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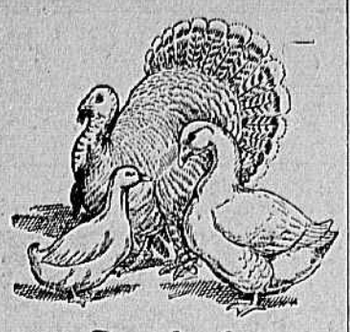

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SIR KNIGHTS RIDE FOR LADIES' FAIR

C. M. Vaden Wins First Tournament at Malvern Hill.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

MALVERN HILL, VA., November 21.—The big tournament and ball which was held at Malvern Hill Friday, was a great success. Although the weather was not all that could be desired, many people came to cheer the knights as they rode for the honor of crowning the "queen or one of her maids." With the fifteen knights in position before the judges' stand, Nimmo Hubbard, a young lawyer of this county, delivered the charge to them.

The judges were H. S. Saunders, William J. Hogan and A. F. Greeley, while R. O. Garnett, of Henrico county, officiated as field marshal.

After some spirited riding, C. M. Vaden won first honors; Richard E. Mountcastle, second; Robert Eberley, third, and Ashby Ladd, fourth. The committee had purchased handsome prizes for the successful knights, the first being a saddle; second, a buggy robe, third, a bridle, and fourth, a pair or riding puttees.

The members of the King's Daughters of Grace Church had a very attractive booth on the grounds, where they disposed of refreshments during the day.

The exercises of the day continued from 12 o'clock until nearly sunset.

Dancing began at the "Hall" after the Hon. L. M. Nance delivered the "coronation address," and the queen and her maids had been crowned by the successful knights. Miss May Barnett was crowned queen; Miss Florence Harper, first maid; Miss Nettie V. Eberley, second maid, and Miss Virginia Walker, third maid.

After this the "Royal Set" was danced by the successful knights with their partners. Dancing continued through the night.

Among those present were Mrs. J. M. Sweeney, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Richard Atkinson, Mrs. J. H. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hogan, Misses Reva, Annie May and Alise Alexander, Miss Carrie Enroughty, Misses Mary Lee and Ruth Blankenship, Miss Annie Ruffin, Miss Sallie Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eberley, Mrs. J. C. Eberley, Miss Florence Eberley, Misses Bessie Melton and R. Wilbur, of Richmond; Misses Mary and Laura Atkinson, Misses Florence and Cora Greeley, Annie and Bessie Rathine, Virginia and May Walker, Maybelle Moore, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mountcastle, Miss Mattie Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tremper, Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gill, Misses Lena and Ruby Adams, Myrtle Eubank, of Richmond; Etta Ladd; Ashley Ladd, A. Barnett, M. D. Barnett, W. J. Gentry, W. Enroughty, H. C. Carter, A. J. Johnson, Ed. Harrison, George Ruffin, J. Rathine, T. U. Clark, C. S. Clark, J. ... Clark, J. C. Saunders, of Richmond; E. A. Saunders, third; Robert Blankenship, J. M. Garden, of Richmond; M. B. Lippincott, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; F. M. Munroe, J. M. Shum, of Richmond; B. Verlander, Elmer Eberley, J. W. Hobson, R. Verlander, W. M. Nance, Foster Saunders, Lewis and Standhope Hogan, W. M. Nance, F. S. Enroughty, E. S. Sweeney, L. Barnett and others.

NATIONAL GAME SPREADS ABROAD

Baseball is no longer a national game. It has become international. The sun never sets upon it.

It is stated that the game is played in more countries and by more people than any other sport ever invented. While in no land besides the United States has it been developed to the point of absorbing the attention of most of the male and a large part of the female public toward the close of a big league season, nearly all other countries have teams which are entering into the sport with enthusiasm.

Starting, it is presumed, with the English game of "rounders," it was transplanted to American soil in the form of "town ball," gradually being evolved into a sport witnessed annually by millions of people, which is a profession with a large number of people, and which is played by thousands of athletes, amateur and professional.

