DOWN - THE - BACK STRETCH

The story of Guy Ann 2.11¼.—Early in the morning of June 10th, 1933, Ray Lidstone of Freetown saw the arrival of a beautiful bay filly sired by Clover Guy 2.07¼, dam Lady Helene by Captain Aubrey 2.07¼, granddam, Helena Constantize 2.12½. Lady Helene was therefore a full sister to Peter Pokey 2.06¼, one of the greatest race horses the Maritimes ever produced, Gwendolyn Aubrey 2.08½, another star performer, and Helen Aubrey 2.08½. It is noteworthy that the filly's sire, Clover Guy 2.07¼, was one of the best trotters raced in the eastern States for many years. Visitors to Mr. Lidstone's farm were many and he was mighty proud of the filly and received many offers for her, finally selling her on May 1st, 1935, to George A. Callbeck, who named her Guy Ann.

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George immediately put her in training and she made her first start in the Two Year Old Trot and Pace at Exhibition, Charlottetown, August 21st. There were eight starters and it was a sizzling contest from start to finish with the Summerside owned Hi-Sox winning the first two heats and race, but Guy Ann won the third and fastest heat, setting up a new two-year-old record of 2.24¼. Other starters in this race were Miss Victoria 2-3-2, Reymonette, Starrett Veto, Queen Helen and Millie Kalmuck. Her next start was in the Two Year Old Futurity at Charlottetown Sept. 25th, where she won in straight heats, best time 2.24½, which lowered her Maritime record for two-year-olds by one-quarter of a second. Miss Victoria was 2-2-2, Hi-Sox 3-3-4, three other starters.

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In 1936 she started in the Three Year Old Trot and Pace at Summerside, July 1st, and won in straight heats, best time 2.23¼. Hi-Sox was 6-2,-2, Miss Victoria 2-3-4, four other starters. She won again at Summerside July 29th with 1-1-1, Hi-Sox 2-2-2, Millie Kalmuck 3-3-3, two other starters, best time 2.18½. This constituted a new record for three-year-olds for the Summerside track. Following that race she was very lame from a curb and did not start again until the futurity races at Charlottetown, September 7th.

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This time a new threat to her supremacy had arrived in Millie Kalmuck, recently purchased by Willard Kelly. It was a great contest, Guy Ann winning in straight heats, Miss Victoria second the first heat and Millie placing 2-2 the next two heats in fighting finishes. Hi-Sox was 4-4-5, two other starters. The second and fastest heat was paced in 2.16½.

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When training started in the spring of 1937 Guy Ann, then a four-year-old, showed intermittent signs of lameness due to a curb and it was not until mid-summer that she really received any serious training. She made her first start at Montague August 4th, and met a great field which included Dudey Patch, recently brought down from Ontario by Heber Sweeney, and he proved to be the winner in straight heats. Soviet was 6-2-2, Guy Ann 2-4-4, Daisy Peters 5-3-7, Millie Kalmuck 7-3-6, three other starters, best time 2.11¾.

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At Charlottetown's Exhibition August 17th Guy Ann won the first heat of the Four Year Old Trot and Pace in 2.14¼ with Millie Kalmuck right with her. The next two heats were won by Millie with Guy Ann 2-2, Hi-Sox 3-3-4, Jackie Volo 4-4-3, Dorothy Dix 5-5-5, time, 2.14, 2.14¼, 2.15¼. Three days later, August 20th, Guy Ann started in the 2.23 class. The field was a good one and the race was won by Dudey Patch with a summary of 4-1,-1, Guy Ann 1-2-2, Leta Kalmuck 3-2-4, Daisy Peters 3-5-3, four other starters, time 2.13½—a new record for Guy Ann, 2.12¾, 2.13½.

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The spring of 1938 found Guy Ann in excellent shape and she took her training nicely, making her first start at Alberton, July 1st, but suffered an accident in the first heat, finishing fifth. Leta Kalmuck was the winner with 1-1-1, Soviet 2-2-2, Guy Ann 5-3-3, Aaron L. 4-4-4, Miss Victoria 3-5-dr., best time 2.14¾. The next start was at Hamilton and there she won in straight heats, turning the tables on Leta Kalmuck who had won the previous week. Leta was 3-2,-3, Miss Victoria 4-3-2 and Soviet 2-dr., best time, 2.13½, which still remains the pacing record for Hamilton track. The following week she won at Northam in straight heats with Aaron L., who later distinguished himself so highly, finishing 2-2-2, Leta Kalmuck 3-3-3, Starrett Volo 4-dis, Guy Ann took a new record in the first and fastest heat of 2.13¼.

