LATHAM BEATS JAY GOULD

NOTABLE OPENING OF HARVARD TENNIS COURT.

English Professional Concedes Only Half-Fifteen to Amateur Champion and Wins by Score of 2—6, 6—3, 6—3, 6—4—Many Women See the Match.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 9.—At the opening of the Harvard court tennis building to-day seniors and undergraduates joined in the applause over the good strokes in evidence in the match between Jay Gould, the amateur champion of the world, and Peter Latham, the great English professional. Conceding half-fifteen, Latham won by three sets to one, the score being 2—6, 6—3, 6—3, 6—4.

Peculiar interest attached to the proceedings to-day because of the fact that the match marked in an impressive manner an entirely new departure for the game of court tennis in America.

For years this game has been popular among collegians in England and has served in a great degree to develop the fine tennis players who are always in evidence on the other side. Harvard, however, is the first university in America to devote attention to the game and the building opened to-day supplies to the intercollegiate world here its first tennis court.

A perfect court both as to light and resistency is the verdict to be passed, but the players thought it slow. The match was well played, but the chief importance was its influence on the future of the game in this country. As a tennis court, the outside dimensions of which are 156 by 115 feet, it embodies all that is best in such a structure. It will be used by an exclusively Harvard student membership limited to 150.

In brief, the details of floor space are a most attractive swimming pool, 40 by 12 feet, a small office and a clubroom called a "Dedans Salon."

There were women in the gallery to-day, which is unusual except at Tuxedo. Among the lookerson were Miss Marjorie Gould, Mrs. Jack Gardner, Mrs. F. H. Prince, Mrs. H. J. Coolidge, Mrs. J. R. Coolidge, Miss Dorothy Randolph, Miss Logan, Miss May and Miss Cortice.

It would be hard to pick young Gould's game to pieces, for he was always most alert. The way he played this afternoon would indicate that he is the greatest amateur at court tennis that has ever been seen. He had, it is true, every opportunity to learn a fine court at his own home, a careful and energetic teacher and the best of implements, but it was his own study and application that have made him.

Gould was in great form at the opening of the match and for a time it looked as if he would again take the great English professional into camp, as he had done on a previous occasion. In the first set two games were all that Latham could gather for his share before the young amateur ran out the set. Latham, however, was fairly in his strike in the second set and it stood 5—0 in his favor before Gould broke the ice. The amateur took three in succession before Latham secured the winning game.

Matters went more evenly in the third set and the games were called 3 all. Latham then took three in succession and placed a second set to his credit. The last set produced another battle royal, the games being two all, three all and five to four. Latham took the deciding game, winning the set and match.

The summary of the match was

FIRST SET.									
Gould	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	6
Latham	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
SECOND SET.									
Gould	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Latham	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	6
THIRD SET.									
Gould	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Latham	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	6
FOURTH SET.									
Latham	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	6
Gould	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4

FAIRS WILL PLAY GOULD.

Court Tennis Professional Wants Championship Match at Brighton.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—There is surprise here at Standing's victory over Latham, and the question of matches between Jay Gould and Punch Fairs for the court tennis championship of the world is eagerly discussed. Fairs says: "I am prepared to play Gould home and home matches, as I said when he challenged me at Brighton. I have been asked to go to America to play a match, not for the championship, with Gould at Tuxedo, but cannot consider any match with him until I hear concerning the Brighton challenge. Gould is undoubtedly the best amateur here or in America.

"The question whether the first match shall be played here or in America can easily be arranged when Gould expresses his readiness to play me for the world's championship. I am ready at any time. The difficulty is that Gould as an amateur will not play for a side stake. I cannot go to America and play merely for a prize. It would cost me at least £500. I would have to take another professional, Covey or Johnson probably, with a view of first class practice, and pay the expenses of both while we were absent without earning anything for six or eight weeks. I would suggest that I be guaranteed £1,000 out of the gate. I can make my own financial arrangements for the English contests."

Eustace Miles is already in regular practice in the hope of meeting Gould this season.

DOGS TO BE BENCHED SOON.

Prizes Out for the Annual Westminster Kennel Club Show.

Premium lists for the thirty-third annual dog show of the Westminster Kennel Club reveal an unprecedented array of regular and special prizes. It will be at Madison Square Garden, February 9, 10, 11 and 12, and there are 629 classes listed and nearly as many specials. In all but a few of the present unfashionable or little known breeds the first prize in each class will be $15, the second $10 and the third $5. As usual the braces and teams compete for the entry fees, sweepstakes style. The entries close on January 21 with James Mortimer, superintendent and secretary of the show, at the Townsend Building, 1123 Broadway. The dog show committee is made up of William Rauch, chairman; R. H. Williams, the Westminster president; Winthrop Rutherfurd and Lewis A. Eldridge.

