TOPICS IN CHICAGO.

PREACHERS TO INVESTIGATE FORT SHERIDAN—SAILING OF THE NORTHWESTERN FOR LIVERPOOL—NEW INDUSTRIAL COMBINATIONS.

Chicago, April 27 (Special).—The widely published reports of the disorderly conduct of soldiers at Fort Sheridan on their last payday and of the multiplication of saloons just outside the reservation have stirred the Methodist Ministers' Association of this city to anger. At a meeting of the ministers held on Tuesday the reports were denounced as false, and it was charged that they had been circulated to create a sentiment in favor of the repeal of the anti-canteen law. The association has directed one of its members, the Rev. M. M. Parkhurst, to make an investigation into the conditions. Mr. Parkhurst has asked the other ministerial bodies in Chicago to select representatives to act with him as an investigating committee, and this body will begin work as soon as it is formed. The Methodist Association declares that there will be no bias in the inquiry, and that the facts will be given to the public irrespective of whether they favor the re-establishment of the canteen or not. Meanwhile army officers content themselves with pointing out that no investigation committee can change the facts, and that the existence of new groggeries bordering on the reservation cannot be passed over by specious argument. The work of the committee will be watched with interest.

For the last two weeks instructors and pupils in all the high schools of the city have been stirred up by a controversy with the Board of Education concerning graduation exercises. It has been the custom for several years for the high school pupils to raise money, principally by means of entertainments, to rent a hall or theatre for graduation exercises. These ceremonies have been invariably accompanied by gifts of flowers to those among the graduates whose friends were able to afford such luxuries, and by a display of "graduating gowns." This year the Hyde Park High School sought the permission of the Board of Education to secure the Auditorium Theatre for its exercises. This has been refused on the ground principally that the effort to make a display of class graduation invariably occasions heartburnings among the poorer children graduating, and creates lasting feelings of envy and bitterness. The high schools combined to fight this decision, but they have finally surrendered, much to the satisfaction of the great majority of the parents of the community, who uphold the stand of the board.

The departure of the steamer Northwestern from her wharf in Chicago for Liverpool by the Canadian Canal route has aroused great interest among all classes of merchants and shippers. Though the present disadvantages of such a route are thoroughly understood, heads of leading business interests believe that the departure means the beginning of a new era in commercial activity, and will bring about a boom in the general use of the present canals, as well as the building of better and larger ones. These merchants declare that Chicago's chances of becoming a great international seaport are not so remote as has been supposed, and that the trip of the Northwestern will lead the way to inestimable benefits in this direction. The vessel's cargo consists of provisions of all kinds, timber and harvesting machinery. Great care has been taken to utilize the entire space of the hold, so as to place as much merchandise as the depth of the canals will allow. Thousands of people gathered at the bridges of the Chicago River and gave the Northwestern an enthusiastic sendoff as she steamed out into Lake Michigan.

Evanston, Chicago's model suburb, has just passed through the throes of a hotly contested election, and the newly elected Mayor has hastened to accept the resignation of Chief of Police Wheeler Bartram. He has placed in this position Newell C. Knight, a Chicago stockbroker, and the head of what is known as the Four Mile League of Evanston, an organization active in the suppression of the liquor traffic. Mr. Knight tendered his services gratis, and will take the place without pay or perquisites. A vigorous campaign against "blind pigs" is expected.

Prince Kropotkin, who has been in Chicago for several days, finally wore out the welcome that was accorded him when he arrived here. Starting out by declaring at Hull House that he was a "law and order" agitator, he was quite the vogue for at least forty-eight hours. Then he began to extol the virtues of the anarchists who suffered death in Chicago after the riots of 1886, and in a public address said: "It is with deep emotion that I address an audience on the subject of anarchism in a city that has been the scene of a tragedy that has lost to us four of our excellent comrades, whom we regret not to have with us to-night, fighting for the emancipation of mankind. Their names are not forgotten in Europe, or in any place where the fight is being carried on in the cause for which they bravely died."

