

ALL THE NEWS AND GOSSIP OF SPORTS

O. S. COLLINS LEADER IN HOLIDAY TOURNEY

Unattached Bowler, After Nip-and-Tuck Competition With Rodrick, Heads List in Qualifying Games.

Finals to Be Played Off Tomorrow Evening on Palace Alleys—Leagues Resume Schedules.

After two weeks of nip-and-tuck competition the qualifying rounds of the special holiday bowling tournament given by the Palace alleys were concluded Saturday night. The finals will be played off tomorrow evening between the twenty men with the highest averages. The first ten men will be divided into two five-man teams, and will bowl for prizes in what is known as Class A, while the second ten men will bowl in competition in Class B.

The end of the qualifying games finds O. S. Collins, a young unattached bowler, at the top of the list, with a total for the set of 795. He is closely pressed by Rodrick, of the Fat Men, however, who has 783. The success of Collins was unlooked-for, but deserved. In addition to showing the way to the older bowlers, he carried off five prizes during the tournament. They were highest average for three games; highest score in one game, first week; greatest number of games of totals of 200 or over; highest score, one game, New Year Day, and highest score, one game, Christmas Day. His highest single, 239, equals the record for the city. At the end of the first week he stood head and shoulders above his competitors, but in the second week Rodrick overhauled him, only to relinquish his lead on New Year Day, when Collins knocked over 238 pins in a game. Following Rodrick is Harlow, who in turn is followed by Barber, leader of the Bank Clerks League.

Six cash prizes remain, which will be bowled for in the finals tomorrow evening. There promises to be an interesting battle for first prize, with Rodrick heralded as the winner. He has won the two previous holiday tournaments given in this city and is without doubt the steadiest bowler in Washington in competition matches of this kind. However, there were many who claimed he would finish ahead of Collins in the qualifying games, but the latter maintained the consistency of his work, and there is no reason, many argue, why he should not keep up his good work to the final set. Collins will have to be reckoned with, and Charlie Lord may spring a surprise. If Collins, Rodrick, and Harlow are beaten, many look to Lord to turn the trick.

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The local leagues suspended their schedules during the holidays. The Departmental District, Plate Printers, and Bank Clerks leagues have not played for two weeks. They will resume their schedules this week, however. When they begin the city will have its ranks increased by the acquisition of the Royal Arcanum League, which will take up a schedule to run for the remainder of the season.

Schedule for Week. Departmental League on Palace Alleys—Monday, Bureau vs. Treasury; Tuesday, Commissioners vs. War; Thursday, Interior vs. Commerce and Labor; Friday, Navy vs. Agricultural.

District League on alleys of first named club—Wednesday, Business Men vs. Rathskellers; Thursday, Golden Eagles vs. Fat Men; Friday, Jolly Fat Men vs. Sausagebund.

Bank Clerks League on Palace Alleys—Tuesday, Citizens vs. Metropolitan; Thursday, Riggs vs. Capital; Saturday, Bell & Co. vs. American Security.

Plate Printers League on Golden Eagle Alleys—Tuesday, Chicago vs. Washington; Saturday, Philadelphia vs. St. Louis.

Railway Relief Association League on own alleys—Monday, Lighting Company vs. Northern; Wednesday, Columbia vs. Mechanical; Friday, Northeastern vs. Track and Roadway.

GRAY WOLF NEGOTIATES MILE IN 46.25 SECONDS

Automobile Racer Breaks American Records for a Mile and for Kilometer.

DAYTONA, Fla., Jan. 4.—Once again the Packard Gray Wolf has smashed the American straightaway automobile record for one mile. On the Daytona Beach, yesterday, this great time demolisher eclipsed its mark of 0:50 2-5, established Saturday. On its first trial yesterday Charles Schmidt drove the Gray Wolf one mile in 0:46 2-5.

This came within two-fifths of a second of equalling the world's record, made by M. Augieres in a Mors machine at Dourdan, France, in 1902. Four more trials were made by Schmidt, but he could do no better, his next best time being 0:46 3-5. His other trials were timed at 0:47, 0:46 4-5, and 0:47 again.

