State Legislators on Record to Support Proposed McCue Bill to Legalize Boxing Under Commission Rule

STATE LAWMAKERS APPROVE OF BOXING

Put Themselves on Record as Heartily in Favor of Sport —Preparing Bill.

With the reassembling of the Legislature next week the patrons of boxing in this State again will turn their eyes to the lawmakers in the hope that a new enactment legalizing the sport will be placed on the books.

Without question one or more measures for State control of boxing will be introduced, and the only question is their treatment when they come before the solons for action. Assemblyman Martin G. McCue has been at work on a new boxing law and will introduce it at the first opportunity, and other members of the body have indicated their intention to submit bills providing for commission control of the sport.

Under the circumstances a canvass of the members of the Legislature made by W. A. Rafter, boxing expert of the Brooklyn *Standard Union*, becomes of interest. As a result of the inquiry the following Senators and Assemblymen put themselves in black and white as in favor of boxing, both for military purposes and as a sport that makes for vigorous manhood. A majority of the legislators expressed the opinion that boxing was amenable to proper control and was desirable as a form of public entertainment. The members who subscribed to these opinions are as follows:

Senators in Favor of Boxing.

Charles C. Lockwood, Fourth district, New York; E. J. Dowling, Nineteenth district, New York; William J. Heffernan, Fifth district, New York; Charles F. Murphy, Sixth district, New York; George A. Slater, Twenty-fourth district, Port Chester; George H. Whitney, Thirtieth district, Mechanicsville.

John J. Boylan, Fifteenth district, New York; Daniel J. Carroll, Seventh district, Brooklyn; Robert R. Lawson, Ninth district, New York; Albert Ottinger, Eighteenth district, New York, Charles W. Wicks, Thirty-sixth district, Sauquoit.

George F. Thompson, Forty-seventh district, Middleport; A. W. Burlingame, Jr., Eighth district, Kings; T. Douglas Robinson, Thirty-second district, Mohawk; Thomas H. Cullen, Third district, Kings; Bernard Downing, Eleventh district, New York; William H. Hill, Thirty-ninth district, Johnson City; Henry M. Sage, Twenty-eighth district, Albany; J. Henry Walters, Thirty-eighth district, Syracuse.

Assemblymen Supporters.

James F. Mahony, Eleventh district, New York; Jeremiah F. Twomey, Fifteenth district, New York; William S. Evans, Thirty-second district, New York; Henry A. Murphy, Second district, New York; Harold C. Mitchell, Twenty-first district, New York; Joseph A. Whitehorn, Twenty-first district (Kings), New York.

Robert L. Tudor, Fourteenth district, New York; Martin Bourke, Seventeenth district, New York; Benjamin C. Klingmann, Nineteenth district (Kings), New York; Alexander Taylor, First district, Erie; Charles Novello, Twenty-eighth district, New York; William H. O'Hare, Third district, Queens; R. P. Bush, Chemung; Peter A. Leininger, First district, Queens; Peter A. McElligott, Seventh district, New York; Nathan D. Shapiro, Sixth district, New York; S. E. Quackenbush, First district, Steuben, chairman of Soldiers Home; George T. Davis, Rome; John P. La Frenz, Fourteenth district, Kings; Henry S. Schimmel, Fourth district, New York city.

P. J. McGarry, Second district, Queens; William C. Baxter, Third district, Albany; M. T. Donnelly, Thirteenth district, Kings; John J. McKeon, Eighth district, Kings; Cesar B. F. Barra, Third district, New York; Daniel F. Farrell, Seventh district, Kings; F. D. Gaylord, Wayne; W. E. Pierce, Clinton; Frank E. Hopkins, Jamaica; Earl A. Smith, Twenty-second district, New York.

Frederic A. Wells, Seventeenth district, Kings; Owen M. Kiernan, Twenty-fourth district, New York city; John F. Shannon, First district, Rensselaer; Peter A. McArdle, Fourth district, Kings; Charles A. Donohue, Putnam, Albany; Thaddeus C. Sweet, Oswego; Martin G. McCue, New York.

Former Presidents Praise Sport.

While the views of the members of the Legislature are of more importance to the patrons of boxing in this State, yet the hearty approval of boxing by two former Presidents of the United States—Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft, one Cabinet member, James C. Redfield, a dozen Supreme Court Justices, Governors of States and other high officials, State and national, is proof that the best judgment of the country strongly indorses boxing as a military necessity and a civilian benefit.

There appears to be a tendency on the part of newly elected Mayors to favor boxing, both as entertainment and exercise. Mayor-elect I. S. Myers of Akron, Ohio, who will take office January 1, not only has announced his approval of public boxing but has gone further and notified the Summit Athletic Club, which had in view a bout on January 1 between Bryan Downey and Griffith, to complete their preparations and go on with the bout on schedule time.

The club promoters were a bit apprehensive as to the attitude of the incoming Mayor and were considering the advisability of postponing the contest.