This language, and much more of the same general character, brought down on the head of the prince a storm of general indignation. The people of Chicago still feel much of the bitterness and horror that were general during the days of the riots.

Within the last two weeks conferences having for their object the formation of several trusts have been held at the Auditorium Hotel. Plate glass interests, representatives of the new cereal trust and heads of the Western Casket Manufacturers' Association, otherwise known as the coffin trust, have all had their turn, and others have arranged for meetings at the hotel in the near future. The leading plough makers of the West are now in session, and the Rubber Goods Manufacturing Company, an organization said to control the field in its particular line, has been holding meetings for some days.

A blind physician has just been graduated from the Chicago Homœopathic Medical College, winning the highest honors. He is George S. Dobbins, a young man who has been totally blind for eighteen years. Dr. Dobbins has won his degree principally by his remarkable powers of concentration of his wonderful memory. In the use of the stethoscope and other tests of lung and chest affections which are diagnosed by sound his refined sense of hearing has been the wonder and admiration of his classmates. The heads of the college declare that he is as well qualified as any graduate of the institution to take his place among members of the profession, and that he should become a remarkably successful specialist in diseases of the lungs. Dr. Dobbins is a native of Illinois. His father was president of the Chicago and Pacific Railroad Company.

A NATURAL SUPPOSITION.

From The Chicago News.

Mabel's mother was showing her a brood of chickens hatched in an incubator.

"They are poor little orphans," said the mother.

"An' is that the orphan asylum?" asked Mabel, pointing in wonder at the incubator.

SPORTS AND SPORTSMEN.

GOLF.

LAKEWOOD TOURNEY A BLOW TO THE OFFICIAL HANDICAPPERS—DYKER MEADOW WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

The decisions of the three men who compiled this season's official handicap list have failed of indorsement so far as Lakewood is concerned. Whether they will be justified by the results in subsequent tournaments remains to be seen. Lakewood offered the first test of their value, and the results are sufficient to cast grave reflections on the way in which the allowances have been given out. In regard to the two most prominent golfers on the list, Travis and Douglas, the outcome of Saturday's extraordinary contest must be to put the two at last on a par, although the handicap committee has seen fit to rate Travis at scratch and to give Douglas one stroke. Of course, the inference is that Travis is the better man, but former performances of the two players certainly fail to indorse that judgment. Travis is champion and Douglas is not, but in golf titles mean little in the comparison of form. In the Metropolitan Handicap last season Travis won the cup, but he did not meet Douglas in the match play, and in the medal play those who were there admit that Douglas showed the stronger game. At Atlantic City Douglas again outplayed the champion, making the best score in the qualifying round, taking the cup and winning the medal for the lowest gross score in the handicap. His defeat of Travis at Lakewood on Saturday is a further blow at the handicappers. Nor is this all. Of the last three championships Douglas has beaten Travis twice, and now that he has again demonstrated his superiority there will be less confidence than ever in the official ratings. The Metropolitan Championship, in which these ratings are to govern, exclusively, is less than a month off. Possibly that may vindicate the judgment of Messrs. Larkin, Singer and De Witt Cochrane, but indications point the other way.

The fair golfers of Dyker Meadow are rapidly stealing from Morris County the distinction of being the most active women's club of the metropolitan district. The kind of zeal that tramps through rain and mud of the variety seen at Dyker Meadow this month is capable of anything, and, in spite of all the cups that are being offered, competitors in plenty have appeared to play for them. To-day another tournament is to open, this time for a trophy offered by Mrs. T. M. Lloyd. The qualifying round is at eighteen holes, the first eight players to meet for Mrs. Lloyd's cup and the second eight for a consolation cup, presented by Miss Laura Wallace. Special interest attaches to the contest from the fact that the winner is to receive title as club champion. To-morrow both sets will meet at eighteen holes, match play, and on Thursday the semi-finals will be decided. The survivors on this occasion will meet in the finals on May 7. The entire tournament will be played without handicaps, using the full double circuit of the links.

