

# NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD AT HOME AND ABROAD

WHEN SACCOROMETER IS MOST HEAVILY BACKED.

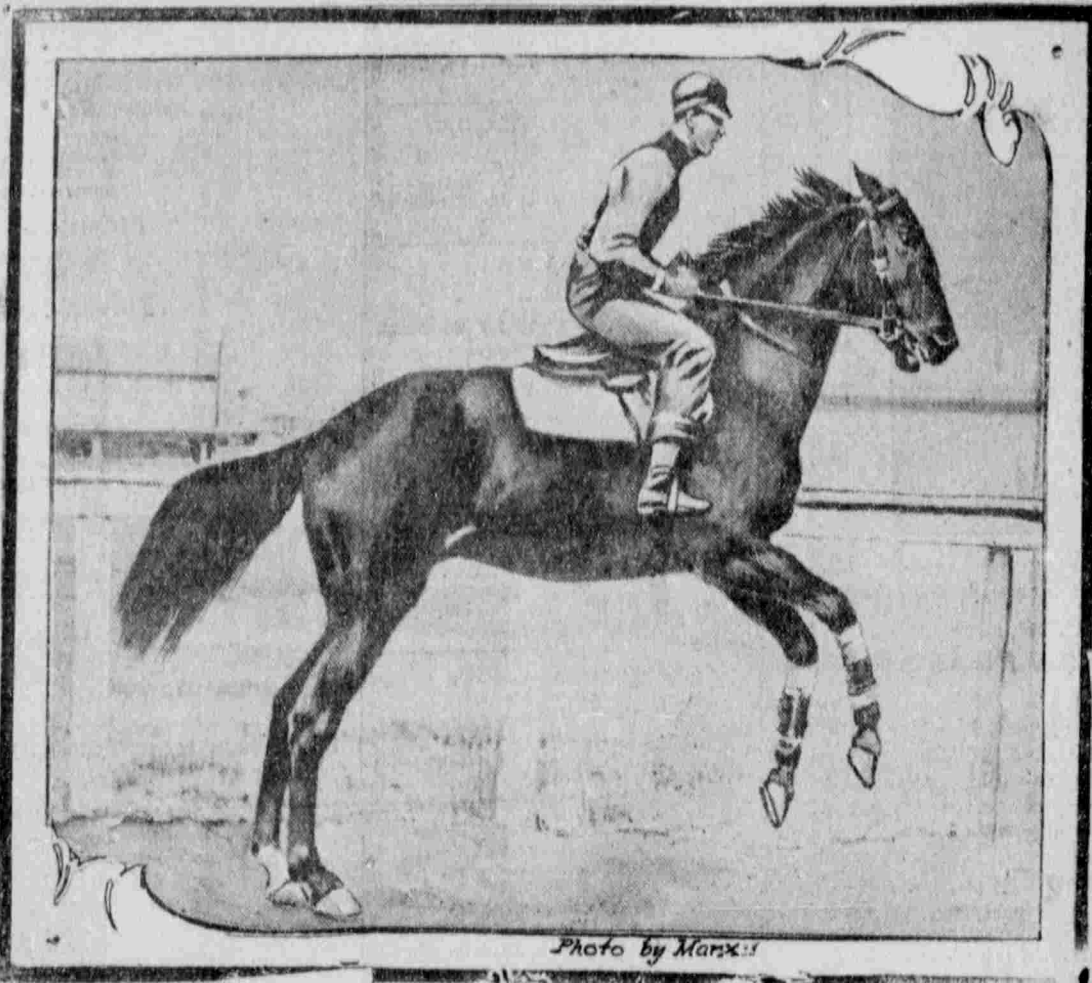


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Saccorometer is one of the great favorites of the eastern turf. Whenever he is entered in a race there is always plenty of money at the back of him. His record this season has been so good that the plungers are eager to get a chance to place their money on him.

## HORSE RACES AT CALDER'S PARK

Decoration Day Will Mark the Opening of the Season.

FAST EVENTS ARE PROMISED

Pacing and Trotting Matches Decided Upon—May Also Have Hunting Contests.

Calder's Park race course, under the management of Hal Brown, is to have a racing season during this summer in which some very interesting events are to be negotiated. Decoration day, May 30, is the date fixed for the opening, and the program is already announced and in the aggregation of attractions a free-for-all mile is given prominence, the winner being required to take three heats in a total of five. A purse of \$200 is hung up by Manager Brown for this event, and there is a likelihood that the owners of horses to be entered may add a side bet in order to make the matter more interesting. Among the prospective entries are such swift ones as Richardson's Monroe S; Robinson's Julia A; McKenzie's Tomstone; McCoy's Kangaroo and Wilson's Sarah Green.

