

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

Peep Into the World of Base Ball, Racing, Golf
Bowling and Athletic Sports Generally.

HOCKEY.

TROUBLE AT SACKVILLE.

St. John Globe.—Stories that all is not going smoothly with the Sackville Hockey Club are gaining currency. Hill, last year's Sackville goal keeper, so the report goes returned from New Hampshire a few weeks ago to play with the Amherst team. Then came rumors that as he had not been a resident of Amherst and seemed to be "imported" for hockey purposes alone that some of the Nova Scotia teams would make trouble before he was allowed to play in league games. Thereupon, it was decided to take no chances and Hill was not needed in Amherst. He went to Sackville, but difficulties arose between him and some of the members of the Sackville Club over various matters. These difficulties have not been settled and it is feared that they may injuriously affect the Sackville team. Hainnie has returned to Sackville and may spend the winter there.

DON'T WANT NORMAN.

The St. John Globe's statement that Moncton would like to get Rollo Norman, of Sackville, is incorrect. Moncton's forward line, in fact, the whole team is about completed and there is no chance for Norman on.

THE KING.

SCENE OF BIG FIGHTS.

Important Ring Battles Have Been Fought Below the Mason and Dixon's Line.

Although the West is just now the scene of nearly all important fist engagements it is often asked which section of the country has witnessed the most heavyweight championship battles.

If all classes of fighters were to be considered, California or New York probably would deserve first mention. For many so-called championship affairs, in the lighter weights, have taken place in each city. But the public at large, outside of the followers of the sport, is more interested in the heavyweight battles than in any other classes.

Two fights for the title probably aroused more interest than any other in the history of pugilism. These were the contests between Corbett and Sullivan at New Orleans, in 1892, and between Fitzsimmons and Corbett, in 1897 at Carson City.

Sizing up the whole history of the game in this country, it seems as if the South had the call at present on the number of really important heavyweight championship battles fought there.

In 1882 Sullivan defeated Paddy Ryan for the championship of America at Mississippi City, Miss. In 1889 he beat Jake Kilrain for the title at Richmond, Miss.

In 1891 Corbett beat Mitchell for the International title at Jacksonville, Fla. That the Corbett-Fitzsimmons battle did not take place in Texas, thereby adding another match to the pugilistic annals of the south was due to interference by the Texas legislature when Dan Stuart attempted to pull off the big fight at Dallas.

Blocked in Texas, the fight was shifted to the Pacific States, and Carson City was the scene of the fray. It was in San Francisco that Corbett and Jeffries met for their second battle and that Jeffries knocked out Fitzsimmons for the second time.

New York looms up prominently with three championship battles on the roster. Jeffries won the title from Fitzsimmons in 1899 at Coney Island, later fought Sharkey at the same place, then knocked out Jim Corbett before the same institution.

This gives four heavyweight championship battles of recent years to the South, three to New York and three to the Pacific States, inasmuch as the winner of last month's battle will have a chance to claim the title and most probably to fight for it, one of these goes, whichever proves to develop the champion, will give four championship bouts to the West.

If the deciding battle is fought at Carson City, as seems like that it will be when two winners are brought together, or is taken to San Francisco, to be held over the 20-round route, another fight will be added to those scheduled for the West.

In sizing up the list of winners, it may not be generally known that St. Louis once witnessed a contest for the heavyweight championship of the world. This was when Tom Allen was in his fighting days, in 1870, when the men were battling with rules. He met Jim Mace of England for the title, but prior to that he battled with Mike McCool on what is known as Bloody Island, just below the city.

It was the typical, bloody, bruising knuckle contest. Allen lost to McCool, but came forward the following year as a claimant for the title, and was beaten by Mace.

THE TURF.

KILLED A RACE HORSE AND CLEANED UP RING.

What horsemen regard as one of the most sensational stories in the history of the western turf is just coming to light through the recent efforts to ring in Freckman as Cate at Jamaica on October 30th. It now develops, according to a follower of the game, that Freckman was raced at Union Park in the spring as Buck Wynne and that the last named colt was put to death in California the night Freckman was stolen in order that the stolen horse

could be substituted as Buck Wynne without chances of exposure. The story is told by one who profited in the St. Louis deal to the extent of close to \$50,000. All the details of the ringing episode, the death of Buck Wynne and the hasty shipment of Freckman from St. Louis to the East when Judge Trevelyan ruled off most all of the parties connected with the Buck Wynne case at St. Louis when the horse's entry along with that of Mabel Griffin was ordered refused and J. Howard, the alleged trainer, suspended indefinitely, are told.

