

JEFF ISN'T SURE AS TRAINERS

Appreciates Proffer Made by Oldtimers to Help, but Has Not Picked Men.

INTEREST GREAT IN SOUTH

"Colonels" Greatly Excited as to Whether "Nigger" Will Continue to Be Kingpin in Pugilistic World or White Man.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—It's all news to James J. Jeffries that...

The big boxer arrived here in the midst of a snow storm this afternoon hurried to a Turkish bath for a two hours' stay...

It is very kind of all the old boys to offer their services," said Jeffries, "but I think that my advisers will decide against too many being at the camp...

Jeffries has about decided to spend a month or so at Corbett's old training camp, in the heart of the Sierras...

After his sojourn in the mountains Jeffries said he would go to a place nearer to the scene of battle for final training.

MULTNOMAH ENJOYS BILLIARDS

Interesting Matches Played Off in Tournament Now in Progress.

Interesting billiard matches were played last night at the Multnomah Club in the tournament being held there.

Second class—E. D. Morris 25, L. H. Hughes, 21.

Seventh class—A. Murphy 49, H. H. Itsch 30.

Seventh class—R. N. Sullivan 46, H. H. Rasch 40.

INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP TIED

Company B and Hospital Corps Have Neither Lost Game.

As the result of games played during the past week the Company B and Hospital Corps indoor baseball teams continue to hold the lead in the percentage column of the Army Indoor Baseball League...

The games last night between Company H and Company E was a comedy of errors, in which Company E won by the enormous score of 42 to 9.

The batteries were Beagle and Hansen for Company E and Swamy and Newell, Woods and Kendall for Company H.

DORANDO AGAIN COLLAPSES

Italian Loses Marathon Race to Gardiner, New Englishman.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Pietro Dorando, the Italian runner, collapsed in the twenty-third mile of his marathon race against B. W. Gardiner, a local runner, at Albert Hall tonight.

GEORGIA AGAIN INJURED

Collier Vestal Cuts Hole Below Battleship's Arm Line.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 18.—The United States battleship Georgia, recently in collision with the battleship Nebraska during fleet maneuvers, was struck by the propeller of the collier Vestal while Henry and in Hampton Roads, according to a telegraphic report from Old Point Comfort...

TAFT ATTENDS FUNERAL

Leaves Watertown Late at Night and Returns to Capital.

WATERTOWN, Conn., Dec. 18.—President Taft came to Watertown today to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Horace D. Taft, wife of his brother, Horace D. Taft.

The President was accompanied by his brother, Henry, and the latter's daughter, Miss Louise, of New York. He remained at his brother's home during his stay and while there disposed of some correspondence he had brought with him from Washington.

JAPS DESERTING HAWAII

Departures Far Exceed Arrivals. Chinese Hold Their Own.

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MARLKE DUKE IS DEAD

UNCLE OF EMPEROR NICHOLAS ENDS HIS CAREER.

Grand Duke Michael Nikolaiavitch Was Distinguished Figure in Russia.

CANNES, France, Dec. 18.—Grand Duke Michael Nikolaiavitch, grand uncle of Emperor Nicholas, died here today.

Grand Duke Michael Nikolaiavitch was the oldest representative of the Imperial House, born in 1832, the fourth son of Emperor Nicholas I. He repeatedly distinguished himself in his long military career, which began at the age of 14.

Grand Duke Michael fought throughout the Crimean War of 1854 and 1855, was present at the battle of Inkerman and the siege of Sevastopol, and in 1863 was appointed Chief of the Caucasian and Commander-in-Chief of the Caucasian army, with instructions to bring the warlike, unsubdued tribes of this region under the Russian yoke. This task he accomplished.

In the Turkish war of 1877-78, the Grand Duke commanded the Russian army operating against the Turks in the Caucasian theater of the war and in spite of early reverses was finally able to force the surrender of a large part of the Turkish forces at Ardahan and Karak. In civilian life he was a member of the commission which arranged the emancipation of the serfs.

In 1881 Grand Duke Michael became president of the Council of State and played an active role in its deliberations, until its organization in connection with the establishment of the Duma, when he was made its honorary president.

