QUEBEC-MIAMI AUTO HIGHWAY

MOST GRATIFYING PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

MORE THAN HALF FINISHED

According to President Hadley's Reports About 400 Miles More Are Under Construction, While Plans Are Being Arranged This Winter to Get to Work on Remaining 700 Miles, So Road May Be Completed by the Fall of 1914.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., January 12.—Most gratifying progress has been made during the season just closed in the work of building the Quebec-Miami International Highway, according to reports received by Howard D. Hadley, of this city, president of the Quebec-Miami International Highways Association.

More than half of the entire 2,500 miles of the Quebec-Miami road is now finished, according to Mr. Hadley's reports; about 400 miles more are under construction, while plans are being made this winter to get to work on the remaining 700 miles, so that the entire road may be completed by the fall of 1914. The stretch from Washington, D. C., to Montreal, Quebec, 649 miles long, is all done with the exception of five short strips now under construction, and these will be completed by the middle of next June, according to present expectations.

Matchless Scenic Beauty.

Mr. Hadley figures that the Quebec-Miami will carry a heavier traffic than any other trunk highway in North America for at least three reasons:

It leads through a region of very great historic interest. It leads through sections of country of matchless scenic beauty. Finally, and most important of all, it will form the main north and south artery through the most densely populated section of North America. The 10 states, together with the District of Columbia and the Province of Quebec, through which the road leads, have a total population of 31,936,982, nearly one-third the population of continental United States and Canada.

Nearly 16,000,000 people, or one-sixth of the total population of the United States and Canada, live within 20 miles of this road.

There are no less than 21 cities of more than 50,000 population along the Quebec-Miami road. Eleven of these, Quebec, Canada, Schenectady, Troy and Yonkers, N. Y.; Hoboken, Camden, Elizabeth and Trenton, N. J.; Wilmington, Del.; Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., have more than 50,000 but less than 100,000. Eight others, Montreal, Albany, Jersey City, Newark, Paterson, Washington, Baltimore and Richmond, have more than 100,000 but less than a million, while Philadelphia has 1,700,000 and New York city has 5,000,000, and is adding to this enormous total at least a quarter of a million every year.

Great Artery of Trade.

In view of the fact that there are 30,000,000 people, a large portion of whom are wealthy or well-to-do, living on or within easy reach of the Quebec-Miami highway, it is interesting to speculate on the amount of traffic this great artery of trade will bear. In this connection the figures showing the growth of the automobile industry alone are illuminating as well as interesting. It has had an absolutely unparalleled growth. In a single decade, from 1899 to 1909, the percentage of increase in the value of automobile proudction in the United States was 5,148.6, whereas the percentage of increase over a similar period in the industry which shows the next largest rate of growth—that of copper, tin and sheetiron—was but 155. No interest of mankind, it is said, has even remotely approached this astonishing expansion.

In 1912 not less than 250,000 automobiles, exclusive of motor trucks, were produced, or an increase of 50,000 over the previous year. It is startling to know that so universal has the automobile become that one machine is now in use for every 110 persons in the United States. In view of these statistics who can doubt that the Quebec-Miami highway, the main north and south highway for 30,000,000 people, passing as it does through 21 large cities and as many smaller ones, will carry an enormous traffic and be a big factor in the development of the Atlantic Coast States. In these days of the Parcel Post and of great plans for express and freight traffic by automobile and motor truck, who will predict the uses to which this highway may be put in the next five years.

BIG SHOOT AT PINEHURST

Midwinter Event Promises Reward to Successful Marksmen.

Pinehurst, N. C., January 12.—Advance entries for the sixth annual midwinter trap shooting handicap, scheduled for January 22 to 25, indicate a fine field.

From Philadelphia George S. McCarty, Charles H. Newcomb, Henry Powers and J. Frank Pratt are entered. C. W. Billings and David T. Leahy will be among others from Manhattan. J. A. R. Elliott will be in attendance as an amateur and William Foord, of Wilmington; Harrison Kennicott, of Evanston, and Lockwood B. Worden, of Harrisburg, constitute other prominent entries, which include large delegations from New England and the South and West.

The big card is $2,500 in added money and trophies, a sum exceeding even the Grand American, which is scheduled at $1,500, but which guarantees some $700 in addition, making the actual total about $2,300. The largest sum offered previously was $3,000 at Denver several years ago and the same amount at Los Angeles last spring. About the same time Denver scheduled a $5,000 event on the basis of 300 entries, but the field of 200 cut the sum to $3,000.

There also are gold and silver medals for high amateur and professional averages. The innovation is provision for the field by division into classes, with trophies for the winners in each class, and the sweepstakes are increased by additional optional sweeps. Interstate rules and the Squier money-back system will govern.

