SPORTS.

RYAN DODGES FIGHT

Will Meet Fitzsimmons, but Wants a Year to Prepare Himself for the Contest.

Jack Johnson of California Thinks He Is in Line to Fight With Jeffries.

Tommy Ryan now announces that he will fight Bob Fitzsimmons, but names a number of peculiar conditions which may prevent the pair from coming together. Ryan is at present at Hot Springs, Ark., where he is nursing a mild attack of malaria. In a dispatch to a friend in New York yesterday, Ryan said:

"Being the middleweight champion and having won the title by constantly meeting and defeating all comers, I still stand ready to meet Fitzsimmons or any other boxer in the world who will come within the middleweight limit. It was but a month ago that this same Fitzsimmons when asked to fight me said he would do so if he received a year to get into condition. This I said, I would do, and while he is doing this I will do the same."

"Lanky Bob" does not like the idea of waiting a year for a fight. He is ready to box Ryan next summer. Sporting men are ready to condemn Ryan's latest manifesto, and believe that he is not sincere regarding a fight. They contend that Ryan may have been laboring under the impression that Fitzsimmons could not reduce to 158 pounds when he issued his original defi to the Cornishman. Now that Bob says he can do the weight and plenty of clubs are willing to bid for it, the impression prevails that Ryan should make a match to take place within six months' time.

Jack Johnson, who gained the decision over Sam McVey in a twenty-round mill at Los Angeles last Friday, thinks he is in line for a fight with Jeffries. Johnson said after the fight:

"I will challenge Jeffries. I am going to Galveston to spend a month with my people and will return to Los Angeles and put it up to the champion. I am by rights the next man that Jeffries ought to meet, and if the mill comes off I will give the crowd plenty of fun for their money."

Jack Herman, matchmaker of the International A. C. of Fort Erie, left New York last night with $6,000 tucked away in his inside pocket. This money represents forfeits for two battles which the Canadian club failed to secure, namely, the McGovern-Yanger tilt and the Corbett-Jeffries fight. Herman, when in New York a few weeks ago, deposited $5,000 in support of his offer of a $25,000 purse for a scrap between Jeffries and Corbett. He withdrew the amount yesterday, and also $1,000 which represented the forfeit for Terry's bout with Yanger, which was to have been decided March 16. Herman is still hopeful of securing an important attraction for his club and has already taken steps to land a mill between Bob Fitzsimmons and Tommy Ryan.

Johnny Hertz, for Benny Yanger, has agreed to a postponement of his match with McGovern until April. If Terry is beaten by Corbett Yanger will get $500 forfeit and may call off the match. If Terry wins, then Yanger gets a crack at the championship. Yanger is at Hot Springs in training and will devote his attention entirely to preparing for the McGovern match.

A hitch has cropped up in the proposed mill between Jim Jeffries and Jim Corbett, which was arranged the other day. It is regarding the stipulation that the purse offered should not be less than $25,000. It now appears that the club in San Francisco will not give this sum, but will insist on the pugilists having it out for a percentage. A dispatch from San Francisco adds that the Hayes Valley athletic club would give 70 per cent of the gross receipts for the encounter, but no purse.

With the welterweight championship in view Harry Gilmore, Jr., manager of Martin Duffy, has deposited a forfeit of $100 with a Chicago paper in support of a challenge to Matty Matthews to fight for the title. Duffy holds a victory over the New Yorker and is confident he is still his superior.

HOCKEY

At the fifth championship hockey match, in Winnipeg last night, one burst of cyclonic speed at the opening of the second half gave the Victorias five goals and a grip on the game which the Oarsmen could not shake off, the score at the call of time standing 8 to 5 in favor of the old-time champions.

The result of the game was a decided surprise, but the work of the Victorias in the second half was ten times as great a jolt to the wise ones. When the Victorias left the ice at the finish of the first period, with the score 2 to 1 against them, hope was practically dead within the breasts of their supporters, for it looked as if the Oarsmen were going to make the championship a sure thing.

Play had not been in progress for more than a minute when the fallacy of this idea was apparent, for the champions were at their best and did little in the second half but play tag with their opponents. The rink was crowded and the crowd was looking for an acquatic victory.

The Portage Lake hockey team closed the season on its home ice last night and settled Monday night's tie by defeating the Bankers of Pittsburg. The Portage Lake team lays claim to the championship of the west and the northwest.

