

ATHLETIC NEWS

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(Written for the United Press.)

New York, Feb. 12.—France is beginning to look upon sports as a real asset to the nation which should be placed on the highest possible plane. The question of creating a Minister of Sports is being discussed. This would mean the establishment of a Government department devoted to sports. Many prominent men favor the idea, and those only lukewarm on the proposition are at least in favor of the nomination of an Under Secretary of Sports. In case the department idea falls through this may be done. France has already provided for a University of Sports with a backing of nearly \$500,000.

Returning from Europe recently A. G. Spaulding declared that the next country that would have a baseball league such as are now supported in this country would be France. He saw an increasing interest in sports in that country, predicted that the American athletes might not have a walk-away in the next Olympic games and, we suppose, chuckled inwardly at finding a new sales field for sporting goods. But laying Spaulding's business aside, there is no doubt that Europe is beginning to take more interest in sports. Kraenzlein, the great Pennsylvanian hurdler, is shaping the Germans for the Olympic games and though England is reluctant to admit it American methods are going to be seen cropping out in that country.

Americans Do Not Need It.

Consideration of a plan to appoint a minister of sports in France suggests whether this country needs such an official. Well, hardly. There is no doubt but that France needs a driving power behind her sporting interests and recognition by the government that healthy sports furnish one of the best possible tonics a nation can have, and the making of a real effort to see that the tonic is furnished should make things boom.

This country does not need stimulation. We have the tonic pouring into our systems and do not need a government official to stir it up. We do need, however, something better than the A. A. U. rules as to professional and amateurs. While amateur sports was being built up and was growing they sufficed, but as the game is broadening so should the committee governing the sports. For instance, the participation of college ball players in "summer baseball" is coming just as certain as is the Fourth of July. That question has been batted back and forth in a dozen different ways and discussed from every angle. It has been harped on for some time without showing any great effect, but college players are going to be at it before many more seasons and the rules will simply have to be amended so that their amateur standing will not be impaired if they play summer baseball.

Value in Sports Recognized.

The value in sports is more and more being recognized not only for its physical development of the rising genera-

tion, but for the value it is serving as an exhaust valve for the excessive steam of those wound up in the every day battles. Baseball is probably the best example of this. Uncle Sam's devotion to the national game has kept his brain clear and jogged up his humor with dashes of pop, peanuts, fresh air and enthusiasm for ball parks. No matter how bitter the feeling between capital and labor, Democrats, Republicans or Bull Mooseers, time can be taken out to go to a ball game where everybody meets on an equal level; where for a couple of hours everyone's interest is the same. They may root for different teams, but for two hours the only thing that counts is hitting, fielding and base running. When the World's Series rolls around that part of the country that can't jam itself into the parks of the two contending teams glues its eyes to scoreboards and spends its pennies buying baseball extras. The suffrage, tariff, income tax, currency law or any other weighty question has to get up early in the morning to arouse as much discussion as a World's Series, which is a pretty good indication that our esteemed Uncle is not greatly in danger of taking himself too seriously and going to the bow-wow.

Gallery Gods Amuse.

The yells of the gallery gods at the boxing shows afford almost as much fun as the fights, and sometimes a lot more. Once in a while some wag pulls a good one that overshadows the fight. At one of the recent fights, here the announcer in making his usual spiel let it be known that Bombardier Wells had knocked out someone at Cardiff, Wales.

"How many legs did the man have, one or two?" cried a man from the 50 cent seats.

During another fight recently one of the boys was taking a terrific beating. He was covering up and backing away while his opponent was rocking him with rights and lefts. When everyone was quiet and the crowd was waiting breathless for the finishing punch, some one yelled:

"Open the door, the boy's going out!"

Carl Morris and Jess Willard staged one of the poorest fights in years here some time ago, it may be remembered. They tapped each other around and then would wait and spar and walk around before risking another tap. The crowd was pretty sore, but it was so quiet you could hear the rubbing of the men's shoes on the rosinced canvas as they shifted around. Finally Willard peeked at Carl gently. Then came a voice, filled with compassion, from the gallery:

"All right, Carl, now YOU hit HIM."

McFarland-Gibbons Fight.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Feb. 12.—What is expected to be one of the best local fights of the winter will occur at Madison Square Garden tonight when Paeky McFarland and Mike Gibbons meet in a ten round bout. The men were to meet at four this afternoon and weigh in at 140 pounds. They will receive fifty per cent of the box receipts. From Manager Billy Gibson of the Garden A. C., came word today that every seat in the huge structure had been sold two days ago. Standing room is expected to be at a premium. Even a larger crowd than saw the Cross-Bitchie fight will witness tonight's big battle. Both men are clever and possessed of a man-sized wallop. Betting today was even.

SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS TODAY

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Orange Lake, Newburgh, Feb. 12.—Many of the best skaters of the United States and Canada gathered here today to participate in the Eastern outdoor skating championships. Six events on the program are the one mile novice; quarter mile championship; half mile championship; five-mile handicap and a special invitation race open to point winners in the championship events.

LORE VERSUS DROUILLIARD.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Windsor, Canada, Feb. 12.—Johnny Lore appeared to be in fine shape today for his bout here tonight with Pat Drouillard. Lore was favored in today's betting.

JABS AND JOLTS

If Joe Jackson has turned down a \$65,000 contract the fault lies with the Federal league. If he had been offered that much in silver dollars and words of one syllable he would have swam up Niagara Falls.

"They are all dodging me," complains Marty Carter speaking of white hopes. But why?

It may be true that Bat Nelson is suing Abe Attell for the return of a \$100 loan, but how did Bat ever let it get away without taking Abe's right eye as security?

Commercially speaking, it would be a good idea to put a "Made in Chicago" label on the Federal League.

Democracy is gaining ground among ball players. For instance, Ty Cobb has condescended to do a little spring training among his fellow athletes.

Many a ball player jumps to the Federal League because it his only chance to see himself depicted in the public prints as a big league star.

Larry Gilbert, formerly with the Milwaukee team, has signed with the Boston Braves, but he can always say that he once belonged to a pennant winning team.

THEY'RE ALL STARS NOW.

"I've looked at dubs," remarked a baseball fan.

"I've looked at dubs for years at four bits per.

And never knew until the Feds began.

How many thousand big league stars there were."

One is not surprised to read that Young Bob Fitzsimmons put Old Bob Fitzsimmons to the floor. Many a kid has made a bum out of his old man.

Nevertheless one is inclined to suspect that either Young Bob or Old Bob is employing a good press agent.

Jimmy Clabby is charged with having started a fight with a cop. This is the first time in history that a champion or near champion has started a fight without any gate receipts in sight.

It is reported that Frank Gotch has refused an offer of \$25,000 to re-enter the game, but go! how much it must have hurt him.

In view of the fact that there is said to be \$100,000,000 back of organized baseball, it behooves some intrepid explorer to find out how far back it is.

Ed Reulbach has signed a contract with Brooklyn, but if we were Charlie Ebbets we'd put armor plate on the front of the new grand stand.

Whenever Doc Herman protests against hammer throwing one is led to suspect that he is backed by organized baseball.

There is method in Bill Killifer's madness. He can go into vaudeville as an impersonator of the jumping bean.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Killifer is not an amateur athlete. Otherwise Jim Sullivan could enter him in the jumps in the Olympic games.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Feb. 12.—Under the auspices of the United States Lawn Tennis Association play began today on the Seventh Regiment Armory courts for the national indoor championships in singles and doubles. All matches are to be two out of three vantage sets except in the finals of singles and doubles which will be three out of five vantage sets. Consolation finals will be two out of three vantage sets. The winner of the singles championship will be awarded the Seventh Regiment Cup won by W. C. Grant in 1902, and by G. P. Touchard in 1913. The cup

must be won three times, not necessarily in succession, to become the property of the player. William B. Cragin, Jr., who was the singles runner-up in 1911-1912, and winner of the doubles title with Touchard last year will act as referee.

CHAVEZ MEETS WINTERS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Pueblo, Colo., Feb. 12.—Bennis Chavez, the Trinidad, Colo., bantamweight, and Lester Winter of Memphis, will meet in a 15 round battle here tonight. Chavez is regarded as the most promising scrapper Colorado has produced since the day of Young Corbett. The lads will weigh 118 at 3 p. m.

PETROSKY-CLABBY MEET.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Cal. Feb. 12.—Sailor Petrosky tonight will attempt to prove that his recent attack of appendicitis has not impaired his ring qualities. He meets Jimmy Clabby in a 20-round bout at McCreary's Vernon Arena.

OHIO REPUBLICANS RALLY.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 12.—Republicans throughout the state today observed Lincoln's birthday with a formal and informal celebrations which they hoped would draw some of the Ohio Progressives back into the fold.

