

FROM THE CAPITAL

Some Things Which are Transpiring Down at Washington City.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL UP

And Is Making Trouble for Everybody Who Wants Something.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Special)—Now that the river and harbor bill, which passed the House February 15, has been reported to the senate, carrying in round numbers \$52,000,000, the increase over the House bill of \$10,000,000, being accounted for in the number of new provisions added by the Senate committee on Commerce, it is expected that Chairman Frye will urge speedy consideration of the measure in order to get the bill out of the way before the closing days of Congress come around.

Threats are heard on the part of some of the Western Senators that unless a "rider" is attached to the bill authorizing the issue of \$30,000,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of carrying on the great irrigation projects now under way, that a "fill-buster" will be inaugurated against the bill and that it will suffer a fate similar to the one in the 56 Congress which was talked to death by Senator Carter of Montana. To what extent these threats will influence the senate in the final consideration of the bill is problematical. The Western Senators, however, are pretty hot over the failure of the House committee on Ways and Means to consider the irrigation bond issue bill and they threaten to show the house that one body of the National legislature cannot completely ignore the wishes of a coordinate body, without suffering the consequences.

It is also expected that Senator Burton of Ohio, former chairman of the Rivers and Harbors committee of the House will file his objections to some of the features of the bill just reported to the Senate, for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the country, because of the failure of the Engineer Corps of the Army to recommend their adoption. Should this prove true another danger would seem to threaten the River and Harbor bill thereby jeopardizing its passage.

In view of the almost universal sentiment prevailing throughout the country for an annual river and harbor bill, a sentiment largely traceable to the work of education on the part of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, the failure to pass a river and harbor bill at this session would be a staggering blow to the commercial and industrial interests of the country.

The select committee of the Senate, which is investigating wages and the cost of living has many interesting arguments and statements to listen to during the past few weeks and while it is not likely that any reduction in the price of food will result, some facts have been brought out and others will be, which may lead to serious thought by the American consumer. One peculiar statement was made by a "canny" Scotchman who knows more about the cattle business perhaps than any other man in this country. His name is Murdo McKenzie.

MacKenzie is manager for large companies operating great cattle raising plants in Canada, in the Dakotas, in Colorado, in Texas, in Oklahoma and New Mexico. He showed to the committee why the price of cattle will probably never decrease and he asserted that in his judgment the price of beef will never again be low for the reason that the ranges upon which thousands of animals run and were fed 20 years ago have gradually been cut up into farms, and where the cotton boll today covers thousands of acres in Texas, for instance, where a few years ago the white faced Herford dotted the landscape.

He amused the committee however by expressing the opinion that in his judgment the introduction of the telephone has a great deal to do with the high cost of food stuffs. Asked to explain, Mr. MacKenzie said: "That before the telephone came practically universal use the house wife would start out with a basket to market or the corner store and would buy her supplies and carry them home, but with the telephone she sits in her chair and orders her supplies, which of course must be sent to her. The result is that the small grocer on the

corner and the market dealer has been compelled to buy horses and wagons with which to supply his customers if he desired to hold his trade. The original cost of this addition to his plant as well as the cost of the drivers and the cost of food for stock and the repairs to vehicles together with the rental of the stables has been added by the retailer to the cost of the supplies which he sells to the house keeper and inasmuch as it is unlikely that the telephone method of keeping one's larder supplies will never be abandoned, it follows that the cost of delivery must be added to all other cost which have piled onto the market value of food stuffs when they leave the farmer's hand."

After one of the most bitter fights ever made in Congress on such a proposition the House Committee on Agriculture has decided to report a measure which will extend to the George Washington University of this city, the benefits of the Morrill Act.

George Washington University was originally a more or less sectarian institution under the name of the Columbian but in recent years the name has been changed and the management has passed from sectarian control so that it is probable that in the year future the City of Washington will have an institution which will take up the teaching of scientific agriculture as well as law, diplomacy, medicine, engineering and other professions which are included in the curriculum of a modern university.

LJUNGSTROM LIKES BOXING.

Champion Marathoner Says He Would Like to Become Fighter.

