

DUKE KAHANAMOKU GIVEN CREDIT FOR SEVEN NEW A.A.U. RECORDS

Splendid Year of Competitions Looked Forward To by Those Interested in Amateur Athletics — Boston Man is New President — Kolehmainen Sets 43 New Marks

(By Latest Mail) NEW YORK. — Followers of amateur athletics in the United States are looking forward to the coming year as one that will be most successful for track and field meets in this country, following the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union held in this city recently. This meeting was one of the best ever held by the association. Not only were new officers elected for the coming year, but several other matters of importance were disposed of.

Alfred J. Lill, Jr., of Boston, is the new president. Other officers are: First vice-president, John Elliott of San Francisco; second vice-president, T. R. Bland of St. Louis, third vice-president, G. T. Turner of Baltimore; fourth vice-president, W. Bauer of Philadelphia. James E. Sullivan of this city was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The election of Mr. Lill as president was somewhat of a surprise, the general opinion prior to the vote being that G. F. Pawling of Philadelphia, the only other nominee for the office, would succeed G. T. Kirby, the retiring executive. The vote stood 23 to 9 in favor of Lill, and then the election of the Boston man was made unanimous.

Ninety-two records, made during the past year, were approved. Seventy-eight of these were in track and field events and the remaining 14 for swimming.

Of the swimming records, D. P. Kahanamoku of Honolulu was credited with seven. Hannes Kolehmainen, the Finnish Olympic distance runner, was given 43 new records, most of which were made by him as a member of the Irish-American A. C. The Finlandian's marks comprise 12 indoor and 31 outdoor track records, at distances from 1/4 mile to 10 miles.

FOUR NEW PILOTS IN BIG BRUSH NEXT YEAR

(By Latest Mail) NEW YORK. — When the last season started there were five clubs in the major leagues in charge of new managers. This year there will be but four, William Robinson of Brooklyn, Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Browns and Bill Dahlen of the Red Sox, and whoever may be selected to fill Joe Tinker's shoes at Cincinnati, being the only managers who were not in charge when the 1913 campaign opened.

The quintet of new pilots a year ago included Birmingham of the Naps, Evers of the Cubs, Tinker of Cincinnati, Chance of New York and Stallings of Boston. Four of these at least made good. Joe Birmingham had his team fighting for the pennant right down to the finish. Evers did as well as any one could have done with the Cubs. Stallings made his team a winner and it is predicted that it will do even better in the coming campaign. Frank Chance weeded out a lot of dead wood and his team finished one berth above the last hole. Tinker, however, failed to meet with success at Cincinnati, finishing seventh with a team that finished in fifth place the year before.

But every one of the five of these experiments with the exception of Tinker has been retained, the three changes being made in cities where the managers appeared to be safely entrenched. Stovall was supposed to be in fight in St. Louis; but his downfall came in midseason, while Jake Stahl had a most sensational exit, as never before in the history of the game has a world's championship manager lost his job the following season. The release of Bill Dahlen was not totally unexpected. Bill had a long trial at Brooklyn and failed to bring his team up in the first division. Manager Robinson of Brooklyn is convinced that if he can obtain a more capable shortstop than Dahlen left him his team will cut a decidedly more prominent figure in the next National League race.

Robbie hopes to make a deal which will give him such a player. He will feel out McGraw regarding Stock, a youngster who has shown a lot of ability, and he will also have a talk with Pittsburgh officials regarding McCarthy, a clever youngster. He would not hesitate to pay a fair price for Egan of Cincinnati, or any other of the several infielders who are not in good standing with the clubs that have them under contract.

SECOND TOWNIES TO PLAY MARINE ELEVEN

The second Town team hasn't had enough of the gridiron sport to date, and in spite of the fact that most of the local football men have laid aside their armor for the year, a game has been arranged between the junior Townies and the Marines. A. K. Decker, who captains the Town aggregation, has had his men out for practice every evening for the past week, and under the coaching of Bill Rosa, the team has come on fast. It will have to go some, and then some more, to beat the Marines, though, and considerable interest is being manifested in the result.

The game will be called tomorrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock at Alexander field.

A German woman is said to have invented a powder that will put an army to sleep when the shells burst in the enemy's ranks and allow the new gases to escape.