DENIES CHARGES OF NIGGARDLY APPROPRIATION

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 12.—Charges that the government had been niggardly in its appropriations for its aviation corps were denied here yesterday by Chairman Hay of the house military affairs committee.

"Congress has placed no limit on the price the signal corps may pay for aeroplanes," said Hay. "It was provided with \$125,000 last year. Congress believed this amount should be sufficient for experimental work."

"The corps was given no orders as to how it should dispose of the appropriation. They advised our committee that the latest and best kinds of machines had been purchased. The congressional appropriation has had nothing to do with the accidents in San Diego or anywhere else."

SUPFRAGISTS SENTENCED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, Feb. 12.—Four day sentences were meted out yesterday to 7 militant suffragettes concerned in last night's demonstration which culminated in the arrest of a woman the police at first believed to be Mrs. Pankhurst, but who subsequently proved only to have been made up to look like her.

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DEFENDS YELLOW JACKETS

WRITER CLAIMS WILLAMETTE WAS AT NO DISADVANTAGE IN TUESDAY'S GAME.

A defender of the Yellow Jackets writes the sporting editor as follows: "The pill of defeat, indeed, seems a hard one to swallow for the W. U. scribe who wrote up an account of the Yellow Jacket-W. U. basketball game, played at the Y. M. C. A. gym Tuesday night. "The scribe referred to certain conditions at the Y. M. C. A. gym, which are hardly fair to the Yellow Jacket team, hence this reply to his writup. First, the bleachers at the Y. gym. are in exactly the same location, near the sidelines, as they are at the W. U. gym, and how the W. U. players could be more apt to bark their shins on the Y. bleachers than on the W. U. bleachers is more than the writer can figure out. Perhaps the W. U. scribe can explain. It is beyond me. Second, certain members of the W. U. team are not entirely foreign to the Y. gym., having played there on various occasions.

"I should like to ask the W. U. scribe to what trivial excuse he attributes the defeats handed to the W. U. team on its own floor? Surely the W. U. scribe cannot refer to the W. U. gym. as a "hive," and, added to that, the W. U. team had the advantage of being on its own floor. "Allow me to reiterate, Honorable scribe, the pill of defeat is, indeed, a hard one to swallow. You hate to admit that the Yellow Jacket team is faster than your pet bunch, as they fully demonstrated to all fair-minded sportsmen who saw the games. So some, scribe, and be a sport, and admit that the Yellow Jackets have a better team than your pet bunch."

LEWIS AFTER COMPANY

STATE ENGINEER WOULD OUST CENTRAL IRRIGATION COMPANY FROM PROJECT.

Declaring that the seepage losses may be 50 per cent, and that the facilities provided will not supply the land sold, patented and listed for patent, State Engineer Lewis, at a meeting of the desert land board recently introduced resolutions providing that the Central Oregon Irrigation company must enlarge its plant, and that all approved lists of lands remaining unsold in the project be revoked and further sales be forbidden.

Action was deferred until next Tuesday, when Roscoe Howard, manager of the company, will explain to the board his side of the case. Mr. Lewis said that from a careful summary of all data relative to the project about 25,575 acres of irrigable land had been sold in the Oregon Central canal unit. In addition to that 7477 acres of irrigable land is open for sale and entry. The total area of irrigable land in the project is 37,134 acres, of which 4084 acres have not been opened for entry and sale.

Mr. Lewis says there is a total of 81,970 acres of land susceptible to irrigation in the project, 44,486 acres have been sold and that 34,674 acres have been patented or listed for patent. A report of John Dubuis, field inspector, shows that the present flume and the north canal combined will furnish 690 cubic feet of water a second, which will

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irrigate only 34,500 acres with 50 per cent seepage losses, which is a less amount of land than that which has been patented. As a result Mr. Lewis has refused to patent any more land in the project.

The field inspector reports that the canal capacities on the Central Oregon project, after present enlargements are made, will be insufficient to furnish water for all lands now open for entry and sale, together with lands sold, even should the seepage losses be reduced to 30 per cent.

In one of the resolutions Mr. Lewis says it is apparent that the Central Oregon canal must be enlarged from the end of the present enlargement to the entrance of the stove pipe, in order that it may serve the acreage sold below the

DIGGS IN COUNTY JAIL.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Feb. 12.—Maury I. Diggs and Walter Gilligan, charged with attacking Ida Peorning here on New Year's eve, and held to answer to the superior court by Police Judge Christ, were transferred to the county jail here yesterday.

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