He covered the kilometer, however, in 0:29 2-5 against the American record, made by the Gray Wolf the day before in 0:21 1-5. A second kilometer trial followed 0:29 2-5. The timing was done by the Mors electric timing apparatus.

This concluded the speed trials on the beach until the great meet here, beginning January 26 and continuing for one week. The automobile drivers and press representatives here are a unit in declaring the Ormonde-Daytona Beach the fastest course for automobiles in this country, if not in the world. When W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Harlan W. Whipple, Harry S. Harkness, F. A. La Roche, L. F. Moores, and Barney Oldfield come down here with their powerful machines for the American Automobile Association meet three weeks hence, it is expected that all existing straightaway records up to twenty-five miles will be annihilated.

UNIONISM DOOMED UNLESS PARTY FORMED

Labor Leader Declares Pending Suit Against Hatters a Serious Menace.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Phillip Kelley, labor leader, at the meeting of the Central Federated Union, declared that unless the workmen of the country form a political organization trades unionism is doomed. He said that suits were pending against the United Hatters' Union, aggregating \$50,000, to recover damages for strikes and boycotts.

"If the decisions are against the union," he said, "every individual member is liable, and will have to pay his quota toward satisfying the judgment or judgments. It is a case of 29 to 1 against the union, and if the decision is against the United Hatters every labor organization will have to get down and out."

MORMONS MAKING WAR ON ORGANIZED LABOR

Leader Says He Would Maim Union Man for Attempting to Interfere.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 4.—"If I were building a house with non-union labor and a union man came and attempted to interfere I'd maim him." This statement made by James Gibbs, private secretary to Joseph Smith, president of the Mormon Church, has created a sensation in labor circles equaled only by the open declaration of war on unions made by Angus N. Cannon, from the Tabernacle pulpit last Sunday.

The actor of the united mine workers here in calling for a national labor movement against Smoot in retaliation for the active interference of the Mormon Church in the coal strike has placed the church on the defensive, and its organs are trying to minimize Cannon's words. It is admitted that Cannon did appeal to Mormons to take the places of the strikers.

PASTOR INSISTS ON CUT IN SALARY

READING, Pa., Jan. 24.—The Rev. J. K. Kuehndig, pastor of St. John's German Lutheran Church, has insisted upon a reduction of \$200 in his salary, the money to be added to the salary of his assistant, the Rev. Philip W. Kiehlner, who will now receive \$1,900.

SUICIDE FOLLOWED BY MANY DISCHARGES

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 4.—About a month ago Fred Stack, timekeeper at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western car shops, left his office, went to a nearby saloon, where he wrote a note to his wife, Philip, and then shot himself. For some time previous to the suicide it was noted that he had been extremely nervous.

A climax has come to the suicide in the discharge of thirty men employed in the shops. The investigation of Stack's books led to the discovery that he had been altering the time sheets so that a number of men received more money than they were entitled to, and a portion of this was returned to Stack.

TURF MEN DISCUSS SPRING HANDICAPS

Believed That Three-Year-Olds Will Dominate.

REGARDED AS DANGEROUS CAREERS OF IRISH LAD AND AFRICANDER SUGGEST RACERS REACH MATURITY EARLIER THAN HERETOFORE.

There seems to be a decided opinion in racing circles that when the entries to the great handicaps, which will close today, are made public many of those entered will be three-year-olds. This idea is based upon the fact that the three-year-olds in the country were 1887 were both won by racers of that age—the former by Irish Lad and the latter by Africander.

In only one previous instance in the history of the two great races had a three-year-old won, and that was in 1901, when J. R. and F. P. Keeney's Conroy, ridden by O'Connor, with 102½ pounds, up-won the Brooklyn Handicap over a shaly track from a by no means brilliant field. Probably it lacked brilliancy because of the going.

However, Conroy never had another chance in this country to prove that his victory in the Brooklyn was no fluke, for he soon afterward went wrong in training, and, with his great stable companion, Commando, he was retired from the turf before the season was hardly well advanced.