H. P. Drew, the sprinter from Springfield, Mass., high school, accounted for new indoor time marks at 65, 70 and 75 yards, of 7, 7 1/5 and 7 3/5 seconds, respectively.

John Paul Jones of Cornell, with his world's outdoor record of 4 minutes 14 2/5 seconds, and A. R. Kiviat of the Irish-American A. C., with 4 minutes 18 1/5 seconds for a mile indoors, were the honor men among the middle distance runners for the year.

It was the general opinion of the delegates that hereafter the record committee should accept only those records made at standard distances and in events according to the list which now obtains in the United States those sanctioned by the Olympic council as advocated by the athletic federation, and those to be passed upon at next year's Paris convention of the international Olympic committee.

The organization will be represented by a committee to be appointed, later at the sessions of the athletic federation to be held at London or Brussels and Paris next year.

President Kirby, before retiring, submitted a lengthy statement of the work accomplished during his term of office and advocated that competitions under strict conditions and limitations, between amateur and professional athletes should be sanctioned. This matter was referred to the board of governors, as also was the request of the New England Association, urging a change in the by-laws which would permit it to hold its championships in September, when it would be the better able to secure the entries of college athletes.

The report of the secretary-treasurer showed a net gain for the year of \$3181.56, and a balance of \$24,87.52 on hand.

VARDON AND RAY ROAST NEWSPAPERS

LIVERPOOL.—Harry Vardon and Edward Ray, the English professional golfers who have been playing in the United States, arrived here November 21 on the Celtic. They were eagerly sought by a host of reporters, but they proved very uncommunicative, and announced their intention of saying nothing about the tour. The players said they had had a very good time in America. When pressed to talk, Vardon replied: "I don't know, some other time." "Perhaps," he told the truth, we have decided not to give anything away in the course of interviews. "We had a sickening experience at the hands of the American press. They put in our mouths a great many things we never said. They were irresponsible and inaccurate." Both Vardon and Ray also hinted that they had a grievance against the English press, and have preserved a bundle of clippings to corroborate their views. "That is why we have decided to say nothing," added Vardon. "I don't want to say anything at present about America, its golf courses, and its golfers, and I can not say just what our plans are. All I need to tell you is that Quimet, who won the American championship, was a fine player and deserved to win."

the credit for the improvement he displayed. Gleason advised him to cut out the spit ball, and Clotte believes that this strengthened his arm and made it possible for him to pitch better ball than he had in years. Here is how Clotte explains his success: "Gleason also advised me to cut out throwing the spitball and to reduce the number of times of hurling the knuckle ball. "At the beginning of the season I was told by Gleason to stop throwing the spit ball and to reduce the knuckle ball deliveries for effectiveness, but as the year lengthened I learned that a fast ball, with curves, and an occasional slow ball baffled the batters quite as much as did a freak delivery. "There are still times when I throw the spitball or the knuckle ball, but they are much in the minority. My arm is stronger because of the abandoning of them, and next season I propose cutting them entirely from my pitching assortment."

CHINA NOW IS ADVISED BY 23 FOREIGN EXPERTS

Greater Number of These Represent Germany—But One from United States

(By Latest Mail) SHANGHAI.—China has now 23 foreign advisers to the government, of whom Germany claims the largest number, having five representatives. Then come Great Britain, with four, and France, with three; Japan, Italy and Denmark have two each, while America, Russia, Holland, Belgium and Sweden have only one each.

In addition to these officials of confirmed appointment, there is also Sir Francis Piggott, late chief justice in Hongkong, who, though holding no official position under the Chinese government, is retained as a legal adviser. He is at present occupied with the establishment of a court of contraband at Shanghai in conjunction with the ministry of the navy. To Direct Naval College. Another appointment most popularly received in Shanghai is that of Commander Harold Christian as director of the new naval college to be established here in connection with the new naval base at Nimrod sound. The services of Commander Christian have been loaned by Great Britain to the Chinese government for three years, and it is anticipated that he will bring out with him a number of naval instructors to be utilized by the republic in connection with its important scheme for the strengthening of its navy.

