

# News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

## LARGE CROWD OF BOOKIES THIS YEAR

Said to be Ninety-seven of Them At the Benning Race Track.

AND A BIG OUTLAY OF MONEY.

Estimated That the Cost of Each Book is \$100 Per Day—Means \$200,000 for Season.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C.—There are 97 bookmakers "on the block" at Benning's race track this season. Under the new arrangement with the Jockey club—that philanthropic organization for the improvement of the breed of horses—each bookmaker pays for the privilege of taking bets the sum of \$12.50 each day. But in addition to this outlay he pays a cashier \$15 a day, a sheet writer an equal amount, \$10 to his stool man, and another \$10 to his "runner." The additional outlay for the services of "clockers" and other gatherers of information make up a total outlay of about \$100 per diem for each book.

\$200,000 FOR TWENTY-ONE DAYS.

From the opening of the fall meeting at Benning's until "get-away-day" is a period of 20 days. It will be seen, therefore, that the actual outlay of the bookies for the entire meeting foots up to the enormous total of \$200,000—\$7 books at \$100 per day each for 21 days. These figures do not cover the board bills, wine bills or railroad fares of these bankers in the game of chance. And it must not be forgotten that these gentlemen with the diamond headstuds do not come here for their health, although Washington is a delightful place to visit in the fall.

A BIG MONEY MAKER.

One who has facilities for securing inside information as to the doings of the "bookies" declare that each book carries away at least \$10,000 more than was brought here. In other words, upwards of \$1,000,000 will be carried out of the capital city when the "Cavalry special" starts back for New York on the evening of Dec. 2.

Now where does this vast sum come from? Certainly not from the "wise money." The big plunger who bets hundreds and even thousands on his judgment or his information does not fill the pockets of the bookies. On the contrary he invariably helps to deplete the plethora bank roll, and his winnings should be added to those of the bookmaker. In estimating the aggregate sum which is contributed by the resident and sojourners in Washington to the crowd of overwashed gentlemen who do much towards "improving the breed of American horses,"

SYNDICATES FORMED.

In every one of the Federal departments there are dozens of syndicates formed for playing the races. The members of these syndicates, men and women, contribute to a general

fund, which is sent out to Benning's to be wagered upon the races. One of the clerks will ride out to the track each afternoon with a pocket full of bills representing the salaries of his fellows. He "dopes" the runners and either bets upon his own judgment, "a hunch" or the "tips" which he buys. Occasionally he wins a few small bets and then again he does not. The fact that the bookmakers are always able to ride home is evidence enough that the men and women who go against the same are the picked to be plucked. If these losers were the only sufferers the case would not be so bad. But they are not. The fall meeting at Benning's this year will be heralded from one end of the country to the other as another "highly successful meeting." The real estate agent, the coal dealer the grocer and the butcher will know what that success means.

EFFORTS TO BREAK IT UP.

The Washington newspapers contain each day several columns of advertisements of loan companies and "money to loan" concerns offering accommodations at from 3 to 10 per cent, not per annum, but per month. The heads of the various departments are making strenuous efforts to break up the money shark organizations which exist in every department, but so long as the city authorities take no steps toward enforcing the law against gambling as rigidly as the Benning race track as they do in the alleys of "Swampoodle" and "Foggy Bottom," where the colored population gather to engage in the seductive game of craps, these organizations and usurers will continue to fatten upon the departmental employees who are compelled to mortgage their household goods as well as their salaries to enable them to make up for the voluntary contributions which they have passed over to the fraternity of bookmakers.

