

SPORTING NEWS

Late News by Wire.

Under the auspices of Princeton University, the tenth annual intercollegiate track and field games will be held at Princeton on April 21.

George Bothner won the first fall in his wrestling match with Abram Kagal, the Turk, in Grand Central palace, New York, after twelve minutes' wrestling. Then the Turk refused to wrestle any more, because he said the referee favored Bothner.

The presidents of seven Michigan colleges at a meeting at Battle Creek decided, after a long, thorough discussion, to permit the members of their college baseball teams to play professional baseball in the summer, providing they do not play in the major or minor leagues of the country.

The Ann Arbor varsity indoor meet March 10 was rather remarkable. In the shot put three men showed up who look good for one, two, three in the conference meet. Wesley Coe went after Ralph Rose's indoor record of 47 feet 6 1/2 inches and fell short by only 4 1/2 inches. All of Coe's final "puts" were over forty-six feet.

S. Van Allen made what was announced to be a world's shooting record at the sportsman's show in Madison Square garden, New York, March 7. He broke 936 glass balls out of 1,000 in one hour and ten minutes. The previous record was 928 balls in one hour and thirty-one minutes, which was made by Van Allen last year. The strain was so great that Van Allen was exhausted after his performance.

It is stated that Yale has received a challenge from the University of Pennsylvania for a football game next fall. This is the first time that football negotiations have been entered into between the two universities since relations were broken off by Yale in 1894 on the ground of alleged roughing on the part of Pennsylvania men. It is understood that a game may be arranged provided Yale does not play Harvard as usual.

American Rhodes scholars captured three firsts and one second in the Oxford (Eng.) field sports. In the

put the March match in the air, but there is a fight this month Britt and Hanlon will be the card.

If arrangements that are now being made turn out satisfactorily Vallejo (Cal.) sports will soon have the pleasure of witnessing boxing contests to a finish. Dan Arnold and Manuel Madrid are the promoters of a new organization to be known as the White Sulphur Springs Athletic club and it is their intention to hold forty-five round contests out at the springs, where a large pavilion is to be built.

Manager McCarey of the Pacific Athletic club of Los Angeles, announces that he has matched Jimmy Britt and Kid Herman to fight twenty rounds in that city within forty days. The men agree to weigh in at 133 pounds at 6 o'clock on the day of the fight. Britt has deposited his forfeit money and Herman wires his money is on the way. The bout will occur during the second week of April unless the proposed battle between Burns and O'Brien should conflict with the date. The winner of the fight will meet Battling Nelson. Herman in his telegram of acceptance states that he will start for the coast within ten days.

Trotting.

The racing stable of J. T. Dewey on Carnegie road, Cleveland, Ohio, was destroyed by fire and four valuable race horses perished. The dead horses are: Sweetheart (2:10 1/4), Starr (2:29), Ora D. (2:29 1/4), and Melville (2:27 1/4). Sweetheart had a value of \$3,500 and the other horses at \$1,000 apiece.

Stakes aggregating \$21,000 in value were opened March 9 by the Columbus Driving Park company for next September's grand circuit meeting. The Hoster-Columbus \$10,000 stake, with a consolation provision, is for 2:18 trotters. The Hotel Hartman \$5,000 event with consolation, is for 2:15 pacers. The \$3,000 Columbus purse is for 2:03 trotters, and the Board of Trade purse for 2:07 pacers is worth \$3,000. Entries close Monday night, April 9.

BASE BALL

National League News.

Pitcher Jake Weimer has at last signed a Cincinnati contract.

The Brooklyn club has sold shortstop Frank to the Toledo club.

The Brooklyn club has sold outfielder Dobbs to the Kansas City club.

Infielder Harry Arndt of St. Louis, has been coaching the Notre Dame team.

"Pink" Hawley will manage a team in the Wisconsin State League this season.

The New York club has turned infielder Clyde Robinson back to the Milwaukee club.

Fred Tenney is temporarily assisting pitcher Joe Harris to coach the Tufts College team.

