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## FROM THE RURAL DISTRICTS

### ZIONVILLE.

March 13.—We are having lovely weather, and we are glad to see the wagons running again.

We are glad to see Thomas Dens more able to be around again. Dr. Moore is in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Barry of Durham Bridge, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. P. Owens.

Mr. George Woodworth has returned home from Nappadoggan, where he has spent seven months.

The people of this place are fixing the meeting house inside with steel.

Mr. A. Summerville and Miss A. Summerville spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. John Kirch, of Durham.

Mr. Logan, the bridge inspector, has been looking at two bad bridges here and he thinks that those bridges are in very bad condition.

Mrs. P. Woodworth spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. A. E. Brown, at Fredericton.

Mr. F. Cass has got a new Singer sewing machine from the agent, Mr. Brown.

Mr. Rob. Craig Elliot got a new Singer sewing machine.

Mr. Thompson sold John Waltman a fancy sleigh.

Mr. P. Sturdee got a new organ one day last week.

Mrs. Jas. Forbes was at the Tay calling on friends Friday.

## ROOSTER ALARMIST IS RIVAL OF CLOCK TRUST

Norridgewock, Me., March 14.—You have all at least heard of a cuckoo-clock—which mechanical birds are not extinct even in the wilds of darkest Maine. When thoroughly domesticated and properly cared for they become the friends of man and often lend him valuable assistance in retaining his position by making certain that he does not sleep beyond a certain hour.

But unless the Cuckoo Clock Protective Association speedily gets out an injunction against a rooster in the employ of James Howe of this place, it will find the market for its wares dwindling. This rooster has time figured as accurately as a music master and he neither has to be cleaned, oiled, repaired or wound. He doesn't even have to be set—he's not that gender of a fowl.

But every morning, at 7.35 o'clock, he flies to the window-sill of his master's bedroom and crows with the strength of a "Chantecler" orchestra, and all the pride of duty well performed.

Rain, shine, snow, wind or drought, he never fails. When it comes to regularity of action this rooster surely is a bird.

And he's discriminating, too. Sundays he makes his appearance and his demonstration two hours later. Whether it is due to careful coaching for the convenience of his master, or because of the inherent religious nature of the rooster does not readily appear.

Mr. Howe taught the rooster this habit when it was just beginning to crow. It was by bringing the rooster to the window several mornings that the mistress might hear it crow, and when a short time afterwards the rooster came of his own accord, then Mr. Howe thought he could train him to be of service to him.

## TOMMY MURPHY TELLS HOW HE THINKS HE DID IT

Tommy Murphy, who in the opinion of some beat Owen Moran, the English fighter, and in the opinion of others did not, has something to say about his latest fight. It is as follows:

"I always believed that I could go a distance, but somehow my managers were timid on that point. When I took on this Moran proposition there were lots of my best friends who said, 'Don't try it, Tommy,' but I knew how I felt.

"In the first ten rounds there was little done but blocking by both of us and it was a very tame fight. About the twelfth and thirteenth, Moran slipped over a few that stung but didn't hinder, and I had him sized. I began to make trouble in the fourteenth, and it was mine all the way, because I had his knees wobbling in the last three rounds. I could have finished him in two more.

"I surprised all my friends by my freshness at the finish, because I could have gone alone for a much longer distance.

**FAIR PLAY ACCORDED HIM.**

"The house was good to me. The betting was as much as 2 to 1 against me, but I got the house as the bout proceeded, and I can't ever forget the fair-play spirit that was shown.

"The day before the bout I boxed in an exhibition, and I got a very good greeting.

"How much did you pull out of the Moran bout?" he was asked.

"I took \$2,400 for my share," said Tommy. "Coffroth didn't think the house would draw more than \$5,000 or \$6,000, but it drew \$8,100."

"But I'm going back there," said Tommy. "they have money there. And they like a fight when it is anywhere near an even match."

## NEWS OF SPORT

### WILL LANGFORD AND KETCHEL CASH?

If Sam Langford and Stanley Ketchel do meet at San Francisco July 2, which is two days before the Jeffries-Johnson match, will they get any money for their trouble?

The history of championship battles that have been staged as preliminaries to fights for the heavyweight championship is not promising. Where the scheme has been tried the big fight has taken all the money and the minor contest has been overlooked.

