Time, 1:49. Our Bessie and Yellow Tail also ran.

Fifth Race — Seven furlongs — Albemarle, 99 (Kunz), 5 to 2, won; Colonel Van, 111 (See), 3 to 1, second; Sugden, 105 (Tullett), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:29½. Aunt Polly, Kitty Kelly, Velma Clark and Marello also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile and an eighth—Nigrette, 92 (Kunz), 3 to 5, won; Position, 104 (Burns), 8 to 1, second; Rosarie, 97 (Larsen), 11 to 2, third. Time, 1:58. Harry Beck, Frank Woods and Colonel Anderson also ran.

C. L. McClain Purchases Jay McGregor.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 4.—C. L. McClain of New York bought here to-day of W. L. Spears the latter's half interest in the 6 year old bay horse Jay McGregor, by Jay Hawker, 2:14¾—Notre Dame, 2:24¾, by Robert McGregor, 2:17¼.

The price McClain paid for his interest in the horse is about $12,500. The Wall Street broker now owns the great stallion outright, having purchased last summer the other half of Jay McGregor, then owned by John Smith, for $7,500. Jay McGregor was campaigned throughout last season by Scott Hudson, who won several important stakes with him and drove him to his present mark of 2:08. Hudson will again handle the horse this season.

Two Fast Auto Boats.

Jacobs, at City Island, is building two auto-boats which are to be very fast. The largest is 65 feet in length and will have a 200-horse-power motor designed by the yachtsman for whom the boat is building. The smaller boat will be 35 feet and will have a 30-horse-power motor. Clinton H. Crane, Henry J. Gielow, Morgan Barney and other designers are at work on plans for auto-boats and several will be built before the opening of the season.

SUNDAY BALL HERE THIS YEAR

AMERICANS TO PLAY AT RIDGEWOOD PARK.

Fourteen Games Scheduled for the Grounds at East New York—Club Officials Say They Will Meet a Popular Demand for the Sport—Catcher Kleinow Secured.

The New York American League club completed arrangements yesterday by which Griffith's team will play Sunday games within the limits of Greater New York next summer. Treasurer Frank J Farrell signed a contract yesterday with Ambrose H. Hussey for the use of Ridgewood Park, located in East New York, and the local Americans will play fourteen Sunday games there during the coming ball season. Sunday ball has been growing more popular here from year to year, and last season many games were played in this city by semi-professional and amateur teams which attracted large crowds. The best order was always maintained, and thousands of ball cranks who were unable to see the big baseball stars play during the week enjoyed the outings.

In making arrangements to play at Ridgewood, the New York American League club has yielded to a popular demand. The officials of the club believe that the public wants Sunday ball and that championship games, in which Griffith's men will meet the Boston world's champions, the Clevelands, Chicagos, Athletics and other crack American League teams, will afford high class sport. Ridgewood Park, where the local Americans will play, was the scene of many exciting conflicts between the Brooklyns of the American Association and the old St. Louis Browns, under the management of Charley Comiskey, together with other teams in that circuit, and these games always drew large crowds. The last Sunday games of a championship nature played at Ridgewood took place in 1889. Since then semi-professional and amateur games have been played there and have been liberally patronized.

Last year Sunday ball was played at Hoboken, Weehawken, West Chester and on Long Island, and the games were the means of drawing large crowds. There was no disorder, and the games, in some instances, had the moral support of several religious organizations. The plea for Sunday ball, made by many persons, is that the games serve to afford amusement for hundreds of young men who might otherwise devote their time to some other occupation; and that, with no liquor sold on the grounds, there is no chance to lead anybody astray. There are thousands of baseball cranks here who are never able to see a big League game except on Sunday, and with the local Americans playing this year at Ridgewood they will be in a position to look over the stars of whom they have read so much.