Pitcher Mike Lynch has been at Boston University all winter studying like a hope-to-be professor.

Outfielder Fred Houtz of the Pacific Coast League, has gone to Texas for a trial with the Cardinals.

Outfielder Johnny Siegel of the Reds, has been running a paying bowling alley at Urbana, Ohio, all winter.

Catcher Mike Grady has been re-engaged by the St. Louis club at Manager McCloskey's urgent entreaty.

During the week third baseman Strobel, catcher O'Neil and pitcher Pfeiffer signed Boston contracts.

Catcher Charley Street, late of Cincinnati, is coaching the Condor Training School team at Huntsville, Ala.

Mike Donlin's younger brother, Joseph, has signed to play with the Whittings of the Chicago City league.

Pitcher Briggs, transferred by Chicago to Brooklyn, threatens to hurdle to the outlaws unless Brooklyn raises the ante.

Pitcher Frank Ferguson of Stockton, Cal., refuses to answer any of the letters that the Cincinnati club has sent him.

The Cincinnati Reds on Saturday started for Marlin Springs, Texas, where they will do their preliminary spring work.

The St. Louis club has released

The veteran catcher, Charley Farrell, last with Boston, announces her permanent retirement, as he has entered a partnership with Frank W. Leary in the management of a hotel at Marlboro, Mass.

New England League.

Haverhill wants to trade pitcher Connelly for Al Weddige. Manager McDermott is thinking it over.

Manager Sayer of the Haverhills, has signed Fred Gibbs of Merrimac, who pitched last season for the Biddeford (Me.) nine.

Jesse Burkett of the Worcester team, has sold all of the season tickets that he had printed and there is a demand for more.

Manager McDermott has received the signed contract of "Cy" Swanson. The latter is weaving worsteds and yarns at the mill and grocery at Squeevillage, R. I.

George Henry of Lynn, one of the veteran outfielders of this league and a member of the Nashua team last year, has been appointed a New England league umpire. The league's official staff will consist of John Stafford, John O'Brien, F. J. Sullivan and George Henry.

John Murphy of Cambridge, who pitched great ball for the Institutes of Cambridge last season, has been signed by Fred Lake for the Lowell club. Last spring Lake gave him a try-out, but had an abundance of pitchers. Lake thinks Murphy a very promising boy.

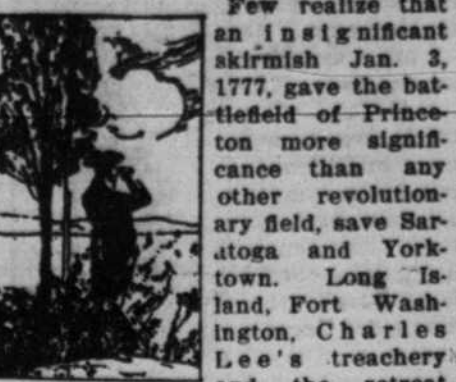
Manager S. D. Flanagan of the Manchester team, has received notice from Secretary Farrell of the National association of minor leagues that Frank J. Eustace has been awarded to Manchester. The Haverhill club was also negotiating for the services of the player, but Manchester was the first to file acceptance of terms.

The fact that Jimmy Collins is associated with Jesse Burkett in the Worcester team, recalls to mind that Frank Selee was once connected with a Worcester venture. Walter Burn-

On Field of Princeton

Skirmish That Played Important Part in the Struggle for American Independence

(Special Correspondence.)

