

Back Stretch

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which included Mahlon Hanover 2, 104, favorite for this year's \$75,000 Hambletonian three-year-old. We were shown snapshots received by James Flood of Mahlon Hanover 2, 2.04 and Dalzell t. 3, 2.00 3-5. Both are handsome looking trotters and Joe is certainly fortunate to have patrons like W. C. Evans and A. L. Derby, men who can buy the best in the land and are not only wealthy but men for whom it is a pleasure to work. Mr. Evans has been in Florida for some time watching the workouts.

The fastest mile by a two-year-old reported from Florida is 2:26 by the pacer Secret Agent. He is owned jointly by Del Miller and Harry Pennell and is in the Miller stable. At Aiken, S.C., the fastest workout was 2:37 by Ceyway, a two-year-old by King's Counsel, and Ensign Melburn, a two-year-old by Ensign Hanover, stepped in the same notch. Both of these are in the Billy Houghton stable.

Seventy thousand Frenchmen had bets on their homebred Charnon, a three-year-old favorite in the recent Prix d'Amérique mile and a half trot championship at Vincennes, near Paris, but Mighty Ned 2:04 1/2 was first to the wire, paying 60 francs—equal to \$12, for a two dollar bill.

Howard de Freitas, publicity director for Saratoga Springs Raceway, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., has very kindly sent us a book which is a complete library of horses and drivers which has been compiled and printed from the 19th through October 21st, 1950. Drivers' standings for the summer and fall meetings are shown and we note that Joe O'Brien at the summer meeting made 98 starts was 24 times first, 14 times second and eight times third, average .351. Aubrey Rodney made 124 starts, was 29 times first, 75 times second and 12 times third, average .378. He was the top driver with Joe second. Saratoga's trotting race card—trotting record one mile, Proximity 2:02 2-5; trotting record one and one-half miles, Erroll Hanover 3:17 1/2; pacing record one mile, Jimmie Creed 2:01 2-5. All the horses that raced are placed in alphabetical order and their performances, their age, breeding, ownership and drivers are shown in this booklet which must have taken a lot of time, thought and effort to compile. Saratoga Raceway is one of the most beautiful tracks in the world and also one of the fastest half-mile tracks.

At present there are 150 trotters and pacers there and they are just beginning to go the right way of the track after months of jogging in the opposite direction. A few performers have flashed some real speed although three minute miles are the general rule. Dunbar W. Bostwick's trotter, Cross Bow, went off a mile this week in 2:36 and Gilbert Flanders' two-year-old pacer, Hal Rosecroft worked in 2:40 for Tony Ambo. These miles are most unusual for a northern training track at this time since few horses at southern camps have stepped any better than 2:30.

William T. Maybury of Dexter, Maine, owner of Victory, 4, 2.01, Sweet Amelia 4, 2.01 1/2 (now in the breeding ranks) and the three-year-old Will Direct, 2, 2.08 4-5 and the four-year-old His Brother, 2.06 3-5, both records made on a half-mile track with winnings jointly of almost \$19,000, has been elected as a director of the U.S.T.A. for District 10. The former representative was R. A. Jewell of Waterville, Maine, a man that was very popular with other directors and in fact everyone with whom he came in contact. Dunbar Bostwick and W. H. Dickinson are the other directors for that district.

We welcome a letter from our good friend Jim Pendergast, Kensington, in which he writes: "According to all the portents, racing will have a bigger vogue than ever. The drivers in their silks are getting to be as glamorous as the screen stars, champion skaters, etc., e.g. Joe O'Brien's photo with Barbara Ann Scott—a great boost for harness racing. The glamour of the trimmings contributes fifty per cent of the popularity. Night racing during the tourist festival week should have a big boosting effect from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick especially. I made a suggestion of a big swimming competition open to the world. I believe it would prove a great attraction.

Hunters Corner

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have their own code in respect to game law observance. For instance, if there were a dozen or more big trout...two and three pounders...under a bridge and none of them would even glance at a fly or glob of worms they wouldn't hesitate about snaffling one or more out some other way providing the coast was clear. My friend would argue that it didn't make any difference to the trout how he was lifted out of the water whether it was by hook, fly or necklace, and he tasted just as good in the frying pan.

The conversation turned to trout, winter poaching and the need of a game warden for each county. I knew he could voice the opinion of a certain group in respect to wildlife protection so said to him quite bluntly: "What's behind all this talk of more protection and more game wardens? To be truthful you wouldn't want to see me back on the job...would you?" It was a fair question and he gave me a fair answer: "We would and we wouldn't. You have one straight line and you stick to it. We know we can't have our cake and eat it and we don't intend to cut too thick a slice...just a little nibble now and then. You allow no leeway at all."

