McGRAW CLAIMS RELEASE FROM ST. LOUIS CONTRACTS.

Noted Baseball Player Says Local Club Has Failed to Fulfill Its Obligations to Him and Catcher Robinson.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Nov. 15.—John McGraw of Baltimore, who with his business and baseball partner, Wilbert Robinson, has decided to put a Baltimore club into the American League, was in this city yesterday.

McGraw is satisfied that the American, with its new circuit, comprising Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Buffalo in the East and Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee and Cleveland in the West, will score a big success.

"So far as any conflict with the National League is concerned," said McGraw yesterday, "we are satisfied to face it if necessary. Robinson and I will have a club in Baltimore and expect to have it for many years to come. We will not take the old League grounds unless we can get them for nothing. We can secure half a dozen good sites, if we want them, in districts where there is no danger of streets being cut through in the near future.

Reserve Clause No Good.

"It is true Robinson and I have been reserved for 1901 by the St. Louis club, but there is no chance of the club's action holding in law, because the contracts we signed had the reserve clause eliminated. Outside of that, the St. Louis club owes me $1,100 and Robinson something like $800. These amounts should have been paid within five days after the close of the baseball season, according to the League contract. So I don't see the least chance for the reserve rule to hold in our cases.

"A committee of our league will meet John T. Brush, A. H. Soden and Colonel John I. Rogers of the National League next week in Cleveland to arrange details prior to the fall meetings of both leagues. One thing our party will insist on is that there shall be no drafting by the National from our league, and also that we shall have equal rights with the National in drafting from minor leagues.

"It has been our desire to get back to Baltimore ever since the League circuit was reduced, and we have succeeded. The new Oriole team will be managed by me, with Robinson as captain, and the firm of Robinson & McGraw will own the controlling interest in the stock company that will finance the Baltimore club."

OTHER TROUBLES IN THE CLUBS.

Mr. Becker Wants to Sell or Buy Out Partners.

McGraw's troubles with the St. Louis club do not seem to be the only ones with which that organization is beset just now.

In the first place it should be understood that the American Baseball and Athletic Exhibition Company, the corporate title of the St. Louis Baseball Club, is a solvent institution. It is the property of three very rich men, millionaires in fact, Frank de Hass Robison and Matthew Stanley Robison, brothers, both of Cleveland, and Edward C. Becker of St. Louis. The Messrs. Robison are street railroad men of great note and large interest. Mr. Becker is a local capitalist, of whom it is said that he can lay his hands quicker on more ready money than any man in St. Louis.

According to well-posted persons who are in a position to know, it seems that the gentlemen who own the St. Louis club in its corporate capacity are not exactly a unit when it comes to going down in their pockets and defraying its debts. It is said that Mr. Becker does not approve of the manner in which the club has been conducted, and that he has refused to put any more of his good money into it under present circumstances. It is stated that the Messrs. Robison have their pro rata of the deficit made in the club's finances by the expensive and unsuccessful season of 1900 ready, and are eager to pay it, but Mr. Becker refuses to contribute his share until certain conditions not fully set forth are fulfilled.

In fact it is said that Mr. Becker desires either to be bought out of the club or to buy his partners out. Mr. Becker has lost a good deal of as silent partner in the club, though is a very interested one. While he, residing in St. Louis, attended every local game played by the St. Louis club last season, he did not have anything to say in the management of the team. That part of it was in the province of the Messrs. Robison, who spent most of their time away from St. Louis.

Mr. Becker takes a deal of personal interest in baseball. Since he retired from business some ten years ago it has been his hobby and recreation. He is as devoted to the game itself as a crank on the bleachers. The Messrs. Robison are baseball magnates; men of many interests, who take a club owner's, but scarcely a spectator's, interest in the game.

It has been known that Mr. Becker and the Messrs. Robison have not always exactly harmonized on matters of club policy, though they have been very good friends and stanch partners.

Mr. Becker always opposed ex-Manager Tebeau's plans and policies, whereas Mr. Tebeau always had the unstinted approval and unlimited confidence of the Messrs. Robison in anything he did. In the employment and release of players, their disposition and management, Mr. Becker has had strong ideas of his own, which have not chimed with those of the men who have pursued the club in which he is a trust. Unlike the Robisons, who will sit still and passive under trying circumstances, Mr. Becker is a man who will not long endure what he deems mistakes of his employes or associates.

Mr. Becker is not a man who will wait for things to work out their own salvation. He believes in forcing them. He does not like the manner in which the St. Louis club has been operated. Hence he wants to get out or be given sole control of the club. This is what is commonly said by persons interested in the affairs of the club.

Thus, by refusing to be held liable for the assessments levied by the club to make good the deficit caused by the money lost last season, Mr. Becker hopes to bring about a radical change in the affairs of the St. Louis club.