The local American League team had many obstacles to overcome last season in the way of a late opening, incompleted grounds, poor transit facilities and unfavorable weather, but the officials of the club are confident that under a new order of things they will be able to win the support of the public almost from the start. Treasurer Farrell announced yesterday that he had traded Pitchers Quick and Deering and Catcher Zelusky to Toledo for Catcher Kleinow, a corking good youngster whose services were generally in demand.

EASTERN LEAGUE CIRCUIT.

Either Richmond or Montreal Will Be Eighth City in the Organization.

The Eastern League circuit for next season is all settled, as to seven cities, with the choice for the eighth to be made from either Richmond, Va., or Montreal. This was decided on at a meeting yesterday of the circuit committee of the above baseball organization, consisting of George Stallings of Buffalo, chairman; J. J. Nevins, Jersey City; E. Hanlon, Baltimore, and President Patrick Powers, member ex-officio. The remaining seven cities will be: Jersey City, Buffalo, Toronto, Providence, Rochester, Newark and Baltimore, and whether Montreal or Richmond is to be the eighth city will probably be known before the Eastern League adjourns its present annual meeting at the Victoria Hotel.

The annual meeting has been delayed in order that the circuit committee might investigate and make its report. President Powers said the Eastern League proposed to have all its clubs on a sound financial basis next season and that there would be no transferring of games as was the case last year.

The Rochester club is to be reorganized and made strong financially, and the Worcester franchise, according to the circuit committee, "would be transferred to parties whose financial responsibility was absolutely guaranteed, the folks to get the franchise having requested a delay of a day or two before announcement be made as to whether Richmond or Montreal is to be selected." The committee also reported that it "believed Providence to be one of the best cities in the league and will guarantee that a well equipped club with new owners and good backing will be located there."

Jake Wells, well and favorably known in baseball, is mentioned in connection with the Richmond Club, in case the Eastern League goes there. Hanlon was designated by President Powers as the representative of the National Association—the minor leagues—to go to the Pacific Coast, with a view to coaxing the "outlaw" to come into the National Agreement fold.

Those present yesterday were as follows:

Jersey City—J. J. Nevin and William Murray. Newark: M. B. Speder, R. B. Schmidt, T. E. Curran, W. W. Burnham. Buffalo—George F. Stallings. Providence—A. H. Howe, Jr. Worcester—P. H. Hurley. Toronto—A. A. Irwin, J. J. McCaffrey, B. Burger. Rochester—George Smith, George Sweeney, E. F. Underhill. Baltimore—Edward Hanlon.

The league proper had a short meeting in the morning and then adjourned to await the report of the circuit committee. The league will meet at 10 o'clock this morning.

National Baseball Commission Meets Without Effect.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—Nothing was accomplished at to-day's meeting of the National Baseball Commission. All matters of importance were postponed for settlement until to-morrow's meeting at the Laughery Club, down the river. Mr. Hart will leave for his home this evening without the opportunity of being heard in the Davis and Jones case. Nothing whatever was done in the Donohue case.

BLUE RIBBON BIRDS ARRIVE.

Thousands of Poultry and Pigeons at Madison Square Garden.

More than one of the cocks and hens on view at the show of the New York Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association to-day at Madison Square Garden will have a frost-blackened comb; but, although the cold wave made travelling dangerous for the fowl, the arrivals at Madison Square Garden last night were otherwise in good condition. The poultry came by express in ventilated boxes and crates of all shapes and sizes, each locked and sealed so that no one but the owner could take out the prize winners. Many fancy bantams came all the way from Canada, and the Eastern States were all represented. The greater number of rare pigeons, which travel in compartment boxes, hailed from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Besides the blue ribbon birds, cavies, rabbits and song birds will be judged to-day. The cat show, under the auspices of the Atlantic Cat Club, will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The entry of poultry and pigeons exceeds 6,000 single birds, the record in the fifteen years of the show.

City Club and Seawanhaka Corinthian Interchange Privileges.