Now don't feel too horrified. This gent, and he is quite a gent, was just being plain honest. It might surprise you if you know how many, some of them prominent in many, some of the best ways if they'd only admit it. They want to see the game laws enforced so far as the other fellow is concerned but not to the point where it includes themselves for a slight wavering off the straight line. In the 1920's, when I took over the job of wildlife protection I made two resolutions: 1st, I'd play for keeps; 2nd, I'd play no favorites. If I had it to do all over again I'd still play it the same way.

I never aspired to be popular with poachers or would-be poachers...protection of our wildlife came first. Any game warden who hears potential game law violators saying what a great fellow he is had better start checking up on himself right quick like. It's a great life if you don't weaken.

"Well boys I don't know how you feel about it but I can't say I didn't enjoy the little game of hide-and-go-seek. I taught up with quite a few; others I've written off as 'unfinished business.' My sentiments are expressed in a verse of a popular song that is quite the rage at present: "So long, it's been good to know ya; so long, it's been good to know ya; so long, it's been good to know ya; what a long time since I've been home and...I gotta be driftin' along."

purses of \$300 each will be put up for the fastest trotters and fastest pacers respectively with other awards for slower classes. We understand one of the purses was put up by the Truro Raceway, Ltd., and the other by Oland's, Ltd., of Halifax, both parties also giving trophies. The Victoria Driving Club of this city is presenting a beautiful silver tray and other prizes will be presented by parties in Halifax and Moncton. It is expected that thousands of people will witness the races. Horses will be stable on the Moncton Raceway grounds which is just a short distance from the ice. Mr. Scott will be remembered as the former owner of that wonderful double-gaited horse, Tracey Hanover p. 2.03, t. 2.10, a participant in the international trot and international pace held at Lexington, Kentucky, some years ago. He won one of the events and it is believed that had he been handled by his regular driver, Lloyd Walker, he would have won both. Hats off to John, and we hope the weather will be fine and the whole show a great success.

Our Island will be represented by the trotters Guy Harvester 2.13, owned by Fred Reeves of Free-town, and Sunnymede 2.07 1/2, owned by the pacers Big Ike, owned by Ensor Bowness, Summerside, and from Hunter River the Royal Tell 2.15 1-5, owned by Roddie Ford, C. Albert Budington 2.12 3-5 and Reuben Lee 2.10, owned by Emmet Bernard, and Colonel Sherbrooke 2.12, owned by Cyril Smith. From Charlottetown is Carl Aubrey 2.17, owned by Sam Kennedy, and Starlight Direct 2.15 3-5, owned by Horace Willis. A large number of fans are also making the trip to see the fun.

We learn with deep regret of the death of our long time friend, John A. MacDonald, Southport. Mr. MacDonald has been ill for quite a time following a serious operation. Through the years he was active as a farmer, fox rancher, trader in live stock and always had a good word for everyone and a helping hand for those who needed it. He took a great interest in horse racing and as long as we can remember his stalwart form could be seen at our local meets. He owned many horses in his time, the most outstanding of which were The Rex-all Girl 2.19 1/4, Zelma Dewey 2.14 and Quinia 2.04 1/2. We on behalf of horsemen friends and ourselves, tender our deep sympathy to his wife and family.