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Kensington was the next track on the circuit and on July 27th Guy Ann again won in straight heats with Aaron L. pushing her very closely, 2-2-2, Leta Kalmuck 3-3-3. In the first heat she lowered her record to 2.11¼, which was the fastest heat paced at that meeting. Her next start was in the 2.19 Pace at Charlottetown Exhibition, August 18th. There was a great field of pacers but Guy Ann was regarded as having a good chance of winning with the possible exception of Dudey Patch. Turning into the stretch the first heat Guy Ann was in a pocket with the horses well bunched. Suddenly she went down and everyone expected a most distressing accident but in some miraculous manner the horses got untangled and to the great relief of everybody George Callbeck, who was driving Guy Ann, got up apparently very little the worse for the fall. Guy Ann did not race well the next two heats, no doubt having suffered considerably. Dudey Patch proved the winner in straight heats, Frank Hanover 5-6-2, Wanda Volo 6-2-5, Martindell 4-3-3, Killarney 3-4-4, Sully 2-5-dr., Guy Ann best time, 2.12.

After a good rest and good care Guy Ann seemed to have recovered and was started at Fredericton in the 2.18 Pace September 16th. It was a fast field which included the ex-Ohio pacer Billy Bondeer 2.09, Dudey Patch 2.12, Wanda Volo 2.07¼, Joe Hedgewood 2.13¼, and Frank Hanover 2.10½. Billy Bondeer proved the winner with a summary of 1-1-2, Dudey Patch 2-4-1, Wanda Volo 4-2-4, Guy Ann 6-3-3, time, 2.10½, 2.11, 2.10¼. Guy Ann started again the next day in the Named Race and ran up against another bunch of great pacers which included Happy L. (the winner), Frank Hanover 2.10½, Don Fino 2.12¼, Wanda Volo 2.07¼, Quaker Girl 2.10½ and Preferred Stock. It was a race that will long be remembered and Happy L., although the winner, did not have very much to spare in the first or third heats. In each Guy Ann finished 2-2, Frank Hanover being second in the second heat, time, 2.10, 2.09½, 2.09½. Happy L's showing in this race led to his owner being offered $1,500 for him, which was refused.

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When the training season of 1939 rolled around it was found that Guy Ann was quite lame and all efforts to get her in racing shape failed so she was bred to Calumet Budlong 2.02¾, the result being My Ann, born June 21st, 1940. In 1941 another attempt was made to get Guy Ann ready but her old trouble came back and she was bred to Abner T. Clegg 2.04¼ and this resulted in another filly being born June 14th, 1942, which Mr. Callbeck expects to race this year in the Three Year Old Futurities under the name of Ann Clegg. This filly is owned by George's son Wendell. In 1943 another Abner T. Clegg filly arrived May 23rd, which carries the name of Sister Ann and is owned by a very proud young man, Donald Callbeck, George's youngest child.

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Last spring, 1944, when Guy Ann foaled April 25th the colt died at birth and on May 10th she was shod and for the first time since 1941 had harness on, for that matter shoes tacked on. She was jogged a bit and for the first time since 1936 appeared sound. Every fine day during the month of June she was given some training and during July was worked slow miles two or three times a week, gradually increasing until two weeks previous to Old Home Week when she was allowed to step along a bit faster. We confess to the same feeling which probably many others had—that Mr. Callbeck had very much over-rated his mare in entering her against such a great field as that which started in the 2.19 Trot and Pace, because she had not raced since 1938, a period of six years and in that time had four foals. Picture then our surprise when on Wednesday, August 16th, it was Guy Ann who finished heads apart to Flo Direct the first heat in 2.10½—a new record for Flo Direct. In the next heat Guy Ann, who was tucked in most of the mile, was pulled out in the stretch, flourishing a brand of speed good enough for a free-for-aller, winning by half a length in 2.13, following this up by copping the third heat in 2.15. Flo Direct was 1-8-7, Singing Sam 3-2-8, Muriel Hanover 8-5-2, Belle of Brooklyn 4-3-4, Lady Hal 7-6-2, Bright Spot 6-4-5, Walt N'See 5-7-6, Dickalena 9-9-dr.