There is a full American Kennel Club classification in nearly every breed, besides classes for winners or placed dogs at field trials in the United States or Canada for pointers, English setters or beagles. English setters are to be judged in accordance with the standard of the English Setter Club, and a new open class is for dogs and bitches that have been broken, as the term is understood. An added class for Dalmatians, the old time spotted coach dog, is for dogs and bitches owned by a member of Greater New York Fire Department. The full classification for rough collies includes three guaranteed by Alvin Untermeyer for blue males, respectively for puppies, dogs and bitches, and also a trio guaranteed by the Collie Club of America. One is for veteran dogs and bitches over five years, the other two maiden classes for American bred dogs and bitches. They must never have won a first prize and be owned by members of the Collie club. Somewhat in the same order is a new class for smooth or rough fox terriers, dogs and bitches that is guaranteed by the Fox Terrier Club. It is called the green class and is open to all, the condition being that the owners have never won a first prize at an A. K. C. show.

The Rev. T. Moore Smith will be the only clergyman to judge at the New York show since 1877, when the Rev. J. Cumming Macdona, M. P., came from England to pass on the St. Bernards. Thirty-three specials are given by members of the W. K. C. for the best in various breeds, each prize a silver cup to be won outright. Among many new specials is the Father O'Gorman memorial trophy, value $500, offered by Joseph A. McAleenan for the best Irish terrier dog. It will become the property of the exhibitor winning it five times, a gold medal to be given in commemoration of each win. Father O'Gorman was the Canadian priest who benched the Irish terrier Celtic Badger with great success from 1902 to 1906 at the Westminster show.

COLUMBIA WINS FAST GAME.

West Point Cadets Beaten at Basketball, 34 to 18.

WEST POINT, Jan. 9.—Columbia defeated the West Point cadets to-day in a fast basketball game, the score being 34 to 18. The game was exciting from start to finish. The fine passing and shooting of Kiendl, Columbia's star forward, combined with the good work of Ryan at centre, gave Columbia her lead. Until the last few minutes of the first half the teams led alternately, the cadets having a decided advantage. Due to its better team work Columbia went ahead, the half ending 14 to 13 in favor of Columbia.

The second half was faster even than the first, both teams using the shoot from a dribble successfully. Substitutes were sent in by both teams, and time had to be taken out twice for Columbia. Melitzer of Columbia was ruled out for having made five.

The lineup:

Columbia.	Positions.	West Point.
Kiendl	Forward	Devers
Melitzer	Forward	Conard
Ryan	Centre	Surles
Cerussi	Guard	Beardslee
Benson	Guard	Catron

Score—Columbia, 36; West Point, 18. Goals—Kiendl, 6; Melitzer, 2; Ryan, 2; Cerussi, 4; Benson, 1; Devers, 2; Conard, 3; Milliken, 1. From foul line—Beardslee, 6; Kiendl, 4. Referee—Weymouth. Substitutes—Kemble, for Benson; Hardy for Catron.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BASKETBALL.

Boys' High Beats Flushing in Fast Game by 25 to 18.

Boys' High School got a fresh start in the race for the basketball championship by defeating Flushing yesterday afternoon at Avon Hall, Brooklyn, by a score of 25 to 18. The game was fast at all times, especially so in the second half, and was interspersed here and there with roughhouse tactics. The fouls were quite evenly divided, however, eight being called on Boys' High and nine on Flushing. Little science was shown and the play was mainly of the rough and tumble, hit or miss sort.

The Boys' High guards persistently left their men uncovered and it was only poor shooting on the part of Flushing which prevented it from winning the game. The Boys' High forwards, Carruthers in particular, were accurate in their shooting, but the team work on the whole was inferior to Flushing's.

Harper and Smith, who were appointed by the P. S. A. L. as officials for the game, did not appear and after waiting for them a full hour it was decided to continue the game, with the two coaches as officials.

Runge of Flushing made the first basket and Baer quickly followed it up with a goal for Boys' High. The game was comparatively quiet during the first period only seven fouls were called, and these were mostly of a technical nature. The score at the end of the half was 14 to 9 in favor of Boys' High.

The two teams started in to mix it up as soon as the last period began and the referee and umpire were kept on the jump.

Flushing's two field goals were both made by Dixon, and only three baskets were made by Boys' High.

The lineup:

Flushing.	Positions.	Boys' High.
Johnson	Left forward	Carruthers
Henderson	Right forward	Johnston
Dixon	Centre	Seaman
Runge	Left guard	Baer
Smith	Right guard	Kuhn

Score—Boys' High, 25; Flushing, 18. Goals from field—Flushing, Dixon (3), Runge, Smith; Boys' High, Carruthers (4), Johnston, Seaman, Baer (2). Umpire—Mr. Cohen. Time of halves—20 minutes.