Leonard Peeved.

Benny Leonard is in a bitter frame of mind over what he terms unfair treatment received in his match with Gene Delmont in the Minnesota city. The champion says:

"They handed me a raw deal in St. Paul. After I donated $50 to the Red Cross they informed the public that it was for a fine. They panned me for picking Delmont, a smaller man. I had nothing to do with the match and after the fight I even went over to Delmont's dressing room. I did all I could to soothe him, but it couldn't be done. Delmont was weeping, the big tears rolling down his cheeks. I told him not to feel discouraged, for I had been knocked out and it didn't do me any harm.

"In addition, they tried to send in their own referee, but I wouldn't stand for it. Ed Smith of Chicago was there but I insisted that he appear. The fight then was called off, for I refused to fight if they had their man officiate. When I appeared to weigh in only the physician was there. He took my weight. After the fight it was announced that for failure to weigh in under the rules, which state that a member of the commission as well as a physician must be present, I was fined $50. Do you wonder that I am not fond of St. Paul?"

ICE SKATING CONTESTS.

Three ice skating races are scheduled for the Tremont Rink to-morrow morning at 10:30. There will be handicaps at one mile and half a mile and a race for novices. Entries will be accepted up to starting time. Bill Taylor, Al Lake and other stars already are entered.

HIGH LIGHTS AND SHADOWS IN ALL SPHERES OF SPORTS

By DANIEL.

THIS is a week full of great possibilities in intercollegiate sport. Beginning on Wednesday there will be a series of meetings winding up with the National Collegiate Athletic Association convention on Friday, at which it will be possible to arrive at some definite conclusions and policies. However, we are confronted with another possibility. We may find ourselves steeped in more words than old Noah Webster ever dreamed of listing and the end of the week may find us just where we started. It behooves the college sport directors and other officials to come right down to business and deal with the perplexing problems at hand rather than delve into the possibilities and desirability of the great millennium that may come "after the war has purged intercollegiate sport of its manifold evils."

It is the boast of the National Collegiate Athletic Association that it has no legislative powers. It makes nothing mandatory, but talks things over and points out the proper path of procedure. It always has made us more or less impatient to have the N. C. A. A. make that boast, for if ever the need for a national intercollegiate body to govern all sport was proven it has been brought out now. Recommendations are high sounding things, but how many colleges vote in favor of recommendations and go right out and do as they please—very often in direct antithesis to these recommendations?

Last August the N. C. A. A. held a big meeting in Washington and it was recommended that no football practice be held before September 15; that training tables be done away with; that coaching staffs be cut down and expenses in general be limited. The vote in favor of these recommendations practically was unanimous. Yet certain colleges right then and there, because of "local conditions," voted among themselves to do otherwise. Some colleges voted not to begin football practice before September 15, yet assembled players at country camps late in August. Some colleges had their players practising "informally" on the first of September.

Apparently the only way to make recommendations worth anything is to make them mandatory. Pennsylvania has stipulated in all its football contracts for next season that neither team shall hold practice before September 15—formally or "informally." Penn proves our contention—that something definite must be done. Mere words would be worse than useless.

Major Leagues Should Bar Freak Deliveries.

Again the big fellows have permitted the little ones to show them the way. Last week the American Association barred all freak deliveries—the spit ball, the emery ball, the shine ball, the mud ball and every other variety of ball which depends on other than the power of the arm and the cunning of the hand for its effectiveness. For these several years the baseball owners have complained that the power of the pitcher has become too great, that batting has fallen off in consequence and that as a direct result the general public has lost some of its interest in professional baseball.

They have suggested making the plate smaller and other remedies, yet they have passed up the only solution of the problem—the remedy that lies right under their noses and which they cannot see. The American Association has done the right and proper thing. Now let the major leagues follow suit. Some of the pitchers may resent this alleged interference with their method of earning a living, but in the long run these very pitchers will appreciate that the barring of freak deliveries was for their own benefit. Freak deliveries—especially the spitball—reduce the major league lives of pitchers.

"Pebbly Jack" Glasscock Gone to the Great Beyond.

A brief despatch early yesterday morning from Canton, Ohio, brought the news that Jack Glasscock had been killed in an automobile accident. To veteran baseball followers the paragraph came as a surprise, since it had been thought that "Pebbly Jack," one of the great shortstops of all time, had been gone these many years. Glasscock belonged in the very early days of professional baseball, having been a member of the Cleveland club when the National League was organized.

Glasscock will be remembered by the older fans of this city, for he was a member of the Giants in 1890 and 1891, coming here from Indianapolis when that city quit the National League and the Players' League had raided the Giants. It was a great galaxy that John T. Brush sent here from Indianapolis, for in addition to Glasscock, Amos Rusie and Harry Boyle, pitchers; Dick Buckley and J. Sommers, catchers; Infielders Jerry Denny, Charley Bassett, M. J. Scanlon and Outfielder Jesse Burkett joined the local outfit. Burkett had been a pitcher with Indianapolis, but soon proved a remarkable outfielder.

