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NEWS AND VIEWS OF SPORT

Sam Fitzpatrick, who split up with Jack Johnson after taking the negro to Australia, has taken Frank Mantell under his managerial wing and will make matches for the Pawtucket boxer in future. Frank recently gained a 20-round decision over Jack (Twin) Sullivan. Sam is looking for a bout with Papke.

Ad Wolgast, the Milwaukee fighter who caused a great sensation in pugilistic circles recently by giving Battling Nelson an awful lacing in a ten-round bout at Los Angeles, Cal., left Los Angeles for Chicago yesterday with his manager Tom Jones. He will fight Kid Taylor, the western fighter, for ten rounds at St. Joseph, Mo., next month, and will then return to Los Angeles.

Jack Chesbro, one time premier pitcher of the country, will probably retire from baseball unless he is claimed by one of the major league clubs within a few days. Waivers on the once formidable twirler have been asked by the New York American league club and as Chesbro is well to do and has a prosperous business in Conway, Mass., he will probably quit the diamond.

The new Ward single shell in which John O'Neill is to row for the American championship at Detroit, is expected at Halifax Monday by the Red Cross line.

John H. Gillis, who won the all-round athletic championship of Canada at Winnipeg, on Saturday last, is a native of North Sydney.

Jim Barry, the Chicago heavyweight, who did not make much money by fighting in France, and who recently arrived in this country after his defeat by Sam McVey, has been matched to meet Jack Burns, the promising heavyweight of California, for ten rounds at the Pacific A. C. of Los Angeles, Cal., on the night of Aug. 10. If Barry stops Burns he will probably be matched with Al Kaufman.

Hans Wagner, with all his terrific thumping, has yet to come within 30 points of Lajoie's batting average of .422 made the second season he played major league ball.

The Philadelphia "Quakers" and the Brooklyn "Dodgers" have each taken the measure of Lajoie's batting average of .422 made the second season he played major league ball.

The Detroit "Tigers" seem to be recovering a little from their slump. Their batters are hitting better, and an even greater improvement has taken place with their twirlers. As a result the champions are on a winning streak again.

The injury to Christy Mathewson's finger is a serious handicap for the Giants to overcome, for "Matty" has been McGraw's most consistent winner this summer, and when it comes to meeting teams like the "Cubs," "Pirates" and "Quakers," his absence will be very noticeable, for he would be good for one win from each of the last.

The two Gillis, the Vancouver police athletes, will compete at the Toronto police games on July 31 at Scarborough Beach.

Percy Sellen is trying hard to get races. He has challenged Frank Nebelich, of Buffalo, for a 10, 12 or 15 mile race.

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because of the effect it will have on the other players. As a straight money proper play ball again. The knee which was affixed to pay Donlin an enormous salary. It is probable that Bill Phyle may never play ball again. The knee which was badly wrenched last season, and which this year, is in such condition that the doctors have advised Phyle not to take and more chances with it.

New York scribes are telling McGraw to trade Raymond for a bat bag. That's pretty tough on the "bug."

President Barney Dreyfus of the Pittsburgh baseball club announced he had completed contracts with New York and Pittsburgh theatrical men whereby Forbes Field, the million dollar home of the Pirates, will be utilized during the coming winter by a hippodrome. According to the announcement by Dreyfus it is the intention of the owners of Forbes field to roof a portion of the immense diamond.

BALL GAMES THIS WEEK

St. John's and Clippers and St.
Peter's and Marathons to
Play on E. D. C. Grounds.

Manager Tilley of the St. John's team that played the Fredericton Tartars at Fredericton, has issued a challenge to play any team in St. John. It follows:

"On account of the sharp criticism of the line-up of the St. Johns who went to Fredericton and played ball with the Tartars, a challenge is hereby given to any big team in this city for a game on Wednesday afternoon next on the Every Day Club grounds."

(Signed) C. F. TILLEY, Manager.

The challenge has been accepted by Manager McBrine, of the Clippers, and the first game will be played on Wednesday on the Every Day Club grounds.

It is definitely decided now that the first game of the series between St. Peter's and Marathons will be played on Saturday afternoon on the Every Day Club grounds. The series will consist of five games and details as to the umpire and line-up are yet to be decided.

SUSSEX RACES START THURSDAY

The horse races at the Sussex Trotting Park on Thursday and Friday of this week, July 29 and 30, are expected to be among the best ever held on this fast half-mile track. The entry list is a formidable one and includes the best horses on the maritime circuit.

