FIGHT ON BETWEEN RACE-TRACK OWNERS

Jockey Club Prepares to Contest Butler et al. in Track Business.

INVITE WESTERN HORSEMEN TO TAKE PART IN EAST

Manager Winn of Empire Track in Position to Offer Inducements.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The biggest kind of a fight is ahead over the Empire City track. The Jockey club cannot tolerate any inroads on its monopoly and millions of revenue and is prepared to contest the attempt of James Butler and his associates to break in on the business. In spite of the action of the Jockey club, in refusing dates to the Empire City track, racing will begin there on Monday and continue indefinitely.

All Western horsemen can race at Empire City without fear of discipline from the Western Jockey club and the American Turf association. That matter was settled some time ago when it was decided that a man could not be ruled off the Western turf except for fraud. As all the Western tracks have been shut down until Churchill Downs opens in September, there are more than 2000 horses idle at Latonia and Louisville. The owners of these thoroughbreds, who never race on the New York tracks, have been notified that they can take part in the Yonkers meeting without fear of punishment.

Troubles Are Adjusted.

When the American Turf association and the Western Jockey club were at war and each side disqualified horsemen who raced with the other side, all of these horsemen were allowed to race on the New York tracks in good standing, as the Eastern Jockey club decided to keep hands off. The same case now applies to Empire City. While there is a fight on between that track and the Eastern Jockey Club, it does not concern the West. The Empire track has been licensed by the State and is therefore a legal proposition. If the Western owners wish to try for the stakes and purses to be offered by the Yonkers management, such men as Joseph Rhinock, Matt Winn, Ed. Corrigan, John Condon, L. A. Cella and others who control the situation in the West will file no objection. When the Empire City opens its gates there will be plenty of horses, jockeys and bookmakers to make the meeting a success and provide the public with plenty of action.

As manager of the Empire track Matt Winn will be able to offer inducements to all of the biggest stables in the West, which will insure good racing. For many years the Jockey club has taken good care that the Western element could not gain a foothold in this State, but in opposing the Empire track the Jockey club went a step too far and paved the way for the coming invasion. By turning over the Buffalo track to Westerners the State Racing commission and the Jockey club little thought that it was a forerunner of the appearance of the whole Western turf organization on a metropolitan track. Just what will be the move of the Jockey club now is a matter of much interest among turfmen. It was rumored that the Jamaica track would be permitted to hold a meeting in August to conflict with Empire City, but this could not be confirmed.

YACHT RACES ASSURED.

Director-General Sets Aside Appropriation for Three Weeks' Sport.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

NORFOLK, Va. Aug. 3.—The international yacht and motor-boat races will be held at the Jamestown exposition as scheduled. All doubt as to their being a failure was dismissed last week when Director General James M. Barr of the exposition set aside the appropriation as requested by the committees of the Yacht and Motor-Boat clubs of America. Beginning with September 4, there will be races daily for three weeks. These races will be international in character, and will be on larger scale than ever attempted before in America. Four cups have been offered for the principal races, that should attract the largest fleet of sailing vessels ever gotten together for any event in the history of yachting. They are as follows: The President's cup, the King's cup, Sir Thomas Lipton's cup, the Jamestown Exposition cup. Many other cups will also be offered. They are to be raced for under the rules adopted by the Atlantic Coast conference of 1906, and all are to be under the universal rule of measurement.

Invitations have been extended to yachtsmen of every country in the world, and assurances have been received that there will be a representation of foreign yachts in keeping with the importance of the contests. The international motor-boat carnival, held the week before the yacht races, will be the greatest motor-boat carnival ever held at any exposition. There will be dashes, short-distance races and endurance races.

ENTRIES ARE CLOSED.

Danger of Losing Some of the Trophies Is Spurring Americans On.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 3.—Entries for the thirty-fifth annual championship regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, on the Schuylkill river, August 9 and 10, have closed and the affair promises to be a most notable one. Belgian and German crews are expected to compete with oarsmen from all over the country, and there will be the added test of the danger of losing some of the championship trophies to spur the American crews to their best speed.