As a Giant Glasscock was on the down grade. He drifted to Pittsburg and Louisville and then quit the diamond. In 1887 "Pebbly Jack" made 207 hits for Indianapolis—the best mark of the year.

A Ray of Hope for Legal Conduct of Boxing.

Last week, in discharging divers boxers and officials brought before him, Magistrate Corrigan voiced the opinion that the section of the penal code which makes it a misdemeanor to hold bouts where admission fees are charged was unconstitutional. In common with other level headed persons the Magistrate believes that boxing is a form of entertainment and as such should not be treated any worse by the law than are theatricals, baseball and wrestling.

There is a greater display of manliness, earnestness and red blooded interest in a clever boxing exhibition than there is in a whole card of wrestling bouts, in the average baseball game or in nine-tenths of the theatrical performances in this town, for that matter. Intelligent police supervision of boxing is all that is needed. Now that a Magistrate has sounded a note of doubt regarding the validity of the law against the sport it behooves the promoters to show a little life and have the point in constitutionality carried to the highest court.

Lewis and Zbyszko Even and Neither Is Champion.

Now that Vladek Zbyszko has thrown "Strangler" Lewis, Jack Curley, the Pole's manager, has entered a claim that Zbyszko is the catch as catch can champion of the world. It must not be forgotten that only a week before Lewis scored a decision over Zbyszko, so they are even for the tournament. Besides there never was any title at stake in the competition. There could have been none since Earl Caddock took part in only two bouts that had no bearing on the general competition, and Joe Stecher, the other advertised star, never did get to New York and never had any intention of getting here. It seems that the promoters advertised Stecher before they obtained his contract to wrestle.

Veteran followers of wrestling who saw Zbyszko throw Lewis after nearly two hours of grappling last Saturday night agree that if ever there was a bout on the level it was that tussle. Lewis might not have been thrown but for a momentary lapse of vigilance to harken to his manager's voice. As he turned his head Zbyszko got the hold that earned him the decision over the Kentucklan. The head lock was barred, but Zbyszko was permitted to use the toe hold. If one was barred the other should have been barred, too. As things stand now there is no champion and the opportunity presents itself for another tournament. From here the show will go to Boston.

Frank Erne Has a Strong Boost for Leonard.

Frank Erne, who lost the lightweight title to Joe Gans in one round at Fort Erie, thinks a world of Benny Leonard as a boxer. Erne also believes that of all Leonard's rivals for the title Patsy Cline is the most formidable. The ability to think, and think quickly, the ability to hit, and hit hard, the ability to keep his temper—these are Leonard's salient attributes, in Erne's opinion.

"The punch and brain—mostly brain—make Leonard stand out above the rest of the lightweights," said Erne the other day, as he was on his way to a train for Lewiston, N. Y., to spend the holidays with his parents. "Leonard knows the value of an even temper, doesn't hit uselessly or aimlessly, or waste punches. I've seen most of his bouts around New York and it is hard to pick a flaw in his work. Cline hasn't had the ring work Leonard has, but he is quick as a cat, hits sharp and is punching harder every day. He hasn't as effective a defence as Leonard, but he can stand a harder punch than Benny. A year or two will draw them closer. They're the best of all the lightweights."

RICKEY TURNS DOWN WEEGHMAN'S OFFER

Refuses to Accept $75,000 for Rogers Hornsby.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—A little thing like Branch Rickey's refusal to accept a $75,000 check for Rogers Hornsby has in no way discouraged Charles Weeghman, president of the Cubs, who returned from St. Louis to-day after a vain effort to obtain Hornsby from the Cardinal management. Weeghman was a bit surprised to think that Rickey would hesitate to accept that sum for Rogers.

If Weeghman wants to trade he can obtain Hornsby by renewing negotiations with Branch Rickey, who, according to Weeghman, admitted he would be interested in such a move on the theory that he could sacrifice his star player if able to strengthen his team in two or three other departments. But as for selling Hornsby outright, Rickey will not consider such a proposition.

Weeghman intends to open negotiations for Charley Hersog, captain of the Giants.

HUGGINS FAILS TO CLOSE PRATT DEAL

Browns Ask Too Much in Exchange for Derrill.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 23.—Miller Huggins left St. Louis Saturday night for his home in Cincinnati without completing a deal for Derrill Pratt, the Browns' second baseman. Huggins and Bobby Quinn, business manager of the Browns, talked over the deal for two days. After that Quinn gave up and announced there was no use arguing any longer.

"Huggins knows my terms," said Quinn, "and he knows where to reach me if he wants Pratt. It is not compulsory that we trade Pratt and unless we get what we consider a fair value for him he will remain with the Browns in 1918."

Huggins is expected to return to St. Louis after the holidays to reopen negotiations.

