

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE DAY IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

BENNING RACES OPEN IN DOWNPOUR OF RAIN

Track a Sea of Mud—Many Scratches Eensue.

All roads led to Benning today, and long before 3 o'clock, the starting hour, a steady stream of lovers of the thoroughbred journeyed to the track, and, despite the elements, a large sized crowd sought shelter in the grandstand to witness the six events scheduled for the day.

Track a Sea of Mud. As was to be expected, the track is a sea of mud, and the mudlark will be in his element. Yet one gleam of hope is held out to all interested in the racing game—a rift in the clouds, as it were.

It is pretty much the same old crowd, today at Benning, with a sprinkling of new blood, since there are always new recruits attracted by the fascinations of track and turf.

Father Bill Daly, the "sage of Hartford," has already claimed it and thinks there is nothing to it but one of his pair, Himself or Daly. That there are several who will dare dispute the "sage's" declaration will best be attested by the substantial bets that are being placed on other choices.

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Frank Hitchcock's stable of sixteen horses arrived yesterday. Dick Thompson, the fine big chestnut hunter, was taken sick on route and died shortly after his arrival at Benning.

Late Saturday night two carloads came in from New Orleans, the property of Lager & Brown, Daniels Brothers, M. T. Danaher, James Dumas, J. J. Mackeassey, and J. W. Pangle.

Ben Howard went a slow mile in a two-minute clip. Transfiguration and Brown Monarch went a half in 0.51, both all out at the finish.

Abumada and the Daly pair, Himself and Daly, breezed a half this morning, but no fast time was attempted.

PETE BROWNING SIZES UP BASEBALL SITUATION

Old "Line 'Em Out" Says There Is No Scientific Ball.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 23.—"Pete" Browning, old "line 'em out," and one of the star baseball players of other days, has been hibernating through the winter. But spring is here, and "Pete" must talk baseball. He still believes in the playing of ye olden time.

"There ain't no scientific ball—now," said Pete. "The players these days ain't in it with the men of twenty years ago. There ain't no stick work, and the game ain't a bit heedy.

"The pitchers in the old days were a thousand times better than they are today, and the batters could hit anything to anywhere. It's awful the way these fellows play now. We used to hold the stick out and let the ball hit it and then call it a sacrifice.

"The men who play ball these days are too small. They ain't no use talkin' a big man can get around the field fast as good as a little man can. Somebody told me that the Bible says there was giants in them days.

"I can tell you one thing, and that is if the ball players of today don't quit jumpin' they'll all be workin' for their board in a year or two."

PHILADELPHIA BALL CLUB HAS FINE SCORE

Flames Broke Out in Store Adjoining the Player's Hotel.

RICHMOND, Va., March 23.—At 4 o'clock yesterday morning while the Phillies were soundly sleeping fire broke out in the rear building of a store adjoining Murphy's Hotel, where the team is stopping.

When it was found that the hotel was not on fire there was time for all hands to go back and recover their belongings. That the hotel did not catch fire was due to the heavy rains that soaked every portion of the outside of the building.

DETROIT BIDS FOR HERMIS-MCHESNEY MATCH RACE

DETROIT, March 23.—President Campeau, of the Detroit Jockey Club, which will hold a running meeting at the Grosse Pointe track June 8 to 20, has telegraphed to E. E. Smathers, the owner of McChesney, and M. D. Bell, who owns Hermis, saying that the Detroit Jockey Club will offer a very large purse for a race between these two horses during the June meeting.

WEEK OF QUIET IN DEPARTMENTAL LEAGUE

Census and Navy Yard Only Teams to Have a Set.

The past week has been a very quiet one in the Departmental Bowling League, but one set of games having been bowled, that of the Census and Navy Yard, in which the former kept up their good work of the past month, and succeeded in taking two games from the Navy Yard quint.

The highest average of the set belongs to Crist, of the Navy Yard, and Devor, of the Census, these players having bowled 151. The Census showed the best team work, having 848 to their opponents' 823 in team average.

