INVITATIONS ISSUED FOR ARMY OLYMPIC

Twenty-one Allied Nations Asked to Participate.

FRANCE APPROVES MEET

Event to Be Staged in Paris in May or June Under Direction of Americans.

PARIS, Saturday, Jan. 11.—A mammoth military olympic meet to be held in Paris in May or June, under the auspices of the American Army, for athletes from all the allied fighting forces, is projected in plans announced today. General Pershing, who is taking a keen interest in the plans, is sending a personal letter to the commanders-in-chief of the armies of all Nations with whom the United States has been associated during the war, inviting the officers and men to participate.

Twenty-one allied countries will be asked to take part, and it is planned that the games will surpass any other athletic competition ever conducted in the history of sports. The games will be financed entirely by the American Army, in co-operation with the welfare agencies now operating with it.

The French government and the French army have given their approval of the plan and have promised their hearty co-operation.

Invitation Is Issued.

General Pershing's letter of invitation to the French army, which is identical with those sent to the commanders of other armies, follows:

"The officers and men of the American expeditionary forces, being keenly appreciative of the splendid relations which exist among those who have borne arms in the great common cause and which in the present instance have so happily developed into such deep feelings of mutual respect and admiration, are most anxious to preserve and strengthen this relationship in every way possible.

"Now that active military operations have ceased they believe that nothing could be more conducive to this end than to gather in friendly competition on the field of sport representatives of the armies of each of the nations which have so long been associated together in the struggle for right.

"Accordingly, they have decided to organize an inter-allied athletic meeting, to be held in the Colombes Stadium, Paris, during the month of May or June, 1919, in which officers and men of all these armies shall be eligible to take part.

Individual Prizes Provided.

"As commander-in-chief of the American expeditionary forces, I have the honor, therefore, to invite, through you, their commander-in-chief, the officers and men of the armies of France to participate in the contests, and to express the earnest hope that many of them may do so, that the ties of the much-cherished spirit of comradeship which have sprung up from the gallant joint efforts of our forces on the battlefield may thus be even more closely cemented.

"Respectfully,

"JOHN J. PERSHING."

Individual prizes already have been provided for and will be of artistic merit with symbolical designs. It is probable that team trophies also will be presented.

HOPPE AND ANDERSON SIGNED

Seattle Fight Fans to See Real Fight in Pete-Houck Go.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Willie Hoppe, the butcher-town 140-pounder who won many friends in Seattle on his last invasion of the Northwest, will box a return match here Tuesday when he opposes Harry Anderson, Seattle's new ring sensation. The bout is the main event of a card of five mills.

Harry Gilium, the popular Salt Lake middleweight, will oppose a new man from Philadelphia, Frankie McKeehan, in the semi-windup. Saturday Match-Maker Caruso Dan Salt arranged a scrap which will catch the eye of the fans who like to see a real battle. Mike Pete, who celebrated his return to the ring by a knockout victory over clever Harry Schuster in Tacoma Thursday, will meet Leo Houck.

In the other bouts Steve Reynolds, who knocked out Jack Martin at the Elks' show, will box Harry Williams, and Jack Roy will oppose Roy McDonald, the sailor miller.

SEATTLE BILLIARD FANS AGOG

Augie Kieckhefer, World's Three-Cushion Champ, May Meet De Oro.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Seattle may be given the opportunity of seeing the great Augie Kieckhefer, three-cushion champion, defend his championship against Alfred De Oro, for many years holder of the honors. Saturday, Charles Hulen, of the Brown & Hulen Billiard Parlors, telegraphed to Chicago for the match and the local billiard authority hopes to land the big contest for this city.

Should Hulen be successful in getting the two men to play their title match here local cue fans will have the opportunity of witnessing the two best three-cushion artists in action. The match will be played sometime within the next 35 days. Kieckheffer is required to defend his emblem every 40 days and De Oro has challenged and will be his next opponent.

The last championship billiard match played in Seattle was the pocket billiard contest between Champion Allen, of Kansas City, and Maturo, of Denver.

WILLAMETTE COACH RETURNS

R. L. Matthews Will Resume Work in Athletics at Salem.

R. L. Matthews, well known athletic director and head coach at Willamette University, Salem, was a Portland visitor yesterday, enroute to Salem, where he again will coach the athletic teams of that institution.

