

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Hans Holmer Will Make Tour of Europe.



Photo by American Press Association.

Hans Holmer, the famous American long distance runner, intends to tour Europe and meet all comers from ten miles up to the full Marathon distance, 26 miles 385 yards. According to his present plans, he will visit Germany, France and probably Australia. Holmer is considered to be one of the best long distance runners in the world. He has won numerous races from the stars on this side of the Atlantic, and last year he captured the famous Powderhall Marathon race held in Edinburgh, Scotland, from a field of the best men in Europe.

Where They Love Rowing.

The New Zealand Amateur Rowing association conducted twenty four regattas last summer. The events were as follows: Auckland, 4, with 32 races and prizes valued at \$1,055; Canterbury, 5, with 38 races and \$1,845 in prizes; Hawkes Bay, 2, with 15 races and \$550; Otago, 5, with 35 races and \$1,220 prizes; Southland, 3, with 28 races and \$570; Wanganui, 2, with 19 races and \$1,140 in prizes; Wellington, 1, with 10 races and \$470 prize money; Marlborough and Nelson, 1 regatta each.

Of the 179 races rowed, senior events totaled 44, junior 47, maiden 63 and youths 25. So that it is not surprising so many crack scullers are developed in that part of the world.

Pitcher Gregg's Actual Work Best.

Upon the basis of results accomplished Venen Gregg did better work than Bender or any other slabman in either league. He won twenty-three games with Cleveland and lost but seven. Bender won seventeen games for the Athletics and lost five. It required better pitching to do what Gregg accomplished than to come through with Bender's roundup. Although working with a club well down in the race most of the year, Gregg won a better percentage of his games than any other stars operating for teams well up in the race. The Cleveland club was in sixth place up to mid-September.

Good Swimming Season Predicted.

Experts are predicting freely that the indoor swimming season of 1911-12 will be the best in history. Not only is the rivalry keen between six clubs which have likely candidates for the national championship events, but there will be added incentive to the contestants in the prospect of a trip to the Olympic games. The early date at which the entries close for the Stockholm meet will make it impossible to hold outdoor trials for the water carnival, and the indoor races will be the only guide the Amateur Athletic union will have in the selection of the team members.

England Puts Ban on Kidney Punch.

The National Sporting club of London has declared the "kidney punch" illegal, and the use of it in the future will act as a disqualification to any fighter in British boxing matches. The committee appointed to pass upon the legality of the blow, which caused so much comment in England and America, decided ultimately against it. A clause will be inserted in the future articles of agreement of the club prohibiting fighters from using it.

May Revive Professional Rowing.

For years there has been little rowing in open competition by professionals. A revival of it seems certain as a result of the efforts of Eddie Durman, a Canadian professional sculler, to arrange a match with R. Arnet for the championship of the world. That match has fallen through, but developments have arisen from the negotiations which assure Durman several races next year.

VANDALISM IN THE CAPITOL.

Cutting of "Battle of Lake Erie" Recalls Other Acts.

PAINTING COST \$25,000.

Disappearance Some Years Ago of an Indian Picture Which Was Afterward Found in the Home of a Prominent Representative.

A vandal bent on destruction cut a strip of canvas thirty inches long and three inches wide from the frame of "The Battle of Lake Erie," one of the largest and most valuable paintings that hang in the senate wing of the United States capitol. The painting was defaced near the left hand corner, thereby marring the water scene.

"The Battle of Lake Erie," by Powell, is one of the most popular works of art in the capitol. The canvas is thirty-five feet long and twenty-five feet high. The picture represents Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry in the midst of the battle as he leaves the disabled flagship Lawrence in the foreground to transfer his battle flag to the Niagara on the right in order to renew the fight.

The mutilation of "The Battle of Lake Erie" is regarded as the worst act of vandalism in the history of the capitol. The authorities are frequently worried by souvenir hunters, but rarely has an effort been made to destroy in the capitol or other public buildings in Washington merely for the purpose of destroying. In this case the vandal dropped the piece of canvas cut from the frame on the grand stair leading to the painting. A sharp knife was used in the work. The cut was a clean one, but apparently was not accomplished without difficulty. An examination of the picture showed that the vandal had made two unsuccessful efforts to push his knife or other sharp instrument through the canvas before he made an opening.