Another heat-three-in-five race for a mile is a 2:22 pace, which will be contested for by Pendleton's George M; Conroy's (Ogden) Polly Garr; Hum-

melbough's June Wilkes; Lyon's Belva A; Wimmer's Osmont and American Fleet, recently from Colorado Springs. It is presumed that Ellerbeck's Lady-Smith, Spier's Chester, Brown's May R, Wimmer's May Thorne and Shore's Raymond will enter a race for \$150, the winner to win three in five heats in the 2:25 class.

There will be other events, among them some running races if some good animals may be obtained to compose the field. Mr. Brown is anxious to have a good racing season, and will do all in his power to bring it about.

### PITCHERS AS BATTERS.

Why They Can Not Hit is What Puzzles the Fans.

Again has the eternal question of the baseball world arisen to confront the "fans." "Why can't pitchers hit?" is a query that repeats itself automatically each year, and now that the big teams have swung well into their strides it becomes as pertinent as ever.

A close study of the baseball situation shows that the question applies only to the big professional leagues, and not to amateur organizations. College teams, in particular, have an astonishingly small number of pitchers unable to bat well. Now, why amateur pitchers should be able to bat better than professionals in another wrinkle in the pitcher batting question.

There were three notable batting feats by college pitchers in recent years. Pitcher Bowman of Yale made four hits, including two triples and a double. Pitcher Utley of Michigan made four hits, including two homers, and Pitcher Chase of Cornell led his team in batting against Princeton with four singles.

While this record is exceptional, the fact remains that in the majority of college teams the pitchers are among the strongest batters on the teams. Compare this with the work of the league pitchers. The batting averages of the American league for last season show only one player not a pitcher in the last 35 games. This man is Goch-nar of Cleveland. Of the last 14 batters in the National league all but two of them were pitchers, and six of the last 10 batters in the American asso-

ciation were pitchers, and the other four players were Hooper, Ereyette, Salm and Lynch, who took part in few games and did not strike their batting stride.

When a player becomes a professional, he immediately begins to do those things that will increase and preserve his effectiveness; at least, this is the theory of it. The theory is that a pitcher has trouble enough of his own if he does nothing but pitch and that he should not have battling cares added to his other burdens.

Then, too, it is argued, pitchers are worked up to a higher nervous strain than other players, and for this reason their batting must necessarily be more erratic. Many think that because a pitcher is versed in the art of curving he should be able to hit well. But throwing curves is a different matter from having the curve come at you. On this theory a catcher should be the best of batters, but the average even of catchers is below that of infielders or outfielders.

College pitchers and many other amateurs are out for immediate glory in their playing. They care nothing for sore arms, for they are at an age where sore arms are a rarity. They work harder, for the sweets of victory are just a little sweeter to them than to the professional. They play naturally, though their style is seldom as good as that acquired by professionals.

### SPORTING NOTES

Disciples of Isaac Walton are now being seized with the fishing fever and several fishing parties have been arranged for. Some of the anglers have risked capture by the game wardens for the sake of casting a few flies.

Manager Binford of the Ogden ball team, decided during the week to release Ube. Before giving him the release, Manager Binford was quite sure of another man to take his place. The new ball tosser will arrive in the near future.

Alex Gregains, on behalf of George Gardner, who beat Marvin Hart at Louisville this week, has challenged Bob Fitzsimmons for a contest for the middleweight championship of the world to take place in San Francisco in July. A good purse is assured the fighters.

Manager William Nolan of the Montana Athletic club at Butte, has received word from "Parson" Davis accepting the conditions of a fight between Kid Broad and Aurelio Herrera, to be pulled off Miners day, June 13.

Salt Lake has secured a new catcher in the person of Jimmy Brynes. Manager Christie says he is a first class man behind the bat and is among the top notchers when it comes to ironing out wrinkles. Manager Christie is well acquainted with him as he played on the San Francisco team and made good there.

The battle between Kid Parker and Rufe Turner at Seattle created much attention on account of the difference of opinion regarding the proper training methods a fighter should adopt. Parker trained strictly on the vegetable system, while Turner adopted a strictly meat, or rather, ham diet. So that after all it was a case of cereals vs. ham. Parker trained on grape-nuts food and fruit, while the following was the bill of fare Turner had: Breakfast, ham and eggs; dinner, nibbles of ham knuckles; supper, pork sausage. Turner was asked to train on all the pork as much as possible, so as to for all time knock out the theory that a vegetarian can gain strength and vitality enough to engage in a prize fight. The butchers of Seattle were all at the ringside whooping it up for Turner, and when Parker made really so bad a showing there was no further argument to it.