Matthews did not return to Willamette last semester, accepting a position with the county engineer at Sunnyside, Wash., and was placed in charge of road construction. While here yesterday Matthews expressed hopes that athletics would come back strong this Spring. He expects to round out a good basketball team in about two weeks.

BASKETBALL RIVALRY IS KEEN

Franklin-Washington Contest Is Expected to Renew Football Feeling.

Columbia University basketball team will tangle with Franklin High School at the Washington High gymnasium this afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the first game of the interscholastic league.

Both teams are on edge for the opening battle and a hard game is looked for. There is a lot of hard feeling between the two teams because of the result in their football game last season. Franklin defeated Columbia, 7 to 6, Franklin registering their final score in the last few seconds of the game after a disputed play.

The basketball teams of both schools are composed of men who played on the respective football teams. Thomas, Shryder and Reynolds, three of the Quaker gridiron mainstays, are on the Franklin quintet, while at Columbia Jacobberger, Sweeney, Driscoll and McKiel who played on the prep school's football aggregation are now on the basketball five.

1920 CUP RACE IS CERTAIN

Sir Thomas Lipton Accepts Later Date, and Will Visit Here.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(Special Cable.)—Sir Thomas Lipton has accepted the New York Yacht Club's suggestion that his latest challenge for the America's cup should call for a series of races being sailed in 1920 and not this year.

He will visit New York in the near future, sailing from England late this month or early in February, to inspect his Shamrock IV, and decide for himself whether she is in condition to serve as a challenger or whether it will be necessary for him to build a new yacht.

TOM MONKS NOMINATED FOR REFEREE.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 12.—(Sporting Editor, The Oregonian.) — I noticed Tom Monks' letter in The Sunday Oregonian in which he criticises the decisions of Jack Grant and Stanley MacDonald at the last boxing smoker.

I do not know Grant or MacDonald, nor do I always agree with their decisions. Neither have I agreed with my old friend George Siler or Eddie Smith in many of their decisions years ago, but after reading Mr. Monks' letter I am firmly convinced that as long as he is so well versed in the fight game and can criticise referees' decisions so keenly, I for one nominate Mr. Monks as one of the referees for the next smoker. Why send out of town, as Mr. Monks suggests, when we have so capable a judge of fistiana right here in our midst? Who'll second the nomination of Mr. Monks?

(Signed.) FIGHT FAN.

CLATSKANIE DEFEATS RAINIER

Score of 25 to 10 Recorded in Fast Basketball Contest.

CLATSKANIE, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The Clatskanie High School basketball team, playing in midseason form, trimmed Rainier High last night on the latter's floor, 25 to 10.

The game was marked by brilliant playing on both sides, but the excellent teamwork of Clatskanie was too much for Rainier, and they clearly outclassed their opponents.

Fred Baird, the fighting "Ex-Gob," was in the limelight for Clatskanie as was his lanky brother Phil, the pair winning three-fourths of the winners' points, while Gulker and Miller showed up well for Rainier.

After the game, the Clatskanie coach, W. T. Ellertsen, boarded a train for O. A. C., where he will try out for the Aggie's team in answer to a call from Coach Hargiss.

The lineup for Clatskanie was Phil Baird, forward, 6 points; Erickson, forward, 7 points; Fred Baird, center, 10 points; Geary, guard, 2 points; McGillvary, guard, none. For Rainier, Russell, forward, 2; Womick, forward, none; Miller, center, 6; Gulker, guard, none; Ellis, guard, 2.

Referee, J. Ellertsen.

VANCOUVER, SEATTLE TIE

ICE HOCKEY FANS WATCH NORTHERN SERIES.

"Smoky" Harris Leads Portland Men Playing in League; Victoria in Third Place.

Even though Portland is not a member of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association this season, there are many ice hockey enthusiasts who are paying close attention to the three-team circuit which is composed of Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle.

At the present writing Vancouver and Seattle are tied for first place, each team having won two games and lost one for a percentage of .667. Victoria brings up the rear guard with one game in the win column and three lost which gives them a .250 standing.

"Cyclone" Taylor, of the Vancouver club, heads the list of players in the points-scored column with five goals and one assist in three games played. Of the former Portland players now members of teams in the Pacific Coast Hockey Association, "Smoky" Harris tops the list of point-getters with two goals and one assist.

