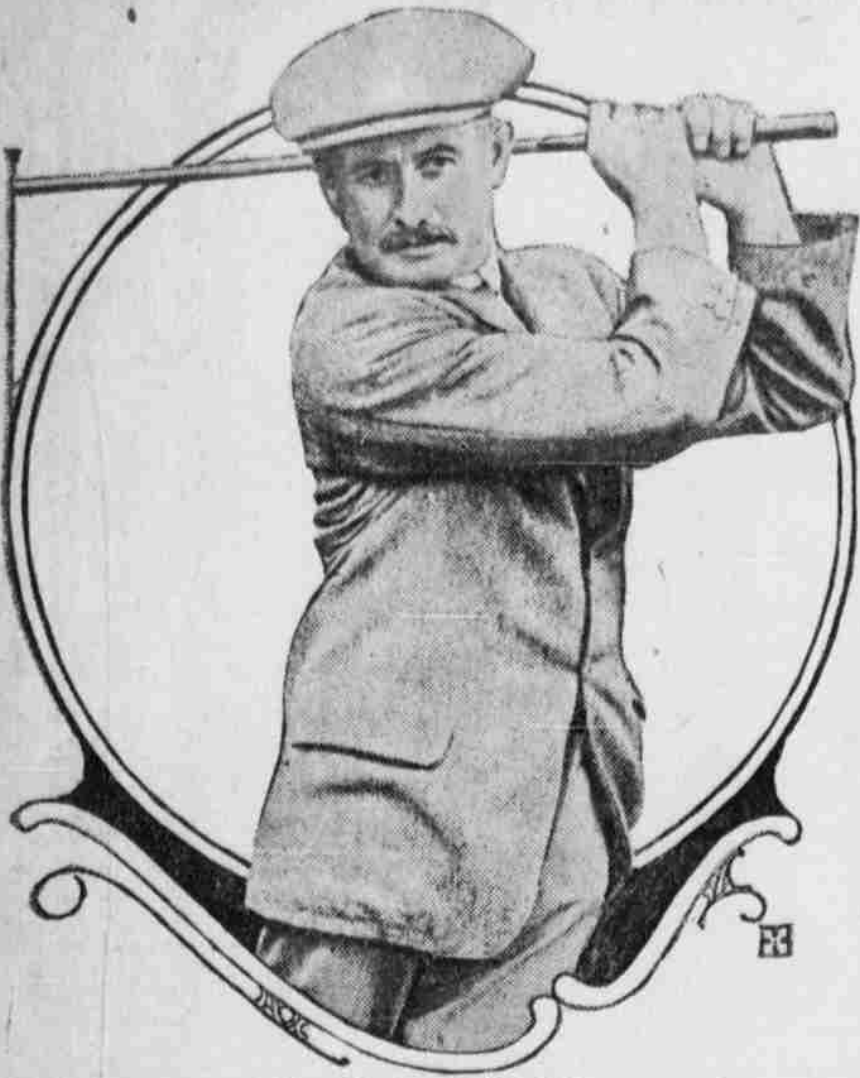


PLAN SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL MATCHES



Harry Vardon, English Golfer.

The visit of Edward Ray, Harry Vardon and other English golfers to this country last year prompted talk in golfing circles of having annually a series of international golf matches similar to those of the Davis cup tennis series.

Nothing official has been announced regarding the movement, but it is reported that one of the leading golf clubs in this country is referring the idea to the British golf authorities and

that an offer of a cup has already been made by the American club.

British golfers, both men and women, have at times during the past ten years played more or less frequently in American tournaments, and Americans have made still more frequent appearances in England, but the contests have lacked the well-defined arrangement which would be brought about by competition along the lines of the Davis cup tennis series.

SPORTING EVENTS OF YEAR

United States Loses Grip in Big Classics—Carried Off Honors in One International Event.

The past year has been a notable one in sports despite the blight of the European war. Many worthy deeds have been done and some records have fallen. America's pre-eminence in sports of other years is gone, for in only one international competition did the United States carry off the honors.

This victory was the triumph of Harvard's second crew in the grand challenge cup race at Henley, England. England's best and German and other crews were beaten. Two American crews, the Crimmon and Union Boat club of Boston, fought it out in the finals. The trophy gained would usually remain in America one year, but on account of the war the Henley regatta of next summer is to be given up and there is no telling how long the crew will harbor this blue ribbon of the rowing world.

The Australian team won the famous Davis tennis cup brilliantly. But Maurice E. McLoughlin earned the recognized title of tennis champion of the world—only to be defeated two weeks later in the American national tournament.

In polo the English Hurlingham club defeated the Meadowbrooks in two straight games. England also won



James E. Sullivan, Late Secretary-Treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union.

the four-mile college relay championship at Philadelphia. There was little international interest in golf.

In football Harvard won the so-called intercollegiate championship for the third time. A feature of the gridiron season was the remarkable records of Washington and Jefferson, Rutgers and other "small college" teams.