In the classic fight, carnival at New Orleans in September, 1892, George Dixon and Jack Skelly, fighting for the bantam-weight championship, and Jack McAuliffe and Billy Myer, fighting for the lightweight title, drew comparatively small crowds, so much did the Sullivan-Corbett fight overshadow them. Dal Hawkins and Martin Flaherty drew only a handful of people as a preliminary to the Fitzsimmons-Corbett fight. Frankie Neil won the bantam championship from Harry Forbes as a preliminary to the Jeffries-Corbett fight at San Francisco. The gate was microscopic.

Langford was offered his end of a \$20,000 purse by Victor Breyer of Paris a few months ago to fight Joe Jeanette to a finish in the gay city. This was the biggest money ever offered for Langford, but his manager turned it down. Joe Woodman is a very wise man, and he doubtless had his reasons for overlooking an offer like that, but he's due to be disappointed if he expects Langford and Ketchel to draw a gate that will pay a purse of anywhere near that sum.

Langford fights Jim Barry near Los Angeles next Thursday. Barry won a newspaper verdict over him at the last time they met, but next week's fight is at the 45-round distance, and there is sure to be a decisive winner. The fight ought to settle once for all the question of Langford's ability to go the long journey.

### LONGBOAT AND DORANDO MATCH- ED.

Toronto, March 14.—Tom Longboat and Dorando Pietri have signed an agreement for a twenty miles race in Pittsburgh, March 31.

### HERBERT W. READ IN BUENOS AYRES

**Missing Sackville Man Writes Letter  
from South American Port—  
Mystery Surrounding the Case  
Deepens.**

Sackville, N.B., March 15.—Herbert W. Read, who disappeared at Montreal on November 3rd. last, was heard from yesterday a letter being received from him, dated Buenos Ayres, Jan. 25th. This letter was addressed to Gordon Read, his brother, at Stonehaven (N.B.), and was re-addressed to Sackville from that place.

The letter was very brief and contained no information, whatever, beyond the fact that young Read was alive and desired to hear from his relatives. The letter was written on Y.M.C.A. paper and asked Gordon to drop him a line, care of the Y.M.C.A. at Buenos Ayres. That the body of the letter received was written by Herbert, his mother and Gordon are positive. The envelope, however, was not in Herbert's handwriting and this fact has given rise to the surmise that he may be ill or recovering from illness. Immediately upon the receipt of the letter, Gordon Read, tried to get in touch with his father H. C. Read who is supposed to be in Montreal or Ottawa. Late tonight however, no message had been received from him.

Mrs. Read tonight said that she was as much in the dark as anyone, but she hoped that something definite would be heard very soon. She was naturally overjoyed to know that her son is alive. Even this knowledge, after weary months of awful suspense, had gladdened the mother's heart.

Gordon Read when asked about the matter, said he had no idea what had happened to his brother. He had never altogether given up hope, he said, although, at times, he hardly knew what to think. His brother had been in good health, and he was at a loss to account for his disappearance.

### WILL CABLE BRITISH CONSUL.

It is understood that the British consul at Buenos Ayres will be cabled immediately, with instructions to secure information.

One report was that the letter stated that he did not know how he got to Buenos Ayres, and the theory was advanced by a Sackville sea captain that he was shipwrecked and taken to South America. The letter received seems to have been remarkable for what it didn't say, rather than for what it said, and more complete information will be awaited with interest.

New York has prohibited the use of electric signs projecting more than six feet from the building line.

### LJUNGSTROM FIRST WITH PAUL ACOOSE SECOND

New York, March 14.—All indoor records were broken by Gustav Ljungstrom, the Swede runner, from the twelfth to the twentieth and last mile, in the professional race run tonight at the Madison Square Garden. Ljungstrom's time for the twenty miles 1.50 58 3-5, as against the previous record of 1.57.25 1-5 made by Jim Crowley, of Ireland.

Paul Acoose, the Canadian Indian, finished second, about two laps in the rear, and Jim Crowley, third, with Percy Sellen, of Toronto, fourth. There were eight starters.

Ljungstrom took the lead in the twelfth mile and was never headed thereafter. He finished in good shape.