Shanghai was also especially interested in the appointment of Colonel Bruce as police adviser, Colonel

NEWS THATS COMMENT THATS NEWS

The Star-Bulletin's Page of Sport Edited by LAURENCE REDINGTON

MID-PACIFIC WINTER LEAGUE NOW LAUNCHED

A new baseball league has been launched. At a meeting held in the McCandless building last night, which was attended by most of the men prominent in local baseball, the Mid-Pacific Winter league came into being, two tentative schedules being considered, but neither being adopted, as the final apportionment of games will depend on the result of the Portuguese-Hawaii game next Sunday. Both these teams are included in the new organization, and if the former wins Sunday, it will be possible to play a game on Sunday, December 21, while if the Hawaii win this date will have to be held open for the final game of the Oahu league pennant play-off.

The new organization is a radical departure from the average baseball league, in that one team, the Chinese, will take part in every game. The Mid-Pacific is really an association of ball clubs for the purpose of playing the All-Chinese on a systematic basis. Included in the league are the Chinese, Portuguese, Hawaii, Punahou, All-Service and All-Oahu teams. The latter organization is to be captained by Johnny Williams, who expects to do the pitching for the club throughout the season. About 19 games will be played in all, bringing the schedule right up to the carnival week.

At last night's meeting A. Q. Marcellino was elected president of the league, "Bill" Raposo, secretary, and J. K. Notley, manager.

The All-Oahu will be a team picked from the cream of the local ball players and the handling of this club has been tendered Johnnie Williams as the following letter addressed to the crack Pacific coast twirler will show:

December 11, 1913. J. B. Williams, Esq., Honolulu.

Dear Friend John: In the interest of baseball the Mid-Pacific Winter League herewith invites you to play with and captain a team of the picked players in Honolulu, the said team to be known as the All-Oahu. In a series of games with the All-Chinese team, as per arranged schedule.

It further gives this league pleasure to suggest the names of some of the local players who might help towards making this team a success, as follows:

- Catchers—La Mere, Joy, Kick, Franco. Pitchers—J. B. Williams, Medeiros, Joy, Lawson. First baseman—Ed. Fernandez, Dreier, La Mere, Leslie. Second base—Chillingworth, Williamson, C. Moriyama, Lieut. O'Hara. Third base—Souza, Willis, Robinson. Shortstops—Hixenbaugh, Robinson, Bushnell. Fielders—Bushnell, Swinton, Joe Ornellas, T. Moriyama, W. Desha. Very respectfully yours, (Signed) W. T. RAPOZO, Secretary.

The Chinese are willing to meet a team handled by Williams and with the pick from the above players a winning team should be possible.

Saturday, December 20, has been decided upon as the opening date for the league and during the early part of the coming week a schedule will be arranged, taking in every Saturday, Sunday and holiday up to carnival week. In this way it is thought the public will get a better brand of baseball, and the teams that take part in the inter-island series during Carnival week will be able to keep in trim.

America's Champion Wrestler, Who Will Meet Russian Challenger



FRANK GOTCH PHOTO BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

The wrestling world is all astir over the report that Frank Gotch, the world's champion heavyweight wrestler, will return to the mat to meet at catch-as-catch-can style Ivan Mamutoff, the Russian bear cat, who is now in this country to wrestle Gotch. Mamutoff knows more about Greece-Roman than catch-as-catch-can, but his weight and strength are figured to balance Gotch's superior skill in the favorite American branch of the game.

TWO CLASSY SOCCER GAMES FOR SATURDAY

SOCCER STANDINGS. Table with columns P, W, L, D, P. Rows include Hawaiian Artillery, Healanis, Malies, National Guard, Beavers.

TOMORROW'S GAMES. Healanis vs. Field Artillery. Beavers vs. National Guard. The regular Saturday double header of the Hawaiian Association Football League tomorrow afternoon promises classy sport, and indications are that two fast games will be played at the lower campus, Punahou, which is the scene of the soccer battles this season.

At 2:30 sharp the two league leaders, the Healanis and the Field Artillerymen from Schofield Barracks, will go against each other and when the game is over, the tie for first place will probably have been broken, although with both elevens playing first class soccer, a draw is not out of the reckoning.

The closer for the afternoon will be between the Beavers and the National Guard. The former team is composed of old players, many of them having been members of the Punahou of former years, but to date they have been unable to get in the win column. The National Guard players make up in grit and speed what they lack in experience, and they should give the Beavers a good run to break away from the cellar. The league is being well managed this season, and games are being run off on time and smartly handled. Dease, L. G. Blackman, Waldron and H. Blackman are acting as referees, and are giving general satisfaction.