The Browns want Maisel or Gedeon and Caldwell and Nunamaker in exchange for Pratt.

BECKER AGAIN WINS BATTING HONORS

Former Giant Repeats in American Association—May Return to Major League.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

For the second time since being consigned to the American Association, Beals Becker, who made the rounds of the National League with Pittsburg, Boston, New York, Cincinnati and Philadelphia, leads that organization in batting. While four men are above him, Becker leads the Association athletes who have been in 100 games or more with an average of .323, according to the official averages released to-day. Beals is now earning the family rental, morning coffee and rolls, &c., at Kansas City. Dave Altizer, the former Washington and Chicago American League player, is a point behind Beals, with an average of .322.

Why Becker should be in the American Association is not quite clear. It is admitted Becker is not a player of the most likable kind or a fellow who seems to be a consistent performer, but he surely would be an improvement over many of the big league outfielders drawing major league pay. We might mention those of the Yankees, Athletics, Browns, Washington, Pittsburg and Cubs for instance.

Becker hit in great style in the National League just before being shipped to the Association. He was fifth among National League regulars in 1913 with .316, and in 1914, playing regularly all year, he finished second to Daubert, the league leader, with an average of .325. Daubert outhit him by only 4 points.

Led Last Year With .343.

Becker fell down to .246 in 112 games in 1915, the year the Phillies won the pennant, and was released to Kansas City the following winter after peace was made with the Federal League. In 1916 Becker led the American Association with an average aof .343.

During the last five seasons Becker has won one second and one fifth in the National League and two firsts in the American Association. Beals seems to be deserving of another trial in the big leagues. Perhaps the draft vacancies in the big league ranks will open a place for him.

The American Association last season had only six men who took part in 100 games or more in the .300 set. Among them was Ray Demmitt, the former Yankee and White Sox outfielder, who finished the season with the St. Louis Browns, and Fred Mollwitz, the former Chicago and Cincinnati first baseman, who completed the 1917 campaign with Pittsburg. Larry Chappelle of Columbus, who set the Association on fire at one time and was sold for a big figure to the Chicago White Sox, hit only .261 after being sent back by the Braves.

Former Yankees' Averages.

The Yankee contingent accomplished little in the Association, with the exception of Lelivelt and Demmitt. Former Yankees, of whom there were a tribe, hit as follows: Demmitt, .319; Lelivelt, .294; Sweeney, .276; Knight, .274; Dolan, .269; McConnell, .263; Bankston, .258; Daniels, .254; Roach, .251; Hartsell, .242; Derrick, .238; Knaupp, .235; Boone, .235; Martin, .238; Mullen, .222; Gossett, .221; Piercy, .212; Aragon, .154.

The batting of Aragon with Toledo may show how much the International League was behind the Association in recent years. In both of his seasons in Richmond Aragon, the little Cuban, hit well over .300.

Dressen of St. Paul, once up with the St. Louis Cardinals, led the American Association in scoring runs with 118, while Becker made the most hits, 175. Dressen also led in stolen bases with 55. Jay Kirke, former Brave and Cleveland Indian, led in hitting doubles with 37, while Gloomy Gus Williams, former Brownie, hit the most triples, 24. Becker led the league in home runs with 15.

JANOWSKI CHESS VICTOR.

Defeats Jaffe in Fifteenth Game of Series.

By defeating Charles Jaffe in the fifteenth game of their hard fought match at the rooms of the New York City Chess Club yesterday, D. Janowski of Paris gained his second victory in succession. Jaffe, with the white pieces, essayed the queen's pawn opening, but allowed the initiative to slip from him at a comparatively early stage. Assuming the attack, Janowski sacrificed the "exchange," getting two pawns in return.

Jaffe had a chance at his thirty-fourth turn to equalize, but failed to make the most of it. Thereupon Janowski forced the position with the aid of his passed pawns and won the game after fifty-five moves. Of the fifteen games played Janowski has now won seven, lost four and drawn four. In order to win the match the French champion needs to win three more games outright, as draws do not count.

Brown University, one of the charter members of the Triangular College Chess League, has not yet announced an intention of sending a team to the nineteenth annual tournament, which is scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week at the New York City Chess Club. City College, Cornell and Pennsylvania, the champion, will be represented.

HAM LEADS AT TRAPS.

Is High Gunner in New Rochelle's Weekly Shoot.

Frederick J. Ham, Jr., again was the individual star in the weekly trap-shooting meet of the New Rochelle Yacht Club held on its traps yesterday. It was the second time this month that he was the high gunner. Ham earned the highest honors of the day when he broke a total of 96 out of a possible 100 birds in the handicap and scratch tourney. He was hard pressed, as six opponents were right back of him with 94. Ham also earned legs on the take home trophy, accumulation and December cups. Many straight cards were returned.

A competition with geese as the prizes will feature the holiday shoot to-morrow.