Various theories have been advanced as to the reasons that prompted the mutilation of the painting. Some are inclined to believe the canvas was cut by a disgruntled or discharged employee. It is suggested also that the act may have been committed by a Russian sympathizer, who thus gave vent to his resentment over the attacks made on the Russian government in the debates on the resolution proposing the abrogation of the treaty of 1832. The police have no substantiation of this theory.

The cutting of "The Battle of Lake Erie" has recalled many acts of destruction and defacements of works of art in the capitol. Something of a sensation was kicked up a decade back when it was discovered that one of the great toes of the Greenough statue of George Washington, which stood in the plaza facing the east front of the capitol, was missing. Search for the toe and the person responsible for its disappearance was made, but without result. The toe was replaced.

The bronze doors at the east front of the capitol were defaced at the time of the Spanish war. Parts of the bas relief depicting soldiers at war were knocked off and carried away by souvenir hunters.

Another offense charged against souvenir hunters was the damage done to the Bible used in swearing in presidents of the United States. An effort was made also a few years ago to make away with the hands on the clock in the senate marble room. The hands were bent out of shape, as if an effort had been made to remove them.

A party of prominent women was taken to a committee room of the capitol about ten years ago to view an Indian painting. The picture could not be found. While the capitol authorities have declined to make any comment on this particular case, it is known that the painting was located in the home of a New York congressman. How it got there was never satisfactorily explained to those who were apprised of the disappearance of the painting, nor would the capitol officials make any comment on its return to the capitol. This particular incident created a sensation at the time, but the name of the statesman involved was never published.

"The Battle of Lake Erie" was painted by William H. Powell upon an order of congress. Under the terms of a joint resolution passed March 2, 1865, the joint committee on library was directed to enter into a contract with Mr. Powell "to paint a picture for the United States to be placed at the head of one of the grand staircases in the capitol illustrative of some naval victory, the particular subject to be agreed on by the committee and the artist." The government paid \$25,000 for the painting.

1875 Cake For Wedding.

At the wedding breakfast served at Slayton, Minn., after the marriage of Miss Florence E. Dinehart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dinehart, and Harvey Scott Holt of Missoula, Mont., a wedding cake was served which was baked in 1875 for the wedding of the bride's parents. The cake was steamed over for the occasion.

Horsepower of Waterfall.

Engineers have figured that one waterfall in Ireland can be made to yield 60,000 horsepower and another 50,000.

HUMOROUS QUIPS FOR THE CHILDREN

A Memento.

I gaze upon it long with feelings tender,
That witness mute of her who left it there,
I wonder whether she was plump or slender,
And had she auburn, brown or golden hair?

Romance awakes, and countless dreams come thronging
Until the dusk is filled with thoughts of her,
And all my soul o'erflows with deepest longing
To solve the doubts that set my heart astray.

Lo, even yet the atmosphere is laden
With perfume faint that thrills me like old wine!
I would I knew, ah me, the dainty maiden
Who came and went and left that single sign!

'Tis plain some smaller hand than mine has fingered
The very spot whereon my hand I lay,
Perhaps my one true soul mate here has lingered
To dream of one without whom life were gray!

Yet, after all, it may be I have wasted
A genuine, intense, poetic thrill,
Perhaps some "fright" has left it here,
Well tasted—
That wad of gum stuck on the window sill!

—Puck.

Any Port in a Storm.

In a northern seaport town there is a wealthy but illiterate man who owns many vessels and follows their course over the seas by aid of a large atlas and a ten horse power magnifying glass.

"I've just had a letter," he said to a neighbor, "from one of my captains, and he tells me he's been in a fearful storm. I'll read you from this letter what puzzles me. He says:

"The waves rose like mountains. We were driven before the wind to the danger of our lives and put into great jeopardy."

"What I want to know," said the shipowner, "is where is Great Jeopardy? It's somewhere in the Mediterranean, but I can't find it on this map anywhere."—M. A. P.

Then He Bolted.

At a garrison ball a newly arrived lieutenant, wishing for a partner, was offered an introduction to a young lady of large proportions. He declined, saying he would just as soon drag a cart about the room. The lady, who chanced to be the colonel's daughter, heard the remark and secretly resolved to have her revenge. Later in the evening the young officer discovered the fact of her being the daughter of his chief and thought it well to retract his former refusal. On being presented and soliciting the favor of the next waltz, she coolly bowed and said, "I thank you, but I am much too heavy a cart for any donkey to draw."—New York Mail.

His Nerve.

"By George, but that chap Kirby is independent! I never before met a man who cared so little for another person's opinion of himself as he."