Since Jim Corbett and Jim Jeffries were matched for a championship battle, long, short and medium stories have been published in the papers to the effect that Corbett had developed a knockout wallop, and that it was all for Jeffries. Here is what the champion thinks about it.

"I have read about the great punch Corbett is going to use," said Jeffries, "and I only hope it is as good as he thinks. However, what good is the punch when you can't land it? I will be in good shape when I meet Corbett, and all I want is to have him enter the ring in the best possible condition so he will have no excuse to offer after I have put him away."

"Corbett will have lots of fun in trying to land that blow of his. There are a dozen ways by which I can block it, and I guess Corbett would be pretty lucky to get past my guard. Even if Corbett did get one of them home I don't believe he could do much damage. There is only one man who can really hit hard, and that is Bob Fitzsimmons. Fitz has landed on me often. I withstood his attack and I don't see why I cannot get away with Corbett's delivery."

## DOINGS AMONG MITT ARTISTS

Corbett Talks of His Coming Fight With the Champion.

THE GIBBS-MCCARTHY BOUT.

Young Price in Training to Meet Bantamweight (Champion Harry) Forbes—May Fight in June.

Jerry McCarthy's victory over George Gibbs on Tuesday night has been the chief topic of conversation among the fight fans of the city this week, and it is pretty generally conceded that the Irish lad from Walkerville, Mont., can just about put it all over the much-touted colored boy from Cleveland, O. What Gibbs has been in the past is an entirely different question; but the fact is that he put up a poorer contest last Tuesday than he did when Jerry got a

### STAR PITCHER.



J. Tannehill, one of the stars of the American league and known as a crack pitcher wherever baseball is played, is now playing with the new New York American league team. This snapshot shows him about to deliver the ball.

draw from him.

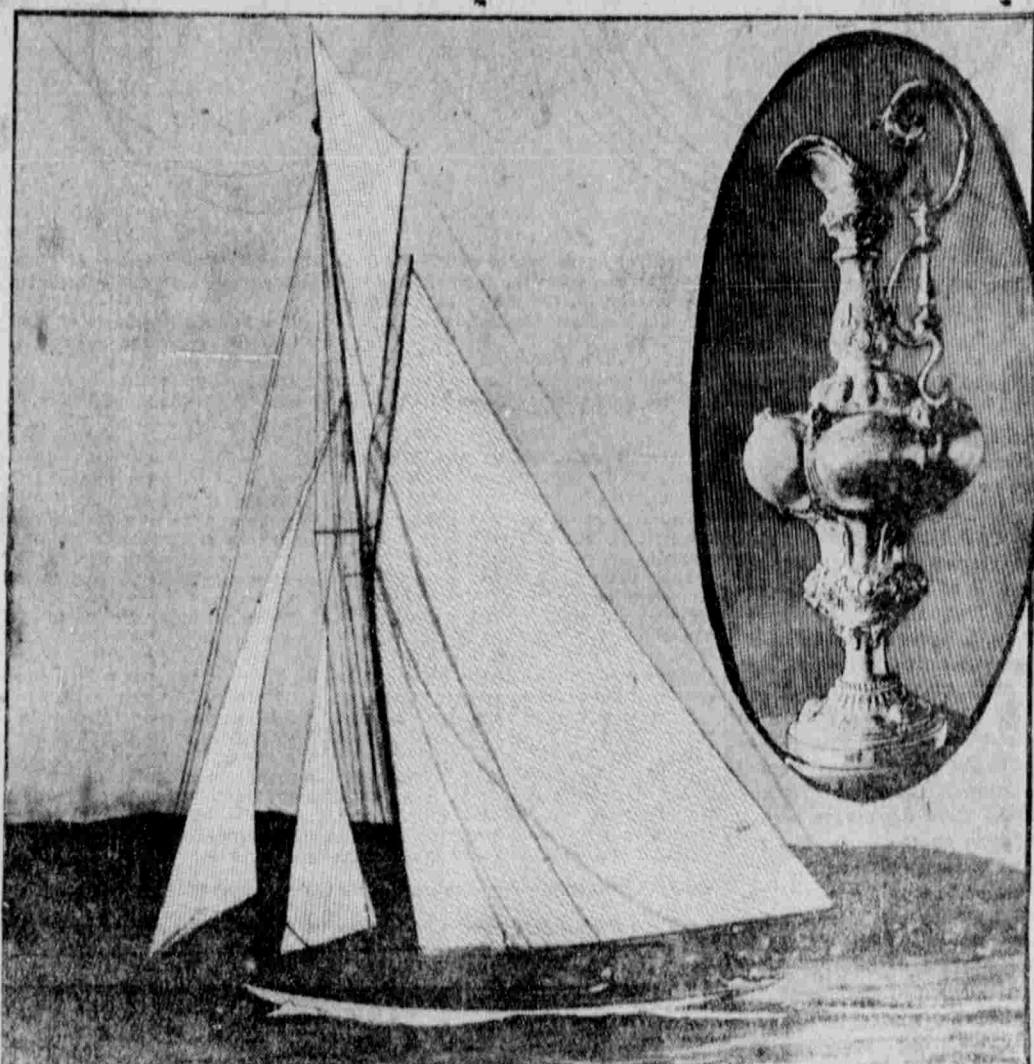
It was argued by his friends that had he not injured his hand in the seventh or eighth round, he would have defeated McCarthy. He might have done so had he used an axe. What did Gibbs do before he injured his hand? Some say he was simply waiting. He waited while the Irish boy walloped him all over the ring. The fact is that it was McCarthy's fight from the sound of the going until the end. He displayed great improvement in his defensive work, his blocking and ducking, and at no time during the contest was he groggy. But he had Gibbs in that condition several times, and it is the opinion of the majority of those who saw the mill that had it gone on in the eleventh round McCarthy would have landed the knockout. Gibbs undoubtedly did a wise thing when he quit in the tenth. He had been whipped in nearly every round up to that time and was then all but out and what the use to go on just for the sake of receiving the sleep producing jab and hearing the referee count off the fatal ten seconds.