Records of players to date, follow:

Name and Club—	G.	G.	A.	Pts.
Taylor, Van	3	5	1	6
Rowe, Seattle	3	3	2	5
Mackay, Van.	3	3	1	4
Foyston, Seattle	3	4	0	4
Harris, Van.	3	2	1	3
Morris, Seattle	3	2	1	3
Wilson, Seattle	3	2	1	3
Stanley, Van.	3	1	0	1
Barbour, Vic.	4	1	0	1
Tobin, Vic.	4	1	0	1
Rickey, Seattle	3	1	0	1
Johnson, Vic.	4	1	0	1
Dunderdale, Vic.	4	1	0	1
Loughlin, Vic.	4	0	1	1

"Black List" Held Unjust.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Because, he alleges, his name is being unjustly held on the "blacklist" of the Lane County Credit association and because his wife refuses to live with him until this "stigma" is removed from his name, R. Papenfus has entered suit in the Circuit Court to clear his name and to collect damages to the extent of $4000 and costs of the suit. Papenful alleges that he was "blacklisted" because of a "pretended claim" of a local physician for $15, which Papenfus refused to pay and which he was excused from paying as the result of a suit brought to collect it by the physician.

Wrestler Asks Return Match.

BEND, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—In an endeavor to regain his title of middleweight champion of the Northwest, Charlie Olson, of Butte, is negotiating for a return match with Ad Gustavo, of Bend, to be held the latter part of the month. Gustavo, took two straight falls from Olson here Friday night in 51 minutes, using the toe-hold for both.

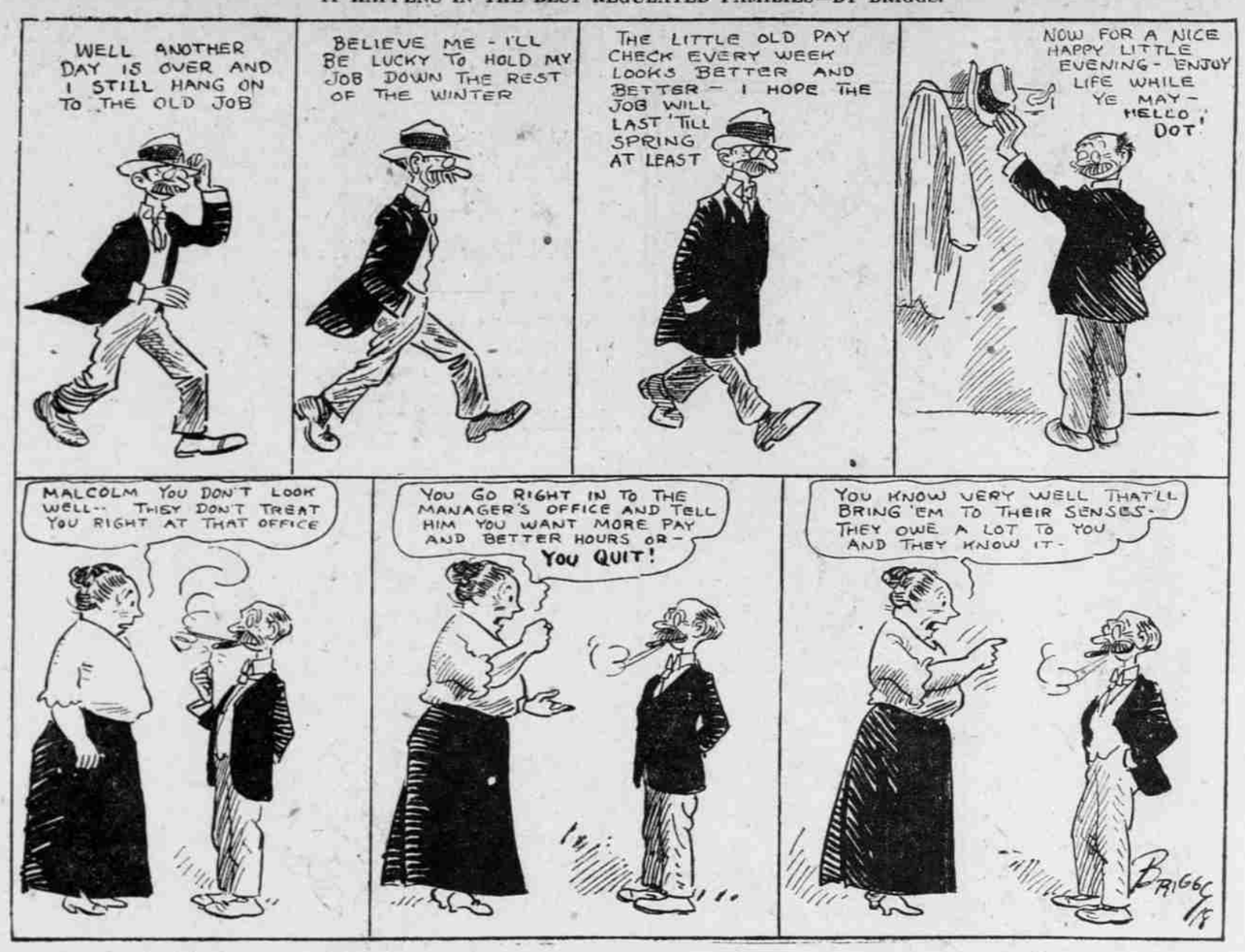
O'Brien Outpoints Burns.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Dick O'Brien, Cincinnati heavyweight, easily outpointed Dummy Burns, of Buffalo, in a 10-round contest here last night. Burns fought gamely but was nearly out in the eighth.

