

# NEWS of SPORT

## N. H. L. LIKELY TO BREAK IN TWO AFTER THIS YEAR

**American Clubs Will be in League by Themselves — Money Power Too Great for Canadians.**

Toronto, Nov. 25—Although the past year has witnessed some sensational developments in professional hockey there are already signs in sky that 1927 will see even greater radical changes in the salaried circle.

The big chiefs in the National Hockey League have survived six months of hectic doings and face what promises to be the greatest season in the history of their organization. In view of this they may not feel disposed to worry about what is almost certain to crop up late next spring or summer.

It looks as though there will be a parting of the ways in the National League at the end of the season. It will not be the result of internal strife but because of necessity and will be carried out in the best interests of the game.

Frank Patrick to Head New League.

The American Hockey League will come into being in 1927 with Frank Patrick as President. Although Lester Patrick accepted the management of the New York Rangers this season, Frank Patrick who is regarded as the greatest strategist in the game, decided to remain out of hockey, but it now looks as if he has been spending his time quietly preparing for the time when it will be necessary to split the present N. H. L. clubs into two major leagues. This will be brought about by the addition of two new clubs making twelve in all. Six of these will be formed into the American Hockey League and the other six which will include the Canadian teams of the present N. H. L. will carry on under that name, with Frank Calder as President.

This will then give hockey two major leagues after the lines of the major leagues of baseball. A world series between these two leagues will be staged every spring. All other pro. hockey circuits will be classed as minor leagues. Cleveland and Philadelphia are the two cities most likely to be granted the additional two franchises for major league hockey.

N. H. L. Has to Draw Line.

It is stated on good authority that if Frank Patrick had not succeeded in putting through the deal that sold the Western League players to the N. H. L. he would have taken the teams intact to the Eastern States and formed them into a rival organization to the present pro. circuit. The N. H. L. has found it necessary this season to draw a line between the ten clubs and while inter-sectional games are being staged the standing is divided into two separate parts.

Frank Patrick is recognized as the outstanding executive in hockey today. It was his genius for organization and showmanship that kept the Western and Coast League clubs going and he is responsible for many of the rules under the professional code today. He brought into being the artificial ice rink and finally made the biggest deal in hockey when he sold the players of these various clubs to the N. H. L. With him in command of the proposed American League which will probably be composed of teams from New York Rangers, Boston, Detroit, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Philadelphia a uniform code of rules will be drawn up such as govern baseball, tennis and other important sports.

## MEMORIAL TO HARRY GREB

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 25—City council has approved a proposed memorial to the late Harry Greb, former world's middleweight champion, but not without some dissent. Councilman W. Y. English said he would favor a monument to Greb "as a boy of the navy, but as a pugilist—never."

## CANADIAN ATHLETES NOT BARRED IN U. S.

**Recent A. A. U. Ruling Does Not Regard Canada as Foreign Country — Skates are Not Concerned.**

New York, Nov. 25—Despite any statements previously published to the contrary, the new A. A. U. ruling barring foreign athletes from competing in amateur sports in the United States does not apply to Canadians. No official decision has yet been given out, but this will be done in a few days' time.

D. J. Ferris, of the A. A. U., answering a question regarding the status of Canadian skaters, declared that these were unaffected, inasmuch as the A. A. U. had no control over the sport, although it recognized the American association as the representative authority. He further stated that in any case, Canadians do not come under the heading of foreigners in the ruling recently made. It was then pointed out to him that a news association had carried a contrary report, allegedly on the authority of the A. A. U. stating that Canadians also were barred.

No Right to Say So.

"Then I don't know what right they had to say so," said Mr. Ferris "for it certainly did not come from the president. I have spoken to him about it myself and he realized as do all of us that it would be impracticable to include Canadians in ruling—we are so tied up in our border cities and elsewhere and the relationship is one of long standing. The A. A. U. has not yet given out an official statement to this effect, but it will do so in a day or two. The president's view I have given to you. Then he has communicated with the chairman of the foreign relations committee and there is little doubt that he will be of the same mind. We expect his answer at any moment."

## FUGAZY BUCKS RICKARD AGAIN

New York, Nov. 24—As another step in his efforts to dislodge Tex Rickard from his throne as king of fight promoters, Humbert J. Fugazy has acquired exclusive rights to promote boxing shown at the Polo Grounds the summer home of the New York Giants during 1927.

Signor Fugazy heretofore has wandered from one borough to another in order to promote his bouts. Now, Tex's rival will have a permanent home—at least for the year 1926. The seating capacity of the Polo Grounds for boxing according to Fugazy will be approximately 95,000.

## COAST TURNS DOWN PYLE

Vancouver, Nov. 25—Refusal of the Vancouver Lawn Tennis Club executive committee to post a \$5,000 guarantee for the appearance here of C. C. Pyle's troupe of professional tennis stars headed by Suzanne Lenglen has resulted in disruption of plans for their appearance in the Pacific northwest, it was learned yesterday.

This decision it is understood, will necessitate cancellation of scheduled appearances in Seattle, Washington and Victoria B. C.

## WRESTLED IN HOCKEY MATCH

The Montreal Star says:—American sport writers have said that in hockey there are touches of football and boxing. But last night Albert Leduc introduced wrestling into the proceedings. During one scramble in front of the Canadians' goals Leduc was atop a New York player with a half nelson hold on him.

## ANOTHER FINDS RUGBY GAME IS SPECTACULAR

**E. W. Ferguson Back From England Tells Montrealers About it — Calls the Canadian Game Drab.**

Elmer W. Ferguson sports editor of the Montreal Herald has discovered that rugby football is more spectacular than the Canadian brand and says so. Elmer has lately been in England. He did have to go there to see rugby as he began his newspaper career in Moncton on the Transcript.

