

-- The World of Sport in Review --

J. E. WRY REMAINS HEAD OF THE M.A.H.A. AMATEUR BODY BY VOTE

Moncton, March 19—James E. Wry, president of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association for the third consecutive year, defeating W. E. McMonagle of this city by a vote of 23 to 6. Other officers elected were J. E. Stearns of Charlottetown, first vice-president, who was unopposed, and Frank Lordly, Halifax, second vice-president, who defeated Jerome Morris, of this city by a 12 to 11 vote.

Harry T. Reilly, Moncton, was nominated for the post of second vice-president, but he asked that his name be withdrawn from the voting.

Tonight's session saw several heated arguments including the voting down of a proposal of J. A. Hanway, K. C., of Amherst—that the registrar be named for a period of five years—the disapproving of allowing commercial teams in to the Allan Cup competition and the fixing of credentials for future meetings.

Mr. Hanway's proposal was that the registrar be named for a five year period so that the Maritimes might secure better recognition in the C. A. H. A. He cited the case of C. D. Shipley, of Amherst, who has been secretary of the M. P. B. A. A. U. of C. for the past seven years and has been named to several important posts by his continual attendance at the A. A. U. of C. meetings. He believed this would also apply to the C. A. H. A. But as it was the same officials did not go to the annual meetings of the parent body, therefore they were not recognized. He further added that not since the Maritime body became affiliated with the C. A. H. A. had a Maritime man been named on any committee of the parent body.

O'MEARA SAYS M'GILL SHOULD BEAT MONCTON

"Buz" O'Meara in the Montreal Star, comments as follows on the impending Allan Cup series between Moncton Hawks and McGill:—

"This observer may be wrong in his selection, but he hastens to mark his ballot for McGill in the impending playdowns with Moncton Hawks. This is done in face of the fact that the Maritime invaders are considered by those who saw them in action as a team which would force the best of the minor pro outfits to the limit to beat them in a five game series. This view-point is enlarged on in the Maritimes where in some quarters besides Moncton they are believed to be of N. H. L. calibre. Such is the effect of local pride. The same idea has been held in spots here regarding McGill. They were out to be the last ounce to defeat the Canadian Amateurs conducted by Doc Clement. It would be hard to conceive of the Canadiens conducted by Lewsy Lalonde breathing very heavily in disposing of the Clement clan. The idea shows how enthusiasm can grow in these causes. Moncton is becoming somewhat of an ogre of late. The proportions of Earl Connolly have been enlarged to where his natural 170 pounds are beginning to loom up like 200. The defence which averages around 180 pounds has taken on tonnage in discussion to a point where it is spoken of respectfully as the 200 pound bulwarks.

PROMOTERS ARE WORRYING OVER BOXING GAME

Moncton, March 19—For months, or perhaps we should say for the last year, the most common question in the circles has been: "What is going on with the boxing game?"

In all the history of boxing there were so few good fighters as there are today. Look over the list of our mitt tossers today and you can count on the fingers of your two hands all the good fighters, including the champions. Promoters, especially those who stage boxing shows in a big way are "crying" that they can't sign anybody who will bring in the cash customers.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE CLUBS PLAN ON COAST BARNSTORMING

Toronto, March 19—Toronto Maple Leafs and either New York Rangers or Detroit are planning a barnstorming ante-season trip to Pacific coast cities.

Vanconver Gyros have been in communication by wire with Conny Smythe for several days. They would stage the series as a charity event in the west coast city and a definite outline of their method of financing such a trip will reach Mr. Smythe in a few days.

Winnipeg is keen for the National League clubs to stage a one or two game series in that city and it is possible the tour may extend into American centers like Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

It is said that the Maple Leafs are keen out permission of the official governor for the tour of a continent. King Clancy and Hec Kilrea were out there a few years ago and have sold the idea to their younger clubmates.

Dick Irvin has also been sounding out the opinion among his western friends and from California is advised that such a series would be popular and there would be no difficulty in obtaining ice.

The Leafs are a natural for such a trip. Many of their games have been received on the coast on the air ever Saturday night. They are hot favorites, therefore, having been sold to the customers in advance.

LOUGHRAN SAYS MAX BAER'S RIGHT IS CARNERA'S JINX

New York, N. Y., March 9—"Loughran, next to Carnera, is the greatest heavyweight boxer in the world!"