To Hold Minstrel Show.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Ellicott City, Md., January 12.—A minstrel entertainment will be given in St. Alphonsus' Hall, Woodstock, Howard county, February 1, the proceeds of which will go for the purchasing of new uniforms, fixing up the grounds and other baseball necessities of the St. Alphonsus' Baseball Club. The Woodstock authorities have given the team permission to use the college diamond, which, when in good condition, is among the best in the state. The committee of arrangements, which is headed by William Peach, is working hard to make this the most successful show ever held at Woodstock.

Virginia Football Club Meets.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Charlottesville, Va., January 12.—The initial meeting of the football club of the University of Virginia, held in the smoking room of Madison Hall, was largely attended. Mr. Carrington Williams, president of the general athletic association, presided and introduced Dr. William A. Lambeth, who gave an interesting talk on the purpose of organization of the club and predicted that the work done would greatly aid in developing football at the university.

Officers were elected as follows: J. Speed Elliott, of Boonville, Mo., president; Joseph Miller Wood, of Birdwood, Va., vice president; Harry H. Varner, of Warrenton, Va., secretary, and Aubrey Leon Carter, of Houston, Texas, treasurer.

TOM DODGE IS NOT IDLE

Greek Grappler Training Quietly and Longs to Tackle Americus.

Tom Dodge, the Greek light-heavyweight grappler who has been in town for the past few weeks, during which period he has been hot on the trail of Americus, is open for suggestions as to how he can ascertain whether or not the title holder intends to present him with a chance to wrest his laurels. Right now Dodge is in a quandary, but don't see how Americus can evade a meeting with him by telling him to go out and get a reputation, when he knows that he has successfully wrestled any number of the most accomplished knights of the mat in this country as well as in Europe.

Should Americus eventually agree to wrestle him the Greek will be prepared for a sizzling struggle, even if he is given a short notice. Dodge has not been entirely idle since he arrived here. Despite the fact that he has been accorded very little encouragement toward the consummation of a match with Americus, he has been quietly training just hard enough to prevent him from becoming stale. He does not intend to buckle down to a steady grind until he has persuaded Americus to take to the carpet with him.

Those who have seen Dodge in action say he is a remarkably clever man and is an adept at catch-as-catch-can style of wrestling. He possesses any amount of speed, and is just the sort of a man who could make a spectacular contest with Americus. Dodge is very clean-cut, and has a personality that has made him a host of friends in this city. He feels certain that he and Americus would draw an ample number of people to reward the champion for his trouble. Dodge thinks he can attract at least 200 or 300 Greeks to see him stack up against the local expert in either a finish or handicap test. He stated last night that he would tarry in town for a few days, and if he was unsuccessful in bringing about a meeting with Baltimore's mat pride he would depart for the West, where he is best known, and where the game is ever flourishing.

PAPE MAY GO TO THE REDS

American League Clubs Asked to Waive on Red Sox.

The Boston Red Sox may sell Pitcher Larry Pape to the Cincinnati Reds. All American League clubs have been asked to waive on Pape and Manager Tinker, of the Reds, admits that he wants him. Is Pape the American League pitcher that Herrmann said he would have as part of the Tinker-Corridon deal?

The leading holdouts are Jimmy Archer, of the Cubs, who demands a $10,000 salary; Ty Cobb, of the Detroits, who says he will not play again unless he receives $15,000 a year, and Joe Jackson, of the Clevelands, who thinks that his services this season are worth not less than $8,000. If all the players were allowed to fill out their contracts the magnates would quickly find themselves in the throes of bankruptcy.

George Stovall has rid the St. Louis Browns of all the oldtimers except Bobby Wallace. Big Jack Powell was the last to go. Stovall has two sterling young pitchers in Baumgardner and Earl Hamilton and a cracking good catcher in Alexander. Stovall will play first base, with Pratt on second, Austin on third and Wallace at short. He has one of the fastest outfielders in Shotten.

Among the young players who will be looked over by Manager Chance when the Yankees reach Bermuda is Malcolm F. Harry, who played first base for Brookline in the New England League least year. Harry is a six-footer, weighing 162 pounds and is 20 years old. He is a left-handed thrower and batsman. In 117 games with Brookline last season he made 133 safe hits for an average of .315. In fielding he had 1,104 putouts, 57 assists and 10 errors, which produced an average of .991. Barry was inspected by several leading scouts, but Arthur Irwin was the first to attach a string to the youngster.

O'Rourke, the Boston National League infielder, was yesterday released to Buffalo on optional agreement.

Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia American League team, announced last night that he has released Infielder James Mathes to the Syracuse Club of the New York State League.

HUGH JENNINGS AND STAGE

Former Manager and Teammates to See Him This Evening.