For the four events \$1,200 in purses is offered, and a half hundred entries have been received.

On Thursday the programme will be the 2:24 trot and 2:21 trot and pace, and on Friday the 2:15 trot and 2:15 trot and pace. The fine entry list, should be the race of the year, and the 2:27 trot and pace, with fourteen entries, will be the attraction. The track is fast and it is anticipated that in the 2:15 race every heat will be faster than any free-for-all started this year. The Intercolonial is issuing reduced fares on all trains between St. John and Moncton, tickets good until Saturday, July 31.

SMALLWOOD BREAKS FIVE MILE RUN RECORD

Monsen, Pa., July 24.—Percy Smallwood, of Wales, who recently established a new world's record for ten miles, going the distance in 50.22, gave a remarkable exhibition of running here today. He raced against three men for five miles, each of his opponents running one and two-thirds miles. Smallwood finished half a mile in the lead, his time being 24 minutes, 46 seconds—seven and two-fifths seconds faster than the world's professional five-mile record. The race was under the auspices of the citizens of Monsen.

THE BIG LEAGUES

American League—Saturday.
At Cleveland—First game, Cleveland, 2; New York, 3; second game, Cleveland, 2; New York, 3.
At Philadelphia—1, Chicago, 5.
At Detroit—Detroit, 2; Boston, 1 (12 innings).
At St. Louis—Washington, 2; St. Louis, 9.

American League—Sunday.
At St. Louis—Washington, 2; St. Louis, 6.
At Chicago—Chicago, 2; Philadelphia, 9.
At Detroit—Detroit, 3; Boston, 6.

National League—Saturday.
At Brooklyn—First game, St. Louis, 0; Brooklyn, 1; second game, St. Louis, 0; Brooklyn, 1.
At New York—Chicago, 4; New York, 5.
At Boston—First game, Pittsburgh, 7; Boston, 3; second game, Pittsburgh, 6; Boston, 6.

At Philadelphia—Cincinnati, 0; Philadelphia, 3; second game, Cincinnati, 9; Philadelphia, 6.

National League—Sunday.
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 4; St. Louis, 7 (12 innings).

Eastern League—Saturday.
At Buffalo—Buffalo, 4; Baltimore, 3; second game, Buffalo, 3; Baltimore, 5.
At Montreal—Montreal-Newark wet grounds at Rochester—Providence, 8; Rochester, 2.
At Toronto—Toronto, 3; Jersey City, 3 (called and 12th rain).

Eastern League—Sunday.
At Jersey City—Jersey City, 2; Baltimore, 4; second game, Jersey City, 2; Baltimore, 3.
At Montreal—Providence, 6; Montreal, 3 (11 innings).

FLANAGAN BREAKS RECORD
New Haven, Conn., July 24.—John Flanagan, of the Irish-American A. C. of New York, broke the world's record at throwing the 16-pound hammer here today at the annual field day of the Clan Na-Gael, hurling it a distance of 184 feet 4 inches. In competition with Matt P. McGrath of the New York A. C., and Con. Walsh, the Irish and Canadian champion, Flanagan not only broke his own record of 179 feet 1 inch, made at Travers Island a month ago, but established a new world's record as well. McGrath was second with 171 feet 9 inches, while Walsh's best distance was 164 feet 10 inches. McGrath made one throw of 181 feet 9 inches, which was not allowed on account of a foul.

CATCHER CURTIS RELEASED

New York, July 25.—The New York National League club released Catcher Curtis to the Albany club tonight, with the privilege of recalling him in August. Curtis has been on New York's reserve list for three seasons, but in that time has caught only one game for the team. He is a college player, having graduated from Notre Dame.

ONCE GOLF CHAMPION

Rochester, N. Y., July 24.—Robert Stron, former superintendent of the golf course at the Oakhill Country Links, and one time open golf champion of Scotland, died today at his home here, aged 48 years.

THE CUBAN MARKET AND NEW BRUNSWICK SHIPPERS

Trade Commissioner Kirkpatrick Gives Valuable Suggestions
and Exposes Fallacies the Stand and Put Forward — The
Need of a Subsidy.

Plaza Hotel, Havana, Cuba,
July 16, 1909.

To the Editor of The Telegraph:
Sir,—In the St. John Standard of July 9 is a somewhat lengthy article purporting to be inspired from an interview between F. E. Williams and the local government representative, Mr. Williams. I have read this article with some interest and with your kind permission I wish to make a few comments on the same.