The postponed games are those of the Treasury-Navy Yard, scheduled for March 11; Commissioners-Bureau, scheduled for March 12; Treasury-War, scheduled for March 18; Commissioners-Interior, scheduled for March 19, and the Bureau-Postoffice, scheduled for March 20.

There has been no change of any importance in the standing of averages, nor in the matter of the high scores among the leaders during the week. Crist falling off in his average a few pins, but yet retaining his standing among the leaders.

JIM CORBETT'S LEFT WRIST OUT OF BUSINESS

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 23.—Yale men are telling a story that there was a meeting at the Yale gymnasium Saturday afternoon between James J. Corbett, who closed a week's engagement here Saturday night, and Tom Shevelli, the big rush of the varsity football eleven last fall, that was pretty lively while it lasted. The Yale giant pounded Corbett's left wrist with such terrible blows that the wrist was black and blue when they finished.

GUS RUBLIN IS READY TO TAKE UP WRESTLING

NEW YORK, March 23.—Falling to induce any of the heavyweights to take him on for a limited round bout, Gus Rublin, the Akron Giant, has turned his attention to the wrestlers, and is out with a challenge to meet any fighter on the mat. Rublin is not particular as to the style. To make things interesting and to show the public that he has confidence in his ability to throw any boxer now before the public, Rublin is ready to make a side wager of \$1,000 on the result of any match that he may make.

NOTES OF THE DIAMOND.

Manager Jimmy Collins may let out First Baseman La Chance if Buck Freeman or Jack O'Brien makes good at the first corner. Joe Cantillon would like to take over the big Frenchman for his Milwaukee team.

The baseball writers of Detroit do not share Manager Barrows' estimate of First Baseman Carr's abilities in major league company.

Talking about things that are not McGraw and Griffith have a symposium in a Gotham paper on "New York's Chance to Win a Baseball Pennant."

Detroit of the American League has not a single holiday date at home.

Jim McGuire has sent in his measurements for a Brooklyn uniform. The cap is two sizes smaller than the one ordered a year ago.

CLARK, THE GEORGIA PITCHER, JOINS TEAM

Reported to Loftus Yesterday—Active Work to Start at Once.

Manager Tom Loftus spent the day quietly yesterday at the Hotel Oxford, surrounded by a quartet of his players, including Selbach, Coughlin, Townsend, and Lee, and many games of the past were reminiscently played over.

Loftus said last night that as soon as the rain ceased and the grounds underwent a drying-out process practice would commence. Games are scheduled with Georgetown University for Thursday and Saturday, and then the fans will be afforded an opportunity to see their favorites at their old stand.

There is every probability of several of the players getting in town today. George Carey is expected this morning. Bill Clarke and Patten are at Annapolis and will come up as soon as actual work begins. Jimmy Ryan is on his way from Chicago. Ducky Holmes has been at Hot Springs practicing with the Pittsburgs, and Al Orth is at Lynchburg, Va. Delehanty is reported to have left New Orleans on his way to Washington to consult Loftus.

BALTIMORE EASTERN LEAGUE TEAM SECURED

Robinson's New Club Composed for Most Part of Old Montreal Team.

BALTIMORE, March 23.—Baltimore is a new addition to the Eastern League in name only, as most of the players were members of last year's Montreal team.

The players are: Pitchers, Soudera, Dunlevy, Hoff, Raub, Langdon; catcher, Fuller; infielders, Dooley, Thomas, Johnson, Fox, Hayes, Quinlan, Stafford; outfielders, Foster, Shearon, O'Hara, Kelly, Ward.

Mr. Hanlon will likely have the Brooklyn team play the Baltimore on April 11. He has not yet decided definitely, but if he can arrange it the Superbas will be in Baltimore on that day. Steve Brodie, the pride of Roanoke, and who has many a time made the spectators howl by making a sensational catch in center field, will in all probability be among the members of Hanlon's team.

Brodie has had an offer made to him and he will give Mr. Hanlon an answer in the next couple of days. Brodie has always been a favorite in Baltimore.

of the purchase price. As a matter of fact, Detroit gave New York the services of Gleason and \$500 to boot for Captain Smith. If Gleason keeps on in his position he may find himself in a peck of trouble. The day when a player could force clubs to do things is about over.