EIGHT GAMES FOR PITT.

Official Schedule Calls for Season's Opening Game on October 5.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—Eight games will be played by the University of Pittsburg football eleven, Eastern champions last season, during the fall of 1918. The complete schedule, issued last night, which bears the official sanction of the athletic council, is one of the most attractive in the history of the Pitt gridders. The schedule follows:

October 5—Carlisle Indians at Pittsburg.
October 12—West Virginia University at Pittsburg.
October 19—Syracuse University at Syracuse, N. Y.
October 26—University of Pennsylvania at Pittsburg.
November 2—Lehigh University at South Bethlehem, Pa.
November 9—Washington and Jefferson at Pittsburg.
November 16—Carnegie Tech at Pittsburg.
November 30—Penn State College at Pittsburg.

LIVELY SCENES ON NORTH SHREWSBURY

Khaki Clad Skaters, Ice Yachts and Aerosleds Keep Movie Men Busy.

RED BANK, N. J., Dec. 23.—Signal Corps soldiers from Camp Vail, several ice yachts, aerosleds, skate sailors and hundreds of people skating on the smooth hard ice made a lively scene of winter sports on the North Shrewsbury here to-day. The khaki clad young men gave a military coloring to the scene and kept the movie men and photographers busy taking pictures of the soldiers enjoying the skating and their first iceboat ride.

Robert S. Johnson's Gull, Andrew White's Brownie and Capt. Dan Asay's Zero 2d were ready to start in a ten mile ice yacht race, which had to be called off on account of lack of wind after the boats had taken their positions. Six yachts of the Independent Club fleet were ready for racing events but were stopped by a calm.

T. Irving Brown was out in his championship yacht Say When, trying her out preparatory for racing next week, and the former championship iceboat Imp was rigged to-day and put in condition for another try for the North American championship.

Pierre A. Proal took several soldiers and friends out for a ride in his fast aerosled. The racing fleet of the North Shrewsbury club will be materially strengthened this season by the addition of Edward C. Fiedler's Drub and John Gibbons's Red Rover and Mimatti, which have been racing on the South Shrewsbury.

A number of events are planned for Christmas Day, and a good breeze is all that is needed for a big racing day on the river.

WILLARD EXPECTS TO RESUME BOXING

Champion Informs Friends He Has Been Training Regularly for Fortnight.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—That Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion boxer, has been in light training for more than a fortnight in anticipation of a bout with Fred Fulton or some other heavyweight for the benefit of the Red Cross, became known here last night. The champion, in discussing reports that he had retired both from the circus business and from the ring, declared he had no intention of quitting the boxing game as yet, and pointed to the fact that he has been in training for more than two weeks as convincing proof he intends to resume boxing just as soon as conditions permit.

Willard declared that even while with the circus he took good care not to go stale, and if Fulton, who is eager to draw the champion into the ring before spring, thinks he will catch Jess off his guard, according to the champion, Fred will be very much mistaken.

Yesterday Willard, to convince his friends that he is keeping in condition, went to the Arcade Gymnasium and shadow boxed three one minute rounds. Walter Monahan, his sparring partner, who appeared with Willard when he was on the stage in New York city after his defeat of Jack Johnson, went into the ring with Willard yesterday. Although Jess showed he is far beyond his best fighting weight he declared two months real work would put him in trim for a twenty round bout with any of the present crop of heavies.

"Don't get scared about my risking my title," said Willard to friends, "for I'm willing to fight to a decision even if the bout is limited to ten rounds." The champion called attention to the fact that when he arrived in the middle West in the hope of meeting Fulton Fred was nowhere to be found. Willard has received an offer from several New York sportsmen to purchase his circus. The syndicate is headed by theatrical men.

PLAY TENNIS TO-DAY.

Junior and Boys' Indoor Tournament Start in 7th Regt. Armory.

Competition for the junior and boys' national indoor tennis titles will be started this morning in the Seventh Regiment Armory. Forty-six juniors and twenty-five boys are entered for Regiment Armory. Forty-six juniors the week the doubles will be started and it is expected that many more boys home for the holidays from out of town schools will add their names to the big list.

Practically every junior of prominence in the East is entered in that division. Among them are Vincent Richards of Yonkers, the national outdoor champion among boys; Harold Taylor of Brooklyn, I. T. Kemmerer and Warren Osgood of Pleasantville, Gerald Emerson of East Orange, H. L. Dornheim of Philadelphia and F. T. Anderson.

The boys' entry also includes many stars, among whom are Cecil Donaldson, Abraham Bassford 3d, F. T. Osgood, C. F. Mathey and Preston Scott.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 23.—The following are the entries for Monday's racing at Shrewsbury:

First Race—Purse, $400; maiden two-year-olds, 6 furlongs (14)—Dick Winfrey, 116; Partisan, imp., 116; Hasty Mabel, 113; Sayeth, 113; Senator Broderick, 113; Lady Small, 110; Peace and Plenty, 110; Captanis, 116; Charming, 113; Cobin, 113; Doots, 113; Honey Suckle, 110; New Model, 110, and Alma Louise, 110.