The athletic year was marked by the universally mourned death of James E. Sullivan, secretary-treasurer of the American Athletic union and the man who had done the most to further field and track athletics not only in the United States, but in the world.

Many athletic records were made. Howard P. Drew equalled the 100-yard record of 2 3/5 seconds credited to Dan Kelly. George Parker equalled the world's record of 21 1/5 seconds for the 220 yards. Homer Baker hung up new figures of 1:20 3/5 for the 660 yards, while D. E. Caldwell of Cornell covered a half mile in 1:53 2/5. E. Beeson made a new running high jump record of 6 feet and 7 3/16 inches.

In baseball the Boston Braves, after a wonderful spurt to the top of the National league, decisively defeated the Philadelphia Athletics for the world's title. National league batting honors went to Jake Daubert of

BASEBALL

Chicago hopes are said to include a trade of "Kid" Gleason for Fritz Maisel of the New Yorks.

It is announced that Patsy Donovan and Tony McCarty will be the Boston club's scouts this season.

It's a long way to Tipperary, but it's a longer way to the home plate if you are a Nap standing on third base.

"Collins Sold Because He Was a Trouble-maker," says a headline. He was—for seven American league clubs.

If the magnates don't want to wait for the papers next season to find out the scores they might set up tickers in the courtrooms.

The St. Louis Cardinals will train at Hot Wells, near San Antonio, and will play the Cleveland team in exhibitions in the early spring.

The passing of Wiltsie and Donlin from the Giants opens opportunities for minor leaguers that want managers. Both are heady men in the game.

Andrew J. Coakley, the former pitcher of the ex-world's champion Athletics, and Holy Cross star, will coach the 1915 Columbia university nine.

During the spring and summer Ernest Quigley umpires baseball; during the fall he's a football umpire and he puts in the winter umpiring basketball. In the other seasons he takes his vacation.

If it hadn't been for the Cincinnati newspapers the Reds would have supplanted Charley Herzog with another manager. Herzog, it seems, had all the scribes with him this year, something unusual in Porkville.

PUGILISM

Ted Lewis, touted as the welterweight champion of Europe and Australia, shaded "Young" Jack O'Brien in a fast bout at Philadelphia.

Sid Mercer may get entire charge of boxing in New York, which will be sad news to certain parties who subsist upon putting things over.

"Kid" Williams, bantamweight champion of the world, gave Johnny Daly a severe trouncing in a ten round bout at the Pioneer Athletic club in New York.

Newark, N. J., is hunting already for the 1916 national boxing championships, to celebrate the two hundred and twenty-fifth birthday of the Jersey metropolis.

HORSE RACING

The 2:30 list now is upwards of 50,000 strong, 60 per cent being trotters.

The Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa state fairs have agreed to cut out the \$5,000 and \$10,000 stake events.

Eileen, 2:14 1/2, by R. Ontime, is regarded as one of the best pacing prospects in Ohio. Recently he was sold for a long price and will be campaigned again next season.

WRESTLING

George Bothner has quit wrestling. He began at thirteen, and never trained by the usual methods. He is now forty-eight, and recently threw Myake, the Jap, in New York.

FOOTBALL

Football and baseball are the only self-supporting branches of athletics at Princeton, according to the annual report of the athletic commission.

Robert Zupke will be a fixture in the University of Illinois football department until 1920, through a contract tendered him by the Illinois authorities recently.

SKATING

Julian T. Fitzgerald of the Northwestern Skating club was re-elected president of the Western Skating association.

Edmund Lamy, the champion professional ice skater of the world, wants a tryout with the Ottawa (Canada) hockey team, and will be given a chance to make good this winter.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Irish-American Athletic club runners have won every cross-country championship race in New York this fall.

Manitoba will very likely hold the 1915 annual track and field championship of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada.

Syracuse is the latest city to express a desire to secure the 1916 Olympic games, planning to hold them in the Syracuse university stadium, which will seat 40,000 spectators.

More Harvard students participated in athletics as members of official college or class teams during the fall of 1914 than in any previous year. Statistics show that 1,324 men took part in 11 branches of undergraduate athletic activity, 187 more than in the preceding year.

Evers is Versatile.

Johnny Evers is a versatile athlete. He can play ball, golf, indoor ball, hockey, poker or beat up a typewriter all in the same afternoon and come up for more.



Burglars in Minneapolis Do the High Wire Act

MINNEAPOLIS.—Robbers working in Minneapolis the other day performed feats that rivaled anything by the motion picture actors posing for the most perilous perils. The safe crackers made their first attack at the Minneapolis branch of the Schlitz Brewing company. A string of boxcars on a railroad spur running alongside the building gave them their chance.



Scaling the ladders on the cars, the robbers climbed from the car tops to the roof of a one-story annex. From this roof they pried open a second story window in the main building and entered the offices of the brewing company. They knocked the combination off the safe, but failed to throw back the bolt and gave up the job. Leaving the brewery office the crackmen climbed back out the window to the annex roof. Nearly sixty feet to the north was the feed store of Johnson & Olson. In the store roof was a skylight. Electric light wires passed from the roof of the brewery to the feed store. They seemed to offer the only available route to the skylight. The robbers took the chance.

