Magnates Plan Policy for Big Baseball Retrenchment

Tommy Draak How Could You Treat Us So?

Are You Really Training Partner of That "Strangler"? Oh! Oh!! Oh!!!

By Louis Lee Arms

To Mr. Tommy Draak, care of The "In Dutch" Club, of "Holland."

My Dear Tommy: There is no doubt, Thomas, that Barnum was right. My, but you have a temper. You were po-so-lite-ly fe-ro-ci-ous last night when you slugged and kicked "Strangler" Lewis, declaring you never would permit him to use his famous head lock on you.

My, my, Thomas, but didn't the crowd roar. Ain't a crowd a funny thing. Do you know, Tommy, that he hadn't reached the office last night before some one had telephoned the sporting editor that there was a tre-mendous riot at the Lexington Theatre. The sporting editor was all het up. He was getting out the trick headlines and everything. We know, of course, that you wouldn't like any such negative publicity as that. We told the sporting editor that the wise birds figured it was a frame.

(By the way, Tommy, is it true that you are actually Lewis's training partner and are in his pay?)

Didn't the Crowd Laugh!

Didn' the crowd roar! Well, they should have, but ain't saying what at—no, Tommy, we ain't saying that. You were such a lovely spectacle as you pushed Lewis into the wings, beating him on the back. Wasn't it lucky for the poor little "Strangler" you didn't have a club? And wasn't it positively gentlemanly of him that he never hit you back?

And isn't New York a funny town, Tommy? Why, it will stand for almost anything, won't it? And the newspaper boys are such gullible fellows, too. We'll believe nearly anything, won't we; and print it, too? And when it is published it reads pretty good out in Decatur and Terry Hut, and a few other towns that you and the "Strangler" ought to play this season.

And when they read in Decatur and Terry Hut that there was a riot in New York over the headlock we guess they won't want to see that old headlock, eh Tommy? We guess not.

By the way, Tommy, what do you think? nO the way from the circus we saw Jack Curley and said: "Say, Jack, where did they rehearse it?" And what do you think he answered, Tommy? Here's what he said, his very words: "In their room, I guess."

Tommy a Real Actor

But you played your part, Tommy; never let it be said that you didn't. We know Eddie Selwyn, Tommy, and if you ever decide to give up wrestling just slip us the word and we'll knock you down to Eddie. The way you staggered about the stage after Lewis had slipped one or two head locks on you and let you get away! Why, Tommy, we know a lot of the boys up at the Paramount Studios, in Fifty-sixth Street, that would tell you it was a gift, Tommy, a gift.

And when finally you quit, Tommy, how you lay there stiff as a corpse! Some of the boys who had been howling loudest quit, because they were afraid you were dead, Tommy, while some of us were afraid you weren't.

By the way, Tommy, don't you think you could improve your act if you had a set of flying rings and a pair of horizontal bars?

And when you pushed Lewis over the press table, Tommy, and held him there. My, but it was exciting! When a guy gets pushed over a press table it's always good for a few paragraphs, ain't it, Tommy? You don't know, do you? No, you don't know. But supposing some day, Tommy, some irascible reporter rises up and punches a wrestler on the nose, where will the wrestler be then, Tommy? He can't stand to have his pencils broken all the time.

Yes, indeed, New York will stand for most anything. And it was a nice little tournament right up to your act, and, everything considered, that wasn't so bad. You played it well, Tommy, you bet you did.

"Awful," Says Humphries

(By the way, we rode downtown with Joe Humphries, and what do you suppose Joe said? "It was awful, wasn't it?" he said soberly. Now, what did he mean by that?)

You were like a wildcat, Tommy, and considering that you haven't got a chance in the world of ever winning a title, it was nothing less than heroism or martyrdom for you to stand up in protection of the ethics of wrestling the way you did. It was noble, Tommy. We'll say it was.