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Her only other start was at Sussex Labor Day, September 6th, where she and her daughter My Ann finished with a like summary 1-2-2, over a rain soaked track, both races being won by trotters. The stable has been very well named "The Ann Stable" in honor of Guy Ann. It is noteworthy that Guy Ann received all her training and was driven in all her races by her owner, George A. Callbeck, Manager of the Fur Marketing Department of Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association, Summerside, and one of Canada's most noted fox farmers. It is a tribute to his skill, patience and his helper's care that this mare should be in her eleventh year and after a long ordeal of matronhood, win from such an exceptional field of pacers at Old Home Week, August 16th. Whether she will race again or not she has achieved a place in the Harness Horse Hall of Fame and we feel confident that her name will go down through the years through the performance of her offspring.

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A real pacer is heading this way, Sonata, 3, 2.06½, by Volomite 2.03½, and a full sister to Phonograph 1.59¼ that was purchased by Walnut Hall Farm for its stud farm at $8,000. This beautiful mare raced last season in Harry Short's stable under the colors of John E. Kelly, Bangor, Maine. She is eligible to the 2.15 class and we believe will be a grand addition to the Maritime fast brigade. Dr. F. C. Dougan, C.C., is the fortunate owner.

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Walter Chennault, Lexington horse trainer and driver, died January 22nd after a short illness. He was the man who broke to harness as a yearling Yankee Maid 2.01¾, winner of last year's richest trotting stake, The Hambletonian.

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When you read these notes today our Island horsemen will be getting ready for the races which will be held on the Halifax Commons, north of the big Drill Hall where the horses will be put up. Those taking part include Miss Marjorie Hal; Dorothy L.; San Ton; Major Bowes; Margaret Jean; Lady Hal (now owned by Milton Bell); Bud the Tramp; Miss America; Lucky Guy; Peter McKinney and Dr. Budlong. Among the horsemen who will be interested spectators are A. E. Cutcliffe, Well McNeill, Willard Kelly, Rollie Wood, D. K. MacLeod, Lorne Kelly, L. O. Kelly, Bill Smallwood, Milton Wheatley, James Arbing, Milton Bell, Emmett Gallant, Harold Cudmore, Bert Younker, Charles Willis, Earl Coles, Chester Mathieson, Horace Willis, George Kitchen, Vernon Proud, Charles Horton, Lem MacKinnon, Peter Martin, Ralph Cameron, Lee Eric Moreside, J. E. MacDonald, Chappelle.

Hundreds of horsemen friends throughout the Maritimes were shocked to read the press despatch which appeared on January 31st that Harry O. Wilbur, Canadian National Railways shops foreman and known throughout the Maritimes as a foreman of the railways wrecking crew, died in the Moncton hospital of injuries received the Tuesday afternoon prior, when he was struck by a shunting engine while at work. Mr. Wilbur had a long connection with harness horse racing and he truly loved it and loved a horse. His genial manner made him friends wherever he went. At Old Home Week races August 16th, Previous, owned by him, won the 2.25 Pace Third Division, in straight heats, and was sold to Halifax parties. To his family and friends on behalf of the horsemen we extend our sincere regret and sympathy.

Ruffin Rallies, Outpoints Greco In 10-Rounder

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 — (AP) — Stung into action after being floored for a count of five in the seventh round, Bobby Ruffin rallied strongly tonight to outpoint Johnny Greco in their third 10-round meeting before a packed house at Madison Square Garden.

Aided by referee Johnny Burns' ruling that he was floored by a low blow, thereby nullifying the knockdown and Greco's wide margin in the round, Ruffin came back to floor Greco for a count of nine in the ninth and virtually overwhelm the Montrealer with a flurry of blows in the 10th.

A crowd of 16,751 that contributed to a gross gate of $96,273 thus saw Ruffin, 138, New York, gain his first victory over the 143 1-4-pound Canadian. Greco won the decision in the first 10-rounder, the second was a draw.

The decision tonight was unanimous. Referee Johnny Burns and Judge George Lecron each gave Ruffin six rounds, Greco three and called one even. Judge Johnny Potter and The Associated Press scorecard each awarded Ruffin six rounds and Greco four, a tally including the switching of the seventh round from Greco to Ruffin because of the low blow.

Local Horsemen Welcomed To N. S. Capital

HALIFAX, Feb. 2 — (CP) —The large delegation of Prince Edward Island horsemen arrived here tonight to take part in the goodwill meet jointly sponsored by the Halifax Harness Horse Club and the Eastern Driving Association, Dartmouth. Pres. John Scott of the Halifax Club welcomed the visitors at the station and Fred Lahey, president of the Dartmouth Club, joined in the welcome later at the club rooms of the Halifax Club.