Hughey Jennings, Baltimore's great shortstop during the National League pennant-winning days in the nineties; former manager of the Orioles in the Eastern League, and now leader of the Detroit Tigers at a lucrative salary, will doubtless be given a hearty hand when he appears before the footlights at the Maryland Theater this evening. Edward Hanlon, who managed the Birds when they were capturing pennants in the old days, and to whom Jennings attributes the bulk of his success in baseball, will give a box party, at which will be a number of Hughey's old teammates, namely Joe Kelly, Wilbert Robinson, Bill Clarke and Walter Brodie. Others who will be guests of Mr. Hanlon will be Louis Frank, his counsel, with whom Jennings studied law while residing in this city; Williams Wicks, secretary of the Baltimore International League Club, and Hayden Wallace.

For over a month Jennings has been on the stage, and from all accounts has met with a greater degree of success than most of the notables of the diamond who have been taking down pretty nifty salaries during the off-season.

Three-year Contract for Gardner.

Boston, Mass., January 12.—President McAleer, of the Red Cox, announces that he has signed up Larry Gardner for three years. Getting Larry down to a three-year contract is fine business for McAleer or any other league magnate, for Gardner played like a veteran all last season and is surely one of the coming third basemen. It is also a fine tribute to Gardner, who can hardly resent still being called Kid. Patsy Donovan has also been signed for scout. As such he ranks with the best, and with Duke Farrell also on the road the Red Sox will be well fortified in a position that is becoming more important and necessary every year.

Coombs and Lapp Sign.

Philadelphia, January 12.—Manager Connie Mack, of the Athletics, has received the contracts of Jack Coombs and Jack Lapp, his great right-handed pitcher and his heavy-hitting catcher.

Coombs, until he met with an accident last season, was going along in top form. He came along again at the end of the season, but Manager Mack, knowing that the pennant was lost and that he had a chance to work out his young pitchers, rested the iron man.

Lapp has been regarded as the best catcher on the Athletics' staff for two seasons, for he is not only a good thrower, a good base gunner, but he is the best batting catcher in his league, and he has many seasons of big league ball left.

LOST ONLY ONE GAME DURING PAST SEASON

Elmwood Athletic Club that made a fine record on the local gridiron. They scored 112 points to their opponents' 16. The team's only defeat was at the hands of the Virginia Athletic Club, 9 to 0. Victories were scored over the Icons, Cross Country Club, Idlewild Klub, Govans, Epiphany and St. Andrew's. Those in the photo are: Top Row (left to right)—Mallonee; Sleight, treasurer; R. O'Connell, president; West, Dearholdt. Middle Row—King, Sommers, O'Malley, Davis. Bottom Row—Swift, vice president and captain; L. Woods, mascot; Malstrom, W. Woods.

CHANCE SPURNED MURPHY'S OFFER

REFUSED TO MAKE PEACE WITH OWNER OF CUBS.

Peerless Leader Ignores the Windy City Magnate's Indirect Offer to Bury Hatchet—Chairman Herrmann, of Commission, Shows That Major and Minor Leagues Paid $2,500,000 in 1912.

New York, January 12.—During Frank Chance's stay in Chicago last week his friends told a story that will surprise baseball readers. It appears that after Chance had publicly scored Charles Webb Murphy for his unwarranted charge that the Cubs lost the National League pennant because they had failed to observe the rules of discipline, Murphy secretly tried to patch up his differences with the Peerless Leader. Murphy, replying to Chance's blast in the newspapers, had allowed his temper to get the better of him, for he hastily announced that he had decided to depose the Cubs' manager.

It was after Murphy had made the statement that John J. Evers would succeed Chance that the owner of the Cubs sent three personal representatives to Chance suggesting a compromise. These persons, so the story goes, informed Chance that Murphy regretted their quarrel and was anxious for peace; that Murphy was ready to offer Chance an increase in salary and a three-year contract if he would forget the past. The reply sent back to Murphy, however, made him boil over again, inasmuch as Chance stated with much feeling that he wouldn't take another dollar from the Cubs' owner and would retire from baseball if he couldn't secure his release. Chance, it is said, accused Murphy of circulating stories that were groundless, and declared that if he could secure the necessary evidence he would bring suit for heavy damages against his former employer.

Keeps in the Background.

Murphy then realized that Chance was lost to him for all time, and promptly signed Evers to manage the Cubs. While Chance was dickering with Frank J. Farrell last week Murphy did not show his head. He sent word indirectly to Chance that he was ready to bury the hatchet and hoped that the Peerless Leader would enjoy much success in the American League. But Chance ignored Murphy entirely, expressing no desire to have any further dealings with him.

Murphy was scored so unmercifully in Chicago for letting Chance get away that he was forced to make a successful bid for Roger Bresnahan. Murphy was accused of penurious methods, so that he had to do something to prove that the Chicago Club was ready to spend big money to keep the Cubs on earth. The engagement of Bresnahan, therefore, is calculated to partially quell the clamor of the fans, but it will be a long time before they will become reconciled to the departure of Chance for other fields.