And through it all wasn't the "Strangler" cool? Of course, he couldn't stand still and let you run all over him without answering a bit in kind, Tommy. But how gently he did it. How really kind he was! The "Strangler" looks like a man who always holds his temper, doesn't he, Tommy? And if byszko had pulled the same roughhouse three night ago he would have gotten away with it, too, wouldn't he, Tommy? Yes, he would.

(By the way, we met Sula Hevonpaa as he got oq the elevated at Brooklyn Bridge, and, what do you think? He was grinning from ear to ear. He learned a few new tricks, old Sula did, Tommy.)

Mark of the Genuine

Well, Tommy, we should like to continue this letter, but it is getting late and the copy reader wants to go home, so we will have to close. We liked all the other matches, particularly the one in which Dr. Roller tossed Pierre Le Belge in thirteen seconds.

That was real wrestling, Tommy, and it had the mark of the genuine on it. And when Sula Hevonpaa met Ivan Linow it was the funniest thing of the season, and if you were "rehearsing" during that time we ought to tell you about it, but can't.

And when you and the "Strangler" play Grand Rapids, Mich., Tommy, drop in and see Emerson Dickerson, and give him our regards. Only, Dick used to carry a gun, Tommy; we'll tell you fair.

(By the way, when you were explaining to the boys the other night how illegal this headolck was you didn't tell "Pat" Fink you were doing a ballyhoo for Lewis, did you?)

Believe me, Tommy,
Cordially,
A Hard Audience.

P. S.—Look up Nick Young in St. Louis, Tommy. Only, he's the Chief of Police, I'm telling you.

N. B.—Drop in and see Alli Martin, of "The Herald," in El Paso. Alli keeps a gun on his desk.

Harvard Club Leads Way In Squash Tennis Tourney

Three Crimson Players and One Columbia Man Reach Semi-Finals Which Will Be Played This Afternoon—Hyde Defeats Mixsell, Appel Triumphs Over Coward

By A. C. Cavagnaro

Three Harvard Club representatives and one Columbia Club member remain to battle for the premier honors in the annual handicap tourney of the National Squash Tennis Association as a result of the completion of the fourth round of play at the Yale Club yesterday. The Crimson survivors are: Fillmore Van S. Hyde, John W. Appel, jr., and J. Victor Onativia, jr., with Robert L. Strebeigh their only outside rival.

Hyde was not in his best form, although he eliminated Harry R. Mixsell, Princeton Club, after three games, by a tally of 15—11, 2—15, 15—8. During the first two games, especially the second, Hyde's usual splendid position play and furious slashing of the ball around the court were missing.

However, when the Tiger player evened the match his young Harvard rival braced considerably. Hyde then resorted to a change of pace, placement shots and lightning "kills" to the front wall, which attack Mixsell was unable to fathom. The Harvard player counted points in short order and retrieved his handicap of 10 aces.

Hyde scored 12 aces before Mixsell added one to his allowance of 3 points when his opponent drove out of court. Of the five aces gathered by Mixsell, four resulted from errors by Hyde.

Appel Kept Busy

Appel was forced to play his best to defeat T. R. Coward, the Yale University undergraduate, by a score of 15—10, 15—12. The Eli student played a creditable game, and it was Appel's harder driving of the ball and experience in position play that earned him the match. Coward led 10 aces to 5 in the second set, when Appel rallied and won out in a nip-and-tuck fight.

The other Harvard winner, Onativia, defeated C. T. Cooney, of Yale, who had beaten several prominent rivals, by a score of 15—8, 15—4. The 275-pound Cooney appeared to suffer from too much play, although his opponent was in his best form. Strebeigh also displayed good squash in downing H. C. Dessauer, of the City Athletic Club, by a score of 15—12, 15—9.

Following the two semi-final round matches this afternoon, Walter A. Kinsella, American professional champion, will meet Harry Lafforgue, the new Yale Club coach, in an exhibition scratch match in aid of the squash war fund.

