DOWN - THE - BACK STRETCH

One of the highest defense spots in the recently capitulated island of Pantellaria is St. Elmo. What thought does that bring back to the minds of older horsemen? In the late 1890's the champion trotting stallion of Prince Edward Island was St. Elmo 2.24 1-4, owned by the late Dr. C. L. Strickland and driven in all or nearly all his races here by the late Ronnie Steele. St. Elmo was a beautiful seal brown horse with nice action and attracted much attention.

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On June 5th there passed away in London, England, one of the greatest runners of all time, Walter Goodall George, who as an amateur broke almost every record from one to twelve miles. His amateur record for a mile was 4.21 4-5, set up in 1882, and this was lowered to 4.21 2-5 by George Orton a Canadian, at University of Pennsylvania in 1895. Then Tommy Conneff, an Irishman, set it at 4.18 2-5 and it has been constantly lowered until the present holder is Gundar Hagg of Sweden, who has placed the record at 4.04.4

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But it was as a professional in 1884 that George reached his peak by beating the Australian champion, Cummings, at Stamford Bridge, London, in the then remarkable time of 4.12 3-4, the first half being run in less than two minutes. An interesting part of the performance is that an hour before the race George's trainer, who was constantly watching him to prevent him eating sweets, caught him in the act of finishing the contents of a small sugar bowl. He threw up his hands in despair, vowing that defeat was certain. But he was mistaken and the above world's record mile was accomplished.

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What the trainer did not know was that sugar is one of the greatest energy producers and the contents of that sugar bowl taken some time before the performance no doubt contributed to its being a world's record breaker. Horsemen have found sugar of great value to tired horses administered in the form of lumps between heats. Many a tired horse has been freshened up with half a dozen lumps of sugar and gone on to victory.

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We have an interesting letter from Eugene M. Howard, Clark's Harbour, Cape Sable Island, N.S. Our reader friend from the rocky outpost of Nova Scotia whence comes the celebrated Sable Island ponies, propounds a very pertinent query and here it is.

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"Dear Sir,— I would like very much if you would explain a question in the Back Stretch for me. It is in regard to heat winners among drivers. I see by the May issue of Hoof Beats where four drivers are announced as the four leading drivers. What I would like to know is are they the four leading drivers of the United States or ones racing under that Association? The reason I would like to know this is because a careful check up of heat winners according to the Year Book and race results, gives Joe O'Brien 101 heats won in 1942 and this does not include the race on the 24th of May at New Glasgow, which was for half-mile heats. It was raced over an Association track and in it Joe O'Brien won five heats. If this should count he would have 106 heats to his credit.

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I also notice in the Year Book where Dudey Patch 2.06 paced the five-eighth mile at Toronto in 1.10 1-2 and the world's record shows Phil O'Neill with the record at 1.12 1-2. Should this not be recorded in Dudey Patch's favor?

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I see you have Old Home Week advertised as starting the 10th of August. Well, we shall be there. I don't know how we ever kept in touch with the horses before the Back Stretch was started. If I miss it for one week I figure there must be something I missed in the activities of the horses. I would appreciate it very much if you would not mind explaining those two questions I have asked in this letter."

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We regret that we cannot answer the above questions very satisfactorily, but turning to May Hoof Beats we note a write up headed, A Winning Quartette, with photos of Wayne Smart, Delvin Miller, Bob Plaxico and Houston Stone, giving statistics of their winning heats. Houston won 82, Wayne Smart 82, Bob Plaxico 80 and Delvin Miller 79. The article states in effect that the statistics show the activities of the four leading heat winners of 1942. We did not check up on Joe O'Brien's winning heats but presume our frend Mr. Howard did and that his statement is correct, unless he included heats won at Toronto. These would be ruled out as the track there is not under United States Trotting Association rules. However, they would only reduce the total from 101 to 94 and that would be 12 heats better than any of the four United States drivers.

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No doubt when the compilation was made for Hoof Beats the party who did it considered that there would be no worthwhile opposition in the Maritimes, but he failed to take into account our redoubtable friend Joe, who really was "tops" and it will be our great pleasure to bring the error to the attention of Hoof Beats for correction.