Chairman Herrmann, of the National Commission, to offset the charge that the so-called baseball trust is treating the players with scant liberality, has produced figures that are worth considering. Herrmann shows that the two major leagues last season paid nearly $1,500,000 in salaries to the players of 16 clubs, while the organized minor leagues disbursed $1,000,000 for the services of their talent. Herrmann states that the 16 major league clubs to pay a similar amount in salary this year must take in on an average of $590 a game for 154 games. He asserts that salaries are higher now than ever before in the history of baseball, also that each club's expenses have been increased proportionately. According to Herrmann ball players of the present day are in clover.

Would Manage From Bench.

In a long interview Jake Stahl, manager of the Red Sox, who was in Los Angeles the other day, made it clear that he did not care to play first base again this year, but wanted to manage the world's champions from the bench exclusively. Stahl had no idea who would succeed him at the first corner of the diamond, unless it might be young Harold Janvrin, the Boston schoolboy who played with Jersey City last season. Stahl said that he had informed President McAleer that he was going to retire from active play and had advised the Red Sox owner to dig up a new first baseman. McAleer, who arrived in Boston last week, spiked the story that Bill Carrigan would be traded to Cleveland for Napolean Lajoie. He said he didn't believe the Cleveland Club could afford to let Lajoie go to a rival club. McAleer seemed to think that Stahl would change his mind about playing when he arrived at Hot Springs to take charge of the champions next month. If the Red Sox do not need Janvrin maybe President McAleer can be induced to turn him over to Chance.

HOPPE AND SUTTON KEEPING ON EDGE

BILLIARD EXPERTS TO MEET ON FEBRUARY 5.

Match to Be for the 18.2 Balkline Championship — The Challenger Wishes to Finish His Preparation in New York for Struggle—Slosson and Yamada to Clash—Other Gossip of the Cueists.

New York, January 12.—George Sutton, who will meet William F. Hoppe for the 18.2 championship at the Hotel Astor February 5, wishes to finish his practice for that struggle in New York and is trying to arrange to do so. Hoppe is already in excellent condition for the match. Experts who have been watching his practice at McGraw's say he is playing better than ever before. Sutton, too, is in good form and practising every day.

George F. Slosson and Koji Yamada will be at Charley Peterson's, St. Louis, this week. Peterson is conceded to be the best fancy shot player in the country, and the little Oriental will have to indulge in some unusual pyrotechnical work in order to enthuse Mound City devotees of billiards.

William F. Hoppe will be at the Leader, Washington, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Harry Hart, of Brooklyn, has challenged the winner of the pending contest between Alfredo De Oro and Thomas Hueston for the pool championship, and has deposited the amount required to validate such a procedure. De Oro and Hueston will compete the latter part of February. The champion will practise at Tim Flynn's, while Hueston will prepare at Sam Gruhn's.

In 23 years De Oro has lost only four pool matches. He has been beaten several times in tournaments, but has been almost invincible in matches. His first defeat was administered by Powers, at Hardman Hall, New York, May 8, 9 and 10, 1889. Four years later Clearwater mastered him in a contest at Pittsburgh November 2, 3 and 4. In 1899 in a six nights' competition, at 150 balls each night, at Maurice Daly's, Keogh beat him. His last defeat in a match took place at St. Louis November 16, 17 and 18, 1908, when Hueston won the championship from him.

At the meeting of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players to be held at the Liederkranz January 20, a large number of gentlemen will be proposed for membership.

Los Angeles has a Young Women's Friendly Club. It is a home for respectable working girls, and is conducted by the Salem Congregational Church of that city. One of the recreations at the club is pool.

The match between Orlando Morningstar and George Sutton played at Pittsburgh last Thursday was one of the best contests of record for the 18.1 championship. Morningstar, who had one more inning than Sutton, won by a margin of 22 points and averaged 15.62. Sutton's average was 15.40. There were no high runs, the winner's best single score being 65, while the loser's high run was 58. These figures reflect steady playing by both contestants. Incidentally, it was noteworthy that the game was the first championship billiard event ever decided in Pittsburgh. The next challenger, presumably William F. Hoppe, will undoubtedly have to seek the 18.1 title in the Smoky City, where Morningstar is now a fixture.

GREAT REGATTA PLANNED

To Be Held During World's Fair in San Francisco.

New York, January 12.—One of the greatest rowing regattas ever held in this country is being planned by rowing followers on the Pacific Coast for San Francisco, to be held during the world's fair in that city in 1915. Word from the Pacific Coast Rowing Club brings out the fact that early plans are being formulated for the regatta, which will assume an international proportion. This was confirmed by Fred Fortmeyer, secretary of the N. A. A. O., who announced that the clubs affiliated with the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen have been invited to send crews on to the Coast to take part in the big regatta. Invitations are to be sent to the leading rowing clubs in England, France, Belgium and several other rowing clubs which take a big interest in the sport.

