

Possible Defeat of Jess Causes but Little Furore

Peace Conference Attracts More Attention Than Coming Bout for Title

By W. O. McCeehan

With the Willard-Dempsey fight as far off as the finish of Colonel Hudson's party the prospects of a new champion are getting slightly less attention than the current peace conference.

Dispatches from the West declare that Willard has started to train and he expects to step into the ring weighing a little less than a quarter of a ton.

His press agents report that he spends three hours a day with the ticker and then does an hour or two with the stock reports, paying particular attention to oil.

Jack Dempsey, who has laid out a last program with the Hurley-cut fight, so far forgot himself the other day as to engage in the elementary game of fistfights.

It was a degrading spectacle, according to reports, and he is said to have knocked out his antagonist with a punch.

It remains to be seen whether or not this unpolitic conduct will or will not cause the cancellation of the match.

We are told that Willard is not worrying over the weight question. He has a lot of oil stock and that's the only thing he has to worry over.

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Give Findings Of Governing Football Body

By C. A. Lovett

Several decisions of the national commission of association football, which acts for the United States Football Association council between annual meetings, were announced by Thomas W. Cahill, honorary secretary, in this city yesterday.

Incidentally it was made known that the commission has had presented to it two questions of unusual interest, one, relating to allowing substitutes in soccer matches, being of real international importance.

The commission has fined the Babcock & Wilcox club of Bayonne \$25 for illegal playing of James Neil, a West New York professional, then registered for Standard Shipbuilding F. C. against New York F. C. in a recent National League fixture.

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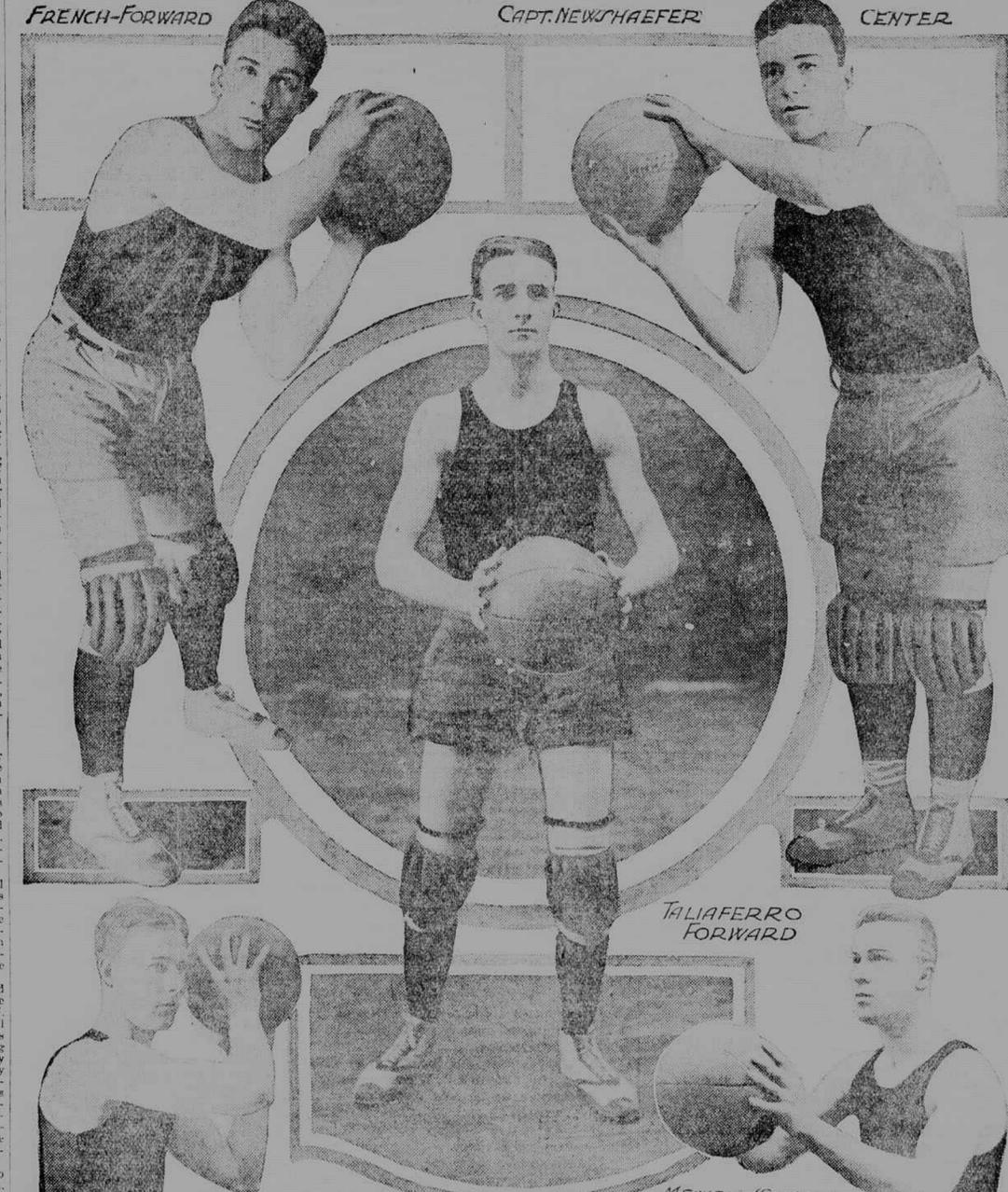
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Lieut. Simpson Coming Here To Break Hurdle Records

By A. C. Cavagnaro

Lieutenant Robert Simpson, United States Army, world's premier hurdler, promises to be made in evidence at the coming track and field association at Madison Square Garden on February 25.