KAMPLALA, Uganda— (CP)— Grants for more than $1,894,750 made under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, have enabled Uganda to plan one of the largest centralized hospitals and extensive health services in the British Colonial Empire.

N. H. L. Playoff System To Remain Unchanged In '45

(By The Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, Feb. 2—The board of governors of the National Hockey League at a meeting today decided to continue the same form of play-off arrangements as used last year, with the first-place team meeting the third-place team and the second meeting the fourth-place club in the first series for the Stanley Cup.

The winners of these two series will be matched in the cup final. All series will be best-of-seven games, with the teams placing highest in league standings having the choice of ice for the first two, and the fifth and seventh games.

Maj. Conny Smythe of Toronto Maple Leafs, who returned last year after serving on the western front, was present and was warmly welcomed by President Mervyn (Red) Dutton and the other governors.

Maj. Smythe filed a notice of motion which would be presented at the league's annual meeting in June, to amend the constitution to permit renewal of the league agreement for the next 15 years. Another motion from Smythe, authorized Dutton to investigate "responsible persons" in United States cities who would apply for two new N.H.L. franchises at the next annual meeting, under section one of the constitution. These franchises would be operative as soon as possible.

Smythe was given authority to experiment with any new rules with amateur teams playing at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto.

Dutton was offered the presidency of the league for the duration of the war, with a committee of three, composed of Dutton, Smythe and James Norris, Sr., to aid in the direction of the league.

The play-offs will start March 20, with Stanley Cup games being played Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays or Sundays, until the series are finished. Appointment of referees and officials for the games will be left to the president.

Junior Ball Circuit Plans Increase In ExhibitionEncounters

(By The Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Feb. 2—When and if the spring baseball season gets under way next month, American League clubs will play 94 exhibition games, an increase of 16 over the junior circuit's 1944 pre-season card.

The American League service bureau disclosed today that loop games will have 54 warm-up battles with National League rivals, 15 intra-league contests, 15 with service clubs and 10 with minor league foes.

The league's spring campaign begins March 24, with Chicago White Sox meeting Detroit at Evansville, Ind., and Boston Braves facing Philadelphia Athletics at Frederick, Md. An eight-game program winds up the spring festivities April 15.

The championship race opens April 17, one day after the traditional solo opener at Washington.

The majors' third season of spring training north of the "Lands-Eastman Line" finds the following American League camp sites and approximate reporting dates:

Boston, Pleasantville, N. J., Mar. 15 (Red Sox to live in Atlantic City); Chicago, Terre Haute, Ind., March 10; Cleveland, LaFayette, Ind., March 12; Detroit, Evansville, Ind., March 15; New York, Atlantic City, N.J., March 11; Philadelphia, Frederick, Md., March 12; St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, Mo., March 12; Washington, College Park., Md., March 7-1b.

Trophy Elimination Play Begins At S'side Curling Club

Play in the Macdonald Brier elimination competition was started last night at the Summerside Curling Club. Two rinks are to go to Charlottetown Feb. 8th to represent the Summerside Club in the P. E. I. competition.

Teams entered are as follows: F. Folland, G. White, E. Offer, H. Phillips, skip; H. MacFarlane, R. E. Ellis, E. Estey, M. Bell, skip; W. Walker J. A. Clark, A. Horne, Chief Justice T. A. Campbell, skip; K. Matheson, F. Arnett, L. Watson, P. Weeks, skip.

Results of the first night's play: Chief Justice Campbell, 10; M. Bell 5, (twelve ends).—S.

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SKY CHIEFS:			
G. Murphy	223	150	105
R. MacDonald	244	207	175
R. Bradley	136	184	253
W. Smith	149	161	148
J. Coady	183	144	168
Total—2629.			
RED INDIANS:			
W. Mullins	157	190	130
C. LeClair	193	282	219
S. Doiron	207	218	174
Rev. F. Cass	135	150	105
A. Kelly	147	144	145
Total—2601.			

Higl. Single, C. LeClair, 282.
High Three: C. LeClair, 694.
Points: Sky Chiefs 3; Red Indians 2.

ZULUS:			
A. Doyle	92	141	188
E. Kelly	125	230	242
E. Gallant	168	201	141
H. Power	149	137	241
J. Reg. MacDonald	116	123	154
E. Smith	224	160	166
Total—2998.			
DERBIES:			
W. McInnis	127	173	219
A. Ward	92	123	141
B. Gallant	93	225	111
V. Gallant	214	206	126
L. Doyle	82	187	117
L. MacDonald	176	153	84
Total—2649.			