This double loss was a serious one to their owners, for the latter's Com-mando went wrong he was hailed as the best colt of his age that had appeared in many years. Yet that Conroy's loss was also a great blow to the hopes of the Messrs. Keens is shown by the fact that he was considered very little inferior to Commando by those in a position to know.

THREE-YEAR-OLDS MORE MATURE

Many excellent turf authorities have declared that in recent years American three-year-olds are much more mature than was the case some years ago, and therefore that they were much more likely to set at defiance the scale of weight for age and win one or more of the great handicaps. Not many three-year-olds have been started in those races, because of the fact that they held valuable engagements in stakes limited to racers of their own age, which as a rule were not as difficult to win as are the handicaps, in which the pace is generally terrific from start to finish, and in which there is not much time to take a steady pull.

Now, however, that the great handicaps of the season have been made so valuable that the winner of any one of them can add some \$20,000 to his own bank account, it is a safe assumption that more three-year-olds will be sent to the post in those races, even though they may suffer for the want of good riders, for at the comparatively light imposts that will no doubt be assigned them not enough capable jockeys can be found if there are as many as half a dozen three-year-olds starters.

TWO GOOD EXAMPLES

Another matter to consider is that when Irish Lad and Africander won their respective races the two best colts of their year were recorded as the victors, and neither won by more than a head. Irish Lad had the very best of luck in the race, and while his performance was an excellent one because he made the running, that very fact saved him from the misfortunes which others met with—notably Igniter and Col. Bill.

Again, in the Suburban, it will always be a question with many practical men whether Africander could have won on a dry track, and this, too, in spite of his defeat of Irish Lad at even weights nine days later in the Advance Stakes, in which, however, Irish Lad was running when he was still a trifle short of work because of the long spell of wet weather, which prevailed up to that time. The very fact that Herbert was at least as good as Africander in the Suburban was evidence enough to close students of "form" that it was the condition of the track as much as the merit of Africander which enabled him to upset all precedents by winning that race. The fact remains, however, that in the Realization, which he also won, Africander was far and away the best horse.

BED OF ASPHALTUM IN GULF OF MEXICO

Discovered by Dredgers and Lying Twenty-eight Feet Below Surface.

GALVESTON, Jan. 4.—A stratum of asphaltum has been discovered by the United States dredge boat General Comstock while dredging on the bar off the mouth of the Atchafalaya. It is twenty-eight feet below the surface. Its width and depth have not been defined. Specimens brought to the city are smooth, hard, brittle, and black, breaking with a polish. It melts easily when heated and burns without leaving any ashes. It has little taste, scarcely any smell unless heated, when it emits a strong smell of pitch. It possesses all the qualities of high-grade asphaltum.

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DIXON MAY CAUSE STIR AMONG FEATHERWEIGHTS

To Return to This Country and Claim Former Title.

IS LEGITIMATE CHAMPION

Sporting Public Will Demand That Young Corbett Step Into Lightweight Class.

When George Dixon returns from England there is likely to be a genuine stir among the featherweights. He is a legitimate 122-pound boxer, and, as he has been successful and frugal while abroad, his money is likely to do some talking. Advices from London say he will throw down the gauntlet to all featherweights and back his ability with his own cash. Young Corbett (William H. Rothwell) must relinquish the title and step into the higher class. The sporting public, which is as fair as he, will demand this.

Proponents of William H. Rothwell's fairness: Thus far he has been a great credit to the sport. In all his contests he has never asked for or given articles of agreement. Corbett's Word Good.

His word has been his bond, and he has never broken his word. Unlike a great many cheap boxers, he has never complained of the size of the house, and whether working on a percentage or guarantee, he has never disappointed a crowd. Twice when engaged to box in Philadelphia he was to have \$800 or 40 per cent of the gross receipts. He did not take the trouble to count up the house; merely took his guarantee, which in each instance was less than the percentage of the house.

On the other hand, his business acumen was frequently displayed. Coming to a clubhouse in a carriage on a night he was to box, he noticed speculators selling tickets along the curb at an advanced price. Arriving at the arena, he sought out the business manager, who posed as a shrewd one, and said: "Are you not getting a share of the ticket speculation?" And before the wily business manager could reply he added: "I want half, or else I will not go on." He got his half of the extra toll exacted from the public, which amounted to something like \$18.

