

GREATEST ATHLETIC EVENTS THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN BEGIN TODAY

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- PREVIOUS OLYMPIC RECORDS.**
- Athena, 1896.**
Fifteen events—America, 3; England, 4; Greece, 1; Denmark, 1.
- Paris, 1900.**
Twenty-three events—America, 17; England, 4; France, 1; Holland, 1.
- St. Louis, 1904.**
Twenty-six events—America, 24; Canada, 1; Germany, 1.
- Athens, 1906.**
Twenty-five events—America, 11; Ireland, 3; Germany, 3; Sweden, 2; Finland, 1; Greece, 1; England, 1; France, 1; Canada, 1; Austria, 1.
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champion, will carry England's colors in both the half and mile. He is ineligible to compete for the United States, and should he win anything for the Australasian colonies his victories will be credited to England. Henderson-Henderson, who has a record of 5:17 3-5, and Butterfield, who has traveled a mile this spring in 5:18 4-5 and has done even better in practice, are a dangerous pair, while J. McGough, E. Deakin and Murphy are all good for 5:22 or better. There are eleven English distance runners who have done 5:25 or better this season. Halstead of Cornell won the 1500-meter event in the American tryout in 5:01 1-5, while Wilson of England did the distance in 3:59 4-5, winning by 20 yards.

England's Sure Thing.
The five mile event looks to be a sure thing for England. A Duncan, Kendall Harriers; Aldrich and Pearce, Highgate Harriers; Underwood, Birmingham Harriers; Deakin, London Athletic club; Lieutenant Hawtry and T. Jack, Edinburgh Harriers; Holdaway, Polytechnic Harriers; S. Welding, Sutton Harriers, and Ashby, Godiva Harriers, are faster than any of the American long-distance entrants. E. R. Voight of the Manchester Harriers captured the five-mile event in England in 25:26 3-5, and Bellars took 26:44 for the distance at the Philadelphia tryouts.

Con Leahy of Ireland, who won the high jump at Athens in 1906, is a dangerous man in this event. Nicholson of Scotland and Walsh of Canada must be reckoned with in the hammer throw, and McDonald, another Canadian, is a capable man at the hop, step and jump. With these exceptions, England has no one of any serious moment able to extend the Americans in the field events.

In the German tryouts, which were held in Leipzig, while resulting in the smashing of four German records, produced nothing which should cause the Yankee athletes to worry. In Sweden and France, however, the United States and Great Britain may catch one or more Tartars, Sweden in particular has made great athletic strides during the past few years.

Sweden's Strong Man.
In the 100-meter event Sweden has Knut Lindborg, a consistent ten-second century flier, who has two victories over J. W. Morton, the English champion. Lindborg may create a surprise in the sprints. In the middle-distance runs Dahl and Bjorn will carry Sweden's colors. Both of these athletes have victories over the British runners at this distance, while Kristian Hallstrom will bear watching in the 800 and 1500 meter events. In the distances above a mile Sweden will depend upon John Svanberg, who is capable of giving any man in the world a race at five miles. Svanberg and Lundberg will carry Sweden's hopes in the Marathon race.

Finland will probably figure in the weight events with Jarvinen, who is said to have hurled the discus 143 feet 4 inches, although he is not credited with the mark in America. Sauli, Niklander Wilkman, and the brothers Jacobson showed good form in the Finnish field events, but not enough to raise any undue hopes at the London games. Jacobson may score in the javelin throw, however. Niemenin will start in the Marathon race, and may cause some trouble.

France has produced some of the greatest distance runners in the world. Ragueneau of Lyons has repeatedly beaten the English cracks, and only once has tasted defeat on English soil. That was last year in the international cross-country, when he finished eleventh after a bad fall at one of the jumps. Poulliot defeated Montagu in the recent dual meet between the South London Harriers and the Racing club of France. The Frenchman Keyser at that meet won both the 1500 and 4800 meter events. L. de Fleurac has held his own with the best British milers. In Jarvin France has a good standing jumper, and Goudes, with Dvorak of Michigan, is the joint holder of the Olympic pole-vaulting record. At the recent Stade Francais games Goudes as vaulter could do no better than 11 feet 6 inches.

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London, July 13.—With the great stadium at Shepherd's Bush crowded almost to its full seating capacity, the flags of all competing nations waving, spectators cheering and King Edward looking down upon the animated scene from the royal box, the International Olympic games were inaugurated today. Two thousand and five hundred athletes from 20 countries will share in the competitions and took part and were lustily cheered, although marked the beginning of the games. Uncle Sam's brawny band of red-blooded athletes played a prominent part and were lustily cheered, although it is the fondest hope of English sportsmen that their long record of victories may at last be overturned.

There is nothing to mar the success except the poverty of the British Olympic Council, which, headed by Lord Desborough, has worked faithfully but in vain to secure sufficient funds for properly entertaining the visiting athletes. Nearly all of the proposed excursions and receptions have been abandoned. The stingy attitude of the British people is denounced by the press as "the shame of England."

Never Such Galaxy of Stars.