Tracks on the annex roof indicated that there were two of the crackmen. The sagging and twisted wires told the story of the tedious and risky journey through the air from one roof to the other. The two men had apparently traveled hand over hand along the wires for the entire distance. Once they had gained the roof of the store it was an easy matter to enter the place through the skylight. There they were more successful than on their first visit. They knocked the combination off the safe and then pried open the cashbox. In the box they found \$25 in good cash and three counterfeit dollars that had been taken in by mistake. The robbers counted over the money, threw out the counterfeit dollars and left them on the counter. Then they left the building by opening a street door.

Chicagoan May Have Nonedible Watchdog-Goat

CHICAGO.—An educated goat combined goating with watch-dogging at the fruit store of Mike Supalos, West Madison street and in the Supalos apartment upstairs. But that was before the neighbors got Supalos' goat.

One morning recently the noble though slightly odoriferous animal had disappeared. Supalos called for the intelligent animal in the gentlest tones, then listened in vain for the plaintive "Erp-erp" with which Stanley, as the goat was named, was wont to answer.



Supalos went for a walk in the back yard. He looked over the fence, and with horror beheld Stanley's beard and horns. A great rage seized Supalos.

Supalos took the beard and horns and fled to his apartment, there to meditate upon vengeance.

As he passed the flat of John and Gus Luntris he smelled a feast in preparation. He sneaked into the flat and found fried goat on the table.

"Loafers," he cried, or Greek to that effect, "you cannot fool me. Even when he is cooked I know my goat by his odor."

They did not even invite Supalos to help eat Stanley, so he went to Judge Caverly.

"That goat could make more noise than a couple of bulldogs," Supalos told the judge. "I want a warrant for that Luntris. Also I want advice whether I should get another goat or a watchdog. They would not be so likely to eat a bulldog, but I like a goat better."

"You may have both the warrant and the advice," the judge said. "Better get a bulldog and tie Stanley's horns and whiskers on him. Then you will have a noneatable watchdog-goat."

New York Is Filling Up With High Class Crooks

NEW YORK.—New York is full of high class crooks and flimflammers. Europe has literally dumped her whole museum of artistic blackmailers, swindlers and light fingered gentry into this country. With Monte Carlo, Paris and London dead, they have come here to make a "living."

The cafes and lobster palaces along Broadway at night are now dotted with this new class, who are the real elite in the ranks of unlawful money getters. There are among them be-diamonded adventuresses, comely as Cleopatra, with wits keen and ever alert for unsuspecting gentlemen who have weaknesses for feminine charms; there are counterfeit counts and earls galore, all on the still hunt for the long green.

The night life of Europe is under military regime—to be exact—but to those who thrive in the shadows it is dead, inert. Their mecca now is New York. Here they know there is always a fresh crop of those individuals vulgarly known as "suckers."

In one prominent Broadway lobster palace the other night a detective who spends much of his time ferreting through the night life of this city counted half a dozen strangers, all foreigners, and all branded with that unmistakable stamp of dishonesty that a good detective recognizes on sight. The women are more artful than the men in slipping into a niche in the night life. Most of them are stunning of face and figure; their foreign mannerisms are realists to many opulent individuals that frequent the cafes. The problem of these foreigners has already been felt by the police. Stool pigeons are daily bringing in reports of this and that new arrival, or how so-and-so was relieved of a quantity of money and was afraid or ashamed to report it to the police.

Omaha Officials Want to Know When Is a Child

OMAHA.—When is a child? The question has been put up to City Attorney Rine, the Omaha city commission, the Omaha Street Railway company and the teachers in Creighton university and it has not yet been solved.

A city ordinance provides that the street railway company shall sell at certain reduced rates tickets good for the transportation of "children attending school."

Several days ago a party of Creighton university students boarded a Harney street car and tendered the conductor the reduced rate tickets. The conductors refused to accept them, and the young men refused to either pay the full rate or get off. When the car arrived at the university grounds they got off and went their way.



Later a committee of the students called on the street railway officials and another committee went to see the city commissioners and then to City Attorney Rine.

Mr. Rine looked in the dictionary and found various definitions of the word "child."

"We come under every one of those definitions," argued the twenty-eight-year-old, six-foot "child" at the head of the committee.

And City Attorney Rine had to acknowledge that he was right. "But the ordinance says these reduced fare tickets are good for children only," the lawyer reminded them.

"And if we are not children, then the dictionary is wrong," quoted the six-foot "child." And so the case stands.

Gave Him Time to Finish Job. First Cornishman—"What do 'ee think I've a-zeeed? Bill Smith strung up in the barn. 'Anged 'useful!' Second Cornishman—"Anged 'useful, 'ave 'ee? And what's do? Cut 'en down? First Cornishman—"Cut 'en down? No; 'ee warn't dead yet."—Doc's Writings.

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