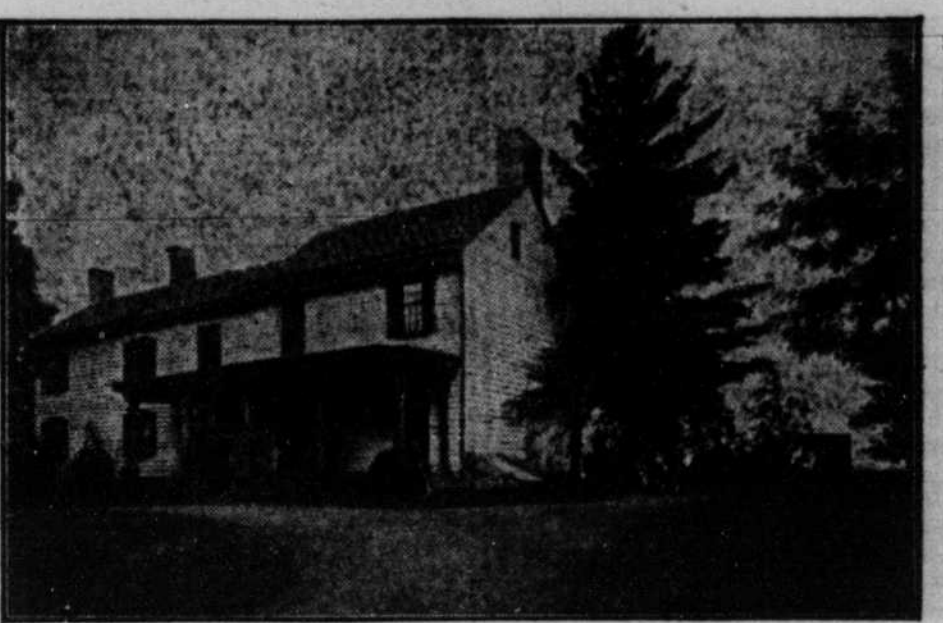


Few realize that an insignificant skirmish Jan. 3, 1777, gave the battle-field of Princeton more significance than any other revolutionary field, save Saratoga and Yorktown. Long Island, Fort Washington, Charles Lee's treachery and the retreat through the Jerseys had left to the American leader the merest wreck of a beaten and dissolving army; and when the confident Cornwallis arrived at Trenton with his 8,000 disciplined troops congress and the country expected hourly the tidings that Washington's little band had been captured or annihilated and the war ended.

The disaffection of the troops and the languor of both soldiers and citizens were such as to prompt the remark of an English historian that no great page of history is so little stamped with heroism as the Amer-

ican revolution. Recruiting was impossible; enlistments were expiring and the country people hastened to safeguard themselves and their property by taking the oath of allegiance to the crown. Nothing but military success could, even momentarily stimulate the dying cause of American Independence.

About half a mile farther east, in a ravine south of Mercer street, occurred a second engagement. Here fragments of the 40th and 50th regiments, having escaped from the rout at Stony Brook, rallied and opposed the American advance under Gen. Sullivan. The scene of this action was just a little southwest of the present seminary grounds. The stand made by the English was only momentary. In a few moments Sullivan scattered them, the major portion fleeing over the line to the New Brunswick road, while about 200 of the 40th took refuge in the college Old North. A few shots were fired into the building and the English surrendered. The Americans proceeded eastward along Nassau street, and their ear was passing Queenstown when the head of Cornwallis' main column reached Mercer battleground, two miles to the west. When they reached Princeton, a field-piece, mounted in a small trenchment opposite the present site of the inn, was fired by some stragglers, and Cornwallis halted for an hour or so to reconnoiter, thus making possible Washington's escape. Resisting the temptation to risk his dwindling force by a march on New Brunswick, where Cornwallis' stores and military chest offered a tempting bait, the American commander turned off at Kingston on the Millstone road.



House in Which Gen. Mercer Died.

It is, however, with the field of Princeton, as it now exists, and with the historic relics and memories still to be found in the old town, that we have to do. The battle-field lies roughly in and around what used to be called the "Big Triangle"—that is, the section inclosed by Stockton and Mercer streets, from their junction near the Princeton inn westward, and southwestward to the Quaker road along—that is, the section inclosed by Stockton streets from part of the old turnpike between New Brunswick and Trenton, the scene of so many marches and countermarches in Washington's Jersey campaigns. About a mile to the west this road makes a curve to the south, and again turning west passes over Stony Brook by a quaint old stone bridge, near Bruere's grist mill, which was built in 1714, and which has been run continuously since.

