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U.S.A. HAVING SOME OLYMPIC TROUBLES

Many Athletes Indifferent to the 1924 International Contests.

The passive interest that some of the prominent American athletes are taking in the Olympic games in Paris next summer is beginning to cause the American committee concern.

Difficulty in raising sufficient funds to finance the trip to Paris was considered the principal worry of the committee until evidence was found that many of the star athletes are in need of some enthusiasm.

The hockey players were the first to show symptoms of a lack of interest in the games. Several of the best players, who have been counted upon as the strength of the American hockey team, refused to accept after they had been appointed.

The situation became so serious that officials of the hockey governing body threatened to draft players and permanently bar from competition those who refused to make the trip without first-class reasons.

Pressure of private business has been advanced as a reason why Billy Johnson, California's star and one of the world's greatest tennis players, cannot go to Paris with the American team.

Bill Tilden, the world's greatest tennis player, now says that he does not want to join the team, as he regards the Davis cup matches as more important, and he feels that he would go stale after a lot of European competition. Several star track and field athletes at Yale, Harvard and Princeton were counted upon not only as members of the team, but sure point winners. It is reported now that they will not "go out" for the team.

They consider meets with Oxford and Cambridge, which have become annual events, as of more importance to them than the Olympic games.

America's best strength in the rowing event will not be available because Yale and Harvard, and perhaps another prominent eastern university, will not enter their crews in the trial events.

Yale and Harvard consider their annual regattas as of vastly more importance than the Olympic games. They would not even consider changing the date for their race to make it more convenient for the Olympic committee to stage its trials.

The feeling of many of the veteran track and field stars is represented in the attitude of Pat McDonald, the star weight man of several Olympics. "With the 66-pound event off the program I believe I will stay out of it. I can't win the shotput," McDonald said.

THIS FELLOW WOULD MAKE

A FINE FOOTBALL PLAYER. Henri Hebrans, the Belgian featherweight, is being hailed in French sporting circles as probably the hardest-headed boxer known to the ring. It provides that Edouard Mascart of Paris, who won the European featherweight title by defeating Hebrans on points, broke his right hand in the third round of the bout with Hebrans in landing a blow on the Belgian's head. The doctors have prescribed two months' vacation from ring activity for Mascart while the maimed member is healing.

Contact with Hebrans' cranium had already cost Eugent Criegel the featherweight championship and caused his permanent retirement from the ring. Criegel having shattered his left hand some time ago in a bout with Hebrans, and thus being

unable to meet Mascart and defend his title.

Mascart and Criegel are as one in declaring Hebrans' head is harder than that of any boxer they have ever met. Someone has explained this by the story that one of the most popular sports among "lusty lads in Liege, Hebrans' home, is a game of trying to split an inch board by butting it with the head after a short run. Hebrans is declared to have been champion of Liege at that gentle game before he took up boxing as a career.

THIS IS BAD

The Hamilton Spectator says: "Ronnie" McPherson, Tiger's crippled flying wing star, may never play football again. Lately "Ronnie" has been experiencing trouble with his eyes, and yesterday the climax came when an eye specialist informed the drop-kicking star that he would probably be forced to wear glasses for the rest of his life. The specialist claims that "Ronnie" has a deflected vision, and specially built glasses provide the only remedy. There is a possibility that the former Varsity star will be able to play without the appliances for the duration of a game, but it is regarded as extremely unlikely.

HARRY WILLS TOO WILLING FOR RENEAL

Leo Flynn would have done very much better by Jack Reault if he had been frank from the start about the purposes of the Canadian contender for the heavyweight championship. Thinking that Harry Wills would fight no good contender and knowing that Lala Firpo was out of the range of hearing, Flynn announced that he would challenge Wills and Firpo on behalf of Reault after the Canadian had beaten Floyd Johnson.

Wills gummed up the deal by answering: "Come on!" Flynn then declared that his boy needed some more experience and would not be ready for Wills or Firpo for another year.

Flynn hasn't much conscience when it comes to getting his charges in print. When he was trying to keep Bill Brennan in the high-purse class he made many hasty remarks about the gameness of Tommy Gibbons. He said that Gibbons couldn't be dragged into the ring with Brennan, but he forgot to mention that when Tex Richard wanted to stage a Brennan-Gibbons match, he asked \$30,000 for Brennan's end.

Flynn has been strangely silent about Gibbons since the Shelby fight.

What Might Have Been. If only that game could be played once more; if we could have another crack. At the great big chance that flew our way. We'd still have rope, and still have Jack.

We'd do so much, leave much undone. Could we but meet that team again. The saddest words of tongue or pen. Are just these four—it might have been.

