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POOR CARD AT NEW ORLEANS

Rumor that There Will Be Conflicting Racing on Christmas Day, but President Heaslip Says that Peace Pact Will Be Kept—Naran Wins the Steeplechase—Anchor a Winner.

New Orleans, Dec. 12.—The gathering of delegates from the American Turf Association again stirred up a lot of gossip concerning the rival racing factions in this city. Many rumors were heard this forenoon to the effect that the City Park Jockey Club would run against the Fair Grounds on Christmas Day, notwithstanding the peace agreement, which was entered into by both parties last summer at New York. Both associations, through the general managers, denied that they intended renewing the turf war. President Heaslip, of the City Park Club, when asked about the rumors that his track would race against the Fair Grounds on Christmas, said: "We entered into an agreement to split the dates here this winter and will keep up our part of the pact."

There was not very much to the racing this afternoon. An off-day card, with a special feature, was provided. The best race of the day came out of the six-furlong purse affair, in which Meadowbreeze and St. Valentine furnished the excitement for the spectators, as they finished nose apart. As usual, St. Valentine was away very poorly and outrun in the early stages. Jockey Garner, who was brought here by James McCormick, had the mount on the one-time racer, and he made his move a bit sooner than would have won beyond a question of a doubt.

The steeplechase, over the short course, proved an easy proposition for Naran, owned by E. Morgan, Naran was dropped in with 125 pounds up, and being backed from 6 to 1 down to 9 to 2 at post time, ran over his field when ready, and won easily. Consideration, the 7 to 10 favorite in the fifth, only finished third. Charlie Elliston, who was the best of the Knight of Ivanhoe in the closing event, and with 4 to 5 against his chances, the colt galloped all the way.

Summary of the Events.

FIRST RACE—Selling, four-year-olds, seven furlongs. 1st, *Anchor*, 115; 2d, *Signal*, 112; 3d, *Waver*, 110; 4th, *Le Ciel*, 108; 5th, *Alaric*, 107; 6th, *Le Ciel*, 105; 7th, *Le Ciel*, 103; 8th, *Le Ciel*, 101; 9th, *Le Ciel*, 99; 10th, *Le Ciel*, 97; 11th, *Le Ciel*, 95; 12th, *Le Ciel*, 93; 13th, *Le Ciel*, 91; 14th, *Le Ciel*, 89; 15th, *Le Ciel*, 87; 16th, *Le Ciel*, 85; 17th, *Le Ciel*, 83; 18th, *Le Ciel*, 81; 19th, *Le Ciel*, 79; 20th, *Le Ciel*, 77; 21st, *Le Ciel*, 75; 22nd, *Le Ciel*, 73; 23rd, *Le Ciel*, 71; 24th, *Le Ciel*, 69; 25th, *Le Ciel*, 67; 26th, *Le Ciel*, 65; 27th, *Le Ciel*, 63; 28th, *Le Ciel*, 61; 29th, *Le Ciel*, 59; 30th, *Le Ciel*, 57; 31st, *Le Ciel*, 55; 32nd, *Le Ciel*, 53; 33rd, *Le Ciel*, 51; 34th, *Le Ciel*, 49; 35th, *Le Ciel*, 47; 36th, *Le Ciel*, 45; 37th, *Le Ciel*, 43; 38th, *Le Ciel*, 41; 39th, *Le Ciel*, 39; 40th, *Le Ciel*, 37; 41st, *Le Ciel*, 35; 42nd, *Le Ciel*, 33; 43rd, *Le Ciel*, 31; 44th, *Le Ciel*, 29; 45th, *Le Ciel*, 27; 46th, *Le Ciel*, 25; 47th, *Le Ciel*, 23; 48th, *Le Ciel*, 21; 49th, *Le Ciel*, 19; 50th, *Le Ciel*, 17; 51st, *Le Ciel*, 15; 52nd, *Le Ciel*, 13; 53rd, *Le Ciel*, 11; 54th, *Le Ciel*, 9; 55th, *Le Ciel*, 7; 56th, *Le Ciel*, 5; 57th, *Le Ciel*, 3; 58th, *Le Ciel*, 1; 59th, *Le Ciel*, 1; 60th, *Le Ciel*, 1.