STEEL TRUST WANTS TO BUY MEXICAN PLANT

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 4.—The United States Steel Corporation is alarmed over the prospects of the Mexican Government placing a prohibitive duty on steel rails and other steel products. In order to prevent this plan from being carried out, it has made an offer for the purchase of the plant of the Monterrey Iron and Steel Company, at whose instance it is proposed that the duty be raised. This plant was recently erected at a cost of \$1,000,000.

WATER SUPPLY STOLEN

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Jan. 4.—Mayor Harris has declared his intention of filing suit against the State of Colorado for damages based on the theft of 60,000 gallons of water from reservoirs owned by this city. The water was diverted through force applied by the military authorities who are in possession of all power in the county of Teller, adjoining El Paso county, both counties meeting on the side of Pike's Peak.

SLIPPERY PAVEMENTS CAUSED MANY A FALL

Numerous Accidents, More or Less Serious, Reported.

POLICE HAD A BUSY DAY

Cuts on Heads, Dislocated Shoulders and Hips, and Fractured Arms and Legs.

In spite of the efforts of the police to have the ice ordinances fully observed, in the matter of covering the slippery sidewalks with ashes and sand, many accidents have been reported to the police. Robert C. Douglass, of 1533 Fourteenth Street northwest, was out sleigh riding with his wife and daughter yesterday afternoon, when his horse took fright near Fourteenth and T Streets. As the animal shied the sleigh overturned, throwing both occupants out. Mrs. Douglass was bruised about the body.

Francis Edwards, eleven years old, living with his parents at 1836 Eleventh Street northwest, was coasting at Thirtieth Street and Florida Avenue northwest yesterday afternoon, when his sled overturned and the boy sustained a cut on the head and a split lip. He is at the Emergency Hospital.

Samuel Hamilton, a negro, forty-seven years old, fell at Ninth and I Streets northwest, injuring his hip. Hamilton lives at 914 Eighth Street northwest. John W. Ober, of 915 Eleventh Street southeast, sustained an injured right arm as a result of a fall on the ice of the Eastern Branch, where he was skating.

Broke Right Leg. Jesse Conkley went out in the front yard of his home at Glesboro Point, when he slipped, breaking his right leg. He was taken to the Providence Hospital in the Anacostia patrol wagon. George Mericus, aged thirty, living at 945 Lettice Street southwest, was walking past Seventh and K Streets southwest, when he slipped and fell on his head. Policeman Herbert, of the Fourth precinct, picked him up in a semi-conscious condition, and helped him to his home.

So hard did Marshall Williams, a negro, seventy years of age, fall on the ice of the front steps of 1741 I Street northwest, that his shoulder was dislocated. Williams lives at 1824 Corcoran Street. E. F. Moran, of 733 Second Street northwest, walked to the Emergency Hospital last night with a cut on his head, which he said he had received by falling at Sixth and E Streets northwest.

John Flavin, thirty-five years of age, driver for the Tenth precinct police station, slipped on the slanting door of the basement at the stationhouse at an early hour this morning, receiving a severe sprain of the right wrist. He was treated by Dr. Burch. Other Injuries.

Joseph Mathews, fifty-eight years old, living at Fourth and Streets northwest, a watchman of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, while standing at his post at Fourth and I Streets northeast, slipped, bruising himself about the head and arms. He was able to go home. William Smith, a fifty-three-year-old negro, living at 247 Fifteenth Street northwest, fell at Fifteenth and Huron Streets northwest, this morning, cutting his forehead. He went to the Emergency Hospital.

William R. Morris, aged sixty-one, of 729 Twelfth Street northwest, was also a patient at the Emergency Hospital this morning, with a similar wound from a similar cause.

NEWS OF RAILROADS AND OF RAILROAD MEN

Old Dominion Construction.

It was intended by the contractor who has the building of the road for the Old Dominion and Great Falls Railroad, that work should be commenced this morning, but the non-arrival of the contractor's machinery will delay matters. Little could be done, however, as the ground is frozen and the weather too cold for the men to do any grading.