When seen by a Republic reporter yesterday, Mr. Becker said that he had absolutely no disagreement with the Messrs. Robison. He was asked if he had refused to allow his stock to be assessed for his share of the debts of the corporation, and if Mr. Robison did not propose to sue and compel him to do so by process of law. Mr. Becker stated that he had heard of no such suit and added that there would not be any such suit brought, though he did not deny that he had refused to be held liable for any part of the debts of the club contracted in the last season.

"Naturally enough the club lost money," said Mr. Becker, "owing to the street railway men's strike and other things, but the amount was not so awfully large. It will all be paid off very soon. As far as owing money to players goes, I do not think that the club owes any player more than $75, which Mr. Robison retained as punishment for offenses against club rules during the season."

For the last week Mr. Robison's private attorney, Judge Russell, of Cleveland, has been in town. Mr. Russell is a man whose time is worth money, and he is scarce in St. Louis for his health. John H. Overall of St. Louis is Mr. Becker's attorney, also attorney for the American Baseball and Athletic Exhibition Company.

President F. de Hass Robison of the St. Louis club, is registered at the Southern. A Republic reporter kept vigil at that hostelry from 9 o'clock on Thursday night till 3 o'clock Friday morning. Up to that hour Mr. Robison had not appeared at the hotel. His key was in his box, and the night clerk said that he was not in.

BASEBALL WAR MAY RESULT.

President Johnson Says American League Is Ready for Trouble.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—President Ban B. Johnson of the American League sounded a clear note of independence to-day, when he declared that nobody's consent had been asked regarding the Eastern invasion.

"We did not ask John L. Rogers if we could place a club in Philadelphia," said the president, "and we did not ask if we could place teams in either Baltimore or Washington. We just went ahead and did as we pleased, and, although not looking for trouble, we are ready for it at any time."

The Chronicle to-morrow will say:

"The spirit of the American League is plainly shown by President Johnson's statements. It considers itself on an equal plane with the old National League, and this means the smashing of the national agreement. An entirely new agreement will be drawn up by the American League magnates when they meet in this city, about November 20, and it is thought by many that the National League will refuse to sign it. If it does, then there will be a fight."

GOSSIP OF THE DIAMOND GREEN.

McGraw Will Play in St. Louis Unless Released by the Local Club.

Albert Chevalier's picturesque misanthrope, the cracky, yet sapient, costermonger, sped a pat and useful truism through the world when he asked "Wot's the good fev hangryfink w'en 'umbug honly pays?" Putting this theory into practice would save a lot of trustful baseball writers from threatened attacks of dread scrivener's palsy. If these credulous and energetic gentry stand for many more of the stories sprung to advertise the American League and John J. McGraw, it is writer's cramp for them sure. It is Ban Johnson this and McGraw that every day of the week and twice on most days. One admirable trait of these people of the American League which would indicate their managerial superiority to their erstwhile masters, now complacent compeers, of the National, is the keen appreciation they have of the power of the press. Messrs. Johnson, Comiskey, Manning et al. have certainly worked the press of the country to a fancy frazzle.

Now it is calmly said that McGraw will have a franchise in the American League in Baltimore. Not a word is said about the right of the St. Louis club to McGraw's services for next season. It is stated that McGraw has not been reserved by St. Louis for 1901.

He has been reserved. He belongs to the St. Louis club. If he is released by the St. Louis club, that organization will receive an equivalent for him. It may not be a full equivalent, but it will be one of some kind. McGraw cannot and will not play anywhere but in St. Louis, unless the owners of the St. Louis club permit him.

McGraw may own the Baltimore club in the American League. He may play there. If he does, the National League will lose whatever prestige may accrue to it from the possession of the greatest ball player alive. With the greatest of players in its organization, the American League will soon manufacture other greatest of players. By and by it will be as great as its one-time master, the National League.

One player does not make a league, however great he may be. Rusie, Hughes, Griffin—where are they? Dead, so far as the game is concerned. The National League would hardly feel the loss of McGraw, was it not that he would be a rival in many of its towns. McGraw's team in Chicago and Philadelphia, where the American League competes with the National, would be a very strong card indeed.

McGraw may not come to St. Louis. So long as he lives and does business in Baltimore it is better that he should not. To get a winning team in St. Louis McGraw is not essential. But unless he is released by the St. Louis club he will not play in Baltimore or anywhere else save in St. Louis.

"'Rich and rare were the gems she wore,' is the opening line in one of poor Tom Moore's glorious melodies," remarked a fanatic yesterday, "but the wealth and rarity of the gems of the mythical Hibernian girl who washed ures a wondering Ireland were by no means equal to the joke Mike Donlin is springing on us these tingling November days. Did you see where people out in San Diego were going to give Mickey their money to spend on a ball team and how he was not going to come to St. Louis next season unless he got a McGraw contract with absolute guarantees? I think this is the best I have heard in many days. Donlin should be well able to care for other people's money, he cares so little about his own, and a nice, sober, go-to-bed-with-the-chick-chicks sort of fellow like Mike is just the man to manage a minor league ball team. I have heard that there has been a general hegira of bunko men and con shifters to San Diego since it became published that Mickey could get money for the asking. The flash gentry figure that if they are willing to give up to Mike any one venture to separate them from their coin. The idea of Donlin managing anything but a peripatetic cafe chantant or a houchee-couchee parlor is too good to even think of. Mike might do to herd a troupe of Sam T. Jack's abdominal waltzers in days gone by, but when it comes to managing a ball team and financing it, Mickey is a good man to come up as a pinch hitter, I do not think."