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None of the quartette mentioned or our friend Joe, would be classed as leading driver over United States Trotting Association tracks. That honor went to Franklyn Safford, teamster for the Sullivan and Mawhinney stables, Machais, Maine and he received the badge or medal which goes with the honor, for having won the most races in 1942. Perhaps a check up may show that this honor also belongs to Joe O'Brien. It is quite possible, as with two horses, Peter Reamore and Dudey Patch, he won 82 races and to that must be added races with other horses he piloted.

Re the five-eighths of a mile record made at Toronto in 1.10 1-2, it has the writer puzzled. The world's record for a half-mile made over a half-mile track is 59 1-2 seconds, made by Grattan Bars in 1927. Presuming Grattan Bars had gone the next eighth of a mile at the same rate he would have paced in 1.14 1-2, which would be four seconds slower than the time credited to Dudey Patch at Toronto. The five-eighths of a mile record shown in the Year Book was made by Phil O'Neill in 1925 on a mile track—1.12 1-2.

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We are glad to note that our friend Mr. Howard will be with us at Old Home Week and we trust that he will use his good influence with the weatherman so that we all may enjoy ourselves watching the great races that are sure to take place. We hope he will check over the races which Franklyn Safford engaged in and write us again if he has a chance and give us the results of his compilation. We are always glad to hear from him and we are sure our readers feel the same way.

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The Charlottetown Driving Park track is in tip top condition for fast work, particularly the home stretch part of it and some good eighths are being recorded, several of them around 15 seconds by Lady Hal 2.12 1-2, Raymond Budlong 2.13, with Silent Joe stepping in 15 2-5 and the five-year-old trotter Lusty's First in 15 1-5. We understand that Basil Hanover some time ago was cut loose and trotted an eighth in considerably better than 15 seconds. Most of the other record trotters and pacers have not shaded 16 seconds very much and the fastest miles that we have heard of up to Friday morning were 2.22 for Real Money 2.09 1-2, 2.23 for Jean Henley 2.08 1-2 and the trotting mark was set at 2.22 by Johnny Eager 2.20.

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Just a few words about this horse may be interesting. He was sired by Oakhurst Express and his dam is by Eel Royal, a son of The Eel 2.02 1-2, by many regarded as the greatest racing pacer ever bred and raised in Canada. Although many years have gone by since he fought his battles on the Grand Circuit against some of the fastest pacers of all time, yet The Eel's fame has not diminished. He was a truly magnificent horse, a beautiful grey that carried himself like a king, and his grandson is a worthy replica. Credit must be given to caretaker Austin Tierney and owner Dr. R. F. Seaman for the way he is rigged out. When you see him you will agree with us that he does "fill the eye."

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Not in years has there been so many good trotters trained over the local track. These are a few—Basil Hanover 2.04 1-4, Millie Kalmuck 2.08 1-2, Pagliacci 2.09 1-2 June French 3, 2.12 and Paulabbe 2.11. This quintette is sound, carefully trained and ready for fast work. The June French mare is sired by Prologue 3, 2.10, by Volomite 3, 2.04 1-2. She raced exceptionally well last season and was timed in 2.10 in a late fall event. By the way the dam of Prologue was Nedda 1.58 1-4, world's champion trotting mare, record made on October 4th, 1922.

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In Montague there are quite a number of horses in training including the good trotter George Mac 2.15, by Abbe Worthy 2.04 1-4, and the colt Churchill that has every appearance of being a factor in the futurities. There is also a two-year-old by Calumet Budlong 2.02 3-4, out of that good race mare Daisy Peters 2.13 1-2. She is owned by Bruce Yeo and is being pointed for the futurity stakes. She is a very handsome filly, good gaited and nice mannered. Daisy Peters has a foal at foot sired by Calumet Budlong and owned by Leo Collins.

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St Stephen, N.B. years ago was always the centre of interest during the early Spring training months, because it was headquarters for the stable of Billy Keyes, then training for S. A. Wathan & Company, Fort Fairfield, Maine. Some of the greatest pacers on the Maine and New Brunswick circuit were conditioned there, such as Eula H. 2.06 1-4, Jennie H. 2.07 and others with records equally as fast if not faster. For a few years after Billy Keeyes cut down his activities there was very little doing, but now St. Stephen boasts a lot of good horses, newcomers to the game, having acquired speed during the Winter and Spring.