Team matches will form a more popular feature of the Montclair Golf Club's programme this season. May 18 is the date set for the opening match against the Tuxedo team, at Montclair. Other dates arranged are: May 25, Montclair against North Jersey Country Club, at Montclair; June 6, mixed foursome team match with Englewood, at Montclair; June 20, mixed foursome team match with Essex County Country Club, at Montclair; July 6, Montclair against Tuxedo, at Montclair; July 27, Montclair against Englewood, at Englewood; September 26, mixed foursome team match with Englewood, at Englewood; October 12, Montclair against North Jersey Country Club, at Paterson, and November 9, Montclair against Englewood, at Montclair.

The executive committee of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association has fixed upon November 1 as the date for the intercity team match with the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia. The match is to take place in the metropolitan district on a links to be selected later, with eighteen women on a side. Last year's match at Philadelphia was won by the New-York team by a score of 39 to 21.

As an adjunct to their main clubhouse on the Bath Beach shore, the Marine and Field golfers have opened fine new quarters in Eighty-sixth-st., near Thirteenth-ave., within a stone's throw of the first green. The modest little building that used to do duty as a golf house has been outgrown, and with the larger accommodations now at their disposal the members are looking forward to a season of great success.

Baltusrol will open its season on next Saturday with an enlarged clubhouse and an improved course. A special scratch tournament for Class A and B members will be the curtain raiser, the sixteen best players in each class to continue at match play on each succeeding Wednesday in May, the winner in each class receiving a cup. In addition, the first handicap for the May cup is to take place, the winner scoring three points, the second player two and the third one. At the end of the month the player having the most points will be awarded the prize.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

PASTIME ATHLETIC CLUB WINS THE METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Pastime Athletic Club cross country team won the metropolitan cross country championship, held yesterday under the auspices of the Star Athletic Club, of Long Island City. The run was over the Long Island course for cross country runners. The Pastime Athletic Club scored 35 points and the Xavier Athletic Association team finished second. There were only three clubs represented. The race was won by John J. Joyce, of the Xavier Athletic Association, who covered the distance of about eight and one-half miles in 56 minutes 3 seconds. J. McGarry, of the Pastime Athletic Club, was second; C. L. Brady, of the Xavier Athletic Association, third; F. X. Hussy, of the Star Athletic Club, fourth, and J. H. Kelly, of the Pastime Athletic Club, fifth.

The race was in doubt until L. Markheim, of the Pastime Athletic Club, the fifteenth man to finish, crossed the line. The Pastime team was composed of J. McGarry, J. H. Kelly, D. A. McMahon, P. Soutar, jr., and L. Markheim. John J. Joyce, the winner of the race, won by about four hundred yards. He is the former junior champion cross country runner of County Galway, Ireland. It was expected that J. McGarry, of the Pastime Athletic Club, would win the race. There were about fifteen hundred spectators present. The race was from scratch, and the runners were together most of the time. The Xavier Athletic Association men stood a good chance of winning until T. J. Vogellus, who was leading at the fourth mile, became ill. Although in no condition to run he finished the race.

K. A. C. ATHLETIC CARNIVAL.

Bertrand Hopper, manager of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club baseball team, has completed arrangements with the Yale team for a game at Knickerbocker Field, Bayonne City, N. J., on Memorial Day. This game will form a part of the monster athletic carnival which will take place at the Knickerbocker Field on that day. In connection with the day's sports Ray C. Ewry, champion standing high and broad jumper, will try for the record for the three standing jumps. Mr. Ewry feels confident he will be able to lower the mark.

THE SPEEDWAY.

THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN WITNESS SPIRITED BRUSHES ON THE ROAD.

A throng such as the brushes on the Speedway have seldom if ever attracted visited the picturesque park yesterday. The sidewalks were black with people, and so were the rocky cliffs west of the driveway and north of Washington Bridge, while hundreds of fast trotters and pacers dotted the road.