Dundee Fights to Draw.

COLUMBUS, N. M., Jan. 12.—Young Dundee, of Chicago, claiming the featherweight boxing championship of the Army, fought a draw here Saturday with Nick Gundy. Dundee represented Camp Travis, San Antonio, and Gundy Fort Bliss, El Paso.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES—BY BRIGGS.



CATHEY LEADS IN SHOOT

FIRST ROUND OF DIRECTORS' CUP EVENT DISPOSED OF.

Everding, Holohan and Kellar Are Tied for Second Place; Special Events Shot.

Dr. Collie F. Cathey won the first round on the directors' cup shoot, which was held yesterday at Everding Park, the home of the Portland Gun Club, breaking 48 out of 50 targets. The directors' cup will be shot for all year, the first 50 targets shot at on teach Sunday to count for score on the trophy. The final shoot will be held in 1920. H. R. "Hi" Everding, Dennis Holohan and E. H. Kellar, tied for second honors in the 50-target event, each shooter scattering 47 targets out of 50. A. L. Zachrisson, Charley Leith and W. F. Carey each bagged 46 out of 50 targets apiece, while E. G. Hawman and H. H. Veatch each brought down 45 flying clays out of 50.

Twenty-six scattergun men were at the traps yesterday an^ as a whole, the scores were the best that have been turned in on any practice targets for some time. The trapshots busted tie tar hawks with equal ease from any angle.

G. B. Wylick, president of the Pendleton Gun Club; V. Pawley, of Seattle; Frank Riehl, of Tacoma, and J. S. Hines, of San Francisco, all well-known trapshooters, were visitors at the Portland Gun Club yesterday and spent an enjoyable day.

At the completion of the 50-target event, several of the shooters continued to blaze away at the clay pigeons. Among these were C. B. Preston. Preston shot 75 more targets. He nailed 23 out of his first 25, 22 out of the second 25 and 24 out of the third 25.

Four shooters, Charley Leith, W. C. Bristol, E. G. Hawman and W. F. Carey entered a doubles shoot, which resulted in Leith winning with a score of 23. Carey registered 21; Bristol, shooting with a 20-gauge gun, 12, and Hawman 15.

A special match between Dr. C. F. Cathey and Charley Leith was the individual feature of the afternoon. They decided to shoot 50 targets, but at the end of the 50 they were deadlocked, with 47 down apiece. They shot another 25 targets and Cathey won out, breaking 24 out of 25 to Leath's 23.

Jim Reid, professional, broke 48 out of 50 targets in the first event, and P. J. Holohan also shattered 47 out of 50. Following are the scores:

	13	15	20	25	25	25
C. B. Preston	11	15	16	23	22	24
E. H. Keller	14	15	18	..	..	..
E. G. Hawman	14	15	18	17	17	..
C. D. Plank	11	12	20	..	..	..
V. Pawley	11	12	18	15	..	..
*P. J. Holohan	13	14	20	..	..	..
Dennis Holohan	13	15	18	..	..	..
L. Zachrisson	12	15	19	..	..	..
Frank Riehl	14	13	19	..	..	..
F. O. Joy	11	11	15	..	..	..
*J. Reid	14	14	20	..	..	..
H. H. Veatch	14	12	19	..	..	..
W. F. Carey	12	15	19	..	..	..
J. G. Clemson	15	13	15	..	..	..
Charles Leith	14	14	18	..	..	..
C. F. Cathey	14	15	18	..	..	..
H. R. Everding	14	14	19	..	..	..
W. C. Bristol	13	13	17	..	..	..
H. H. Peterson	12	12	14	..	..	..
C. E. Stolte	2	3	6	..	..	..
A. A. Hoover	9	10	18	..	..	..
W. Hagenbush	9	8	10	..	..	..
Ed Pierce	6	7	10	..	..	..
J. S. Hines	5	6	7	..	..	..
L. H. Kennedy	9	10	14	..	..	..
G. B. Wylick	12	13	17	..	..	..

*Professionals.

SEASON ON ELK MAY OPEN

Animals Becoming Too Numerous on Olympic Peninsula.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 12—(Special.) — Forest Supervisor R. L. Fromme will recommend to the coming session of the State Legislature limited opening of the season on el^ for the Olympic Peninsula, according to announcement. Under his proposal the number to be killed would be limited to about 400 for the year and would be only bulls.

The reason for making the recommendation, Mr. Fromme states, is the fact that the elk herds have increased to such numbers that in certain sections there is not sufficient forage to maintain them.

The hunters would be required to take licensed guides who also would be game wardens, and see that the provisions of the permits were carried out.

James and Bundy Win Doubles.

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 12.—R. L. James, Saratoga, and Nathan Bundy, Norfolk, defeated Georges Aranyi and Count Otto Salm 1-6, 6-1, 6-2 in the final men's doubles today of the mid-Winter tennis tournament. In the final mixed doubles Miss Marjorie Lake, Hartford, and Count Salm won from Miss Caroline Bogart, Moore County, and N. A. Ross, Longwood.

MODEST EVERETT SCOTT RATED AS GREAT BASEBALL PLAYER

American League Boasts Least Talked About Star in Major Baseball, but He Can Be Relied Upon in Pinches—Does Not Play to Grandstand.

BY BILLY EVANS.

STAR ballplayers are not necessarily those who receive the most publicity. To break constantly into print, one, of course, must be a trifle out of the ordinary. Some players are constantly in the spotlight because of natural ability in the field, at the bat, on the bases or in the pitcher's box.

Others come in for publicity more through eccentricities than because of natural ability. Every now and then you strike an individual who does the most difficult things, apparently without effort. He goes about his work in a mechanical sort of way, with an air of indifference that detracts rather than attracts attention. He makes the difficult plays look easy.

The American League, I believe, boasts of the least-talked-about star player in the history of the game. I refer to Shortstop Everett Scott, who, I think, is one of the most valuable infielders in the game. There isn't much color to Scotty.

Clever Protests Entered.

He is aggressive, yet not of the sort that plays to the fans. There is no show or alibi about his kicks to the umpire, yet Scott perhaps enters as many a protest in a clever manner as some player who is regarded as a scrappy athlete.

When he makes a remarkable play he strikes no pose that will call your attention to the fact that the star shortstop of the Boston club was the man who made the play possible. Rather, he trots back to his position with head down, more after the manner of some player who had just pulled a bone and was ashamed of it. There is no player who takes the game more seriously than he, yet his air of apparent indifference makes you think he hasn't a care in the world. In a way, that is true, because I have often heard opposing players refer to Scott as a player who seemed coolest when the most was at stake.

Perhaps no members of the Boston club appreciate the value of Scott quite so much as the pitchers. Scott is one of those unusual infielders who can go to the right or left with equal celerity. In many cases you will find shortstops are particularly strong in handling balls hit in certain directions. One shortstop might be regarded as deadly accurate on balls hit to his right, while on balls hit to his left only fair would be a proper estimate of his ability. Some other shortstop might be a star on balls hit to the left and only fair on balls to the right. Scott is one of those rare exceptions. He can go in either direction and get them. He can throw from any position, another valuable asset, if you seek to be reckoned among the top-notchers as a shortstop. In handling throws Scott is almost uncanny. Let him get the ball, no matter what kind of a throw it happens to be, and he will, in some way, get that ball on the runner, often using a flying tackle as a last resort.

Scott at Best in Pinch.

