

ENGLISH PEER IS FOND OF YANKEES

Lord Desborough Will Welcome American Athletes to Olympic Games.

By Curtis Brown. London, March 21.—America's athletes are sure of a rousing welcome in England when they arrive this summer to take part in the Olympic games.

Officially, of course, Lord Desborough cannot discuss the chances of the American or the representative of any other country. But in his private capacity he declares that the chances of the United States are most promising.

In his official capacity he has authorized me, through this paper, to issue to the press a statement of his feeling for the United States and to people a warm message of welcome to England for their representatives.

In conservative England it is not considered etiquette for those in high places to grant interviews or to give out statements to the press unless in very exceptional cases. Lord Desborough, however, has traveled much in the United States and has met many Americans. His feeling for the United States is almost akin to that which he has for Britain.

Lord Desborough hesitated for some time before writing the message which I give below. He walked up and down the room considering the question. Then he suddenly walked over to his desk and for the next few minutes scribbled with a fountain pen on thick sheets of paper which bore on them a baron's crown.

He gave me the sheets with the straightforward comment: "I am only too glad to be able in this way to express myself to the American public."

Message to Americans. Here is the message: "I consider that all who take an interest in the revival of the Olympic games of 1908 owe the authorities of the United States a deep debt of gratitude for the splendid manner in which they have thrown themselves into the movement."

"I am glad to think that there is every probability of the United States being so finely represented at the games—and that means that they will win a great many events."

"It has been in constant communication with James E. Sullivan, the secretary of the American committee, Olympic games, and I should like to express my personal thanks to him for the splendid manner in which he has worked to make the Olympic games of London the success which we now foresee."

"No international athletic meeting would be complete without a very strong contingent from the United States."

"They will be sure of a very hearty welcome here, and if they are not too busy winning competitions I hope they will have time to see a little of the country."

"The idea of the Olympic games, as I have said more than once, is something beyond and above the mere holding of great athletic meetings—the underlying hope is that the youth, and especially the athletic youth of the different countries, by meeting each other in friendly rivalry, will get to know each other better and appreciate each other more."

"It is also trusted that these great international meetings will tend to promote the true sportsmanlike feeling among the nations which take part in them and to bring unity and concord, peace and good will."

"DESBOROUGH." Lord Desborough personally knows several members of the American team. He met them at Athens at the Olympic games two years ago.

"I hope to visit the United States again soon," said Lord Desborough in answer to my question. "It is a grand country. I enjoyed my visits there immensely. I feel sure that the American athletes will be most heavily welcomed. We are making great preparations properly to entertain them. I was unfortunately not at the St. Louis fair, but it was of the English team at Athens and saw the Americans perform and met many of them. I also enjoyed something of the best of the United States. It will be very strong in all the track athletics. I expect them to win in the short distance races. In the long distance, however, I believe Britain will make a good showing, and perhaps the best, in the longer events. I believe that generally causes more excitement than any other. In this I look for a British victory."

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Lord Desborough is not alone champion swimmer, but champion fencer, champion waterman, whether with scull or puntling pole, champion stager, champion four-hander whip, also a famous big game shot, fisherman, rider to hounds and mountain climber.

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Then he is also a very rich man. His historic and beautiful country seat, Taplow court, is better known as "Homebush Hall." He is a matchless with which it is loaned to notable bridal couples for the first week of their honeymoon.

This admirable Crichton is also the husband of one of the tallest, wealthiest and most brilliant women in England. Her name is Lady Maud. Her family are the owners of West Park, now leased and occupied by Whiteley and Sons, the famous department store.

In appearance the president of the Olympiad is a giant. He stands six feet two and has a massive chest and finely proportioned figure. His eyes are gray-blue, laughing and genial, but can turn like steel when need be. He wears a moustache, has regular features and is one of the handsomest men in the house of lords.