The feature of the day was a series of brushes between Moth Miller, 2:07, and Swift, 2:16¼, the rival road horses of Dr. David Randall and John F. Cockerill. Five times they went over the half mile speeding ground, and after the last brush was over each proud owner had as much right as the other to say that his was the better horse. Moth Miller outfooted Swift so easily at the first trial that Mr. Cockerill's friends tried to dissuade him from renewing the seemingly unequal contest. But to their surprise it was Swift that won easily the second time down, Moth Miller breaking when within two hundred yards of the end of the speeding ground. The honors were just about even as the two horses passed the half mile post on the third trip. Then, after a rest, the pacer beat the trotter from start to finish quite handily, but Swift reversed the verdict in the fifth trial, leading his rival by a short neck after a brilliant contest.

Moth Miller was beginning to tire by this time, but his driver was not, and when David Lamar came along with his little pacing mare Nettie B., 2:16¼, Dr. Randell started his horse again. He was beaten a length, and on renewing the contest Nettie B. left the roan pacer many lengths in the rear.

C. K. G. Billings, who had just returned from Memphis, where he and Frank Jones are building a new trotting track, brought out a new trotter called J. R. H., that captivated the critics. This horse is a dark chestnut stallion, of superb form and action, by McEwen, 2:18½. Mr. Billings started him in only one brush yesterday, easily drawing away from the Billings mares Emma S. and Arigal, 2:20½, driven to pole by Frank Jones.

Dr. H. D. Gill drove a strange bay pacer that was recognized as the notorious turf outlaw Tar Tartar, 2:13½, alias Little Joker, that has given the harness racing authorities more trouble than any other horse in the country in the last three years. He won several pretty brushes yesterday, showing great speed.

J. S. Ehrlc held the reins over a new purchase, the black trotter Alrich, 2:12½, formerly driven by S. F. Paul. George H. Huber introduced another newcomer in the chestnut pacer George A., 2:32¼, by Red Virgin, beating, among others, J. W. Cornish's chestnut trotter David B., 2:09¼. Frederick T. Steinway was out behind a fast young trotter of his own raising that showed his heels to several of the cracks. Isaac A. Hopper, who has lately taken to driving on the Speedway almost every pleasant day, drove his bay pacing mare Annie St. Clair, 2:21½, to the front in two brushes, beating Dr. Gill's Pearl 3., 2:20½, and Alexander Frankenstein's Grant, 2:17½. Mr. Hopper had to ride in the dust, however, when he turned his mare for a brush with David Lamar's Red Lawn, 2:16¼. Lucre, 2:18½, a brown pacing stallion owned by Mr. Hopper, defeated David B., 2:09¼, and George Wallace, 2:17½, in two pretty contests.

CYCLING.

IDEAL WEATHER BRINGS OUT THOUSANDS OF RIDERS—AUTOMOBILES ALSO SEEN IN FORCE.

The weather yesterday was the most favorable so far experienced this season for riders of the wheel, and as a result there were thousands of wheelmen out. The severe storms of the last few weeks had made those accustomed to daily spins stiff and gloomy, and yesterday's opportunity was hailed with delight. Club runs which had been postponed from Sunday to Sunday in deference to the mandates of sloppy roads, wet asphalt and muddy cycle paths were at last possible, and the insignia of club after club, with its string of uniformed riders following behind, were seen on the various thoroughfares in which the wheel predominates over other forms of pleasure riding.

The Boulevard and Riverside Drive and the smooth paths about Grant's tomb presented an alluring scene all day. In the morning on each of the roadways many riders pedalled up and down, and after church hours the throng became even greater. The most popular routes were those leading to the suburban roads. A goodly number went out over the Westchester roads, but the majority were bound for Coney Island. Many crossed the Brooklyn Bridge, and had their difficulties in crossing. The ferryboats carried numbers of cyclists. The Staten Island and Jersey roads were also in high favor, and the Merrick Road had its usual population. The riders were numerous in the vicinity of Valley Stream.

The Coney Island cycle path crunched under the tires of more wheels than it has on any other day this year. It is the opinion of those who keep resorts along the path that if yesterday's showing is kept up cycling will be more popular than ever.