The races will be intermediate, associate senior and championship senior single sculls, intermediate and senior double scull and pair-oared shells, intermediate senior and senior international four-oared shells, and intermediate and senior eight-oared shells. There will also be a senior inter-city eight-scull race on a straightaway event. All the races will be held over a mile and a half straightaway course.

Champion Turns Trainer.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Tommy Burns, the heavyweight champion, who is manager of George Memsic, the Chicago lightweight, says he will train Memsic for his twenty-round bout with Joe Gans, which is to be fought before the Pacific A. C. of Los Angeles, Cal., August 16. Burns is confident that Memsic will beat Gans and intends to wager $500 on his chances.

Illustration shows a close finish at Brighton. Fair Play, in the foreground, taking the lead in the Montauk stakes, which he won by a head. Royal Vane is on the left and Home Again is just behind Fair Play.

KINGS MAY OFFER TROPHIES FOR TENNIS

Australians Will Probably Take Davis Cup Home With Them.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Australians having won the Davis Tennis cup, may now take the trophy home or leave it to be competed for annually in the Wimbledon courts. The English Lawn Tennis association would not ask to have it left in this country, for it would be manifestly unfair to do this, as there might not always be enough Australasians in England to defend, and a default under those circumstances would be unfair, but necessary under the rules. Whatever may happen to the Davis cup, it is certain that if it is to journey to Australasia another trophy will be immediately offered in England, and the United States specially invited to compete for it. There is likewise the prospect of a similar cup being offered in Germany, and it somewhat depends whether Edward VII. or the German Emperor William makes the first move. King Edward has been elected to the office of president of the English Lawn Tennis association, and it is reported that he is desirous of offering a suitable trophy as a world's prize for lawn tennis.

The history of the Dwight F. Davis international challenge cup is the history of the most rapid rise and growth of the sport for which it was offered. The cup has become the blue ribbon of the tennis courts, and it now holds the place in the game that the America's cup does in yachting.

Will Increase Purses.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—[illegible] probability purses at the overland [illegible] on the local tracks will be increased during the fall meetings. It has been [illegible] that all the races for which [illegible] have been donated will be raced for again, and that the [illegible] handicaps and [illegible] races will be increased to $1,000. There has been considerable [illegible] owing to the very [illegible] associations have [illegible] and [illegible] at accounts those meetings [illegible] in sympathy with the agitation. There is little question that it will be carried out when the books are published for the coming meetings after the closing of Saratoga. This will be good news for horsemen who have long strings to feed and care for.

Illustration shows Twirler Ed Reulbach of the Chicago Cubs, a great pitcher and a good field general

ENGLISHMEN LOSING ATHLETIC STRENGTH

Holds but Eight Out of Thirty-Two of Principal World's Championships.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Englishmen are much concerned over what they term "the temporary lapse from supremacy of English athletics." This to British sportsmen is a lamentable condition of affairs, but they find little solace from the immediate future of any change for the better. The decadence of British sporting prestige has been a gradual process for the last decade, until at present out of the list of principal championships England holds but eight out of thirty-two. In branches where the Britishers were for years considered invincible, foreigners, particularly Americans, have forced them to strike their colors.

It is a matter of record that America holds more championships and records than any other country. In athletic records America leads with ten against five for England and one for Ireland. These events include the regular programme of events, although American athletes hold innumerable records at intermediate distances.

Holders of Championships.

The following list will show the holders of the most important championships and records in the world of sport:

AMATEUR GOLF.
J. Ball, Royal Liverpool, England.
PROFESSIONAL GOLF.
Arnaud Massy, La Boulie, France.
RUGBY FOOTBALL.
South Africa and New Zealand.
ROWING.
Grand Challenge Cup—Sport Nautique de Grand, Belgium.
LAWN TENNIS.
Men's championship—N. E. Brooks, Australia.
Men's doubles championship—Brookes and Wilding, Australia.
Women's championship—Miss Hay, Santa Cruz, America.
TENNIS.
J. Gould, America.
CRICKET.
England vs. Australia, England.
England vs. South Africa, South Africa.
WRESTLING.
G. Hackenschmidt, Russia.
YACHTING.
America's cup, America.
RACING.
Richard Croker's Orby (Derby), America.
AUTO.
Grand Prix and Kaiser's cup, Italy.
SOCCER FOOTBALL.
Sheffield Wednesday, England.
PIGEON SHOOTING.
Grand Prix du Casino—Signor Grassi, Italy.
ATHLETIC RECORDS.
100 yards—W. J. Kelly, America.
220 yards—B. J. Wefers, America.
Quarter—M. W. Long, America.
Half—C. G. Kilpatrick, America.
One mile—T. P. Conneff, America.
Two miles—A. Shrubb, England.
Three miles—A. Shrubb, England.
Ten miles—A. Shrubb, England.
Twenty miles—C. Crossland, England.
Fifty miles—J. F. Dixon, England.
100-yard hurdles—A. C. Kraenzlein, America.
High jump—M. F. Sweeney, America.
Long jump—P. J. O'Connor, Ireland.
Hammer throwing—J. Flanagan, America.
Weight-putting—W. W. Coe, America.
Pole jump—W. R. Gray, America.
SWIMMING (King's Cup).
Herr O. Schiele, Deutscher Schwimm Verband, Germany.
C. M. Daniels (100 yards), America.

M'GRATH STRETCHES WIRES.

Has Broken Flanagan's Record Twice, but Mark Is Not Allowed.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Fate seems to pursue Matt McGrath of the N. Y. C. A. in his heroic but futile efforts to smash the existing world's record for the sixteen-pound hammer throw. Again on Saturday, July 20, McGrath bettered John Flanagan's 172 feet 11 inches with a toss of 173 feet 8 inches, only to have the world's honor snatched from him, seemingly, by his own tremendous strength.

When the hammer competition opened at the Brooklyn postoffice clerks' games, McGrath's hammer conformed to the A. A. U. rules in every respect, but after the mighty Brooklynite had made half a dozen throws and eclipsed the world's record it was found that the tremendous power he had used in getting the missile out had stretched the wire handle of the hammer nearly an inch and made all McGrath's beautiful throws void.

McGrath was likewise deprived of record honors at the Tipperary games a week previous. On that occasion his hammer broke after he had made the throw that set all the athletic world agog, and the fussy old A. A. U. refused to allow the record. Dozens stood close to McGrath, and thousands saw that the missile was intact when Matt made the throw. There was not the slightest foul on McGrath's part, and the hammer was O. K. for four or five minutes after the record throw, yet he got no record. Even his rivals admitted that the N. Y. A. C. giant's effort was clean cut and the greatest throw ever seen in competition. Notwithstanding disappointments McGrath says that he will yet establish his record beyond all cavil.

Kaufman After Burns.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—Billy Delaney, the trainer, says Al Kaufman challenged the winner of the Burns-Squires fight on July 4, but as yet he has not heard from Burns. Kaufman would rather fight Burns than any man in the heavyweight division. "And you can rest assured," said Delaney, "if they ever meet, Burns won't win in the first round. No one knows that any better than Burns does. Al is taking the best of care of himself. He's now fully developed and is bigger and stronger than ever before in his life. O'Brien beat him, it is true, but at that time Kaufman was only 19 years old. Now he's about 22, and at this stage of life three years makes quite a difference in a man's physical makeup. As Kaufman is the undisputed champion of the coast, I think him the most eligible opponent for the present champion.

AMERICANS ASK FOR NEW GOLF RULES

St. Andrews Committee Has Governed Game for Many Years.

UNITED STATES GOLFISTS WILL PUSH MATTERS

Match Between East and the West at Midlothian Links October 5.

Special to The Tribune.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Golfers are speculating as to the probable attitude of the St. Andrews rules committee when the latter receives the communication recently drafted by the executive committee of the United States Golf association. Many declare that the plea for American recognition will receive little consideration. Practically every one interested in "the ancient game" on this side of the Atlantic is firm in the belief that the time is ripe for a thorough overhauling of the old code of rules. In fact, the wonderful strides made in the game in this country in the last ten years have to a certain extent been duplicated in Great Britain, where the number of inland courses have multiplied. Years ago certain rules applied well enough for the few seaside links, but conditions are different now.