Communications are being received from all over the world on various subjects connected with the game by Chairman Herrman, of the National Baseball Commission, "the Supreme Court of Baseball."

Baseball is played in every continent on the globe," says Mr. Herrman. "On the files of the commission are communications from Ireland, Germany, and England, as European representatives of the great American game. Going into Africa we have had queries from Johannesburg and Cape Town, in both of which are some American representatives who apparently have succeeded in interesting the English and the natives in baseball.

"In Asia we have Japan, the Philippines and Hong Kong in China as centres of baseball, while Australia is pretty well represented in all sections by baseball teams. There also is some baseball in India, I understand, but I have never heard directly from there.

"Coming back across the Pacific, we have the game firmly rooted in the Sandwich Islands. Returning to our own continent there's much baseball on our Southern border in Mexico, Cuba and Porto Rico, while on the North our Canadian friends are nearly, if not quite, as enthusiastic on baseball as the people of our own United States.

"So, you see, baseball is played on every continent of the world—in every clime, as it were—and I feel that I am not in danger of being contradicted when I say that the sun never sets upon baseball on his course around the world—or rather, in the course of the world around the sun."

NEWS OF YACHTS AND YACHTSMEN

Racing on This Side Is Confined to Very Small Boats.

In view of the annual races between Massachusetts Bay eighteen-footers and those on Lake Erie, resulting thus far in a win for each side, and the arrangement for the continuance of this branch of the sport another season, yachtsmen who follow the eighteen-foot class have an interest in conditions prevailing in fresh water yachting.

The lads of the Lakewood Yacht Club, of Cleveland, who formed the eighteen-foot class there from Massachusetts Bay boats, have put up the most consistent racing of small boats on the Great Lakes, not excepting the races for the Lipton cup at Chicago, or the keen and somewhat acrimonious contests for the Canada cup on Lake Ontario.

Outlook for Sailing.

Robert E. Power, who was largely instrumental in forming the Lakewood class of eighteen-footers, although now editor of a power-boating magazine, is still a sailor at heart and a close observer of yachting conditions. Writing on the subject of the eighteen-footers he has this to say of yachting on the lakes as a whole:

"It is no secret that the outlook for sail yachting on the Great Lakes is not what some optimists would have us believe. The careful observer can see a change, a decided change, in conditions in the past decade. It may not be for the worse, but I doubt if it is for the better.

"I think Commodore Walter S. Russel, of the Detroit Country Club, expressed the tendency toward sail yachting hereabouts in a talk I had with him recently about the prospects of promoting a new class of universal rule boats on Lake St. Clair.

"'We had to give it up this season,' he said, 'because our young men are automobile crazy. We have lots of timber for racing crews, but the minute we suggest that it takes work to put a yacht in condition they lose every shadow of interest. The love of it which we old fellows have always had, seems to be lost.'

"When a millionaire organization like the Country Club, with plenty of money to build boats and idle hundreds of young men to sail them, cannot secure Corinthians enough to man a few small craft, what hope is there for the isolated strugglers in the little towns? It seems, as Mr. Russel says, that the love of sailing is dying out. The man who begins boating now in more than nine cases out of ten buys gasolene, and his days afloat may be measured in pints per horse-power hour.

"Sail yachting on fresh water flourishes most off Toronto and other ports along the north shore of Lake Ontario. The Canadians have retained their salt water heritage, and they jealously guard against the encroachments of easier forms of locomotion. I visited the Royal Canadian Y. C. this fall and was astonished to see in commission so many of the big old-fashioned cruising sail yachts—which were well known twenty years ago.

Sail Yachts Abandoned.

"On the American side of the Great Lakes, Erie and Ontario, especially, cruising sail yachts are so rare as to be considered oddities. In the swift march of time they have literally been left behind—abandoned for want of men to sail them. When, occasionally, one is seen poking along outside, she is laughingly referred to as a 'workhouse!'