Bruce having been the captain-superintendent of the Shanghai municipal police for the last six years, a force whose efficiency he has made an object lesson to the world. Colonel Bruce was previously in the British army, and it is anticipated that the republic will very largely substitute a system of permanent military police for its regular army. A man who knows how to do one thing right may try to prove it by doing something else wrong.

GOLF GOSSIP

Allow me to start by saying that I make no pretence at being an expert on putting, and that this article is merely intended to convey a few little hints which have come up from time to time. People say that putting is merely a matter of practise, but there are exceptions to this rule, for I know a number of very fine putters who never practise at all, and yet the strength and line of the putt always seems to come naturally to them. To most of us, however, practise alone can give the delicate touch so necessary for hoisting the four or five-foot putt, and if the practise is made at a small hole (say 2 1/2 inches in diameter), it will improve the player's game enormously.

But the practise must be on sound lines, otherwise it will act so much good, and each putt must be almost as carefully studied as if the most important match of one's whole career depended upon it. This does not mean tedious examination of every blade of grass between the ball and the hole—which, as most people know, is no advantage whatever—but just a little careful study until one has determined upon the exact line. Sometimes, on an undulating green, the line is not found so readily; but I think any reasonable sportsman will not object to his opponents spending a little extra time so long as they do not lose their place on the course. I might here add that in trying to find the line for a putt, I have come to the conclusion that it is a good tip to get down just as low as possible to the ground, so that position seems to show up the slopes more readily.

Many people consider that the best plan is to keep two putters, for a change will sometimes have a marvellous effect, but within my own experience it is better to keep to one. There is usually some very good reason for bad putting, and by far the best thing to do is to go off to some good green and just practise until the fault has been detected.

One of the most important things is to notice which side of the hole the ball is missing. If for instance, you find you have pulled your putts on the first three or four greens, a slight alteration in the stance or method of hitting will often result in sinking a good one within the next hole or two. By the way of final advice, if you practise putting, do not specialize on any particular length; play some short ones on both flat and undulating greens.

The above is another of O. B.'s fine little contributions to the game which are so useful. It is a pity that every one is not fortunate enough to see them regularly.

Hungarian industries suffered greatly because of the Balkan war. The countries involved were unable to make their usual purchases from Hungary and there were many failures.

A girl with a face as pretty as a picture may be spoiled by an ugly frame of mind.

TENNIS MERGER BEING PLANNED FOR CLUBS HERE

Fine Clubhouse, Eight Tennis and Two Squash Courts and Swimming Pool Planned for New Organization

One big tennis club for Honolulu, having an equipment of eight tennis courts, two squash courts, modern club house and swimming pool, is the project that is now being urged by a number of prominent tennis enthusiasts. The scheme has gone well beyond the visionary stage, and real money is in sight to convert it into actuality.

The plan is to consolidate the Pacific, Beretania, and probably the Neighborhood tennis clubs into one organization, and then purchase the entire piece of property from Beretania to Hotel streets, half of which is now occupied by the present Beretania courts. This land belongs to the Cooke estate, and assurance has been given that satisfactory financial arrangements can be made for its acquisition. It is estimated that there will be ample room on this ground for eight tennis and two squash courts, and for the club house and swimming pool that is part of the plan.

A. L. Castle, R. A. Cooke, W. P. Roth and A. J. Lowry form the committee that is handling the financial end of the deal, and to date they have received assurance that the funds will be forthcoming when needed. They have made a thorough canvass among the tennis enthusiasts of the city, and to date no one has put up an objection to the plan.

At the present time neither the Beretania and Pacific tennis clubs own their own land, the former depending on the courtesy of the Cooke estate, and the latter on the Irwin estate. There are therefore no complications incident to abandoning the present sites, and spreading out on more ambitious and permanent lines.

HAVE FLIRTED WITH DEATH.

(By Latest Mail) PITTSBURGH.—The police let it be known that for three weeks that six tomahawks have been fliriting with death as they drove along Grant boulevard, the favorite motor track between the fashionable east and district and downtown Pittsburgh. During that time they have collected 120 sticks of dynamite, apparently scattered systematically over the road.

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