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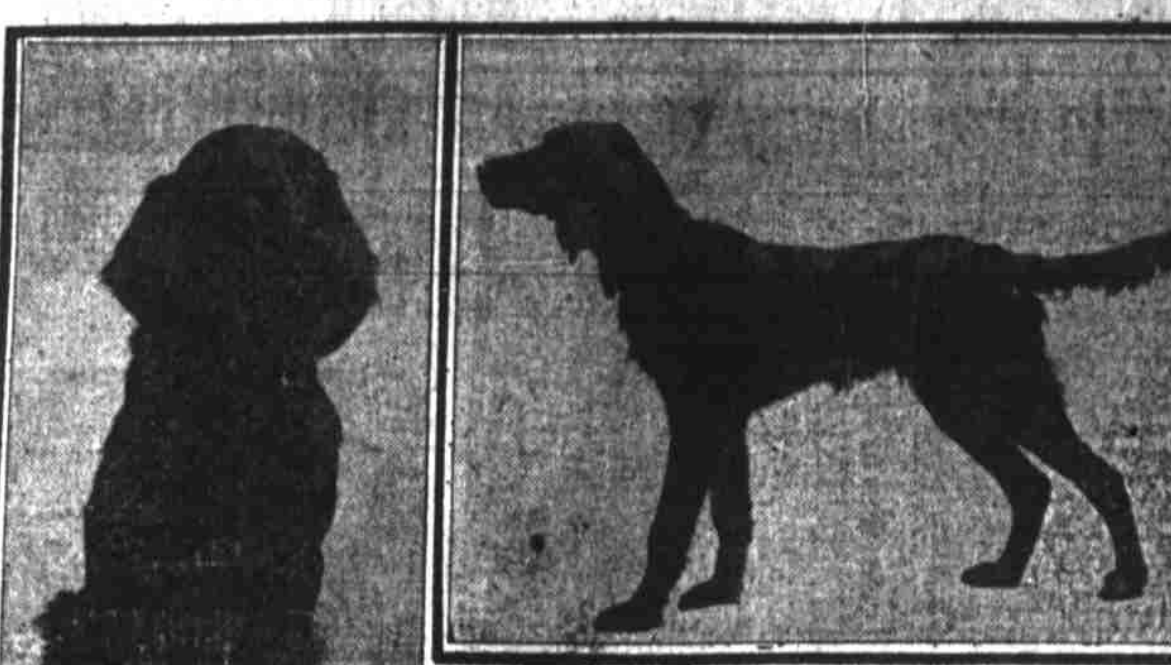
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BEAUTIFUL ANIMAL OWNED BY PORTLAND FANCIER.



PADDY DIGNITY IRISH SETTER 6 MO OLD OWNED BY P. B. VAN NICE

Among the sporting dogs which will be benched the coming dog show in Portland is this blue-blooded canine. Mr. Van Nice has raised him with a great deal of care and feels certain that he will win some of the prizes in the April event.

CARD WINS IN SIX DAY ROLLER CONTEST

Headly Racer Shows Remarkable Speed in Finishing Relay Last Night.

In a fast and steady finish which brought the hundreds of spectators to their feet and drowned the roar of the racers in a thunder of applause, Card finished first last night in the closing relay of the six-day roller skating contest which began at Exposition rink last Monday night.

Following are the names now in Smith's big book: Copeland—H. H. Pomeroy, manager; Magnusson, Farrell, Brock, Troy Myers, Lerch, Gardner, Tauscher, Thomas, Kennedy, Emerick, Hurlburt, McKinley, Neel and Duvall.

THOMAS M'GRATH IS WINNER IN CLUB RUN

Winners Given Ribbons for First Time Since Paper Chases Began.

Thomas McGrath on Caesar was first. James Alexander on Call Bond second and H. C. Campbell on Rose of Hilo third in the fortnightly paper chase of the Portland Hunt club held yesterday afternoon.

There was an exceptionally large turnout of members and Mrs. James Nicol and Mr. Lamson laid the course. The ride commenced on Franklin street. Williamette heights and ended on Cornell road.

Following were those riding: Messrs. Nicol, Eldridge, Chase, Lamont of Regatta, Alexander, McGrath, Strain, Skuse, Joe Cronin, Foider, S. Kerr, MacIntosh, Nicolai, Campbell, Herdman, Rothwell, McComdon, Dr. Briggs, Amos, Shogren, Cronin, Nicolai, Pitcock, Leadbetter, Monroe, O'Brien, Hahn, Veda, Cumming, Loewenberg and Holbrook.