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C. W. Hanley has the pacer Marchmount 2.10 3-4, Harry Haley the brown trotting mare Kay Parsons 2.18, Roy Creamer owns Inflation 2.16 1-2, while Jack Mehan has probably the star of them all in Top Hat 2.07 1-4, that was such a good winner for the Wathan stables for several years. Billy Keyes has purchased his old pupil Sunnymede 2.07 1-2 and other new arrivals are expected.

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The solons at Ottawa have changed their minds and have now settled on July 1st as the day we are to observe Canada's birthday instead of July 5th as previously announced. This will mean that the races scheduled for the 5th at Summerside and elsewhere will be set back four days. It will also mean that the horsemen will move their charges along a bit faster the coming week as only four more workouts remain before race day.

Remember When

(By The Canadian Press)

The United States exerted its monopoly on the Wightman cup for the eighth consecutive year when Helen Moody defeated Kay Stammers of Great Britain in the international tennis series at Wimbledon five years ago today. The experience and speed of Mrs. Moody, now Helen Wills Moody Roark, gave her an early edge but once Miss Stammers got used to the style she put up a hard fight and the match finished 6-3, 3—6, 6—3.

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

Greco Signs To Meet Bob Montgomery

NEW YORK, June 11—(CP)—Pte. Johnny Greco of the Canadian Army, Montreal fighter who has soared into popularity in New York fistic circles in recent months, was signed today to meet Bob Montgomery, recognized by the New York Boxing Commission as world's lightweight champion, in an overweight 10-round bout at Yankee Stadium June 26.

In making the announcement of the Saturday afternoon bout, first outdoor afternoon affair in New York since June 20, 1923, promoter Mike Jacobs said Montgomery's title will not be at stake.

8,307 See Cubs, Reds In Morning Game

CHICAGO, June 11 (AP)—The largest crowd to see a morning game in the major leagues this season—8,307, of whom 5,307 were paid—turned out at 11 a.m. to see the National League cellar Cubs and Cincinnati today. The Reds cut loose a 14-hit attack, including Ray Mueller's first 1943 homer to win 7-4.

Ray Starr shut out the Chicagoans for seven innings while the Reds were giving him a 7-0 lead. Starr weakened in the eighth, however, and allowed four runs before Clyde Shoun came in to mop up for him.

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Starr, Shoun (8) and Mueller; Warneke, Bithorn (6) and Hernandez, McCullough (8).

Armstrong Wins Decision From Angott

NEW YORK, June 11—(AP)—Henry Armstrong came ripping and tearing and slashing down the stretch of 10 of the fiercest, toughest rounds Madison Square Garden has ever seen to squeak through with a decision tonight over Sammy Angott before a near capacity crowd. Armstrong weighed 140-¾; Angott, 138¼.

EATS OFTEN TO LIVE

A mole dies if it is kept from food for a few hours.

DOVE A FIGHTER

The dove, bird of peace, often fights with its fellows.

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FRANK McKAY,
Phone 1582-2. East Royalty.

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Well the City Softball league race is fast developing into a four team battle for the pennant. The last three games have produced just as close nip and tuck affairs as one would want to witness and there has been little if anything between the victors and vanquished.

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But the biggest surprise packet of the still young season showed up in Thursday night's game when a re-vamped Air Force team came through with a big upset victory over the Navy team that had looked so good against the Army the night before.

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Judging by the airmen's performance in their opening tilt against the Y when they were snowed under both by an avalanche of their own errors and the clouting of the civilian entry in the league, their chances of being even near at the finish was remote to say the least according to the majority of the fans. But how that has all changed now.

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The Air Force team still had a trick of two up their sleeves and the Navy were the first victims. Showing plenty of long range clouting ability and steady defensive work the Airmen finally got to the offering of the two Navy hurlers and once they had taken the lead there was no heading them. They did get into a couple of tight spots in the last three innings but had enough steadiness to pull out of them with a minimum of damage.

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Transportation difficulties is still bothering them however and the team's manager wasn't sure after Thursday's game whether the squad would be able to carry on. Having to finance their own trips to and from the station is quite a drain on the player's pockets and they take the attitude and rightly so that if they can't get means of transportation the only thing they can do is drop out of the picture.

