TRADING RUMORS QUITE NUMEROUS

Manhattan Bubbles Again With Sporty Chatter of the National Pastime.

New York, Dec. 13.—Manhattan, except scene of the last world's series in the fall, bubbled again today with gossip of the national pastime and fans got gay eyes in a whirlwind of diamond dust.

The clubs, the Pirates, the Brooklyns and the Braves and nearly all the other National League club owners and managers announced they were in the market for players and were ready to talk business. The Yankees and the Giants were together trying to arrange a trade and cash deal whereby Ehmke and Veach would come to New York, and the Reds appeared to be negotiating with officials of several clubs. Garry Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati club, was all chuckles and smiles when he discussed the Groh deal. Garry thought that he had just about made the best deal of his career, and Pat Moran, his able manager, nodded aassent.

Barney Dreyfuss was talking about Third Baseman Stock as a good addition to his team and intimated he would pay a pretty penny for him. George Gibson had a few things to say about Traynor, the young shortstop recalled from Birmingham, of the Southern Association, last Fall, and it was gathered that the Pirates would not be averse to letting "Rabbitt" Maranville loose if they could do so in a trade.

Bill Killifer and President Veeck let it be known that they would like a good second baseman, a good third sacker and maybe another man.

In the American League, every club seems to be after players. For instance, Joe Schepner, the keeper of the third sack down in Louisville, the American Association town, is spoken of highly and may be purchased this week by one or other of the clubs—all according to the club that has the most money to spend.

President Hickey, of the American Association, and Jack Hendricks, the Indianapolis manager, had conferences with some of the leading moguls of the majors, but their talk was for the most part regarding the prospects for a banner season in 1922.

THREE HOURS TO A DRAW.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 13.—Stanislaus Zbyszko world's hevayweight champion wrestler, grappled with Charley Whitlock, a local heavyweight, here last night three hours to a draw.

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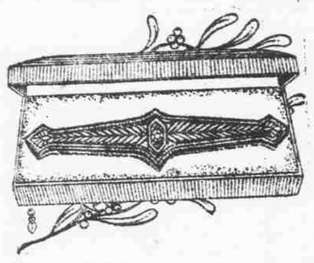

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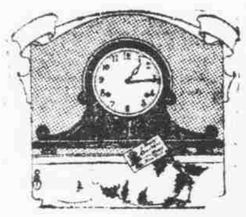

WHAT THE CREEK SHOULD DO.

The golf course which has a creek winding here and there among the fairways is fortunate indede. Doubly fortunate is such a course when the creek has been utilized properly by the links architect.

Creeks have played a tremendous part in every part of our championships, profesional and amateur, but devotees of the sport, following in the galleries, perhaps have seldom observed the fact. Players who have participated in the national amateur can speak eloquently of the first hole at Brae Burn, Boston, which is a splendid creek hole and which had a lot more to do with the championship, I can assure you, than ever showed on the surface of things.

Another of the very finest creek holes in America, I think, is hole number 7 of the Detroit Country Club. This hole has, incidentally, an unusual record in championship play. The hole is a one-shotter with the creek so confronting the player that it makes a wonderful hazard when coupled, as it is, with the necessity for clearing it and at the same time so judging the shot as not to go beyond the green. In the National Amateur Championship in 1915, Bob Gardner, of Chicago, made this hole in one against John Anderson, of New York, who made it in two-some golf! While creeks are everywhere in golf, nearly every course having one at some point or other, I think I should choose this particular creek hole as the best one in existence.

Olympia Fields, Chicago, is a fine example of good golf architecture as a whole and it is an exceptional example of well-layed-out creek holes. Each of the four 18-hole courses of this club has creek holes, and those of No. 1 and 2 courses are wonderful. They could not be improved upon.

Holes 8 and 9 of the St. Louis Country Club, where this year's amateur championship was held, are the country's best examples, I think, of difficult creek holes. How difficult they are may be understood when it is cited that two or three of this country's very best amateur golfers failed to qualify for match play because of the difficulties they encountered at these creeks. David Herron was one of these. Many players thought these holes were really too stiff, but this course is meant to be a testing course in every sense and the championship contestant is supposed to be able to weather such obstacles. I criticised these two holes at the time of the tournament, but now that I have had time to reflect, I can see that the architect really made splendid use of his creek. I have tried to picture how I would change the holes and I conclude I would leave them as they are.

In the eighth hole of this pair, the creek runs alongside the green, so that the green has to be walled up. This green has a very narrow entrance, and from the tee the player cannot drive hard and thus get close for a pitch because it is an elbow hole. It takes about all the drive one has to clear the woods that border the fairway to the right. Then comes a long pitch to the narrow green; a hard hole. On the ninth the creek runs diagonally across the fairway. The player has no trouble unless he overdrives, which will land him in the creek.

The creek hole, ideally designed, should so place the creek that it does one or the other of these three things:

1. Make a hazard in front of the tee.
2. Be a temptation, near the green, to try to draw the player into overdriving.
3. Lie between tee and green on short holes.

It is as a temptation, rather than a hazard, I think, that the creek serves its best purpose. Assume that we stand at the tee of a creek hole with the green 320 yards distant. Directly in front of the green we have a creek. Now, the obvious thing to do here is play the drive for a good lie on the near, or tee side, of the creek. Par would, of course, be four on such a hole. From this lie we would pitch to the green and have two putts.