"The modern lake sailors are on the jib and mainsail sloops, and about all their time is spent racing within hail of their home port. The Chicago water front still retains some semblance of topsail days, but the big boats of this class are mostly sad relics of glory long since gone. The Chicago Yacht Club has done much for the large sailing yacht by means of its annual long-distance race to Mackinac. The trip up Lake Michigan requires seamanship to a considerable degree, and hulls both swift and safe are necessary to successfully negotiate the long stretch of open water.

"Betwixt and between we find some sailing sport at Rochester, mostly by past aspirants for the Canada's cup. Buffalo has a mixed fleet of perhaps a score sizable sailers, while Cleveland is pinning its hopes to the eighteen-footers.

"Toledo is catboat mad, and so is Detroit. In fact, a writer describing the Inter-Lake Yachting Association regatta at Toledo in August said that the main event of the week was the catboat contest for the President Taft cup. The boats measure fifteen feet water line and may carry 260 feet of sail. Some years ago these diminutive representatives of our royal sport would scarcely have been noticed.

Power Boat Patronized.

"As to cruising on the lakes in sailing yachts, there is none. The power boat has claimed the patronage of those who used to go by the slower means. Some auxiliaries still seek out the lonely spots in Georgian Bay and along the wild north shore of Lake Superior, but they are rare birds.

"The most notable new one is Agawa, Commodore Jennings's schooner, hailing from Detroit. Even she puts-puts through rivers and narrow channels.

"On the inland lakes of Wisconsin and Minnesota yatchting really flourishes. On White Bear, Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Fox and scores of other spring-fed lakes there are many sailboats. Except on Lake Winnebago heavy seas are unknown. If a boat capsizes or fills, as so often happens, there is no ballast in the hull to sink her.

"Racing is keen and spirited in these waters. The boats there are marvels of intelligent design and workmanship, and the best Eastern sailmakers supply the cloth to drive them."

DATE NAMED FOR O'BRIEN-KAUFMAN

National Club Likely to Get the Big Bout for December 15.

BOTH MEN CONFIDENT

Philadelphian Has Trained Up to 175 Pounds in Anticipation of Match.

All that is necessary to clinch the match between Big Al. Kaufman, the young California heavyweight, and Jack O'Brien is the signature to the articles of agreement of the great knockout artist. December 15 has practically been settled upon as the date of the bout. It will be the first of a series of big contests which are to be decided in this city.

Kaufman is likely to get the big end of the percentage, as he is in line for heavyweight honors and feels that there is only one man between himself and the title. Jeffries refused point blank to meet the young Californian, which has set the latter's stock booming.

O'Brien has been training quietly for the contest, and has built his weight up to 175 pounds. He is faster than ever, and it is claimed by those who have boxed with him that he possesses a great jolt.

The match between O'Brien and Kaufman has been hanging fire for the past two weeks. Each man was ambitious to box Jim Jeffries for six rounds in this city, but when Jeffries positively refused to take on any short bouts at the present time, Kaufman, it is claimed, began making remarks about O'Brien.

The latter knocked Kaufman out a few years ago, giving Al his first defeat in his professional career. That bout was a try-out to test Kaufman's gameness, and since that he has fought many battles and built up a string of knockout victims.

There is said to be considerable bad feeling between Kaufman and O'Brien, who declared a few days ago that he would guarantee to outpoint Kaufman in six rounds or knock him out at a longer distance, or he would not want any of the receipts. Kaufman, on the other hand, is eager to retrieve his defeat at Jack's hands.

O'Brien will probably do his training at King of Prussia, where he trained for other big matches, while Kaufman, who has been boxing daily with Joe Thomas for the past couple of weeks, is expected to do the bulk of his work in this city.

WEBSTER AND ATTELL

Former Was Given Newspaper Decision in Fistic Battle—Fight Again.