The country roads never looked prettier or brighter. There was no dust, and the breeze was not strong enough to bother the riders. The recent rains had left the roads in excellent condition. The scene along the North Shore was inspiring. The roads were good, but the hills did not appeal to the average rider.

In Central Park and in Prospect Park there were thousands of riders.

Automobiles were also greatly in evidence in all the roadways, in Riverside Drive and in Central and Prospect parks.

Dr. Gottfried Pisek, of No. 250 East Seventy-second-st., was arrested by Bicycle Policeman Vanderpool at Central Park West and Ninety-second-st. in the afternoon for alleged violation of the automobile speed ordinance. The doctor was said to be running at a twenty mile an hour gait. Twelve miles an hour is the limit.

Bicycle Policeman Doyle caught Charles F. Thomas, of No. 243 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., at One-hundred-and-thirty-third-st. and Eighth-ave. He too, was accused of overspeeding his automobile.

At 9 o'clock last night the records at the headquarters of the bicycle squad showed that fourteen bicyclists were arrested for scorching.

SECOND DIVISION WINS AGAIN.

IT IS FIRST IN THE FIRST NAVAL BATTALION VOLLEY SHOOTING MATCH.

The Second Division of the 1st Naval Battalion won the volley shooting match of the organization for the second time on Saturday, at the 71st Regiment Armory. This ends the indoor shooting season of the naval men. The Second Division scored 280 out of a possible 450. The Fourth Division finished second. The teams shot in squads of six men each, firing five shots in volley at a distance of 200 yards. In each division there were three classes, thus making a team of eighteen men.

Gun Captain E. Crawford made the best individual score for the winning team, getting 22 out of a possible 25. The men who shot on the winning team were E. Crawford, E. F. Wilmerding, W. B. Waite, R. Weed, E. C. De Kay, H. A. Clark, J. L. Phipps, C. H. Cottrell, L. S. Stockwell, C. J. Weekes, P. Meigs, jr., C. A. Eustaphiere, F. L. Van Winkle, J. M. Bruce, P. P. Kent, E. H. Stockwell, H. Slack and D. B. Brigham.

RETURN MATCH WITH JERSEY SHOTS.

The return shooting match between teams representing New-York and New-Jersey will take place at Newark early next month. The first match was decided at Interstate Park, and the New-York team won by one bird. The teams will consist of fifteen men each. Each man will shoot at twenty-five birds.

ANOTHER PIGEON SLAUGHTER.

There will be many live pigeons killed at the annual four days' tournament of the New-Jersey State Sportsmen's Association, which will be held at Newark on May 7, 8, 9 and 10. The first two days will be devoted to targets, and the others to live birds. In addition to several trophies shot for annually and belonging to the association, there will be team trophies and individual prizes.

ROWING.

PLANS FOR THE RACES AT CORNELL.

Ithaca, N. Y., April 28.—Arrangements for the Memorial Day boat race, in which Columbia, the University of Pennsylvania and the Cornell 'varsity eights will be entered, are nearing completion. The Lehigh Valley Railroad will run an observation train, consisting of forty or fifty cars, capable of seating more than three thousand persons. It will be run on the Auburn branch, close to the racing course, on the east side of Cayuga Lake. All obstructions will this year be removed, and a clear view of the entire distance of two miles may be had.

In addition to the crew race Ithaca will have two other athletic events. The Princeton-Cornell track meet has been transferred from Elmira to Percy Field, and will take place early in the afternoon prior to the crew race. In the forenoon the final baseball game for the Interscholastic League championship will occur. On the previous evening the Cornell navy will give a ball in the university armory. A crowd of ten thousand persons is expected.

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BASEBALL.

GAMES YESTERDAY.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Cincinnati, 6; Chicago, 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Chicago, 13; Cleveland, 1. | Detroit, 12; Milwaukee, 11.