Second Race—Purse, $400; claiming, for all ages; 6 furlongs (15)—Ben's Brother, 115; Harry Junior, 115; Key Mar, 115; Pluto, 113; Marire, 112; Thistle Green, 112; x-Velvet, 108; x-Dominion Park, 105; Eddie Mott, 115; Closer, 115; Billie B, 115; Marie Coghill, 112; Mesticka, 112; x-Master Franklin, 112, and x-Zin Del, 105 (26 excluded).

Third Race—Purse, $500; claiming; three-year-olds, 6 furlongs (9)—Counterblast, 126; Glocine, 109; x-Paddy Dear, 118; x-Harvest King, 110; x-Petrova, 106; Sir Oliver, 116; Bert Williams, 106; x-Pellicle, 112, and x-Dr. Campbell, 106.

Fourth Race—Purse, $500; claiming; three-year-olds and up; one mile and a sixteenth (12)—Cooper King, 117; Sharp Frost, imp., 109; Kelso, 116; x-Jack Reeves, 104; x-Jah Cochran, 105; x-Eulogy, 103; Rifle Shooter, 111; Rosa, 108; Checks, 112; x-Fairy Legend, 103; x-Broom Sweep, 103, and x-Ilikor, 103.

Fifth Race—Purse, $500; claiming; four-year-olds and up; mile and a sixteenth (15)—Seamless, 118; Red Cross, 113; Amulet, 110; Cappertown, 110; Flying Feet, 110; Pontefract, 110; Brown Velvet, 107; Scaramouch, 105; Toastmaster, 118; Duke of Shelby, 110; Buzz Around, 110; Dancer, 110; Luther, 110; Hastens, 107, and Mary Warren, 107 (5 excluded).

Sixth Race—Purse, $500; claiming; four-year-olds and up; one mile and a sixteenth (15)—Mikifula, 113; Alston, 110; King Hamburg, 110; Tarleton F., 110; Conflagration, 110; Little Abe, 110; Lady Worthington, 107; Virginia W., 107; Plaudite, 110; Colfax, 110; Blue Rock, 110; Tours, 110; Blue Thistle, 110; Electric, 116, and Core Lane, 107.

x-Apprentice allowance claimed.

Family Golf Matches Arouse Keen Interest

Often Create as Much of a Stir as Best of International Contests, Says John G. Anderson—Reminiscences of European Trips.

By JOHN G. ANDERSON.

International golf rivalry has not always been restricted to nations. I remember with great pleasure three stirring contests which I had with my cousin, John Anderson, over the golf links of the Bishopbriggs Club, just on the outskirts of Glasgow. The match had been arranged for months previous to my arrival in Scotland back in 1906, and the news received just before sailing that the championship of the club had fallen to my opponent to be did not make the journey across any more pleasant, for there was in my uncle's letter a trace of confidence which made victory from the American standpoint doubtful.

I say American standpoint because we had agreed in previous correspondence that if I won the Stars and Stripes would have to be shown over the mantelpiece for the space of twenty-four hours, while if the Britisher came forth successful I was in duty bound to do the same with the Union Jack on my return, and must not fail to explain to every one who saw it the reason for its being hung in a conspicuous position. Family golf matches from my experience ofttimes are just as interesting and create as much of a stir as the greatest of international matches.

The arrival of the ship had been noted by my uncle, who had a telegram at the dock for me stating that he would meet me on the following day. But I wired him that it would be another twenty-four hours before I could reach Glasgow. Part of this time was spent on the links at Hoylake, where a round and a half helped mightily to get many of the bad shots out of my system. Then on to Glasgow and a victory by 2 up and 1 to play. And a letter was despatched that night to the States telling of the discomfiture of those in Bishopbriggs.

Other Family Matches.

There were other matches of the same nature in the succeeding years, but although all were close, John was usually too anxious to win to play his best game. The last time we had a round was a few years ago, when the whole family had made arrangements, it seemed, to bring about the defeat of their visitor. For one week the favorite son practised and practised, urged on by the promise of a present of half a gross of golf balls provided he won. His older brother caddied for him that day, and the two of them talked over many a shot before it was actually played.

We were all square at the fifteenth, and then John cracked, the next three holes coming my way. Two years ago I saw John again, this time a Lieutenant in khaki, home on a ten days furlough after over a year's stay in the trenches. Another challenge was issued on his part and we both trust that the game will be played some day.

When Braid Was Seasick.

A seasick person is about the sorriest sight imaginable; when the man or woman is fat or very tall and lean, or has some natural features which lend themselves to extremes, then the sight is even more sorry and more ludicrous to those who have an eye to incongruity. Therefore when a number of us saw James Braid, fresh from winning one of the big matches in England, walk aimlessly about the deck of the narrow boat carrying us from Dover to Calais on the way to the French championships, and then slink most dejectedly into a steamer chair, his long legs far outstretched over the deck, loud mirth rent the air.