Manager Hellbroner, the senior member of the team of Hellbroner and McGraw, wave guys and smooth articles, is still in town. Mr. Hellbroner has not yet made shift to secure himself a winter's berth, bar that of sentiment of good looks and commodious leisure. In the past Mr. Hellbroner has put in his winters plotting a variety troupe between the shoals of Strappedtown and the squalls of Upthedueville. This year he says he will talk to the girls and fish, but there is not much fishing to be done in the winter. Mr. Hellbroner is like the Irishman's donkey, a gay soul and a sweet singer, and St. Louis is glad to have him all the time.

Politician John O'Connor, the Croker of the North Side, is home from Pittsburg. The diamonds on Johnnie's wind pad blaze like the electric headlight of the Knickerbocker special. Harry McGuire sends out of St. Louis every day. It was a very good season for Jack. Pittsburg treated him royally. Between a split of purchase-money, salary, bonuses and gifts of one kind or another the gentle Jackeen is some $400 richer than he was last fall. Criger and Robinson, yea, even Shreckengost, Buelow and Crazy Butler, may be better catchers than Jack, but they don't seem to get the money for doing it as he does. As a rule you will find that "con" and "bluff" get very little in baseball. So John must have the goods on him somewhere, for he gets the money.

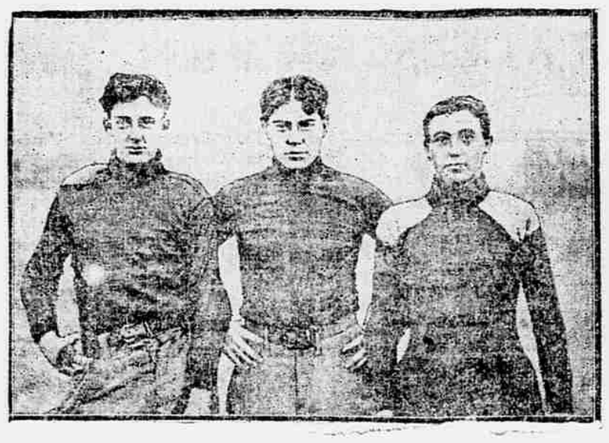
The counting out of Louisville as a baseball town is one of the unremarked features of the fall season. The Kentucky metropolis never was much of a baseball town. Now they say that it is a bad racing town, too. If this is so Louisville must be a sad third on the Kentuckian, who was, or is supposed to be or have been, the sportsman proper of America. The bluegrass is supposed to beget the thoroughbred and the sportsman. Mayhap it does, but they do not stay at home. Kentucky, with all its wealth of past prestige and present affluence, does not support a single race track or horse race worthy of the name, nor has it been able within its confines a baseball club of even 'steenth class circuit. Maybe the men of the "dark and bloody ground" are set on sterner things. The lilting trickle of the cool spring water over the liquorful "worm" of the secret still, and the startling hiss of the feud-sped bullet may have charms for the Kentuckian far stronger than the zing-ring of the bingle and the sharp crack of the riding whip on the straining flanks of his vaunted thoroughbred. Anyhow, no league, no team so poor as wants Louisville and no horse so bad, no sportsman so poor that he wants to run in Kentucky. The old State seems to be the Ireland of America. It produces the bravest men, the handsomest women, the fastest horses, the most desperate fighters, but none of them stay at home.

Boniface Bill Joyce, the portly, beneficent and entertaining member of the mixiological team of Joyce and Tebeau, waxes fat and rosy apace. Willie, now ponderous of weight and wide about the shoulders, and with cheeks of a moon's full width and tulip tinge, still entertains the passing rooter as he ambles through the town. Willie takes good care of Joyce, for he has always felt that Joyce is a dickens of a good, smart fellow and Willie's best friend, bar, perhaps, his thick bankbook. Bill has a business head perched jauntily between his broad shoulders. He may have tackled hot propositions sped from the bats of Delehantys, Burketts and Jenninses in days of yore when Andy Freedman thought there was one great man left on earth and his name was Joyce. These hot things may have eluded Bill's grappling hooks, and ignorant scorers may have handed Willie an unearned error. But in a business way Joyce never made an error in his life. He is like Russell Sage. He has a way of getting the "cush" and letting it stick to him that is something wonderful. Whenever a dollar gets to William it hitches itself with a rubber string like that used by pantomimic artists. If William tosses it away to an impecunious mendicant, as he often does, the string stretches, then asserts its tractive power and the coin rebounds back to the warm pocket it loves so well. Joyce is out of baseball for aye, but he gets the money just as easily as he did triples and home runs in the days when he guarded the plate and went about the country with a big stick over his left shoulder writing out pitchers' releases every day.