SECOND RACE—Handicap steeplechase, three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. 1st, *Anchor*, 115; 2d, *Signal*, 112; 3d, *Waver*, 110; 4th, *Le Ciel*, 108; 5th, *Alaric*, 107; 6th, *Le Ciel*, 105; 7th, *Le Ciel*, 103; 8th, *Le Ciel*, 101; 9th, *Le Ciel*, 99; 10th, *Le Ciel*, 97; 11th, *Le Ciel*, 95; 12th, *Le Ciel*, 93; 13th, *Le Ciel*, 91; 14th, *Le Ciel*, 89; 15th, *Le Ciel*, 87; 16th, *Le Ciel*, 85; 17th, *Le Ciel*, 83; 18th, *Le Ciel*, 81; 19th, *Le Ciel*, 79; 20th, *Le Ciel*, 77; 21st, *Le Ciel*, 75; 22nd, *Le Ciel*, 73; 23rd, *Le Ciel*, 71; 24th, *Le Ciel*, 69; 25th, *Le Ciel*, 67; 26th, *Le Ciel*, 65; 27th, *Le Ciel*, 63; 28th, *Le Ciel*, 61; 29th, *Le Ciel*, 59; 30th, *Le Ciel*, 57; 31st, *Le Ciel*, 55; 32nd, *Le Ciel*, 53; 33rd, *Le Ciel*, 51; 34th, *Le Ciel*, 49; 35th, *Le Ciel*, 47; 36th, *Le Ciel*, 45; 37th, *Le Ciel*, 43; 38th, *Le Ciel*, 41; 39th, *Le Ciel*, 39; 40th, *Le Ciel*, 37; 41st, *Le Ciel*, 35; 42nd, *Le Ciel*, 33; 43rd, *Le Ciel*, 31; 44th, *Le Ciel*, 29; 45th, *Le Ciel*, 27; 46th, *Le Ciel*, 25; 47th, *Le Ciel*, 23; 48th, *Le Ciel*, 21; 49th, *Le Ciel*, 19; 50th, *Le Ciel*, 17; 51st, *Le Ciel*, 15; 52nd, *Le Ciel*, 13; 53rd, *Le Ciel*, 11; 54th, *Le Ciel*, 9; 55th, *Le Ciel*, 7; 56th, *Le Ciel*, 5; 57th, *Le Ciel*, 3; 58th, *Le Ciel*, 1; 59th, *Le Ciel*, 1; 60th, *Le Ciel*, 1.

THIRD RACE—Selling, two-year-olds, one mile. 1st, *Anchor*, 115; 2d, *Signal*, 112; 3d, *Waver*, 110; 4th, *Le Ciel*, 108; 5th, *Alaric*, 107; 6th, *Le Ciel*, 105; 7th, *Le Ciel*, 103; 8th, *Le Ciel*, 101; 9th, *Le Ciel*, 99; 10th, *Le Ciel*, 97; 11th, *Le Ciel*, 95; 12th, *Le Ciel*, 93; 13th, *Le Ciel*, 91; 14th, *Le Ciel*, 89; 15th, *Le Ciel*, 87; 16th, *Le Ciel*, 85; 17th, *Le Ciel*, 83; 18th, *Le Ciel*, 81; 19th, *Le Ciel*, 79; 20th, *Le Ciel*, 77; 21st, *Le Ciel*, 75; 22nd, *Le Ciel*, 73; 23rd, *Le Ciel*, 71; 24th, *Le Ciel*, 69; 25th, *Le Ciel*, 67; 26th, *Le Ciel*, 65; 27th, *Le Ciel*, 63; 28th, *Le Ciel*, 61; 29th, *Le Ciel*, 59; 30th, *Le Ciel*, 57; 31st, *Le Ciel*, 55; 32nd, *Le Ciel*, 53; 33rd, *Le Ciel*, 51; 34th, *Le Ciel*, 49; 35th, *Le Ciel*, 47; 36th, *Le Ciel*, 45; 37th, *Le Ciel*, 43; 38th, *Le Ciel*, 41; 39th, *Le Ciel*, 39; 40th, *Le Ciel*, 37; 41st, *Le Ciel*, 35; 42nd, *Le Ciel*, 33; 43rd, *Le Ciel*, 31; 44th, *Le Ciel*, 29; 45th, *Le Ciel*, 27; 46th, *Le Ciel*, 25; 47th, *Le Ciel*, 23; 48th, *Le Ciel*, 21; 49th, *Le Ciel*, 19; 50th, *Le Ciel*, 17; 51st, *Le Ciel*, 15; 52nd, *Le Ciel*, 13; 53rd, *Le Ciel*, 11; 54th, *Le Ciel*, 9; 55th, *Le Ciel*, 7; 56th, *Le Ciel*, 5; 57th, *Le Ciel*, 3; 58th, *Le Ciel*, 1; 59th, *Le Ciel*, 1; 60th, *Le Ciel*, 1.

