SPORTING TALK OF INTEREST

PULLIAM STILL IN FIGHTING TRIM AND MAY RESIGN.

Garry Herrmann's Opposition to His Policy Is Well Defined—Burnham's Admission Shows That It Is All a Case of Smoke—Frank Weir's Good Training Record.

President H. C. Pulliam of the National League, who is considerably cut up over the trouble he is having with the officials of the National Association of Minor Leagues, issued another "statement" yesterday in which he practically threatened to resign his position as chief executive and also his membership in the National Baseball Commission unless the owners of the National League clubs backed him up in his contentions. The fact that Garry Herrmann, owner of the Cincinnati club and chairman of the national commission, wired P. T. Powers the other day that he was not in sympathy with Pulliam's present attitude was a particularly hard blow for the latter to sustain and served to stir up the fire to a white heat. Herrmann also sent a long telegram on Saturday to J. H. Farrell, secretary of the national association, stating that Pulliam had gone too far and that the commission had no fault to find with the national association, that the facts relating to the blacklist resolution offered by J. H. O'Rourke had been grossly misrepresented in certain newspapers and that Pulliam had evidently been misinformed. Furthermore, Herrmann gave out this interview:

"My correspondence shows that the officers of the national association fully understand and agree with the commission's decisions in the cases of Wiltse, Campbell and other players. I cannot find the slightest intention on the part of any leader of the national association to defy the commission or fail to live up to its decisions. I think Mr. Pulliam is going too far in his criticisms and that he has little or no foundation for most of them."

W. W. Burnham of the Newark club, who caused the present rumpus by giving out an alleged list of blacklisted players, refused to say yesterday that the players in question were directly covered by the O'Rourke resolution. Burnham stated that the list he showed to certain newspaper writers last October was a year old and that the players contained in it were the ones who were sentenced to the Tri-State League by the joint verdict of the national commission and the national association when the Tri-State was admitted to organized baseball. Pulliam's friends say that he has been conscientious in his policy, but that he has evidently become a trifle too energetic and that he should let the matter drop without further delay.

The most welcome bit of news at the New York American League Club's offices yesterday was a long letter from Hal Chase which President Farrell received during the afternoon. This is the first direct information received by Farrell from the crack first baseman since last season. Chase says that he never had any idea of remaining in California this year as a member of an outlaw league club and that he will report to Griffith at Atlanta at the appointed time. Chase also says that if by playing a few games in the outlaw circuit after the National Commission edict was made known he has incurred a fine he will make it good himself. He states that it would be ingratitude on his part to desert the New York club after the liberal treatment he has received and that he will take good care to show his appreciation of Mr. Farrell and Manager Griffith when he gets on to the ball field in the spring. Chase writes that he is in splendid health and that he believes with the new men, Glade, Stahl, Niles and Hemphill, in line the team will cut a big figure in the championship race. This should set at rest the persistent rumors that the great first baseman will not play here again.

Former President Yawkey of the Detroit club is in town for a few days. He resigned his position not long ago because he said that he did not have time to devote to the affairs of the club. But he still owns a half interest and says that he will always take a lively interest in the work of Jennings's hustlers. Frank Navin, who has succeeded Mr. Yawkey, has been associated with the Detroits since their admission to the American League and is one of the best posted baseball men in America.

Frank D. Weir, the trainer of the Farrell-Johnson-Sullivan stable, has had a remarkable career on the turf. He began training racehorses in 1884 and since then he has saddled 1,296 winners, 1,035 seconds and 873 thirds. These horses have won, in stakes and purses a total of $556,246.25. It was at Gloucester in 1893 that Weir sent 150 winners to the post, together with 135 seconds and 145 thirds, for a total of $54,910. This was a record which he has never been able to equal since. He began operations on the New York tracks in 1903, when the horses trained by him won 47 races and cleaned up $57,532. In 1904 he won 34 races for $46,575. He handled 40 winners in 1905 for $49,040. In 1906 the stable won 28 races and $53,805. Last year was Weir's most successful campaign on the Jockey Club circuit, for his horses finished first 48 times, second 27 times and third 26 times for a total of $87,915. Few trainers who are now identified with the game can show a better record in the same length of time.

The $10,000 Burns Handicap will be run at Oakland on Saturday. It is generally believed that either S. C. Hildreth or R. F. Carman will furnish the winner of this important event. These two horsemen can start Rapid Water, Montgomery, Rifleman, Uncle and Arimo, who are considered about the best handicap horses on the coast this winter.