The trustees of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club have made arrangements with the City Club for an interchange of house privileges. The City Club house is at 55 and 57 West Forty-fourth street and all members of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club upon registering in the visitors' book can avail themselves of all the privileges of that house. Members of the City Club will have extended to them the privileges of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club house and grounds at Oyster Bay during the summer months. The annual meeting of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club will be held at the City Club next Tuesday evening instead of at the Mansfield as previously announced. The Atlantic Yacht Club and the New York Club were the first to set the fashion for an interchange of house facilities and there is talk of other clubs following the example.

New Schooner for H. C. Tinker.

H. C. Tinker of the New York Yacht Club is having a 70-foot cruising schooner built by James Bayley's Sons at Port Jefferson which is now fast approaching completion. The boat was designed by T. E. Ferris and is 100 feet over all and between 69 and 70 feet on the waterline. She is a centreboard boat and the centreboard and centreboard trunk are coppered. She is to be named Palestine and will be a handsome addition to the big fleet of pleasure craft. Her accommodations are very complete and she will be comfortably fitted throughout.

COLLEGE FENCERS MEET.

Arrange for Championship Bouts on April 1 and 2.

The Intercollegiate Fencing Association held its second annual meeting at the Hotel Netherland yesterday and matters of interest to the association were disposed of. The delegates present were: President, W. L. Bowman, Cornell; vice-president, Eugene Pitou, Jr., Columbia; secretary-treasurer, Y. E. Howland, Yale; board of governors, Francis Honeycutt and Charles S. Hoyt, West Point; R. R. Riggs and R. B. Hilliard, Annapolis; H. W. Holmes, Harvard; C. W. Fridy, Pennsylvania. All these officers will hold over until next year.

One of the most important questions of the session was the arranging of location and date for the annual team and individual championship of the association, and it was decided that the event should be held in the gymnasium of the New York A. C. on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2. Exceptional facilities are possessed by the Mercury foot club for a fencing meet on a large scale; for if necessary four bouts can be going on at the same time, while there is seating accommodation for a very large crowd of spectators.

The arrangement of the ties will be the same as last year. Teams will consist of three fencers and each team member will fence the candidates of all other colleges but his own. The team with the greatest number of victories will win the team contest and the fencer with the most wins will receive the individual trophy. It was unanimously agreed that Dr. Graeme M. Hammond of the New York A. C. should be referee and the judges to be W. Scott O'Connor and Charles E. Goodhue, New York A. C.; John Allane, New York Turn Verein; Atherton Brownell and Dr. F. Valdier, Fencers Club. Invitations will be extended to these men by the organization.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology applied for membership in the association, but as its admission would upset the schedule for the present season, the institute was asked to withhold the application until next year. President Bowman explained that there was no objection to the Massachusetts Institute, but if it were admitted, an entirely new schedule would have to be arranged, and this would be a great setback to the progress of the present season. Next year, he said, the application would be acted upon early, before the arrangement of the season's fixtures.

The Olympic Games Fencing Tournament at St. Louis Sept. 8, 8 and 10, was introduced, but it was stated that owing to the date, neither West Point nor Annapolis would be present, and not one of the other colleges, so far, had signified its intention of being present. However, the matter was turned over to a committee composed of W. S. Bowman, Cornell; Eugene Pitou Jr., Columbia, and W. R. Scott, West Point.

Quite a number of dates for dual meets were presented to the meeting for sanction, and those allowed were as follows:

Feb. 3, Pennsylvania vs. Annapolis, at Annapolis; Feb. 9, Columbia vs. Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia; Feb. 10, Cornell vs. Annapolis, at Annapolis; Feb. 26, Cornell vs. Harvard, at Ithaca; Feb. 27, Harvard vs. West Point, at West Point; March 4, Pennsylvania vs Harvard, at Cambridge; March 5, Cornell vs. Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia; March 11, Columbia vs. Cornell, at Ithaca; March 12, Pennsylvania vs. West Point, at West Point.