### C. W. A. SHOWING SIGNS OF LIFE

Men whose bicycles have been on the scrap heap for a number of years can still recall the times when the Canadian Wheelmen's Association was the biggest thing in the sporting world. But its sun went behind a cloud and the light went out of the cyclist's life. Some thought that its sun had gone down but they were mistaken. The clouds are passing by and there the sun is, a little dim, to be sure, but still shining. Six years have passed since the association held a general meeting, but the trance is to be broken, for a meeting has been called for Saturday, March 26, to be held in Toronto, and at this meeting it is expected that new life will be infused into the worthy organization and the good old sport it stands for. In speaking of the coming gathering a Toronto contemporary says: "Of course it is not expected that the sport will be as popular as in the good old days all at once, but with the early start and with the experience of last summer, the game is bound to be given a place in the front rank, not only here in Toronto but elsewhere throughout the province."

### COL. GEO. WEST JONES ROBBED IN SAVANNAH

St. John, March 14.—News of a startling character was received yesterday by R. Keltie Jones and F. C. Jones of this city, to the effect that Colonel George West Jones and Mrs. Jones were victims of thieves in Savannah (Ga.), and were robbed of \$2,000 in cash and very valuable jewelry. R. Keltie Jones, said last night that he had learned the bare facts of the robbery, but had received no details. He expects a letter from Colonel Jones very soon, when it is thought more light may be thrown on it. The Savannah police are understood to be at work on the case, but very little hope is held out for the recovery of either money or valuables.

Colonel and Mrs. Jones left here about three weeks ago for a tour of the south. Leaving here, they were accompanied by W. H. Thorne and J. B. Cudlip of this city, but it is not known whether the other St. John people were also in Savannah at the time of the robbery. Further information will be waited with interest.

### SHACKLETON BACKS PEARY

London, March 14.—Commander Robert E. Peary, it is announced authoritatively here is bringing proof of his polar achievement with him and will make them public at a meeting in Albert Hall under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society.

The explorer, whose good faith is generally accepted by British geographers, has the promise of a magnificent reception in London. Already two months ahead of the date of his lecture, the applications for seats are sufficient to twice fill the great hall. Members of the royal family are expected to be present at both the lecture and the banquet preceding it. Lieut. Shackleton who last year penetrated the Antarctic Circle to within 111 miles of the South Pole, disclaimed today the statement credited to him by Congressman Macon of Arkansas before the Subcommittee of the House Naval Committee yesterday about the number of miles a day it is possible to travel over polar seas.

"I can see no reason," said Shackleton, "why Commander Peary who had dogs with him, should not have done what he has claimed. The dogs, of course, must have done the pulling, for the men could not. On my journey from the South Pole I covered on five consecutive days 20, 18, 22, 26 and 29 miles."

Radium gives glass, porcelain and paper a violet tinge and turns white paper to yellow.

London has a new club which is almost entirely run by electricity, even the waiters being electrical.

### MR. LILLIS TELLS OF SLASHING AT CUDAHY HOME

### Banker Submits to Complete Examination of Injuries Inflicted in Attack on Him.

Kansas City, Mo. March 14.—For the first time since he was slashed by John P. Cudahy in the packer's home, early Sunday morning, Jere F. Lillis, the banker, today made a statement and permitted an examination of his wounds.

Mr. Lillis declared that the chauffeur aided Mr. Cudahy from start to finish. Both were in their stocking feet when they surprised Mr. Lillis, and Mrs. Cudahy who were sitting on a divan talking of a common place matter, Lillis says.

It was by arrangement with Dr. Samuel Ayres that a reporter visited Mr. Lillis at St. Mary's Hospital. He found the following wounds, and each one was explained by Dr. Ayres:—

One long cut on the left side of the neck, beginning below the ear and running up to the mouth.

Three or four small knife wounds on cheeks; one on the left side of the face, where three stitches were taken.

Contused and lacerated wound on the lower lip, where the flesh is loose, and the teeth broken.

Contused wound on the bridge of the nose, evidently made by the heavy searchlight lantern that Mrs. Cudahy says her husband used in assaulting her.

Two slight cuts on the back of the right hand.

One cut on both thighs, each four inches long.

Three cuts on the right leg, below the knee.

Cross cuts on the front legs.

There is no other wound or scratch all reports, rumors and surmises to the contrary.