The summary follows:

National Squash Tennis Association annual handicap tournament (fourth round)—Fillmore Van S. Hyde, Harvard Club (minus 10 aces), defeated Dr. H. R. Mixsell, Princeton Club (plus 3 aces), 15—11, 2—15, 15—8. R. L. Strebeigh, Columbia Club (3 aces plus half hand), defeated H. C. Dessauer, City A. C. (8 aces plus half hand), 15—12, 15—9; J. V. Onativia, jr., Harvard Club (plus 2 aces), defeated C. T. Cooney, Yale Club (3 aces plus half hand), 15—8, 15—4; J. W. Appel, jr., Harvard Club (minus 2 aces), defeated T. R. Coward, Yale University (plus 2 aces), 15—10, 15—12.

Howarth Golf Club Is Now Open to Soldiers

At the annual meeting of the Howarth Country Club (New Jersey) yesterday, it was unanimously voted to throw open the golf course of the organization for the benefit of the men in the service. This opportunity will undoubtedly be taken up by the soldiers of Camp Merritt who are training only several miles distant from the club. Fifteen members of the club have enlisted in the various branches of the war units.

C. C. Nobles was reëlected president of the club for the ensuing year. His retention in the principal office was the result of his having accomplished much to the improvement of the golf course and the club in general. The other officers chosen were: Vice-presidents, Frank D. Ames and James T. Monahan; secretary-treasurer, J. E. Fitzwilson; directors, Nobles, Ames, Monahan, Fitzwilson, Christopher Bambach, L. E. Bridges, D. F. Gayer, Newman Hamblak, Roy W. Porter, W. D. Ramsburgh, L. P. Streeter and Irving Brown.

Jack Hendricks Loses Chance to Go to Cards

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—The offer to release Jack Hendricks, manager of the Indianapolis American Association baseball club, for $10,000 was withdrawn to-day by J. C. McGill, president of the club, in a telegram received from him by Hendricks. Negotiations have been under way for some time for Hendricks's release, he having been offered the management of the St. Louis Nationals if he could get away from his contract here.

The option given to a local syndicate for the purchase of the Indianapolis club from McGill and the other present owners will be withdrawn at 6 o'clock Thursday evening, McGill wired.

Junior National Games May Be Held in New York

It was declared in local A. A. U. circles yesterday that the junior national indoor championship committee would conduct the annual games in an armory of this city during the month of February.

During the last few years there have been many bids from clubs, both of this city and out of town, to stage the games. However, with most of the prominent athletes enlisted, the games have gone a begging. An announcement of the date will probably be made within a few days.

THIS is the big night for lovers of amateur hockey, and the capacity of St. Nicholas Rink will be tested to the limit when the hockey teams of St. Paul Schoool, of Concord, N. H., and the Nassau Hockey Club, of Princeton University, clash in their annual game. Three of the stars who will cross sticks at the rink to-night are pictured below, as follows: Raleigh (Nassau), left; Davis (St. Paul), middle, and Taylor (Nasssau), right. Another "Hobey" Baker may be developed from among these three.

Why Chicago Opposed Big Football Game

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The faculty of the University of Chicago declined to allow a post-season football game recently between Chicago and Michigan for the benefit of army athletic funds, because it was believed that such a contest would serve as an entering wedge to bring about the return of the "intolerable conditions" prevailing in intercollegiate football a dozen years ago.

President Harry Pratt Judson of the University of Chicago, explaining in detail, at the convocation which closed the autumn quarter yesterday, why the suggestion of a post-season game was rejected, said that about 1905 the abuses connected with football became so serious that it was necessary either to abolish the game or adopt drastic regulations.

The latter course was taken, and the game preserved, with most of the serious evils eliminated, President Judson thinks.

President Judson said he believed that the purpose of the proposed game between Chicago and Michigan was carried out by a contest at Chicago between army teams from Camp Grant, in Illinois, and Camp Custer, in Michigan, through which about $33,000 was realized for their athletic funds.