High Single, E. Kelly, 242.
High Three, E. Kelly, 597.
Points: Zulus 4; Derbies 1.

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CARTAGE:			
M. Young	210	218	194
C. Wood	162	176	127
A. MacLeod	189	96	160
L. Doyle	117	155	181
G. Taylor	143	151	157
Total—2446.			
B. & B.:			
J. Martin	263	307	173
H. Hennessey	199	203	194
J. Doyle	213	206	160
J. Bradley	181	181	203
C. Small	154	195	175
Total—2999.			

High Single, 307, J. Martin.
High Three, 743, J. Martin.
Points: Cartage 0; B. & B. 5.

REBOS:			
G. Gallant	179	146	130
M. Richard	202	185	227
Low Score	114	197	161
Low Score	150	124	151
Total—1965.			
STRIKERS:			
J. Herrell	114	219	161
F. Lafferty	150	167	151
J. Strain	232	213	195
C. McLean	191	124	294
Total—2236.			

High Single, C. MacLean, 294.
High Three, J. Strain, 641.
Points: Strikers 5; Rebos 0.

Four Rinks Left In Elimination For Consols Trophy

In the two games played in the Curling Rink yesterday morning, H. R. Carruthers eliminated R. R. Bell 16-6 and R. S. P. Jardine eliminated Ed Tanton, 16-8. Both games were in competition for the British Consols trophy. W. R. Cruikshank plays N. J. Anderson today. The finals will be played Monday and Tuesday. Only four teams are now left in the running, seven having been eliminated.

AIRMEN FIGHT LOCUSTS

KARACHI, India—(OP)—Military aeroplanes are being used in the war against locusts. A Bikaner regiment, units of which have been stationed at various places in Sind; Rajputana and Bikaner, is doing good work. Reconnaissance is done by the Locust Warning Organization of the Government of India.

5 College Hoop Players Expelled For Taking Bribe

(By The Associated Press)

BROOKLYN, Feb. 2—The five members of the Brooklyn college basketball team who admitted they accepted a bribe to throw a basketball game were expelled from college today by President Harry D. Gideonse.

The president's office announced that the boys had the right to appeal, in writing, to the board of higher education.

The athletes involved were Bob Leder, 19-year-old captain of the team; Stan Simon, 20; Larry Pearlstein, 20; Jerry Greene, 18; and Buddy Barnett, 22.

Meanwhile, the Kings County grand jury which Wednesday indicted two men for conspiracy to defraud bettors on the game announced today it would continue its investigation into basketball and also into "any corruption and racketeering in sports of all kinds" both professional and amateur.

On Wednesday the grand jury indicted Harry Stemmer, 34, and Henry Rosen, 29, who police said bribed the five boys with $1,000 to throw a scheduled game with Akron at Boston Wednesday night and promised them $2,000 more.

Both men pleaded innocent and were held in $25,000 bail. Stemmer won a reduction of bail to $10,000 today from the appellate division. Their trial has been set for Feb. 13.

Heartbreakers Defeat Souris In Exhibition

The Heartbreakers from Charlottetown defeated the Souris Tigers 3-1 in an exhibition game of hockey played at Souris this week. Souris got their lone tally in the first period but once the visitors found their stride they took control of the game and scored twice in the second and once in the final canto.

The Heartbreakers expect to go to Montague for an exhibition tilt next week.

Following was the lineup and summary at Souris:

Souris: Goal, E. Dugas; defence, J. McIntyre, F. Cheverie. H. Uaquet, I. Cheverie; forwards, B. MacDonald, T. Pierce, M. McKenzie, T. Lewis, A. Paquet, A. MacKenzie, P. Gallant.

Heartbreakers: Goal, Ward; defence, C. MacDougall, Martin, D. Larter, B. Ross; forwards, Molyneaux, Shephard, Dowling, Weatherbie, N. Larter, H. Trainor, L. Phillips, J. Brown, R. Josey.

SUMMARY

1st Period

1. Souris, M. MacKenzie, 10:06. Penalty: H. Paquet.

2nd Period

2. Heartbreakers, Josey (Brown) 9:25.
3. Heartbreakers, Dowling (Shephard) 14:02. Penalties: D. Larter, H. Paquet, F. Cheverie.

