BERLIN RANGERS SHOWED UP WELL.

Canadian Football Players Here for a Series of Games With Local Teams.

FORSYTHE IS CONFIDENT.

He Says the Canucks Will Win at Least Two of Three Games to Be Played in St. Louis.

The Berlin Rangers, Canada's crack association football aggregation which will meet the representative local teams in a series of games commencing to-day, arrived in the city yesterday.

The visitors were met at Union Station by a committee of local sportsmen, who escorted the Canadians to the St. James Hotel. In the afternoon the Canucks went out to Athletic Park and indulged in hard practice. They were on the field fifty minutes, and the local experts who saw them at work were very favorably impressed with the manner in which the visitors handled themselves.

Ellis Rochner, who is coaching the Berlin Rangers, is said to be one of the best-posted authorities on the game in Canada. He has two brothers on the team. The Rangers have always held the Toronto Gor Vales safe. The Gor Vales played here Thanksgiving Day and gave the local teams all they could attend to.

Gibson, who played with the local association football hockey team this week, is a member of the Berlin Rangers and will play half back for them in the local series.

One of the star men on the Canadian team is George Rochner, who plays center forward. He is a light lad, weighing only 135 pounds.

Jackson, in the forward line, is one of the biggest men on the team. He stands more than 6 feet and weighs 175 pounds. Jackson is said to be one of the most aggressive men on the team.

Stachler, one of the half backs, rounds one a great deal of Dick Jarrett. He is quite shifty on his feet and is evidently a first-class man.

"Doodle" Kraemer, a short, bandy-legged Canadian farmer, is also rated as one of the best players in the Canadian aggregation.

Manager Forsythe of the visiting team is confident his men will win two of the three games to be played here. The first game of the series will be played this afternoon. A strong picked team, composed principally of Shamrock players, will line up against the visitors.

ANOTHER ST. LOUIS BALL CLUB.

Western League May Have a Team in This City Next Year.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The baseball situation remains unchanged. All the gossip about the formation of new leagues has vanished for the present. It was said the other conference of the proposed Western League will be held, and then it is believed that officers will be elected and permanent organization effected. Harry Quin, Anderman Havenor and two other Milwaukeeans are at the Auditorium Annex, while Charles Richter of Philadelphia is at the Leland.

If this means the formation of a national association, the newspapers of Chicago are "scooped" by the audacious of the aforenamed promoters. They were not in conference at the hours announced by several members of their party.

Who is furnishing the financial backing of the enterprise is not known. Rumors were abroad that it was the National League, but President Hart, who should know positively, stated that he had not seen a single member of the party, and that he would not enter into any deal to place teams in the cities sought by the new Western League.

At the Great Northern were a number of baseball promoters. They spent the day waiting for developments, and to-night left for their respective homes. All the managers were present, but the awarding of franchises was postponed until next week in order to afford time to investigate the claims of various applicants.

When the times comes for the election of officers another attempt will be made to force the presidency on Ban Johnson. In the event of his refusal, which is probable, Charles Strobel of Toledo will be the one chosen. The question of placing a club in St. Louis, where the old Sportman's Park is lying vacant, will be taken up at the next meeting. Should St. Louis be selected the circuit will consist of Detroit, Toledo, Louisville, Grand Rapids St. Louis, Kansas City, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

LIVELY BASEBALL WAR PROMISED.

George Tebeau Leases Shelley Park in Kansas City.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—From present indications Kansas City will be the scene of a lively baseball war this coming season. The American League's auxiliary will put a club here, and James H. Manning is now in Chicago assisting in its organization. The local magnate says he is confident of success in Washington, and is at Chicago only in the interests of local parties, yet in every report sent out from Ban Johnson's headquarters Manning is placed as owner of the Kansas City team, and yesterday he renewed his lease on the only ball park in the city for a term of five years. This looks as if Manning is certain a team will be placed here to compete with the Western League.

George Tebeau, the owner of the local franchise in Hickey's league, has been here for the past few days making his preliminary arrangements, and to-day threw a thunderbolt into Manning's camp by leasing Shelley Park, a plat of ground almost in the heart of the business section of the town. He also took out a permit for the erection of stands, and work will begin almost immediately. This shows that the Western League means business and is not to be frightened by the American.

Tebeau's new park will occupy a square of city property opposite the Courthouse and but a block east of the Main street. The title of the property has been in dispute, and for this reason has been left idle.

Manning's Park is a thirty-five minutes ride from the business section, while Tebeau's is but a four-minute walk from the heart of the city. Tebeau is highly elated over his success and promises Kansas City a winning team. He left for Chicago to-night.