AMERICA WILL BE ARBITER

French Statesman Says We Must Intervene in Nation's Quarrels.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs Gabriel Hanotaux, in an article appealing for public support of the recently-organized Franco-American committee designed to improve economic and social relations of the two countries, of which he is president, predicts that the United States is destined to intervene in the quarrels of the great nations of Europe. M. Hanotaux says:

"Every clairvoyant European statesman now foresees the probability of American imperialistic action. It is the constant need a prophetic eye can see that a day a mighty city will be located here. With some of us it may be a case then of 'their ropes are dust, their good pens rust, their souls are with the Lord, we trust,' but many here now will see it.

The London County Council, under authority of Parliament, has constructed several tubes under the Thames River, where the traffic was greatest. These tubes are in sections, one-quarter of a mile long, with elevators at each end, 60 feet deep at one end and 74 feet at the other. All are heavily partitioned, particularly manholes and openings; are clean, dry and well ventilated, lined with white porcelain-faced brick, and brilliantly illuminated with electric lights every 20 feet of their entire length.

In addition to these, there are also a number of tubes under the river, built by the various underground railway companies for passenger traffic only, in connection with their system of tube railways, whose ramifications extend for miles upon miles in every direction under this vast city.

The Baboys in front of me, as I write I have in front of me a complete map of the underground railroad system of London, consisting of nine different companies, of which six are tubes and three are subways proper, operating miles upon miles, a score of miles of tracks, but all working harmoniously together and honoring the one ticket. When these companies were amalgamated they offered a prize to anyone who suggested the best business motto for their use. This

PLEGDED BABY EXPENSE

Pawnbroker Appeals to Police Because It Eats Too Much.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 18.—Sam Alexander, a pawnbroker, appealed to the police today to relieve him of one of his pledges, a baby, on which he loaned 50 cents three weeks ago to a Portuguese.

"It eats up more than the interest every week," was his plea to the police, "and besides, it keeps me busy feeding it."

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—Maximum temperature, 47; minimum, 21. Clear, light breeze, 3 A. M. to 8 P. M. trace; total rainfall, 5 P. M. to 8 P. M., trace; total normal, 18.18 inches; deficiency, 2.80 inches. Total sunshine, December 12, 9 hours 16 minutes (reduced to sea level) at 3 P. M. 50.10.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

During the last 12 hours the barometer has fallen slightly over the Pacific Slope, but it continues relatively high over the northern Rocky Mountain States, and easterly winds prevail in this district with nearly cloudy weather and unusually low temperatures. Light drizzles of snow have fallen in Eastern Oregon and in Southern Idaho. Fair weather prevails everywhere.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

Observations taken at 2 P. M. Pacific time, December 18.

Table with columns: STATIONS, Temperature, Wind, State of Weather.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Fair, easterly winds. Oregon—Fair, except possibly light rain along the coast and snow buries in extreme eastern portion; easterly winds.

Washington—Fair, except light snow or drizzle in interior; easterly winds. Idaho—Light snow.

SUBWAY EXPERT TALKS

ENGINEER DISCUSSES UNDER-RIVER TUBES IN ENGLAND.

Favors Two Subterranean Traffic-Ways Across Willamette at Portland—Bridges Out of Date.

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(To the Editor.)—For several years past I have been somewhat interested in the discussions arising at various intervals in the columns of the local newspapers in regard to the congestion of the cross-river traffic, and the obsolescence of the same. Being an engineer myself, I have been far more deeply interested in solving the same problem, from an engineer's point of view, than a politician, which preaches for solution more and more as time passes and the city increases its population more rapidly every year.

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Fortunately, thanks to modern engineering science, there is a middle-course open, whereby the shipping can be retained and the traffic get to the other side without let or hindrance, and that is by a system of modern, up-to-date subways or "tubes" as they are called. I mean tubes as they are located with due regard to the real needs of the traffic, and not for the pecuniary benefit of a group of individuals who happen to own property which they wish to enhance in value at the expense of the general public by having the tubes in the immediate vicinity of their holdings.