DISASTROUS DAY FOR THE TALENT

FIVE FAVORITES DEFEATED ON JUAREZ TRACK.

Fifth Race, the Best of an Ordinary Card, Results in Upset for Players When Ymir, at 15 to 1, Rolls Home in Front, With Parlor Boy Second and Sir Alvescot Third—Fountain Square Quits.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Juarez, January 12.—Five favorites went down to defeat at Juarez this afternoon and the speculators had a disastrous day. The afternoon was characterized by ideal weather and a big Sunday crowd was in attendance. The fifth race was the best of an ordinary card and resulted in a big upset when Ymir, at 15 to 1, rolled home in front, with Parlor Boy second and Sir Alvescot third. Fountain Square, the heavily played choice, showed some speed for the first part and then quit.

Summary of Events.

First Race—Three furlongs. Blarney, 3 to 1, won; Dick Dodie, 8 to 5, second; Manganese, even, third. Time, 34 4-5. Hyki, Superb, Ida Lavinia, George Parkhouse, Ooma, Old Gotch, Surprising and Morewood also ran.

Second Race—Mile and an eighth. Misprision, 4 to 1, won; Wadsworth II., 5 to 2, second; Silver Grain, 1 to 3, third. Time, 1:55 2-5. Lehigh, Gretchen G. and Whidden also ran.

Third Race—Five and one-half furlongs. Hazel C., 3 to 1, won; Buss, 6 to 5, second; Tallow Dip, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:08. Salvage, Pedro, Lady Young, Louis Descognets, Twickenham and Nada Mas also ran.

Fourth Race—Five and a half furlongs. Russell McGill, 4 to 1, won; Mary Emily, 2 to 1, second; Hugh Gray, 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:07 3-5. Hidden Hand, The Fad, Chanticleer, Faneuil Hall and Auto Girl also ran.

Fifth Race—Three-quarters of a mile. Ymir, 15 to 1, won; Parlor Boy, 9 to 5, second; Sir Alvescot, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Sepulveda, Suffragist, Fountain Square, S. V. Hough, Henry Williams and Terns Trick also ran.

Sixth Race—Mile. Maizie Girl, 9 to 2, won; Orpertch, 6 to 5, second; Black Mate, 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:40 2-5. Shorty Northcut, Engraver, Rose O'Neill, Oswald B. and The Peer also ran.

Card for Today.

FIRST RACE.—Six furlongs; three-year-olds and up; selling.

Azura	92	Deerfoot	110
Ernest H.	94	Descendant	112
Loving Moze	94	Palma	112
King Radford	94	Quick Trip	112
Tom C.	97	Doc Allen	112
Sadie Shapiro	107	Lookout	112
Ferrona	107		

SECOND RACE.—One mile; for fillies and mares; four-year-olds and up; selling.

Royal River	100	Miss Korn	110
Mary Emily	100	Fancy	110
Ursula Emma	105		

THIRD RACE.—Five furlongs; three-year-olds; selling.

Amelia B.	90	Moller	105
Madeline B.	95	Pampine	105
Loan Shark	100	Garter	105
Sprightly Miss	100	Kid Nelson	105
Inquieta	100	Sharper Knight	107
Rossitaire	100	Maseurka	110
Ardelon	105		

FOURTH RACE.—Six furlongs; handicap; for three-year-olds and up.

Cockspur	87	G. M. Miller	110
Lady Panchita	93	Gilpy	115
Jim Basey	108		

FIFTH RACE.—Six furlongs; for three-year-olds and up; selling.

Luke Van Zandt	89	Blaze B.	112
Russ	105	Tim Judge	112
Gift	109	Gelico	112
Just Red	109	Bob Farley	112
Booger Battle	109	Frank G. Hogan	112
Venetian	110	Orbed Lad	115
Bobby Cook	112		

SIXTH RACE.—Six furlongs; for four-year-olds and up; selling.

Masalo	99	Angelus	105
Dominica	100	Jim D.	105
Wilhile	102	Transparent	105
Gimli	102	Bob Lynch	107
Rosenta	103	Eye White	107
Garland	103		

Weather clear; track fast.

For Head Coach at Yale.

New Haven, Ct., January 12.—Capt. Henry H. Ketcham, of the Yale football team, tonight announced that he had appointed the following advisory committee, which will aid him in selecting a head coach for next year's eleven: Walter Camp, '80, chairman; W. H. Corbin, '89; Burr Chamberlain, '97; L. H. Bigelow, '80, and J. W. Field, '11.

It is understood that the committee is in favor of a professional coach. Selection will probably be made within the next few months.

Pattersons After Polo Teams.