Pendleton Bowdoin Captain

BRUNSWICK, Me., Dec. 19.—Ralph W. Pendleton, of Boston, a pitcher, today was elected captain of the Bowdoin College baseball team to succeed Orin S. Donnell, recently called into military service.

The SPORT LIGHT by Grantland Rice

An All-Time All-Star Team
No. 6—Third Base

From the days of Williamson, Jerry Denny and Sutton, over thirty years ago, great third basemen have only appeared at widely separated intervals.

There have been fewer great third basemen in baseball than at any other position, for there have been periods when five or six years would pass without an undoubted star.

The Main Combatants

Williamson, Denny and Sutton were all stars. So was Nash, who was a brilliant.

But we come to the main battle line when we start with John J. McGraw and range on through the periods of Jimmy Collins, Tommy Leach, Bill Bradley and Arthur Devlin.

The man to be picked should come from this group, for they carried a greater amount of third basing value than any of the others, before or since, although Herzog, played at third regularly, would have soon fought his way into this illustrious group.

Tommy Leach, of Pittsburgh; Bill Bradley, of Cleveland, and Arthur Devlin, of the Giants, were all really great third basemen. They could hit and field, throw and run, block hard smashes, or come in on slow bunts. Bradley was the more spectacular, a third base marvel at fielding, but of no greater club value than Leach or Devlin.

But we doubt—and this doubt was confirmed by others—that any one of the trio quite came up to McGraw or Collins, who lead the parade.

John McGraw vs. Jimmy Collins

McGraw, upon attack, was the greatest of them all around third. As a member of the old Oriole cast he was a great hitter, a fine bunter and a star base runner.

It is needless to add that he was also a hard fighter. So we won't add it.

He was also a first class infielder, but in this department his play fell below that of Collins.

Collins was something more than the most graceful of all third basemen and the most effective.

He was also an exceptionally stout athlete at bat. His average here doesn't quite range with that of McGraw, but he was good enough to carve out a .330 or a .340 clip and hold it over a long route.

When it came to infield play at third he certainly had no superior, for he not only had no weakness here, but was in addition an alert, resourceful workman who could take good care of any detail sent his way.

Collins was a marvel, and a marvel over a long stretch. He and Bill Bradley were the two third basemen who carried the greatest combination of ability and grace. Collins was the star member of Boston's two National League champions in 1897 and 1898.

He was also a star member of Boston's two American League champions in 1903 and 1904.

He proved his greatness in two leagues.

So, taking his combined fielding and batting ability against that of McGraw, Collins wins the place. McGraw was a trifle his superior on attack, but as a fielder there was no great comparison, Collins leading by a number of strides.

(To-morrow—The outfield.)

Notes of the Dog World

By J. S. Mitchel

The premium list for the fifteenth annual show of the Toy Spaniel Club of America at the Waldorf-Astoria January 3 was sent broadcast to the fanciers yesterday, and to all appearances it is elaborate enough to suit the most exacting critic.

In the classified special prize list and the varied classes a dozen different breeds have been catered to. They are toy bullterriers, Shetland sheepdogs, Pomeranians, Pekingese, toy poodles, Yorkshires, pugs, Maltese, toy black and tan terriers, Brussels griffons, Chihuahuas, papillons, Italian greyhounds and a miscellaneous class. As usual, the Pomeranians, Pekingese, Japanese and English toy spaniels are to be fore with big offerings of special prizes.

Although the Maltese is yet a rather scarce breed, more than two dozen special prizes have been listed for the little dogs, and there will be perhaps more specials than dogs in the exhibit.

In the string of unclassified special prizes, more than fifty in all, there are some choice trophies, among them being Mrs. Howard Gould's challenge cup for the best toy dog under twelve pounds, and the president's cup, offered by Mrs. Orville H. Tobey, for the best in the show. W. H. Purcell, 29 Broadway, is the manager, and he will handle the entries, which will close Monday next.