"JACK" STICKS. Toronto Globe: Blandishments of various amateur and professional baseball clubs, including the Toronto Leafs, have been wasted on John Henry Williams (the Indian south-paw twirler of the Belleville team. Williams has been reported as having signed with Toronto, but the flinger could not be located to verify the rumor. Now, he turns up in Belleville, with the assurance that he will pitch for the Grand Trunks of that city. The Indian dropped out of sight two months ago, having gone to Verona, the home of his people for the duck-hunting season. Searlet fever broke out in the household, and he has been under quarantine ever since his disappearance.

IRELAND ENTERS TEAM IN DAVIS CUP TOURNAMENT. Ireland, which made its debut last season as a Davis cup contender, has filed the first challenge for the 1924 contest for international team tennis honors. It was announced by the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Under the zone system, established last season for the first time, Ireland will compete in the European zone, and, according to reports, will enter a strong team.

THREE RACES FOR THE FRENCH CHAMPION

This Year's Good Three-Year-Old to Race in America Next Fall.

Epland, French thoroughbred champion, will race the pick of next year's American four-year-olds in three races next September and October, two on Metropolitan tracks and one in Kentucky. M. Pierre Wertheimer, owner of Epland, revealed to-day before sailing for France on the Berengaria.

M. Wertheimer who has practically completed all details for the international series as a result of conferences during the past two weeks with American turfmen, said the first sweepstakes, at a mile, will be run early in September at Belmont Park. The second race will be run at Aqueduct track between Sept. 15th and 18th, and the third at Lexington, Ky., the first week in October.

Turning from the discussion of turf events, M. Wertheimer, who is a manufacturer of perfumes and airplanes, paid tribute to the "supreme beauty" of American girls.

"There is but one type of French beauty," he asserted, "but there are sixty-eight types of American beauty. Their final supremacy is in their variety. European women can go to school in the class room of the American boudoir."

McGRAW ??

Manager McGraw of the Giants was abroad during the major leagues conference, and consequently is the only baseballer in the United States who is not all talked out and still hoarse. He arrives in New York today, when the winter leaguers will get a new earful on the subject of the probable transfer of Rogers Hornsby to New York. McGraw seems determined to bolster his all-star National League team at any cost.

Just how long the gullible baseball public will "stand for" the herding of all the best baseball talent by the two New York teams is a question. Fourteen other teams get a lot of gate money in New York, however, and that is a consideration. What will the public say to a fourth consecutive world series in the metropolis? Nothing at all. They will just whop it up the same as ever and pay another million dollars at the box office.—Globe.

ANOTHER HEART IS BROKEN BY YANKEE "SPORTSMANSHIP"

Eugene Criegel's pugilistic career is ended. The abandonment of his title of featherweight champion of France and Europe, owing to the injuries he received in his bout for charity against Hebrans on October 6th, is expected to be permanent. Criegel's hands, which he fractured on the Belgian champion's head, are not so badly broken as his heart over his failure to defeat Johnny Dundee in New York. Through his victory over Kibane, the Frenchman achieved an ambition of twelve long years, divided between the ring and the battlefield. For sixty days his name was blazoned on the billboards as featherweight champion of the world, but Dundee ended all this.

The blows Criegel received from Dundee at the Polo Grounds broke down some of his indomitable spirit. The jeers of the bleacher fans did the rest.

U. S. ENTRIES IN EPSOM DERBY

American breeders have forwarded a record-breaking entry for the one hundred and forty-second renewal of the Derby to be run over the historic course of about a mile and a half on Epsom Downs, in England, in 1925. For many years a few Americans have named their yearlings in the hope of developing a winner of the world's greatest classic of the turf. But this year all records have been broken, a total of 48 having been nominated out of a total entry of 354.

Not only in the Derby, but in the 2,000 Guinea Stakes and the St. Leger Stakes, which form the triple crown of the English turf, and in The Oaks, and in the 1,000 Guinea Stakes have the American entries taken a tremendous jump. Out of last year's total Derby entry of 348 there were only 36 nominations from American owners.

NICKEL TOWN DESERTED; THREE SENIORS REMAIN

Duncan and Langlois Explain How Sunbury Wolves Disbanded.

Some followers of hockey were inclined to severely criticize the Sunbury seniors for dropping out of the N.O.H.A. series, but they would change their opinion if they interviewed Bill Duncan and Charlie Langlois, former Sunbury regulars. They report that only three players of senior calibre, Ironstone, Langlois and Duncan, remain in the Nickel Town. Nearly all of last year's intermediate players are not available, and the club will have a difficult time placing a good intermediate team on the ice. Sam Rothschild, who broke his leg last summer, has not fully recovered.

Duncan will coach the Sunbury Juniors, and he says that they should be fairly strong. He has five capable performers as a nucleus, among them being Faught, a clever goalkeeper, Jack Duncan and Aurie. The last named played with St. Michael's college last year, and, notwithstanding reports, to the contrary, will not be with the local Irish again.

Langlois and Duncan are not sure that they will play hockey again. They have been in harness for many years, and feel that it is about time they retired. But it is almost certain that they will do their part if the Sunbury officials ask them to play.