Put the English to Flight.

From the crest of the hill to the west the English turned back to meet the American advance, under Mercer, who was espied coming up the Quaker road and along Stony Brook. The latter had passed the Quaker church, half a mile away, and, noting the English returning on the double quick toward the bridge, he succeeded in reaching the top of the swell, to the right, in time to form line of battle. It was near William Clark's house, since demolished, that the first collision occurred. The Americans were driven by a bayonet charge southward to the field, where a pyramid of shells now marks the spot on which Mercer fell. Here Washington came to the relief of his advance, and, assuming command, drove the English in wild flight, the greater part crossing the brook and heading for Trenton; but a portion turned toward Princeton and were accounted for later. Mercer was carried to the house of Thomas Clark, where he died ten days later after intense suffering. What are said to be his bloodstains on the floor of the room where he was first laid are still shown to visitors.

The fight in which Gen. Mercer fell occurred with the lines of the opposing detachments drawn diagonally across the present line of the new turnpike—Mercer street—which did not then exist. The route of the main body of the Americans was northeastward along a farm road, which, roughly speaking, followed the direction which Mercer street now takes. Some of the wounded were carried to the house of Thomas Olden, on the old turnpike. This house is now the aviary of Dr. Drumhackett, the residence of M. Taylor Pyne. While men were recently making some repairs to the grounds a cannon ball and several grapeshot were dug up and these are now in the possession of Mr. Pyne.



Quaker Meeting House On the Battle-field of Princeton.

and thence proceeded with his men to the hills around Morristown.

Pillaged by British.

The battle of Princeton does not comprise the entire revolutionary history of the town. Morven, on Stockton street, next the inn, was pillaged by the English early in December, 1776, and was at one time Gen. Howe's headquarters. The house was built very early in the sixteenth century by John Stockton, and has remained in the family ever since. In 1776 it was the residence of Richard Stockton, one of the signers of the declaration of independence. The residence of another "signer" is in Witherspoon street, about a mile north of where President John Witherspoon built a

Something to Be Thankful For.

"Had a good day?" said one stock broker to another.

The other shrugged his shoulders with a gesture of depression.

"Everything I sold went up, everything I bought went down," he answered in a tone of deepest gloom.

Then the bright side of the situation occurred to him. "Thank goodness, they can't go sideways," he added, with heartfelt thankfulness.

—Stray Stories

BOY WHO HAS RIDDEN WONDERFULLY AT HOT SPRINGS.



Jockey Herman Radtke

High jump P. M. Young of South Dakota was first, making 5 feet 6 3/4 inches. Young was first also in the broad jump, clearing 22 feet. Warren E. Schutt of Cornell university was first in the mile run. Time, 4 minutes 33.5 seconds. Albert M. Stevens of Willimantic, Conn., took second place in the hammer and throwing contest.

France's entry for the international tennis championship (Davis cup) was received March 7. As the delay was the result of a postoffice mistake the committee decided to accept the entry. As a result of the drawing for the preliminary rounds America will play France and Australasia will compete against Austria. The dates and places of the contest have not yet been decided upon except that the challenge round will be played at Wimbledon.

Greater Cedar Valley circuit is the name of a new racing circuit just organized in Iowa. R. C. Plummer was elected president and H. S. Stabery secretary. Eight classes were arranged with a minimum of \$300 for each class. D. K. Stacy of Albert Lea was elected official starter. The schedule: Marion, July 3, 4, 5; Mason City, July 10, 11, 14; Albert Lea, July 17, 18, 19; Forest City, July 24, 25, 26; Dows, July 31, Aug. 1, 2; Webster City, Aug. 7, 8, 9; Anamosa, Aug. 14, 15, 16; Marion, Aug. 21, 22, 23.

Baseball.

The contract of Catcher Ed Streicher, who was signed by Terre Haute, has been forwarded to President Heenen. He was recommended by Ed Grillo of Toledo.