Bicknell Field Trials Closed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bicknell, Ind., Nov. 15.—To-day closed the field trials here. The all-age winners were: First, Gorham's Ging; second, Elmer B. Rush; third, Ortig Lad; fourth, Rod's Fansy. Ortiz Lad was the only Missouri dog placed. John L. Barker of Wisconsin acted as principal judge.



CONNATT, Right end. GABrin, Center rush. DOROTHY, Left half back.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

(By Staff Photographer.)

RUHLIN THE FIRST TO MEET JEFFRIES.

Champion Has Substituted the Akron Giant for Tom Sharkey in the May Fight.

SAILOR'S DATE ADVANCED.

According to the Agreement, Ruhlin or Fitzsimmons May Be Met Before Tom Is Taken On—O'Rourke Wants the Fight.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Nov. 15.—Articles of agreement for a match between Gus Ruhlin and Jim Jeffries were to-day sent to Billy Madden.

As it was understood that Tom Sharkey was to take second place if either Fitzsimmons or Ruhlin were matched against Jeffries, and, as the sailor agreed to this, the match between Jeffries and Ruhlin will take place on the date originally settled upon for the Sharkey match—some time during the month of May.

The Jeffries and Sharkey match is still on and will be fought one month after the Ruhlin affair.

Billy Madden wired Al Smith to-day that he would send on a check for $2,500 immediately as a forfeit to bind the match. Brady then decided that Ruhlin means business, and forwarded the articles.

There is still some doubt of Madden or Ruhlin being willing to accept the terms, "winner take all," but Brady says those conditions are in the articles forwarded to Ruhlin, and there will be no fight between the men unless the terms are accepted.

A dispatch from Chicago to-day says that Lou Houseman claims to have been authorized by Billy Brady to match Jeffries against Corbett for a six-round bout in Chicago in January, and that Corbett has already signed the articles which have been forwarded to Brady for Jeffries's signature.

Brady says there is no truth in the story and that he never authorized Houseman to make the match. Brady also said to-day: "Jeffries will not make a match to fight Corbett now, nor at any other time. This is decisive and final."

Many After the Fight.

Tom O'Rourke will probably be a bidder for the Jeffries-Sharkey battle, or any other limited-round battle in which the champion may be a principal.

O'Rourke intends to open his new boxing club, which, he claims, is within twenty minutes of New York, next January, and as the bids for the Jeffries-Sharkey affair will not be considered till then O'Rourke will have plenty of time to see his way clear so that he can make an offer for the bout.

The contest, if it comes off in the East, will be limited, as none of the promoters in this section would attempt to pull off a finish fight. Jack Rose, who is interested in a mammoth amphitheater at Bridgeport, will also made an attempt to secure any big heavy-weight battles that are decided within the next year.

San Francisco and Louisville promoters, it is said, will be among the bidders when it comes to limited-round bouts. As for finish fights between the heavies, it looks as though Dan Stuart has the only real battleground, at Carson City, where he successfully put off the Corbett-Fitzsimmons match in 1897.

It is reported that a dozen wealthy residents of Pittsburg have organized an athletic club and are building a capacious house for boxing, etc., at Rankin, a town which is a suburb of Pittsburg. There is a seating capacity of 10,000 in the house, it is said, and shows will be held every two weeks.

The purpose of the management is to hold bouts among high-class men whenever practicable, and they have a hope of getting Jeffries's coming fight.

TOMMY WHITE ABOUT THROUGH.

Famous Chicago Feather Weight Will Quit the Roped Arena.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Tommy White, who has fought both McGovern and Broad, watched their fight at Tattersall's Tuesday night from a box seat.

"I don't know but what it was a good thing the police stopped my fight with Broad," Tom said, laughingly. White and Broad went but a couple of rounds in St. Louis last December, the police calling a halt because some of the executants in a preliminary had died in the dressing-room after being knocked out.

"I never got a chance that night to find out how good Broad was," White told his friends. "The news of the death was brought to us just before time was called and both of us knew that the fight would be stopped. Therefore, neither of us did much but wait for the police."

White is in doubt about ever fighting again. His ankle, which was so badly injured in his second fight with McGovern in New York, still gives him some trouble.

"You see, there would be money only in fighting such men as McGovern and Broad," is the way he philosophizes about the situation, "and they are so tough that there is a pretty good chance for a man to get a whipping, and that does not do much good to anybody."

Tommy has a good business on the West Side.

IT IS NOW UP TO JEFFRIES.

Corbett Signs Articles for a Six-Round Bout at Tattersall's.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Louis M. Houseman, manager of Tattersall's, to-day secured the signature of James J. Corbett to articles of agreement calling for a six-round bout between the ex-champion and James J. Jeffries, the present champion. They will meet at Tattersall's, Chicago, on January 15, for 50 per cent of the gate receipts, the winner to take 75 per cent of 50 per cent and the loser 25 per cent of 50 per cent. The referee has not yet been selected. Corbett has signed the articles of agreement and posted $1,000 with Houseman as a forfeit. The articles were forwarded to William A. Brady, manager of Jeffries, this afternoon.