The Eastern District basketball team defeated the High School of Commerce five by a score of 27 to 26 at the C. C. N. Y. gymnasium Friday night. Commerce held the lead at the end of the first period by a score of 19 to 14.

Navy Team Rolls Up Big Score.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 9.—Entirely unable to stand the pace set by the fast basketball team of the Naval Academy, the Corcoran cadets of Washington lost this afternoon by the overwhelming score of 62 to 8.

BILLIARDS.

De Oro and Lean May Play Three Cushion Championship Match Here.

Alfred De Oro, the three cushion champion, is in town, and he is in favor of playing his three cushion championship match with Jesse Lean in New York if the arrangements can be made to do so. When De Oro won the three cushion title in St. Louis recently Lean challenged him, and the forfeits are up. The match must take place within sixty days of the date of the challenge. De Oro goes to Boston this week to play a pool engagement there.

Harry Cline, the shortstop, also is in New York and will play billiards with George Slosson to-day. The latter is now practising for his championship match at 18.1 balk line with George Sutton, holder of the title. Cline is returning shortly to St. Louis, where the three cushion and red ball games are likely to be resumed in the academies.

Calvin Demarest defeated John Hendrick yesterday afternoon in his 18.2 series at McGraw's room. Demarest, by the way, is to continue at McGraw's this week. Yesterday afternoon's score:

Demarest: 7, 0, 0, 0, 15, 20, 0, 68, 5, 51, 0, 55, 2, 1, 11, 0, 15. Total, 250. Average 14.12-17.

Hendrick: 0, 11, 2, 2, 27, 12, 1, 9, 7, 37, 0, 21, 5, 0, 1, 3. Total, 138. Average, 8.2-17.

In the evening game Calvin Demarest easily defeated Tom Gallagher at 18.2 balk line by a score of 250 to 88. Demarest played a fast game and won in nine innings. Demarest's best runs were 85, 50 and 40 and he averaged 27.7-9. Gallagher made high runs of 42, 14 and 13 and he averaged 9.7-9. The score:

Demarest: 1, 40, 21, 1, 36, 50, 7, 9, 85. Total, 250.

Gallagher: 9, 13, 2, 0, 42, 8, 0, 14. Total, 88.

Charles White defeated George H. Sutton, the handicap player, in an exhibition game at 18.2 at the Knickerbocker Billiard Academy in Brooklyn last night by a score of 250 to 220. White made high runs of 34, 21 and 20 and averaged 6 32-38. Sutton's high runs were 28, 26 and 25 and he averaged 5 25-37. Sutton will play Millette to-morrow night.

SQUASH.

Columbia and Harvard Clubs Win in Metropolitan Series.

Squash players of the Columbia University and Harvard clubs were the leaders yesterday in the third series of matches in the championship tournament of the Metropolitan Squash League. Columbia on its home courts in the Gramercy Park house met the experts of the Brooklyn Heights Casino and defeated them 4 matches to 3. Harvard also afforded cold comfort to their visitors of the Princeton Club, who went down to defeat at 5 matches to 2.

The summary:

Princeton Club at Harvard Club—Grenville Clark, Harvard, defeated Howard A. Colby, Princeton, by default; Malcolm D. Whitman, Harvard, defeated Howard Homans, Princeton, 15—5, 15—5; J. W. Prentice, Harvard, defeated W. A. W. Stewart, Princeton, 15—2, 15—9; Malcolm McBurney, Harvard, defeated O'D. Vanderbilt, Princeton, 17—15, 15—11; G. W. Bird, Princeton, defeated Cyril Hatch, Harvard, 5—15, 15—11, 15—16; Harold Imbrie, Princeton, defeated E. H. Pool, Harvard, 15—5, 8—15, 15—11; R. D. Pruyn, Harvard, defeated A. W. Riley, Princeton, 8—15, 15—15, 15—10.

Heights Casino at Columbia Club—J. Harvey Williams, Casino, defeated Frank Kidde, Columbia, 9—15, 15—17, 15—5; Charles M. Bull, Jr., Casino, defeated A. L. Marvin, Columbia, 11—15, 15—12, 15—12; L. E. Mallan, Columbia, defeated J. C. Low, Casino, 8—15, 17—14, 15—12; H. H. Boyesen, Columbia, defeated D. D. Roberts, Casino, 12—15, 15—10, 15—3; C. L. Wigham, Columbia, defeated N. F. De Mauriac, Casino, 12—15, 15—11, 15—4; R. Goepel, Casino, defeated Harold Kellock, Columbia, 13—12, 15—8; R. H. White, Columbia, defeated H. Martin, Casino, 11—15, 15—15, 15—11.