ANOTHER BASEBALL LEAGUE.

Western Association Launched by Promoters in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—At a meeting held this afternoon and evening in the Great Northern Hotel, the Western Association of Professional Baseball Clubs was formed. No officers were elected, this action being deferred until next Wednesday, when an adjourned meeting will be held in this city.

The members of the association so far determined upon are:

Kansas City, Minneapolis, Detroit, Louisville and Toledo. Eight clubs in all will comprise the association, but those present at the meeting to-day declined to say what the three other cities would be, saying that they would be taken from a list of half a dozen places, which made application for membership. The names of these places were also kept secret, but it is known that among the number were Rockford, Ill.; St. Paul and Grand Rapids, Mich. It is known, too, that if the American League shall drop either Buffalo or Indianapolis, the one dropped will certainly be taken in.

The management of the association will be under the patronage of the American League, as several of the magnates of that organization were present to lend their advice and support in the formation of the association. Those already in the association are:

Kansas City, N. B. Carskadon; Minneapolis, Clarence Saulspaugh; Detroit, Thomas Navin; Toledo, Charles Strobel. No announcement was made as to the president of the Louisville club, and when his name was called for, it was announced that it would be divulged at a later day.

NATIONAL BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Many Crack Teams Entered in the Tournament to Be Held at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—President Lanzheney of the Illinois Bowling Association announced to-day that the entry list of the American Bowling Congress national championship, to be bowled here January 7 to 12, was the largest ever known and that it was still growing. More than $1,300 has been received in fees from bowling teams that have entered for the championship. Fourteen teams have entered from Greater New York.

WILLIAM F. GIESELMAN,
With the Brokers of the Central Cocked Hat League.

For the five-men-team championship forty-two entries have so far been received, twenty-seven teams being from outside cities. There are 110 entries for the individual bowling championship. It is believed the total prize list will be over $3,000.

Royals 3, Eagles 2.

The Royals of the Mound City Cocked Hat League, who are running fourth in the league race, and the Eagles, who were tied for top position, met on the Acme alleys last night and the Royals won the odd game. Both teams were in excellent form, each averaging more than 85. The last pair of games was fully contested, the Royals leading the fourth by four, and the Eagles the final by five pins. The Eagles had the bad luck of the match, they missing seven strikes. Henselmeyer averaged a shade over 15 and led the Royals. Ormond, with one game of 74 and a total of 204, was on top for the Eagles. Score:

Eagles.				Royals.			
Name.	C.	M.	Av.	Name.	C.	M.	Av.
Ormond	5	19	15 4-5	Haberstock	5	21	21
Miller	9	27	17 3-9	Schultz	8	24	17
Kerslund	9	17	12	Klein	9	14	12 2-9
Brunswick	6	19	21 3-9	Lipperman	3	18	14 4-9
Exee	8	18	12 3-9	Henselm'er	8	29	15 1-9
Totals	37	82	84 8-27	Totals	31	109	81 12-27

Blue Ribbons 3, Daytons 2.

The Blue Ribbons of the Mound City Cocked Hat League won the first three, but dropped the final pair to the Daytons on the Crescent alleys last night. This victory for the Ribbons leaves the result in the Mound City in doubt as much as ever, as the Blue Ribbons are tied for first place, and the Eagles but one game to the rear. This week's matches will close the series and the result is being watched with considerable interest. Fisher and Woods were the best performers of the ten bowlers. Score:

Daytons.				Blue Ribbons.			
Name.	C.	M.	Av.	Name.	C.	M.	Av.
Quinlan	6	21	28	Oberbeck	4	28	24 4-5
Riddle	4	16	27	Cook	8	25	20
A. Jones	2	10	29 2-5	Maline	2	24	25 2-5
Hensel	5	22	26 2-5	H. Jump	7	19	21 1-9
Woods	5	20	25 2-5	Fisher	6	21	19
Totals	22	108	41 24-25	Totals	27	137	42 12-25

HAFF WILL SAIL BOSTON YACHT.

Selection of Skipper for Lawson Boat Practically Settled.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Captain H. C. Haff will be the sailing-master of the Lawson yacht which is to represent Boston in the cup trial races. Captain Haff came to this city yesterday in response to telegrams from Thomas W. Lawson and Designer Crowninshield for the express purpose of talking over the matter of sailing the Lawson boat. Charles Francis Adams, Jr., said to-night that it was practically settled that Captain Hank Haff was to sail the Lawson boat. When asked why Nate Watson was not given the position, he said:

"The Advisory Committee preferred Haff."