Gustave Ljungstrom, the pygmy sized Swede who smashed the world's record for 26 miles 385 yards at the Polo grounds, in New York, recently, when he went the distance in 2 hours 34 minutes 8 2/5 seconds, says he is through with the Marathon game and will in the future confine his efforts to fifteen and twenty mile contests. Ljungstrom is also anxious to become a fighter and is at present thinking of taking lessons in the art of self defense and may some time in the near future be seen in the ring. In talking of the boxing game recently he said:

"I want to learn how to box. I'd like to be a fighter. Yes, I would like to bang the other fellow on the nose and get the money. I'd quit running if I could learn how the American boys get the wallop."

Ljungstrom has the most striking appearance of any distance runner per-



GUSTAVE LJUNGSTROM, CHAMPION MARATHONER.

forming today. He spent the required six months in the Swedish army, and he is an erect, cocky little fellow.

In training for the recent contest he ran 170 miles in training. Twice he went twenty miles just to see how strong he would be at the end of that distance.

Dorando has hurled a challenge at the Swede, and it is more than likely the pair will meet shortly if the Italian will consent to go a distance under the Marathon route.

Ljungstrom is a phenomenal runner, one of the best that ever visited this country. He says he is going to put up outdoor records for fifteen and twenty miles this summer and hopes to make such fast time that the records will last for years and years.

COMING SPORT EVENTS

The great western handicap shoot will be held in Des Moines, Ia., May 24 to 26.

Haverford college, just outside of Philadelphia, will send a cricket eleven to England this summer, starting on June 11.

The Stanford track team again expects to participate in the western conference meet at Chicago in June. It will meet Utah and Colorado teams on its way.

The first long distance outdoor intercollegiate swimming meet has been planned by representatives of the leading colleges, to be held at Travers Island, New York, July 4 or 5.

Tommy Burns, who lost the heavyweight championship to Jack Johnson, is coming back to America. He has accepted an offer to battle forty-five rounds with Sam Langford in Colma, Cal., Sept. 5.

Outlook For the Baseball Season In the Minor Leagues....

OPENING AND CLOSING DATES OF MINOR LEAGUES.

League	Opening date	Closing date
Eastern league	April 21	Sept. 25
American association	April 13	Sept. 25
Southern league	April 14	Sept. 17
Pacific coast league	March 20	Nov. 6
Western league	April 22	Oct. 3
New England league	April 22	Sept. 10
Northwestern league	April 23	Sept. 25
Tri-state league	May 4	Sept. 7
New York State league	May 4	Sept. 17
Three-I league	May 4	Sept. 18
Western association	April 13	Aug. 16
Pennsylvania league	April 28	Sept. 5
California State league	April 7	Nov. 6
United States league	May 1	Sept. 5
Mo.-Ia.-Neb.-Kan. league	May 19	Sept. 7

By TOMMY CLARK.

While the prospects of the teams in the major leagues will be a subject of interest to baseball enthusiasts even if as far removed from the games as is New York from San Francisco, the possibilities of the season of 1910 cannot be reviewed without the minor league situations being sized up.

In the smaller organizations managers of the teams have a harder task than those in the big circuits. The manager of a club in the major leagues can stand pat on his team if he chooses to, but such is not the case within the minors. Every year big inroads are made in nearly every club, and the stars are gobbled up by the big leaguers. When the time comes for the manager of the minor league club to make up his team for the season he has to do some great scouting before he can get together a winning combination. Every year intense interest is displayed in the fights for the much coveted gonfalon in the smaller circuits. In the some thirty odd minor leagues in organized baseball there is represented an invested capital of \$20,000,000, and last season over 24,000,000 people attended the games.

In spite of the scattered discussion during the winter to the effect that the American association might put up a firebrand and toss it into organized baseball, there is nothing which would indicate that the minors will not enjoy more prosperity than ever before.

American Association.

In the American association another grand struggle is anticipated. From present indications the second division teams of last season will be heard from this year. St. Paul, Toledo, Columbus and Kansas City have all been strengthened up so much that the first division is beginning to get nervous as to its welfare.

Manager Carr of Indianapolis has succeeded in gathering together an imposing array of baseball talent and by many is looked upon as the one best bet for the flag this season. His material, judging from the records, is classy, but it is on the field and not on paper that strength counts.

The Minneapolis club appears to be just as strong a hitting club as that of last season and a far better fielding aggregation.

