TRACK PROSPECTS BEST SINCE 1912

America is Expected to Show Heels to Most of Opposition in Olympics

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NEW YORK (AP)—In spite of stronger opposition from several quarters, principally Germany, the outlook this summer at Amsterdam is for a brighter display of foot running prowess by the Americans than in 1924 at Paris or any Olympic year since 1912.

It would scarcely be any more disappointing for the only far east that ended with the Stars and Stripes fluttering as the Olympic victory pole four years ago, was the 100 meters, in which Jackson Scholz outlasted Charles Paddock, England and Finland swept the others rates from 100 meters to the Marathon at Paris. Only the brilliant work of the Yankee hurdlers and relay teams saved Uncle Sam from a semi-rout in the track events.

Finland's redoubtable distance running troupe will be back in full force this year, again led by Nurmi and Ritola. England, although it lost Abrahams and Liddell, 100 and 400 meter champions in 1924, will have a formidable running array. Germany, returning to the Olympic fold for the first time since 1912, has a crack group of sprinters and the world's record-holding hammer in Dr. Otto Peltzer. France, Italy, South Africa and a few other nations also will be heard from.

Adverse fate faces foreign speed and endurance every step of the way for the Yankee talent, at this stage of the game, looks to be better equipped, more seasoned and reliable than it did four years ago. The sprinting crop is a bumper one. There is a real middle distance star, the first double threat in years in Lloyd Hahn for the 800 and 1,500 meter runs. There is Clarence DeMar, improver as a marathoner with age, and the sensational veteran, Joe Ray, ready to run the race of his life for the laurel wreath.

It has been twenty years since America won an Olympic marathon, or the 1,500 meter classic, sixteen years since triumph has come in any race longer than the 400 meter run. Since the war the only Yankee flat race victories have been in the dashes. It is about due for the curve to swing upward. It may not come this year but if a collection of talent starring Paddock, Spencer, Hahn, Dear, Ray, Wykoff, Cunning and a few others cannot chase at least part of the jinx it is difficult to figure how it can be accomplished.

Not in many years has the crop of American sprinters been as promising as it is this year. Not only have veterans such as Paddock, Russell, Scholz, Hussey and others shown returns to form but a younger group, featuring Simpson, Spacer, Wykoff and Quinn, has leaped to the front since 1924. The world's record of 9 3-5 seconds for the 100 yard dash has been touched at least a half dozen times this spring from West Point to Los Angeles.

If Charley Borah, one of America's fastest men, overcomes a leg injury and an internal ailment, he must be listed among the favorites. His return to form would give the United States just that much more sprinting strength to throw into the game.

Faster quarter-miles than Emerson (Bud) Spencer, Joe Tierney or Ray Barbuti of Syracuse would be difficult to find. Spencer has broken the world's record for 400 meters with a mark of 47 seconds made on the Pacific coast, but has been beaten by both Tierney and Barbuti in advance of the final Olympic trials. Spencer's form is peerless to watch but Barbuti has the tremendous driving power of a born halfback. Tierney, too, is big, fast and strong.

Hahn is well above the rest of the middle distance field, in fact the only American conceded to have a chance to win either the 800 or 1,500 meter events. Since injuries have spaed the chances of two of the foremost Europeans, Peltzer of Germany and Beempkin Martin of France, Hahn's outlook appears better in the 800 than in the 1,500 where he will meet the defending champion Nurmi.

Ray Watson, national half-mile champion, and Ray Conger, national mile titleholder rank next to Hahn in the "dope." Two college stars, Elliott of North Carolina and Siler of Washington, are the best of the young mile runners.

Unless some such youngsters as the Lermond brothers, Lee and George, or a veteran such as Frank Thurston, pull a surprise there will be few if any American threats at any distance beyond 1,500 meters until the Marathon is reached. The long distance classic will find an odd combination of the reformed hiker, Joe Ray, and the uninformed plodder, Clarence DeMar, forming the biggest American threat since Johnny Hayes won the race in 1908. Ray's development as a marathoner, in fact a record-breaker, has been the most sensational occurrence of the pre-Olympic campaign.

There doesn't seem much for the Yankee hunter-trappers to worry about with Bascom, Lescher, Ayo and Nichols to lead the Kate Smith diers. Taylor and Gibson to set the pace over the 400-meter low hurdles. Europe has never won an Olympic hurdling race and it is only an outside prospect that Lord Burghley of England or Stig Pettersen of Sweden, the outstanding Europeans, will break through the American ranks this time.