W. H. Cragin, Jr., Wins Tennis Title.

Experience on the Seventh Regiment's indoor tennis courts made it possible for William B. Cragin, Jr., to win the indoor regimental championship yesterday for the second consecutive year. In many ways the champion's performances in the three acts of the match which carried with it the honors was the crowning achievement of his career. He won at 6—0, 6—4 and 6—4 against Walter Merrill Hall of the Hamilton Grange Club and at a time when the latter is showing his best paces, for after a slow start Hall made splendid use of his racquet. But it was veteran against the recruit and the latter was not quite up to nicking out the games against the out of reach places from Cragin's side of the net.

Chess Tournament at St. Petersburg.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—The next important Continental chess tournament will begin at St. Petersburg on February 12 and will last four weeks. Lasker will probably play, but there is no chance of Tarrasch participating.

CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

NELSON HAS A POOR OPINION OF TOMMY MURPHY.

Harlem Boxer, Because of Weak Hitting, Will Never Be a Champion, but May Fight Owen Moran on January 22—Nevada Men to Post $100,000.

Battling Nelson did not think much of the ten round bout between Tommy Murphy and Frankie Madden at the National A. C. on Friday night, judging from the comments he made to some friends after the mill. He said that if a decision had been rendered it should have been a draw, but that neither boxer showed championship material. Nelson also declared that if Madden had not done all the leading there would have been no fight, as Murphy at no stage of the proceedings was inclined to display aggressiveness. To those who have seen Nelson in action it was apparent that he could have stopped either Madden or Murphy inside of the ten round limit. The way the men fought it is a question whether Murphy could have stopped Madden in twenty-five rounds, while it is also a matter for dispute whether Madden in the same length of time would have been able to get over a knockout punch.

Murphy may be one of the cleverest boxers in the lightweight class, but he can never hope to be a champion, for the excellent reason that he cannot hit. In comparison with such fighters as Nelson and Gans, Murphy is a joke as a puncher. Barring possibly Jim Corbett, all ring champions have been hard sluggers in addition to possessing science, so that in Murphy's case those who saw him jabbing and tapping Madden with little or no effect on Friday night were visibly disappointed in him. However, the matchmaker of the National A. C., realizing that Murphy is a card, may arrange a ten round bout for him with Owen Moran of England. Moran is a featherweight, or rather a 126 pounder, who has met numerous lightweights successfully in the past and who has been anxious to get a crack at Murphy for some time.

There may be some haggling over the weight, but as far as Murphy is concerned it may be said that he stands willing to meet Moran for ten rounds at the National A. C. on January 22. Moran is a great boxer as well as a fighter. The fact that he has fought two drawn battles, one of twenty-five and the other of twenty-three rounds, with Abe Attell, the featherweight champion, is conclusive evidence that if he meets Murphy the fur will fly. That New Yorkers are hungry for good boxing bouts was shown by the size and quality of the crowd that saw Murphy and Madden clash. Every seat in the spacious arena was disposed of and the club made enough out of the mill to offset several recent losing ventures. It is the intention of the management to secure the best available boxing talent in future, for liberal patronage by members seems assured.

Every day developes some new aspirant for Jack Johnson's title. The latest person who declares that he wants to fight the big negro is Ralph Rose, the giant shot putter and hammer thrower. Rose says he now weighs 240 pounds, stripped, and that he will meet Johnson whenever the latter is ready. Rose is probably talking through his hat, for he has never had any ring experience and is too slow on his feet to be seriously regarded as having a chance with Burns's conqueror.

Kid Lavigne, the former lightweight champion, who was under the management of Sam Fitzpatrick, says it is a safe bet that Johnson will not fight again for a year, if then. "When Fitzpatrick landed in Australia with Johnson," says Lavigne, "they didn't have a dollar of their own money. As they got practically nothing for beating Burns they will now go after the coin by giving exhibitions in Australia, England and America. Fitzpatrick told me some time ago that if he ever made a champion out of Johnson he would proceed to get all the easy money in sight before he would allow the big black man to risk his title in another match. So take it from me that Johnson will not fight again for more than a year and that he will not take Jeffries on until he is driven to the wall by public opinion. By that time Jeff will be older than he is now, hence more liable to suffer defeat than he is now."

While Jeff has begun real training in a Los Angeles gymnasium, he still declares vehemently that he has no idea of fighting again—at present. This is in line with the policy mapped out for him by Delaney, that the big fellow will not say a word about his willingness to meet Johnson until he finds out to his own satisfaction whether or not he can regain his old form. The Nevada mining promotors at Mazuma, who have offered a $100,000 purse for a finish fight between Jeffries and Johnson on or about July 4, appear to be responsible persons, for they have sent word to both pugilists that they will put up the entire amount in a bank and will let the men divide the purse as they may agree between themselves. They also declare that this record breaking offer will remain open indefinitely.