Never in the history of sport has there been gathered together such a galaxy of stars as that congregated today in the huge stadium—a structure more than a thousand feet long and 700 feet wide, built to accommodate a crowd of 70,000 persons. There is every indication, on form, that the sturdy sons of Uncle Sam will sweep the board and many are of the opinion that they will not only sweep the board, but take it back with them. There is many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip, however, and to those who have been watching the tremendous interest that has been shown in athletics in Sweden, France and the British Isles since the Olympic games of 1906, with the resulting improvement, it looks as if the meet would not be so much of a cake walk for America as appears at first sight. The English climate must be taken into consideration. It has caused upsets in calculations before and may do so again.

On form, however, America should take all the races on the flat up to the mile, with that race in question, both the hurdle races and all the field events except the javelin throw.

America Against the World.

According to the rule adopted by the Britishers, athletes from the colonies will represent the mother country, and this will materially strengthen England's chances. But even with Canada, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and India to fall back on, in addition to Scotland, Ireland and Wales, there is little fear but that the result will prove a sweeping victory for the United States.

The men who wear the American emblem form the greatest collection of athletes ever brought together in a series of competitions. Unlike the American try-outs, the Britishers did not show their full strength and even with this added, few if any of the Olympic events are likely to remain in England. Nineteen events are on the program for decision, and while it is expected that one or more of them will be captured by some foreigner, it is probable that America will duplicate the performances made at Athens in 1906, if not surpass them.

In the sprints England can produce very little to compare with Cartmell, Robertson, and Rector J. W. Morton is the most dangerous sprinter and has already taken the measure of both Cartmell and Robertson. N. G. Chavasse of Oxford, J. P. George, H. Watson and A. Longhurst of the South London Harriers are all 10-second men, but with the exception of Morton, none is really to be classed with the Americans.

Where England Is Strong.
In the 400-meter Lieutenant Halswell will be England's main dependence. He ran second in this event at Athens in 1906, and has a record of 0:48 4-5 and is reported to be in splendid condition. At the recent games of the Clydesdale Harriers he won the 400-meter event in 0:50 2-5, and then captured the 500-yard run in 1:12 1-5. He will be a dangerous man in the 400 and 800 meter events. Lieutenant Patterson, E. H. Montague of the London Athletic club, C. M. Chavasse, C. Stansfield, R. B. Horsfield, and J. P. George are the best of the other candidates for honors at this distance. England is particularly strong in 800-meter men, and a number have done better than two minutes. Among the men that Melvin W. Sheppard and other half-milers will have to meet are Malbairn-Crawford, G. N. Murphy and T. B. Just. The latter recently ran a half mile in 1:55 3-5, and Halswell has repeatedly beaten 1:58. Guy Haskins, the intercollegiate

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CONTRADICTS REV. BARD.

Undertaker Cookery of Walla Walla Says Oregon is "Dry."

The following interview from J. W. Cookery, an undertaker of Walla Walla, concerning the effect of the prohibition law in Oregon, rather contradicts what Rev. Andreas Bard of Walla Walla said of the same subject in an interview in the Walla Walla Bulletin last week. Mr. Cookery says: "In speaking of the fruit crop of the Willamette valley, J. W. Cookery, who returned yesterday from McMinnville, where he was invited to give a demonstration in embalming before the state funeral directors' association, said the crop was the largest ever known in that portion of the northwest. "Cherries," he said, "are selling at the canneries for 3 1/2 cents a pound and hundreds of children and women are given employment during the canning season."

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LAST GAME OF THE SEASON.

La Grande Baseball Team "Gives Up the Ghost."

The La Grande Star says of the end of the baseball league and the last game of the season: "Sunday's game with Baker City will witness the end of the Inland Empire league as an organization. Manager Lincoln having been notified last night that both Pendleton and Walla Walla would drop out after their game at Pendleton today. Manager Lincoln, when interviewed last night, stated he did not know just what the La Grande team would do, as he was to confer with the manager of the Baker City team regarding a series between Baker and this city. At any rate, the league is a thing of the past."

FOURTY ACRES OF GOOD BARLEY DESTROYED

Coal From Threshing Engine Starts Blaze in Field of Harry Collins Near Valley Grove.
A live coal from a threshing engine on the Harry Collins farm, one mile east of Valley Grove station, yesterday afternoon set fire to a field of barley belonging to Mr. Collins, and before the blaze could be extinguished, 40 acres of barley out of a 120 acre field were entirely consumed, destroying more than 3000 bushels, says the Walla Walla Union. The yield on this place was heavy, the barley averaging about 80 bushels to the acre.

A fire fighting company of about 70 men was quickly organized when the first alarm was given but it was more than an hour before any headway was gained against the flames. The separator and other parts of the threshing machine were not damaged.

"Recent reports from Oregon are, in some cases, discrediting to the efficacy of prohibition in preventing drunkenness and it has been stated that drinks can be bought as readily as before the recent law went into effect. Mayor W. R. Macy of McMinnville, the county seat of Yamhill county, told me that it was practically impossible to get a drink of liquor in the county and that since the new law went into force little disorderly conduct has been noticeable in the city."

Mr. Cookery is a delegate to the Washington State Funeral Directors' association which meets in Spokane, August 25, 26 and 27.

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