Boxing, 105 pounds, Kid Spava vs. Solder Donahue.

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GOULDIA BOYS ASKS POLICE TO COME BACK

Young Interscholastic Team Strain Upon German Policeman's Nerves More Than He Can Stand.

Columbia interscholastic baseball champions of Portland, with the next three places in the race for the pennant a tossup between three teams, East Side high school, Hill Military academy and Portland academy. This will probably be the outcome of the pennant race in the interscholastic baseball league this year.

Columbia university has the best baseball team it has ever turned out, and the students and players alike are confident that they will land the coveted rag and honor of being champions. They are not content to be champions in Portland. They have captured the pennant in the interscholastic league and are now on their way to New York to compete for the national title.

Columbia's team showed up well in all departments. Locke, who pitched, showed mid-air, form and had a good record of the batter swinging wildly for a hit at the ball. He is a small man, but seems to have all the marks of a good pitcher.

What will carry the team farther than anything else is the pepper and life which they put into the game. Columbia has had good teams before, but they all seemed to lack the staying powers necessary to win a baseball game. This year's team, however, showed up differently from other teams with the championship with ease if ante-season style counts for anything.

The infield is made up of Dockett, Dooley, Campbell and Davis. Every one of these boys has a good arm, and the way they whipped the ball into the outfield has had good teams before, but they all seemed to lack the staying powers necessary to win a baseball game.

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BURGLAR IS EXHIBITED TO FAMILY OF CAPTOR

Gets Coffee and Cigarettes While Waiting for Policeman to Arrest Him.

New York, March 21.—Joseph N. Conte and his uncle, Dr. Henry Mayolitt, planners from the south, who spend most of the year in apartments in West Thirty-ninth street, woke up early this morning to see two men creeping along in a shadow in the moonlight courtyard. Presently up the fire escape came one of them, a negro.

He stepped outside Conte's room, forced back the window lock and was about to step into the room when he was thrust within an inch of his abdomen. The burglar let go of the fire escape ladder and fell.

"Come back here," shouted Conte, poking his shotgun out the window. The negro came and Conte made him sit down on the living room table while he called the rest of the family to see what a live burglar looked like.

Mrs. Conte and the three little Contes came in their night clothes and gazed. While Conte treated the burglar to coffee and cigarettes, Dr. Mayolitt got a policeman from the station and the negro said, "Good night, boss."

"Good night, Mr. Burglar," answered the burglar, gave his name as Theodore Roosevelt Sykes. He had no defense and Magistrate Moss held him in \$1,000 bail for trial.

FORGOT DIVORCE PAPER; NO FIFTH WEDDING

The Bridegroom-to-Be Weeps When He Is Denied a License to Take On Better-Half.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 21.—When Daniel Shaw learned that he could not take unto himself a fifth wife without presenting a copy of his divorce decree at the marriage license office today, he wept.

A crowd of guests invited to partake of a wedding repast did not feast, because Shaw declared he could not face his friends without a bride. But he declared he would marry her later.

Shaw, who is 45 years of age and lives at McKeesport, called at the marriage license office with Ella Scott, 23. Clerk George W. Watson questioned the pair, and Shaw was asked if he was ever married previously. "Four times," he said. His explanation of a three wife life was that he had been divorced from the fourth.

He was told to produce his divorce papers before the license could be granted, and Shaw was so vexed that he could scarcely speak. He did not know where the divorce papers were.

Benning Opens Tomorrow.

Washington, March 21.—The downtown hotel area surrounding the Benning track for next Monday the Benning handicap will open with spring racing season in the District of Columbia. A large attendance is expected and the district courts recently decided "perambulating bookmaking" legal.

Print Auto Ordinance.

The Archer, Combs & Winters company, automobile supply dealers, have compiled an edition containing the city ordinance for regulating and licensing the operation of automobiles in Portland.

Mexican Cook's Method.

From the San Antonio Express. A good Mexican cook relieves the mistress of the house of worry and responsibility in a manner that is almost unknown in the United States. The cook is given so much a day, and with this amount she will purchase each morning all the provisions for the day, including even the staples which are usually bought in large quantities in other countries. On \$1 a day a cook will provide a very good table for a family of three or four and get out beans and tortillas and chile to set the servants.