The Chicagoan who tells the story is a member of one of the largest clubs in the city. Before he would give out the facts, he exacted the promise that his name would not be used because of the notoriety it would give him. He said he was in no way connected with the case, but a friend of his who helped bet the money when the St. Louis coup was sprung was a bosom friend of his, gave him the tip and he profited through it to the extent of about \$50,000, which was outside of what the people got themselves, which was estimated to be \$100,000. After the case had died down the commissioner told the Chicago Daily News informant the entire story.

"The horse seized at Jamaica as Cate and identified as Freckman is right," said the Chicagoan. "A scheme was on tap to make one of the biggest killings known to history on him. I was ready myself and the tip had been circulated when the steward smelled a mouse and refused to permit the horse to start. Back of the identification of Freckman is a sensational story, however, which has never been printed and is known to only a few.

COLT IS KILLED.

"The men who stole Freckman committed another act even greater than the horse-stealing episode. For a month it was planned to steal Freckman and substitute him as Buck Wynne, a colt by Tammany-Birdie, which J. W. Fuller, owner of Tokalon, first brought out. In order that their plans might never go amiss Buck Wynne was blindfolded and led into an old limbo in California and shot after Freckman had been stolen. The body of Buck Wynne was buried where it fell and the bones could be found today in that grave if a search was made unless destroyed by the lime. The men had this idea in view when they led Buck Wynne out to his death.

"Freckman was then kept in California for several weeks under cover and thoroughly painted and dyed so that it would have been almost impossible to tell him as the once white-faced Freckman. He was finally shipped to St. Louis and on May 9th, as can be verified by looking up the records, Buck Wynne was entered and started in the third race at Union Park, Commissioner's race, in almost every part of the country on that day ready to put the money down as soon as the odds were posted. I was out of the city myself and got mine. The horse opened at 60 to 1 and was backed down to 6 to 1. The horse was entered by J. Howard and raced in the name of J. A. Mayer, with H. Howard booked as trainer.

As to these men I know absolutely nothing. I have seen Howard but that is all I know about him. There was wild talk at the time about the horse, those who worked the deal were frightened all the time because Freckman was worked as Buck Wynne right under the very nose of Boots Durnell and James Arthur, both of whom had at one time owned and trained Freckman, I am told.

SUSPICION ALLAYED.

"In order to avoid suspicion Buck Wynne was started right back on June 1st and was beaten by Claremont by six lengths. Talk, then, to the effect that Buck Wynne was a ringer ceased for the time being until on June 9th, the same crowd again started Buck Wynne and he beat the Don, favorite, easily. He beat The Don, favorite, easily.

"Judge Trevelyan then smelled a mouse and went to work. It developed that the same stable had a filly racing under the name of Mabel Griffin, which like Buck Wynne, lacked identification. After an investigation the following ruling was handed down by the officials and trainer and horses dropped out of sight:

"June 16, 1905.—American Racing Association, St. Louis: The trainer's license of J. Howard is suspended pending the final identification of the bay filly that ran as Mabel Griffin, 3, by Gymnast-Brescia, on May 26, 1905. The horse, Wynne, 4, by Tammany-Birdie, is suspended pending such identification. Francis Trevelyan, P. A. Brady.

"As soon as the ruling was handed down Freckman was shipped East and entered there as Cataract, but the schemers erred in not looking up Cataract's record when they would have discovered that he was dead and this was well known."

Buck Wynne made his maiden appearance on May 19, 1903, at the St. Louis Fair Grounds, starting as a 2-year-old. He was then the property of J. W. Fuller, owner of the sensational mare Tokalon. On reports of a fast tryout the colt was made favorite at 7 to 2, only to finish last in a field of eight horses. His next start was at Delmar on June 30, 1903, also in the name of J. W. Fuller. He was a 100-to-1 shot and finished last. These were his only two starts as a 2-year-old. His next appearance was at Hawthorne, May 25, 1904. He then appeared in the colors of C. H. Groves and was at odds of 40 to 1. He

was a keen contender to the stretch, where he fell back to twelfth place. Groves was then backed down from 25 to 15 to 1. He was ridden by Ambuchon and finished tenth. In the first race at Harlem on June 14th he was last at 100 to 1 in a field of thirteen.