The part of the article dealing with uncalculated personalities in reference to myself as representing the federal government may be briefly disposed of. I had the good, or bad, fortune to meet Mr. Williams on a number of occasions while he was in Cuba—which by the way was for six days, from June 16 to June 22, and not for a month as the Standard states—and I endeavored to show him I was working faithfully and to the best of my ability for the interests of the people of Canada, regardless of politics or any other influence. I told him that anything I could do to further his interests here I would be a pleasure to me to do, and we parted, as I supposed, on the best of terms.

Now, if Mr. Williams thinks for a moment that it is going to advance the interests of the people of New Brunswick by casting slurs on the work that I have done here by the federal government, I do not see it in quite that light; and if Mr. Williams thinks for a moment that he and the local government can make the people of New Brunswick believe them to be the pioneers in seeking to develop the market here, I do not see how they can be more credulous than I have ever done. I may be a "tooth puller," as Mr. Williams states, but this seems to me to be about as good a business as being a leg puller which seems to be his business in dealing with some members of the federal government. It is surprising that even the local government cannot see through it.

Now, Mr. Editor, I want to sound a warning to the people of New Brunswick, in whom I feel as deep an interest as any other people in the world. I want to warn them that they are being deceived through any rosy pictures such as those contained in that article in the Standard. I would give a good deal if the situation were such as the Standard represents it to be. I realize fully how much New Brunswick needs a wider market for her products, but it must not be thought that all that is necessary is to flood this market and derive big profits from doing so.

Cuba is a country of approximately the size of New Brunswick, and has a population slightly in excess of 2,000,000. It is the most productive country for its size to be found anywhere, and all kinds of vegetables will grow at any time in the year. Native grown potatoes are on the market here for upwards of six months annually at a command and a good price.

The whole country grows about 150,000 barrels a year, and would grow a good many more but for the fact that other crops yield better returns, and the potatoes do not grow to the size that potatoes from the north do. As near as I can learn from careful study the country is obliged to import about 400,000 barrels of potatoes annually, and of this amount 250,000 come from the United States and the remainder from Canada and other countries. As the potatoes from the United States are from the southern states and gradually working north they are shipped here, and by the time the maritime provinces potatoes are on the market other places farther south have marketed their crops and the field is then open for Canadian potatoes.

The people of New Brunswick must bear the fact in mind that this is not a new market for Canada. There have been two steamship lines coming to Cuba from the maritime provinces for years and the produce market here is thoroughly organized and in the hands of a few men who are awake business men as are to be found in the world. It is well known here that the market will not absorb at once great quantities of potatoes for they are needed just in such quantities as they are needed for the market as well as for the people. I admit that Canadian potatoes have one great advantage over all others, in that during the fall months a great many potatoes are imported for seed; and it is just at this time when Canadian potatoes are on the market, and consequently there is a much larger demand for them than at any other time. In this connection I wish to say that poor potatoes will not be accepted here. If the New Brunswick people wish to get a share in this market and hold it they must catch up to the market and ship only good produce. One fault found here last year with New Brunswick potatoes was that they were shipped in all kinds of barrels and were not uniform in size or weight. The standard weight of a barrel here is 165 lbs. net, and the barrel must be filled in such a way that when it arrives the potatoes will not have settled so that it looks partly empty. There must also be plenty of openings made in the sides of the barrel to allow a circulation of air.

It is a singular thing how little knowledge the people in Canada have of the West Indies. We speak frequently of the mistakes of foreigners who think that cities or provinces in Canada thousands of miles apart are near together, but this is no worse than the mistakes of Canadians in speaking of the West Indies. Now the Standard says in all seriousness that Mr. Williams has just returned from a visit to the West Indies and later in the article refers to Cuba, Bermuda, St. Kitts, Antigua, Barbados, Trinidad, Demerara, etc., all in one sentence. To speak of sending one representative to these places would be on a par with a firm having a representative residing in New York and London. If Mr. Williams was within a thousand miles of any other island in the West Indies, excepting Jamaica which is nearer, I will be much surprised. It is about three weeks journey to go from here to Barbados and to get to Bermuda one would have to go either to New York or St. John. I might inform the Standard that the Canadian government has a trade commissioner in the British West Indies in the person of Mr. Flood, of St. John, who, no doubt, can judge much better of the trade conditions there than can Mr. Williams. In all of those islands, too, the government has commercial agents whose business it is to look after the interests of Canadian exporters and who, I have no doubt, are doing so faithfully.