THE RECORDS.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pc.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pc.
Cincinnati	4	1	.800	Pittsburg	2	2	.500
St. Louis	4	2	.667	Philadelphia	3	3	.500
Brooklyn	3	2	.600	New-York	1	2	.333
Boston	2	2	.500	Chicago	1	6	.143

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pc.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pc.
Detroit	4	0	1.000	Cleveland	1	3	.250
Baltimore	2	0	1.000	Boston	0	2	.000
Washington	2	0	1.000	Philadelphia	0	2	.000
Chicago	3	1	.750	Milwaukee	0	4	.000

CINCINNATI, 6; CHICAGO, 4.

Chicago, April 28.—Two singles, a double and a triple, followed by Green's muff, gave the Cincinnati National League team four runs in the sixth inning. A base on balls and a balk helped them to the other two runs and the game. Phillips was effective, and kept the hits scattered, except in one inning. Both teams fielded well. Attendance, 8,500. The score:

										R.	H.	E.
Chicago	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	10	1
Cincinnati	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	6	11	1

Batteries—Cunningham and Chance; Phillips and Peitz.

CHICAGO, 13; CLEVELAND, 1.

Chicago, April 28.—In the presence of 16,500 spectators the American League champions gave Cleveland a thorough drubbing this afternoon, pounding Baker all over the lot. The fielding of Bradley and Genins was the redeeming feature of the visitors' play. For Chicago, Griffith was almost invincible. The score:

										R.	H.	E.
Chicago	0	3	3	2	1	0	0	4	x	13	23	3
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	2

Batteries—Griffith and Sullivan; Baker and Wood.

DETROIT, 12; MILWAUKEE, 7.

Detroit, April 28.—For the third time in the opening series of four games with Milwaukee the local team won this afternoon with a great batting rally in the ninth inning, making four consecutive defeats for the visitors. Burke's errors figured prominently in Detroit's run getting. The hitting of Waldron and Casey and two splendid running catches by Holmes were features. The score:

										R.	H.	E.
Detroit	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	3	4	12	15	4
Milwaukee	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	16	4

Batteries—Siever, Frisk, Cronin and McAllister; Dowling and Leahy.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

At Louisville—Louisville, 9; Indianapolis, 7.
At Toledo—Fort Wayne, 4; Toledo, 3.
At Grand Rapids—Grand Rapids, 9; Marion, 15.
At Dayton—Dayton, 2; Columbus, 1.

EASTERN LEAGUE.

At Rock Point—Hartford, 10; Providence, 2.
At Rochester—Toronto, 11; Rochester, 5.
At Buffalo—Buffalo, 8; Montreal, 7.

THE RACETRACK.

NEWPORT ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY.

Cincinnati, April 28.—Entries at Newport for Monday are as follows:

First race (six furlongs; selling)—Crescent Queen, 95; Margaret Hoffman, 95; Lady Ida, 95; Julius Werner, 100; St. Sidney, 100; Roberta Lee, 100; Vince, 102; Callipus, 102; Kings Pet, 104; Guerdon, 104; Colstrathy, 104; Isaac, 104; Otis Harlan, 105; Port Jarvis, 105; Hazel Moor, 107; Major Bell, 109.

Second race (five and one-half furlongs; selling)—Sweet Dream, 93; Easter, 100; Algie M., 100; Goldie C., 105; Fairy Bell, 110; Grandma H., 110; Corialis, 110; Pauline J., 110.

Third race (four and one-half furlongs; selling)—Lady Alza, 100; Ship Ahoy, 100; The Rounder, 100; Full Dinner Pail, 103; Paul Bart, 103; Latonia, 103; Octo, 103; King Rex, 109.

Fourth race (five and one-half furlongs; selling)—Coan, 93; Patchwork, 93; Ruth Parks, 93; Lucia, 103; Leach, 103; Ahamo, 103; Jena, 103; Colgate, 103; Oconeo, 103; Bittie R., 103; Flying Bird, 110.

Fifth race (one mile)—Myriam G., 100; Tusculum, 105; Peter Durea, 105; Dissolute, 105; Dutch Comedian, 105; J. H. Sloan, 110.