Construction is to begin now as soon as the weather moderates. In the meantime officers of the company are giving their time to getting the right of way for the line across the city from Aqueduct Bridge to Mt. Olivet Cemetery. There was some opposition on the part of property owners along the first route proposed which was through H and Seventh other streets, but since the plans were changed, it is known that the majority of people living along the right of way favor the operation of the line. Several citizens' associations are to appear in behalf of the railroad at the hearing before the Commissioners, which takes place at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Denies Friction Story.

President Burt, of the Union Pacific, denies the stories which have been going around that the reason for his resignation from the head of the system was friction with the directors and the other officers. He says his relations with Mr. Harriman are the most cordial, and that he resigned of his own volition and for personal reasons.

Using the New Cut.

The Baltimore and Ohio began the use yesterday of the Pinto cut-off. Four freight trains passed through. It is understood that hereafter all of the freight going over the main line is to be sent through the tunnel. The new route saves about twelve miles.

Gould System Extension.

Marked progress has been made during the past year in the extension of the Gould system to tidewater at Baltimore. The whole of this work will cost \$50,000,000 or more, and about \$15,000,000 was expended in 1903, in actual construction of new railroad bridges and connecting lines.

The Wabash system is destined to stretch from Council Bluffs to Kansas City to the Atlantic coast within the next year and a half, and early next April, according to President Ramsey, Wabash trains will be running into Pittsburg. The new Pittsburg, Carnegie and Western Railroad, which connects the Wheeling and Lake Erie with Pittsburg, is practically completed.

Notable features of last year's construction work on Gould's Eastern extensions were the completion of the Mt. Washington Tunnel, 3,200 feet long, and the Greentree Tunnel, 4,600 feet long, and the beginning of the erection of the great railroad bridge across the Monongahela River at Pittsburg. The total new mileage under construction by the Wabash between points a little west of Pittsburg and the Atlantic coast is about 450 miles. About a dozen tunnels and several heavy bridges are to be built.

Southwestern Lines.

The work of rebuilding the Western Maryland and connecting it with the West Virginia Central has been fully planned, and arrangements have already been made to construct tidewater terminals in Baltimore at a cost of \$3,500,000.

While these important extensions are being completed in the East the Goulds have started extensive and costly projects in the far West and in the Southwest. A new north and south line between St. Louis and New Orleans has been under construction by Missouri Pacific interests during the last twelve months, and two or three new connections of the International and Great Northern are well under way.

George J. Gould said, during his annual inspection of Southwestern lines last fall, that he had planned improvements for that territory that would cost in the aggregate \$50,000,000. A large portion of this work was begun last year, and it is destined to increase the Missouri Pacific's facilities for handling traffic at the Gulf ports.

Troubles With Pennsy.

The animosities aroused by the clash of Pennsylvania Railroad and Gould interests have shown more or less life during the year just closed. Although there have been official disclaimers from each side that there was any bad feeling, evidences of friction were too palpable to remain unnoticed.

Wall Street has persisted in the belief that a combination of Goulds and Rockefeller interests has been waging bitter warfare against President Cassatt and his associates of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Strenuous attacks on the Pennsylvania stock have been a notable feature of stock exchange speculation within the last few months.

The remarkable increase in the number of stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad has caused surprised comment. On December 1, 1903, there were more than 41,000 stockholders on record, an increase of about 11,000 during the year. These figures are cited by friends of President Cassatt in support of the statement that no single interest-like the Goulds or Rockefellers—has been accumulating this stock in large quantities.

More Changes Coming.

It was reported yesterday that several more changes are contemplated among the officers of the Southern Railroad. A number of the subordinates of the Western division are to be transferred to the East. It is also said that there is to be another resignation and several promotions.

LAD DRIVEN FROM HOME IN STORM BY FATHER

YORK, Pa., Jan. 4.—That he was driven out in a blinding snow storm to take care of himself is the declaration of Berney, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tempest Chronister, who came to police headquarters for protection. The boy said he had shoveled snow all day and had turned the money over to his mother, and was then driven from home by his father, although thinly clad.

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