

SULLIVAN RADIATES OPTIMISM

FORMER HEAD OF A. A. U. PREDICTS BRIGHT FUTURE FOR AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

New York, Dec. 30.—Harmony out of discord and more compact organization out of disruption, a new national and international birth for sport, is what James E. Sullivan, former president of the A. A. U., believes the future holds in store.

"All these controversies," he said today, referring to the breach between east and west in golfing, tennis, skating and some of the lesser departments of national sports, "are much to be regretted, but mark this: They will all result in a cleaner and broader basis for athletics in this country."

Although this winter has seen more discussion than in several years it is Mr. Sullivan's firm belief that the present sectional division of sports will constantly broaden toward the national idea. And one necessary to effect this growth, he holds, is a supreme court of appeals in all sport.

"There are three or four millions of people interested in organized athletics of all sorts in this country," said Mr. Sullivan, "and the center of that athletic population is constantly moving westward. Thirty years ago it was concentrated in and around New York, but we have been forced to acknowledge that the west is rapidly effecting a balance in the country's athletic interest."

"The A. A. U. this year had its national championships in Seattle, in the coming year they will be held in New Orleans and a Chicago man is now president of the union. These concessions came naturally and have resulted in general benefit to sports. We must have, and shall have some day an international board of full control with international rules and regulations."

NEW BOSS OF PHILLIES IS MRS. C. P. TAFT

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Annie Sinton Taft, sister-in-law of President Taft and the wife of Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, is the new owner of the Philadelphia National league baseball grounds. The deed and lease for the property were filed in city hall late this afternoon and show that Mrs. Taft and not her husband has the title to the grounds. John I. Rogers and A. J. Reach, former owners of the grounds, transferred the title this afternoon. Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago National league club, represented the purchaser, who was announced as Charles P. Taft.

The purchase price was not given out, but papers filed with the recorder of deeds show that the price was \$250,000. The Philadelphia National league baseball club is given a lease on the grounds for 99 years with the privilege of buying the plot at the expiration of 20 years.

LAMPHERE SUCCUMBS TO "WHITE PLAGUE"

Convicted Slayer of Mrs. Guinness and Children Dies in Penitentiary at Michigan City.

Laporte, Ind., Dec. 30.—Ray Lamphere, 35 years of age, convicted slayer of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her children, died tonight of tuberculosis in the Michigan City penitentiary, where he was serving an indeterminate term for arson. Lamphere on April 8, 1908, set fire to the Guinness home near Laporte and incinerated the family. He had been employed by Mrs. Guinness as a workman on her farm.

Following the fire bodies of several persons murdered by Mrs. Guinness were unearthed in the yard. It was shown that Lamphere was probably cognizant of some of the Guinness crimes and that he was angry with her.

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Compromise is Reached Between Telegraphers and Officials of the Big Four Railroad.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—A compromise has been reached between telegraphers of the Big Four railroad and the management of the system, and all immediate danger of a strike has been removed. This is the outcome of a conference today between the telegraphers' committee and General Manager VanWinkle. The basis of the agreement rests on an arrangement for an investigation of all stations on the system and an increase in pay where increased work is shown. The original demand was for a uniform 20 per cent increase. The telegraphers' committee will remain in conference with VanWinkle that the new schedule may be perfected and other points in the controversy settled, but it is believed that there will be no further friction.

MOORE GETS POSITION.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 30.—Ernest Carroll Moore, superintendent of schools in Los Angeles, has been elected to the newly-established professorship of education at Yale university. He has accepted. Two citizens of Connecticut have promised \$20,000 each toward the endowment of this professorship.

WOMEN ARE HUNG UP ON WALLS OF CELLS

Cruelties Alleged to Have Been Practiced Upon Inmates of "Stockade" at Atlanta, Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—In an official investigation of the city prison, known as the "stockade," today, charges were made that white women were hung up on the wall of a cell room as though crucified with extended arms, that at least one attempt was made to whip a woman, that prisoners were used to do work for private citizens; that the prison is a filthy place unworthy of holding even animals, that there has been graft and that barbarous cruelties are practiced there. A grand jury recently indicted Superintendent Vining and two guards on charges of cruelty. Ruby Gailher, 19 years old, told how she was hung up by the wrists until she fainted. She saw other women similarly punished. One girl was put in the whipping machine for the application of the lash. The lash is a heavy leather strap with large rivets studded in its surface. The girl was so small that she slipped through the chair and the guards gave up the attempt.

EXTENSIVE FRAUDS IN USE OF PASSES

St. Paul, Dec. 30.—Extensive frauds in the disposal of trip passes, whereby the Great Northern Railroad company, it is said, has lost from \$12,000 to \$150,000 a year for several years, became known today in connection with the arrest of Paul Carbon, a saloonkeeper, on the charge of illegally disposing of some of the passes. President Louis W. Hill of the Great Northern, refused to talk about the matter except to say that none of the officials of the company is implicated. From the police, who assisted special agents for the railroad in making the arrest, it was learned that several employees of the company were about to be arrested and that one employee in the maintenance of the way department had confessed connection with the affair and will assist the company in its investigations.

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