Sixth race (six and one-half furlongs; selling)—Come Quick, 109; Anxious, 100; Prince of Song, 105; Brown Tail, 107; Birdie May, 107; Zeriba, 107; La Spare, 107; Dorbush, 109; Charlie Daniels, 109; Denny Duffy, 112; Dan Rice, 112.

CHESS.

EUGENE DELMAR WILL BE THE FIRST TO PLAY WITH LASKER.

The directors of the Manhattan Chess Club announced yesterday afternoon that Eugene Delmar will be the first to meet Lasker on even terms at the clubroom this afternoon, and not Major Hanham. It appears that Delmar will have to leave the city to-morrow, and so the directors asked Hanham to make way for Delmar. It was also stated that only members and their friends, who must, however, be properly introduced, will have access to the exhibition games to be played by the champion during his stay at the club, as the rooms of the club would not permit big crowds to be present.

THEY WENT AHEAD.

From The Philadelphia Press.

The two mad bulls had blundered into a narrow alleyway. Before them were several policemen; behind them a surging mob.

"What way shall we go?" inquired one.

"It's pretty hard to decide," replied the other. "Let's toss a copper."

Accordingly they tossed one and got ahead, the others turning tail.

THE CAUCASIAN RACE.

From The Indianapolis Press.

"And what do you think of the Caucasian race now?" we asked.

"It seems to be a race for loot," sadly answered the intelligent, though heathen, Chinese.

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YACHTING.

MOVEMENTS OF THE CHALLENGER.

COMMENT ON THE SHAMROCK AS SHE WAS TOWED DOWN THE CLYDE.

Glasgow, April 28.—In the opinion of those responsible for sailing Shamrock II in the races for the America's Cup, the five weeks available for preparation and trials are considered quite little enough time for the work. Every effort, therefore, will be made to hurry things forward. Within an hour after she was formally handed over by the manager of the Dennys, she started for the Solent, in tow of the Erin; and there is still hope that she will be ready for her first spin under canvas by Thursday.

If this should be found impossible, she will not hoist sail until Saturday, Captain Jameson and Captain Sycamore being agreed that though they are not superstitious there is no sufficient reason for "tempting Providence" by starting her on her racing career on Friday.

Thomas Ratsey, the sailmaker, has all the canvas in readiness for her arrival, and he has been advised to have all hands waiting for her Monday morning.

As she was towed down the Clyde she was the subject of general comment. Her extraordinarily low freeboard was much criticised, in view of the necessity of making an Atlantic passage; and her telescopic topmast was condemned by practical yachtsmen, who held that, if at any time it should become desirable to extend or lower the topmast, the mainmast would certainly have bent enough to jam it. Nevertheless, Shamrock II was pronounced the likeliest challenger ever sent across.

BIG FLEET FOR LAKE TROPHY.

Chicago, April 28 (Special).—The prosperity of yacht clubs through engaging in international racing is shown by the fact that since its last race for the Canada's Cup the membership of the Chicago Yacht Club has jumped from eighty to four hundred. The date of the first race in the series for this trophy has been arranged for August 9. One of the favorites for the coming trial races is the Yankee, a centreboard craft designed by C. G. Davis, of Bayonne, N. J., who sailed the last winner, the Genesee. Over all, the Yankee measures 44 feet 6 inches, over a 28 foot waterline. Her draught, exclusive of board, is only 20 inches, with a beam of 11 feet. She carries 6,000 pounds of inside ballast. The Jones & Laborde design for Mr. Nunnemacher, of Milwaukee, is fifty feet over all, with only 8 feet 9 inches beam, small draught and a long waterline, spreading only 1,000 feet of sail. She will be launched in the coming week. Since the report has gone abroad that the Crowninshield defender Illinois fails to steer satisfactorily, she has lost place in the opinion of some local yachtsmen, and the Hanley design, which is being built at Quincy Point, Mass., for Commodore Shaw, of Detroit, is thought to be among those having the best chance of winning in the trials. A similar view is held of the Desmond design, also of Detroit. In support of the challenge, the Rev. Father O'Brien, of St. John, N. F., has designed a craft of peculiar model for Captain Pearmside, of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. This vessel will be named the Canadian, and she is a distinct departure from the conventional types of racers. The design of the defender, sketched by H. H. McGregor, of Milwaukee, for Mr. Nordberg follows the style of the deep draught English cutter. She will be sailed by Cyrus J. Williams and N. H. McGregor, assisted by members of the Milwaukee Yacht Club.