"What's his latest declaration?"

"Why, he walked brazenly into a fashionable Broadway haberdasher's and asked to be shown some shirts with detached cuffs."—Satire.

Seeing Double.

Conductor—We're traveling in two sections tonight.

Slightly Intoxicated Passenger—That's right. Just what I've been trying to tell my friends. Of course you are, and I can see both sections of you, too, conductor.—Judge.

Practically Minded.

"Am I required to exchange wedding gifts in the department from which they were purchased?"

"Not at all," said the floorwalker.

"Thank you. I would like to exchange a rose jar for a frying pan."—Washington Herald.

Revenge.

The Millionaire—Say, you seem to take a special delight in loading on that job of fixing my bathroom.

The Plumber—You bet your life I do! You're president of the company that sold me ice all last summer.—Baltimore Sun.

Sometimes Needed.

"Why do you have those glass cases with ax, hammer, crowbar, etc., on these cars?" asked a traveler on the railroad going to New York.

"Oh, those are put there in case any one wants a window open," replied the facetious man.—Youth's Companion.

When the Sleeper Wakes.

She—What did you mean by kissing me when I was asleep in the hammock this morning?

He—I only took you one little one.

She—You didn't. I counted at least seven before I woke.—Fliegende Blätter.

Our Transient Help.

"Come to dinner, old man; we've got a new cook."

"Sorry! I've got an engagement today, but I'll come tomorrow."

"No use; she leaves tomorrow."—Boston Transcript.

Sounds Like It.

New German Governor—So much for zat great genius. And vat also is ze name of ze ozzer great genius always coupled in our minds wiz Schiller!

Reginald—Charybdis.—Punch.

Naturally.

"The belief in real estate investment is spreading, isn't it?"

"Well, it is gaining ground."—Baltimore American.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The Weathercocks.

Any number of players may take part in this game, which is really good fun. The four corners of the room are named after the four points of the compass, north being diagonal to south and east diagonal to west. One of the players is called the wind, the rest being weathercocks. The latter should stand in a line in the center of the room. When the "wind" points to one corner, calling out the name of that cardinal point, the weathercocks must immediately face the opposite points. Thus if the "wind" says "South" they face north, and so on. If he should name a point they are already facing they must remain perfectly still. When the "wind" cries "Variably!" the vane must raise themselves to their toes and sway back and forth until the name of one of the cardinal points is again called, when, as before, they turn to the opposite point. Whenever the "wind" shouts "Storm" or "Tempest" each vane must whirl completely around three times. Any player failing to obey any one of these directions, which are more confusing than they sound, must forfeit some article, such as a handkerchief, hair ribbon or trinket, to be redeemed by a humorous "stunt" after the game is over.

About the Ermine.

The ermine is a queer animal. It is one thing in winter and another thing in summer. That is a strange statement, but it is true. In winter the animal's fur is as white as snow, and it is called the ermine; in summer its fur turns reddish brown on the upper part of the body and a light yellow on the lower part, and it is then known as the stoat. This change is familiar to naturalists, but not to ordinary people, and the ermine and the stoat are therefore generally thought to be distinct animals.

The fur of the ermine is of great value, particularly for use in court robes. There was so great a demand for it when the preparations were making for the coronation of King Edward of England that the price went up to an almost fabulous sum.

The animal is so cunning in its ways that it is almost as hard to catch as it is to "catch a weasel asleep." In fact, about the only way to catch it is to mark its course from its home and then strew mud in its pathway. It is said that when the dainty, fastidious little animal reaches the point where the mud is it will lie down and submit to capture rather than smirch one of its snow white hairs.

Alphabet Scamper.

This game will prove to be a new and happy way of clearing up a play room and sharpening wits at the same time. At a signal from mother the children run to find and put in their places all the things beginning with a—animals, arks and acrobats; then the b's—balls, bats, boxes, bears, etc., that are scattered about, and so on through the alphabet. A simple prize—a chocolate drop, a cookie or a big hug from mother—rewards the child who finds and puts away the most objects, and in five minutes the room will be cleared and ready for the next rainy day—a simple device, but it will safely bridge the stormy waves at the close of a shut-in day. Bedtime will come before the children know it, and they will be interested to the last, besides having the bump of order cultivated.

Cat and Mouse.