"If a law that says betting on one side of a fence is legal while on the other side it is a misdemeanor is unconstitutional," said a turfman yesterday, "how about the law that says you can sell liquor in a saloon on a corner a certain distance away from a school house and yet cannot do business inside this fixed limit? Isn't it the same principle? Will any jury of American citizens send a man to jail for betting a dollar on a racehorse under such circumstances? There is no power on earth that can prevent a man from making a personal wager with a friend on any sort of a proposition. Even life is a gamble, and no man can be locked up for taking a chance of remaining in the world as long as he can."

Kid Weller, the bookmaker, who arrived here from New Orleans yesterday, says that the game at New Orleans is pretty fair just now. Weller amused his friends with this little yarn during the afternoon: "The other day a rumor hit the track that war had been declared between the Japs and Uncle Sam. One man who heard it said, 'Now, ain't that rich? Why, a bunch of steeplechase jockeys could lick an army of Japs' That caused a bystander to remark, 'Well, I don't know about that. How are steeplechase jockeys going to lick anybody when you can't get them to go to the front? You might say, however, they would have a chance if Gen. Pullemupski was not in command!'"

Two rather important fights will be decided to-night. Bill Papke, who has middleweight championship aspirations, will meet Walter Stanton of California in a twelve round bout in Boston. If Papke wins he will take on Willie Lewis and will then go West to prepare for another fight with Hugo Kelly at Milwaukee. Joe Thomas, who has gone into the heavyweight class, will also enter the ring to-night, when he tackles Jack (Twin) Sullivan at Los Angeles in a mill without a decision.

Battling Nelson has sidestepped a challenge from Packey McFarland to fight at 133 pounds for a $5,000 side bet and the largest purse offered, giving as an excuse that he has agreed to fight Unholz, the Boer, first. Nelson says that he will then consider McFarland's challenge, but that the weight must be 131 pounds, weigh in at 6 P. M. Nelson meets Unholz at catch weights at Los Angeles on February 4. McFarland, meanwhile, has turned down a proposition to fight Joe Gans, as the Chicago boy's manager says that the time has not yet arrived for McFarland to run up against the lightweight champion.

MILES MAY MEET JAY GOULD.

Court Tennis Expert Inquires for Date of Championship—Racquet Fixtures.

Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and New York amateurs at racquets and court tennis who form the national committee in court games have completed the year's schedule and outlined plans for some good sport. The racquet championship will be for the first time at the Tennis and Racquet Club, Boston, beginning on February 19. Hitherto the Boston matches have been in the court of the Boston Athletic Association, and two years ago Perry D. Haughton of that club upset all the favorites and won the title. The present champion is R. R. Fincke of the New York Racquet and Tennis Club, who is also national squash racquet champion for the third year.

The court tennis championship will begin at the New York club on April 5. Jay Gould, titleholder for the second year and also British amateur champion, will defend his honors. The field is expected to comprise Charles E. Sands, Joshua Crane 3d, Pierre Lorillard, Jr., Kingdon Gould and half a dozen more. In response to a request by mail the date has been sent to Eustace H. Miles at London, whom Jay Gould beat for the British championship.

On account of his college demands Gould cannot go abroad this spring to defend his British title and the only way Miles can get a match is to enter for the American championship, and it is said that he may do so. Miles held this and the racquet championship when here in 1900. He then outclassed our players at both games, but the new school represented by Fincke and Jay Gould do not fear Miles and the older players have also acquired greater proficiency.

On Staurday the eighth annual four handed team match at racquets between the New York and Philadelphia clubs will begin. The first match will be at the new Philadelphia clubhouse and the return match in the New York court a week later. Each city will have two teams in and the matches are the best of seven games. Last year the New Yorkers won both ends at their home court but they split matches in Philadelphia, which left the annual record 6 to 1 in favor of the Manhattan players. The makeup of the New York team will not be decided on until Thursday.

HARVARD ROWING PLAN.

No Organized Rowing Work for Candidates Until February 11.

Rowing at Harvard will start this year later than usual owing to the introduction of a new idea. The plan is to have nothing in the fag end of the winter term to interfere with the college work of the students who intend rowing in the spring. They thus will be able to maintain a standing in their studies that will keep them free of worry while they are trying for the crew.

Whatever rowing is done will be on the lines of individual instruction for the oarsmen. The regular work will begin on February 11, machine work being kept up until the weather permits of outdoor practice on the water. The squad for the varsity crew will be composed of the men who made up the final university crews last fall and seven men who were chosen from the graded crews.

RACING AT NEW ORLEANS.