Immediately following the list of the islands in the West Indies which I have mentioned, the Standard refers to the irregularity of the steamship service to those islands, and states that the "tri-weekly" service of the Pickford & Black line does not go to St. John and that goods have to be transhipped at Halifax. I wish to inform the Standard that the Pickford & Black line of steamers for the British West Indies mentioned sails regularly from St. John and Halifax every twelve days, and that goods loaded in St.

John are landed in the West Indies without any change. The Standard evidently is thinking of the Pickford & Black, Halifax-Jamaica service, which is, however, a fortnightly one and touches Santiago on the south coast of Cuba. The Standard does not mention the Elder Dempster line from Montreal and Halifax, sailing direct to Havana, and I will grant that this excellent line does not benefit St. John.

Mr. Williams wisely speaks of the great market for lumber and states that the buyers here prefer it in small lots. In my last report to the department I covered this subject fully but I wish to inform Mr. Williams and the Standard that practically all lumber coming here from Canada is brought down by schooners, and the dealers do not prefer it in small lots. The entire market here for spruce and white pine is already in the hands of Canadian exporters who bring it down in cargo lots by schooners. Practically all of the white pine comes here from Upper Canada by way of New Brunswick, and the spruce comes from Nova Scotia and the St. Lawrence River. One of the largest lumber dealers here, and by the way a Canadian, has just returned from a trip all over Eastern Canada buying up all of the available lumber and has enough schooners under contract to flood this market for the next year.

There are many other things, Mr. Editor, which I should like to mention in connection with these markets, for the subjects are in which I am always interested, but space will not permit. I have hoped to show the utter absurdity of the conclusions jumped at by Mr. Williams during his six days stay in Havana, with the one object that the sensible people of New Brunswick may not be deceived in taking the article in the Standard seriously.

The idea of the New Brunswick shippers combining to send a representative down here is a move in the right direction, and I should like to see some of the other provinces do the same. The fact remains, however, that a stranger coming here and not understanding the language will not be able to accomplish anything for a long time, and he will see mountains before him here of which he never dreamed. Far away past the mountains, green, but sometimes the actual realities are vastly different on a nearer view. I can't quite see the logic of the statement in the Standard that one business of the representative coming here would be to "give the brokers a line upon the reliability of New Brunswick shippers." I do not think the brokers here will worry, or need worry about the reliability of New Brunswick shippers. If the potatoes are not all right the dealers will not accept them and they need no further guarantees than that.

If I might make a suggestion it would be that the New Brunswick shippers unite in securing a reliable broker living and doing business here to look after their interests—one who knows the peculiar conditions of the markets and who has the confidence of the dealers—especially one who knows the language of the country. His brokerage fees would be but a trifle and he would look up markets for the shippers; see that shipments were accepted or why they were refused and that statements were promptly made. Working as he would on a commission on actual business secured he would be interested in getting as large a market as possible and there are a number here who would be available and men too whose honesty and integrity are above question. If my friends in New Brunswick will take a hint from me and adopt this method they will be selling their potatoes here while the representative others may send down is learning his first lesson in Spanish business methods.

As far as a steamship line from St. John is concerned I firmly believe that one cannot pay without government assistance. The experience of those interested in the last venture should demonstrate this fact. This line was not "a group of tramp steamers," but a single boat, the "Talisman," which made eight trips and then had to abandon the service. It is well known that there is no return cargo from here to Canada in spite of the large imports which Mr. Williams makes from Cuba and the only thing at present that a boat can take back is a cargo of sugar at less than operating expenses to United States ports. One more experience such as the "Talisman" had will ruin this market completely for New Brunswick shippers and the importers of the United States will take up with New Brunswick with any confidence unless they feel that the dominion government will support the undertaking.

In closing I wish to say that I have no desire to give a pessimistic view of the market possibilities here, but my sole desire is to place faithfully before the people of New Brunswick a fair statement of actual conditions here. If New Brunswick, or any other province, will send a representative down here I will do everything in my power to assist him. There are possibilities here for a great increase of trade with Canada and not only that but before very long the Cuban people will have big markets in Canada for their special products. I am working with a view to having these two countries know each other thoroughly and when they do each will realize that the other is a close second to the most wonderful country on the face of the globe. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space, and with best wishes to the people of my native province, I remain, sincerely,
E. S. KIRKPATRICK,
Canadian Trade Commissioner.

Policemen Hughes and Gosline report being called to stop a fight between Wm. Ramsey and Henry King in a yard off Erin street on Saturday afternoon. When they arrived, however, all was quiet and neither man showed any signs of having been through a fistic combat.

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