A NOVEL RACE AT TORONTO.

Toronto, April 28 (Special).—On June 22, under the auspices of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, a race will be sailed containing some novel features, which, it is thought, might be acceptable on one of the days in the Larchmont race week or on one of the Seawanhaka Corinthian outings. It is a plan for combining the smartness of the respective crews with the speed of the yachts. At the start the vessels will be at anchor or at moorings, with canvas stowed. At a signal the crews will hoist sail and go over the course. On returning they will anchor, lower sails and stow them and row ashore in small boats, the first crew to land to be declared the winner. The details have been left to a sub-committee, which intends to order the boats while racing to lower away light sails, reef mainsails, rescue a man who shall fall overboard, then hoist again and proceed to the finish. The following yachts are entered: H. C. McLeod's imported cutter Gloria, the former winner of the Coupe de France; Vice-Commodore Brown's Canada, Mr. Malloch's new Fife cutter the Merry Thought, ex-Commodore Æmilius Jarvis's Zelma, Commodore Lucas's flagship in the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, with the Vivia, the Vedette, the Aggie and the Vreda, including also the Clorita, lately owned by Rear-Commodore Dodge in the Larchmont Yacht Club.

M. BAPTISTE AND THE POLICE.

Paris correspondence of The Pall Mall Gazette.

An eccentric individual, of whom it will suffice to give the Christian name, which is Baptiste, is at present causing the police some little trouble and the magistrate some perplexity. M. Baptiste, for aught the world has been informed to the contrary, may be, as a rule, a model of sobriety, but according to his own admission he found himself quite undeniably drunk on a certain eventful night in his life's history. While in this regrettable condition he essayed to betake himself to bed, but on his arrival at his lodgings an unmanageable latchkey involved him in serious difficulties. In desperation he broke open his door, but started back in horror on entering his rooms. There confronted him, dressed in white and in a reproachful attitude, the ghost of his sister, recently deceased. Baptiste fled, and, determined to put a respectable distance between himself and the apparition, he passed the night outside the railway station and took the first train the next morning to Paris—for the scene of his adventure was a provincial town. To the despair of the authorities, he has remained in the capital ever since. Night after night he falls into the hands of the police, is taken to the station, and has to be released on the following morning after triumphantly establishing his innocence. His sole and unpunishable crime is that he declines to go to bed. The fearsome spectacle which met his eyes the last time he entered a bedroom has made him vow that he will never again risk himself between four walls after nightfall. He is determined to sleep henceforth in the open air. The police, who find him on benches and under gateways, naturally take him to be a vagabond, and treat him as such. When his case is inquired into he is able to prove that he possesses the means to hire a night's lodging if he cared to. He is guiltless, in consequence, of any misdemeanor. Such sturdy belief in the reality of a ghost surely deserves the attention of the Psychical Society.

A NEW TROPHY FOR ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

A trophy has been presented to St. Paul's School, of Garden City, Long Island, by M. J. Hilands. It is to be competed for annually, and the best all-around athlete is to have his name inscribed on the cup, and the competitor winning the honor three times becomes the owner. The trophy was made by the Gorham company.

The cup has three handles and is about thirteen inches high, with a capacity of eleven pints.

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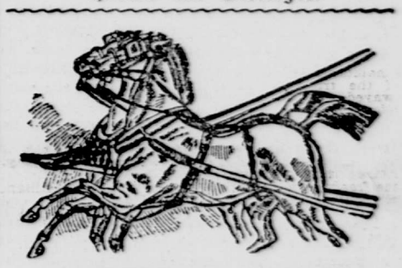

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