Jack Atkin Beats Jacobite in Seven Furlong Handicap.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 20.—The racing shifted to City Park to-day and the interest centred in a seven furlong handicap, which Jack Atkin won in a common canter. Ellison's sprinter Jacobite barely secured the place from Pasadena. The maiden steeplechase furnished some excitement. Thespian, a fair horse, was killed by a track policeman after there was no chance to save the animal, and his rider and owner, C. Holt, suffered a fractured collarbone. The race was won by Coal Black Lady. Corrigan showed a good filly in Catherine Harwood, who outgamed Helen Kidder, in the opening event.

First Race—Three furlongs—Elizabeth Harwood, 110 (C. Koerner), 5 to 1, won; Helen Kidder, 110 (W. Ott), 25 to 1, second; Inela, 110 (J. Lee), 9 to 2, third. Time, 0:36 1-5. Mrs. Will Gulld, Nancy Blues, Miss Imogene, Miranda Miller, Miss Highland, May Lee, Lady Vassar, Roscana, Catherine Cardwell, Lady Chilton, Catherine T. and Freda W. also ran.

Second Race—Steeplechase, short course—Coal Black Lady, 146 (Masnada), 7 to 2, won; McAllister, 127 (Reider), 10 to 1, second; Captain Jarrell, 130 (Yourell), 8 to 1, third. Time, 3:06 3-5. Greeland, Woodsing, Bell the Cat, Dacra, J. Ed Grillo, Gault, Jim Hutton, Monte Carlo and Gold Circle also ran. Thespian fell. Thespy B. lost rider.

Third Race—Six furlongs—Gibson, 107 (V. Powers), 6 to 1, won; Jack Bratton, 104 (Liebert), 7 to 1, second; Minot, 99 (C. Henry), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:18 2-5. Abe Meyer, Zinfandel, Braden, Western Duke, Abingdon, Ottoman, Floweaway, Black Mantilla, Lord Pike, Land Breeze and Deshon also ran.

Fourth Race—Seven furlongs—Jack Atkin, 134 (J. Lee), 4 to 5, won; Jacobite, 130 (Notter), 9 to 2, second; Pasadena, 112 (V. Powers), 17 to 1, third. Time, 1:27. Comedienne, St. Bellane, Royal Ben and Teo Beach also ran.

Fifth Race—One mile and a sixteenth—Severus, 105 (Notter), 12 to 5, won; Hans, 106 (Liebert), 10 to 1, second; Miss Mazzoni, 95 (Yorke), 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:48 2-5. Jennie's Beau, Florida Glen, Bitter Man, Bauvida, Orma, Brakespeare, Arrow Swift, Sabado, Moxey Mead, George H. White and Moscow Belle also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile and a furlong—Orly II., 106 (J. Lee), 6 to 5, won; Donna, 100 (V. Powers), 20 to 1, second; Lancastrian, 107 (Notter), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:53 3-5. Nancy, Dr. McCluer, Lord Stanhope, and Beau Brummel also ran.

New Orleans Entries for To-day.

First Race—Three furlongs—Grotto, 107; Tillis, 107; Injury, 107; Craftsman, 107; Warden, 107; Silver C., 107; Taxis, 110; James E. Wilson, 110; Sir Barla, 110; Parton, 110; Edwin L., 110; Irrigator, 110; Guy Fisher, 110; Swing, 110; Galta, 110.

Second Race—Steeplechase; short course—Fairy Flush, 132; Creolin, 140; Profitable, 142; Aules, 142; Flying Flower, 142; Bank Holiday, 148; Pete Vinegar, 149; Kildoe, 153; Full of Fun, 153; Rip, 157; Buckman, 160; John Dillon, 162.

Third Race—Selling; five furlongs—Masks and Faces, 100; Alm, 100; Ansonia, 100; The Thorn, 102; McGregor, 102; Estella C., 105; Miss Vigilant, 105; Tea Leaf, 105; Night Mist, 105; Don Q., 105; Una, 105; Ora Sudduth, 105; Sweetener, 107; W. T. Kemper, 107; Parkie, 110.

Fourth Race—Six furlongs—Blagg, 101; Momentum, 101; Handzarra, 102; Lady Anne, 102; Telescope, 104; Morales, 104; Wes, 104; Eldorado, 104; Hannibal Bey, 104; Gold Mate, 107; Avauntee, 107; Meadowbreeze, 107; Lotus Eater, 107; Gold Proof, 109; First Premium, 112.

Fifth Race—One mile and a sixteenth—Rose of Pink, 95; Lady Alicia, 95; Fire Opal, 100; Jack Witt, 102; Elfall, 102; Skyward, 102; Knight of Ivanhoe, 105; Lieber Gore, 107; Nine, 107; Hammeraway, 107; High Wind, 107; Paul, 107; Handmash, 107; Cocksure, 107; Rappahannock, 110.