The Patterson Athletic Club polo team would like to hear from all 95-pound teams, the Evergreens preferred. The line-up follows: Staylon, c.; Baschart, lr.; Fitzsimmons, 2n; Woelpen, cp.; Burman, Ellwood avenue.

CROSS AND RIVERS READY FOR BATTLE

GOTHAM BOXER MAY FIND A TARTAR IN MEXICAN.

Greater Experience of the New York Lightweight Might Prove an Important Factor in the Big Mill in the Metropolis Tomorrow Evening—Greaser Guaranteed $4,000 by McMahons.

New York, January 12.—One of the most interesting glove fights held here so far under the Frawley boxing law will be decided next Tuesday night in the ring of the Empire Athletic Club. The principals will be Leach Cross, of this city, and the much talked of Mexican lightweight, Joe Rivers, of Los Angeles. Rivers never has boxed east of California, but he has come here with a great reputation and is confident of winning decisively. In Cross, however, the Mexican will meet the best man of his weight in this part of the country, a clever, cool-headed ring general, with a heavy wallop in either hand. Cross's ring experience is expected to be a factor, inasmuch as he has been fighting more than twice as long as his husky young rival from the coast.

Cross is 27 years old and Rivers is 21. The New York man is 5 feet 7½ inches tall, while Rivers stands 5 feet 5 inches in fighting shoes. The conditions call for 133 pounds at the ringside, and both men probably will be just under the limit. When Cross agreed to make this weight he was confident that he would not have to weaken himself. He evidently knew what he was about, for when he got on the scales at the New Polo Athletic Association yesterday he tipped the beam at 133½. Rivers, on the other hand, weighed only 132¼ in the presence of a crowd of visitors up at Woodlawn Inn later in the day.

Mexican Strong as Ox.

Rivers is as strong as an ox. He is a fighter of the rushing, tearing kind who combines a fair amount of cleverness with heavy hitting, always ready to take a punch in order to land one, and seldom breaking ground when under the heaviest fire. In short, New Yorkers will see a fighter pure and simple.

If Rivers can buffalo Cross with his hurricane style the scrap will be short and sweet. But if the Mexican tries to stand up and box there may be a different story to tell, for at that kind of milling the Bowery dentist is hard to beat.

Out in California many good boxing critics think that Rivers is the best lightweight in the world. This opinion has prevailed ever since. Rivers fought Ad Wolgast at Vernon on July 4 last year. In that affair it was openly charged that the referee counted Rivers out in the thirteenth round, when as a matter of fact Wolgast was lying insensible in the referee's arms. Wolgast was declared the winner, however, and thereby retained the world's title. Eye witnesses insisted that Rivers was fouled by the former champion just before he fell to the floor and that also he had much the better of a majority of the preceding rounds. At any rate Rivers got all the credit.

Rivers, after being outpointed in a 20-round bout by Joe Mandot, at Vernon, on Labor Day, secured a return match and squared accounts. He beat the Frenchman to a frazzle over the same route. When Willie Ritchie won the world's championship from Wolgast last Thanksgiving Day Rivers promptly challenged Ritchie but was coldly turned down.

Entered Game in 1910.

The Mexican began fighting in 1910, but it was not until a year later that he attracted widespread attention on the coast. Two years ago next Tuesday he knocked out Danny Webster in 13 rounds. Rivers was a featherweight then, but as green as grass. A month later he stopped Jimmy Reagan, also in 13 rounds. It was in May, 1911, that Rivers got a decision over Johnny Kilbane in 20 rounds, all of these battles taking place in the Vernon arena.

A few weeks later Rivers went to San Francisco and boxed a four-round draw with George Kirkwood, of St. Louis. In June, same year, the Mexican beat Tommy Dixon on a foul in 16 rounds at Vernon. Rivers knocked out Joe Coster, of Brooklyn, in 13 rounds on July 4, 1911, in the same arena, Coster being outclassed from start to finish.

By that time Rivers was regarded as a world beater, but on Labor Day, 1911, he was stopped in 16 rounds by Kilbane in a most sensational battle. Rivers complained that he had weakened himself in scaling, and it was evident that he was ill during the fight. He was advised by his friends to go into the lightweight class, but he refused. After that he put Kirkwood to sleep in eight rounds and boxed a 20-round draw with Frankie Conley, both scraps at Vernon.

On New Year's Day, 1912, Rivers handed a sleep wallop to Frankie Conley in the eleventh round. Rivers made 125 pounds at 10 o'clock in the morning and weighed 129 when he got into the ring five hours later. That was the Mexican's last fight as a featherweight. He knocked out Jack White in 12 rounds in March.

Cross Longer in Game.