At once Ted Ray went over to where Braid was sitting and began to emit long puffs from that black pipe of his, which soon put Braid hors de combat, and he rushed for his stateroom, for although the trip consumes less than two hours at most, Braid always had a berth where he might lie down. At regular intervals the professionals proffered their condolences, but what does a golfer in his condition care for mere words.

The tall and angular Scot's mustache drooped, there was no lustre in his eye and what little he did say was to the effect that he would be the first to start digging a tunnel to France if the Government would only say the word. Terra firma at Calais made Braid the happiest man in the world. His visit to this country will be made only when he is convinced that the mighty leviathans of the deep do not rock so tempestuously as did that narrow packet.

The Ray-Reid Argument.

There has been very little written of the argument which was held in a Boston hotel between Edward Ray and Wilfrid Reid on the night before the final day's play in the open championship of 1913, won by Francis Ouimet. It is idle, perhaps, to say that the result of the tournament's play would have been any the different if no altercation had taken place, but I am positive that Reid would have finished high up in the money list instead of being in a tie for sixteenth place or thereabouts. And I am quite sure that Louis Tellier would have given the leaders an even greater scare if this same argument had not happened.

Across the water Reid and Ray had met several times and the honors were about even with the one exception that Ray had carried off the open championship on a single occasion. This win had caused many to rank Ray in the same class with Braid, Taylor and Vardon, and it was to be supposed that in the affair at Brookline the two would be the leaders. When, therefore, the first day's play showed that Wilfrid Reid was at 147, in a tie with Vardon, and two strokes ahead of Ray, it was to be expected that the rivalry between the two Englishmen would flourish.

In the qualifying round Reid had been 151, very good scoring, and he was playing with a confidence which betokened ill for many favorites. But on the evening after the first day's play Ray and Reid met in Boston and an argument ensued which finally resulted in the bigger man landing a stout blow on Reid. The talk had not been at all about golf but simply over the matter of land ownership in England.

Ray Struck Reid.

Ray, who is a bit of a Socialist, disagreed so harshly and vigorously and Reid opposed so stoutly that Ray lost his head for a moment and let fly. The men were separated at once and the affair was hushed up for a while, very little appearing in the press the next morning. That ended Ray's popularity in the Hub, however. Whether it hurt his game on the (succeeding day I know not, for he scored a 76 and a 79, but in the case of Reid there was dire disaster.

From the front position rounds of 85 and 86 did the trick and sent him scampering far down the list. Not a shot could he play without thinking of the setto the night before. Two rounds of 78 would have won for him the open title.

What about Tellier? He, too, was upset, for Reid is his brother-in-law, and the story of Reid's misfortune and his poor play in the morning took his mind from the game not a little so he told me that noon. As it was Tellier finished three strokes away. "Ifs" and "might have beens" have no place in the results, but the stories leading up to final happenings often have much to interest.

A Fine Christmas Gift.

It is Christmas week and what everlasting joy would come to the golfer who received in his stocking a promise that he would miss no short putt the year 1918, or that he would not slice or pull, or flub mashie shots! But if this did come to pass I fear that the pleasure would be too short lived for there would be taken away from the game that wonderful mysterious uncertainty which brings anxious anticipation and buoyant hope and either grief or gladness.

No man has yet unravelled the mystery of the force which impels golfers to love the deeply revered sport, although hundreds of thousands of words have been written and thousands of tongues have uttered praise. Why indeed is it? Hardly is it for me to attempt an answer, but on these points of agreement all golfers must stand.

The game is founded on that powerful human emotion, hope, the expectation of better results on each succeeding attempt, and that is why first or second or third failures fail to destroy the fabric of one's game or the belief in his own power to make what seems the miraculous. Physical and mental thrills combine to place the game on a high pedestal; only those who play can realize the heights.

As Henry Leach so aptly says, "No man plays a part in golf; his individuality in all its goodness and weakness is unfolded in the light. He is known for his true self. Those who profess to play the game for the business advantage through intimacy with business associates are the men who would buy their idols and sell them for a profit of 5 per cent.

"The advantages of golf are the accident of circumstances, and they cannot explain the mystery of the fascination of the game, for that lies in the emotional, the spiritual, the psychological, and not in the material. Golf is something of a passion, and passions are of the blood, having nothing to do with conveniences and rules of life for health and plain advantage." And so say we.

HARRIERS RUN OVER ICE COVERED ROADS

Metzger Fast Time Prize Winner in Four Mile Race of Harlem A. L.

Despite the snow and ice covered course a field of fifty harriers yesterday faced the starter in the weekly four mile handicap road run of the Harlem Athletic League over the Morningside A. C's course. It was the first race in two weeks staged by the league.