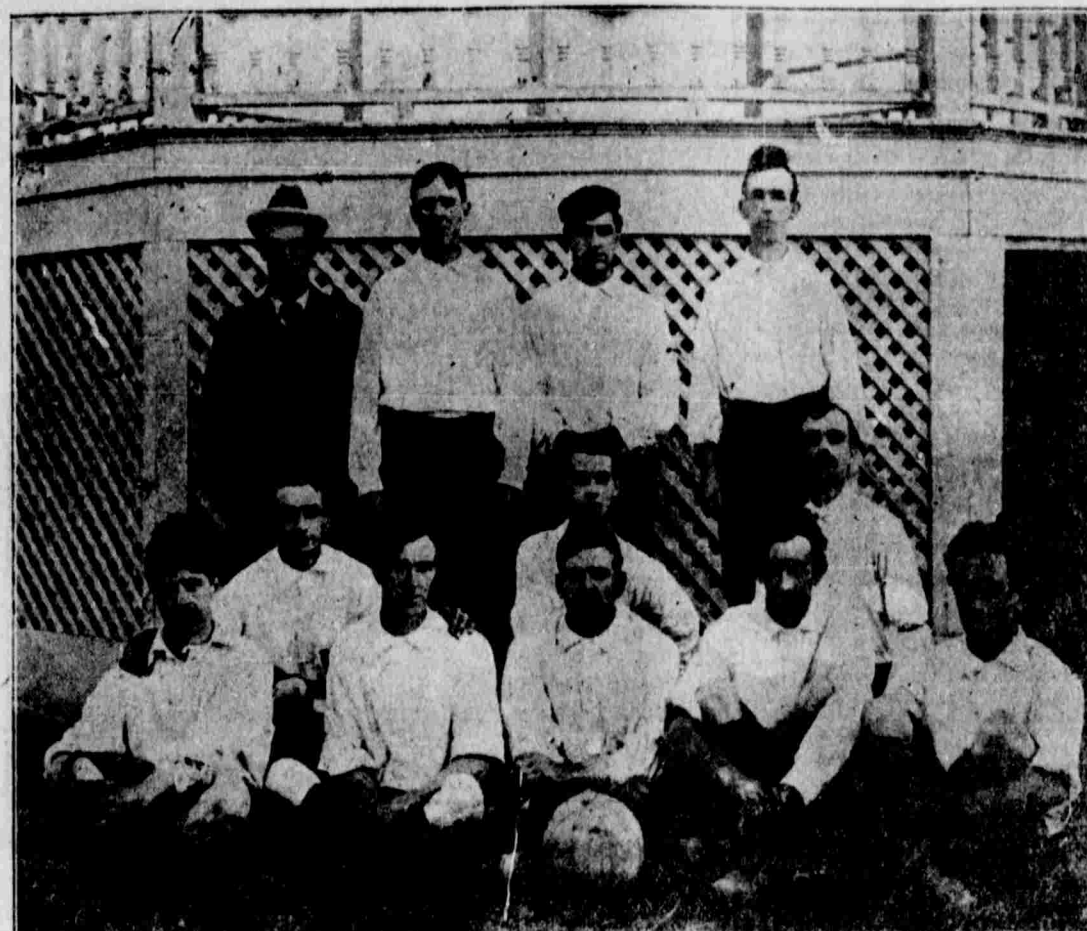
The wives of the bookies will have new diamonds, pearls and rubies this coming Christmas, while the wives of the hundreds of clerks will be compelled to wear last winter's hats and dresses because the "horse bug" has captured once more the past and future earnings of the heads of so many of Washington's families.

GARDNER DENIES IT.

Says That He Is Not Matched to Fight Battling Nelson.

Dispatches recently stated that Jimmy Gardner and Battling Nelson were matched. The statement is denied by Gardner who says:

"I see Billy Nolan is four-fushing again. If he is correctly quoted, he has gone on record in the east as saying that he had Battling Nelson matched with me. That is just like Nolan and Nelson, they are four-fushing. The eastern papers, one and all, have made a demand that Nolan fight me on Brit. Every place that he fought has been hot on his trail to find out if he intended to accept my challenge to him. They were so persistent that I made the wily Nolan sit up and take notice. This cunning scheme at once blantly accused the sporting writers of the towns where he has shown that we were matched to meet in San Francisco next April. Now, what do you think of that? Who ever heard of such a match? I know nothing of such a match, but the cunning Nolan devised that plan to stall off the public and the sporting scribbles. Every place that



SALT LAKE SOCKER FOOTBALL TEAM.

The Salt Lake association, or "socker" football team is herewith presented. This aggregation of pig skin chumps hope to capture the Daynes' cup early next year. A photo of the cup is also presented on this page. The members of the club, as presented above, are as follows from left to right: J. Morgan, enthusiastic supporter of the game; Walt Russell, A. Brown, D. Cunningham, James Shedd, G. Adkinson, W. Service, Fred Gibson, Walter Sainsbury, Alex Shedd, P. A. Shedd and Alfred Churnell.