Another meeting has been arranged between Danny Webster and Monte Attell at Los Angeles on Tuesday, November 23. Webster recently won a newspaper decision over Attell, and the latter demands a return match. Tom McCarey gave Webster a gold belt for his clever victory. Eddie Webster is now managing his brother. Eddie writes as follows to the sporting editor of the Enquirer from Los Angeles:

"I am sending you a photo of Danny Webster, the new champion bantamweight of the world. I wish to state in behalf of Webster that he is no mere boy, and he has earned his title by hard, consistent work in the ring.

"He started as an amateur in Los Angeles in 1904, and lost one decision during that year to Harry Baker in ten rounds, weight, 122. In 1905 he defeated Terry Davis and Eddie Martin.

"In 1906 he knocked out Freddie Cole in four rounds; won decision from Jack Lanar in ten rounds, and he boxed Charles (Kid) Dalton four ten-round bouts, winning three times and one draw.

"In 1907 he defeated such good boys as Willie O'Neil, Jocky Worthington, Eddie Weber and Allen Emmie. In 1908 Webster defeated Jocky Worthington in twenty-five rounds, Billy Decoursey in twenty rounds, Jimmy Riley in ten rounds, and knocked out Frank Sullivan in thirteen rounds.

"Webster was knocked out by Ad Wolgast in eighteen rounds, weight, 122 pounds, at 3 P. M., and they did not enter the ring until 10:30 that night.

"He won from Eddie Manney in twenty-five rounds. Menney previous to this had boxed Walsh, the title holder at that time, two ten-round draws.

"In 1903 he boxed Ad Wolgast ten rounds, no decision; defeated Mike Kutchos; he knocked out Walter Fischer in five rounds; won from Billy Smallham in twenty rounds, and knocked out Young Barry in seven rounds.

"On October 12, 1909, he fought Monte Attell for the championship of the J. T. McCarey diamond belt, which he is wearing in the photo I am sending you. This was one of the hardest-fought ten-round bouts seen in Los Angeles in many years, and Webster won in decisive style.

"Webster will start on a tour through the East about December 1, and is open to defend the title with any boy in the world at 116 pounds, Johnny Coulon preferred.

"Thanking you in advance for any courtesy you may extend. Yours truly,

"EDDIE WEBSTER, Manager."

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DEAD HAND ON PLATFORM

It Mutely Testifies of the Fate of Its Owner on Railroad.

COATESVILLE, PA., November 21.—Jumping from the St. Louis express train on the Pennsylvania Railroad early this morning, Thomas Petoasi, of No. 452 Third Street, East St. Louis, Ill., was ground to pieces.

The discovery of a man's hand on the baggage platform by Policeman Robert Allison revealed the body lying on the tracks opposite the passenger depot. The victim's leg was found at least 100 yards west of the station.

A letter addressed to Thomas Petoasi, as above, was found in the man's pocket. He was well dressed, but there was no money among his effects.

DIED SAVING HIS DOG

Workman Run Down by Car When He Rescued Pet.

MILWAUKEE, November 21.—Attempting to save the life of a common yellow cur, Fred Vollinsinzer, a molder, was instantly killed by an electric car.

Vollinsinzer was on his way to work, and his dog, which had followed him from his boarding place, ran ahead of him, frisking and barking. As they approached the crossing the dog jumped on the track. The molder made a frantic plunge, grabbed the beast and threw it far from danger, but was not quick enough to clear the track himself.

SATOLLI IS BETTER.

Former Papal Delegate to the United States Convalescent.

ROME, November 21.—Cardinal Satolli, former papal delegate to the United States, and who is convalescent after an attack of nephritis experienced in October, visited the Vatican and offered his congratulations to the Pope on the recently celebrated episcopal jubilee.

The pontiff was greatly pleased to see the cardinal again, and they discussed many questions, including the growth of Catholicism in America, which Cardinal Satolli has followed since he was apostolic delegate at Washington. He has repeatedly expressed the view that the United States should have a larger representation in the Sacred College. He is of the opinion that the West and Middle West particularly need a cardinal.

Famous Colt Dead.

