

BASEBALL IN BRITAIN

Game Described as "Pandemonium" in English Press

Two runs in an hour is too slow for the Englishmen, who want to see a hundred made in cricket in that time, says the London correspondent of the Toronto Globe. The accounts of the game, which is termed "glorified rounders," read as if it is that of some newly-discovered tribe in Central Africa, which is never played in a civilized country; but it must be pointed out that some members of the Giants and White Sox admit they know nothing about cricket.

Much admiration was expressed over the catching and throwing of the ball players, who gave an exhibition thereof which no English cricket team ever approached. One writer suggests, however, that in a short music hall turn, this kind of prowess would win delighted applause, but he adds that it becomes mechanical by its very perfection.

Umpire Klem's coolness and indifference to danger in his position was especially commended. "Only twice did he flinch," says one paper, "and that was when called upon to face the King and announce the score."

The Daily News' descriptive writer said, "For about two hours a foreign sort of pandemonium whirled in the arena. Wonderful deeds were no doubt accomplished when the world-famous White Sox of Chicago and the universally acclaimed Giants of New York met to fight out the best of nine games at the American national pastime, but they were all Greek to the crowd. After the show baseball still remains, and will remain, exclusively and peculiarly a transatlantic dish, such as clams, crackers and canvasback."

OLD TIME PUNISHMENTS

Roosters and Donkeys Were Tried in Court

Among the weird and horrible punishments inflicted in Quebec under both the French and English regimes were burning of women at the stake for petty treason, burning of the hand, branding on the forehead, and breaking on the wheel. No record is found in Canada, however, of such punishments as the "drunkard's cloak," a barrel with apertures for the head and hands, and the bridle and ducking pool for common scolds, a device the resurrection of which has been suggested by some critics of the militant suffragettes. In old houses in Britain there are still to be seen hooks by the fireplace to which a scolding wife was fastened after being bridled, the jailer performing this service at the request of the exasperated husband.

A feature of middle age jurisprudence, which was retained in France until the middle of the 18th century, was the indictment of domestic animals, principally oxen or swine, for injuries inflicted on human beings. A rooster was tried and executed for laying an egg, the prosecution proving that it was due to witchcraft, and the defence unavailingly claiming that a rooster's egg was a cure for certain diseases. The trial of a donkey in an English court in the reign of George III. was indicated by an old print and a humorous ballad of the period.

The jugs of iron collar was used as a punishment for disregarding parental authority or non-attendance at church. In France it was called the carcan, and one was formerly attached to a post at the door of the Basilica at Quebec. The pillory was used in England for at least 700 years, and in 1769 a prisoner stood in the pillory at Montreal for three days.

In 1765 two men and a woman were whipped through the streets of Montreal, 39 lashes being given each, the last at the spot where Nelson's monument now stands.

Modern Drama Decadent

Preaching at St. Paul's Cathedral, Canon Alexander deplored the decadence of the modern drama and of public taste. "I suppose," he said, "no thoughtful person can regard with satisfaction the wave of morbid sensationalism which has crept over the national consciousness, creating an art, if we call it so, which is full of the vulgarity from which all true art is always and inevitably free, and which moves in a wholly different world from that which gave us the phrases and situations of 'Measure for Measure,' 'Othello,' or 'Romeo and Juliet.'"

THE WHITE PLAGUE

National Movement is Wanted to Stamp it Out

Pathetically intermittent efforts to check the spread of the White Plague continue to be made. But these efforts fail to accomplish any decisive or lasting victory over the foe because there is no persistency or consistency about them.

Statisticians calculate that one house in every five, contain a case of the disease. That is an awful visitation of a deadly Plague. No other ill that flesh is heir to imperils and terrorizes and kills our people to anything like a similar extent. And, for every case struck down with the dread disease, a little group of relatives and even friends are exposed to the contagion.

Probably there is not a living human being in Canada who has not felt the swish of this terrible sword very near to his own head. We all have near relatives or dear friends lying in the pale embrace of the spectre.

A spasmodic effort to alleviate these awful conditions is made now and then. A benevolent man opens a Sanatorium that takes care of one-half of one per cent. of the stricken ones; and the rest of the world practically shut their eyes to the fact that the whole treatment of Tuberculosis thus far in our country is a mockery and a sham.

What is wanted is a national defence movement against this deadliest of our domestic enemies. Private philanthropy is as helpless before it as private and unorganized "sharp-shooting" would be to wage a defensive war against a powerful invader. —Montreal Star.

Judicial Nicknames

One of the many proofs of Mr. Justice Bucknill's popularity at the English Bar has been the familiar use of his Christian name.

The Bar, which has always spoken of Lord Alverstone as "Dick Webster," and of Lord Loreburn as "Bob Reid," has been accustomed to speak of the present Lord Chief Justice as "Rufus," and of Mr. Justice Bucknill as "Tommy."

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"I like that fellow Frupp," the Prince said in an undertone one morning to his equerry.

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