The St. Louis Browns were beaten in the first game of the season by Dallas, at Dallas, Texas, 3 to 0. The Brown players went into the game without a day's practice.

Eli Cates, the former pitcher of the Toledo, Kansas City and Minneapolis teams of the American association, has signed with Manager Paige of the local team. He was on the Pacific coast last season.

Outfielder David Fultz has notified Manager Griffith that he will not be one of the party to go on the training trip south, and, according to present indications, will not play with the team at all this year.

Frank Roth, the catcher whom the Milwaukee club purchased from the St. Louis American League club recently, has accepted the terms and offered and signed a Milwaukee contract.

Frank Selee, one of the best known baseball managers in the country, and for over three years head of the Chicago National League club, has accepted the position of manager of the Pueblo Western League team. Selee was forced to retire from active work last year on account of ill health.

In M. W. Fitzgerald, Manager McGraw of the Giants believes he has picked up a catcher who will become a jewel. Fitz, whose home is in Albany, played baseball for the first time on the Sharon independent team. Several times during last season young Fitzgerald was recommended strongly to McGraw by a personal friend and those recommendations

pitcher Swan to Kansas City; third baseman Suter Sullivan to Louisville and Hickman to Denver.

American League Notes.

Second baseman Gus Dundon has re-signed with Chicago.

Detroit's crack southpaw pitcher, Ed Killian, has at last come to terms. Pitcher Chesbro and catcher McGuire last week re-signed with New York.

Frank Kitson has changed his mind about quitting the game and will sign with Washington.

Umpire O'Loughlin and wife have returned to Rochester, N. Y., from their bridal tour of the Pacific coast. Manager Stahl has definitely decided to play Charley Hickman in Washington's left field in Huelsman's place.

The Washington club, as a corporation, has presented Manager Jake Stahl with a handsome and costly silver tea set as a wedding gift.

Billy Lush, the Yale baseball coach, probably will be with the Cleveland club after July 1, when he is through with the collegians.

Catcher Lou Criger, now at Hot Springs, is reported as being but a shadow of his former self. He suffers from inter-costal neuralgia.

Mr. Somers of the Cleveland club, complains that since the bringing out of Joss the Cleveland team has not developed one star pitcher.

Pitcher Townsend of the Cleve-lands, is dissatisfied with the salary offered him and, while he will go to Hot Springs, will not sign until he gets what he wants.

George Rohe has signed with the White Sox for the coming season. That would make it appear as though the Cincinnati boy would be with Coniskey's team for a while at least.

were so much in the lad's favor that McGraw finally determined to give him a chance, and signed him for the Giants for 1906. Fitzgerald is 23 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. He is active, rugged and strong, and, while he has not had any major league experience, Johnny McGraw hopes to make of him a first-class alternate to Bresnahan and Bowerman.

ham, Malachi Kittredge, Jim Cudworth, now prospering in Lowell, and Frank Leonard, now in Lynn, have all managed clubs in Worcester; also C. A. Marston of Fall River.

American Association.

Tom Murphy, the best ground-keeper Toledo ever had, has resigned and left for his home in Indianapolis. His successor is William Rogers.

The majority of players on the Columbus (O.) team this year have done time in the big leagues. There are comparatively few youngsters in the aggregation.

It is intimated that Kansas City will have a new ball park. The town is to have a new Union depot and the chosen site isn't far away from the present ball lot.

President Grillo of Toledo, reports that Chairman Herrmann, of the National Commission, has ruled that under the National Agreement of the American Association must throw out the Victor ball and play with either the Spalding or Reach ball. President Havenor of Milwaukee, says that he will fight any commission attempt to coerce the American Association in this ball matter. This question thus adds fuel to the faction fight.

Western League.

Sioux City may take catcher Charley Hawkins of Rochester, on trial.

Outfielder Nate Randall has signed with Denver.

The Des Moines club has transferred Herman Long to Toronto in exchange for cash and second baseman George Magoon.

Catcher Fresser of Omaha, threatens to jump to an independent team owing to a row with Manager Rourke over advance money.