A rather odd purchase of Pekingese puppies was made by Mrs. H. McClure Halley, herself a crack breeder of the Pekes. She paid $300 for a dog and bitch which she expects to be champions of their respective sex some day. Not long ago Mrs. Halley sold the mother of the puppies for $250, losing $50 by the transaction.

Quite a number of dog lovers have been inquiring lately whether it is the dog or the photograph that will fetch the prize at the approaching Photograph Dog Show. It would not be a bad plan to have an expert photographer in the judges' department.

Jaffe Wins at Chess

Charles Jaffe was the winner of the thirteenth game in the match with D. Janowski, of Paris, at the rooms of the New York City Chess Club yesterday. The players made 123 moves before Janowski resigned. Of the thirteen games played Janowski has won 5, Jaffe 4 and 4 were drawn.

Star Cricket Player Dies

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 19.—M. G. Bristow, a widely known Canadian cricket player, died here to-day following an operation. He was a member of several Canadian cricket teams which appeared in the United States in international matches. He was forty-seven years old.

Hang-Fire Suit of Feds Worrying Baseball Men

Heavy Indemnities Promised Wards, Sinclair and Gwinner Have Not Been Paid—Other Important Problems Up to National Commission

By W. J. Macbeth

The annual meeting of the National Commission in Cincinnati on January 7 is likely to be one of the most important baseball conferences of the present winter. Indeed, the routine business of the Triumvirate is but secondary in importance, it has been learned on absolutely reliable authority.

Major league club owners, who had intended to mail contracts to players the first of the year, will delay for a week or ten days so that a definite policy toward retrenchment may be determined. There were a few matters of prime importance which the delegates did not find time to digest at the joint meeting in Chicago last week. These were referred to committees, which were instructed to report to the several major employers. The National Commission meeting affords a fine opportunity for these committees and those interested in their action to get together for a final thrashing out of the problems.

The probable effect of war on the playing strength of the two major leagues is one of the least worries of the operators. If all the young stars subject to draft should be taken and all the others of military age should enlist there would still be material available for the shaping of sixteen clubs. In such a contingency the minor leagues would be the first forced out, and their remnants could keep the major spirit aglow indefinitely. The elimination of high salaried men would obviate the salary slashing planned.

One of the real worries of organized baseball at present is the hang-fire suit of the Federal League. The National and American leagues as co-defendants seem reasonably sure of checkmating the action for $900,000 damages resurrected by the stockholders of the Baltimore club of the defunct outlaw circuit, but the bigger fish of the Gilmore ring is another matter entirely.

Good Excuse for Delay

Heavy indemnities were promised the Wards, Harry F. Sinclair and Edward Gwinner to deliver the "outlaw" bound hand and foot and free from all entangling legal alliances. These indemnities have not been paid. There was good excuse for delay for a time—the original suit brought by the Baltimore people. But that suit, withdrawn from a Philadelphia court, was dormant for many weeks without any attempt having been made to square promised accounts with the Wards, Sinclair, Gwinner and company.

It is hinted now that these financial pillars of the Federal League have lent moral support to their one-time enemies, the Baltimore stockholders. At any rate, the latter have not named their original partners as co-defendants in the second suit. And baseball, if it wins from the Baltimore people, will still have its settlement to make with those favored by promised indemnities.

In both leagues there is a certain sentiment, though it may be in the minority, to avoid unnecessary linen-washing in the public courts by amicable means. Some few National Leaguers even counselled, a few months ago, a separate settlement. Some American League club-owners believe that in the present state of affairs baseball conditions should not be aired in court. These intend to make a fight for "peace at any price" during the Cincinnati meeting.