Cross has taken part in more than 100 fights. Many of them have been with second raters. He began his ring career in 1906. Two years later, when he had whipped all comers, Cross met Packey McFarland in a six-round bout here and received a cleancut beating. In 1909 Cross proved an easy mark for Jem Driscoll, the British featherweight champion, in 10 rounds, and also sustained another lacing at the hands of McFarland in a contest of similar length. In June of that year Cross was knocked out by Dick Hyland in 41 rounds at Colma, Cal. The following year Cross did good work in 10-round bouts here with such second raters as Johnny Marto, Jack Goodman, Matty Baldwin, Tommy Murphy, Battling Hurley, Cy Smith, Jack Dorman and others. Subsequently Cross defeated more of this kind, including Young Sammy Smith, Willie Beecher, Joe Bedell, Paddy Sullivan, Tommy Maloney, Bert Keyes, Jack Redmond and Young Jack O'Brien. Cross also added to his fame by making the much-touted K. O. Brown look like a green amateur on two separate occasions. But against the clever Jack Britton and Matt Wells, of England, Cross looked cheap himself.

The McMahons, who are promoting the battle, have guaranteed $4,000 to Rivers, or 40 per cent. of the gate, while Cross will receive 35 per cent. The Manhattan Casino, where the fight will take place, has room for about 5,000 spectators.

JIM FLYNN IN THE CITY

Pueblo Fireman, However, Is Not Looking for Trouble in Ring.

Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman and one of this country's foremost heavyweight boxers, arrived in Baltimore yesterday. The big fellow, who on last Fourth of July stood up before Jack Johnson, the worlds champion, at Las Vegas, for nine rounds, when the police stopped the contest, is not looking for any trouble in the pugilistic line. Flynn is simply resting up. He is here with his wife, who opens an engagement at the local theater today.

Flynn can have several battles whenever he sets the date, as he is a big drawing card everywhere he goes, for he will stand up and battle as long as there is life in him. Before leaving Philadelphia yesterday Jack McGuigan wanted him to sign up for a battle with Barney Williams. Flynn accepted McGuigan's terms, but will not affix his autograph to a set of articles until he pays a visit to Chicago and his home town—Pueblo.

It will be several weeks before the Westerner will put a glove on. He has offers from Harry Pollock and the Garden Athletic Club of New York, but he does not intend to talk business until he makes his trip West. Flynn has just wound up a hard campaign. His last battle was with Luther McCarty, the new white heavyweight champion, who recently battered up Al Palzer.

McCarty won from Flynn in the sixteenth round, but the fireman contends that there was no reason for halting the proceedings. Though he was bleeding from a cut over his left eye, Flynn claims he was still strong and was not bad off. Flynn, while he thinks McCarty is a good man, does not class him as a world-beater. "He has lots to learn, and Billy McCarney would do well to go slow with him," said Flynn last night. While McCarty is a strong young fellow, with a punch, he isn't yet a finished boxer and it will take some time for him to develop. Before leaving California Flynn was offered a return match with the cowboy champion. However, he preferred to cut the game out for a while, but he will fight McCarty before the winter is over, providing there is enough money in it.

BROADWAY CLUB PLANNING

To Offer Interesting Boxing Card on Friday, January 24.

Friday evening, January 24, has been virtually decided upon as the date for the holding of the second boxing entertainment by the Broadway Athletic Club, which broke into the game auspiciously the week before Christmas. It has not been determined who will meet Knockout Johnny Daly in the windup of the card. Manager Jim Rytina is extending every effort to have Kid Egan, of Washington, clash with Daly, who has accepted the terms of the club, and if the Capital City featherweight can't be secured, Johnny Lewis, of Philadelphia, will in all probability be pitted against the rugged little East Baltimorean.

Egan would doubtless be a more attractive opponent with Daly from a public standpoint. The local fistic fans are better acquainted with him, for it was in this city that he acquired most of his experience. Lewis is no stranger in this city, having fought here twice, and on one occasion Daly was his opponent. They battled 10 furious rounds at the Monumental Theater. As a matter of fact they have clashed twice in the roped arena.

Only recently they stepped six lively rounds in Philadelphia. No decision, on account of it being against the Pennsylvania boxing law for a referee to voice his judgment. The newspaper men who pick the winner in the Quaker town, however, were unanimous in their belief that it was a good draw. With four more rounds to go here, Daly feels confident that he can trim Lewis, and if the Broadway can't induce Egan to come to this city to face him, he will gladly enter the ring with Lewis, who is recognized as one of the best feathers now wielding his padded mitts in Philly.

In addition to the mill in which Daly is to appear, the Broadway Club's three six-round contests among the leading local talent and the card should prove just as interesting as the inaugural one, which was a corker. There will also be a battle royal, which feature made a decided hit on the club's opening night.

Frank Kelly Managing Hunter.