HARD LUCK ON PUTTING GREENS.

Mr. Hachmeister Had Tough Fortune in Golf Match at Fair Grounds.

At the Fair Grounds yesterday two matches in the handicap tournament of the Jockey Club, which was laid over from the early part of November, were played. Mr. Paramore defeated Mr. Robyn 5 up and 4 to play. Mr. Robyn had a handicap of twelve strokes, Mr. Paramore one of eight, hence the latter gentleman was giving Mr. Robyn four strokes, which very comfortably did.

After twenty holes of stubborn play Mr. Hachmeister lost to J. B. Sheridan. Both players were scratch men. For the first round the game was even, Mr. Hachmeister being 1 up by virtue of winning the ninth hole. Then he took the first hole of the second round and also the fifth, the intermediate holes being halved. Going back to the lake he was 3 up and 4 to play, and the game seemed all over. But Mr. Hachmeister then struck an unexampled run of hard putting luck. He lost the sixth hole by short putting, and was 2 up and 3 to go. On the seventh green he put the ball down fairly on the like and had the match won, but it seemed as if some invisible agency threw the sphere out of the very bottom of the cup and the hole was halved.

Dormie two, he was "dead" to the eighth hole with his second, as was his opponent. But he put past on the like, and playing the odd again put the ball in the cup, only to have it jump out once more, losing the hole and 1 to 2. On the home green he was hole high in two and had his opponent playing the odd. He was short with his approach put, slat past on the odd and lost the hole, 5 to 4. Had he halved any one of the last two holes he would have won the match. Singularly, too, his opponent was always playing the odd on the green. Playing the ninth-tenth hole, both were in the top bunker to the left on their seconds. Mr. Hachmeister was dead to the hole on his third, a most difficult shot. Again he hooked his putt a bit and missed a 2-foot shot for 4 and the match. Playing the twentieth hole he was over the green with his second, his opponent being hole-high with the same number. Another fine approach had him dead. His opponent holed out the odd. Then came another streak of hard luck on the green for Mr. Hachmeister. He had a 2-foot putt to get down for a half.

This time he took care he should not go too strong and jump out, also not to get past the hole. He played a perfect ball, straight as a die, and apparently with the right force. But a grand blade of grass intervened and held the ball salvering on the brink of the cup. Another half-revolution would have put it down. It was a tough putt to lose.

In the game Mr. Hachmeister made some very fine plays. Driving to the eighth green on the first round, he hit a perfect rocket that shot like a bullet and carried plumb to the flag, a distance of 205 yards, when early. It was a prodigious wallop. At that, it was driven with a brassy, his driver being in the shop for repairs.

Seldom is such hard luck seen on a golf match as Mr. Hachmeister experienced.

While the putts he failed to pull off were not chances that should be missed by any one, to miss five putts all between the two and five feet in distance is something remarkable. Had he been able to get one of these putts down on any of the last five holes played he would have won the match. Twice he was in the cup, twice cuped past it, and once hung on its lip.

Mr. Hachmeister lost at medal score of ninety-two against his opponent's eighty-nine. His first round was a forty-seven, his second a forty-five. His opponent did a forty-five and a forty-four. Mr. McCreery will meet Mr. Sheridan in the semifinals on Saturday morning. The winner of this pair will meet Mr. Paramore in the finals the same afternoon. Mr. McCreery has eight strokes handicap on his prospective opponent, which is quite a bunch, especially as Mr. McCreery is playing a great game just now. Then he qualified in class A, with 113, for The Republic Cup last week. While his opponent, who is to give him eight strokes, qualified in Class D, with 125. The equity of this handicap is apparent. Mr. Paramore is also a very good tourney player, who has a big handicap.

Golf Clubs Thank The Republic.

To the Editor of The Republic:

At a meeting of the delegates from the various clubs competing in the late tournament a special vote of thanks was tendered to St. Louis Republic for the magnificent cup given for the amateur golf championship of St. Louis. I feel sure you the generosity of The St. Louis Republic is fully appreciated. The game of golf is comparatively new in our city, and the impetus given by your paper has caused the game to flourish much to the delight of its devotees. As you perhaps know, some sixty-six of our most skillful golfers competed for the cup and it was finally won after a close and exciting match by Mr. Hart S. Adams of the Algonquin Club, into whose hands we implicitly trust the beautiful trophy of the St. Louis championship. On behalf of the Tournament Committee I thank The Republic and hope that many summers will come and go before any one player's name shall be three inscribed on the Golf Championship Cup. Your truly,

CHARLES H. THURBER,
Secretary of Committee.

St. Louis, November 14, 1900.

COFFEY WINS THE TROPHY.

Killed Twenty-five Straight in the International Handicap Shoot.