TAX LIQUOR FOR ROADS

RIGA (AP)—A 2 per cent tax on all alcoholic beverages, income to be used exclusively for road funds, has been approved by the Latvian cabinet of ministers. The tax department will fix retail prices affected by the levy.

HE'S A MANAGER AGAIN

NEA Boston Bureau

A National league manager for the second time, Rogers Hornsby is pictured here as he prepared a welcome to his new job, leading the Boston Braves. His trade from the New York Giants was followed by the resignation of Jack Slattery as chief of the Braves. Hornsby seems glad to get the extra duty along with his second base berth—the major combination in which he won and the St. Louis Cardinals to a world championship.

U. S. AND FOREIGN FAVORITES

NEW YORK (AP)—Figured on the basis of past performances, form and experience, here are the principal favorites, American and foreign, as they shape up for track features of the Olympics:

Event	American Favorites	Foreign Favorites
100 meters	Hussey, Wykoff, Scholz, Paddock	Kuersteiner (Germany)
200 meters	Wykoff, Paddock, Russell, Scholz	Kuersteiner (Ger.), Hinkel (Eng.)
400 meters	Barbuti, Spencer, Tierney	Hinkel (Eng.), Barthner (Ger.)
800 meters	Hahn, Watson, Lesher	Peltzer (Ger.), Lowe (Eng.) and B. Martin (France)
1500 meters	Hahn, Conger, Elliott, Siler	Nurmi (Fin.), Wide (Sweden)
5000 meters	Lermond, Abbott	Nurmi, Wide and Ritola (Sweden)
10,000 meters	Ray, G. Lermond	Nurmi and Ritola (Fin.)
Marathon	Ray, DeMar	Stenroos (Fin.), Berlin (Italy)
Steeple[illegible]	Keith W[illegible]	Nurmi and Ritola (Fin.)
110 M. Hurdles	Hastie, Dye, Leitner, Nichols	Atkinson (S. Africa), Pettersen (Sweden)
400 M. Hurdles	Gibson, Taylor (Colo)	Cassells (Holland), Burghley (England) and Pettersen (Sweden)
400 M. Relay	U. S. Team	Germany
1600 M. Relay	U. S. Team	Great Britain

Helen Wills Beats English Player

WIMBLEDON, Eng., June 27 (AP)—Helen Wills defending her Wimbledon championship successfully met her second test of the 1928 tournament today, eliminating Miss V. Gallay, of England, in easy fashion 6-2, 6-2.

Wilmer Clarke of Kansas City, member of the American Davis cup team, was eliminated in the men's singles of the British tennis championships today by H. W. Austin, brilliant young English star, in a hard-fought five-set match, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.

BUILD BALKAN RAILROAD

CONSTANTINOPLE (AP)—Negotiations are under way looking to construction of a Balkan railroad from Durazzo to Constantinople. By connection through Italy the road would reduce the travel time between England and Constantinople by many hours and increase trade between Eastern and Western Europe. Italian, Turkish, Albanian and Greek financiers are interested.

Four lions were offered for sale by a New York zoo the other day. There's a chance to get even with your neighbor's chickens.

He's Made Good

This young man is Al Shealey rookie hurler with the New York Yankees who didn't take long this spring to convince Miller Huggins he was good. He is taking his turns regularly now and he is winning his game—and it is not just bunkum he's with the Yanks.

RISKO DEFEATS GEORGE GODFREY

Judges' Decision Meets with Only Lukewarm Approval at Ring

NEW YORK, June 25 (AP)—Johnny Risko, the Cleveland lumberjack, was awarded a decision over George Godfrey, surrogate to Harry Wills as the "Black Menace" last night at the end of their 10-round go at Ebbets field, Brooklyn.

Although the verdict of the judges met with only lukewarm approval among 25,000 spectators, several sport writers gave Risko a margin of five rounds with four for Godfrey and one even. The Associated Press scribe alone gave the negro five rounds with three for Risko and two even. Risko apparently caught the judge's eyes with a thrilling rally in the last two rounds that had the 225-pound negro giant glad to hold and back away. Neither bore marks of the battle at the close. The match was one of the few financial successes of the rainy summer season of many postponements. Receipts were $[illegible].