Ernest Sigfried, a bully German wrestler, who has just arrived here from the other side, says he wants to make a match with either Frank Gotch, the American champion, or Mahmout, the big Turkish grappler. It is probable, however, that the German will have to wait until Gotch and Mahmout have settled their differences on the mat before he can put either of them to the test.

The craze for Marathon races in and out of doors has evidently prompted some energetic promoters who will do business in the name of the International Sports Company of this city to hire Madison Square Garden for the week beginning March 7 at midnight for an old fashioned six days go as you please race. It is planned to have thirty-six runners active, divided into eighteen teams, who will go after $5,000 in cash prizes. The race will be an international affair, it is said, with representatives of America, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Italy, Germany, France, Russia, Belgium, Brazil, Holland, Africa, Canada, Spain, Austria, Japan, China and the Philippines. It is said that America will have three teams in the race and that there may be one from the United States army. The American teams will represent New York, Chicago and California. Not since the new Garden was opened has there been a six days race of this kind. Long distance pedestrianism was a fad here twenty years ago when Rowell, O'Leary, Littlewood, Hart, Noremac, Campana, Weston and others were the great men of the tanbark.

President Farrell of the New York Americans received a telegram yesterday from the club's scout, Arthur Irwin, in Altoona, that he had closed the deal for the release of Infielder Joe Ward, recently reinstated by the national commission, and that the player decided to report to Manager Stallings at Macon in March. Farrell also received word from Cincinnati that Hal Chase's written application for reinstatement had been received by Chairman Herrmann of the commission, which means that it is only a matter of form before Chase is officially restored to the local Americans. Baseball men say that no matter how Stallings decides to arrange his infield, a combination made up of Chase, Gardner, Knight and Ward will be hard to excel.

Because P. T. Powers was compelled to leave Cincinnati before the recent minor league squabble was adjusted several Eastern League owners are inclined to score him. Powers has been long identified with the Eastern League and has on numerous occasions overcome serious opposition to his rule as president. It turns out that the National Commission did not actively adjust the minor league wrangle, but that peace was restored because of the willingness of the so-called "microbes" to grant the concessions demanded by the two Class AA belligerents.

President Pulliam of the National League has completed his staff of umpires for this year, and these men will judge the plays: O'Day, Emslie, Klem, Johnstone, Rigler, Truby and Cusack. Truby has had much experience in baseball. He played second base for the Chicago Cubs in 1905 and a part of 1906. During the latter season he was severely injured in a collision with George Van Haltren and when he recovered he was sold to Pittsburg, where he finished the campaign. Later he played with Toronto, Kansas City and several other minor league teams. Truby has been umpiring for two years. In 1907 he officiated in the Virginia League and last season in the South Atlantic and Ohio State leagues. He is of good size and is said to have excellent judgment. Cusack, another new umpire, was an umpire in the New York State League last year and is a big as a house.

It is reported that when the major leagues hold their schedule meetings in Chicago next month some of the club owners will attempt to have a $2,400 salary limit adopted. Those who favor the plan say that unless a check is put on the salaries now paid to players the time will come when some of the clubs will find themselves financially embarrassed.

President Ebbets of the Brooklyn club has begun the annual "weeding out" process. He has asked for waivers on these players: Farmer, Finlayson, Hoch, Holmes, Kruger, Malony, McLane, Murch, Ritter, Ryerson, Sheehan and Whiting. Ritter has been one of the Brooklyn catchers for several years, while Sheehan, a third baseman was secured from Pittsburg last winter. Brooklyn fans appear to be satisfied with the selection of Lumley as manager of the team. Bill Dahlen, who wanted the job, says he will square accounts with Owner Dovey of Boston for not letting him go.

In Chicago it is hinted that the racing game will be revived soon and that the scene of action will be over the State line in Indiana. There is no chance at present for a resumption of the sport in the Windy City, however.

The business men of Hot Springs, Ark., are more confident than ever that the Legislature will pass their bill legalizing racing at Oaklawn Park. They have canvassed the State and declare that there is no really great opposition to their scheme to make the famous health resort once more attractive to persons who have money to spend. Friction that caused the passage of anti-racing laws has disappeared and the reformers are said to be ready to accept defeat.

While the attendance at the Savannah track has been good it is said that the promoters feel that the citizens have not done their full share in the way of securing patronage. Other persons say that the meeting at Savannah has been handicapped because of the half mile track and the small purses, which have kept many turfmen from sending their horses there. Meanwhile Gov. Hoke Smith is quoted as saying that as soon as he learns officially that there is bookmaking in violation of the law at the track he will put a stop to it without delay.