Mr. Lawson himself was for Watson and said some two weeks ago: "I tell you that Watson is the man." Evidently the long-shot won.

A member of the committee said tonight:

"Mr. Lawson was willing to shift to Haff because he thought General Paine might get interested in his old skipper and sail on the boat."

Lawson has done his best to get General Paine into his committee, but so far the General has kept out of it.

Captain Haff met Designer Crowninshield again to-day, and the subject of sailing-master was talked over. The conference closed with the understanding that Captain Haff would be the sailing-master of the Boston boat.

Coursing Stake Draw.

The draw for Sunday's coursing stake at Fastime Park, which was held last night, resulted as follows:

Hamburg, by Clifford—Roxie, A. D. Aldrich, vs. Van Nye, by Ard Gay—Just Eclipsed, E. A. Hardy.

Fetch-a-Bataush, by Dave Bishop—Fannie, C. J. Benner, vs. Ben Bolt, by Master Herchel—Marcia, C. E. Hardy.

Prince Lief, by Black Joe—Lady Maud, J. Bambrick, Jr., vs. Signal Hill, by Jim o' the Hills—Rob's Canary, Thomas McClure.

Miss Adaline, by Pat Malone—Snow Flake, P. Conrad, vs. Mountain Chief, by Prince Charlie—Princess Fulleston, J. G. Deschasseaux.

Captain Dreyfus, by The Gosoon—Snow Flake, P. Conrad, vs. Monsoon, by Caliph—Little Fairy, Rice & Becker.

Chief Elroy, by Brignad Chief—Came Le, Meurren & Fridler, vs. May Herchel, by Admiral Dye—Bent Morning, Carman & Nichols.

Trainer John Dawson Retires.

London, Dec. 29.—John Dawson, the well-known Newmarket trainer, announces his retirement from the turf.

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TURF CONGRESS CHANGES DATES.

Old Rule, Allowing Racing in St. Louis and Chicago Between April 1 and November 30, in Force.

VOTE STOOD SEVEN TO SIX.

Breeders' Law Limits Racing in Missouri Between April 15 and November 1—General Turf News.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—By the close vote of 7 to 6 the Western Turf Congress decided this afternoon to rescind the rule limiting racing on the Chicago and St. Louis tracks to dates between June 10 and November 15.

Ingleside was denied a vote in the meeting, after the chair had ruled that it was entitled to one. The decision of the president was not sustained, the vote standing 4 to 8.

President Howard based his ruling on the fact that the California Club's membership did not expire until December 31, while the opposition contended that the membership expired with the close of the racing season.

The old rule allowing racing between April 1 and November 30 is now in force, the same conditions prevailing as before the last annual meeting.

The meeting was unanimous, and the defeated delegates declare that they will abide by the majority vote of the congress. The meeting adjourned without taking action on any other question, having been in session a little over two hours.

All the delegates were invited out to the Washington Park Club to dinner, after which most of them will leave for their homes to-night.

Richard Fitzgerald made the motion to reconsider.

The vote was taken and the following members voted for it: Washington Park, Hawthorne Harlem, St. Louis, Memphis, New Orleans and Tanforan.

The voting against it were Little Rock, Latonia, Highland Park, Louisville, Nashville and Newport.

Under the breeders' law racing in Missouri is limited between April 15 and November 1 and to ninety days on any one track.

This will give St. Louis a racing season of six months and a half to be divided among three tracks.

Sundays excluded, there will be 171 racing days, which, if equally divided between the three tracks, would give each fifty-seven days of actual racing.

BULLMAN EXONERATED.

Golden Age Incident Attributed to Accident—The Lady Again.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—The judges made a formal investigation into the action of Jockey Bullman in getting left in the Golden Age yesterday, and decided that it was simply an unlucky accident due to Bullman's desire to get a flying start. They found no evidence of criminality, and, therefore, decided to take no action. Bullman, the stars and other jockeys all agree that it was simply bad luck.

Four of the six races at Tanforan today went to favorites and a strong second choice took another, so the talent fared well.

The only real upset came in the fourth race. Astrattus was a strong favorite at 11 to 5, but although first away he had no speed, and Dandy Jim, at 8 to 1, won in clever fashion from Sad Sam, who led most of the way.

In the Owners' Handicap, at a mile, The Lady, the favorite, went out in front in the first fifty yards and remained there all the way, winning easily from Tayon. Headwater was a strong second choice, but finished in the ruck.