Sixth Race—Selling; one mile and a sixteenth—Milshora, 95; Clara Huron, 100; Footlights Favorite, 100; John McHale, 102; Warner Griswell, 102; Hustled, 102; Crafty, 102; Rebo, 102; Adesso, 105; Mahogany, 105; Anna Day, 105; Grenade, 107; Debar, 107; Telegrapher, 110; Rebounder, 110.

AMONG THE AUTOMOBILISTS

BUFFALO TAX ORDINANCE RECEIVES ITS QUIETUS.

Judge Hodson Decides in Favor of Motorists in Fight Against Double Assessment on Cars—Contest Committee to Arrange Details of Ormond Beach Meet.

Buffalo's automobile tax ordinance received its quietus recently when the Appellate Division announced its decision in the locally famous Dai H. Lewis automobile tax test case. Judge Hodson's decision that the Buffalo automobile tax was contrary to the State motor vehicle law is upheld by the Appellate Division. When the Buffalo automobile tax ordinance went into effect it was strongly opposed by the Automobile Club of Buffalo and in order to make a test case Dai H. Lewis, the secretary, offered himself as a martyr, and by refusing to pay his tax got himself arrested.

He was prosecuted by the city in the Municipal Court, and former Judge Keneflck, his attorney, made the plea that the local ordinance conflicted with the State act in that it resulted in a double tax. Judge Hodson upheld this contention and the city appealed, with the result that the Appellate Division has upheld the decision, resulting in a victory for the automobile club.

The contest committee of the Automobile Club of America, which has charge of the Ormond Beach race meet in Florida in March, is to meet at the A. C. A. clubhouse, in Fifty-fourth street west of Broadway, this afternoon to arrange details.

The Society of Automobile Engineers is to hold its first annual ball to-night at the Amsterdam Opera House.

Lieut. Gimperling of the Twenty-first Infantry, U. S. A.; H. M. Wescott and Arthur Harris, have started from Denver in a Stoddard-Dayton touring car on a one thousand mile trip to Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Lieut. Gimperling had been detailed by Gen. Thomas, commander of the Department of Colorado, to make a progressive military map of southern Arizona, and he is making the trip in an automobile instead of the old fashioned covered army wagon.

From twenty to twenty-five miles an hour will be covered when the roads are good. Their objective point, Fort Huachuca, is in the south central part of Arizona. At the fort an aide will be detailed to escort them. A mess wagon and a squad of troopers will accompany them through the country. The automobile will be used for the entire trip. The machine is not owned by the army, but is the property of Mr. Wescott, who is a friend of Lieut. Gimperling.

Along with the motor thief and the burglar who motors comes the burglar of garages and their contents, who is becoming so much of a menace in England as to have attracted the attention of the accessory maker. One of these firms has recently brought out a special form of burglar alarm, which consists of a whistle operated by compressed gas contained in a suitable tank. As installed in a garage the apparatus is capable of giving an alarm which can be heard for a distance of several miles and one which, all things considered, is held to be more certain than the average electric bell combination.

Some day it will filter through some heads—if not those that now are directing the organization, then their heirs or assigns—that the American Automobile Association "got in wrong" when its foundations were laid so largely on club memberships and not individual memberships, says the *Motor World*. The capital made of it by their enemies and the damaging publicity given to the recent withdrawal of the Massachusetts Automobile Club should assist the filtration process even in the present administration, of which, however, there is no sign.

Club memberships, which means accession of members in large blocks, enable the officials to quickly lengthen the roll and during a boom period they are obtained with comparative ease, but when a club drops, a hole is created and the dropping creates a noise that attracts undesirable attention. A succession of holes and a succession of noises do an awful lot of damage, whereas the dropping of one individual member or several hundred of them never would be heard and would excite no notice, and the voids created easily might be filled.

It is unfortunate, but it is true, that sooner or later a majority of clubs weary of paying large sums from their treasuries, or one man with a grievance often is able to persuade them that they are weary of it, and then begins the trouble and the downward slide of the national organization with which they are affiliated. It is logic. It is history.

The effect of their indifference to the teachings of experience and to the individual member, which the *Motor World* several times has remarked, may not be felt during the terms of the present A. A. A. officials or of their immediate successors—they will be able to retire with the proud boast of a "large membership"—but on those who come after them will fall the difficult task of practically rebuilding the organization. What has happened in Massachusetts will happen elsewhere, if not to-day, then to-morrow. It is practically inevitable. As a foundation club membership is akin to quicksand.