One of the most amusing of gymnasium or outdoor games is cat and mouse. A circle is formed, and the player selected to be the mouse stands in the circle. Another player, the cat, stands outside. The object of the game is for the cat to catch the mouse. The circle assists the mouse by letting her in or out the circle at any time, but the cat is hindered as much as possible by tightly clasped hands.

When the game is well learned much excitement is added by having two cats and one mouse. This makes the game more amusing, as the mouse, if not very alert, will elude one cat only to run into the arms of the other. The two cats in this case should be slower runners and the mouse one of the speediest.

Letter Conundrums.

What changes a lad into a lady? Y
What is the difference between here and there? T.
What turns a word into a sword? S.
What turns laughter into slaughter? S.
What changes a pear into a pearl? L.
What changes the lower regions into the flower regions? F.
What turns a lover into clover? C.
What makes a road broad? B.
What changes a mile into a smile? S.
—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Rare Disease.

Small Florence, making her first visit to the country, heard a mule bray for the first time in her short young life. "Oh, grandpa," she exclaimed, "that horse has the whooping cough!"

Dollies, Bad and Good.

A dolly who is full of badness
Brings her little ma much sadness.
Her wig somehow it never sticks.
She is full of careless tricks.
Upside down she's always sitting
(No wonder that her joints keep splitting).
And just the days it rains and pours
She is always found outdoors.
A dolly who is good and clever
Grieves her little ma—no, never.
She is careful of her toes,
As well as of her wig and nose.
Bite up at the dinner table
Quite as straight as she is able,
And just the days it rains and pours
She is always found indoors.

MAKES PLANS FOR ARMY AEROPLANE

Requirements Are Based on Record Breaking Flights.

MORE MACHINES NEEDED.

Brigadier General Allen Wants Another Appropriation of \$125,000 to Continue the Work—War Department Now Has Six Aeroplanes.

Brigadier General James Allen, chief signal officer, has prepared new specifications for military aeroplanes to be hereafter purchased by the war department. They are the result of improvements demonstrated by the aeroplane work of last summer and as yet are tentative in character.

"Each aeroplane," it is required, "must carry two persons, with the seats so arranged as to permit of the largest possible field of operation for both. The control must be capable of use by either operator from either seat. The value of dual control, it will be recalled, was established in the flights of Lieutenant T. G. Elyson and John H. Towers in the navy hydroaeroplane Triad.

"The machine is further required to be able to ascend at a minimum rate of 2,000 feet in ten minutes while carrying a weight of 450 pounds and fuel supply sufficient for at least four hours of continuous flight. This requirement recalls that the American weight carrying record established by P. O. Parmelee at Chicago last August is 458 pounds. Claude Grahame-White, carrying a passenger on Sept. 30 at Nassau boulevard, rose 3,280 feet in nine minutes.

"The engine," it is provided, "will be subject to an endurance test in the air of two hours' continuous flight. The aeroplane must develop a speed in the air of at least forty-five miles an hour."

American duration record for a machine with two persons is 3 hours and 42 minutes, made by G. W. Beatty at the Chicago meet. The world's record, however, is 4 hours 23 minutes, established recently by Herr Suvclack near Berlin.

"In case the weight carrying capacity is increased to 600 pounds," the specifications state, "the minimum speed may be reduced to thirty-eight miles per hour and the climbing power diminished to 1,000 feet in ten minutes."

Another requirement is reminiscent of the recent French military competition, in which several machines failed on the same condition as follows:

"The machine must be capable of landing or arising from plowed fields." Other requirements are as follows: "The aeroplane must be easily transportable by road, rail, etc., and easily and rapidly assembled and adjusted. "The starting and landing devices must be part of the machine itself, and it must be able to start without outside assistance.

"The engine must be capable of throttling to run at reduced speed."

The war department now has six aeroplanes, four at Augusta, one at San Antonio and one on its way to the Philippines. These include three Wright, one Burgess-Wright and two Curtiss machines. Another Curtiss machine has not yet been delivered.

Brigadier General Allen has \$70,000 left of the \$125,000 appropriated by the last congress. He will not purchase any more machines for a month or two, as he wishes now to train the officers with the machines on hand. By July 1 the balance of the appropriation will have been spent, and it is expected that there will be available another \$125,000 appropriated by congress at this session.

More aeroplanes are needed by the army if the experiments now being made are to be carried out properly. General Allen said when he appeared before the house committee on military affairs.

FOUND TOMB OF ANCIENT RACE

Fanning Island, in Mid-Pacific, Yields Interesting Ethnologic Relic.

