

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Among the many nice greetings we received during the past week was one from our great friend E. LeRoy Willis, Westfield, N. B. We quote from his complimentary letter: "I enjoyed reading about Tracey Hanover that traces back to the excellent showing of D. McCullough, a first class blacksmith that knows the art of shoeing trotters and pacers."

One of Prince Edward Island's greatest horsemen is Dr. J. A. Johnston of Tignish, who has taken care of the illnesses of a large section of Prince County for over a century and is still almost as active as ever. Johnston has raced some great horses in the past but perhaps the best remembered of these is the one he bred, Baby Logan, 2:15 1-2, one of the handsomest and gamiest mares that ever stepped on Maritime race tracks.

"No doubt you are familiar with what Miss Bumpkin has done but for your readers I may mention that she reduced her record at Edmundston, N. B. to 2:06 1-2. She does not wear hooples and is eligible to the 2:15 class. She will also be staked in all early closing events in lower Quebec, I am sure you will be glad to hear of her and can truthfully say that she made a very successful season and ended up as a dollar."

"I have been a long time training horses, Colonel, and have yet to find any better a mentor, the great Ed Geer, so you can see why I so proudly advertise myself as a horse trainer. I have spent the pleasant years I spent in the Maritimes, particularly on Prince Edward Island, and would like you to remember me to your friends and to all in confidence—Keep your eye on Blondin 1945."

Still another horseman writes us from Quebec—Jimmie Boutillier, who years ago broke track records with John A. Hal, 2:03 1-4. "Just a few lines to let you know that I am still getting along O. K. I have been noticing the racing you people are succeeding in. Most bicyclists and consider there is no place where the sport is better conducted than in your country. I met a fellow from Sherbrooke by the name of Joe Earl and he told me that he spent a month at Coverdale and that you are all trying to do better. Also I have heard Herbie Clark saying that he'd rather go to Charlottetown than Kentucky."

My horses have done fairly well we always got a piece of the money. The boss (Mr. Arthur Girard) does not give more pleasure. I met a fellow from Sherbrooke by the name of Joe Earl and he told me that he spent a month at Coverdale and that you are all trying to do better. Also I have heard Herbie Clark saying that he'd rather go to Charlottetown than Kentucky."

And now the scene shifts to the battlements of Europe where our friend M. E. Robert E. (Bob) Sutherland is stationed with the Canadian Army. "Thought I would drop you a few lines this evening and let you know how the latest horse dope from Belgium. Have been to the horse races here since my arrival and events are being run in a somewhat different manner than I have ever been used to. The races are handicaps and the horses ridden to saddle. The rules are that horses ridden must travel the full distance without a break and if they do break they are automatically disqualified. It is lots of fun watching them and I find it difficult to keep track of any individual rider."

"Bicycle racing and boxing are very popular here and some of us went to the boxing events which featured Jackie Middle, a chap with a great reputation. He gave his opponent the easy way out the fourth round. Most bicyclists race on the relay style. It is an inside track and they seem to travel like merry H's and I guess they do as at times it is difficult to keep track of any individual rider."

"I am going to take you back to 1914-18 with some of the best racing I have been through since my arrival in France and on my way out Belgium. No doubt you will recall such names as Rouen, Abbeyville, Arras, Lens, Vimy, and of course the Ridge. Incidentally, I saw the Canadian Memorial at Vimy on my way through and it is really worth the trip over here to see it if nothing else. Little Dieppe and Ammentieres. Did not see the Mademoiselle of 1914-18."

SPORTING NEWS

Fritzie Zivic Springs Major Boxing Upset

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)—let the 144-pound Arnold force the fight all the way, but he made the Philly negro look silly time and again by ducking and sliding away. Arnold missed numerous punches as Zivic, cool as a cucumber, backed away and counter-punched with left jabs and hard overhand rights. Only in the third round did Arnold look good. In that stanza he shifted to a body attack that apparently had Zivic in a bad way. At times during the round he cornered the Pittsburgher against the ropes and hammered home lefts and rights that left Zivic's face a reddish glow when the bell rang. The tide turned unexpectedly in the next round as Zivic, seemingly convinced he had Arnold's number, lashed back with lefts and rights. He slowed up the Philly youth visibly; Arnold never was the same thereafter. In the fifth Zivic drove Arnold half way across the ring with a hard right and after Arnold rallied briefly in the sixth closed fast to take the last two rounds. He drew blood from Arnold's nose in the seventh and in the eighth had Arnold hanging on the ropes.