CORCORAN CADETS WIN.

Shamrocks Score Only Four Points on the Soldiers.

For the second time this season the Corcoran Cadets triumphed over the Shamrocks at Center Market Army Grounds last night by the score 22 to 4. The game was interesting from start to finish and marked with fast teamwork and clean playing. Hunter and Lewis were always in the game, and figured well in the final result. Fuser was the only Shamrock who tallied. The game between the Corcorans and Central Y. M. C. A., of Baltimore, has been postponed. Line-up and summary:

Manager McGraw, of the New Yorks, was not at the meeting at any time. McGraw isn't worrying about the strength of his team. A matter of fact, McGraw feels that his team is stronger than it was two years ago.

There will be another session of the league to-morrow to-night. The first game attended a dinner to Messrs. Soda and Conant, of Boston, in the Waldorf. Lovitt cups were presented to the retiring Bostonians.

CORCORAN AS MANAGER.

Baltimore Club Trying to Get Veterans from Cincinnati.

A running-horse race for \$100 came off at Brightwood yesterday afternoon. Three horses were entered, but only two started, Vibrator being drawn. Tom Lawson and Alack were contenders. The distance was six furlongs. Alack led for half a mile, when he quit cold and Lawson won in 1:57. It is said Alack completely broke down.

Eckersall's Good Record on Field.

The excellent record made by Eckersall, of the University of Chicago, while playing football for the Maroon, has led to a tabulation of his scoring during the past four years. Eckersall's ability on the gridiron netted Chicago teams over 240 points. Michigan, nothing but to outdo his old rival, points to former Capt. Heston's figures, which credit him with 45 points earned for the Wolverines.

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HILDEBRAND RETIRES.

Jockey Finds that He Can No Longer Ride at Light Weight.

Jockey Hildebrand has decided to retire because of his inability to reduce to the required weight. He went to San Francisco after the close of the Eastern season and signed a contract with his old employer, Joe Yeager, but after riding a few races he concluded that he had seen his best days and that there might be a chance for him as an owner and trainer.

Two years ago Hildebrand was regarded as the greatest jockey in America. When he came East he instantly jumped into popular favor, and before many weeks his services were demanded by all of the leading stables. H. P. Whitney finally secured a second call on the boy's services.

EDDIE BARR TO WRESTLE HERE

Rob Roy Mackey Will Be Opponent of Cincinnati Art Artist.

Eddie Barr, of Cincinnati, the well known middle-weight wrestler who is to meet Rob Roy Mackey at the Washington Light Infantry Armory on Saturday night, today announced that he would be in Washington to-night or to-morrow.

Barr intended to reach here earlier in the week, but had to engage in a small match in Ohio, where he has been more or less active on the mat ever since the present season opened. His manager, who is the best man in the business who has tried their luck in the Capital in the past two or three years.

Barr has done well against the heavy-weight champions, who have gone into Ohio looking for easy money, and while he was not large enough to beat them, he has been able to force them to the mat, and to the utmost to down him in handicap matches.

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HARRY PULLIAM RE-ELECTED

Brush Casts Only Vote Against National League Chief.

John Heydler, a Washington Boy, Honored—Chosen Secretary and Treasurer.