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But now that they have shown that they are every bit as good as the other squads in the league it is to be hoped that this matter will be arranged satisfactorily in quick order. The airmen are one of the most popular of the four clubs and their presence will go a long way in making the league an even bigger success than it is now promising to be.

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Several of the league leading Y players followed the tilt Thursday night and to say they were impressed by the improvement in the airmen would be putting it mildly. In fact it would not be surprising if the league leaders, winners of two straight victories will be looking about for reinforcements now. And perhaps they will need them if they are to retain their title.

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It would seem that Harold (Junior) Newhouser, who for the past five years has been something less than oil in the hair of his Detroit baseball bosses, has, at the mature age of 22, finally found himself.

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Right now young Mr. Newhouser is so much the best southpaw in the American League that there is no comparison. This sudden show of ability on Hal's part is no surprise to those who know him. Even as a kid of 17 playing sandlot ball in Detroit he was a whizz. He had a fast ball that left a trail of smoke. His curve bent like a pretzel. For a left-hander he had excellent control.

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There was only one thing young Newhouser lacked and that was the ability to control his own emotions. He was too easily upset by such little things as an error by a teammate or a sharp word from someone who was only trying to help him.

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Seeing as how he was still just a kid when he joined the Tigers, his bosses were lenient with him, figuring that he would mature in time and then they would have one of the greatest left-handers in the game.

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Well, after five years of waiting it seems that Newhouser has finally grown up and is prepared to start paying the Tigers dividends on their investment.

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Any baseballer in the American League will tell you that Hal has the stuff and the speed to not only be a good pitcher but a great one. If it is really true that he has finally learned to control his temper and forsaken his childish ways, it wouldn't be surprising to see him emerge this very season as the leading pitcher in the American League — not, perhaps, in the matter of games won, because he has a heart condition which precludes him pitching too often, but in the earned-runs division.

Tigers Win Opener 21-7 In K. Of C. Softball League

The Knights of Columbus softball league got away to a flying start at their diamond at Victoria Park last night with the Tigers batting their way to a 21-7 victory over the Stars.

The game was all even at the end of the fourth inning but the winners came through with a barrage of base hits in the succeeding frames to win in a walk.

Next game of the league is scheduled for Monday night at 6.30 sharp.

Lineups:

Tigers, Callaghan, McDonald, Martin, D. MacDonald, Walsh, Butler, Ranaghan, Doyle, Blanchard.

All Stars: MacKenzie, Dowling, M. MacKenzie, Haughey, Doyle, Murnaghan, Clarkin, Gormley, MacNeil.

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McGregor Dawson to make a study of the situation. They have also been making an extensive survey of their natural resources.

Some time ago, Dr. Marsh said, a conference was held at Ottawa, attended by representatives from the provinces, at which a special committee on agricultural policy was appointed. One of the members is Senator Lambert, who has visited the Maritimes in this connection.

"We are hoping at the Sackville conference that we will get some interesting discussion on conservation matters, soil fertility and rural electrification, which we regard as specially important," he said.

Similar conferences have already been held with all the western provinces.

Asked whether the widely publicised Manitoba Electrification Inquiry Commission report was a result of the conference in Manitoba, Dr. Marsh said this commission had gone ahead "on its own, and done a very good job too." They have evolved a very practical plan, which he commended to the consideration of all the other provinces and particularly Prince Edward Island, which he believed would benefit from a study of the report.

Asked whether transportation problems would be on the agenda at Sackville, Dr. Marsh said there was no reason why the Island representatives could not bring this subject up. The question of transportation, he agreed, was particularly important to an Island community and had a direct bearing on agricultural and industrial problems.

The Marsh Report

Dr. Marsh achieved Canada-wide fame when on March 16 last his integrated plan to assure every Canadian a basic minimum income regardless of age, occupation, sex or place of abode, at an estimated cost of $1,000,000,000 a year, was laid before the special House of Commons committee on Social Security.

The report was on the general lines of the Beveridge Plan for the United Kingdom, but it was drafted independently. It called for national health insurance, children's allowances, extended old-age and retirement pensions, and funeral grants. It also proposed an outlay of another $1,000,000,000 during the first year after the war on works projects designed to fill the gap between demobilization and restoration of the national economy to a peace basis.