The automobilists of the western part of Maryland have begun a campaign to secure new roads by legislation at the present session of the General Assembly. They are cooperating with the road commissioners of Alleghany county, with the result that a bill has been framed calling for a bond issue of $125,000 for permanent road improvement, an equal amount to be secured from the State under the provisions of the Shoemaker fund. The main improvement which the automobilists have in view is for a State road to reach from Flintstone to Grantsville.

GOLF.

Western Association Decides on Rock Island Course for Championship.

There was a lively contest for the amateur championship of the Western Golf Association at the annual meeting in Chicago on Saturday. H. Chandler Egan was one of the sponsors for the Kent Country Club of Grand Rapids, John D. Cady supported the claims of the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club and there was also an application from the Minikahda Country Club of Minneapolis. The vote was in favor of the Rock Island course and the open championship went without opposition to the Normandie Golf Club of St. Louis.

After a lapse of two years a golf association has been organized at Columbia. T. M. Alexander, '08, was elected manager and C. W. Hunt, Jr., '09, assistant manager. Plans are being made to obtain the use of the Englewood links for practice and if they are not successful the club proposes practising at Van Cortlandt. Matches are being arranged with several college teams and local clubs, including St. Andrews, Morris County, Richmond County, Ardsley, Montclair, Lakewood Dunwoodie, Cornell, Yale, Princeton and Briarcliff.

Practice will begin as soon as the weather permits. Among the more prominent players at Columbia are T. M. Alexander, '08; A. L. Broc, '10; R. D. Webb, '10; C. W. Hunt, '09; T. B. Crane, '08; G. F. Loder, '09; J. Gould, '11; F. Ware, '08, and W. D. Murphy, '08.

Links about New York have never been in better winter shape than at this time, and with such weather in the days when golf was a craze it would have been a dozen cup events each week. At Dyker Meadow and Garden City the courses are particularly good, some excellent scores having been made at the latter place by Walter J. Travis, who is on the top of his game for the only time since Sandwich, according to his club friends. This spell of good golfing weather accentuates the hardship of closing the Van Cortlandt and Forest Park public links this winter. The majority of those who use them are business men who rely on a day of golf each week to keep them in good health.

Team work is to engage the Bostonians and Philadelphians to an unusual extent this season, undoubtedly with the view of turning the long lane by winning the Lesley cup next time. At Boston there will be intercluh matches for a trophy, presented by G. Herbert Windeler, and at Philadelphia the interclub series of matches is to be recasted, so as to eliminate the anything to win spirit and to give better practice. The resolution to change was decided on at the annual meeting of the Golf Association of Philadelphia last week, when Robert W. Lesley and George J. Cooke were reelected president and vice-president, with Harrison Townsend as secretary-treasurer. To the executive committee were elected Dr. Simon Carr; H. W. Perrin, R. C. James, J. B. Townsend, S. Boyd Carrigan and F. F. Hallowell.

Meets for Princeton Wrestlers.

The schedule of the Princeton wrestling team, as arranged by Manager Forsyth, has been approved by the athletic committee. The dates are: February 6, Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia; 14, Yale, at Princeton; 20, Columbia, at New York; 27, Yale, at New Haven; March 6, Pennsylvania, at Princeton; 13, probably, Cornell, at Princeton; 20, intercollegiate meet at Philadelphia.

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KENNEL CLUB VOTES READY.

Ashland Committee Denies That Belmont Sent an Ultimatum About Suit.

Ballots are to be counted to-morrow at the office of the American Kennel Club for the twenty members to complete the referendum committee that is to decide the controversy over the legality of the club's incorporation. The count will begin at 11 o'clock in the forenoon and continue except for a halt to lunch until the work is ended. About 150 ballots from all parts of the country are to be counted and the time consumed will depend on the number of split tickets. When a club delegate and his club have both voted through any misunderstanding preference will be given to the ticket cast by the club.

As provided by the joint agreement to stop the suit of the Ashland House committee and accept the decision of a committee of thirty, the votes are to be opened and counted by Secretary A. P. Vredenburgh in the presence of the counsel, R. D. Murray, for the committee and George H. Taylor for the administration and two tellers. Yesterday the Ashland committee named as its tellers Dr. J. E. De Mund and the A. K. C. committee named Howard Willets in the same capacity. It is understood no one will be at the counting except the official canvassers.

Each committee's followers expressed confidence that their ticket would gain the majority of votes. To neutral members the situation has cleared and this element believes that a reincorporation will ensue which ever ticket gains control of the committee. The A. K. C. committee, they think, will urge reincorporation for the reason that three years elapsed before taking up the certificate obtained in 1903. To be on the safe side there will be another certificate obtained from Albany. The Ashland committee, they believe, will be satisfied if the incorporation is reconsidered, which will be an admission that the certificate had not been openly obtained.