St. Thomas, Ontario, Nov. 15.—To-day closed the International Handicap shoot at twenty-five live birds for the international trophy and a guaranteed purse of $50 divided into four prizes. Joe Coffey of this city, the winner, killed twenty-five straight. The events are as follows:

Grand International Handicap, twenty five birds, purse $100—Crosby, 21; Elliott, 21; Work, 18; Fanning, 21; Wilson, 19; George, Wildrawn; Parker, 21; Courtenay, 21; Bedell, 18; Fulford, 21; Westbrook, 19; D. Bates, 22; Joe Coffey, 25; Barnes, 17; Price, 17; Abbott, 21.

Event No. 2, fifteen targets—Courtenay, 13; Fanning, 13; Parker, 12; Bent, 13; Wilson, 13; Westbrook, 14; Coffey, 12; Reed, 13; Cox, 12; Dart, 14.

Event No. 3, twenty targets—Courtenay, 16; Crosby, 18; Fanning, 17; Elliott, 17; Parker, 16; Kirkover, 15; Bent, 18; Westbrook, 15; Emslie, 15; Cox, 15; Price, 15; Fulford, 19; Dart, 16.

Event No. 5, twenty targets—Courtenay, 17; Crosby, 17; Fanning, 17; Elliott, 18; Parker, 16; Kirkover, 15; Bent, 18; Wilson, 14; Westbrook, 16; Price, 18; Dart, 16.

Event No. 6, ten singles and five pairs—Courtenay, 14; Crosby, 14; Fanning, 15; Elliott, 12; Bent, 14; Wilson, 16; Westbrook, 14; Coffey, withdrawn.

Event No. 7, twenty live birds—Was not finished.

Event No. 8 of yesterday was shot off today, twenty live birds for the Donley Trophy—H. Bates, 18; Wilson, 17; Donley, 19; Emslie, 15; Westbrook, 17; Fletcher, withdrawn; Coffey, 17; D. Bates, 16; Price, 19; Barnes, 14; George, 18; McPherson, withdrawn; Bent, 17. The tie between Prince and Donley will be shot off to-morrow.

Fox Hunters' Derby Declared Off.

Irvine, Ky., Nov. 15.—After three trials, the judges in the National Fox Hunters' annual chase here were unable to decide the winners of the three prizes in the derby. To-night they declared the event off, recommending that the following be paid: Big Jim, Commodore, Roger Williams's Madrigal, Hull's Blackjack, Park's Frank, Hagan's Whitefoot, Woolbridge's Ida, Grady's Fashion, Hicks's Fan, Hoffinger's Bandit, Wood Walker's Sensation, Morris's Huntress, Jordan's Tessie, Rosaker's Bloomer and Harris's Elskett. Fifty dogs and several hunters came in to-night. In the all-age stakes to-morrow twenty of the most noted hounds are entered for the start before daybreak to-morrow.

Work on Shamrock II Begun.

Glasgow, Nov. 15.—The work of building Sir Thomas Lipton's new America's Cup challenger, Shamrock II, has been started in Denny's yard at Dumbarton, within an inclosure. G. L. Watson, the yacht designer, has laid out the lines of the frame work, which will be constructed of nickel steel. The plates probably will be of bronze.

Canadian Club's Challenge Accepted.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—At a meeting of the Chicago Yacht Club tonight the challenge from the Royal Canadian Yacht Club of Toronto to a series of races for the Canada's Cup, was accepted. The races will be held on Lake Michigan.

PLAGUE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Health of Troops in Cities and Field Imperiled.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Cape Town, Nov. 15.—(Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst.)—The plague has broken out in the King Williamstown region, and there is great fear that the army may catch it.

The plague came to the coast from the Modder River. There are many rumors of an outbreak among the troops, and the sanitary conditions at Cape Town, Bloemfontein and Pretoria are conducive to its spread.

147 Boarding Places
Advertised in to-day's Republic.

YALE LEAVES FOR PRINCETON TO-DAY.

Final Practice Game With College Eleven Showed Capt. Brown's Men to Be on Edge.

TIGERS ALSO ARE IN FINE FORM.

To Morrow's Big Contest Should Be a Memorable One—New Men May Be in the Two Lines—Great Crowd Is Expected.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 15.—Yale's 'varsity football eleven had its final practice this evening for the game with Princeton. It was all secret work. For nearly half of the forty-five minutes of play the eleven was tried on defense.

The college side was given the ball and ordered to advance it, part of the time by end plays. That method failed almost every time it was tried. "Fake" plays proved futile, too, and finally line-bucking was tried from the fifteen-yard line. Fourteen men were sent against the 'varsity from that point and were held for downs. After nine attempts, the ball was finally taken over for a touchdown. The final gain was made through Olcott, center, and "Dick" Sheldon, right guard.

As Captain Brown and Bloomer were not in the 'varsity line, it was not Yale's best team, and, considering the fact that the "scrubs" were favored in the holding of the ball after they lost it on downs, the coaching staff seemed well pleased with the 'varsity defense.