A contest that will surely draw a big house, if it is pulled off, will be that between Young Price, a Salt Lake bantamweight, and Harry Forbes, champion of the world in that division of the bantam game. Price returned to Pleasant Grove Wednesday to again take up his training. Before going he called on the sporting editor of the "News" and stated that his manager, J. E. Shaver, had received positive assurance from Forbes that he would come here and meet Price. The date has not been decided upon as yet, but that the bout will take place some time in June is most probable. Young Price says he is taking no chances, and that he will be in perfect condition when he faces the champion. He says he believes in taking on the best men in the business first, as he has nothing to lose and everything to gain. He honestly believes he can whip the champion.

"I know one thing," said Price, "he is no stronger than I am. I know he can not hit harder and I also know that he cannot take any more punishment. I think, therefore, that I have a good chance against him. I am already in fine shape and could go into the ring on a moment's notice, and up the best there is in me. I have a good man to work with, and as good a place to train as there is in the country. I will come back to town about two weeks before the bout and put on the finishing touches."

Salt Lakers have never had a chance to see the youngster in action except in preliminaries, and those were before he went to the coast and learned a great deal about the game. Of course it will be a big surprise to everybody if he should get away with Forbes, but if he fails he says he will surprise his friends by his great improvement. If

LIPTON'S BOAT IS NOW ITSELF AGAIN.



The Shamrock III is once more in first class racing condition and not a trace remains of the injuries she encountered in the recent mishap. Her sails have been rebenet and her sheets refitted. She looks exceedingly well under her new rig. The above photographic reproductions show the new challenger and the cup which Sir Thomas so ardently longs for.

satisfactory arrangements are made, the contest will be pulled off at the Salt Palace.

Following is a story which came from Chicago during the week. It is a boast handed out to Young Corbett by Benny Yanger's manager.

Young Corbett is the worst coward in the American ring. He fought Terry McGovern the first time because Terry was champion. He fought him the last time because he knew that he could whip McGovern.

Why doesn't he fight Benny Yanger? My honest belief is that he is as afraid of Benny Yanger as a woman is of a huge bull constrictor.

Young Corbett has not forgotten the time Yanger knocked him senseless. If Young Corbett is not a coward I will give him \$1,000 in cold cash to prove that he is not by stepping into the ring with the undefeated Chicago featherweight.

This is strictly a bona fide offer. It is not made to attract attention. The offer means business.

No matter who wins the fight, the champion will receive the \$1,000 as soon as he enters the ring with Yanger.

Young Corbett will not accept it—and if he does not, I will have proven him the coward that he is.

But if he should decide to accept the offer, he has only to enter the ring to claim the money.

Yanger will be ready to meet Young Corbett any time after Benny's fight with Eddie Hanlon in June. I have signed an agreement with the San Francisco club manager not to match Benny for any fight before the one with Hanlon; otherwise Benny would be willing to fight Corbett tomorrow.

Now, I think I have put it up to Young Corbett to prove that he is not a coward.