To the Sporting Editor: I am handling Frank Hunter, the colored lightweight boxer, who is a good boy as you no doubt know. I would like very much to get him matched with any local boy in Baltimore, Sam Harris or Kid Burke preferred. He is willing to meet both on the same night, winner take all.

(Signed.) FRANK KELLY.

Dundee Outpoints Jones.

New York, January 12.—Johnny Dundee, of this city, who is matched to fight Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, on the Pacific Coast a few months hence, had the better of a ten-round bout with Willie Jones, of Brooklyn, last night.

Creely Shaded by Kaufman.

Pittsburgh, January 12.—Benny Kaufmann, of Philadelphia, shaded Johnny Creely, of Brooklyn, in a six-round bout in old City Hall here last night. The fight was fast work by both men.

Pratt Outing Club Reorganizes.

The Pratt Outing Club baseball team has organized for the coming season and would like to book games with 14 to 16 year old clubs. They would also like to hear from two good southpaws, a right-hander and a catcher. Address Andrew Keyes, Care Joel Gutman & Co., 112 North Eutaw street.

F. J. Marshall to Compete.

London, January 12.—Frank J. Marshall, the United States chess champion, sailed on the Mauretania today for New York, where he expects to compete in the forthcoming American national chessmasters' tournament.

COMPETITION FOR THE NAVY SWORD

PRESENTS UNUSUAL SITUATION THIS SEASON.

NO MIDSHIPMAN STANDS OUT

Dozen or More Members in First and Second Classes That Have Done Work to Mark Them as Athletes of First Standing, and Anyone of Whom May Win Coveted Honor of Year—Big Jimmy Hall a Likely Candidate.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Annapolis, January 12.—The competition for the Navy Athletic Association sword, awarded to the midshipman who makes the best showing in athletics during the year, presents an unusual situation this year. There is no midshipman who stands out above his fellows by reason of his excellence in more than one branch of sport or even two or three among whom the competition is closed, but there are a dozen or more in the first and second classes who have done sufficiently good work to mark them as athletes of the first standing, and any one of whom may finally win the big athletic honor of the year.

Football is the big game at the Naval Academy, and only on a few occasions has the sword been awarded to a midshipman who did not number proficiency along this line among his accomplishments. As the present first class is decidedly weak in that branch, it is possible that the choice may fall upon the second class, a circumstance which has a few precedents. In this remarkable class the material is very abundant, the football team and crew being made up largely from it.

Big Jimmy Hall is the most likely candidate from the first class. He was the only member of his class to make a place on the football team this year, holding the position of left tackle in the final game against the Army team. He was also the regular first baseman of the Navy nine last year, and this winter he is taking up basketball with considerable success. The only member of the class who rivals Hall in versatility is Cochran, who has represented the academy at times on the football, baseball and basketball aggregations. However, his playing has not been sufficiently regular to make him a serious candidate for highest honors. The other members of the class who have distinguished themselves in athletics are Gillette, probably the best tumbler in any college, and Hintze, who holds academy records with the weights.

The present second class has made a remarkable record in athletics ever since it entered the academy. Eight of the members of the football team are from its ranks, and the proportion on the crew is about as great. Besides, it has representation on all of the other teams of the academy. Undoubtedly Big Brown, the football guard, is its most distinguished athlete, having been selected by the experts as an All-American player during two seasons. However, Brown has not shown any great aptitude in any other branch. He has to some extent indulged in rowing, wrestling and weight throwing, but has not come close to equaling his record in the gridiron game.

Probably the most versatile athlete in the class is McReavey, a regular member of the football and basketball teams, and a fairly good oarsman and baseball man. Ingram is left end of the football team and a member of the regular crew, and it is interesting to note that his brother, Jonas Ingram, was the winner of the sword a few years ago. Vaughan is a member of the crew, the champion heavyweight wrestler of the academy and a likely substitute on the eleven. Howe is a football player and wrestler, and Gilchrist adds ability as a boxer to his great worth as a football player. Ralston also holds the popular combination of a place in both the football team and crew.

The fact that there are so many worthy competitors for the honor this year makes the competition a particularly interesting one, and the work done in the various winter and spring sports will probably be the determining factors.

STAR ATHLETES TO MEET

To Measure Speed in Games in Gotham Next Saturday.

New York, January 12.—Louis Scott, the crack distance runner of the South Paterson Athletic Club, has just been added to the entry list of champions who will compete at the Diamond meet of the Melrose Athletic Association next Saturday night in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory. Scott will start in the two-mile handicap against William J. Kramer, the cross-country star, and this pair will do their best to keep the trophy from becoming the permanent property of the Irish-American Athletic Club, which organization has won two legs on the bronze.

The entries for the Millrose road race, in which there are six Olympic men, form the greatest collection of distance runners that has ever been brought together in a contest of this kind. Among them are Hannes Kolehmainen, the Finn; Harry Smith, the national 10-mile