No legislative action has been taken on this report, which Dr. Marsh described as "just part of my ordinary work." He gave a submission in connection with it to a Senate committee just before leaving Ottawa, and is delivering three speeches on the subject in Halifax next week. He does not anticipate that it will come up for discussion at the Sackville conference, however.

Dr. Marsh was registered yesterday at The Charlottetown. He left this morning for Halifax. This was his first visit here, for which he apologized to the reporter, stating that he hoped to be back this summer for a longer stay.

Baseball Results

AMERICAN

New York, 2; Philadelphia 1.

INTERNATIONAL

Buffalo, 5; Baltimore, 2.
Syracuse, 1; Rochester, 0.
Syracuse, 8; Rochester, 1.
Montreal, 2; Jersey City, 1.
Toronto, 3; Newark, 6.

Copra is the principal item among the South Sea island natives.

The only public house in Britain operated by four women is the White Hart in Lambeth. The quartet come from County Mayo in Eire.

There are about 56,000 refugees from Germany and Austria in Britain, says the annual report of the Christian Council for Refugees from Germany and Central Europe.

Zivic Seeks Return Bout

PITTSBURGH, June 11 — (AP) —Fritzie Zivic, whose split decision loss to joltin' Jacob Lamotta at Forbes Field last night precipitated one of the wildest demonstrations in a long time here, today asked the Pennsylvania Athletic Commision to sponsor a rematch - - this time over the 15-round route.

Zivic told commisioner George J. Jones he thought he won the fight but he did not protest the decision.

Wakefield Turns Tide For Tigers

DETROIT, June 11 — (AP) — The man from Minooka, Rotund Steve O'Neill, isn't wearing the broad Irish grin these days since his Detroit Tigers have backtracked to the American League's second division, but if it wasn't for rookie Dick Wakefield big Steve's chin might hit the deck

Young Mr. Wakefield, whose record $52,000 bonus for signing with the Tigers made him a marked man, currently is batting a prosperous .330 and has such a long league lead in base hits his rivals scarcely are within shouting distance.

The former University of Michigan outfielder, who may be the rookie of the year if the army doesn't grab him, has 60 safeties, 15 coming in his last eight games since Russ Christopher and Jesse Flores of Philadelphia blanked him June 1. In those eight games he batted .429.

All of which puts O'Niell, the nominally happy native of Minooka, PA., into the position where he is entitled to say "I told you so."

Personal ancestors are deified in Japan.

New Comedy In Featherweight Fistic Follies

NEW YORK, June 11 (AP)—A new touch of comedy was added to the featherweight fistic follies today when the New York State Athletic Commission suspended Eddie Walker, manager of ex-champion Chalky Wright, for failing to appear last Saturday to sign for a June 25 title bout with Willie Pep.

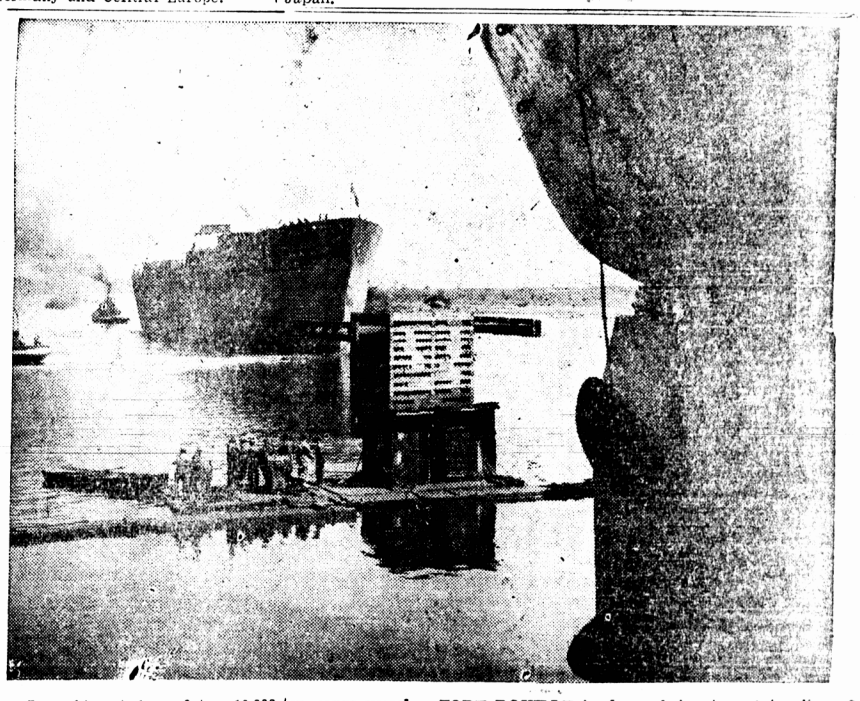
Walker didn't show up because no one except the New York Commission was quite sure of the long Wee Willie was going to be champion. At that time—on Saturday—Pep had a date to fight Sol Bartolo in Boston on [illegible]. Although that one was [illegible] at the featherweight [illegible] York Commission said it would recognize the tussle as a [illegible]