The colt was then shipped to California, so it is said, where he was put to death. When next his name appeared, Freckman had been substituted and the killing was made.

DAN PATCH AND CRESCUS.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 2.—Dan Patch against his own world's record, which embraces all the choice marks from a quarter of a mile to two miles, sulky and wagon included, coupled with Cresceus, one-time champion trotter of the world, will be the double harness bill offered as an attraction at harness meetings within another year.

The purchase of Cresceus recently by M. W. Savage, owner of Dan Patch, and the queries as to the future of the famous "two-minute track" here by Mr. Savage indicate that the former trotting champion and the present king of pacers will be sent on a tour which will be noteworthy for the first time in harness history that a pacing king and a champion trotting stallion have been exhibited against time together.

On top of this comes the announcement that there is sure to be a protest at the coming meeting of the Board of Review against the acceptance of the recent record of 1:38 registered by Dan Patch in his mile without wind shield.

THE SIX DAY'S RACE.

New York, Dec. 4.—All through the night thousands of persons sat in the high balconies in Madison Square garden, watching the riders in the six day bicycle race which began at midnight and will continue throughout the week. At the start it was estimated that 18,000 persons were crowded around the circular track. At 3 o'clock this morning no less than 15,000 remained and when daylight broke nearly half that number still clung to their chairs and followed with their eyes the apparently tireless riders.

Only once during the night was there anything approaching a serious accident. Just before three o'clock seven riders became entangled during a start around the dangerous 26 St. turn and men and machines were sent flying down the steep sides of the board track. Luckily only one of them, Gougoltz, of the French team, was hurt and his injuries were so slight that he was able to remount and continue the race. With the exception of Gougoltz and Wagoni, who had ridden 169 miles and 9 laps, all the contestants were tied with 170 miles and 1 lap at eight o'clock.

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PROSPECTIVE ROYAL BRIDE.

The announcement of the engagement of King Alfonso, XIII, of Spain to Princess Victoria Eugenie Julia Eva, daughter of the dowager Princess, Henry of Battenberg and youngest niece of King Edward of England, is made. The Princess is only eighteen years old. She made her debut at a function in her honor given by her mother last May. The Princess "Ena" is the only daughter of King Edward's youngest sister, the Princess Beatrice, as she was known in England before her marriage to Prince Henry of Battenberg, and is a sister of Prince Alexander of Battenberg, who recently visited Frederickton.

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POLLOCK'S ADVICE.

Proposed Council of the Empire Can Only be the Existing Colonial Conference Under Another Name.

London, Dec. 5.—The Outlook has an article on "The Loosening of the Empire," and in referring to Canada asking the right to make her own treaties says:—"The request implies a growth of the Canadian conviction that Canada is not concerned with the interests of Great Britain in Europe, and that she must be prepared to work out her own political destiny by herself, and for herself. In the sphere of American politics and deep down in the national consciousness of the Canadian people is the

idea that if a treaty of mutual preference cannot be made with the mother country then it must be arranged with the United States in order that the younger polity may not be molested during its growing time."

IMPERIALISM AND CANADIAN OPINION.

Sir Frederick Pollock, in The Nineteenth Century, in an article on "Imperialism and Canadian Opinion," referring to his recent visit to Canada, says:—"Canadian loyalty was among the elementary things we had no need to talk about. I was a Canadian I think I should prefer to hear no more of it. Surely it is a rather ambiguous compliment as between citizens of the empire to assure a man effusively that one does not suspect him of treasonable or seditious intentions. My own belief is that some of our mouthing over Canadian loyalty is dangerously near to a kind of cant which might well offend

the self-respecting Canadians and obscure our own perception of the facts." Referring to the proposed Council of the Empire, Sir Frederick Pollock says:—"Our discussions in London had ruled out at an early stage all proposals which would invest a Council of the Empire with any kind of compulsory authority to fix contributions for Imperial purposes, not only because it would be a grave constitutional innovation at home, but because there is no prospect of obtaining the consent of the self-governing colonies to the creation of such authority. That conclusion has been amply confirmed by all I could hear from one end of Canada to the other, but for a mere handful of enthusiasts who are still wedded to the old project of Imperial Federation, but are not an effective power in Canadian politics. The English, no less than the French-Canadians, would meet any plan of that kind with the most determined opposition." Sir Frederick's opinion is that if there is to be an Imperial Council it seems clear that it can be nothing else than the existing Colonial Conference made continuous and reinforced.

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