Free Lance took the second race by a neck from Sam Howard. The first race was captured by Florinel, who was later run up to $400 by Tim Murphy, and when he secured the horse. He sold his purchase almost immediately. The Fretter won the third race, a free handicap, cleverly from Flush of Gold.

The fifth race developed a close finish. Kitty Kelly led all the way, and lasted long enough to beat Foul Play a neck. Sail of Tarsus was third, but would have won in three more jumps.

Results.

First race, five furlongs, selling—Florinel II, 94 (Dwyer), 4 to 1, won; Eureka, 94 (Gray), 12 to 1, second; Alaska Carter, 94 (O'Connor), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:00¾. Hilary, Young Merlin, Sweet Voice, Phoenissa, Delvista, Lew Zarle, The Sort, Goosoon and Judge Sanspaine also ran.

Second race, one mile, selling—Free Lance, 104 (Turner), 3 to 1, won; Sam Howard, 94 (Green), 11 to 5, second; Formalize, 104 (Monroe), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:43¾. Lothian, Nome Sieb, William F., Osmond, McLaren and Magnus also ran.

Third race, one mile, free handicap—The Fretter, 108 (Mounce), 11 to 5, won; Flush of Gold, 102 (Coburn), 2½ to 1, second; Wooster Boy, 112 (Bullman), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:42. Montauk, Maggie Davis and Florizar also ran.

Fourth race, six furlongs, selling—Dandy Jim, 110 (Coburn), 8 to 1, won; Sad Sam, 96 (Hess), 5 to 1, second; Astrattus, 111 (Bullman), 11 to 5, third. Time, 1:12¾. King Steele, Thracia, Modder, Intrepidio, Courtier, Ionic and Bernota also ran.

Fifth race, five furlongs, selling—Kitty Kelly, 101 (Dominick), 2½ to 1, won; Foul Play, 94 (Buchanan), 2½ to 1, second; Sail of Tarsus, 104 (Mounce), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:00¾. Vito Cafone, Burdoc, St. Anthony, Bogus Bill, Gray Bob, J. Doherty, Random and Johnnie Riley also ran.

Sixth race, one mile, owners' handicap—The Lady, 78 (J. Walsh), 3 to 2, won; Tayon, 94 (Dominick), 2½ to 1, second; Barbee, 68 (Bedford), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:48. Headwater and Grand Sachem also ran.

To-Day's Tanforan Entries.

First race, five and a half furlongs, maiden 3-year-old fillies:

Instante	105	Linera	105
Constance	105	Ella Brown	105
Estalada	105	Picklow	105
Carrie Lucas	105	Carthagena	105
Marion Bristol	105	Inca	105
Annello	105	Hindoo	105

Second race, one mile, purse, 3-year-olds:

Dangerous Maid	104	Macrule	99
Sonoma	104	Wooster Boy	109
Bill Garrett	101		

Third race, steeplechase handicap, short course, about two miles:

Lord Chesterfield	135	Mestor	127
Eva Moore	132	Crohn	125

Fourth race, seven furlongs, Juvenile Champion Stake, 2-year-olds:

Golden Age	127	Cannore	122
Rolling Boar	122	Brutal	122
Benock	122	Kentucworth	122

Fifth race, mile and a sixteenth, selling, 3-year-olds and up:

Doctor Barnays	113	Lavater	110
St. Wood	104	Billy Moore	107
Donator	104	Bogardus	98
Lon Rey	104	Opponent	101
Punit	104		

Sixth race, six and a half furlongs, maidens, purse:

Phoenissa	107	Sweet Voice	102
Claribo	107	Brenhilda	107
William F.	107	Cambaceres	107
Hoodman	107	The Odyssey	105
Opus	107	Eight Dollars	110
Lady Maud	107	Harmlamb	112

MADISON TURF ASSOCIATION.

Trains leave foot of Olive street 1, 1:30, 2, 2:32, 7:50, 4:25, 5:27, 6:25.

THREE FAVORITES WON.

Starter Holtman Hissed for Leaving Alvin W. Standing.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 28.—It was a typical winter's day at the races this afternoon. The rain, which began early last night, kept up all day and the track was a sea of mud. The mile handicap was declared off and the scratches were numerous in the other five events. The attendance was very small, and the six events, with the exception of the second, resulted in one-sided contests.

Three favorites, two second choices and an outsider were successful. The best finish of the afternoon occurred in the second, for maiden 2-year-olds. Madeline G. and Henry Clay Rye, the two outsiders, fought it out all the way down the stretch, the former winning by a very short neck.