West Point won the team championship last year, and one of the cadets said yesterday that it would have as strong a contingent this year. Two of last year's team, Honeycutt and Scott, will be eligible for the coming contest, and a strong fencer named Barber will replace Breckenridge, who was graduated.

WRESTLING.

Ahmed Madralli, New Turkish Grappler, Throws Tom Cannon, English Champion.

An interesting international wrestling match was decided in London the other night between Tom Cannon, the veteran mat expert, and Ahmed Madralli of Turkey. Madralli is the latest arrival from the land of the Sultan, and came to England accredited with having thrown the best in his class in his native country. Cannon was selected as the Turk's first opponent because he is considered the best representative British wrestler. Although Cannon has arrived at the ripe age of 49 years, he showed, although defeated, that he is still an able wrestler and wonderful athlete.

The match was at mixed style, best two in three falls. Madralli won two straight falls in rather quick time. Cannon had the choice of styles, and the first bout was under Graeco-Roman rules. Cannon was the aggressor at the start, but he could not frustrate all the Turk's endeavors to get a body hold on him, and at the end of 1 minute and 30 seconds Cannon went to the floor with Madralli on top. It was nip and tuck until the eighth minute, when Cannon had Madralli almost down with a hammer lock. The Turk broke away, and, rushing, caught an ugly Nelson lock on Cannon. Cannon escaped, but in doing so he gave the Turk just the opening he was looking for, a chance to get the "arm up the back" hold. Cannon's left arm was bent and practically useless. Then came a roll over from a body hold, Madralli using the right hand to bring this about. Slowly but surely Cannon had to give in, and at the end of 11 minutes and 10 seconds Madralli had Cannon flattened out for a fall. This was, too, in Cannon's favorite style.

In the next bout, catch-as-catch-can style, it just took the Turk a quarter of a minute to bring Cannon to the floor. Before Cannon could get out of danger the Turk had him by a leg hold, and Cannon was fastened to the mat for another fall, the time being 1 minute 38 seconds. Cannon, after the match, said that in all his experience through Europe, Australia and America for twenty-five years he had never met the equal of Madralli.

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BILLIARDS.

Fredericks Defeats Canda in First Game of 18-inch Balk Line Tourney.

A handicap balk line billiard tourney, involving four ambitious amateurs, 18-inch, two shots in, being the style of game, was begun at Daly's Academy last night. B. Fredericks, 300, and F. M. Canda, 225, met in the first game. The more experienced Fredericks quickly opened up a wide gap on his opponent, who started poorly. He struck several hard leaves, miscued once on a nice leave and was unsteady, following one difficult around-the-table shot with the miss of a simple carrom. Fredericks made 81 points in the first nine innings, Canda in the meantime having the meagre harvest of 2. Wide billiards prevailed and Fredericks picked them off nonchalantly and had the run of the table gauged well.

When Fredericks had 101 points with an average of over 8, Canda had only 6, there being nine goose-eggs in the latter's first thirteen innings. Canda rallied with successive runs of 4, 9 and 26, the last run being all over the table and being made up liberally of cushion shots. The score was 203 to 91 in Fredericks's favor at the end of the twenty-eighth inning. Fredericks would have been further ahead if he had not broken up several nursing spells by just falling short on a draw or massé. His driving was very good. He went out with a nursing run of 32, the prettiest cue work of the evening. Canda did not do badly considering his poor start. He made a massé along the rail that was a beauty.

Fredericks (300)—1, 2, 18, 6, 6, 0, 0, 24, 24, 6, 1, 13, 20, 0, 0, 0, 0, 15, 18, 1, 0, 4, 2, 0, 14, 5, 5, 9, 29, 9, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 17, 1, 7, 32. Total, 300. High runs, 32, 29, 29. Average, 7 20-40.

Canda (225)—0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 3, 0, 0, 3, 0, 4, 9, 26, 3, 13, 0, 3, 5, 0, 5, 4, 10, 1, 0, 15, 4, 0, 0, 2, 19, 0, 0, 1, 14, 10, 3. Total, 166. High runs, 26, 19, 15. Average, 4 6-40.