APPROPRIATION FOR ST. LOUIS

Montana Senate Amends the House Bill and Increases the Amount to $40,000.

Helena, Mont. March 4.—The senate has passed the house St. Louis exposition bill in an amended form. The most important amendment increases the appropriation to $40,000.

In the spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of hats, and the GORDON claims his attention.

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AFTER RUSS HALL

Minneapolis Baseball Club Trying to Secure the Clever Shortstop From St. Joe.

President Hickey Arrives in Los Angeles and Extends the Olive Branch.

The Minneapolis baseball club is trying to secure Russ Hall, the clever shortstop, for the coming season. Hall and the local management have been in correspondence for some time, and have agreed upon terms. The St. Joseph club in the Western league, however, asserts that Hall is upon its reserve list, and the case must go to the national board of arbitration. President Johnston has submitted to Secretary Farrell of the National Association of Minor Leagues the evidence upon which Minneapolis bases its claim to Hall.

Minneapolis has also claimed Pitcher Sparks of the Eastern league, Husting of the Philadelphia Athletics and Shortstop Ely, formerly with the Pittsburg National league club. There is no immediate prospect of securing these men, but if any of them is released by his present employers, no other American association club can dicker with him until Minneapolis has had a chance to offer a contract.

President Hickey's latest bulletin also contains the following list of players released, signed and claimed: Released, Cy Torrence, by Minneapolis. Claimed, Jacklitsch, Wood and Eason, by Louisville; Smith and D. Williams, by Kansas City; C. B. Kuhns, by Columbus.

President Thomas J. Hickey of the American association has arrived in Los Angeles to begin his investigation of the baseball situation on the Pacific coast. President Hickey announces that his mission is one of peace and that he will endeavor to persuade the Pacific Coast league to join in the national agreement. He will remain at Los Angeles several days, going to San Francisco later for a conference with the officials of the Pacific Coast league.

Clarence Currie, who on last season's "dope" is sure to become one of the St. Louis cardinal's regular pitchers, was married to a belle of Appleton, Wis., last evening, and thereby hangs quite a romance. He was a poor but proud country lad when he went to work in the town store at Appleton two years ago. He clerked and clerked well.

One day in a ball game between local teams Currie was substituted for the regular pitcher, and what he did to the opposing team was a plenty. Miss Meta Schreck saw the game. When it was all over she told Currie that she was sure he would make his mark as a baseball pitcher. Clarence certainly has, and is now drawing some $2,400 per for bending the sphere. He figures it plenty to marry on, especially in Appleton.

The Minneapolis club of the American association has filed a claim for the services of Pitcher Ames, who has signed with the Ilion club. The matter will be investigated by the board of arbitration of the National association.

The National league schedule meeting opened at New York to-day, and it is expected that the revised schedule will be given out. The ratification of the proceedings in Chicago, also, is on the program, and the retiring Colonel Rogers of Philadelphia will introduce his successors to their fellow magnates and perhaps make a valedictory address.

C. E. Stone, assistant general passenger agent of the Great Northern, and President E. H. Kent of the Northern Baseball league, were in Duluth yesterday in conference with zenith city men interested in baseball with a view of including Duluth. The prospects are encouraging for Duluth entering the league.

THE FAILURE CROP IS REGULAR.

New Yor, March 4.—R. G. Dun & Co. report 1,030 commercial failures during February, with liabilities of $19,907,454, compared with 1,104 in the corresponding month of 1902, when the amoun tinvolved was $11,302,029, and 1,024 in 1901, with liabilities of $11,287,211.

McCHESNEY VS. HERMIS

Crack Four-year-olds May Meet in a Match Race—Smathers Is Willing.

There is now no obstacle in the way of a match race between McChesney and Hermis, if Mr. Bell, owner of the eastern champion 4-year-old, will consent to a meeting between the pair, either at Saratoga in August or during the fall racing meeting at either Sheepshead Bay or Morris Park. Mr. Smathers is eager for the match. George Spear, the noted driver, who is the trainer of Mr. Smathers' trotting horses, and in the full confidence of his employer, has this to say:

"Mr. Smathers is ready to enter McChesney at the proper time in a sweepstakes against Hermis on any eastern track either in August at Saratoga or later at some other race course."

"Will he make a good-sized side bet?" was asked.

"Most certainly," said Mr. Spear, with emphasis, "for $20,000 or as much larger a sum as the Hermis people wish." Nothing could be more explicit than this, so the McChesney end of the proposition is now resolved into the form of a challenge.