MEXICO CITY, November 21.—Howard, a bay colt, two years old, by Odd Fellow-Nomonia, died in his stall at the Peralville race-track here this morning. He was imported from the United States for the $25,000 Mexican Derby of 1910, and was held favorite in the future betting on that event. He was owned by George I. Ham, the American banker, who valued the colt at $10,000.

THINKS SMALL COLLEGES SHOULD HELP CHANGE RULES

"Small colleges, as well as the big universities, ought to be represented on the rules committee," said George E. O'Hearn, former Amherst Agricultural College star, and for two seasons coach of the William and Mary College football team, "for the viewpoint of those who make the rules for football all over this country is that of the large institution. If the rules were made so that the smaller institutions might be taken into consideration, there would be less danger of accident and death in the games that are played, for in many cases the superior strength of the larger college is, under the rules, allowed to demand too much from the smaller team. A big college, with plenty of material to draw from, can practically disable a small college by making it play thirty-five minute halves. Equity and fairness require that the needs of the small college be considered in making up the rules, and representatives of such colleges ought to be permitted to participate in the football legislation of the future.

In view of the unfortunate fatalities which have characterized this season on the gridiron, I favor amendment of the present rules, so that within the thirty-five-yard line, only five yards shall be required as the gain in three downs. Under the present system, the onside kick and the forward pass can be used more or less frequently and successfully up to that line, and then comes the necessity for line attack. To require a back, already fatigued by the advance, to go through for four yards each down, inside the thirty-five-yard line, instead of two, as was the case in the old system, seriously aggravates his chance of being injured. He becomes desperate, with such a great distance to gain, and becomes too willing to hazard his body in making an assault. I think many of the coaches will agree with me that to require a gain of ten yards in each three downs, inside of the thirty-five-yard line, is entirely too much, and that a reduction of the distance to five yards within that territory will do much to lessen the chance of fatalities in the game. After driving up to that distance, the backs are naturally exhausted, and it makes them desperate within the thirty-five-yard line and induces them to out do their strength against opposition that is naturally more obstinate so close to the goal than elsewhere.

"The death of Archer Christian was a personal sorrow to me. I coached him when he was a substitute on the Woodberry Forest football team, and I then appreciated his worth as a football player and as a man. Whenever he was called down for an error in his play, he always came to me as the coach before study hours and discussed with me his mistakes, evincing a desire to do better by correcting whatever misplay he had made. He was interested in the game for the game's sake, and he would have made a star back for the University had he lived. He was always anxious to better his game, always ready to do the best he could. He was a distinct loss to Virginia athletics.

OLDFIELD BREAKS TRACK RECORD

NEW ORLEANS, LA., November 21.—Barney Oldfield, in his 200-horsepower Benz, to-day broke the local track record for one mile at the Fair Grounds course, when he made the distance in fifty-four seconds, thus clipping one-fifth of a second off the record made last February by Depalma.

The second day's races of the New Orleans Automobile Club proved much better than the first in every way.

Kirscher, driving a Darracq, won a ten-mile handicap, and in a match race with Oldfield for five miles for a $500 cash prize lost only by about the width of a tire. Time, 5:17 3-5. The 100-mile race was won by Ray Harroun, of Chicago, in his Marmon car. Basle, in his Renault, was second. Time, 1:47.14.

Basle, in his Renault, won a ten-mile handicap, with Kirscher, in a Darracq, second. Time, 11:21.

The other events were limited to Southern drivers.

Tigers Defeated.

HAVANA, November 21.—The Havana baseball team to-day defeated the Detroit American team by a score of 4 to 3.

GAME ENDS IN RIOT.

Police Charge the Crowd With Drawn Clubs and Make Several Arrests.

MEMPHIS, TENN., November 21.—A riot in which fifteen or twenty medical students were battered and bruised ended the football game yesterday between Memphis Hospital Medical College and the University of Memphis, formerly the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at the close of the first half, when the score stood 34 to 0 in favor of the University. A coffin, draped in the colors of the Hospital College, brought on the field before the game started, precipitated the riot, which for a time assumed serious proportions.