The fact that the St. Andrews committee has for so many years been permitted to govern the game is not surprising. Until a comparatively recent date the associations and clubs in various countries, because of their own newness, were only too willing to leave the making to old St. Andrews, which by virtue of its age and greater experience was unquestionably better qualified for the duties.

While every one in this country admits that the time is at hand for American representation, all are equally certain that a harmonious understanding between the two countries is essential. Without that there would be two sets of rules, and in time that would mean two games of golf. This, of course, would, in the minds of those who wish the sport well, result in a deplorable state of affairs, but it is a safe prediction that unless the request from this country gets favorable recognition the United States Golf association will be almost certain to take the matter in its own hands.

Things Not Tolerated.

The action of the executive committee of the United States Golf association in at first refusing to accept two entries for the recent national amateur championship tournament at Cleveland came as an unexpected shock to the of leading players. It was only after their friends had interceded, with promises of good behavior, that the committee reconsidered its action and decided to accept the entries. It is a matter of record that everything went off smoothly during the tournament and little fault can be found with the behavior of the players at the club house during the meetings. An official of the Metropolitan Golf association is also responsible for the statement that a modification of the scores enacted at the Nassau country club during the championship tournament last May will not be tolerated. The Metropolitan Golf association officials contend that flagrant behavior on the part of a few is not only unfair to the club which offers its course for the tournament but that it is also a hardship to the majority of the men who attend these affairs with a view to playing their best game.

Western Championships.

The Western Golf association has announced conditions for its annual championship tournament to be held August 6 to 10 at the Chicago Golf club. There will be a 36-hole medal play qualifying round, with each match play final, also at thirty-six holes. Special contests have also been arranged for those who fail to qualify, as well as those defeated in the first match play round of the championship. It looks as though all that is important in the way of team matches among the golfers this season will have to be placed to the credit of the women, for unless present plans fall through there may be three team contests instead of one to precede the women's national championship tournament. As the matter now stands, the second annual match between the east and west is to be decided over the links of the Midlothian Country club on October 5, and the national tournament is also booked for Midlothian October 7 to 12. A start in the way of team matches was made last fall when the east vanquished the west at Brae-Burn. This meeting was only brought about after lengthy correspondence between Mrs. F. F. Sanford and Mrs. T. H. Brower, the presidents of the Women's Eastern and Western Golf associations, respectively.

Prominent Women Players.

Mrs. Brower, who, with commendable energy, marshalled her forces and traveled all the way from Chicago to Boston, now plans to go to the 1906 program one better. In other words, the Chicago woman is anxious to see a start made on October 1 with a match between the Canadian and Eastern teams, this to be followed on October 3 by a clash between the Canadian and Western forces.

As Mrs. Sanford is a firm believer in team matches, and the women from across the border are manifesting increasing interest each year, the chances are that the program may be carried out. If it should go through without a hitch, the gathering at Midlothian early in October will become thoroughly international in character. There is already talk of a large delegation of Eastern women going West in a private car.

CARS ARE REDUCED.

Each Contestant Will Be Allowed One Automobile in 24-Hour Race.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—In the twenty-four-hour automobile endurance contest, which is the chief feature of the race meet to be held at the Brighton Beach track on August 9 and 10, the contestants will be limited to the use of one car. The rules of this contest, as originally given out, provided that the contestants could have a substitute car, to be used in case of an accident putting their regular car out of the running.

More than a dozen manufacturers and dealers wrote to Joseph M. Galtes, president of the United States Motor Racing association, requesting that the Brighton Beach twenty-four-hour contest be made a one-car event, and stated their intention of entering if this change was made. Their contention was that the use of a substitute car deprived the contest of its real worth as a severe test which would demonstrate the qualities of the cars participating.

Among the assured entries are two Lozier and two Frayer-Miller cars, a Matheson, a Studebaker and a Clement-Bayard. Other possible entries are a Chadwick, a Welch, a Thomas, an Elmore, and Guy Vaughan with a Stearns. Ceduop is already entered, and will pilot the famous little Flat Junior in the sprint events.