The fourth, a selling affair which was substituted for the handicap, resulted in an easy victory for Alpaca, who was played down from eights to threes at post time. Tom Collins, the even-money favorite, was off in front, but stopped to nothing after going an eighth and finished in the ruck.

Starter Holtman was roundly hissed by the spectators in the grand stand for the send-off he gave Alvin W., the odds-on favorite in the first. Alvin was standing sideways when the barrier went up and never had a chance. Dramburg, a 5 to 1 shot, was the winner.

Sullivan and the New York contingent cut a large-sized watermelon with Trebor in the closing event. The summaries:

First race, selling, one mile—Dramburg, 109 (Dupee), 5 to 1 and 8 to 5, won; West Baden, 104 (Tullys), 2 to 1, second; Helen Paxton, 103 (May), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:43¾. Mr. Brookwood, Alvin W., Charlie Daniels, La Princessa, Little Reggie and Tom Cromwell also ran.

Second race, six furlongs—Madeline G., 109 (May), 5 to 1, won; Henry Clay Rye, 102 (Brennan), 5 to 1, second; Abie M., 106 (Wonderly), 7 to 5, third. Time, 1:16¾. Bluff, Senator Joe, Dancing, Handsqueeze, Illustrious and J. J. Corbett also ran.

Third race, selling, mile and an eighth—Ben Chance, 106 (Gilbert), 11 to 5 and 4 to 5, won; Little Boy Blue, 96 (Cochran), 3 to 1, second; False Lead, 99 (Miles), 8 to 1, third. Time, 2:02. Wood Tribe, Sauber, Bert Davis and Tom Glasgow also ran.

Fourth race, selling, six furlongs—Alpaca, 104 (Cochran), 3 to 1 and even, won; Avatar, 101 (Tullys), 2 to 1, second; Lady Contrary, 104 (Webb), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:15¾. Oklama, Lizzie, Ortrud, Randy, Tom Collins, Eleven Bells and Newton Abner also ran.

Fifth race, seven furlongs—W. B. Gates, 109 (Dupee), 4 to 5 and 1 to 5, won; Handcuff, 109 (Webb), 7 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Judge Magee, 106 (Wonderly), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:29. Behind Him, Jim Conway, Cavalier and Cheffon also ran.

Sixth race, mile—Trebor, 102 (Redondi), 9 to 5 and 4 to 5, won; Four Seasons, 104 (Cochran), 5 to 2, second; Doradas, 102 (Wonderly), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:46¾. Four Colored Cassidy, Lancewood and Dechabelitta also ran.

To-Day's Crescent City Entries.

First race, mile and one-sixteenth, selling:

Odd	97	Cromwell	99
Crystalline	86	Bishop Reed	99
Jack Martin	96	Bright Night	99
Terral Lee	96	Rapido II	99
Bert Davis	86	Nourest	99

Second race, selling, three-quarters of a mile:

Brambleberry	97	Lacomedie	107
Pirate Queen	97	Cochina	107
Sequoia	97	Sir Christopher	112
Gradum	94	Ulrin	119
Selma	90	Orbo	119
Avatar	103	Sellvoner	119

Third race, steeplechase handicap, short course:

Cuesta	139	Harve B.	135
Charaterene	132	Don Cleverclo	128
Jo Blake	130	Iseo	140
Boland	135		

Fourth race, New Orleans Handicap, seven-eighths of a mile:

Jessie Jarboe	94	Charlie O'Brien	103
Alpaca	4	Old Fox	106
Wickhamania	95	Tom Kingsley	110
Mazont	102		

Fifth race, one mile, selling:

Dorna Sway	99	Senator Beveridge	99
Memnon	99	Cotton	92
Gray Dolly	92	Fake	86
Just Up	89	Matchless	104
Mamie	89		

Sixth race, mile and one-sixteenth, selling:

Belle Brandon	97	Joe Shelby	104
Jim Ledford	99	Sauber	96
Wildmas	101	W. H. Gates	96
Belle of New Orleans	94	Albert Vale	101

Old Fox and Tom Kingsley, Choice and Fake coupled.

LIEUTENANT GIBSON A WRECK.

Sickness Has Ruined Charles Head Smith's Wonderful 3-Year-Old Colt.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—With only one sound horse in his stable of thoroughbreds, Charles Head Smith has started to get together another lot of breed-winners before the racing season opens next year. Lieutenant Gibson, Smith's most famous horse, is practically a wreck of his former self and will never enter another race. In fact, it is expected that the once great horse may never recover and his death is looked for.

