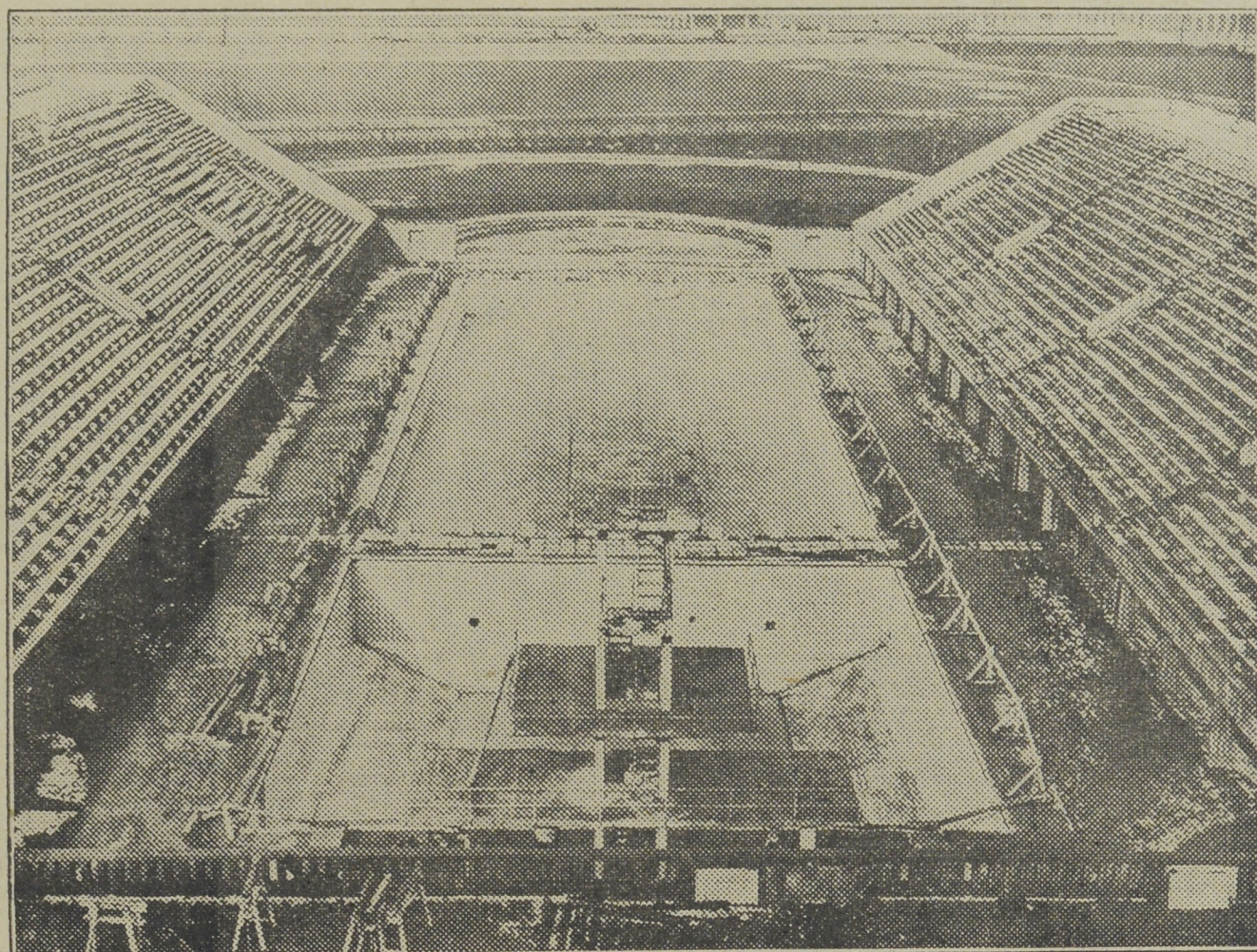


# SATURDAY NIGHT MUSINGS

## GERMANY'S LATEST MOVE MAY STOP OLYMPIC MEET



Adolf Hitler's trampling on the Versailles and Locarno treaties by sending an army into the demilitarized Rhine zone, may mean the wrecking of the Olympic Games, which were supposed to be held in Berlin this summer. Several of the leading European nations have ordered plans for Olympic teams postponed, and France

has definitely stated she will not send a team unless the situation is clarified. Here is a view of part of the huge Olympic equipment which Germany has erected at the Reich Sports Field, Berlin. It shows the swimming tanks with the diving boards and pool in the foreground.

**SLINGSHOTS.** This is a word that brings back memories but it also brings us to present day conditions when these weapons are being distributed among the young boys of the community. As a result much damage is being done and people are being injured. Slingshots have their place but that place is not in the hands of young boys in city streets and backyards.