At bat Scott has been generally regarded as a weak hitter. While Scott has never seriously threatened the .300 mark as a batsman, yet he is a good man to be up in a pinch. My idea of a worth-while batsman is not the fellow who can hit safely when nothing is at stake when the bases are empty, when the pitcher is easing up, but rather the fellow prone to come through with the timely swat when a couple of men are on, and when a base hit nearly means the ball game. For my part, I will take the fellow who hits around .225, but is always eager to come up in the pinch, in preference to the .300 swatter, who appears scared when much depends on his efforts. Scott is of greater value as a batsman than he is given credit for, because it is in the pinch that he is at his best.

Scott didn't boast of a healthy batting average last year, and perhaps it is exaggeration for me to make such a statement, but it seemed to me that any time Scott made a base hit in games in which I officiated with Boston last year said base hit always sent one or more runs across the plate. I know that in at least a half dozen cases in 1918 I have seen pitchers pass up some other batsman to take a chance at Scott only to see him break up the ball game. From my observations of Scott, he would command great respect from me if I was a major-league pitcher.

Leonard Pays Tribute.

Just how much Boston pitchers appreciate the worth of Scott as a fielder was forcibly brought to my attention in a game at Boston a couple of years ago. I don't recall the opposing team, but I do know it was a club that had an imposing array of hard-hitting, right-handed batters. It was suicide for the ordinary left-hander to try to beat that club. Now, "Dutch" Leonard is no ordinary left-hander. He is rated as one of the star southpaws. Ordinarily it doesn't worry Leonard if all the opposing hitters are right-handers, but on this occasion he showed some concern, when it was certain Scott, who had been spiked the day before, would be unable to play. Just before the game started one of the Boston players asked Leonard how he felt.

"Never felt better in my life," he responded, "but I will be working under a slight handicap. I won't be able to use all my stuff."

"What do you mean?" asked his teammate.

"Well, I won't be able to use the shortstop ball today, as they tell me Scott won't be able to play."

Leonard meant he would have to pass up his curve most of the time, because, as a rule, right-handers hit such a delivery hard in the direction of left field. With Scott out of the game, Leonard wasn't fully satisfied his substitute would handle those balls hit between short and third as he knew only Scott could. It seemed to me that Leonard could have paid no greater tribute to Scott's ability and do it in such an unusual manner.

Hard Test Passed.

One needs only to go to the world's series to get a line on Scott's real value and to bear out the contention that Scott is at his best when most is at stake. In 1914 the Rex Sox played the Phillies. Opposed to Scott at shortstop was Bancroft, who had been a sensation in National League circles. The dope on the series had Bancroft outplaying Scott. He did outhit him 5 to 1 and then some, but in the field Scott was superb, and he pulled a play which I think was the turning point. The play didn't receive much attention, but it was a play that required nerve, because failure to have pulled it would have probably resulted in his effort being classed as a "bone." It was the ninth inning of the third game, with 1 to 1. Hopper, first up, singled. It was Scott's duty to bunt. Alexander was pitching, and he is hard to bunt on when he speeds up. Scott fouled off the first two and, with two strikes and no ball on him, the Philly infield moved back, regarding the possibility of a bunt out of the question. Scott crossed everybody by laying down a perfect bunt, on which Hooper easily advanced to second, while Scott was thrown out by an eyelash. That play put Hooper in position to score the winning run when Lewis hit safely.

In the 1916 series with Brooklyn, Scott's remarkable work in the field was the deciding factor in several games. In the 1918 series with Chicago Scott was opposed to the National League find of the year, Hollocher, and once more Scott showed to advantage. I repeat, in the history of baseball, no player with the ability of Scott has received so little publicity.

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DUGDALE TO STAY IN GAME

Reported Proposal to Sell Seattle Team Denied by Magnate.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—D. E. Dugdale, for many years leader of Seattle baseball, is not going to quit the game. Dug came out flat-footed Saturday and denied the reports that he was thinking of selling his franchise and retiring from baseball.

"I look for a big revival of the game, 'In Seattle's entrance into the Coast League," the magnate said. "I am going to step out and give Seattle a team which will compare favorably with San Francisco or any of the other clubs. We are going to cut some figure in our Coast League debut, and I assure the fans that we will have a real ball team."

Regarding the sale of his club, Dug said that if some millionaire with more money than he knew what to do with wanted the Seattle club worse than he did, he would sell, of course. But the big fellow is not looking for a buyer, and from all appearances intends to stay right where he is as head of the Seattle Baseball Club.