Six Teams To Play In Second Section Of City Basketball Schedule

The schedule for the second section of the City Basketball League was drawn up last night at a meeting of representatives of the six teams entered. The meeting was held at the local Y. M. C. A. Two new teams have joined the league, S.D.U. and P.W.C., in addition to the four which played before Christmas. Navy will play first section and last night it was decided that the first and second place teams in the second section would play a two-game total-goal series. The winner will then meet Navy for the league title. However, if Navy wins the second section the title will go to them automatically without a playoff. Following is the second section schedule, as agreed upon last night:

McGill Adopts Three-Team Plan

MONTREAL, Jan. 5 (CP)—It was learned here today that the McGill University Senate has adopted a proposal to place the university on a three-team basis to accommodate the increasing number of war veterans who are entering and re-entering college. Under the plan, students who are ready to enter university now, may begin their year and take spring and summer terms and thus be ready to advance to the second year in the fall. More than 120 applications have been received by the University from war veterans seeking entrance to the University. Most of the veterans have been discharged from the RCAF.

Black Hawks In Another Move To Boost Strength

CHICAGO, Jan. 5 (AP)—Chicago Black Hawks, winner of only three of 22 games in the national hockey league this season, today made another move eventually to strengthen the club by releasing Clifford (Pud) Purpur, 29-year-old right winger, to Detroit Red Wings. Purpur, with the Hawks four years, will be exchanged for a Detroit player to be named before the close of the season.

This Army



"Keep on pumpin', 'hell with lookin' fer patchin' cement!"

SNAP to SKATING FOR PLEASURE AND GOOD HEALTH

TWO CHANCES TODAY—AFTERNOON AND NIGHT THE FORUM

Another Baseball Conference To Be Held On Feb. 2

10-member committee representing the American and National Baseball Leagues met here today to draft a new Major League agreement but ostensibly concurred only in setting a date for another conference which will be held in New York, Feb. 2. Whatever sentiments were expressed by five officials from each League regarding a pact to re-organize the game were merely "discussed" under the Mountain Landis ruled baseball with an iron hand were not disclosed after a three-hour closed session.

Schriner Prepares To Rejoin Leafs

TORONTO, Jan. 5 (CP)—Sweeney Schriner, left wing of the Toronto Maple Leafs, today began a conditioning program to prepare to rejoin the team which had been assigned to Toronto yesterday after spending the holiday season in Calgary.

New Defenseman To Join Detroit Team Today

TORONTO, Jan. 5 (CP)—Defenseman Bill Simon will join the Chicago Black Hawks of the National Hockey League in Montreal tomorrow. Manager Jack Adams of Detroit Red Wings said today.

Relief Ship Reaches Channel Islands

LONDON, Jan. 5 (CP Reuters)—word has arrived in London that the steamship Vega, carrying relief supplies from Canada for the Channel Islands, arrived at Guernsey Island Dec. 27. The Vega left Lisbon Dec. 22, but was delayed en route to the islands by the English Channel by 1,000 tons of food parcels, medical supplies, and other necessities and some bags of mail from prisoners of war in Germany.

C. N. R. Bowling

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes names like S. Duncan, C. Gaudet, G. Nelson, etc.

Remember When

Tex Rickard, who lifted the fight game from the "ham and egg" class into the field of big business, died at Miami Beach 18 years ago today from acute appendicitis. He began his sports-promotion career in 1890 at Goldfields, Nev., and in the intervening years ended millions of dollars of heavyweight championships, Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney.

E. L. A. S. Resistance In Greek Capital Ends

ATHENS, Jan. 5 (CP-Reuters)—Troops of the left-wing E. L. A. S. have withdrawn from Athens and were reported tonight almost to be pulling out of the nearby Port of Piraeus. The armed forces of the E. A. M. political organization were said to be heading along three main roads to nearby mountain country. The E. L. A. S. withdrawal apparently signifying an end of the civil warfare that has plagued Athens for the last month—followed a declaration by the New Greek Government of Gen. Nicholas Plastiras that fighting must cease before parleys on political differences can begin.

No New Cars For Long Time Yet, Is Belief

OTTAWA, Jan. 5 (CP)—Canadian motorists are doing a good job of keeping their pre-war cars on the road and they will have to get along with them for a long time to come, information gathered from the Munitions Department and other sources indicated today. The disappearance of automobiles from the roads has not been nearly as rapid as was anticipated two or three years ago and this, officials say, is due to action of drivers in taking greater care of their cars and in reduced mileage traveled under wartime restrictions.

A. S. H. PROBES

Paris, Jan. 5 (CP)—Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of the 21st Army Group, has been given over-all command of the American 1st and 7th Armies and is directing the assault against the Ardennes hills from the north and west. It can be revealed today. Eric Hodgins, vice president of Time, Inc., said the Shepley article was submitted to the review committee of the War Department in Washington on Dec. 30 and was approved for publication. No comment was forthcoming immediately from the United Press.

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