The referendum committee when organized by the election of twenty more can by a majority vote reincorporate the club, adopt a constitution and select and elect a board of directors. Reincorporation is a certainty, according to the non-partisans, but whether a new constitution and new directors will be chosen depends on which committee—the kickers or the standpatters—get a majority of the twenty names. Each committee has now five representatives by appointment on the referendum committee, and eleven of the elective twenty will give to either committee the balance of power.

There was some excitement in the morning over a rumor that the Ashland House committee, despite the joint agreement of December 18, had only cancelled its suit against the A.K. C. on Saturday. An ultimatum from August Belmont that unless their suit was stricken from the docket he would go into the courts and besides expose the perfidy of the Ashland House committee brought the latter to compelled the hasty discontinuance of the suit. So friends of the A. K. C. committee told the dog fanciers of the Stock Exchange and clubs who discussed the case. But for Belmont's ultimatum, said these partisans, the Ashland House committee would have kept the docket open and been ready to start court proceedings if beaten in the referendum committee.

There is not a word of truth in the story that we received an ultimatum from August Belmont," was the comment of J. L. M. D. McGuire of the Ashland House committee. "The agreement of December 18 superseded the suit. It was an agreement to quit litigation, and in its face neither party could reenter court with the case and be in good standing. Our committee kept its word and at no time tried to evade the promise of December 18. Last Friday the committee met to select a teller, &c., and on that day Mr. Taylor sent an order for the discontinuance of the suit to Mr. Murray. We signed it and that closed the incident."

AMERICAN BOATS NOT ELIGIBLE.

International Contests Arranged for Vessels Built Under European Rule.

While international racing on the other side of the Atlantic is booming and many races are being arranged it is unfortunate that American yachts are unable to take part in them. This is due to the fact that all the yachting countries of Europe have a uniform rule of measurement and in this country while the results of the rule work out nearly the same there are differences that prevent American yachts competing in foreign races or foreign boats competing in American races. The rule referred to is as follows:

"A wave of enthusiasm for international yacht racing seems lately to have swept the world—with the possible exceptions of China, Japan, Persia and Turkey (from which we have no press cuttings on yachting matters). To this we must attribute the absurd report, which was published in all good faith by several English papers, that Sir Thomas Lipton had offered a prize of £200 to the Brooklyn Yacht Club for a race from Sandy Hook to England. On the face of it the report was absurd, for thanks to the abstention of American yachtsmen from the first meeting of the international conference there is now no longer any possibility of an American yacht racing in Europe unless she is built to suit the international rule of measurement.

"The universal rule under which Sir Thomas Lipton was anxious to race next year for the America's cup has many points which might well have been embodied in the European rule, and on the other hand it is beyond question that the latter is in many ways the better of the two. However, as the action of the American authorities has rendered a fusion of the rules impossible, the suggestion of an ocean race to England was manifestly ridiculous. The prize of £200 presented by Sir Thomas Lipton to the Brooklyn Y. C. is for a race under the club's rules, of 500 miles in all, and must be regarded as being in the nature of a thank offering for the bold and very sportsmanlike protest made by this club against the treatment which he received from the New York Y. C. on the occasion of his recent challenge. It is interesting to note that the stakes in the first ocean yacht race from America to this country were no less than £20,000 a side.

"At that time, however, yachting giants did not dream of building 2,000 ton steam yachts; and, moreover, the visit of the Henrietta, Fleetwing and Vesta to this country had for its main object to convince the world that this country possessed no yachts fit to match with them. To-day America can match no yacht with those of Europe, nor can Europe match any yacht with those of America.

"The next international race suggested is of more interest. We refer to the report that a race from Bremerhaven to Harwich for a prize of £100 presented by the town of Felixtowe is under consideration, and it is stated that the Emperor approves of the scheme. It is hoped that this proposal may come to fruition, for it is essential that an international rule should produce international racing. The rules are now prepared, but without the offer of prizes they cannot fulfil their proper function. What with the Olympic Games regatta of the Royal Victoria Y. C., Mr. Bartlett's most generous prize to the Royal London Y. C. and this new project, it cannot be said that England has not taken the lead in the effort to make the European agreement successful in fact as well as on paper."

United Hunt Racing Association Officers.

At a meeting of the directors of the United Hunt Racing Association held in the Windsor Arcade yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Perry Belmont, president; Harry S. Page vice-president; R. Lawrence Smith, treasurer; L. A. Beebe, secretary; H. S. Page, R. Lawrence Smith and J. Searle Bare ay, Jr., executive committee.