This assertion was broadcast by Primo Carnera's chief second a few minutes after the tarnished champion had failed to even knock Loughran down in fifteen rounds at Miami. Said Loughran:

"Max Baer will knock out Carnera with a right hand punch to the jaw if the Italian ever is allowed to fight him".

Loughran frequently reached the point of Carnera's chin with right handers, several of which actually staggered the Man Mountain. Lack of punching power, according to Gene Tunney, retired champion, alone prevented Loughran from rocking the huge freak to sleep. Baer a tremendous slugger, especially with his right hand, would experience no trouble reaching Carnera's "button" with the kind of blow with which he flattened Max Schmeling in the Yankee Stadium last June.

Loughran, having boxed Baer and Carnera, is in a position to express an opinion that must carry considerable weight. Baer, he says, is physically stronger than any of other challengers and is a sure shot to dethrone the manufactured titleholder. "But Baer must be trained to the minute", Loughran adds in his present condition needs a couple of fights with three or four months of strenuous work to fit himself for the task which ought to restore the heavyweight championship of the world to America".

Return of Bobby Jones to Golf Game

Bobby Jones' return to competitive golf will be described during play-by-play accounts of the Augusta, Georgia National Golf Club Tournament to be broadcast daily over the WABC-Columbia network, Thursday through Sunday, March 22 to 25 inclusive.

Jones, who retired in 1930 after winning the British and American Open and Amateur Championships in a single season, was co-designer of the Augusta course.

Once again the dramatic scene of Jones pitted against the field will be re-enacted. A group of the world's most formidable professionals and amateurs have signified their intention of competing. These include Tommy Armour, Leo Diegel, Bobby Cruickshank, Joe Kirkwood, Gene Sarazen, Wilie MacFarlane, Horton Smith, Bill Melhorn, Macdonald Smith and Craig Wood. Walter Hagen, Johnny Goodman and Denny Shute also have been invited to take part. The fact that Jones clicked off a 65 in a practice round the other day would mean that his three year withdrawal from competitive hasn't slowed him up.

Columbia is sending a special engineering crew to Augusta to handle the pick-up. A nationally known sports expert will describe the play from a point of vantage at the eighteenth green. The exact broadcasting schedule will be announced later.

The tournament, divided into four days of medal play, eighteen holes per day for each competitor, will be the first played over the Augusta course. It is located on what was formerly the estate of a wealthy Belgian co-adapted to golfing by Jones and the late Allister MacKenzie. As a result, it is considered not only one of the finest tests of golfing skill but also as a spot of extreme scenic beauty.

Elaborate menus are going out of fashion. Few now pore and ponder over what they are going to eat.

He may be called, opens his eyes. In the meantime his parents continue their hibernation, oblivious to so much happiness.

Fears are expressed that McGill players will be mumped around like corks on an ocean, that they will be caught by the nut cracker defence and entirely demolished in the most accomplished maritime manner. Despite all this the hope is devoutly expressed that McGill will be able to survive the shock to their system of hearing as well as reading reading all about the giant killers. Granites, Grads or Greyhounds never set forth in the wake of such an awe inspiring reputation, as that which built up for the Monctonians. Pictured as a super team who will puff and puff the McGill edifice into a crumbling ruin they are not lacking for vivid press agency. They won't lack for local support either because even St. John is behind them. According to Maritime people where Saint John gets behind Moncton that is the last word in solidarity, because on most occasions they are about as chummy in sport as the famed Kilkenny cats. This observer hastens to declare himself for McGill in spite of all the awesome statistics. Also in spite of the fact that our life partner comes from the Maritimes, and is likely to point out very pointedly indeed that there is quite a blue nose tinge about our fairwick which would enable her native province to at least a few passing sport cheers".

Illiteracy was never encountered in the novels of an earlier era. Everybody wasn't encouraged to write fiction.

Man stands with his back to a fire because his ancestors stood that way to watch for enemies.

How can the race be improving if ancients enjoyed the classics that moderns read as a painful duty.

Don't Get a "Tumble"

A couple of our standout fighters are right in this territory. They always have fought sensational battles, but they don't even get a tumble from the local matchmakers. These two alds are Kid Leonard and Frankie Battaglia. They fought a couple of weeks ago at the Chicago Stadium, and it has been years and years since such a fight has been seen here.

Those who attended the show are still talking about the sensational toe-toe slugging battle they fought. And these fans are eagerly awaiting the time when they will see them fight again. A couple of more fights like that might revive the boxing business. That's just the kind of a fight it was. These two lads made a tremendous hit with the fans but Matchmaker Nate Lewis of the Stadium has made no effort to rematch them or even to put them both on the same card against suitable opponents. That's another answer to the query "What's wrong with the boxing game?"