DUGDALE TO STAY ON JOB

Seattle Baseball Magnate Denies He Plans to Sell Club.

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—Emphatic denial was made here today by D. E. Dugdale, owner of the Seattle baseball club, to persistent reports that he planned to sell the club and retire from baseball.

He said a reorganization of the club's stockholders would be made at once, however, but that he would remain at the head of the club.

TWO OFF OREGON SQUAD

BASKETBALL TEAM HANDICAPPE BY DOCTOR'S ORDERS.

Dow Wilson, Last Year's Guard, May Be Barred When Given Physical Examination.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 12.—With the season's basketball opening but two weeks away, Oregon's hopes for a championship team on the floor were considerably jarred yesterday when it was learned that "Chuck" Comfort, last year's varsity center, will be unable to play this season. The doctor has ordered Comfort to stay out of basketball on account of a weak heart.

While Comfort was anxious to get into the play, Dean Walker, who is coaching the varsity basketball team this year, decided it was for the best that he lay off. Walker explained his position this morning, saying:

"I do not care to have men on the team who, by playing, may injure themselves. Every man representing the university this year in any athletic work must pass a physical examination. We are out to give the men some hard work, which I think will be of benefit to them, and not to win games alone. The school spirit of these men is commendable, but we are aiming to build men up and not to tear them down, through the athletic work. Si Starr is in the same position as Comfort, and I have told him that he had best turn in his suit."

Starr Also to Quit.

Starr, who played center on the freshman five last year, has been bothered with bad eyes and the first night of practice showed that he could continue only at a great disadvantage. The loss of Starr will be felt this year as he is a tall, rangy fellow, and while he had not clinched a position on the varsity squad, he was one of the best bets.

Dow Wilson, who played guard on the varsity team last year, was unable to get into the service on account of his heart and may be forced to turn in his suit. Wilson has not had his physical examination as yet and is still turning out for practice.

Walker is putting his men through some stiff practice. At center, Herm Lind and Francis Jacobberger are opposing each other at present. Carter Brandon also may try to land the center job, but he is a good guard and may be used there. Lind was second string center last season while Jacobberger and Brandon both played on the freshmen team.

Ned Fowler and Dot Medley, both of last year's team are vieing with Eddie Durno and Clyde Henniger, who played on the first year team last season, for the forward positions. There should be a great fight among these candidates for a place on the varsity as they are all "whizzes" in this department.

Guards Are Plentiful.

At guards, Wilson, last year varsity; Chapman, Brandon and Houston are contending for the two positions. The latter three were members of the fresh team last season.

The lemon-yellow representatives are anxious to grab off the Northwest championship in order to get to journey into the Southland, to settle the championship of the Pacific Coast. The first contest on the programme is with the Washington State College five, which will be met on the local floor in two games, January 27 and 28.

Walker, who is graduate manager of the university, as well as coach of basketball, is trying to arrange a couple of games with Willamette, Chemawa or Multnomah Club, to be played here next Friday and Saturday evenings. The local team will have to do some great work in order to get into shape for the start of the season, but if they keep going as they have during the past week they should be in fair shape for the first contest.

Yanks May Train in Jacksonville.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Manager Miller Huggins, of the Yankees, has gone South to look over several training camps. He will visit Jacksonville, and it is likely the Yankees will choose this place. Some of the other major league clubs will also train there, as there are two baseball parks available and good hotel accommodations.

Milwaukee Signs Phillies' Scout.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 12.—Billy Doyle, of Philadelphia, has signed a two-year contract to scout for the Milwaukee team of the American Association. In getting Doyle Milwaukee had to enter a hot bidding contest against Hughey Jennings, and also the Louisville team, of the American Association, both clubs wanting the Philly veteran.

The Czar of Russia, before his deposition, possessed a single estate covering more than 100,000,000 acres.

THREE-CUSHION PLAY IS PROVING POPULAR

Annual Handicap Tournament Draws Large Crowds.

FORTY-THREE ARE ENTERED

George Hart Runs 35 Billiards in 47 Innings—Title Match Being Arranged.

The popularity of the three-cushion billiard game was clearly demonstrated in the first week of the first annual three-cushion handicap billiard tournament on at the Rialto Billiard Parlors. Despite the "flu" scare and the "fireside" weather, capacity crowds turned out to each night's matches and were treated to some real three-cushion games. If the rest of play is on par with the past week's, the billiard fans are in for some great games in the coming matches of the tournament.