The hard work was against the advice of Murphy, the trainer, who is distressingly nervous. The work to-morrow will consist of a short signal practice.

The team and first substitutes will leave for New York in the afternoon, and will remain there until Saturday morning, going to Princeton on a special car. There are two places in the line in doubt—left tackle and right end. Rafferty may precede Coy at end and Hamilton go in before Bloomer at tackle.

The team will probably go into the game as follows: Left end, Gould; left tackle, Bloomer; left guard, Captain Brown; center, Olcott; right guard, Sheldon; right tackle, Stillman; right end, Coy; quarter back, Wear; left half, Fincke or Sharpe; right half, Cook or Chadwick, and full back, Hale.

The determination of Princeton to play Reiter will probably not cause Yale to protest. There is subdued criticism of the management among the students for not protesting.

TIGERS RECOVER FROM STALENESS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Princeton, Nov. 15.—The Tigers had a brief, light practice this evening. It consisted almost entirely of signal drills, and, although the utmost secrecy was maintained, it is believed that the men appear to be in satisfactory form, judging from the cheerfulness of the coaches.

Although the line-up for Saturday has not yet been given out by Captain Pell, the opinion seems to be that the team will not be constituted quite as it was in the game against Columbia. Several of the substitute players have shown up remarkably well within the last week and may supersede the men who have all along been considered as regulars.

Montgomery is one of the substitutes who has taken a brilliant spurt in his work at left end, and stands a good chance of getting a try at Yale. Kelly has done swift end work lately, and there is a possibility of his being in the line-up. Mills, at guard, probably will supersede Dana, as the latter has not entirely recovered from the flesh wound which has kept him out of practice for a week or more. Davis has been playing equally well at end and tackle and may be one of the line men.

Most of the players have recovered from their temporary staleness. All indications are for full grand stands at the game. Seating is the best is now obtainable, all of the 15,000 or more seats being taken, the great majority of them by Princeton "rooters."

GEORGETOWN AND VIRGINIA.

Much Interest Manifested in Their Annual Football Game.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Nov. 15.—In anticipation of the game to be played with Georgetown Saturday, the University of Virginia has for the past week put forth extraordinary efforts at practice. The coaching corps has been materially strengthened by the arrival of Saunders Taylor, the famous quarter back of the team of 1894. This valuable acquisition has given Virginia a quartet of coaches—Hoxton, Cocke, Taylor and Moore. The men realize that they will have to fight hard to win from Georgetown, as the fierce struggle of last year, which resulted in a score of 0 to 0, has not yet been forgotten.

Confidence has been greatly increased by the fine showing made under the "new line-up" in the game last Saturday with Gallaudet College. Virginia put up as fine a game as was ever witnessed in Charlottesville, while Gallaudet played hard and steady, and died fighting bravely.

Several marked improvements were noticed during Saturday's game. Virginia has improved greatly in her teams and individual work, due to the steady practicing of the past week.

Several positions on the team have been hotly contested for, and even up to this late date the management is in a dilemma as to who are the best men for some of the places. Walker's new position as full back is assured. He kicks well and is looked upon by the men as a sure ground gainer. He bids fair to become the star of the team. Dabney is doing excellent work at left half, and his position is also secure. He is one of the stars of this year's team, and his presence is well-nigh indispensable. There is a lively rivalry for the position of right half back on the regular team. Coleman is, of course, in the lead, but the splendid playing of Johnson has made a strong impression. Carroll also is up in the launch, and his fine work has also been favorably commented upon.

Coach Bull was able to judge from last Saturday's game the main defects in the Georgetown team, which were mostly in the end plays, in which Georgetown was very weak, and he will give careful attention to this point. The fine punting done by Devlin on Saturday encouraged Coach Bull so greatly that it is evident he will use Devlin a good deal next Saturday at National Park. The student body of the college were so encouraged by Saturday's victory over V. M. I. that they all appeared on the field at yesterday's practice, and rehearsed songs and yells for the coming Virginia game.

MAY CHALLENGE IOWA ELEVEN.

If Minnesota Wins Saturday, She Will Go After Western Championship.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 15.—The University Athletic Board of Control, after discussing the question of a post-season football game with Iowa for the Western championship, decided to postpone a decision until after the Northwestern game of Saturday.

If Minnesota wins this game, it is likely a challenge will be sent to Iowa, as a majority of the board is understood to favor this course.

VAN VLECK AND KIELY.

Neither May Play With Washington Against C. B. C. Thanksgiving Day.

If their plans do not miscarry the management of the Washington University football eleven will trot out a strong array of talent for the big Thanksgiving Day game with the C. B. C.

Van Vleck and Kiely, two of the best half backs west of Chicago, are expected to help out Washington in the game with C. B. C.

Since his election to the captaincy of the Washington team, Joe Nutz is also relied on to play in the Thanksgiving Day game.

Eibrecht, a big athlete, who gives promise of developing into a good football player, probably will replace Roy Eliers at right guard, while Benner or Downey probably will succeed Smith at full back.