3rd Period

4. Heartbreakers, Dowling (Shephard) 18:05. Penalty: A. Paquet.

Referees: R. Kelly, L. Gillespie.

Crystals Defeat Freetown In Free Scoring Contest

In a free-scoring contest that had most of the requirements to keep cash customers on their toes the Summerside Crystals defeated the Freetown Stars on Monday evening at Bedeque rink by the rather lopsided score of 11-4.

Mr. James Clowmore, who returned recently from three years with the Canadian Fire Fighters in England, faced the puck off to begin the game.

SUMMARY

1st Period

1—S'side, Jack Schurman
2—Freetown, Gardiner (Hill)
3—S'side, Woodside (F. Oatway)
4—S'side, F. Oatway (A. Oatway)
5—S'side, F. Oatway (C. Woodside)

Second Period

6—S'side, F. Oatway (Woodside)
7—S'side, J. Schurman (Davis)
8—S'side, J. Schurman (C. Gallant)

Third Period

9—S'side, J. Schurman.
10—Freetown, McKay
11—Freetown, Mill (McKay)
12—S'side, Davis (Shields)
13—S'side, F. Oatway
14—S'side, Davis (C. Gallant)
15—Freetown, Hill

Three Stars—J. Schurman, B. Schurman, F. McKay—S

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

New York City 16 years ago demanded more hockey. The Americans were drawing great crowds and Conny Smythe of Toronto organized another team—the Rangers—which won the Stanley Cup, in 1928 and 1940 and the N. H. L. championship in 1928, 1932, and 1942. The Americans never got to the top and disbanded in 1942.

Swedish Athletes Leave For The U. S.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 2 — (AP) — Gunder Haegg, star miler, and his Swedish countryman, hurdler Haakon Lidman, left today by airplane for England on the first leg of their journey to the United States.

Delay Threatens Election Of New Baseball Chief

By JACK HAND
Associated Press Sport Writer

NEW YORK, Feb. 2—Opposition to the "action now" movement today threatened to postpone election of a baseball commissioner by a resort to parliamentary means at tomorrow's joint meeting of the major leagues.

While a 10-man committee worked on a new major league agreement expected to re-establish with similar powers the office the late Kenesaw Mountain Landis held, hotel lobby gossip indicated immediate selection of a diamond boss would be delayed.

It was learned that at least three American Leaguers were against rushing into the commissioner problem until his powers definitely had been established. According to club executives, one team could block action because Leslie M. O'Connor failed to mention consideration of a Landis successor in his "call" for a joint session, making unanimous approval necessary for introduction of new business.

If the new code calls for approval by 12 of the 16 clubs in any election of a commissioner, as it is almost certain to do, it is doubtful if any candidate could be named even if the matter was to be brought to the floor. Ford Frick, National League president, was the man mentioned most often for the job but it was not believed he had the necessary votes.

According to an unofficial tabulation, the National League president could count on more than 10 votes. One club was prepared to start a "Draft O'Connor" movement although Landis' secretary has said he would not take the job and didn't think any successor ever should be named.

The 10-man committee was delayed by late arrival of the St. Louis delegation. Action by the separate leagues on the pact was postponed until tomorrow morning, preceding the afternoon's conclave which will adopt the final draft.

If an immediate vote on a Landis successor is blocked, indications were that it would be only temporary as the clubs appeared definite in their determination to name a man before the season opens.

May Be Truth In Rumors Of Panic In Reich

LONDON, Feb. 2 — (Reuters) — For days past from the neutral "rumor centres" of Europe have come reports of weakening in German morale, demoralization among large numbers of retreating German troops and Volksturm men and panic and riots, among civilians.

Now, from evidence of the Germans themselves, those doubtfully-regarded reports take on a cloak of truth.

For the last 24 hours, German radio stations and troops papers have been concentrating on two subjects — dangers of quick-spreading panic rumors and the dangers of cowardice among soldiers. Worry among soldiers on the Western Front about events in the east also has received increasing attention.

"The enemy always hopes for one ally, panic," Gauleiter Edmund Weil of the Nazi Welfare Organization said in an appeal over Danzig radio. Raising his voice he continued: "We have no need to help him."

"The more improbable the rumors are the more they are believed," complained Troppau Radio in the Sudeten area.

"Rumor-mongers now are in clover and much stupid and malicious chatter is being bandied about, causing excitement and helping the enemy," said the transmitter of an army group in the east.