The following are the entries and weights for the Metropolitan handicap to be run at Morris Park, May 7:

Hermis, 127; Advance Guard, 121; Col. Bill, 120; Old England, 118; Herbert, Masterman, Sombrero, 117; Prince of Melbourne, Goldsmith, 115; Good Morning II., Francesco 113; Articulate, 112; Arggregor, Igniter, Leonora Loring, 110; Chilton, Gunfire, 109; Olympian, Dixie Line, Nantor, 108; Royal, Syrlin, New York II., 107; Arsenal, 106; Omaha II., 105; Waswift, Luke Ward, 104; Disadvantage, Zoroaster, Lux Casta, Hurstbourne, The Giver, 102; Bon Mot, City Bank, Rosignol, 100; Wealth, Spencer, Reiff, Yellow Tail, Huntress, 98; Sidney C. Love, Clarion, Contend, Americano, Lord Badge, Slave, 97; Paul Clifford, Gimcrack, Girdle, 90; Extinguisher, Jameway, Judith Campbell, Sergeant, Algodon, Injunction, Sambo, 95; Yard Arm, St. Daniel, 94; Bob McLean, Invincible, Merry Acrobat, Hunter Raine, 93; Flo Carline, Prediction, 92; Pageant, Sungold, Bar le Duc, 90; Dr. Saylor, Sir Faust, 88; Tugal Bey, Miss Dorothy, Royal Summons, 87; Tioga, Daily, 86; Ancke, 85; Tape, 84.

BEATS LOOPING THE LOOP

Cyclists Now Ride Upside Down on the Inside of a Revolving Wheel.

A much more sensational bicycle performance than "loop the loop" is now being shown for the first time at the Nelson theater in Springfield, Mass. It is nothing less than riding around and upside down inside a large wheel sixteen feet in diameter, which is turned by the rider's momentum. So difficult is the feat that only three riders have been able to perform it—Tom Butler, Frank Cadwell and "Professor" Hillman, the parachute jumper. There are two other similar mechanisms, now being made, one of which will be sent to Europe and one to Australia.

The circles or wheels in which the cyclists ride turn on ball-bearing axles. There are two in sight of the audience, Butler and Cadwell, one in each circle, first have a race. As the big wheels turn in an opposite direction to that which the riders are going, the riders appear to be perfectly stationary. Two little dummies on outside circles show which is ahead. The distance is three miles, covered by authentic time in one minute and a half.

After the race the riders give an exhibition of circling the wheel, first see-sawing up part way and back, until they turn completely over. Charles R. Culver of Springfield is the inventor and he has secured a patent.

BROKE HIS LEG COUGHING.

Rochester, N. Y., March 4.—Hiram Bartholomew, the 6-year-old son of William Bartholomew of North Cohocton, broke his leg yesterday for the twenty-second time. The child is suffering from a rare disease known as fragilitas ossium. He never has been able to play or run about, as the slightest exertion snaps the bones of his legs. A few days ago the child contracted whooping cough, and during a fit of couging fractured his limb. It is now necessary to keep him strapped to his couch day and night.

BUFFALOES IN GOOD FORM

Second Division Team Averages 896 and Gives the Turners a Very Bad Scare.

The Buffalo bowlers rolled in great form last night in their league match with the Turners at the Co-operative alleys. Though beaten in all three games, the bisons forced the leaders to extend themselves to the limit. The Turners made a total of 2,760, the Buffaloes 2,688. The Turners won the first game by a margin of only 13 pins and the third by 16.

Jake Buehler carried off the honors of the evening, getting 233 and 234 for high scores and taking high average also with 218 1-3. Fillmore of the bisons averaged 211 2-3. The score:

TURNERS.

Players—	First Game.	Second Game.	Third Game.	Average.
Buehler	234	233	188	218 1-3
Hoag	170	218	176	188
Fust	134	167	167	156
McNaught	179	174	181	178
Sallander	182	179	178	179 2-3
Totals	899	971	890	

BUFFALO.