A band of hospital students seized the coffin, tearing off the lid, at the end of the first half, and were promptly attacked by the university students. In a moment both factions had been reinforced and the fighting mass was charged by the police with drawn clubs. Both elevens refrained from joining in the melee. A number of the students were arrested.

BOOM FOR BILLIARDS

Roomkeepers Form National Body to Promote Contests—First Big Tourney.

NEW YORK, November 21.—Interest in billiard and kindred table games is expected to take on a great boom this season from the organization of the National Roomkeepers' Association, which has for its object the promotion and encouragement of billiard games, both of amateurs and professionals. The necessity for an organization of this kind has been felt for years, and the important changes taking place in the promotion of big tournaments is the most radical in the history of billiards.

The affiliation of the amateur element is only one of the new features, but this change is significant of the new order of things. The roomkeepers, by their wide acquaintance, are considered the ones who should be a controlling factor in the sport.

At a meeting of the Eastern roomkeepers recently called in this city more than fifty acceptances and indorsements were received from leading roomkeepers, amateur and professional billiard and pool players, who favored the organization of the association. And when the plans had been outlined there was an enthusiastic response, in which money was immediately subscribed for the purse in the 18-2 balkline international championship tournament to be held in Madison Square Garden the week of November 22-27.

Six players will compete for cash prizes, aggregating more than $5,000, and the valuable new trophy. The entries are:

George F. Slosson, Harry Cline, George Sutton, Albert G. Cutler, Calvin Demarest, Firmin Cassignol.

It is proposed that following this competition, which makes a fitting opening to the season in New York, the leading players will visit other large cities for match and exhibition games. To make such arrangements was one of the objects in forming the new association.

DISCUSS PLANS FOR 1910.

Meeting of South Atlantic League Directors in Augusta.

AUGUSTA, GA., November 21.—The Chattanooga franchise was tendered the South Atlantic League yesterday and officially accepted, the owners of the club formerly surrendering all of their rights to the franchise. The league meeting of the South Atlantic clubs was held here for the purpose of outlining plans for next year.

O. B. Andrews, president of the Chattanooga Club, had a proposition to put before the league allowing him to get out of the South Atlantic and into the Southern without it costing him one cent. This the league positively declined to accept, and if Andrews disposed of his franchise and takes on a Southern League club, he will have to pay the draft price of $2,500. He is given thirty days in which to make the deal or a committee from the league will go to Chattanooga to sell the franchise to other parties.

Quite a surprise was sprung when the name of former President C. W. Boyer, of Hagerstown, Md., was offered for election as president, but the election was postponed for a week, when the directors of the league will meet here and elect a head of the league. The only other person mentioned in connection with the place was Captain W. R. Joyner, of Atlanta.

The salary limit was fixed at $2,000 and the player limit at thirteen.

NURSES LIFT BURDEN AS THEY HELP TO SAVE LIVES

Of the several private agencies now at work in the city for the alleviation of suffering among the poor and general charity, none has been more active than the Instructive Visiting Nurses' Association. As reports show, this work was started seven years ago in a very small way, and has increased each year, until it is now one of the most potent charitable organizations in the city. The work of the association is not only that of administering to the poor and needy, but extends to a campaign of education enabling people to better care for their own health.

Speaking of the association, one of those interested in it and thoroughly familiar with its methods, said yesterday.

"One reads every day of cases of illness, suffering and poverty, but little is known of the band of workers which goes about each day relieving, so far as in their power lies, the daily necessities of the sick and instructing those of the family who can assist how to do so intelligently. These women, also in their visits, come in contact with infectious and contagious diseases and other affections, which might otherwise never reach, until too late, the knowledge of those who scientifically and skilfully combat and overcome the diseases.

"This work was started in a small way in 1902. The Instructive Visiting Nurses' Association first was able to support only three nurses, but by gradually acquainting the public with the work and by generous donations received on the two Tag Days held, as well as by large private gifts, it is now possible to send out seven nurses.