The fact that the Brighton Beach track will be available for practice several days before the meet will be much appreciated by the contestants. The surface of this track is largely clay, and the more practice that is done on it the harder it will be packed for the races.

PLAY TOO HARD.

Army Will Not Schedule So Many Hard Games Coming Season.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The announcement of the West Point football schedule for the ensuing season shows that the army authorities have at last decided to abandon a policy which for years past has been equally praised and condemned by football experts in this country—the policy of playing so many hard games on succeeding Saturdays. This change was caused by the decisive defeat the navy administered to the army last fall on Franklin field. On the four Saturday preceding that game the sturdy army men met and played to a standstill Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Syracuse. But the price paid, without detracting at all from the praise due the navy team, was the loss of the final and most important game on the schedule. After the navy game it was generally conceded by football authorities that the army men had played themselves out and were not up to their usual standard of play. Besides, the army lost several of its best men in the Princeton game and many of the others were more or less out of condition. This year an easy game precedes the navy struggle.

Float Colors First Time.

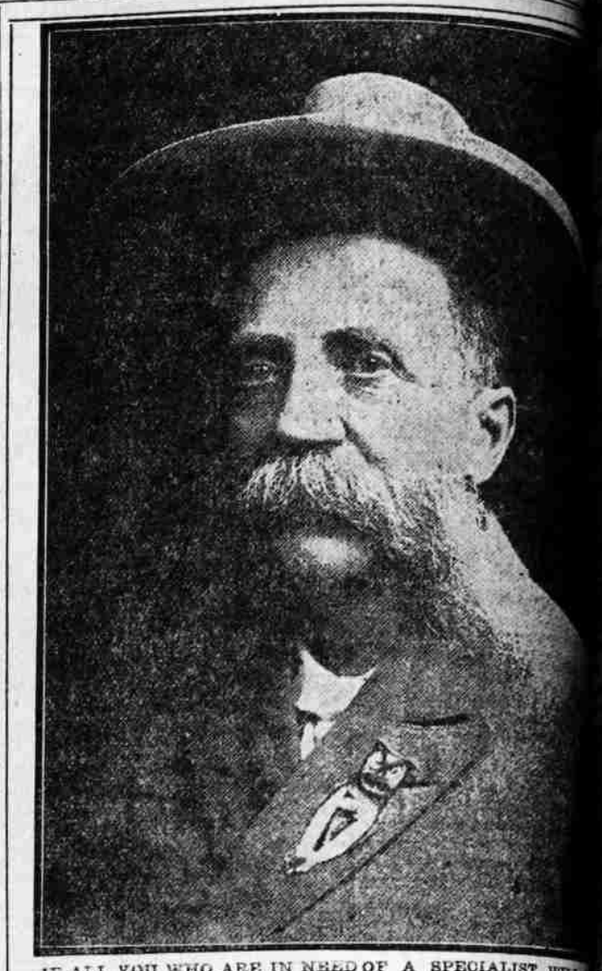
Tribune Special Sporting Service.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Columbia university intends to enter junior and intermediate four-oared gig crews in the Middle States regatta on the Harlem river on Labor day, according to Rice, the coach. It will be the first time the university's colors have been seen in crew races at this time of the year. An inter-city eight-oared shell race has been added to the programme of the national regatta in Philadelphia on August 10, at the request of oarsmen in this city and Philadelphia. The crews are expected to come from New York and the Schuylkill, as in 1904 at the Baltimore regatta.

Boxing in Chicago.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 3.—Boxing bouts are to be permitted again in Chicago this winter. Mayor Busse has given certain fight promoters his word that he will allow them to pull off six-round bouts, but that there must not be any clashing between the clubs that receive a license to hold these shows. It is learned that only five clubs will be granted a [illegible] of them being the New [illegible] Chicago A. A., and the [illegible] The other two clubs will be [illegible] on. If the game goes on as [illegible] will have to be very careful [illegible] will be closed down again.



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