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team since the men started training. Joe tried his best to get Willie Keeler to sign a contract at a fat salary, but "Willie the wee" figures he has many more major league seasons in him. Kelley has many veterans on the team and will surely make a good fight for the banner. Buffalo and Providence are sure to be much stronger than they were last year.

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Eastern League.

As is the case every year, many Eastern League clubs have parted with their stars to the major leagues, but as there is always a plentifulness of good material on hand to whip together a winning combination the loss of these men will not weaken the majority of teams.

Manager John Ganzel and his Rochester band of hustlers are surely in line for another flag. "Silent John" has corralled many good ones and will make his rival go some to beat him out.

Although big inroads have been made in Joe McGinnity's Newark team since last season he has good material on hand to whip together a winning combination.

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WILLIAM COUGHLIN, PILOT OF WILLIAMS-PORT CLUB.

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The Obvious.

"How much do you love me?" The beautiful creature at his side looked at him appealingly. "Do you really want to know?" he asked doubtfully.

"I must know." "Very well, then. I love you a little more than playing poker and a little less than my regular business. I love you more after I have had a good dinner and a good cigar than I do before. I love you about half as much as the first girl I ever loved, who was ten years older than I was. I love you extravagantly more than your economics, because they cause me more trouble. I love what I cannot verify in you more than what I know."

"And why," she persisted, "do you dare to tell me all this, which I know to be true?"—Life.

THE ELEPHANT TURNED.

A Bit of Treachery and a Badly Battered Trainer.

Carl Hagenbeck, the eminent owner, exhibitor and trainer of wild animals, had many adventures in his half century of experience. Some of them are described in a book entitled "Beasts and Men." On more than one occasion an elephant came uncomfortably near putting an end to Mr. Hagenbeck's career. One of the worst accidents happened at the end of the sixties. About that time he purchased a menagerie at Trieste, which included among the other beasts a female elephant which stood about eight feet high. It seemed to be a thoroughly good tempered animal, its only fault being that it occasionally had the sulks—"a not uncommon characteristic," comments Mr. Hagenbeck, "in all feminine creatures."

He soon made friends with the elephant, which he named Lissy, and he never passed its stall without giving it a handful of food. He was therefore, he believed, justified in thinking he had quite won its heart, and as it never showed any signs of violence it did not occur to Mr. Hagenbeck that he might be dealing with a grossly deceitful creature.

The elephant was learning a trick in which it had to swing its keeper into the air with its trunk and then slowly set him upon the ground again. The word of command which was given to the beast when it had to perform this simple exhibition was:

"Lissy, apport!"

"One day," to continue in Mr. Hagenbeck's own words, "I found Lissy alone in her stable, the keeper being absent. It must have been a devil that made me feel a desire to be raised on high by her, after the manner of her affectionate treatment of her keeper. I stroked and fed her and then, taking hold of her trunk, called out the word of command:

"Lissy, apport!"

"Then followed one of the most vilely treacherous acts of which I have ever heard. Lissy began to obey the order, but I soon felt that she was bent on mischief, for the embrace of her trunk was unpleasantly vigorous, and I soared high into the air.

"But I was not quietly deposited once more upon my feet.

"Instead of this Lissy dashed me violently against the wooden barrier in front of her stall, and I went flying over into the menagerie.

"I lay almost senseless upon the ground until the old keeper, Philippe, appeared to help me home.

"Fortunately no bones were broken, but I was terribly battered and bruised and for weeks could only hobble about with great pain."

TENNIS STARS COMING.

Brookes and Wilding of Australia to Visit This Country in Summer.

Word has been received that the Australian Lawn Tennis association will send an invading team to America the coming summer in hope of capturing the national championship and other titles. It is announced that this team will consist of the four greatest players in Australasia—Norman E. Brookes of Victoria, Anthony F. Wilding of New Zealand, A. Walter Dunlop of Victoria and Dr. Sharp of New South Wales. The team probably will sail for America the latter part of May and will be accompanied by a team of six golfers comprising the best golf talent in the island continent. Both teams will make complete tours of the United States and will compete in all of the important tournaments.