New York, Dec. 12.—Harry Pulliam was re-elected president of the National League at the today's session of the directors in the Victoria hotel. Pulliam's election since he has been chief executive has made such a hit with most of the club owners that there was little doubt that he would be re-elected. Any other course would have been a surprise. There was no other nomination. Pulliam was nominated by Stanley Robinson, of St. Louis, and Charles Ebbets, of Brooklyn, seconded the nomination. Six of the eight clubs voted for Pulliam on the first ballot, so that only one vote was necessary. The Cincinnati club did not vote, while John T. Brush, of the New York club, was the only one who voted No.

August Herrmann, of the Cincinnati club, has, like Pulliam, been opposed to Pulliam, and the former made the following statement: "The Cincinnati club will not vote on the proposition of president, but as the president of the Cincinnati club, I am in a position to say that I will have the unqualified support of the club in the enforcement of discipline on the ball field."

John Heydler, who has been President Pulliam's secretary since the former has been in office, was elected secretary and treasurer of the league. Pulliam, heretofore, has been secretary and treasurer, but he has been in a good many years have the offices been held separately. The election of Mr. Heydler was unanimous, his nomination being Dreyfus, of Pittsburgh. Mr. Heydler is one of the most capable men in baseball.

EIGHT CLUBS IN LEAGUE.

Topeka and St. Joe Will Be Added to Western League Organization.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 12.—According to information here the Western League baseball circuit will next year consist of eight teams instead of six, as this year. Topeka, Kans., and St. Joe, Mo., will be added to the present circuit, all of the towns will continue in the new league.

Dick Cooley will continue in charge of the Topeka team, while Kid Nichols will be placed in charge of St. Joe, Jimmy Ryan will take Des Moines. The other captains and managers will continue in their present places.

St. John's Team Victorious.

In the Alexandria Athletic Club Hall a fast and exciting game was played last night between the Alexandria and St. John's, the latter winning by the score of 27 to 24. Capt. Robertson's work was the feature, as he made more than half the points scored by his team, consisting of Robertson and J. Holmes, forwards; R. Holmes, center, and Barry and Burch, backs. St. John's put up a good game, both on the aggressive and defensive, and was never allowed to get into a comfortable lead. The second half was made much faster. The winners wish to arrange games, and challenges should be addressed to T. F. Barry, 1515 L street northwest.

DEPARTMENTAL TEAM WINS.

In a fast and snappy game, featured by the teamwork of the winners, the departmental team of the Y. M. C. A. defeated the Department Stores of the same institution last night by the score of 4 to 2. Line-up and summary:

Departmentals. Positions. Dept. Stores.
Nash (Capt.).....right guard.....Scott
Carroll (Capt.).....right guard.....Scott
Marsler.....center.....Barton
Sullivan.....left guard.....Hoyes
Kelley.....left forward.....Drayestock
Field goals—Stansburg, Norris. Goals from foul—St. J. Referee—Mr. Taylor. Time and score—Mr. Wheeler.

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CONCERN POLICE MAY GO WEST.

Frederick G. Folsom, head coach of the Dartmouth football team this fall, will likely accept the position of judge of the practice court of the University of Colorado, and will consequently be eligible to instruct the Colorado State varsity football eleven next year.

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BAN'S OLIVE BRANCH

Johnson and Comiskey Are No Longer Enemies.

GOOD CHEER AT LEAGUE MEET

Warring Factions in American League Brought Together—President Re-elected and Salary Increased—Cleveland and Detroit Want Stah!—No Trades Announced.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The greatest baseball surprise of the year came to light at the American League meeting at the Auditorium Annex to-day when President Charles A. Comiskey, of the world's champion White Sox, and President Ban B. Johnson, of the American League, shook hands and smoked the figurative pipe of peace. This reconciliation came as a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, after the principals had been sworn enemies for nearly two years.

When the board of directors met in the morning Comiskey, who was a member of the board, did not come to the gathering, the league formally awarded the pennant to the White Sox, but the owner of the White Sox was not present to receive it.

When the regular meeting of the league came in the afternoon Comiskey did not arrive until after the members had been in session for some time, and then he was the first to leave.