In spite of the columns of praise that have been printed in Cincinnati since Clark Griffith accepted the management of the Reds, some of the hammer throwers who have made Parkville famous in baseball are calling attention to the fact that sixty-five players formerly with the New York Americans and let go by Griffith are making good in fast company. If the Reds do not win from the outset of the pennant race this year, Griffith will doubtless realize what other managers have experienced in Garry Herrmann's town.

Doctor Reisling, a contract jumper in the Tri-State League, will never be reinstated, according to H. C. Pulliam of the National Commission, because he once took his contract out of a safe and made several changes in its clauses.

PINEHURST TRAP SHOOTING.

Big Advance Entry for the Handicap Tournament.

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 9.—Advance entries for the second annual midwinter handicap trap shooting tournament assure a field of not less than a hundred and fifty and possibly two hundred participants, representing the best shots in the country, with the delegations from New York, Pennsylvania and the South and West very large.

C. W. Billings of the New York Athletic Club, winner of the handicap last year, will be on hand with a squad of clubmates which will include Dr. Culver, Hall, Pelham, Hodgman, O'Donohue and others. G. H. McCarthy of Philadelphia, winner of the preliminary in last year's shoot will come with George Painter of Pittsburg, winner of the Wesley Hogan trophy at Atlantic City; William Ford of Wilmington, Del., and others. The Crescent Athletic Club lineup will include Lockwood, Leahy, Hendrickson, Stephenson, Hopkins and others, and Dr. Gleason will head the Boston Athletic Club men.

C. M. Powers of Decatur, Ill., will be prominent in the Western delegation. Bandmaster John Philip Sousa will be a conspicuous figure, and among the Southerners will be George L. Lyons of Durham, N. C., winner of the Southern and Eastern handicaps last summer, and Mayor James I. Johnson of Raleigh.

The array of professionals will include J. A. R. Elliott, Harold Money, John R. Taylor, T. A. Marshall, Frank E. Butler and Mrs. Butler, George W. Maxwell, Fred Gilbert, Walter Huff, H. S. Welles, A. M. Hatcher and E. H. Storr. The shoot is booked for January 21, 22 and 23, but the three preceding days of the week will be occupied with sweepstakes, giving a full week of shooting.

STILL FOND OF BASEBALL.

The Rev. Sunday Says He Wouldn't Take a Million Dollars for His Experience.

The Rev. Billy Sunday, who gave up the diamond years ago to become an evangelist, grew reminiscent in Spokane the other day and told what a clean game professional baseball is. "I wouldn't take $1,000,000 for my professional baseball experience," he said. "I am proud I made good and that I was one of the best of them in my day. Baseball is the one sport in this country upon which the gamblers have not been able to get their crooked claws.

"There isn't the same disgrace attached to a professional baseball player that attends other professional athletes. The gamblers tried for thirty years to get control, but the men behind the game stood firm and true. Baseball had stood the test. It is a pure, clean, wholesome game, and there is no disgrace to any man to-day for playing professional baseball.

"I was converted in 1886 and lived a Christian life for five years in the training quarters, in the field and on the bench with professional baseball players, and I want to say that a man can be a Christian and a decent, self-respecting citizen there if he wants to be. He don't have to be a rounder, and you bet the club owners, the fans generally and the players themselves will respect a man all the more for living a clean, honest life.

"I don't have the opportunity to see many ball games nowadays, as I am busy six days in the week the year around almost, and in the afternoons an evening or two in lectures. When I have the opportunity to see a game I take it. I read the sporting pages every morning and follow the fortunes of the teams.

"My first professional contract called for $60 a month. That was a windfall to me in those days too. When I quit baseball my salary was $500 a month. I could outrun any man in the National League. I ran a foot race in St. Louis against Arlie Latham and beat him fifteen feet in 100 yards for the league championship. More than $1,000 changed hands on the result of the race. I was once timed around the bases in fourteen seconds flat.

"For five years I played at Chicago and was then sold to Pittsburg. I don't know what my sale price was, but I do know I didn't get any of the money. I was in Pittsburg three years, and the fall of 1890 Col. Rogers of the Philadelphia club bought my release from Pittsburg. I was one year at Philadelphia. I wanted to quit, and when I asked Col. Rogers for my release he turned me down.

"My release came on the 17th day of March. That day at noon I was leading a class in a men's noonday meeting in the Chicago Y. M. C. A. when Jim Hart, president of the Chicago club, walked in and after the meeting laid down a contract on that old pulpit. It called for seven months salary at $500 a month, with one month's salary in advance.

"Thirty-five hundred dollars, and me almost broke, with a wife and baby to support! It was a horrible temptation, especially since I loved to play baseball. The next morning I sent Mr. Hart my refusal of his terms. I accepted a position for the year with the Y. M. C. A. at $83 a month."

FENCING DISTRICTS CHANGED.

Dates Arranged for Preliminary and Final Intercollegiate Matches.