Donald Bain, another one of Mr. Smith's good animals, which went to the bad last season, will probably be shipped to Kentucky to-day, where he will be wintered on Mr. Smith's farm. Garry Herrmann is already stabled in the bluegrass country and is sound and fit as a dollar, but he is the only one of the list that weathered the season.

Charley Hughes, Mr. Smith's trainer, has been traveling in Kentucky the last few weeks looking up promising material, and he has asked his employer to come down and look at some 2-year-olds that he has rounded up. Mr. Smith will go down and will purchase enough to again have a representative lot of thoroughbreds on the track.

Mr. Smith says that he looks for one of the best years in the West for racing. With the increased number of purses at Washington Park, as well as stakes, the sport should be as high-class at the South Side race course as it is in the East. Several Eastern horse owners are expected to give entries in the principal stakes at Washington Park.

Besides Washington Park, both the Hawthorne and Harlem racing associations expect to increase the size of the purses offered. Several new stakes will be added and over-night handicaps will, withoutdoubt, be offered in order to tempt the best class of owners to remain in the West longer than has been the case in the past.

There is now every prospect that racing in Chicago will begin much earlier next spring than was the case last year. It is expected that both Lake Side and the new Worth track will open their gates about the middle of March.

CAPTAIN REES HEARD FROM.

He Thinks Some of the Western Tracks Are Entirely Too Greedy.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Captain J. H. Rees, presiding judge at the winter meeting in New Orleans, departed for that city last night to resume his duties in the judges' stand after having spent the holidays with his family in this city. Speaking of the likelihood of a turf war among the members of the American Turf Congress and the chances of St. Louis, Chicago and Memphis forming an independent turf organization, he said:

"It would never do the sport any good to have two turf bodies in the West. The present organization is badly in need of complete reorganization, and something should be done at the meeting in Chicago Friday to bring about such a change as will cause the men to have its racing dates and not conflict more than possible with the other. Some of the Western racing associations are too greedy and want to race too long. If they persist in carrying on this continuous racing it will mean the ultimate ruin of racing at the points where it is carried on."

Speaking of the cases of Roscoe Troxler and Bert Knapp, the jockeys under suspension, who recently applied to him for reinstatement, Captain Rees said:

"When Troxler consents to give me the names of the parties who put him up to pulling the bridle of Alex in the Frelinghuysen race, for which he was ruled off at New Orleans, I will consider his application, but not until then will I pay any attention to his plea. In the case of Knapp, he was not ruled off, but suspended indefinitely at the last Memphis meeting. He will have to talk to the Board of Directors of the Memphis Club."

Knapp is trying to secure reinstatement so that he can ride in France the coming season.

UNCERTAINTY OF BREEDING.

Nobody Can Tell Where the Good Horses Will Come From.

William Easton, the New York thoroughbred horse auctioneer, says that the American Breeders' Protective Association is wrong in theory and is perhaps a trust to discourage the small breeder. The theory of the association is to buy in cheap, underbred mares and fillies or highbred cups of bad individuality and sell them without their pedigrees as work horses. During the recent sales the association bought largely of its offerings through Secretary Chenault, and Mr. Easton frequently protested against his bidding on well-bred youngsters which had not been given a trial. Mr. Easton maintains that the breeding business is largely a matter of chance, and that if the association had existed in past years the turf would have been deprived of some of its most famous horses. He declares that the breeding of the high-mettled racer can never be reduced to an exact science, and recites instances from turf history to substantiate his claim.

Being an Englishman himself and well acquainted with English horses Mr. Easton naturally turned to that country first for his examples. Queen Mary was his first example. No one wanted her; she finally secured an obscure home and became one of the greatest brood mares of her time. She foaled, among others, the filly winner of the Derby, Blink Bonnie, the dam of the great Blair Athol; imp. Bonnie Scotland, imp. Balrowrie. Harlot was another of her get, and she produced a St. Leger winner in Caliper On, and was the grandam of Hampton. Had she been offered at public sale here the Breeders' Association would probably have bought her and the world would never have seen Blair Athol. The dam of the famous Crucifix was also much despised at one time, and was so bow-legged that a wager was offered that her foal, afterwards Crucifix, could be rolled in a wheelbarrow between her legs. Having foaled Crucifix, she afterwards made a fortune for her owner, Lord George Bentinck.

The famous Godolphin Arabian, generally believed to have been a Barb, was first the property of Mr. Coke, who presented him to Mr. Williams the keeper of St. James's Coffee House, who in turn gave him to Lord Godolphin. It was by mere chance that he was bred to Roxana. She produced the superior race horse Lath and the stallion's reputation was made.