Players—	First Game.	Second Game.	Third Game.	Average.
Fillmore	222	211	202	211 2-3
Nobis	158	209	161	176
Crocker	133	159	130	143 2-3
Sloan	197	204	172	191
Speiser	176	145	200	173 2-3
Totals	886	928	874	

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Turner	51	44	7	.862
Tuxedo	48	40	8	.833
Tasmo	48	34	14	.708
Olympia	51	23	28	.451
Buffalo	54	23	31	.425
Acme	51	18	33	.353
Chamber of Com.	48	10	38	.208
City Salesmen	51	9	42	.176

To-night's game in the Minneapolis league will be between the Acme and Chamber of Commerce teams. To-morrow night the Tasmos will meet the Tuxedos, and a warm contest is expected. The teams whose games were postponed last week have not yet decided upon dates for playing off the matches.

The Olympia bowling team of Minneapolis desires games with out-of-town clubs, Stillwater preferred. Address W. H. Barnes, 418 Third street S.

MISCELLANEOUS SPORTS

Charles Moth and O. M. Nelson will wrestle Friday night at Century hall for a purse of $250. The match will be catch-as-catch-can, no holds barred, best three in five. Nelson was defeated by Moth in a mixed match two weeks ago, but the Norwegian won his bouts at catch-as-catch-can.

Moth has deposited $25 as a forfeit to bind a match with George Hart, of Granville, N. D., who claims to have thrown Moth twice in the past. Moth undertakes to wrestle Hart any style and throw him five times in an hour. He also offers a side bet of any amount.

The Missouri senate committee which was appointed to investigate turf investment companies, bucket shops and get-rich-quick concerns, submitted its report yesterday, recommending legislation designed to prohibit their operation. Gold bond companies and home co-operative investment companies also come in for a share of criticism.

Princeton and Cornell have entered into a two-year agreement for football. The game next fall will be played at Princeton, although it is Ithaca's turn to have the game. The tigers explained that when Yale played at Princeton interest was less in the Princeton-Cornell game there and the attendance suffered as the Cornell game precedes the Yale game only two weeks. As Princeton plays at New Haven this year, Cornell was asked to come to Princeton, whereas in 1904 Yale plays Princeton, and Princeton plays in Ithaca. The Cornellians consented.

Harvard was informed by Cornell that a football game with the latter cannot be arranged for this year.

WHIST

Last night was ladies' night at the Minneapolis Whist Club. Seven tables were played. The score:

North and South—Mr. and Mrs. Mix, 180; Mr. and Mrs. Wellington, 179; Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, 181; Mr. Haris and Mrs. Hopkins, 172; Mr. and Mrs. Pike, 162; Mr. and Mrs. Higbee, 172; Mr. and Mrs. Austin, 157. Average, 171 6-7.

East and West—Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, 189; Mr. and Mrs. Luther, 193; Mrs. Conkey and Miss Osborn, 194; Dr. Muckey and Mrs. Janney, 187; Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, 191; Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Montgomery, 194; Mr. Janney and Mrs. McKusick, 197. Average, 192 1-7.

JELLETT THE CHAMPION

St. Paul Man Defeats McLeod in Final Game of the State Chess Tournament.

James I. Jellett of St. Paul defeated N. M. McLeod of Minneapolis yesterday in the final match for the chess championship of the state. The match was played at the rooms of the St. Paul Whist and Chess Club. E. P. Elliott, Minneapolis, toook second honors in the tournament, with N. M. McLeod and W. D. K. McLeod of Minneapolis and G. B. Spencer of St. Paul tied for third honors.

ellett holds the state championship subject to challenge, and F. N. Stacy, Minneapolis, and Professor L. Lochte of Waseca have already asked for matches.

In the international chess tournament at Monte Carlo the scores up to date are as follows:

Pillsbury, 11½; Teichmann, 11½; Tarrasch, 11; Maroczy, 11; Schlechter, 10½; Marco, 10; Mieses, 9; Marshal, 7½; Taubenhaus, 7½; Wolf, 6¼; Mason, 6; Albin, 5½; Reggia 4½; Moreau, 0.

PARKER WINS FROM HOGUE

St. Paul Man Victor in Second Game of the Amateur Billiard Tournament.

Parker of St. Paul was pitted against Ray Hogue of this city in last night's game at the West Hotel in the billiard tournament for the amateur championship of the twin cities. The match was even at the forty-third inning, each man having scored 151, but Parker drew away from Hogue steadily in the next half dozen innings, and ran out while Hogue was still at 168. Parker's average was 4 4-49, and his high run 21. The score:

Parker—0, 2, 0, 0, 4, 3, 0, 9, 0, 1, 4, 7, 0, 8, 2, 0, 9, 1, 0, 7, 2, 3, 4, 3, 1, 11, 21, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 5, 8, 7, 0, 3, 1, 0, 4, 12, 17, 11, 2, 0, 9, 10. Highest run 21; average 4 4-49.