Loughran Fights Emanuel Tonight

NEW YORK, June 27 (AP)—Tommy Loughran, may defend his light heavyweight title against Armand Emanuel, young hurler from California at Madison Square Garden tonight or it may be just another light. If Emanuel comes in under the 175-pound limit the bout automatically takes on titular aspects although it only scheduled to go ten rounds and the champion had no intended to lay his crown.

Frisco's Grip On First Place A Strangle Hold

Pacific Coast League Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	54	37	.593
Hollywood	51	38	.546
Los Angeles	47	40	.540
Mission	46	41	.529
Sacramento	45	41	.523
Oakland	37	39	.425
Portland	35	42	.455
Seattle	27	53	.338

By the Associated Press

With the Pacific Coast league's first half of the season nearing the end, the San Francisco Seals with a three-game lead over Hollywood, seem assured of the pennant.

Both teams won yesterday, Frisco thinking third-place Los Angeles, 2 to 0, and the Stars nosing out fourth-place Mission 7 to 6.

In the second division, Portland has an outside chance of bettering her position which is now two games behind sixth-place Oakland, Sacramento getting the breaks defeated the Beavers 7 to 4 while the Seattle Indians were trounced Oakland 5 to 1.

Yesterday's results in the major leagues follow:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York 7, Philadelphia 4.
Washington 1st, Boston 4-11.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia 4, New York 11.

DELIVER FISH BY PLANE

DAYTON, O. (AP)—Live trout fingerlings have been placed in streams near the Wright aeronautical field after having been brought by airplane from Northville, Mich. Twenty cans containing the trout in water comprised the first air shipment of fish in record time.

Oldest Member of Eastern Star Dies

SALEM, Ore., June 28 (AP)—Mrs. Sophia Auffrance, of Dorsal, who recently observed her 96th birthday, was instantly killed about 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when the automobile in which she was riding was overturned near the Champoeg mill. Her husband, August Auffrance was also injured while Mrs. Charles Gibbs, of Newberg, driver of the machine, was badly injured. She was taken to Newberg. Gibbs, the other occupant of the automobile was not hurt.

Mrs. Auffrance was the oldest member of the Eastern Star Order in Oregon.

But then some of the Republicans who go to Houston, if any, probably will think there's a slim meeting of cough-drop people.

BEFORE the MIKE

FRIDAY PROGRAMS

The National Broadcasting company program for Friday night follows: 8 to 9, Wrigley review; 9:30 to 10, Moon Magic; 10 to 11, Louisiana Days; 11 to 12, dance music.

KGW—Portland (491m-610kc) 8, NBC; 10, concert; 10:30 to 12, Boat Owls.

KGO—Oakland (384.4m-780kc) 8, NBC; 10, concert; 10:30 to 12, concert.

KPO—San Francisco (422.3m-710kc) 8, NBC; 9, string quartet; 10, NBC.

KHJ—Los Angeles (322.3m-930kc) 8, surprise program; 10, orchestra.

KYA—San Francisco (332.7m-900kc) 8, "21" center; 9, ABC chain; 10, orchestra and sonnet.

KOL—Seattle (348.6m-860kc) 7:30, studio program; 9, ABC chain; 10 to 12, dance music.

KFRC—San Francisco (454.3m-660kc) 8, Great Ladies; 9:30, songs; 9, sonnet; 10:10 to 12:10, orchestra.

KFWB—Hollywood (336.9m-890kc) 8, variety program; 9, quartet; 10, dance music.

KFI—Los Angeles (467.3m-642kc) 8, NBC; 9, concert orchestra; 10, NBC.

KOMO—Seattle (360.8m-970kc) 8, NBC; 10, orchestra; 11:30 to 12:30, theater music.

KHQ—Spokane (526.3m-570kc) 8, NBC.

KEX—Portland (277.4m-1080kc) 8, studio program; 9, ABC chain; 10 to 12, dance orchestra.

KGW—Portland (491m-610kc) 7, studio program; 10 to 11:30, dance music.

BYRD CAN STAY AWAKE, BUT PRIZES SLEEP, TOO

NEW YORK (AP)—Commander Richard E. Byrd, who on occasion can get along with almost no sleep at all, evidently "once in a while."

This is revealed in a newly published juvenile biography of the explorer.

"I think sleep is the most important thing a man can get for his health," the man who spent 42 hours awake over the Atlantic last summer told Fitzhugh Green, author of "Dick Byrd, Air Explorer."

A blurb on the jacket of a recent book calls it "a search for an answer to the riddle of the universe." We were disappointed, though, as the book really doesn't say a thing about national political conventions.