George Bowes of the Harbrook A. C., with the aid of five minutes won the event by two hundred yards over I. Kruss of the Morningside A. C., who started from the four minute mark. M. Cirigone, a teammate of the victor, was third, and H. Mayor of Glencoe A. C. finished fourth. Cirigone was allotted 3 minutes 15 seconds and Mayor was in receipt of the limit handicap of 5 minutes.

Bowes's handicap was a big factor in his victory as he held the lead from the start, not once being passed. He completed the journey in 24 minutes 40 seconds.

L. Metzer of the Morningside A. C. captured the fast time prize from scratch. Metzger finished seventh in the fine time of 21 minutes 52 seconds. The finish:

Pos.	Name and Club	Hdcp.	Actual time
1—	George Bowes, Harbrook A. C.	4 00	24 40
2—	I. Kruss, Morningside A. C.	4 00	24 10
3—	M. Cirigone, Harbrook A. C.	3 15	23 30
4—	H. Mayor, Glencoe A. C.	5 00	24 06
5—	H. Lucas, Morningside A. C.	3 30	24 28
6—	G. Rice, Harbrook A. C.	4 00	26 10
7—	L. Metzger, Morn'side A. C.	Scratch	21 52
8—	J. Daly, Macombs A. C.	1 30	23 25
9—	H. Brown, Harbrook A. C.	0 45	22 42
10—	M. Tea, Glencoe A. C.	2 30	24 46
11—	G. F. Devlin, Harbrook A. C.	5 00	27 20
12—	T. Wilson, Harbrook A. C.	3 30	26 02
13—	T. Hopkins, Macombs A. C.	3 00	26 07
14—	W. Rompainen, Glencoe A. C.	3 00	26 09
15—	J. McCabe, Harbrook A. C.	3 30	27 40
16—	J. Cirigone, Harbrook A. C.	6 00	32 75
17—	E. Shelby, Harbrook A. C.	3 30	28 56
18—	E. Farrell, Glencoe A. C.	3 00	28 28

TAKE JAUNT OF 20 MILES.

Athletes Travel Through Snow to Hackensack.

Members of the American Walkers Association yesterday walked over the snow covered roads of New Jersey. Starting from West 130th street ferry the peds crossed the river to Fort Lee and climbed to the top of the snow covered Palisades. Travelling by way of Anderson avenue the athletes ploughed through the snow to Englewood, from where the short distance squad returned to the starting point. The distance was ten miles.

The veterans continued on to Hackensack, where a stop was made for lunch. After a hearty meal the squad took the same roads back to the starting point. The veterans covered twenty miles. The association will hold a six mile road race at its monthly games, January 1, at Pelham Parkway. Those who hiked were: M. Tenk, S. Irolla, L. Irolla, J. Blank, C. Gross, A. Bikmann, E. Ros, W. Strand, W. Beltzer, W. Lorenz, D. Leary, J. Daniels, J. Berger, J. Foley, J. Leibowitz, G. Trefry, Sr., W. Zarow, J. Lonen, E. Lesniewicki, B. Ofner, A. Mirsky, M. Caskany, E. Cunard, A. Clark.

PEDS ON LONG HIKE.

Walk From 72d Street to Bronx Park Subway Station.

Members of the Walkers Club of America yesterday journeyed over a course of twelve miles in their weekly walk. The peds started from Seventy-second street and Riverside Drive, followed the drive to Broadway, through Van Cortlandt Park to Bronx Park subway station.

In the coming Coney Island walk, which will be staged by this organization on February 22, all enlisted men may enter without any fees. Those who took took part in yesterday's hike were:

S. Klein, A. E. Rode, C. M. Cousins, W. C. Redey, J. Coyle, J. Mezebish, R. Grossman, L. Lubowitz, G. Weigman, J. Mess, M. Levy, A. Kehiman, D. Rosenberg, D. Kornstein, M. J. Shamray, L. Jacobs, M. Mayo, J. Colonel, J. Hotz, J. Heffernan, M. Rosenfeld, J. Nadler, B. Goldshine, S. Rubin, J. Salzman and J. H. Hocking.

ZBYSZKO CLAIMS WRESTLING TITLE

Asserts Defeat of Lewis Makes Him Heavyweight Catch-as-Catch-Can Champion.

Vladek Zbyszko, who defeated Strangler Lewis in the final match of the three weeks' international wrestling tournament at the Lexington Opera House last Saturday, yesterday announced that he has laid claim to the heavyweight catch-as-catch-can championship of the world. Zbyszko insists that his victory over Lewis entitles him to supreme honors and gives his reasons for thinking so.

Although Zbyszko's claim will not receive much attention among wrestling experts and sporting men in general because the two recognized leaders in the heavyweight division, Earl Caddock and Joe Stecher, must be taken into consideration when the championship is involved, his manager and the promoters of the recent t