The visit of the Australasian players will mark the first appearance of players from the Pacific continent in the United States. Chief interest, of course, will attach to the appearance of the great Brookes, who for the last three years has been regarded as the greatest exponent of lawn tennis in the world. Wilding, his doubles partner, however, is almost as well known as Brookes and was responsible more than the latter for the victories of Australia over the two teams from America which invaded the British colony in 1908 and 1909 in quest of the Davis cup.

The other two members of the Australasian team, Dunlop and Dr. Sharp, are not so well known in this country, although Fred B. Alexander, holder with Hackett of the American doubles championship, regards the former as the greatest doubles player he ever has seen.

The actual plans of the Australasian team have not been made known, but it is regarded as a certainty that the quartet will appear in the western championships at Chicago this season.

Ad Wolfast, the new lightweight champion, is reported to have said "No colored scrappers for me. If any black man gets near the top in the lightweight class he never will win a championship by whipping me, for I'll never enter the ring with a negro. I draw the color line. Joe Gans is down and out for good, but if he does want a chance he will not get it from me."

WOMEN GET MAD

Suffragists Hiss the President of United States When Welcoming.

THEY AFTERWARDS EXPRESS REGRET

Mild and Good Natured Rebuke Opens Their Eyes to Truth of Remarks.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The president of the United States the first executive of the nation ever to greet a convention of women suffragists, tonight had the courage to confess his opinion, and was hissed. So great was the throng that sought admission to the hall and hundreds were turned away.

President Taft was welcoming to Washington the delegates to the convention of the National Suffrage association. He had told them frankly that he was not in sympathy with the suffrage movement and was explaining why he could not subscribe fully to its principles. He said he thought one of the dangers in granting suffrage to women was that the women, as a whole, were not interested in it and that the power of the ballot so far as women is concerned would be controlled by the "less desirable class."

When these words fell from the president's lips the walls of the convention hall echoed a chorus of feminine hisses. It was no feeble demonstration of protest. The combined hisses sounded as if a valve on a steam engine has broken.

President Taft stood unmoved during the demonstration of hostility—for the hissing continued but a moment—and then smiling as he spoke he answered the unfavorable greeting with this retort: "Now my dear ladies, you must show yourselves capable of suffrage by exercising that degree of restraint which is necessary in the conduct of government affairs by not hissing."

The women who hissed were rebuked. The presidents reply apparently had taken hold. There were no more hisses while the president continued his address, which he characterized as "my confession" on the women suffrage question.

At the conclusion of his talk he was applauded and some of the leaders of the convention expressed to him their sincere regret over the unpleasant incident. President Taft assured them his feelings were not injured in the least.—Bee.

ORIGIN OF FAMOUS WORD.

Sam Irwin Claims to Be First User of Cognomen "Yanigan."

Sam Irwin of the Philadelphia American league club claims to be the author of the much used word Yanigan, which is used in baseball vocabulary in the spring. This word has been in existence since 1888. It was during the season that Mr. Irwin named the Reserves, as they were then called, the Yanigans, and it came about in this way, according to Mr. Irwin:

"I had a pitcher with the team named Mattimore. We were barnstorming through the New England states at the time. On coming in to the bench after each inning he would yell at me, 'Oh, you Yanigan!' The name struck me as original, and I asked him what it meant.

"'Hanged if I know,' he said, but he kept on using it. After the game I thought it over, and it struck me as a pretty good name for my bunch of Reserves. I named them the Yanigans the next day when they came out to the ball park. It stuck from that time on, and all the other teams have used it ever since.

"Other persons have claimed the distinction of originating that word, but that is how it really started."

Tongue Twisters.

Repeat these sentences rapidly—the quicker the better:

The bleak breeze blighted the bright broom blossoms.

Two toads totally tied tried to trot to Tedbury.

Strict, strong Stephen Stringer snared sickly six sickly silky snakes.

Susan shineth shoes and socks. Socks and shoes shines Susan. She ceaseth shining shoes and socks, for shoes and socks shock Susan.

A haddock, a haddock, a black spotted haddock; a haddock spot on the black back of a black spotted haddock.

Oliver Oglethorp ogled an owl and an oyster. Did Oliver Oglethorp ogle an owl and an oyster? If Oliver Oglethorp ogled an owl and an oyster, where are the owl and the oyster Oliver Oglethorp ogled?—San Francisco News Letter.