"Joey" Ironstone, one of the best goalkeepers in the sport, may be sought by professional clubs, although Duncan and Langlois did not commit themselves on this matter. If Forbes fails to show his former ability, Hamilton could do a lot worse than sign Ironstone, who is the best net guardian ever developed in the north.

The Sunbury "loyalist," Duncan and Langlois, came down to see the Green brothers in action, and they were agreeably surprised at the good form shown by both. Duncan and "Shorty" Green were teammates for years on the 217th Battalion, Hamilton and Sunbury teams.

OLD POPULAR NAMES IN AMERICAN LEAGUE

Present Names Nearly All Coined Before Circuit Was Formed.

Although the American League did not come into being until 1900 its clubs have some of the oldest and best known nicknames in major league baseball. The New York club is the only one that has definitely changed from its original nickname.

When an American League franchise was granted to New York the club built a baseball plant on Washington Heights, one of the high sections of the city. From the location of the grounds the club became known as the Highlanders. When the arrangement was made to play at the Polo Grounds, performing under Coogan's Bluff, Highlanders became a misnomer. It occurred to a New York sporting editor that since the club was in the American League Tankees would be appropriate and Tankees they became.

Cleveland baseball clubs have been known as Indians since the years that city was represented in the National League. The name was linked with the Forest City team, one of the finest to represent Cleveland before the days of organized baseball and which was referred to as "the Indians from the Forest City." When Napoleon Lajoie became manager of the club the nickname became the Naps, in his honor, but after his retirement the old name, Indians, was resumed.

The St. Louis Americans derived their nickname, Browns, from the color of the stockings worn. They were Browns back in the days of the American Association when Charles A. Comiskey of the Chicago Americans was their manager.

The Chicago White Sox are successors of the original Chicago White Stockings. The latter team was organized in 1870 to compete with the Cincinnati Red Stockings, and wore white stockings as a contrast and in opposition to the red-stockinged players from Cincinnati. Most baseball teams that repre-

sent capital cities are known as the Senators. The name was first applied to the old Washington club of the National League, the name being linked with the idea that a United States Senator was regarded as an important personage. The name was picked up again when Washington entered the American League, but was officially changed to Nationals in 1905. However, Senators appears the more popular name because to say Washington Nationals for an American League club is confusing to those not well informed on baseball.

The Detroit club back in the National League was one of the first to wear striped stockings. There had an orange colored stripe similar to those worn by Princeton football and baseball players and hence the nickname Tigers was applied. In recent years some writers have been spelling it "Tygars" in honor of Ty Cobb.

The name Red Sox was given to the Boston Americans by John I. Taylor when he became president. He got the idea of shortening Red Stockings by which the Boston Nationals were known many years ago.

Connie Mack's team has always been called the Athletics, a name associated with professional baseball in Philadelphia since the early days of the game. The team also is called the White Elephants because, it is said, Manager McGraw of the American League when Philadelphia was admitted to the league. When the name became successful the name was frequently applied in a humorous way and finally was adopted, the white elephant appearing as the club emblem on the players' uniforms.

PADDOCK KEPT BUSY ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Charles Paddock, crack sprinter, will not be allowed to compete for a position on the 1924 Olympic team from the United States until he has cleared himself of charges with the Amateur Athletic Union, it has been announced by the American Olympic Committee.

The issues involved in the controversy that has raged about Paddock for several months include charges he is alleged to have made against the A.A.U. and athletes of that organization in regard to their amateur standing allegations that Paddock himself had sacrificed his amateur standing in going on a lecture tour; charges that he failed to reimburse the Olympic committee for funds loaned to him in 1920, and his alleged failure to comply with a request that he account for expenses furnished him in coming to New York from Los Angeles for an athletic meet.

The decision means that Paddock also explain to the A.A.U. committee his participation without A.A.U. sanction in the University of Paris Club meet and in exhibitions in Czechoslovakia.

AT WOLFE ISLAND.

Christmas Entertainment Was Held in McLaren's Hall. Wolfe Island, Dec. 24.—The many friends of Mrs. Charles Jerome, Cape Vincent, were sorry to learn of her death last week. The sympathy of the community goes to her family in their sad loss. James Russell has gone to Buffalo to visit his son, William. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Duff, Cosgrove, a son, Harold Dengman, Detroit, has returned home for Christmas.

The drogue has gone to Collins' Bay to go into winter quarters. Daniel Doe has returned home after a successful season sailing on the upper lakes. A concert and Christmas tree entertainment was held in McLaren's Hall on Saturday evening.

Wiss Her Whole Hand. New York, Dec. 26.—Dr. Benjamin F. Barnes, enterprising young Yonkers physician, who cared for the

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ing by the public schools pupils. R. Mullin acted as chairman and Santa Claus. Miss Morrison presided at the piano. Miss Dean acted as director of the pupils. There was a good attendance, who witnessed the advancements of the pupils, which was a credit to their teachers.

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