Hogue—2, 4, 0, 6, 0, 3, 0, 0, 2, 8, 11, 5, 4, 2, 4, 4, 4, 2, 0, 23, 2, 7, 0, 12, 0, 0, 2, 2, 0, 0, 11, 0, 6, 0, 1, 1, 5, 5, 0, 1, 0, 13, 2, 1, 1, 2, 0, 12, 1. Hitch run 23, average 3½.

To-night will be ladies' night, and women who are interested in the match are invited to attend. Special seats will be reserved for this part of the audience. To-night's match will be between Willcox of St. Paul and Huyck of Minneapolis.

GOPHER VS. CORNHUSKER

University of Minnesota and University of Nebraska Basket Ball Game Saturday Night.

The university's basket-ball team will have one of its hardest games of the season next Saturday evening. A telgram from the University of Nebraska, received by Manager Luby to-day, announced that the cornhuskers would be here for a game Saturday in accordance with the terms of a proposition by Mr. Luby. The cornhuskers are hand-players and promise a lively contest.

The game will be the last of the season by the varsity team at the university armory. Play will begin at 8:30.

FIR EDEPARTMENT WANTS MORE.

Chicago, March 4.—Chicago's fire department members issued a statement last night announcing that they are prepared to make a hard fight for an increase of pay at once. They say 15 cents an hour, the average of all ranks in the department, is too little.

"It is a generally recognized fact that a fireman's life is not a sinecure," says the statement. "All branches of labor derive a higher rate of wages than does the fireman. The average pay of a fireman is less than 15 cents an hour. For this miserable compensation the fireman takes his lifes in his hands day after day, absents himself from his family for weeks at a time, and yet when he asks for a slight increase in pay his request is regarded as unreasonable. It is a matter of record that the firemen of Chicago are the poorest paid of any large city in the country."

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INCOME IN 1902.

Premiums other than perpetuals	$895,102.71
Premiums on 1901 business	110,721.37
Rents and interest	39,545.23
Profit on ledger assets over book values	634.30
From all other sorces	73,997.78
Total income	$1,120,001.79

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1902.

Amount paid for losses	$426,483.27
Dividends and interest	24,000.00
Commissions and brokerage	231,048.07
Salaries and fees of officers, agents and employes	114,844.45
Taxes, fees and rents	21,043.90
Loss on sale or maturity of ledger assets	1,894.00
All other disbursements	21,631.18
Total disbursements	$840,945.77
Excess of income over disbursements	279,056.02

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1902.

Value of real estate owned	$69,100.00
Mortgage loans	186,958.78
Collateral loans	29,000.00
Bonds and stocks owned	719,013.23
Cash in office and in bank	74,228.14
Accrued interest and rents	5,432.05
Premiums in course of collection	196,315.12
All other admitted assets	6,602.20
Total admitted assets	$1,286,629.52
Assets not admitted	5,739.26

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1902.

Unpaid losses and claims	$58,844.04
Reinsurance reserve	664,263.57
Commission and brokerage	53,446.65
Return and reinsurance premiums	28,705.21
Capital stock paid up	300,000.00
Total liabilities including capital	$1,105,259.47
Net surplus	181,370.05

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1902 BUSINESS.

Fire risks written during the year	$91,421,510.00
Premiums received thereon	1,168,334.28
Marine and inland risks written during the year	4,465,438.00
Premiums received thereon	58,442.21
Net amount in force at end of the year, fire and marine	$110,347,932.00

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1902.

Fire risks written	5,641,049.00
Fire premiums received	59,371.90
Fire losses paid	27,629.00
Fire losses incurred	31,501.00
Amount at risk, fire	$7,198,217.00

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
Department of Insurance.

Whereas, the Security Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Connecticut, has fully complied with the provisions of the laws of this state, relative to the admission and authorization of insurance companies of its class.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned, insurance commissioner, do hereby empower and authorize the said above named company to transact its appropriate business of fire and marine insurance in the state of Minnesota, according to the laws thereof, until the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1904, unless said authority be revoked or otherwise legally terminated prior thereto.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at St. Paul, this 31st day of January, A. D. 1903.

ELMER H. DEARTH,
Insurance Commissioner.

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