At the recent meeting of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association at the New York A. C. the colleges were moved into different districts for the preliminary matches which are to be held March 13. Princeton was put in the southern division, with Pennsylvania and the Naval Academy. Cornell was transferred to the northern division, with West Point and Columbia. Harvard, Yale and Massachusetts Institute of Technology remain in the eastern division.

The preliminaries for these districts will be held at Annapolis, West Point and Boston respectively. The final for the intercollegiate championship will be fenced at the New York A. C. on March 27.

Phillies Want to Know About Ward.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—President Shettsline of the Phillies is not going to sit complacently by and see Joe Ward transferred to the New York Americans. Last week Ward, who has been in the Tri-State League since he jumped the Phillies in 1906, was reinstated by the National Commission and immediately signed a contract to play with the Highlanders next year. The Phillies will apply to the National Commission to have a reopening of Ward's case. President Shettsline is not opposed to Ward's reinstatement, but he wants to know why the prior rights of the Phillies to the man are overlooked.

CRESCENT SHOOTERS LEAD

BEAT NEW YORK A. C. IN FIRST HALF OF MATCH.

On Bay Ridge Traps the New Moon Gunners Break 847 Out of 1,000 Targets and Lead by Twenty-eight—Brigham and Hodgman High Guns—Results.

Trap shooters of the Crescent Athletic Club gained a comfortable lead of twenty-eight targets in the first leg of the home and home series against the marksmen of the New York Athletic Club at Bay Ridge yesterday. Each organization was represented by ten gunners and each shot at one hundred targets. In the aggregate the Brooklyn experts "killed" 847.

The teams were divided into squads of five, and two traps were kept busy throughout the afternoon. In the first squad there was O. C. Grinnell, Jr., A. C. Bostwick and S. Scott of the Winged Foot organization, and H. M. Brigham and A. R. Allan of the Crescent club. The second squad brought F. B. Stephenson, F. W. Moffett and A. G. Southworth of the Brooklyn contingent and C. W. Billings and R. M. Owen of Travers Island.

G. F. Pelham, F. H. Schauffler and F. W. Hodgman were the New Yorkers who shot in the third squad. They faced G. G. Stephenson, Jr., and D. T. Leahy. In the last squad there was seen C. A. Lockwood, H. Kryn and Dr. Keyes of the New Moon team, and A. Tilt and F. Hall from Travers Island.

The usual strings of twenty-five targets were thrown. The Brooklyn gunners took the lead in the first round and never lost the advantage. They had nine targets to their credit at the end of the first round and added three more targets when they went to the traps for the second string of twenty-five. The third string was also disastrous to the Winged Foot marksmen. Crescent increased its lead to twenty-two targets and by breaking 209 to 203 blue rocks in the last twenty-five, the Brooklyn gunners won by the grand total of 847 to 819 "birds."

H. M. Brigham of the Crescent Athletic Club and F. M. Hodgman of the Winged Foot aggregation had the satisfaction of being the high guns of the afternoon. They both broke 92 out of a possible 100 targets. The score was excellent considering that the day was overcast and not particularly good for shooting. Mr. Hodgman was the only Travers Island marksman who made more than 90 per cent. A. R. Allan and F. W. Moffett both broke more than 90 per cent. for the Crescent team.

The second leg of the match will be decided next Saturday at Travers Island. The New Yorkers are positive that they will do better on their own traps. They found the background at Bay Ridge exceedingly difficult, and as many never shot over the traps before they were at a decided disadvantage.

The January cup and the team race were the only weekly events that were decided. The monthly fixture ended in a tie among four gunners, who all returned full scores. The scores:

TEAM MATCH—1,000 TARGETS.

CRESCENT A. C.		NEW YORK A. C.	
H. M. Brigham	92	F. M. Hodgman	92
A. R. Allan	91	F. H. Schauffler	89
F. W. Moffett	91	F. Hall	86
Dr. Keyes	87	S. Scott	85
D. T. Leahy	86	A. Tilt	82
A. G. Southworth	85	G. F. Pelham	80
F. B. Stephenson	84	R. M. Owen	79
C. A. Lockwood	80	O. C. Grennell, Jr.	78
G. G. Stephenson	78	A. C. Bostwick	78
H. Kryn	73	C. W. Billings	70
Total	847	Total	819

Grand total at end of each string:				
Crescent A. C.	220	426	638	847
New York A. C.	211	414	616	819
Crescent lead	9	12	22	28

January Cup—25 targets, handicap—A. R. Hendrickson, 3, 25; L. C. Hopkins, 5, 25; W. W. Marshall, 5, 25; D. T. Leahy, 3, 25; G. Brower, 4, 24; M. Stiner, 3, 23; H. M. Bugham, scratch, 23; C. W. Hickling, 5, 22; G. G. Stephenson, Jr., 2, 22; Dr. Keyes, 3, 21; S. Stearns, 2, 20; F. S. Hyatt, 4, 19; J. P. Fairchilds, 4, 19; F. W. Moffett, scratch, 19; W. W. Peabody, Jr., 4, 22; A. R. Allan, 1, 24; F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 22; C. A. Lockwood, 3, 16.