Upon his withdrawal from the meeting he went to the Pompano room. Soon after he left, John E. Bruce and Frank Farrell followed him. Here they were joined by Mr. Killiee. Soon after Comiskey and Johnson adjourned to the Pompano room and were followed by all the members of the league and every newspaper man in sight, Comiskey and Johnson sat near each other and chatted like old friends. When properly introduced Johnson arose and proposed that they bring to the attention of the president of the world's champions.

In return Comiskey asked that the party drink a toast to the "president of the American League." After these preliminaries, conversation turned to the subject of the league and they laughed over each other's remarks.

Johnson's Salary Increased.

Just before the meeting adjourned the league voted to increase President Johnson's salary from \$10,000 a year to \$15,000. This fact alone shows better than anything else what the league thinks of its president. Johnson's term will last until 1910. The league was shown to be a remarkably prosperous condition, and every club made money last year.

None of the expected trades was brought out to-day, and the two ex-managers—Jimmy Collins, of Boston, and Jake Stahl, of Washington—are still on the market.

Several clubs want Collins, but they are all a bit frightened by the fact that Jimmy is said to have another year on a contract with the Boston club, which would mean that he would be a regular member of the league.

The bidding for Jake Stahl appears to have narrowed down to Detroit and Cleveland. The Tigers are said to have offered to trade Matty Dreyfus, a member of the league, also said to be in the market with an offer of Burlew, Roseman, and \$1,000 for the ex-Washington manager.

Nothing but routine business came before the regular meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4 o'clock to-morrow. Charles Somers, of Cleveland, was re-elected vice president by a unanimous vote.

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to a Washington Herald reporter that the charge against Mrs. Bradley would be murder.

"There is time enough to consider her defense. It is impossible to forecast it now. We will get to work immediately and gather all the facts, but it is impossible to make any statement at this time. The case will be referred to the grand jury through the usual channels. There will be an inquest by the coroner's jury to-morrow morning, and it will return an indictment for murder holding Mrs. Bradley for the grand jury."

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THOUGHT HE PLANNED TO MARRY.

From remarks made by Mrs. Bradley yesterday it is widely known that she left Salt Lake she was laboring under the impression that Senator Brown had gone East for the purpose of being married. She was aware that he was endeavoring to rid himself of his attentions. He had never told her he intended marrying any one else.

After the final interview between the two in the city, Mrs. Bradley left Salt Lake on short notice she has confided to the matrons whom she has come in contact since her incarceration.

At first Mrs. Bradley denied that there was any jealousy on her part or that there was another woman in the case. She then, however, admitted that she was madly in love with Senator Brown, and that she was insanely jealous of his attentions to another.

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Greater Reductions Than Ever in Men's Fine Furnishings

We have but little more than two weeks to close out the balance of this stock. Most of the goods we have on hand were bought before we knew we would have to move. They were bought for our regular Holiday trade, but must go with the rest of the stock.

Some bargains for the Christmas shopper: Handsome Eider-down and imported Terry House Gowns and Bath Robes,

\$10.00 values, \$6.00
\$8.00 values, \$5.00
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Handsome Umbrellas for gift-giving, with solid Horn and Sterling Silver handles.

\$10 qualities, \$5.85 \$8 qualities, \$4.85

Fancy soft and stiff bosom Shirts, cuffs separate and attached, made to sell for \$1.50. To close them out... 71c

THE HUB OUTFITTERS and HATTERS

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ROW AMONG MANAGERS.

Fitzpatrick and McClean Claim They Are Jack Johnson's Sponsors.

New York, Dec. 12.—Since Jack Johnson, the colored heavy-weight, loomed up as a possible "champion," a pretty row has been going on between rival managers, who believe that they have the sole right to make Johnson's manager. Sam Fitzpatrick insisted until the other day that he was Johnson's only manager, but now Sam is bewailing the fact that the big fighter has run away with one Alec McClean, of Boston.

Johnson went up to the Hub with McClean last Saturday, and stated that Fitzpatrick had never been his manager. The colored boxer intends to go to Los Angeles with McClean, and if he cannot get on a match there, either Burns or O'Brien, the pair will go to Australia. When McClean came here last week to hunt for Johnson, who was under Fitzpatrick's wing, he says that Samy Fitzpatrick insisted until the other day that he was Johnson's only manager