Van Vleck is the Smith Academy coach. He played with Washington against Missouri, and his work was the individual feature of the contest.

Van Vleck, in addition to being Smith's football coach, is a regular student at Washington University. After he played with Washington against Missouri, some of the local football writers commented on the fact in a manner that Van Vleck did not relish.

In view of this fact, there is a chance that the Washington management may experience trouble in obtaining Van Vleck's consent to play with its team Thanksgiving Day.

Washington may also have trouble getting Kiely for the C. B. C. game. Kiely is a law student at Washington, and a teacher at the St. Louis University.

The St. Louis University is getting up a strong picked team to play Marion-Sims Thanksgiving Day, and, according to reports, the students expect to take Kiely away from Washington. The loss of these two men will weaken the Washington team greatly.

MANUAL WILL TROUBLE HIGH.

Training School Players Improving With Remarkable Rapidity.

Manual Training School as a developer of good football players is showing wonderful improvement this fall. Early in the season, the school was represented by a lot of youngsters who knew absolutely nothing about the scientific game. To-day these same lads are putting up a game that would do justice to any eleven in this locality. The fact that the Manuals have been practically without a coach and have developed their own plays makes their showing all the more meritorious. It was stated at the beginning of the season that Manual would beat no one if she did not learn new plays, as at that time the boys could do nothing but buck the line. In the game against Smith Academy they bucked the line continually and did not once try an end run.

Yesterday afternoon the Manual team went to Pastime Park in De Hodiamont and lined up against eight of the Marion-Sims players. The showing the lads made was remarkable. They had no trouble in scoring several times on the eight medicos, who played on the defensive altogether.

New plays were the features, as the "Knights of the Lathe" fooled the medical students time and again. Their interference was at times perfection, and in line bucking they have improved fully 50 per cent.

Sutherland, the Marion-Sims center, played that position for Manual, as her center was absent. In return, one of the Manual players went to tackle for the Medicos.

If Manual Training School plays the kind of a game it has been putting up against Washington University for several days and against the Marion-Sims aggregation yesterday, High School will have the hardest struggle of the interscholastic season to win. Confidence will cut a large figure in the final score, as High has gone through the season practically without defeat. The early games played by the public school boys hardly count for anything, as they are playing twice as good a game to-day as they were in September. They will step on the field thoroughly confident of their ability to defeat the Washington avenue "Tigers." Manual Training School, on the other hand, has won but a single game, that against Western Military Academy. She beat the Alton Cadets rather handily, however, and on the showing of that game alone has an even chance against High. Manual is improving every day, and has all of her best men fit to play, although Robinson and Carlen laid off yesterday. High School will have several cripples lined up on the Pastime gridiron to-morrow afternoon. Tom Henry probably will play, notwithstanding the fact that he has been unable to walk without the aid of a cane for the last week. Johnny Lamb may be in at center, but has a weak shoulder that is liable to go back on him at any time. Bob Kinsey, the full back and all-round star, will play, but is bound to suffer all through the game. His shoulder is so sore that he will not feel much like hitting a line. North Moore is not up to a hard game, as a result of a the bruise he received in the McKendree game early in the fall. Moore did not give his hurts time enough to heal, and in consequence will not be fit this season. Erskine has an able substitute at right end in Nicholson, who can be relied upon to do good work just when it is needed.

Surprises have been the feature of this football season and a big one may be given to High School followers to-morrow, although the veterans of that school should come off victorious.

MEDICOS SUFFERING A SLUMP.

Several of the Best Players Injured and One Is Sick.

Marion-Sims's football team is at present suffering the inevitable slump that seems to come to every eleven at least once in a season. Three of the medicos' best men are on the shelf, while another is really unfit to play a hard game.

Howard Pim, full back and star of the team, has his left arm in a sling, as a result of the game with the Barnes Medics last Saturday. The muscles were torn from the biceps, and Pim's arm is almost useless, although he says he will play to-morrow if his team can get a game. Bob LeCron has been sick abed for the last three or four days. He will be unable to participate in the practice for a week. Mal Hoolan was hurt in the Christian Brothers' game two weeks ago and has not donned the moleskin since then. He is coming around slowly, however, so he should be fit by the 24th. Ham Sutherland works every day, but one of his knees is swollen out of all proportion and is really so bad that he, too, should be out of the game.

All in all, the medicos are in a bad way and would be rather easy picking for a good eleven to-morrow. They were to have played the team of Carbondale, Ill., but the game slipped through by some misunderstanding.

The game with the Denver Wheel Club is off for good. The Colorado boys were scheduled to play a game with Chicago University on Thanksgiving Day and intended to tie up with the Medicos on November 24, to fill in a date for the trip. The Chicago game has been canceled and the Denver people now demand $1,200 guarantee to come to St. Louis. As that is more than the total gross receipts of all the rugby games that have been played in St. Louis this season, it is not likely that the Marion-Sims boys will overwork themselves in a vain effort to raise the amount asked.

Gwynne Evans has joined the e