It is no accident that so many of these warnings are addressed to the armed forces. Stragglers from the army are even more dangerous rumor carriers than evacuees, because their judgment of the situation is more trusted by others. The soldiers are constantly reminded of this "special responsibility." But many are evidently past caring.

Soldiers' papers on the Western Front admit that "thousands of our comrades now are wondering where their beloved ones may be."

"It was announced that Field Marshal Walter Model issued a special leaflet to his army group to explain the situation in the east. But the quoted extract tells only of how the Allies were stopped in the west last autumn, and merely concludes "what was achieved in the west is also possible in the east."

Craig Wood Gets Putting Touch Back In Form

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, Feb. 2—Craig Wood got his strayed putting touch back into the fold today as he rolled in with a six-under-par 64 to take the first round lead in the $5,000 Corpus Christi open.

The 43-year-old duration national and Canadian open champion land down a half-dozen birdies, four of them coming on the last nine when Craig really started rolling them in.

In close pursuit of the Marmaroneck, N. Y., professional, were Harold (Jug) McSpaden of Sanford, Me.; Leonard Dodson of San Francisco; Mike Barbato of Baton Rouge, Lt.; Sam Byrd of Detroit and tall Fred Haas, New Orleans amateur, each with a 65.

Byron Nelson, golf's leading money winner and the favorite in Corpus Christi's open, shot a 66, was dissatisfied and practised a couple of hours after most of the others had gone in.

R. A. F. Transport Command Head Relinquishes Post

MONTREAL, Feb. 2 — (CP) — Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick W. Bowhill, has relinquished his appointment as Air Officer commanding-in-chief of the R.A.F. Transport Command, it was announced tonight in London by the British Air Ministry. He will be succeeded by Air Marshal Hon. Sir Ralph A. Cochrane, 50.

Sir Frederick, who is 64, will revert to the retired list.

There has been some speculation in Canada that Sir Frederick might be the next Governor-General of Canada, succeeding the Earl of Athlone, and there also was a report from London some days ago that the Dominion Government had sought the services of Sir Frederick to organize Canada's role in post-war internal and international civil aviation.

Born in India in 1890, Sir Frederick was the son of a Scottish colonel serving in a garrison centre in the Punjab. He was educated in England when 16, missed qualifying for the Royal Navy when he lost out by three marks at the Cadetship, H.M.S. Britannia.

Sir Ralph Cochrane, the new commander of the Transport Command, was knighted in the recent New Year's honors list. A native of Scotland, he was educated at Osborne and Dartmouth and entered the Royal Navy in 1912. He transferred to the naval air service in 1915, and in 1919 to the R.A.F. From 1939 to 1940, he was aide-de-camp to the King.

CAGE PLUNGES—

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surged about the shaft-head. Clergymen moved among the crowd, offering words of comfort. Priests administered the last rites of the church to victims who were of the Roman Catholic faith.

The dead: Eino Niemi, 20; Russell Dillon, 24; Nick Suopi, 44; T. Voulitilainen, 40, all of South Porcupine; Stanley Kolozjiepki, 51, Mike Painetta, 36, A. Beland, 40, Ubald Legault, Mike Markosaie, 40, Legouri Legault, 23, A. Auger, 39, Mike Mohoruk, 49, Marvin Appleyard, 29, Laurent Dubeau, Albert Plourde, 40, all of Timmins; Ciro Kohtala of Pottsville. (Ages unavailable where not given.)

The two-deck cage, with eight men in each deck, took its plunge as it was taking them to work. Because of the accident rescue workers had to climb several hundred feet down the "mainway" or ladder down the main shaft to reach the cage.

They recovered the eight bodies in the upper half of the cage 20 minutes after they reached the scene. The other eight were recovered in late afternoon.

In Toronto, H. C. Rickaby, Deputy Minister of Mines, said that the District Mines Inspector, E. B. Weir, already has started an investigation and that the Chief Inspector, W. O. Tower, was leaving for Timmins with other officials. Mr. Rickaby described the accident as the worst of its kind in a generation of Ontario mining.