In Demand Elsewhere

Here are two real attractions, after the great battle they fought, yet they don't get a tumble from the matchmakers. Of course, neither Leonard nor Battaglia needs to worry about not getting work at the west side building, because they are flooded with offers from out-of-town promoters. Ernie Fliegel, pilot of Battaglia has been waiting in vain to hear from Lewis regarding a match. Frankie arrived in Minneapolis today and is in demand in Milwaukee, where he is quite a favorite. Last week he stopped Paul Pirrone in the first round and several weeks ago stopped Sammy ("Kid") Slaughter.

Of all the champions of today only two stand out as a worthy of the name. They are Jimmy McLarnin, welterweight king, and Barney Ross, junior welterweight and lightweight champion. And there are only two matches which really will draw good gates. One is a match between Jimmy and Barney for the 147-pound title, and the other between Carnera and Baer for the heavyweight crown.

All persons over 60 should be privileged to take life easy—if they want to. Most of them don't.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT IS STILL THE BEST CLUB

By Capt. A. Cunningham-Reid, M.P.

In Pre-war times the House of Commons was often referred to as "The Best Club in the World." This description could still be applied to the Mother of Parliaments today, but in a different sense.

The "Best Club in the World" epithet pre-suppose that members of Parliament had no other business beyond the administration of their estates. From this it followed that the best social and intellectual amenities of the House were at least of equal importance with its legislative duties.

The general election of 1906 first shook this complacent point of view and the giant strides which the Socialist Party has made since the war have altogether destroyed the old-fashioned conception of the House of Commons as an extra club for gentlemen of leisure. But clubs, as well as politics, have changed in the past fifteen years, and what originally may have been intended in a sense of social exclusiveness may have remained true as a measure of wide range of knowledge, interests, and personalities which any member will find among his 614 fellows.

Once elected the new member will find that almost any comparison with the limited nature of club life breaks down. Clubs may consist entirely of enthusiastic scientists or fly fishermen—the equivalent in Parliament are the ties of the party. But beyond and far transcending these are the contracts of the lobby, smoking-room and the library. Personal friendships may, and do, exist between the bitterest political opponents (they are incomprehensible to foreigners) who respect the other man's convictions, if not his point of view, and realize that each one is striving for what he conceives to be the good of the nation. These are some of the things which justify the old proud boast of the Best Club.

A very definite instance of the strange and attractive jumble of Parliament is afforded by the case of Mr. Maxton. There are only three, or may be four, members who share his political views, yet on a referendum vote he would probably be found to be one of the most popular members of Parliament, for no one can help liking the man himself.

There is another reasonable close comparison between the ordinary club and the one at Westminster—both possess a club committee. Our club committee consists of the Cabinet Ministers. Like all club committees, there is a tendency for them to get rather out of touch with the rank-and-file members whose views they are supposed to represent. When they do it is a thousand pities, for the ordinary intercourse of lobby and smoking-room gives them every opportunity. Some Cabinet Ministers do not seem to see quite how necessary these contacts are and how much they are appreciated.

Government Whips, who are intimately concerned with these ticklish matters do not always realize that the numbers in the "Aye" and "No" lobbies may bear a very direct relationship to the fact that one Minister is accustomed to stalk through the lobby wrapped in great thoughts, while another will stop on his way for a cheerful word here and there.

The House of Commons, by reason of its universality, its reflection of every aspect of the nation's life, its broad humanity, still mirrors the spirit of this country as no Fascist or Soviet assembly could. In that sense—and it is certainly the sense which has made our Parliament admired and imitated from China to Peru—the House of Commons is and remains the "Best Club in the World," though in a very different sense from that intended by the originators of the phrase.

Boston, Mass., March 19 — Two nights later the customers will see Vince Dundee, the middleweight champion opposed to Al McCoy of Waterville, Maine. It is not a championship contest, however, the pair having signed for an overweight battle.

McCoy's admirers in Maine are showing a great deal of interest in the bout.

I saw a letter yesterday from an admirer of McCoy, and he stated that busses, automobiles and trains will deliver large numbers of the Maine boy's friends in this city.

Undoubtedly this news will be encouraging for Dick Dunn, who plans big things for the boxing fans here.

ROSEBUD — "No Arguing — it's the Best" by LOU SKUCE

THE MARITIME SMOKE