But the creek is a temptation in this case. The player will feel, often, that, by pressing his drive to the utmost, he can clear the creek and be on in one. He presses—you know the rest. If he gets 300 yards—a splendid drive—he is in the water, but the chances are he has sliced or pulled terribly.

Make your creek do its duty and your course will yield you the maximum of sport and pleasure.

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Y. M. C. A. DEFEATED HIGHLAND PARK FIVE

In the opening games of the season Charlotte "Y" basketball five snowed under the quint from Highland Park Monday night on the North Charlotte community house floor, 54 to 21.

The game was a practice tussle but it abounded with thrills. Marsh, Cuthbertson and Smith were the luminaries.

The line-up and summary:

Y. M. C. A. (54)		Highland Park (21)
Smith (11)	LF	Yates (2)
Marsh (12)	RF	Hudson
McMillan (10)	C	Belk
Cuthbertson (11)	RG	Jones (7)
Cunningham (2)	YG	Keitel (7)

Substitutions—For Y. M. C. A.: Yates (8) for McMillan; Kimball for Smith, Owens for Marsh, Milstead for Cunningham. For Highland Park: Thomas (4) for Yates, Hurt for Keitel.

NOTRE DAME STARS RULED INELIGIBLE

South Bend Ind., Dec. 13.—Hartley Anderson, Arthur Garvey and Fred Larson, star Notre Dame football players, were declared ineligible for further athletic competition at the University by the Notre Dame athletic board yesterday. The action of the board was announced following the issuing of a statement by William A. Carey, president of the board, to the effect that Notre Dame has definitely accepted the terms offered by the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and would play the Centre College football team there December 26.

The negotiations with the San Diego Chamber of Commerce were resumed yesterday, it was said, after having been broken off three days ago to allow the board to probe the charges of professionalism against the three players.

INTERNATIONAL WILL HAVE SAME MEMBERS

New York, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—Owners of the New Jersey, Syracuse and Reading baseball clubs of the International League, whose franchises were sought by syndicates in Montreal, Quebec, and Providence, R. I., announced their intention at the annual meeting yesterday to remain in the circuit.

Montreal and Providence, both in the league before the war, have been seeking to re-enter for more than a year. The Jersey City, Syracuse and Reading clubs did not return large profits during the last two seasons and for this reason it was rumored that they would be willing to part with their franchises.

The league voted unanimously, President J. Conway Toole said, to refrain from further discussion of the existing draft rule.

RECEIVERSHIP FOR RICKARD IS STAYED

New York, Dec. 13.—Supreme Court Justice Guy late yesterday stayed the receivedship appointed for Tex Rickard, boxing promoter, the Madison Square Garden Corporation and the Madison Square Garden Sporting Club, pending an appeal taken to the appellate division.

The stay was granted after Justice Guy had conferred with Nathan Burkan, Rickard's attorney, and Thomas J. O'Neill, counsel for Frank C. Armstrong who claims he is entitled to a 50-50 division of the profits from Rickard's Garden enterprises by virtue of an alleged partnership agreement entered into several years ago.

Counsel for Rickard agreed that the defendant would in no way transfer or interfere with the property in dispute and insisted that all the Madison Square Garden enterprises were good paying propositions "and had netted a large profit during the last year."

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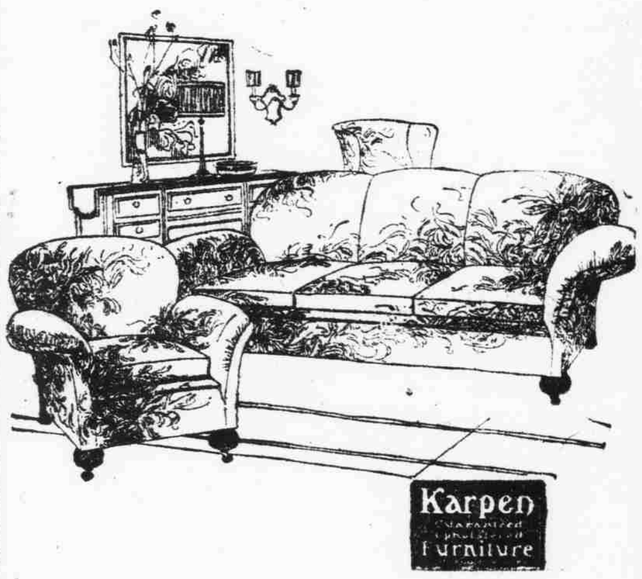

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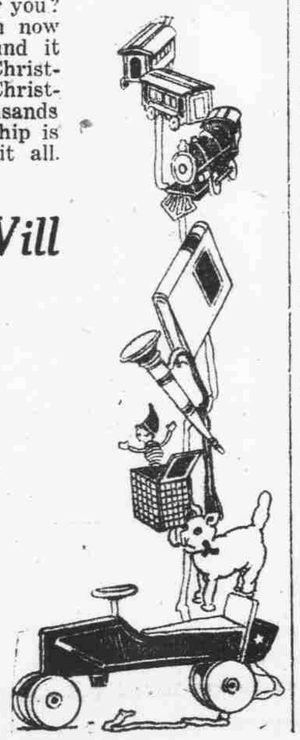

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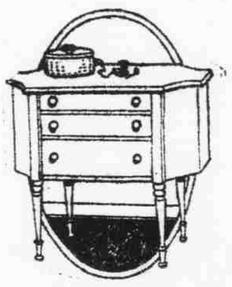

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