As matters turned out, Pep finished in front, so there was no dispute. But on Saturday, the day before the Pep-Bartolo [illegible] couldn't see any point in [illegible] up for a championship [illegible] only New York would recognize it still be a championship [illegible] when it was held.

And when Eddie failed to appear, the Empire States constables of swat released Pep from [illegible] ligation to take on Willie [illegible] though less than two weeks [illegible] they had insisted that Willie [illegible] have to put his title on the [illegible] against the winner of last Friday's fight between Chalky [illegible] and Terranova. Wright [illegible] in five heats. Pep's [illegible] "grace" period between [illegible] sles ended May 20.

During an afternoon off 12 Essex land girls with a barrel [illegible] collected the equivalent of $250 in coppers for the Red Cross.

Children at Blackheath and Knibrocke Church of England [illegible] have collected 85 tons of [illegible] paper, bones, metal and rubber.



Launching, today, of two 10,000-ton cargo vessels in the same town, on the same day, set a new record for Canadian shipbuilding. An army of workers [illegible] ships to equip them for their roles in the Battle of Supplies for the United Nations. Named after a French fort which stood on the present site of the city of Toronto, the S. S. FORT ROUILLE is shown being tugged to its outfitting wharf. In the foreground are the starboard and propeller of the S. S. RIDEAU PARK, second merchantman launched. It went down the ways a few hours later. Both ships were built in Montreal by the Government-owned Dominion Bridge operated United Shipyards Limited, which employs 6,000 men.

Out Our Way By J. R. Williams

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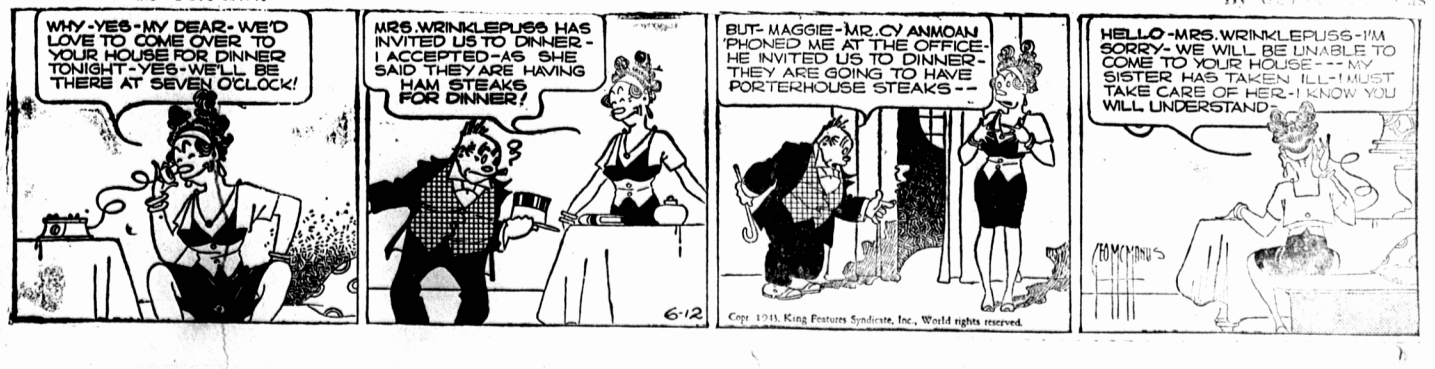
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