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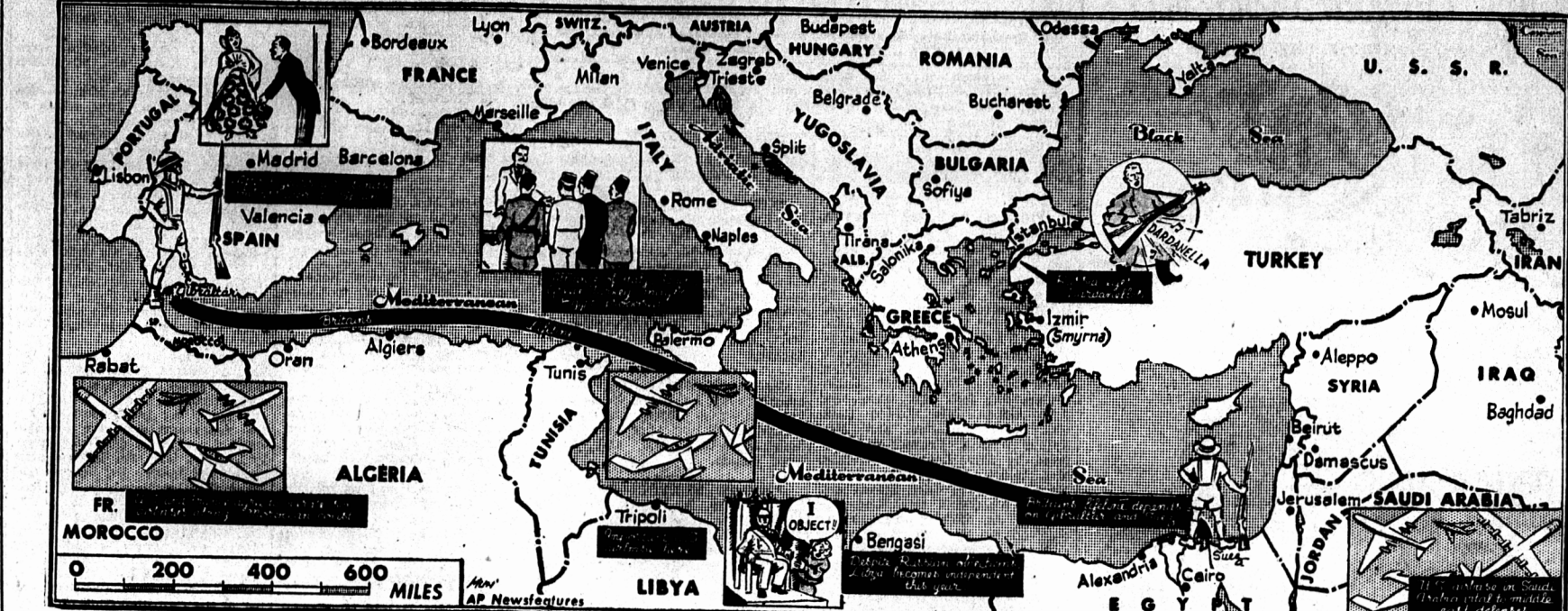
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Signing of a French-American agreement for American use of five air bases in French Morocco points up the importance attached to the Mediterranean area by U.S. Strategists. The agreement is only one of several recent developments involving the nations bordering on this area. The U.S. and other members of the United Nations have once again dispatched ambassadors to Spain after a lapse, in the case of the U.S., of five years. The UN had voted to withhold ambassadors from Spain because of the background of the Franco regime. Embassies were maintained, but under charges d'affaires, who are temporary heads of embassies conducting only routine business. The UN ban was lifted because of the feeling among many non-communist members that it would be well to encourage Spain to support the anti-Soviet world. The Franco government has been accused of Fascism. In any case it is certainly avowedly anti-communist. The U.S. did not entirely agree with other UN members but went along with them. President Truman discounted the idea of any military cooperation with Spain, but it is nevertheless apparent that Spanish airfields would occupy a commanding position in Mediterranean strategy.

Also, Spain would be a valuable foothold if Communist troops swept western armies out of the rest of Europe. The Pyrenees mountains are often described as very nearly proof against ground forces. Spain produces several important strategic materials, particularly mercury. Another development of possible future importance in the Mediterranean is the reported growth of sentiment among Italian defense officials for a Mediterranean alliance. As described in Rome dispatches, this might include Italy, Spain, Greece, Turkey and perhaps Egypt. It would be affiliated in some way with the North Atlantic treaty organization within the framework of the UN charter, which permits regional defense arrangements. Nothing official has been done about this, as far as is known.

The five French Moroccan bases involved in the French-U.S. agreement are at Casablanca, Marrakech, Rabat-Sale, Port Lyautey and Meknes. American technicians already are on hand to modernize the bases. Under the agreement the U.S. and France will man them jointly. The U.S. Navy has had an air station at Port Lyautey since World War II.

Since the war too, the U.S. Air Force has operated large bases at Dharan, Saudi Arabia, and at Tripoli, in Libya, the former Italian colony that is to become independent next Jan. 1 under a UN decision. The Saudi Arabia base is regarded as the key to the whole western defense of the middle east. It would probably be better off if supported by more bases in the area, but some other countries were fearful that might antagonize Russia, or are simply reluctant to become entangled with any power in a military way. A base is planned in Iraq, however, as well as on the British islands of Cyprus and Malta. Both Saudi Arabia and Tripoli bases are used as rendezvous points for B29 training flights from British bases. There are three U.S. bomber bases in England, although the greater part of American air forces in Europe is based in Germany. Recently plans were announced for construction of two new U.S. bases north of Marseilles, French Mediterranean port. These will have heavy-duty runways that can handle the largest bombers as well as jet fighters.