News of an interesting archaeological find on Fanning island, in the mid-Pacific, indicating that the island was once inhabited by a skilled race, was brought to Victoria by the steamship Makura.

Excavations have unearthed a large stone building 200 by 50 feet in dimensions. No mortar was used in its construction, the stone having been skillfully mortised together.

Near this building was found a tomb containing a human skeleton, with a necklace of the teeth of the cachelot and other articles, including the skull of a dog.

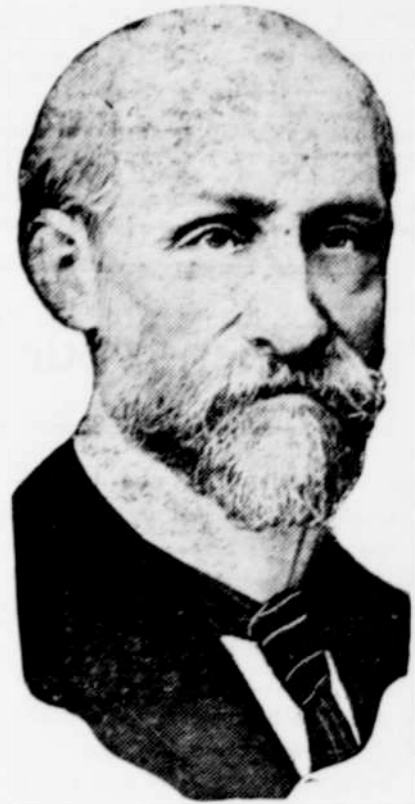
It is believed the island was one of the resting places of the Polynesians in their early migrations. Recently it was purchased by a British-Canadian syndicate for use as a coaling station in view of the opening of the Panama canal.

Owl's Bite Causes Death.

John Ruffner, Sr., aged eighty-seven, died at East Franklu township, Pa., from blood poisoning. On Nov. 22 Mr. Ruffner caught an owl and, intending to make a pet of it, took it home. While taking the owl out of a bag it bit him. Mr. Ruffner paid no attention to the bite, but blood poison set in and caused his death.

SNAPSHOTS AT CELEBRITIES

Joseph M. Brown, Who Will Govern Georgia.



Joseph M. Brown, who was recently nominated for governor of Georgia, has already served his state in the capacity of chief executive. There were three candidates in the field at the Democratic primary held to select a candidate to succeed Hoke Smith, recently elected to the United States senate, ex-Governor Brown winning handsly. The election will take place Jan. 12, 1912, and as the state is strongly Democratic Mr. Brown will again occupy the executive chair he held from July, 1909, to July, 1911, when he was succeeded by Hoke Smith.

Governor Brown has been called the silent statesman because of the fact that in his first campaign he did not make a single speech, but confined his efforts to meeting prominent citizens in private talks and in sending out pamphlets and leaflets. He is a son of the late Joseph E. Brown, famous war governor of Georgia, who was afterward a United States senator. He was educated at the University of Georgia and Harvard law school. He was a state railroad commissioner when Hoke Smith was first elected governor, and the latter ousted him from the position. Then he began the fight which has twice elected him to the gubernatorial chair.

Congressman Buchanan's Trade.

A short time after Frank Buchanan, a new member of the house from Illinois, had arrived in Washington he was passing a hotel to which an addition was being built. The skeleton framework of steel was almost completed, and the mechanics were busy with their electric drills and hammers. Buck threw off his coat, climbed up a ladder to a scaffold and said:

"Let me try that electric hammer." After he had driven home a number of spikes and steel rivets he climbed down to the street and said he felt like old times.

"That was my business before I went into politics," he explained to his friend.—Washington Star.

Mr. Swift, Meat Packer.

Louis F. Swift of Chicago, one of the group of meat packers indicted for violating Uncle Sam's anti-trust law, has been president of Swift & Co. since 1903, when he succeeded his father as head of the great packing firm. Before that time he had been



LOUIS F. SWIFT.

virtually at the helm of the business management for several years. It is said to be due largely to his business tact that the packing firm achieved its prominence in the commercial world. He is familiar with the company's enormous business in all its ramifications and directs its affairs from his Chicago office.

Mr. Swift is a native of Massachusetts, having been born on Cape Cod fifty years ago. He takes little active part in sports, although he is a member of the Chicago Athletic and Saddle and Cycle clubs. He is also a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. His father, the late Gustavus F. Swift, was the pioneer in the shipping of dressed meats in refrigerator cars.