The New York Nationals have aptly been christened "The Burglars."

George Davis says he will play with McGraw in New York or not at all.

Joe Kelley, of the Cincinnati, has signed Pitcher Tom Kiely, of Winchester, Ky.

Jimmy Ryan says Moran, the shortstop plucked up by Tom Loftus, is a good one.

Selee has secured a new first baseman, William J. Hanlon, formerly with the Los Angeles team.

Stink Hawley is trying to get Manager Stallings to give him a trial on the Buffalo team.

Collins is very enthusiastic over his pitching staff, and says there is none in the country that can best it.

BOTH FEATHERWEIGHTS IN THE BEST OF SHAPE

McGovern and Young Corbett Are Now Down to Weight and Confident.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Terry McGovern took things easy Saturday. He indulged only in a little fancy sparring to please the crowd who crossed the bay to see him in action. He is well below the weight called for in the articles—127 pounds—and as he is in fine condition he can indulge in the luxury of a day off occasionally.

Terry was the center of attraction between the races. He was accompanied by Joe Humphreys, his trainer; Charley Mahood and Eddie Cain, and the celebrities from Camp McGovern were followed around by admiring crowds.

McGovern's manager, Sam Harris, will arrive from New York within a couple of days. In the party with him are Jim Kennedy, Harry Pollock and Eddie Hirsch. It is said they are advance guards of a crowd of sports who will come from New York and other cities to see the fight.

ADMITS COMPLICITY IN INSURANCE FRAUDS

Aged Italian Paid for His Policy and Disappearance.

PITTSBURG, March 23.—New York detectives who have been working in Pittsburgh on the Italian "dollar insurance" frauds have returned to New York, after locating Castilho Cleone, an aged Italian, and securing his affidavit admitting his complicity in the frauds and implicating his confederates.

Cleone is too feeble to be taken to New York. Physicians certified that the journey would probably kill him, so he is under surveillance. The detectives had a bench warrant for his arrest.

Cleone swears that he received money for being insured for \$10,000 and then disappearing about two years ago. After he came to Pittsburgh a body, supposed by the insurance companies to be his, was buried in Calvary Cemetery, New York.

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Mrs. Margaret Sisson Dies. The death of Mrs. Margaret Sisson, who for a great many years has been a well-known resident of the First ward, took place last night, at her home on South Lee Street, between Franklin and Jefferson streets. Mrs. Sisson was in her ninetieth year, and is survived by a son, William E. Sisson. She was the grandmother of Messrs. Arthur, John, Frederick, and Henry Sisson, who conduct a grocery store at 601 South Fairfax Street. Her funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW COMMENCES TODAY

Diplomatic and Military Men Invited to Opening.

The third annual show of the Washington Automobile Dealers' Association will open at 5 o'clock this evening in the Light Infantry Armory, D and Fifteenth Streets northwest. Charles E. Foster, president of the National Capitol Automobile Club, will deliver the opening address, and music for the occasion will be furnished by Haley's Orchestra.

The show this year far surpasses the two preceding shows given by the local association. Many entire exhibits were shipped from the New York show and have been installed here just as they were in New York.

CORBETT AND JEFFRIES MAY FIGHT IN HAVANA

Manager Paddy Carroll Believes Cuban Capital to Be the Best Place.

CHICAGO, March 23.—It is now known positively that Havana is the place selected by Paddy Carroll, former fight show manager, in which to decide, according to his plans, the battle for the heavyweight championship of the world between James J. Jeffries and James J. Corbett. A man close to Carroll's confidence told several friends two days ago that Havana is looked upon by Carroll and his financial backer as absolutely immune of possible interference.

EUGENE SEEGAR ARRIVES. NEW YORK, March 23.—Among the passengers who arrived this morning on the steamer Tennyson, from Rio Janeiro, was Eugene Seegar, United States consul general at Rio Janeiro.

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