Marske, the sire of Eclipse, considered by many the greatest of all horses, was sold to a farmer, who sold him at half a guinea, which amounts to $2.55. In 1776 his owner, the Earl of Abington, asked 200 guineas for his services, although he was then 27 years old.

Sydney Herbert refused to take Melbourne when he was offered to him with two other Humphrey Clinker yearlings. Had there been a breeders' association, the sire of the wonderful West Australian would never have appeared in the stud. Hybla, the dam of Kettledrum, winner of the Derby was once given away, and Marmelade, before producing the famous Dundee was sold for a song.

Mr. Easton recalls American as well as English examples of this character. Fancy Jane, before producing the queen of the turf, Miss Woodford, was traded for a barrel of whisky, and Belle Knight was bought by John Harper only to throw Freeland and nine or ten other winners. At a sale in Lexington Bob Baker bought Sophia Hardy for $25, in foal to Pardee. The foal was Hardy Pardee, which sold for $2,500. Mr. Baker got a gift season to G. W. Johnson and bred the mare to him. The result was Lieutenant Gibson, winner of the Latonia and Louisville Derbies and the Clark Stake. Had the Breeders' Association been organized a few years earlier no Lieutenant Gibson would have been seen on the turf. May Hempstead was a $5 yearling and Larkspur, winner of a number of races and several stakes, was sold here in 1898 for $90. T. C. McDowell was very successful with Rush, Batten and Spiritelle, all the result of gift seasons. Since that time he has paid large stallion fees, and, with the exception of Monarka, has nothing of high class. This is cited to show what a figure chance plays in breeding race horses. Some few seasons ago John Wallace of this city was given a horse named Pete Kitchen, his owner thinking him worthless. The owner at that time had sixteen horses in his stable and Wallace's gift colt won more races than all of them.

Old-time trainers recall Rufus Lisle of Lexington. He owned a cheap lot of mares, some of which he used as buggy horses. He never paid for a season to any horse, always breeding to stallions offered him free. Nearly everything he turned out won. One of the horses he bred in this way was Castaway II, winner of the Brooklyn Handicap, from a good field. Star Bright was a $65 yearling. As a 2-year-old he sold for $2,000. The grand racehorses Raceland and Proctor Knott were cheap colts. Kinley Mack is another instance. A veterinary advised Mr. Easton to destroy him as a yearling, thinking he had been rendered useless by an injured shoulder. He was saved by careful nursing, to win the Brooklyn Handicap and the Suburban, a feat never equaled by any other horse. No better illustration of the chances of the racehorse business could be adduced.

The late August Belmont on one occasion weeded out his yearlings. Twelve were sent to New York to be developed for the big stakes. Three were left to be given away in sales here. The cast-offs were Kingcrab, winner of eighty-one races, Badge, winner of sixty-eight races, and Filter, a fine performer. The two first could beat any colt in the Belmont twelve.

The dam of Garry Herrmann was bought by the association and is now working in the Southern cotton fields. He won more races than any 2-year-old of the year. This has suggested the plan of numbering the mares when they are branded by the association, so that in case of a good winner being developed they can be reclaimed.

Mr. Easton is inclined to the opinion that the association is a trust of the big breeders, who do not like to see a small breeder pick up a mare like Sophia Hardy and get a colt that will beat the best from their extensive farms. He says, too, that the big breeders, who heretofore destroyed their supposably worthless mares, now get an average of $25 a head for them. He fears, too, that a bid from the Breeders' Association often brands a mare as worthless and prevents young breeders who would be willing to take a chance of getting a good one from bidding on her. The association has never been more active than at present, and a few years should show whether its work has a good or bad effect on the breeding of high-class racehorses.

AUCTION CLOSED.

Sealed Bids for Charley Herr Will Be Opened To-Morrow.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 28.—Bidding by sealed letters for the famous trotting horse Charley Herr, 2:07¼, closed at midnight. Owner David Cahill will open the bids on Saturday. This is the first instance where a horse has been auctioned in this manner. Charley Herr has won $35,000 in purse money and Cahill claims to have refused $50,000 for him.

JACKSON NOT A HOCKEY STAR.

Canuck Doesn't Class With Gibson—Alumni Beat High School.