In years past the slingshot was a real slingshot. Now it is a rubber and metal contrivance that hurls a bullet, or stone or other hard substance with great velocity, because rubber will stretch and metal will spring. This modern implement is a weapon and should be regarded as such by the police. No one has any more right to carry one of them than he has of carrying a pistol or shotgun.

The old-time slingshot was made of a piece of leather with two strings. In the leather was inserted a stone and by whirling the contrivance around one's head and letting go, at the proper time, one of the strings, the stone was propelled through the air and might hit almost anything. They were weapons, too, in the hands of a person who know how to handle them.

Sport is all right in its place and so are slingshots. Soon the playgrounds and athletic fields will be in operation again and then the spirit of the slingshot can be utilized in other directions. The Playground Association once did good work in Saint John. This body had a playground near the exhibition building, another in West Saint John. Part of the Old Athletic Grounds in the Marsh Road was used for the youngsters and in the East End Grounds there was another place where children could play. Victoria Square, in the North End also was equipped for the boys and girls.

But before the time of the Playgrounds Association there were several open spaces where the youths could play. One of these was the old Ballast Wharf where the sugar refinery now stands. That was quite large and the ballast from the ships had been dumped there for years. Baseball games used to be played there and the younger children could pick up bits of flint and

other stones brought from other countries. A flint and a piece of steel made for many interesting hours for children who had ambitions to start a fire that way.

The site of the present King Edward School was another baseball field. Although it was none too large a great many interesting games were played there.

The Courtenay Bay Flats still give opportunity for games at low tide, although one time it was pictured that the whole area there would be occupied by docks, warehouses and elevators. Such a change has not yet come but gradually the docks are coming there and before many years maybe the dream of commerce will be achieved.

Old timers can picture for themselves some of the other open spaces where they spent their youthful hours in sports. But times have changed and the present generation requires more elaborate grounds and equipment and that is as it should be.

## Fanning FOR THE FANS



### SPORT ITEMS IN BRIEF

By LLOYD YOUNG

**JOHN HENRY LEWIS,** THE Arizona negro, successfully defended the world's light-heavy-weight championship by out-pointing Jock McAvoy, British challenger, in a 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden recently. The crowd was estimated at 12,980, who contributed to gate receipts \$37,712, obviously was partisan in the Briton's favor and roundly booed the verdict. Lewis had a four-pound pull in the weights, scaling 172 1/4 to McAvoy's 168 1/4. No knockouts featured the fight but Lewis was the aggressor at all times.

**CHUMMIE LAWLOR,** OF THE last year's winners of the Allan Cup, who was slated for a Olympic berth until the C.A.-H.A. ruled the Halifax players out, is playing hockey with the Bankers in the Commercial League in Halifax.

**GLEN CUNNINGHAM,** WHO holds the world's record for the mile, captured the Columbia mile at New York recently at the Knights of Columbus games by defeating his old rivals, Gene Venzke and Joe Mangan. It was his first victory on the Garden track this winter, and his time was four minutes and 46.8 seconds.

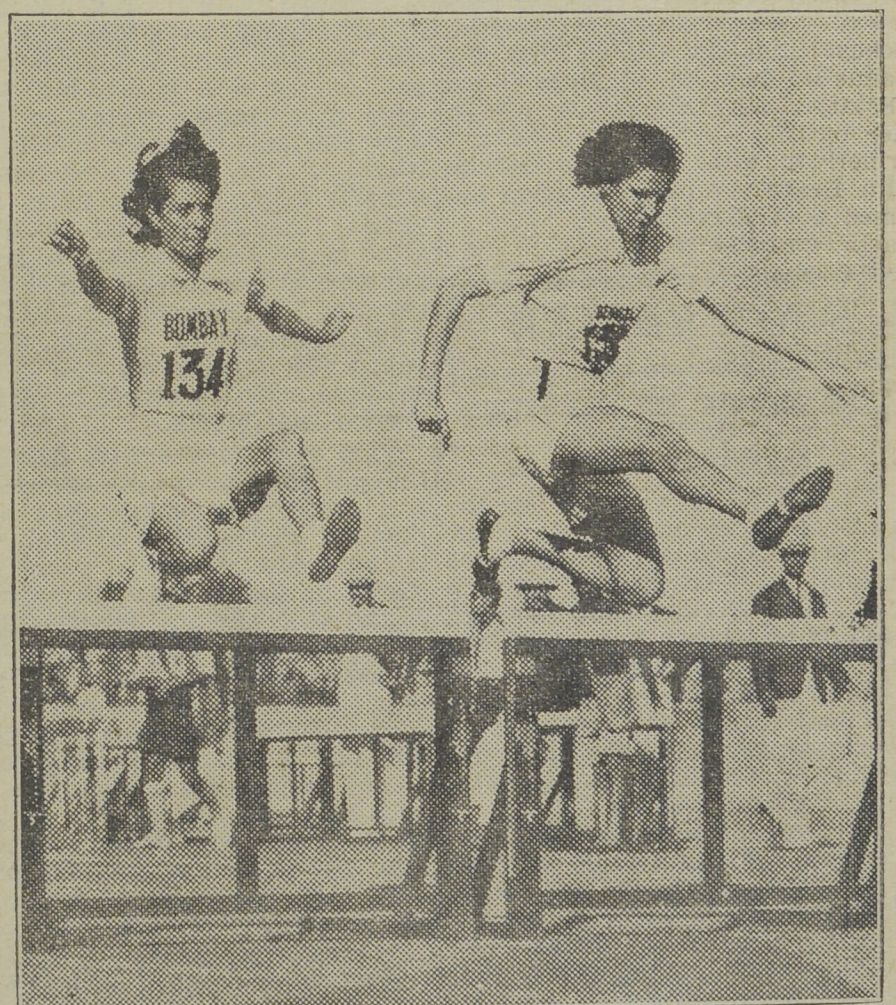
**DOMINION NO. 6 ROYALS** captured the Maritime Intermediate championship by virtue of their win over Shediac Beavers with a score of 5-3 on the two-game series. The Halifax Herald shield emblematic of the Maritime Intermediate hockey title, was presented to the Royals at the close of the game at Moncton.