If he has not the heart of a chicken, as I verily believe he has, let him claim my \$1,000. Let him fight Yanger, the leading claimant for the championship belt.

If Corbett does not accept this offer in the future I shall ignore him entirely.

Benny Yanger does not have to fight cowards. He likes to meet men with brave hearts—men whom it is an honor to defeat.

If Benny defeats Eddie Hanlon and Corbett says he wants to fight Yanger, he will ask the public to recognize him as the legitimate featherweight champion. He has knocked out Corbett. Let Corbett show that he can knock out Yanger.

Following is Young Corbett's reply:

I have read the statement of Hertz, and what's the use of replying to a man who does not know what he is talking about? There are 2,000 people in Denver who saw me defeat Yanger at least three times in 10 rounds. I was robbed of the fight. Yanger was on the ground 18 seconds one time.

Now, here is what I will do: I will agree to fight the winner of a fight between Yanger, McGovern and Hanlon, and bet more money on the side than Yanger ever fought for, that I win. I feel that I can stop Yanger in six rounds any time we meet, and I will prove it when we clash.

Hertz has been making the same kind of a holler all his life, and in Chicago when Johnny Corbett agreed that I should meet Yanger, he went to Johnny and said: "I am not on the square. I want to get a little advertising for Benny, that's all."

Let Hertz deny that statement if he can. But I am saying too much attention to him and the least I say about them the better. Yanger has only had one 20-round fight in his life, and a fellow like that has a lot of license asking to fight for the championship. He has challenged often and fought less than any other fighter I know of, and I will bet right now that he don't whip Eddie Hanlon when they meet in "Frisco."

It's even money Hertz will find an excuse for not going to Frisco, and in that manner get out of the match with Hanlon. My Denver friends who were present at the ring side when Yanger beat him fair and square and whether or not I was robbed out of the decision. If Yanger wants a fight with me let him go beat some one decisively and I will pay attention to him.

YOUNG CORBETT.

Anent his chances to defeat Jim Jeffries for the heavyweight title, Jim Corbett made the following statement during the week:

"I honestly believe I have a good chance to put it over Jeffries. I figure on what I was able to do with him in New York three years ago. I beat him fairly for the first 25 rounds of that fight, and then he put it over on me. I was in good shape for that battle, but I was not one-half the man then that I am now.

"At that time you know I was running a place in New York, and I had

### BIKE RIDERS COMING.

Outlook for Season's Racing is Good — To Open May 29.

Manager F. E. Schefski of the saucer track at the Salt Palace says that the outlook for the season's races is most flattering and that the race loving public of Salt Lake will be given a treat this summer. It is his intention to open the track on May 29, which is Friday, and give races also on Saturday, Decoration day. He is now in communication with many speedy riders who are anxious to come here to seek fame and wealth on the famous saucer track. Many of those who have written to Manager Schefski will be new men to local cycle fans. Fred Hook, an eastern rider, and W. L. Hewitt, a California rider, have written that they would like to come. Frank Hoffman, Isiah Cohen and Bill Furman, who are now in Los Angeles, will also be speeding around the track before long. Manager Schefski hopes to land Iver and Gusle Lawson and the Turville boys, and it is not improbable that Billy King will make a trip here before the season is very far under way. The track is now in good shape and nearly every afternoon local riders work out some.

### TITUS SAYS NO.

Word comes from New York to the effect that C. S. Titus, the sculler, has declared that he will not participate in the racing regatta which is to be held on the Harlem river on Memorial day. Titus evidently does not care about taking chances of being defeated. Titus says he does not care to waste his energies defeating inferior oarsmen, and on that account intends to keep all his strength for the blue ribbon event in the Henley regatta.

Three other Henley regatta candidates, however, will race on the Harlem on Memorial day—namely: Juvanel of the Vesper Boat club, Louis Scholer of the Don River club of Canada, and De Mourell of New Orleans. In addition to these men, Albert Tate of San Francisco, one of the cleverest amateur scullers on the Pacific coast, will be a contestant.

### CHAMPION TITUS TRAINING.



Titus Carrying Shell.

C. S. Titus, the champion amateur oarsman of the United States, who hopes to land the prize at Henley this year, which will make him the champion single sculler of the world, has entered upon active training. Every day now, morning and afternoon, he is to be seen gliding along the waters of the Harlem river. He has never been in better condition and is confident he will be able to wrest the laurels from the British.

### A NATIONAL FAVORITE.



President Ban Johnson of the American league has given New York for its best team one of the greatest aggregations of baseball stars ever seen on the diamond at a single game. O'Connor, whose picture is reproduced above, is only one of the many national favorites who are now playing for the New Yorkers.