Adjudication of differences with Baltimore citizens is easy of accomplishment. A major league franchise would tickle the Oriole City much more than $900,000. Especially so, if the International League is as dead as its magnates intimated at their annual meeting. The National League long counselled such a move, but wished to put the burden on its rival—wished to have Washington's franchise switched there.

Might Switch Philadelphia Club

Recent developments in baseball politics make it possible for one or the other of the majors to accommodate Baltimore. There might be worse moves than to switch one of the Philadelphia clubs to the Oriole City. Both William F. Baker and Connie Mack are in Dutch with the Quaker City fans for selling their best players to rival clubs. This is a question which is bound to be considered seriously at the annual meeting of the National Commission.

It seems a foregone conclusion that August Herrmann will be reëlected chairman of the Triumvirate, unless his reëlection is opposed by President John K. Tener of the National League, a move quite unlikely, as Herrmann is the president of a National League club. Garry was reported in the bad graces of Ban Johnson a few months ago. But he has played politics so skilfully as to reinstate himself. Garry lined up with Big Ban in the recent fight against Toner for the joint major league's meeting in Chicago. In American League circles virtue sometimes has its reward.

The season of 1918 may be a banner one for old-timers. The Browns have resurrected old "Lefty" Leifield, one-time Giant tamer with the Pirates. This same club seems determined to make the Gettysburg veteran, Southpaw Eddie Plank, recant on his retirement determination.

Purse of $60,000 For Willard Fight

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 19.—A purse of $60,000, which would be turned over to the American Red Cross, was offered here to-night for a fight between Jess Willard and the winner of the Fulton-Tate fight here on Christmas Day.

The offer is made by Paul R. Grabiel, secretary of the Army Athletic Association, which has been staging battles in North Little Rock this winter for the benefit of the forty thousand soldiers stationed at Camp Pike.

The fight would be staged on March 16 or 18, in an open air arena, and would be scheduled for twenty rounds. Secretary Grabiel telegraphed the proposition to Willard.

Boxing News and Notes

By FRED HAWTHORNE

Quick, Watson, the needle! There's life in the old boy yet. He had an awful tough time, but we may pull him through. Get out the hot water bag and the nursing bottle. Now, you take his feet and I'll grab his head, and we'll lay him down—so. There! Don't he look natural?

Yes, friends, there's still hope for the decrepit boxing game, even after what it went through last week when Kid Lex, the demon wrestler, got a headlock, a strangle and a toe hold, all at the same time, on our peripatetic old pal in a match held in Justice Jaycox's chambers in the Brooklyn Supreme Court.

Here is the latest bulletin from the patient's bedside, stripped of all medical verbosity and done into ringside English:

Magistrate Corrigan, sitting in the Harlem police court, yesterday discharged sixteen of nineteen prisoners arraigned before him on charges of violating Section 1710 of the penal law, which makes it a misdemeanor to hold boxing matches where an admission fee is charged. Two of the defendants, negro boxers, were held in $50 bail each for Special Sessions, charged with having actually taken part in a bout held at the Postman's A. C., of Harlem, last Friday night.

The other defendants were promoters, attaches and participants of the Postman and the New Polo A. A. bouts that have been held since the repeal of the Frawley law, last November.

Magistrate Corrigan ruled that none of the men arraigned before him had taken part in the boxing exhibitions except the two negro pugilists. He questioned the constitutionality of the law and said that if a test is made he believed it would be declared void in the case of the two negroes, as it was a question whether they could be held responsible for the action of a third party or parties in inducing men to become members of a club and being present at the boxing exhibition they gave. He also declared it had not been proved that the two fighters had taken part in a prizefight instead of a sparring exhibition, and he held that a club may hire any one it chooses to entertain its members.

The prosecution gave evidence that all those present at the matches held by the two clubs became members on the nights the matches were staged by paying a certain fee.

Volunteers who wish to spank Jess Willard, and all for "thank you": Fred Fulton, Sam Langford, K. O. Bill Brennan, Frank Moran, Battling Levinsky and Battling Keefe.