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THE PHENOMINAL PHEASANT

Figures, almost unbelievable in scope, recently released by the United States Department of Agriculture, show that in 1942, the last season for which complete statistics are available, over eleven million ring-necked pheasants were bagged by U. S. gunners. 1943 figures are available for some States. In South Dakota, which is recognized as The Pheasant State, in 1943 the kill was three million one hundred and sixty-nine thousand pheasants. It is thought that the take in 1944 exceeded this staggering figure. Pheasants are so numerous in this State that the open season in most all countries is from September 20th to January 17, an open season of almost 4 months. The daily bag limit was 10 birds and 17,000 non-resident hunters were allowed to take out 50 ring-necks. In suitable pheasant areas releases from game farms have had little effect. For example, Michigan takes an annual harvest of 1,500,000 cocks, and has never released more than 25,000 man-raised ring-necks in any one year. Alberta is among the top notch provinces of Canada in regard to ring-neck population. Last year (1944) 60,000 cocks were bagged in the Brooks area alone. Let's hope that some day in the near future this province will become another Peelee Island in respect to pheasant population. The ring-necked pheasant has demonstrated his ability to look for himself as far as hunting pressure goes.

THE RAVEN

The croaking raven, known to many as a bird of 'ill omen', is increasing throughout the province, and, in some districts, particularly in eastern King's County, is quite numerous. Whether or not the presence of this bird in noticeable numbers is a liability or an asset is a debatable question. 40 or 50 years ago the Raven was a rare bird on the Island. In 1927 several pairs made their appearance in the Mount Albion-Village Green and Peakes-Pisquid districts and today their hoarse croakings and peculiar aerial gyrations are familiar to many an observer. From time to time complaints are voiced re: destruction to poultry and game birds caused by ravens, which in reality are nothing more than an oversized crow, and the crow needs no introduction to poultry farmers or sportsmen.

J. Frank Sterns, an observant sportsman who resides in Souris was the first to voice doubt re: status of the raven as effecting our wildlife. On an October afternoon a few years back, Mr. Sterns was walking along an abandoned wood road when his attention was drawn to the peculiar actions of a raven perched atop a spruce tree. The bird was teetering on its perch with wings half raised in the form of an arc, and looking intently at some object on the ground. The distance was not over 50 yards and the onlooker could discern that the raven was excited and poised ready for a swoop. Suddenly, and with a speed amazing for so apparently clumsy bird, it darted down to the ground and the calm October air was rent by piteous cries like that made by an infant baby in distress. On rushing to the spot Mr. Sterns frightened off the raven and found a full grown rabbit lying on the ground disemboweled. In the short space of 15 seconds, or less, the raven had given the luckless rabbit its death wound, which shows that the bird, in spite of its apparent awkwardness is a powerful and dangerous antagonist. Reports have also come in that this bird attacked and harrassed covey's of Hungarian partridge. The most recent comes from Georgie Perry, Souris. It appears a covey of 18 Huns came regularly to Souris Beach for gravel and on each occasion a bunch of ravens immediately appeared and followed the partridge as long as they were in the open, hovering over them and acting in a manner that bodied ill for the game birds. No kills were actually witnessed but the covey gradually fell off in numbers until there were only 5 or 6 left, and these remnants finally disappeared and were seen no more on the Beach.

FRESH RUN SEA TROUT COMING IN

A winter run of sea trout is beginning to appear in some of our rivers and harbours. They are not 'slinks' or spent fish, but firm, silvery beauties fat and healthy. I'll not add 'well flavoured' but I'll have been told that they are just that. Many anglers may not be aware of this occurrence, but it is nothing new. Years ago, before protection reached its present stage of efficiency, some are prone to call it inefficiency, heavy sea run trout up to 6 lbs. in weight were taken by fishermen from Georgetown Harbour during the latter part of January and early February. Old timers allege that they were in the pink of condition and flavour. One Oldster, even at this late date, gets a far away look in his eyes and drools at the corners of his mouth when he talks of, as he expresses himself, "the good old days." Rumours are current that fishermen spearing smelts through a hole in the ice, and protected by shacks set up over a bar or likely spot in our rivers, get quite a shock when a broad backed 3 or 4 pound sea trout swims into their line of vision, particularly when they are expecting a smelt, and there is no accounting for the reflexts of the muscles in one arm. The story is told of the Game Warden stepping into a shack on the Fox River, Murray Harbour, early one winter morning a few years ago. The occupant looked up in alarm at the stranger wearing a suspicious fur cap, and his thoughts were racing . . . "was it this morning or yesterday morning that I snagged that big trout in mistake for a tom cod? . . ." The officer glanced at the box half filled with smelts. "Would you by any chance", he inquired genially, "have a trout or two under that pile of smelts?" And the fisherman, not having time to reach a conclusion, stuttered: "I . . . I don't know." His luck was in. It was the morning before.

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