When the time came for the first match last Monday night 43 cueists were on Manager Harry Green's entry list and were divided into three classes, according to their ability.

The feature of the week's play was the performance of George Hart, who ran 35 billiards in 47 innings against C. W. Peterson Friday night. Thirty-five billiards in 47 innings is championship form, and if Hart can continue that pace he will be a hard man to beat by the best of them.

Manager Green, of the Rialto Billiard Parlors, already has began to figure on a Hart-Condon match for the three-cushion championship of the city as soon as the present tournament is over.

Condon won the championship of Portland the first part of last year when he defeated Si Sanders, winning at the same time a trophy emblematic of the title. The championship cup has to be won three times before it becomes the permanent property of any player. Condon won his first leg on it when he defeated Sanders. Later in the season Condon defended his title and the cup, and won again, securing two notches on the trophy.

The time is now rolling near for the city championship battle, and without a doubt Hart will be the man to take on Condon. If the latter succeeds in defeating Hart when they meet, he will become the permanent holder of the trophy.

Joe McClusky is also playing a sensational game, and ran 30 points in 60 innings Thursday night when he defeated J. Warren, 30 to 16.

The honor of scoring the highest run up to date in the tournament goes to G. Miles, who ran six straight billiards Wednesday night, although he lost his match.

There were no scheduled games yesterday. The following matches will be played tonight. Class A, B. E. Thayer vs. O. A. Kirby, 30 points; Class C, G. Parsons vs. H. Rosenthal, 25 points, and Class C, Oscar Keys vs. T. F. Pierce, 20 points.

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J. J. Parker, president of the Rialto Billiard Company, is on a tour of California at the present time, and while in San Francisco will endeavor to arrange for some of the best three-cushion players in that state to play either Chase Sibley or Henry Soloman in Portland this Winter. Among the well-known San Francisco billiardists with whom Parker will talk are: Joe Carney, Harry Wakefield, Horgen and Daly. A match between any one of these four and either Sibley or Soloman would be a ten strike in local billiard circles.

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Pat Moriaty, well-known local pocket billiard artist, recently made a run of 82 balls in a game at the Rialto Billiard Parlors. A run of 82 points is a fast enough gait for Taberski, and is seldom witnessed in even big matches.

MINORS PREPARE DEMANDS

REPRESENTATION ON NATIONAL COMMISSION DESIRED.

Abolition of Optional Agreement Will Be Recommended to Major Leagues.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Minor league representation on the National Baseball Commission, abolition of the optional agreement and modification of the draft will be the chief demands of Western minor leaguers, who left here tonight for New York to attend the meeting of the National Association of Minor Leagues, Tuesday and the joint session of the major leagues.

The party included A. R. Tearny, president of the Three I. League, and chairman of a minor league committee that presented suggested changes in the draft to the National Commission; Thomas J. Hickey, president of the American Association; Edward Hanlon, of Sioux City, Ia., acting president of the Western League, and John M. Powers, president of the Los Angeles club, who will represent the Pacific Coast League.

President Hickey said the entire personnel of the American Association would attend the meetings.

Fred Mitchell, president and manager of the Chicago Nationals, and William Veeck, vice-president of the club, also departed for New York tonight. Mitchell plans to sign a coach to succeed Otto Knabe, who asked to be released so that his business partner, "Kid" Gleason, could manage the Chicago Americans. Mitchell said a trade involving a new outfielder for the Cubs was a possibility.

There was an unconfirmed report here tonight that Clarence Rowland, former manager of the White Sox, was being considered to succeed Christy Mathewson as manager of the Cincinnati Nationals. Rowland plans to confer with August Hermann, president of the Cincinnati club, in New York, but he declined to say whether the management had been offered him. Rowland denied, however, that he contemplated the purchase of the Indianapolis club of the American Association.

INDIANAPOLIS TO REORGANIZE

New Company Proposed, With Capitalization of $350,000.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12.—At a meeting here today of the stockholders of the Cincinnati Exhibition Company, which controls the Cincinnati National League baseball club, the plan of reorganization presented by the directors was unanimously approved.

Under this action a new company will be formed, the capitalization reduced from $500,000 to $350,000; a refunding of outstanding bonds will be effected, thereby reducing the original amount from $200,000 to $125,000, and a good working capital will be available, with a practical wiping out of all current indebtedness.