"During the summer a special nurse was detailed to look after sick babies, instructing young mothers in their care and feeding, and in this way helped in a great measure to reduce infant mortality, which has been very high in this city.

"The report for the period from May to September of this year shows that during the time 970 visits were made. Of these ninety-five were to babies and children up to three years of age. Thirty-four mothers were taught to modify milk and general care, but there were thirty-one who did not profit by the instruction. There were ten deaths, one hospital case, sixty-seven recoveries, four improved, five discharged and eight sent to the country.

"On November 15 a school nurse was detailed for the new High School, with the hearty approval of the School Board, and we are hoping for great results there.

"In order that the association may go on with this all-important work—the best of charities, that of helping people to help themselves—they need the cordial support of everybody, individuals and collective bodies. When the annual Tag Day rolls around for 1910, a larger response than ever is hoped for, and it will be needed. Last year the association united with the Associated Charities and shared one-half of the proceeds."

AMUSEMENTS.

PRESS NOTES FROM THE THEATRES.

"The Call of the North."

An event of equal interest to social and theatrical circles here will be the appearance of Mr. Paul Gilmore and his company in the new comedy-drama of the Canadian woods, "The Call of the North," at the Academy Wednesday night. The famous playwright, George Broadhurst, author of "The Man of the Hour," etc., wrote "The Call of the North," taking his characters and story from Stewart Edward White's novel, "Conjurer's House," a book that has had one of the largest sales of any of the works of fiction of recent years. Conjurer's House is the name of a fortified posthouse of the Hudson Bay Company on the banks of the Moose River, away up in the Canadian woods, 600 miles beyond the border of civilization.

"The Right of Way."

At the Academy Thanksgiving, matinee and night, will be seen Eugene W. Presbrey's dramatization of Sir Gilbert Parker's story, "The Right of Way." The piece was originally produced by Klaw & Erlanger, under whose direction it scored a most emphatic success."

Charlie Steele is a tippling, dilettante lawyer in Montreal, a man of exceptional talent, who is pursued by all the doubts of the agnostic: What is life? Why do we live? Is there a hereafter? His mental unrest leads him to drink, and when drunk he becomes a remarkably brilliant man. In this condition he defends "Joe" Portugais, an ignorant riverman, accused of murder, and in the face of convincing evidence of guilt, secures his acquittal. This makes Portugais his slave in gratitude, and their lives become entangled by this incident to the end.

There are five acts, which show the den of Charlie Steele in Montreal, the Cote Dorion on the St. Lawrence River at night, "Joe's" hut on the mountain and the Valley of Cooling Springs. The third and fourth scenes are played in the same set. Seat sale to-day.—Adv.

"Mary's Lamb."

Richard Carle has a big advantage over the average stage comedian, for he writes his own musical comedies. In this way he is always able to keep building up the character he portrays. In "Mary's Lamb," the lively play in which the tall comedian appears at the Academy Friday night, he has the part of Leander Lamb, a hen-pecked husband. The part fits him perfectly, but he has never ceased adding lines and jokes since the first performance of the play was given, over a year ago. Now he is greeted by an almost continuous laugh while he is on the stage—and he has cut out much work for himself. Seats to-day.

Amusements.

ACADEMY, Wed., Nov. 24th
Night Only
PAUL GILMORE
IN
The Call of the North
A Play of the Canadian Woods.
Prices: 25c to $1.50.

ACADEMY, Thanksgiving
Matinee and Night
The Right of Way
Prices: Matinee, 25c to $1.00; night, 25c to $1.50.

ACADEMY, Friday, Nov. 26
RICHARD (HIMSELF)
CARLE
In His Merry Musical Gambol
MARY'S LAMB
Prices: 50c to $2.00.

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DOES JOHNSON'S CONSISTENT FIGHTING GIVE HIM A CHANCE?

BY BILL BLUNT.