At the end of last night's game in the handicap 14-inch balk line tournament at the Knickerbocker Billiard Academy, Brooklyn, Bert Allen had scored only 120 points, 55 short of defeating his opponent, Jack Schroeder.

Schroeder (165)—4, 0, 0, 8, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 2, 13, 1, 0, 4, 12, 5, 1, 1, 4, 1, 1, 5, 2, 1, 5, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 4, 0, 4, 1, 5, 1, 11, 1, 2, 3, 14, 0, 1, 3, 9, 7, 1, 1, 3, 1, 0, 6, 4. Total, 165. Average, 3 9-52. High runs, 14, 13, 12.

Allen (175)—0, 0, 1, 4, 0, 0, 1, 9, 2, 1, 0, 0, 9, 1, 4, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 8, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 6, 10, 2, 18, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0, 4, 1, 3, 9, 4, 1, 3, 0, 1, 7, 2, 0, 1. Total, 120. Average, 2 16-32. High runs, 15, 10, 9.

At the Broadway Billiard Academy last night F. S. Barton, who is billed to play all comers at 14-inch balk line during the week, was to have played a special match of 200 points with C. Ellison. Ellison failed to appear, so Barton played H. Rockstein, whom he defeated in twenty-one innings by a score of 200 to 56.

GOLF.

Change in the Date of the Amateur Championship at Sandwich.

To suit the Scottish golfers the dates of the amateur championship, to be held on the links of the St. George's Club, at Sandwich, will be from May 30 to June 3, instead of the week of May 14. The open championship, over the same course, will be on June 8 and 9. The matches between the Scotch and English players will precede the tournaments, the amateur teams meeting on May 28 and the professional teams on June 4.

How many of our players could qualify under the following conditions? To enter for two handsome cups at the Timperley Club, Manchester, England, on Dec. 19, the players had to answer correctly four out of six questions in the St. Andrews rules and the local by-laws before they were eligible to compete—in other words, they must show a fair working acquaintance with the rules of the game. There was no attempt to hunt up obscure points or to put "puzzlers" bristling with legal subtleties, the only desire being to test the player's knowledge on such obvious points as are constantly to be met with in the round. A competition of the sort might be held at every club in this country at frequent intervals, if the result would be to stimulate the study of the rules.

H. Phillips to Ride in France for W. K. Vanderbilt.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—W. K. Vanderbilt has made an offer to Jockey H. Phillips to ride in France next year. The lad's father says that the salary mentioned by Mr. Vanderbilt for one year means more than the boy's possible earnings in this country for two years. Therefore he will probably accept.

NO CHARITY COAL THIS YEAR.

It Isn't Needed Because the Tenements Get Cheap Coal Anyway.

The plan adopted last winter by which the coal carrying railroads furnished coal for the tenements at such a price that it could be retailed at 10 cents a pail of twenty pounds, is not necessary this winter. The plan was carried out under the auspices of the benevolent institutions and it worked so well that there was an idea last winter of making it permanent. But even in his cold spell the tenement dwellers are getting coal at normal prices, so Robert W. de Forest of the Charity Organization Society said last night, and it is unnecessary to do anything to interfere with the ordinary rule of supply and demand.

WIFE HIS ACCUSER.

Staten Island Woman Has Her Husband Arrested for Stealing $1,800.

Mrs. Charles Mayer of Zebra avenue, Stapleton, Staten Island, had her husband up before Magistrate Croak in New Brighton yesterday for stealing $1,800 from her. Mrs. Mayer owns considerable real estate.

She told the Magistrate that her husband took this money from the bosom of her dress and refused to return it. Mayer was arrested as he was about to board a ferryboat for Manhattan.

Eighteen one-hundred-dollar bills were found on him. He told the police that the money belonged to him. Magistrate Croak held him in $2,000 for examination.

Fifteen-Footers for Gravesend Bay.

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