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Lady Curlers Visit S'side

Three ladies' curling rinks from Moncton, skipped by P. Clogg, I. Ermen, and B. Collins, were guests of the Summerside lady curlers on Thursday and some interesting games were played. The personnel of the Summerside rinks was as follows: Rink 1—Lead—L. Calbeck, second stone—H. Clark, mate—R. Silliphant, skip—K. Ross. Rink 2—Lead—F. Hentherne, second stone—V. Holman, mate—L. Schurman, skip—R. Horne. Rink 3—Lead—J. MacLean, second stone—E. Inman, mate—V. Johnson, skip—T. Elderkin—S.

Curlers En Route To Halifax For Big 'Spiel

MONTREAL, March 2—(CP)—Montreal becomes the one-day curling capital tomorrow when seven Provincial title-holding rinks, bound for the Dominion curling championships, move into the city. The big annual bonspiel, blue ribbon of curling in Canada, opens next Tuesday at the Dalhousie Arena in Halifax and winds up Saturday.

A special train will leave central station tomorrow night with upwards of 100 aboard—28 curlers from seven rinks, officials and the unbridled addicts who willingly will cross the continent or a good part of it at the drop of a scene. Early tomorrow night before they leave, the contingent will be entertained by Montreal curling clubs.

The seven rinks due here tomorrow and their skips are: British Columbia — Trail Curling Club of Trail, A. M. Chesser. Alberta — Edmonton Curling Club, Bill Gray. Saskatchewan — Rosetown Curling Club, Johnny Franklin. Manitoba — Stathona Curling Club, Winnipeg, Roy Parrysh. Northern Ontario—Copper Cliff Curling Club, W. Johnston. Ontario — Toronto Granite Curling Club, Gordon Campbell. Quebec — Sigma Curling Club, Bourlamaque, Merle Thomas.

Newfoundland, as the newest province, this year joins the competition for the first time, making the bonspiel's entry into its silver jubilee year an 11-rink all-Canada struggle. The Maritime rinks awaiting the arrival of their Western competitors are: New Brunswick — Bathurst Curling Club, Nick Thibodeau. Prince Edward Island — Charlottetown Curling Club, Frank Acorn. Nova Scotia — Kentville Curling Club, H. Donald Oyley. Newfoundland — St. John's Curling Club, Thomas Hallett.

The title last year went to the Northern Ontario rink from the Kirkland Lake Curling Club, skipped by Tom Ramsay. It was Northern Ontario's first victory in the bonspiel. The gold miners won out with seven victories against two defeats, losing their first and then taking seven in a row to assure themselves of victory before dropping the final.

The most prolific winners of the championship have been the Manitobans. Eleven times clubs from that Province have walked off with first honors. Alberta has captured the title three times and Ontario twice. In addition to Northern Ontario, single victory winners have been

Three Games In Hoop League Scheduled Today

The Prince of Wales College hoopers will be gunning for sole possession of the Island Physical Fitness Basketball League leadership here this afternoon when they clash with the Y. M. C. A. quintet at the P. W. C. auditorium at 3 o'clock. The Welshmen are presently tied with Saint Dunstan's University squad for the top position with six wins and one loss in seven league starts.

Scheduled to play this evening as a doubleheader feature with a second match between S. D. U. Summerside Schurman's, the match will be played in the afternoon to prevent it conflicting with tonight's hockey playoffs. The Saints and Schurman's will play their game this evening, however, starting at seven o'clock, which will wind up before the hockey, scheduled for 8:30.

A third league fixture is also scheduled for Summerside tonight when Ray's Millionaires will be the visiting team over the Airforce floor against R.C.A.P. Flyers.

Nova Scotia, in 1927, and British Columbia, in 1948. With Newfoundland's entry this year the bonspiel will run through five days. One rink will have a bye in every draw during the play on the five sheets of ice.

Attention - All Ranks - P.E.I. Regiment

The final dress rehearsal for Guard of Honour will be held at the ARMOURIES, SUNDAY, MARCH 4th, 2 P.M. Buses will leave Summerside and Souris at usual time. Officers of the Guard will carry arms. Large turnout is requested.

WEEK END SALE

MEN'S SUITS A group of our new Spring Gabardine and Worsted Suits — greys - blues - browns - smartly tailored and fully guaranteed. Regular price to \$55.00. SPECIAL 34.50

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