The Toronto Globe says:— "First class Rugby has never been played in Canada. Perhaps the game would be more popular in this country if it could be seen at its best. E. W. Ferguson, sports editor of The Montreal Herald, returns from a couple of months' vacation in England and elsewhere a convert to Rugby as compared with football. He says he comes home with "a keener appreciation of the dramatic qualities of soccer of the better class and even more strongly of the tremendous possibilities of Rugby, now played remotely in the Dominion as an autumn game to provide far more thrills, dash and color than the rather drab and closely knit game of Canadian football now holding sway in these parts."

## LOCAL HOCKEY IS UNSETTLED, PROPOSALS MADE

The hockey situation as far as Fredericton is concerned is clouded. The Northern League with Fredericton not represented proceeded and drew up a schedule with the local team in as usual. Locally no move has been made toward organization of a Fredericton club. Some advise transferring from the Northern to the Southern League, the latter having Moncton, Sussex and Saint John as the other clubs. Another proposal is a local league with membership in the M. A. H. A. This would be a revival of the old York County League which has functioned locally for many years. This would be liable to give University of New Brunswick the greatest strength against Fredericton and Marysville as the college players for some years past have furnished much of the city team's strength.

The Southern League is holding out offers for Fredericton to come in.

## RESULTS IN THE NATIONAL

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 25—The Pirates handed the New York Rangers their first defeat of the season here tonight 2 to 0.

Montreal, Nov. 25—New York Americans, led by the crafty, brilliant Billy Burch, lowered the colors of the Montreal Maroons, holders of the Stanley Cup in the National Hockey League fixture here tonight, 4-1.

Toronto, Nov. 25—Playing in vastly improved fashion over their previous effort on home ice, St. Patrick's of Toronto held the Ottawa Senators to a two all tie in a National Hockey League fixture at Arena Gardens tonight.

## NEW YORK RINK ON THE ROOF

New York, Nov. 25—After the middle of December it will not be necessary for New York's professional hockey teams to do their practising between games outside of this city. Officials of Madison Square Garden announced today that an artificial rink on the roofs of the massive indoor arena would be completed by that time. A glass roof will cover the rink.

## SEP PALIN KEEPS WINNING IN FLORIDA

**Horses Piled Up in One Event at Orlando — Harness Racing Still Going Good.**

Orlando, Fla., Nov. 25—The well-known driver, A. T. Morrison of Sandusky, O. was seriously injured in the first heat of the second race at Seminola Park when the pasing mare, Miss Vera Grattan fell with him.

Morrison was thrown to the track and at a local hospital later it was reported that he had suffered dislocation of the knee and a possible fracture of the leg.

The race was won by the three-year-old gelding Riley, driven by Sep Palin, the sixth winning race at the meeting for the Indianapolis driver.

The long shot Lorena Axworthy, was the surprise in the opening event for trotters beating the field in two close finishes. The final race also furnished an upset when The Northern Boy was beaten by the outsider Belfast. The summary:

Trotting for Non-Winners. Purse \$500.

Lorena Axworthy, bm, by Ortolan Axworthy, dam by Billy Parks (Vail) ..... 1 1 ro

Bob Zombro, chg, by Auto Zombro (Palin) ..... 2 2 1

Madge Stout, bm (Johnson) .4 6 2

Dan Aubrey, rog (Carmichael) ..... 7 5 3

The Creed, Rosalie Horn, Pauline Worth, Clay Simpson.

Time, 2.09 1/4, 2.10 1/4, 2.11 1/4.

Pace Classified, Three, Purse \$500.

Riley, bg (3), by Belwin, dam by Morgan Axworthy (Palin) ..... 6 1 1

Maj. Scott, brg, by Peter Scott (Watts) ..... 1 2 4

Peter Elliott, chg (Burdette and Fogswell) ..... 2 6 3

Bruce Direct bg, (Carmichael) 4 4 2

Watch Charm, Direct Heir, Miss Vera Grattan.

Time—2.10 1/4, 2.08 1/4, 2.08 1/4.

Trotting, Non-Winners, 3 Heats. Purse \$500.

Belfast, blg., by Todd Swift dam unknown (Scott) ..... 1 ro

Carlotta, brm, by Carduceus The Great (Vail) ..... 3 3 1

The Northern Boy, brg (Midbo) ..... 2 2 4

Silver Bing by (Carmichael) 4 5 2

Pat T., Miss Woodbine, Wilson Exponent.

Time—2.12 1/4, 2.13 1/4, 2.13 1/4.

## CAMPBELLTON ORGANIZES

Campbellton, Nov. 25—At a meeting held here tonight a definite move toward recognition of the Campbellton Hockey Club was made and the necessary officers elected. A. A. Gillis, last year's president, was reelected to that office, while the posts of business manager and secretary-treasurer were combined and E. Wallace Henry was named to this office. The office of vice-president was abolished. L. J. Annett was appointed trainer of the team.

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\* SPECIAL ATTRACTION \*  
\* AT GAIETY THEATRE \*  
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Though movie titles are not always guilty of veracity in their application, the advertisement of "a fast, farce comedy film" certainly fits "You'd Be Surprised," playing at the Gaiety Friday and Saturday.

Satire of the most mirth-arousing tempo is injected into the film in which Raymond Griffith as the corner in a murder case succeeds admirably in throwing some hard hitting balls of irony at the red tape of the modern law and jury.

An entertaining comedy is also on the bill.

Corn farmers and cotton planters are trying to pool their problems. But it is not probable the farmers will order their daughters to wear cotton stockings.

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