When Mr. Lillis leaves the hospital, tomorrow, he will be able to walk unaided. Today he said he was feeling as well as ever, with the exception of a little stiffness caused by the deep cuts on his legs. No part of Mr. Lillis' anatomy has been seriously injured and within a few days he will be as sound as ever.

"This trouble is bad enough without the public being misled into the belief that I have been injured vitally," said Mr. Lillis.

Beginning at the patient's head Dr. Ayres and the reporter went over Mr. Lillis' body examining with care each cut, and they concluded there was not a single wound that could be characterized as serious.

In fact although there are several cuts on Mr. Lillis' face, in all probability he will have but one scar. This will be on the left cheek, and the mark where the butcher knife wielded by Mr. Cudahy slashed a ragged, ugly cut.

This scar the banker will carry to his grave. The wound is healing rapidly, as are all the other cuts on his body, but a thin white line will always remain as the memento of that late Saturday night's attack. The cut just above the one on the left cheek, in which Dr. Ayres was compelled to take three stitches, is healing nicely and the physician does not expect any scar to remain. Of course, there will be scars on the legs and hands, but only one small mark on the left side of the chin will be visible.

The banker said nothing during the time Dr. Ayres and the reporter were examining the wounds. When the examination was concluded he smiled as much as the contusion of his lower lip would allow and said:—

"It's just been brought to my attention recently what everybody is saying about the way I've been carved. Isn't it funny what ridiculous stories are going around about a thing of this sort? People never stop to investigate or search for reliable sources for their information. They just hear a story, believe it, and that's all there is to it."

"Did you ever have two men sneak upon you and take you unawares?" he asked. "Well, if you never had that experience, you don't know how to appreciate the beating I got. They came upon me from behind. Evidently they were in their stocking feet."

Mrs. Cudahy and I were sitting on the divan chatting about some commonplace subject, when all of a sudden I heard an oath and the next thing I knew the searchlight lantern got me just over the nose."

"Did the chauffeur seem to take a prominent part in the attack on you?"

"Yes, he was right in the thick of it. I may be mistaken, but I believe he was drunk. No man could have acted in such a fiendish way if he had not been intoxicated."

"I guess I am lucky. That's the only way I can account for it. Those two infuriated men sprang upon me and I was down on the floor and tied before I could do a thing to defend myself."

"I have a hazy recollection of the

butcher knife in Cudahy's hands and of the insane look in his eyes as he slashed at me. He evidently intended to mark me for life, because none of the knife wounds was very deep."

When Dr. Ayres was summoned to the Cudahy home on that Saturday night he found what he believed to be a dead man. Mr. Lillis was huddled up in a corner of the room, unconscious and covered from head to foot with blood.

gazed out of the windows at the soft banker as he lay back on his bed and "I wish to forget it," said the spring sunshine. "A great injustice has been done a pure woman. I am not saying anything about myself. I am a man and can stand it, but"—

"I think you've talked about enough for today," said Dr. Ayres, interrupting. "Yes, I suppose that is true," replied the patient. "I should not have talked at all. I may make another statement and I may not. It remains to be seen."

### SIX MILLIONS FOR MONTREAL HARBOR

Ottawa, March 14.—The Canadian government has decided to loan the Montreal harbor commission \$6,000,000. There have been advances of \$9,000,000 up to the present and \$12,000,000 additional will be loaned within the next few years to enable the construction of facilities which have been planned to make Montreal one of the leading ports of the continent.

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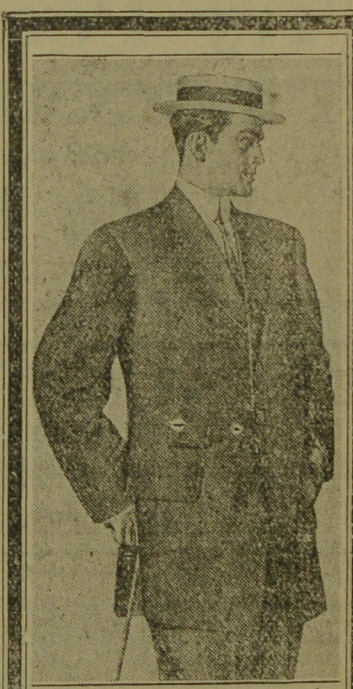
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