Though another of the Canadian football players took part in the hockey game between the High School and Alumni teams at the Ice Palace last night, the match was featureless, as Jackson, the member of the Berlin Rangers, does not class up with Gibson as a handler of the puck. He scored one of the two goals which won for the Alumni, but his work was not better than—in fact, not so good as—that of Harry Kieley. It seemed to be generally felt by St. Louis audiences that when an outsider is no better than the best in this city he is no good.

The first half of the game was played without either side scoring. Kieley watched Walter Randall, as he considered him the whole High School team, and thus the two best men in the match were busy keeping tab on each other. Trip Hickelson got in some good work in the first half, but was not accurate in his shots.

Kieley sent the first score by Paddock early in the second half. The High School goalkeeper did not seem to have his wits about him, as usual, and should have stopped the shot. Jackson dribbled from the center of the rink a few minutes later and virtually shoved the puck through as he fell in front of the goal. It looked as if Paddock should have prevented that count, too.

On Monday night a team composed of the Canadian football players will play against the local association football seven. As the Berlin men claim to have several players who are not with the team at Athletic, the match should be one of the most interesting ever witnessed in St. Louis, though the score is likely to be rather one-sided.

The line-up follows:

St. A. A. A.	Positions.	High School.
Taylor	Goal	Paddock
Howard	Point	Pacco
Kieley	Cover point	Rutledge
Anderson	Forward	Nicholson
Lyons	Forward	Randall
Cole-McGilvery	Forward	Little
Jackson	Forward	Caldwell

FRISCO LEGALIZES BOXING.

Supervisors Issue a Permit for the Ryan-Byers Bout.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 28.—While the opposition in the East to pugilism seems to be growing, boxing has been restored to favor in California, and it is likely that the Golden Gate will be the Mecca of pugilists during the winter months. Not discouraged by the methods of fighters who have made themselves unpopular in the East, the Supervisors of San Francisco have placed boxing on the list of legalized competitions, having issued a permit for a limited-round bout between George Byers and "Tommy" Ryan, to take place on January 11.

Nevada is also likely to figure prominently in a pugilistic way. According to a dispatch from Chicago, "Dan" Stuart, the Texas promoter, is now en route for Carson City, where he expects to make arrangements for holding bouts. Stuart managed the heavy-weight championship battle between Corbett and Fitzsimmons, held in Carson City in 1897. He is the leading spirit in the Athletic Club there and owns the controlling interest in the clubhouse and grounds. It is said that he will confer with others interested with him about the advisability of holding a pugilistic carnival.

When the Jeffries-Ruhlin match was arranged for Cincinnati, it was supposed that pugilistic events would be encouraged in the Queen City, but this idea has been dispated by the announcement that the Cincinnati authorities will not permit boxing there.

There is no other point in the East where prize fighting can be conducted. Six-round bouts were permitted for a time in Philadelphia, but the death of a pugilist there has killed the game in the Quaker City.

Louisville is said to be promising, but boxing has not been attempted there as yet on a grand scale, and the city is classed as doubtful.

When all is aid and done, Dan Stuart seems to hold the key to the pugilistic situation, and it is probable he will play the game in Nevada to the limit.

NEW YORK BOXING GOSSIP.

Matthews-Ziegler Match Was Declared Off—Walcott and Handler.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 28.—The twenty-round bout between Matty Matthews, the welterweight champion, and Owen Zeigler of Philadelphia, which was slated to be fought at the Nutmeg State Athletic Club of Hartford Christmas afternoon, was declared off. Zeigler could not get in shape in time. It was also rumored up in Hartford that the men were to fake. Johnny Dunn, manager of Matthews, denies this statement and says their recent battle in Philadelphia was the fastest fight seen in that city in many months.

After trying for some time to secure a return match with Dave Sullivan, Kid Broad has finally been successful and they have been secured to fight a twenty-round bout at the Southern Athletic Club of Louisville on January 14. This should result in one of the best feather-weight battles ever witnessed in the South. Both boys are fighters pure and simple, and, as they have already met in two hard fights, it is expected their coming battle will be another one of those slashing affairs in which plenty of gore will be spilled. They fight at 124 pounds for a purse of $1,000.

Joe Walcott, the colored demon, and Jimmy Handler, the middle-weight fighter, of Newark, are as good as matched. Billy Crowley, matchmaker of the Nutmeg State Athletic Club of Hartford, has made these two sluggers a big offer to fight for, and as they have both accepted it the indications are that they will soon sign the articles of agreement for the contest. If matched, they will surely put up a vicious fight, as both men are terrific fighters and stiff punchers. Handler feels confident he can beat Walcott.

NO MORE BOXING AT PATERSON.

**Police of That City Follow Lead of New York, Chicago