School Team Of Swimmers Beats Freshies

Berkeley-Irving Boys Prove Too Speedy for City College Youngsters

Berkeley-Irving High School defeated the City College freshies in a swimming meet held yesterday in the C. C. N. Y. pool. The score was 33 to 20. McAleenan and Giebel starred for the visitors, each taking two firsts and swimming on the victorious relay team. The C. C. N. Y. cubs captured all the second and third places.

Fast time was made in the 800-foot relay, the lads covering the distance in 2:46 2-5. The high school boys took the lead at the gun, and increased it until they were one lap in the van at the finish.

McAleenan, brother of the former national diving champion, showed exceptionally good form for a schoolboy in the dive for form.

The summaries follow:

800-foot relay—Won by Berkeley-Irving (Maurice, Chase, McAleenan and Giebel); City College (Tarbell, Rettenberg, Langer and Lehrmann), second. Time, 2:46 2-5.

Dive for form—Won by McAleenan, Berkeley-Irving; Rappaport, City College, second; Ashworth, City College, third.

50-yard swim—Won by McAleenan, Berkeley-Irving; Langer, City College, second; Rettenberg, City College, third. Time, 0:29.

220-yard swim—Won by Chase, Berkeley-Irving; Lehrman, City College, second; Lubell, City College, third. Time, 2:49.

Plunge for distance—Won by Giebel, Berkeley-Irving, with 58.6 feet; Hockman, City College, second, with 52 feet; Landau, City College, third, with 46 feet.

100-yard swim—Won by Giebel, Berkeley-Irving; Langer, City College, second; Lehrman, City College, third.

Tiger Mermen Battle to Fill Vacant Place

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 18.—With the Tiger's first entrance into intercollegiate competition in the swimming and water polo league scheduled for January 4 with the C. C. N. Y. teams chief interest is centred on the selection which Coach Frank Sullivan is to make this week of the fourth man for the relay quartet.

Johnson, Harris and Georgi have clinched their places by repeating their work of last year, when, with Herling, they swam as members of the freshman four which broke the intercollegiate record for the 220-yard relay. The contest for the vacancy has narrowed down to Twitchell, Brooks, Brandon, Werden and Prentiss.

As yet none of these men has done much under 28 seconds, and it appears that whatever the final selection the quartet will be considerably slower than last year, when Herling completed the team.

Up to date Twitchell and Brooks have shown the most consistent work, but the recent entrance of Prentiss into the competition promises to drive these men to better times if they are to have first call. Prentiss has not been swimming for two years, but used to be capable of 27 seconds.

J. H. Barret, '18, captain of the 'varsity track team and undergraduate chairman of the Red Cross committee, has completed the first call for subscriptions from the undergraduates and has raised about $400 a month from now until June.

The rumor of a coal shortage at Princeton University which would prevent the proper heating of the buildings during the winter term has been officially denied by G. C. Wintringer, chairman of the committee on grounds and buildings. Due to the fact that a government aeronautical school is situated at Princeton and is using the accommodations of the university for dormitories, laboratories and dining halls, coal orders from the university are to be classified with those receiving precedence.

W. A. Kirkland, '19, has been elected assistant manager of baseball at Princeton University and W. W. Bell, jr., '19, manager of freshman basketball.

Champion Wrestler Laid To Rest at Humboldt

HUMBOLDT, Iowa, Dec. 19.—Humboldt turned from its normal tasks today to place in Union Cemetery here the body of Frank A. Gotch, the man whose wrestling fame brought public attention to this little city. Business paused and the school Gotch attended as a boy remained closed as the city and countryside joined in tribute to the retired world's champion wrestler.

Governor W. L. Harding was among the hundreds of personal friends of the late champion who attended the funeral services in the Congregational Church. The Masonic order had charge of the services, which were simple, in accordance with the request of Gotch.

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