Had Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson been matched four years ago, the sporting public would not have taken the match seriously. A purse might have been forthcoming, but it would have been Jeff's well-known drawing powers that would have prompted the promoters to make the bid. Johnson's chances of victory would have been considered very slim, and Jeffries would surely have been installed a pronounced favorite in the betting.

But time has brought about many changes that alter the entire situation and make the coming contest look more even. If it weren't for this equalization, the fighters would be lucky to receive the offer of a $10,000 purse instead of the $100,000, which every body believes it will take to ultimately land the coming bout. As for the pictures, if it is a stubbornly contested battle, lasting anywhere from fifteen rounds up, with Jeff the winner, they should be worth a fortune. With Johnson the victor, they wouldn't be worth nearly so much, but, even at that, they might show a profit.

Must Fight to Keep in Shape.

There are several reasons why a match now between Jeffries and Johnson looks fairly even, on paper, where four years ago it would have been considered a jug-handled affair. The Californian has done absolutely nothing in the fighting line. When a fighter is idle for a long stretch he generally "goes back." It is much like ascending a steep hill. As long as you are plodding along with all your force, you continue to ascend. But when you stop climbing, even for a short while, you slip back, slowly but surely. It is hard to stand still. Jeff has done no fighting, while Johnson has been plodding, plodding.

When a race-horse faces the flag a score of times, runs a dead heat or two, wins all the others, never losing, they pay some attention to him, even though his fields were not always composed of stake horses. The speculators figure that he is a consistent winner, and that perhaps he has not shown all his speed. That is the way it has been with Johnson. During the past four years he has started more than twenty times. He boxed a draw with Joe Jeannette, made a miserable showing with Jack O'Brien for six rounds and won all the rest pulling up. He was in lamentable condition with O'Brien, and was probably thirty pounds over weight. The draw with Jeannette is not hard to understand—they speak the same language.

Negro Has Never Been Extended.

In those four years Johnson beat some good men. He had a big weight advantage, but that doesn't alter the fact that Ketchel, Burns, Kaufman, Langford, Flynn and Fitzsimmons had class. During none of the bouts was Johnson really extended. He won without using whip or spur, and, had he cut loose, it is likely some of the battles would not have lasted as long as they did. With Jeffries retrograding and Johnson coming like a whirlwind, never showing his true form, the opinion that the bout looks fairly even on paper to-day, and that the betting to-day should be around even, is not an unreasonable one.

That some of the sportsmen figure the same way is evidenced by the fact that in the West considerable money has been offered on Jeffries at even. That should be the price to-day. The boilermaker's condition will either lengthen or shorten the odds in the future. But his true condition cannot be known until he starts in real training. He cannot know himself until he has had a few weeks of the real thing.

Sam Berger is sincere and really believes Jeff can get back in shape. It isn't because he is associated with him, and is influenced by his friendship. It is because he has been working and boxing with him. The writer walked home with Berger the other night after Sam and Jeff had boxed their three-round exhibition. He was pretty well tired out, and showed it.

Jeff Improving Every Day.

"It's pretty hard going three rounds with Jeff these days," said he. "Before he went to Europe it was much easier. During that long tour he was in no hurry to rush things, and just went along naturally. He knew his improvement in condition must come slowly, and he was satisfied to go easily. He has been getting better every day, and when he came back from the other side he was a different man entirely. He now comes at you like a bull, and there is a world of power behind his blows.

"Of course, everybody must understand that we do not try to knock each other's head off in the exhibitions, but reaches me with a slam every once in a while that shakes me up. I have to be on the lookout all the time or he is liable to drop me. He seems stronger, his wind and endurance are better, and his two best punches are working to perfection. These are his sweeping left swing and the right half-arm jolt for the ribs. The continuous boxing has sharpened his eye, and he is judging distance accurately. I can notice a steady improvement in him, and a few months more will find him in fine shape.

"Don't imagine Johnson is going to meet an old man. Jeff is but two years and eleven months older than Johnson. When he enters the ring he'll surprise everybody, and, best of all, he'll win sure."

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