Champion Deerhound Dead.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Jan. 20.—St. Ronans Ranger, winner of fourteen championships both here and abroad and the prize of the pack of valuable deerhounds at the Midlothian Kennels, owned by Edmund L. Mackenzie, died this morning from acute gastritis. He was valued at $3,000.

COLUMBIA BEATS DARTMOUTH.

Local Basketball Team Scores 21 Points to 7 for the Visitors.

Dartmouth, outplayed and outclassed at every stage, lost to Columbia in an interesting basketball game in the Columbia gymnasium last night by the score of 21 to 7. Although the Hanoverians were no match for the Columbia five they put up a strong fight, and for the first ten minutes of play held the Blue and White down, allowing them to make only one point. By clever playing and quick passing Columbia then got the jump on the wearers of the green and scored 11 points in quick succession. In the second half Columbia kept the lead, but Dartmouth made a slight gain.

The game was remarkably clean, the only man who indulged in rough tactics being Schuldmiller, the Dartmouth left guard, who was constantly in trouble with Melitzer, and had ten fouls called on him. Dartmouth got five free trials for goal on account of fouls, but Brady was able to make only one of them count. Kiendl caged three out of fifteen tries for Columbia.

The game opened with the ball passing rapidly up and down the field, with neither side able to score. Finally Ryan, the Columbia captain, made a good try, but the ball fell short. While Kiendl was shooting a foul for Columbia, Schildmiller fouled Melitzer and the Blue and White got an extra try, but neither resulted in a score. Kiendl caged the ball on a foul by Brady, but Lang almost immediately gave the lead to Dartmouth by scoring a clean goal from the field. This was the Hanoverians' first and only score in the half. Columbia began to play a quick, passing game and the half ended with the score 12 to 7 in favor of the home team.

The second half was faster and rougher than the first period, but poor shooting kept both teams from scoring, although they had plenty of chances. Brady, the Dartmouth forward, about the middle of the half got the ball on a pass from Burns and made a pretty basket from the corral of the field, but the goal was not allowed as Burns had received the ball from Lang out of bounds, and it was brought back and given to Cerussi, the Columbia right guard. Melitzer then got the ball from Cerussi and scored from under the basket.

The play became rougher near the end of the half and Dartmouth scored two baskets. The game ended with the score at 21 to 7.

COLUMBIA CREW TROUBLES.

Good Varsity Eight May Fail Because of Cramped Training Quarters.

Coach Jim Rice and the Columbia crew management are getting worried because they are unable to make any definite plans in regard to the spring training before the crews go up the Hudson for the final finishing touches for the big race. A new scheme of holding the final examinations that goes into effect at Columbia this June will make it impossible for the oarsmen to leave New York before June 15, scarcely two weeks before the day scheduled for the regatta. In former years the Columbia contingent was the first to get on the water, always leaving the Harlem for the Poughkeepsie quarters a day or so after Decoration Day. By this scheme the crews had about a whole month's practice over the four mile course.

As there is only a two mile stretch on the Harlem that can be used to any purpose the Columbia coaches began to rely more and more on the work after the change to the Hudson was made. This year, however, Rice doesn't see how he can whip a crew into shape for a four mile race that has been rowing only two mile stretches until ten days before the contest. Last fall he started a scheme to have the Gould boathouse, at 116th street and the Hudson River, moved across the river to a point just above Fort Lee, but it could not be moved without very great expense.

The matter was dropped and nothing more was done toward changing the conditions until a month or so ago when Rice had the offer of a boathouse built for the one used by the Annapolis squad at Poughkeepsie last June. The boat was to be moored on the other side of the Hudson close to the site chosen for the Gould building. Training was to continue here until the middle of June and then the boat was to be towed up to Poughkeepsie and anchored off the Columbia boarding quarters. The boat was large enough to provide sleeping quarters for about forty men and there was still space left to accommodate four or five shells. Negotiations had almost been completed for the purchase of the boat when the management began to feel the effect of the financial stringency. For this reason Rice's second plan has come to naught and has put him in the peculiar position of having first class material for a good crew but no place to give it the proper training.

Manager H. N. Moore said yesterday that Columbia would probably be compelled to do all the preliminary training on the Harlem as heretofore and that unless all other schemes fail an effort will be made to have the faculty allow the men to take their final examinations in quarters, a system that has been in use for some time with the Yale and Harvard crews at New London. At any rate practice will commence on the Harlem about March 15.

Public School Basketball.