**JAMES E. WRY,** PRESIDENT of the M.A.H.A., presented the Transcript trophy, emblematic of the Junior championship to the Amherst Canucks, this year's winners, at the conclusion of the game in Amherst recently, when the Canucks

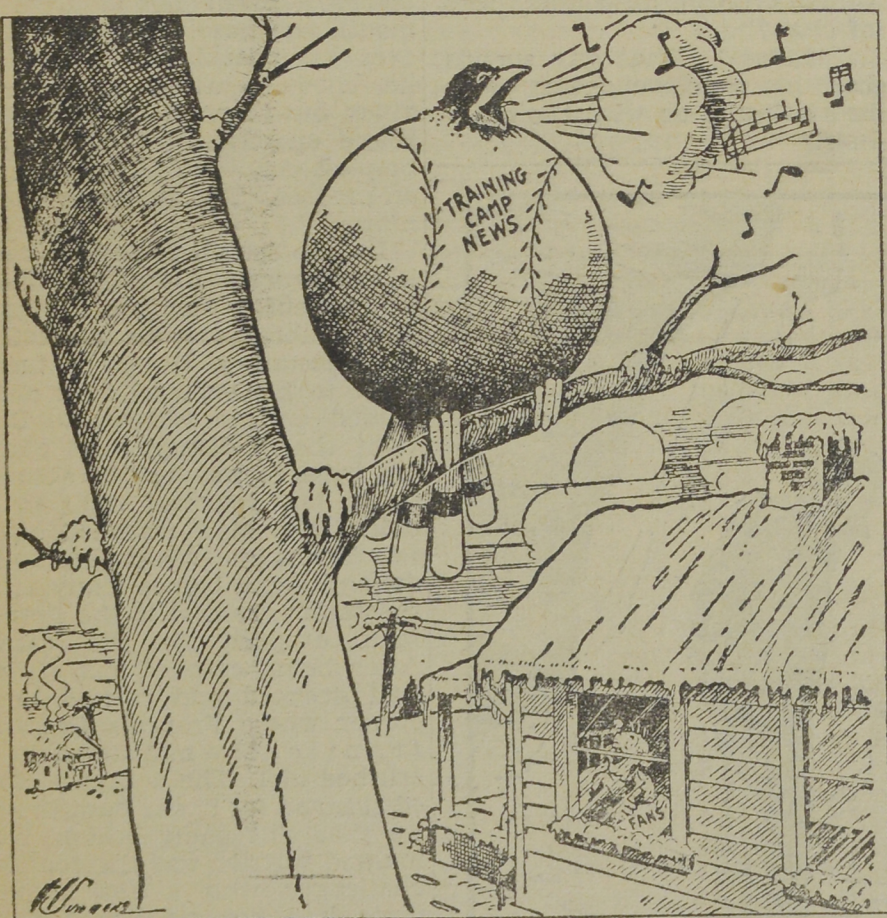
downed the Charlottetown Royals by a score of 6-3, making it 12-4 on the two-game series.

**NEW YORK RANGERS** HAVE drawn a net of \$326,000 into the Gardens for hockey this season. The Americans will wind up approximately \$100,000 short of that. The biggest gate for Rangers was with the To-

## INDIA HOLDS OLYMPIC TRIALS



For the first time in the history of the Olympic Games trials in India, all the provinces were represented at the recent All India Olympic Games Meet in Lahore. Here we see two of the competitors in the 80-metre hurdles for women, clearing the first hurdle. The event was won by Miss Pritchard, of Bengal, on the right.



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