Nelson showed the first point that the scribbles wanted to be clear on was about a fight between himself and Nelson. One Boston paper made a cut-vase of all the sporting writers on the metropolitan dailies as to who Nelson must meet to satisfy the public in his next fight. Answers from all the sporting editors to all the papers, without a dissenting voice, demanded that Nelson give me the next chance. The public re-echoed the sentiment of the press and clamored for the match. Billy Nolan saw that he must either fight Nelson against me or be subjected to criticism. Then came Nolan's scheme to say that we were matched for next April. We are not matched for next April and I will take pains to enlighten the public on this subject."

FOURNIER STILL ALIVE.

According to a report from abroad Henri Fournier has decided to enter the racing game again. Probably no man was considered greater in this country a few years ago, than the blond Franchman, who established a mile record over the Coney Island Boulevard of 1:45 seconds, that stood for almost two years. Fournier is a graduate of the bicycle racing game, following that up with the motor bicycle and then entering the automobile field.

NOTHING BUT AUTOS.

New York society flocked hither skelter to the horse show this year, as usual, but the major portion of those who went in vehicles went in motor cars. Outside Madison Square Garden there were counted on eight 51 automobiles and 32 horse drawn vehicles. Nearly all of the motor cars had limousine, or closed bodies. Of the 57 cars, 19 were imported, Mercedes, Panhard and Fiat mostly; there were 29 Columbia electric vehicles, four White steamers and the rest were American gasoline cars of various makes.

SAGE ADVICE.

Don't waste away your time, my son. In wading fortune's smelt. For when you win it, ten to one, It is not worth your while. —Boston Transcript.



THE DAYNES CUP.

Trophy for Which Association Football Teams Will Struggle Next Season.

NO CONTRIBUTION.

Bill—Did Phil contribute to the even-ling entertainment?  
Jill—No, he went in on a free pass.—Yenkers Statesman.

THE LINE OF DEMARCATION.

Holt—The worst thing about a fool is that he doesn't keep his mouth shut.  
Benson—Well, if he did he wouldn't be a fool, would he?

"BECAUSE" STUMPS HIM.

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Is like a man's a chump.  
For when she says "Because"  
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## FOOTBALL BRUTALITY ENDED.

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Bill field went back to Cambridge after hearing penny's appeal. And showed the love at Harvard how to play the game gentler. He declared as how "twas vulgar to seek and soft the face. Allowing that the snicker was thus rendered vile and base. He taught them that no longer must the tackle ever try. To eliminate a rival by poking out his eye. Other coaches took the cue and were making progress, when Penn snuggled Harvard and Harvard hugged Penn.

There are times when all reforms are ripe to win the day. When sterner methods seem about to sweep the dirt away. The little takes his pen in hand and adds his little mite. The person and the teacher jump in for what seems right. A halfback carried punch a guard until he's dead and red. Without bringing condemnation upon his luckless head. Such brutal acts are obsolete, the game seemed rescued, when Penn snuggled Harvard and Harvard hugged Penn.

The motto, "Love your brother man," was put to test again. Not far from where it got its start from good old William Penn. The giants from up Boston way all doctored in crimson hues. Fearful with honest motives to give Quaker town the blues. But honest motives don't advance the ball so very far. For victory's sake come men will take a conscience with a scar. And so it came about that there were lifts and maulings, when Penn snuggled Harvard and Harvard hugged Penn. —Chicago Record-Herald.



YALE TRAINER WHO PREPARES ELIS STRONG MEN.

Trainer John Joseph Mack, who took charge of Yale's athletes about six weeks ago, has shown his right to take up the work of "Mike" Murphy, than whom the sons of old Eli had thought there was none so good in the country. He was selected from a score of candidates partly because Yale men thought it time to get a young man and initiate him into the Yale system rather than get an older man whose views and ideas might conflict with Yale customs.

There have been fewer injured men in the football squad this season than in many years, and while this may be attributed in some respects to luck, experience has shown that the ability of an athletic trainer to observe when it is time to give a man a rest or to care for minor injuries which may prove a serious detriment in time, is an important factor in bringing a team of athletes out in good form for the climax of the season.

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