Nearly one-fourth of the games have now been played in the Public Schools Athletic League basketball tournament, and while it is not certain which team will come out with the highest per cent. at the end it is possible to size up the various teams pretty accurately. Last year's winner, Townsend Harris Hall, has so far shown the best form. The Manual Training boys lost their first game last Saturday to the High School of Commerce, but it was an off day for Manual and it is not likely to be defeated again, at any rate until it meets Townsend Harris on March 14 in the last game. DeWitt Clinton has three games to its credit, but has played two of the weakest teams in the league, and has won one game by default from Commercial. The games won follow:

Townsend Harris, 3; De Witt Clinton, 3; Manual, 2; Commerce, 2; Erasmus, 2; Stuyvesant, 2; Boys' High, 1; Morris, 1; Flushing, 1; Eastern District, 1; Newton, 0.

New York A. C. to Aid Olympic Committee.

President George W. Kuhlke of the New York A. C. has informed Secretary James E. Sullivan of the American Olympic committee that at a special meeting of the board of governors the question of cooperation with the American Olympic committee was discussed and that the board had made a generous subscription to the Olympic games of 1908. Besides the subscription the club will make President Kuhlke will take steps to secure individual subscriptions from the members.

Great Sprinter to Run Here.

Dan Kelly, holder of the world's amateur record of 9 3-5 seconds for the 100 yards, will be seen in New York for the first time at the Pastime A. C. meet next Monday night. The Western flyer will appear in the sprints, and no doubt there will be great curiosity to see the foremost sprinter of all the world. Kelly ran in the 100 yard national championship at Jamestown, but appeared to be in poor form and did not win.

Eastern Skaters Meet.

The Eastern Skating Association held a meeting yesterday at which matters of interest to speed and figure experts were discussed. The principal topic was the location of the speed championship and though nothing definite was given out it was understood the meet would be held at Newburgh, N. Y.

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BILLIARDS.

Morningstar Beats Gallagher Despite Veteran's Run of 118.

As the initial effort of his last week of preparatory billiards Ora C. Morningstar, who aspires to the world's 18.2 balk line championship held by George Sutton, yesterday afternoon defeated the veteran Thomas Gallagher by 400 points to 327 in Maurice Daly's academy, Thirty-first street and Broadway. The young challenger's average was only 18 18-24, with runs of 107, 61 and 36. He was so slow in starting that he failed to pass the first hundred mark before the tenth inning. Gallagher put together the high run of the competition, a beautifully assembled compilation of 118, which he immediately backed with 48, while his next best run was 36.

Morningstar had a severe cold and it was not until his twelfth turn at the table that he began to show his true game. Then he manipulated the globes so perfectly along the end rail that 61 caroms was his total.

Two innings later Gallagher coaxed the globes under control. Prettily played masse shots and carefully worked draws held the balls close to the end rail and in the corners until he had counted 107.

The run made by Gallagher occurred in the twentieth inning. The veteran manoeuvred well and held the ivories before him, making use of frequent driving and open table shots. The summary:

Morningstar—4, 4, 23, 18, 5, 27, 1, 23, 5, 1, 11, 61, 1, 107, 7, 15, 0, 36, 0, 0, 23, 0, 23, 5. Total, 400. Average, 18 18-24. High runs, 107, 61, 36.

Gallagher—0, 36, 0, 14, 6, 13, 5, 19, 4, 16, 8, 1, 5, 3, 5, 3, 1, 7, 0, 118, 48, 9, 3. Total, 327. Average, 14 5-23. High runs, 118, 48, 36.

In the evening game Morningstar won from Maurice Daly by a score of 400 to 234. The score:

Morningstar—0, 40, 19, 12, 0, 12, 5, 24, 10, 0, 3, 0, 0, 36, 1, 33, 8, 3, 62, 5, 5, 9, 52, 41. Total, 400. Average, 16 6-24. High runs, 62, 53 and 52.

Daly—1, 19, 3, 22, 9, 0, 12, 2, 5, 17, 11, 1, 4, 26, 10, 0, 50, 14, 0, 7, 8, 29, 4. Total, 254. Average, 10 4-24. High runs, 50, 29, and 26.

Nervy billiards on the part of George F. Slosson brought him through the winner last night in the fifth match of his 18.2 balk line series with George Sutton. Until the very end Slosson appeared to be hopelessly beaten, but he won by the score of 400 points to 359.

The winner's average was 25 0-16, and his high runs 135, 106 and 43. Sutton's average was 22 7-16, and his best runs 151, 62 and 33. From now on to the end of the series, of which Slosson has won three and Sutton two, the pair will play 500 point matches nightly in Slosson's academy.

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