Team Race—25 targets, handicap—L. C. Hopkins and M. Stiner, 8, 48; G. G. Stephenson, Jr., and D. T. Leahy, 5, 47; F. W. Moffett and F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 41; C. A. Lockwood and W. W. Peabody, 7, 38.

All of the New York A. C. shooters did not visit the Crescent traps and those who elected to stay at home contested six events at Travers Island. G. M. Thomson was high gun of the day, as he made no less than four firsts. The leg on the January cup was won by George W. Kuchler, who with a handicap of 2 made the perfect score of 25. The scores:

Practice Shoot—25 targets, scratch—G. W. Kuchler, 19; C. L. Edey, 19; T. Lenane, Jr., 18; G. M. Thomson, 18.

January Cup—25 targets, handicap—G. W. Kuchler, 2, 25; T. Lenane, Jr., 4, 24; G. M. Thomson, 5, 23; C. L. Edey, 5, 20.

Sauer Trophy—25 targets, handicap—G. M. Thomson, 5, 25; T. Lenane, Jr., 4, 22; C. L. Edey, 5, 19; G. W. Kuchler, 1, 16.

Stevens Trophy—25 targets, handicap—G. M. Thomson, 4, 21; T. Lenane, Jr., 4, 21; G. W. Kuchler, 1, 19; C. L. Edey, 5, 19.

Shootoff—25 targets, handicap—G. M. Thomson, 4, 25; T. Lenane, Jr., 5, 24.

Trophy Shoot—25 targets, handicap—G. M. Thomson, 4, 25; T. Lenane, Jr., 4, 24; G. W. Kuchler, 1, 24; C. L. Edey, 5, 17.

Trophy Shoot—25 targets, handicap—G. M. Thomson, 4, 24; G. W. Kuchler, 1, 21; T. Lenane, Jr., 4, 20; C. L. Edey, 5, 18.

The Essex County Country Club ran off five events, the most prominent items being the Taylor cup and January cup. For the latter event, which was a handicap of 25 targets, four shooters tied with totals of 22, but there was no shootoff, as the four highest guns will shoot off at the end of the month. T. R. Coffin was high gun for the Taylor cup and Coffin and C. H. Daly made totals of 22 in the first trophy shoot of the day. The scores:

Trophy Shoot—25 targets, handicap—C. H. Daly, 2, 22; T. R. Coffin, 2, 22; C. Hathaway, 6, 20; J. A. Hart, 5, 20.

January Cup—25 targets, handicap—C. H. Daly, 2, 22; T. R. Coffin, 2, 22; G. W. Heller, 4, 22; M. Flum, Jr., 4, 22; Hendon Chubb, 6, 20.

Taylor Cup—25 targets, handicap—T. R. Coffin, 2, 24; C. H. Daly, 2, 23; M. Flum, Jr., 4, 22; G. W. Heller, 4, 19.

Trophy Shoot—15 targets, handicap—G. W. Heller, 2, 14; C. H. Daly, scratch, 13; T. R. Coffin, scratch, 12.

Trophy Shoot—25 targets, handicap—C. H. Daly, 2, 24; T. R. Coffin, 2, 24; G. W. Heller, 4, 24.

Prizes were well distributed at the weekly shoot of the Fox Hills Golf Club yesterday. Four events were decided at twenty-five targets each and each shoot was captured by a different gunner. Col. H. O'Donohue won the first with a full score. E. Morrison was the winner of the second with 20 out of a possible twenty-five targets. J. J. O'Donohue, Jr., was high gun in the third event and G. Bechtel won the last with a score of 24. Mr. Bechtel shot from scratch and his score in this event was the best of the afternoon.

The scores:

Trophy Shoot—25 targets, handicap—Col. H. O'Donohue, 5, 25; J. E. O'Donohue, 5, 22; G. E. Hutchings, 5, 19; J. J. O'Donohue, 4, 19; J. J. O'Donohue, Jr., 5, 18; G. Bechtel, 0, 15; H. Strong, 5, 13; S. Bottone, 2, 12.

Trophy Shoot—25 targets, handicap—E. Morrison, 5, 20; Col. H. O'Donohue, 5, 17; G. E. Hutchings, 5, 16; G. Bechtel, 0, 16; J. J. O'Donohue, Jr., 5, 15; S. Bottone, 1, 12; H. Strong, 5, 12; J. J. O'Donohue, 4, 13; J. E. O'Donohue, 5, 11.

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