The New York club, which has been an in-and-out aggregation all season, seemed to find its stride at Philadelphia a week ago, when the great American Team A-1, in an A. F. cup tie game at Paterson a week ago.

Player William Eddie, late of the Scottish-Americans, of Newark, is in difficulties with the national body in consequence of his having played as a member of Kinley F. C. against the American A. A. Football team.

In order to brush off the rough edges resulting from his life of the past year, Lieut. Simpson stopped off at his old alma mater to play liberally against his club when, it is stated on good authority, he had full knowledge of the player's ineligibility.

Especially certain is the Missouri hurdler of establishing a new record for the seventy-yard low hurdles, which stand two feet six inches in height, which is 8.2-5 seconds in 1911 and is held jointly by the Eller Brothers, Jack and Bob.

Simpson also is confident of erasing the figures of 8.4-5 seconds, which is to the credit of Forrest Smithson for the forty-yard high hurdles, which stand 2 feet 6 inches in height.

Turning from basketball, Mr. Lush at once began work with the largest baseball squad in the history of the academy. Incidentally, he is the only person who ever handled two important sports at the institution.

Entry blanks for Brooklyn's annual handicap Easter Sunday race have been distributed to the two owners, but Simpson desires to conduct the very start, that no one has a mortgage on his place, but each is open to any man who shows him right to it.

No Standard Tennis Rules Which Cover All Nations

Yale Crews Sure to Have Busy Season

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 15.—With the announcement that Yale is planning to send its varsity crew to the English Henley in July, the most prestigious programme ever launched for a single rowing season at the university has been started.

The only obstacle is the financial problem of transportation for the oarsmen, as Dr. Abbott has pointed out that the shells, oars and rowing equipment will be provided by the English universities and clubs.

Professor Abbott has completely shifted Yale's rowing outlook from a cramped, restricted season, with the New London regatta with Harvard a possibility, to the most extensive ever projected. At present the events which will comprise the season are:

Races with the Varsity, freshmen and perhaps some of the other class crews against Harvard at the American Henley, on Long Island Sound, in May; at least two Housatonic in May; at least two crews for the American Henley on the Schuylkill in May; races for the class and other "varsity" crews with preparatory school crews at the spring regatta in May; an international match between the Yale varsity and picked English crews in the English Henley.

Dr. Abbott's motto is "a coach, a race and a seat in the shell for every candidate who reports." He has kept adding to the varsity and class crews, which now number about four hundred, and he boasts that not an oarsman will be dropped till the college closes for the summer term.

Meanwhile he has secured the assistance of former oarsmen, and they are coaching the material in the fundamentals of rowing both for sport's sake and the love of victory, which he says, coming from having an objective in the shape of some sort of races with which to bring the season to a climax.

The coach has been favored by the weather, which has allowed him to bring the candidates to the harbor several weeks earlier than usual, and he has been able to give them almost constant practice the past few days, despite floating ice and slightly cooler weather.

He has made a direct start toward selecting the varsity squad by picking four crews, which will take part in a number of mutual races, from which the varsity eight and the second crew will be picked.

The first crew has been selected as follows: Stroke, Soderstrom; No. 7, Mead; No. 6, Ewing; No. 5, Benson; No. 4, Moulton; No. 3, Buehler; No. 2, Munson; bow, Matt, coxswain, Garman.

Of this combination Soderstrom stroked the Yale freshman eight three seasons ago, while Ewing, Benson, Munson and Moulton are former varsity substitutes. Garman, last year's member of the varsity eight last season.

The selection of a new varsity stroke crew is occupying the close attention of Dr. Abbott. Hemenway, stroke of the freshman last year, and the United States Schiefelin, two former varsity substitutes, are stroking the second, third and fourth crews.

Mountaineer Five Will Meet Colleges Of East This Week

MORGANTOWN, Feb. 15.—The West Virginia University basketball five leaves here Monday morning on a five-gate tour of Northern and Eastern colleges. Allegheny College is to be played at Marietta, Ohio, on Monday night; Cornell University at Ithaca on Tuesday; Syracuse University at Syracuse on Wednesday; Colgate University at Hamilton on Thursday, and Colgate University at Hamilton on Friday.

So far this year the mountaineers have an excellent record, having beaten the University of Pittsburgh, Allegheny College and the Pittsburgh Panthers once each, and having won twice from Marietta College and the Fairmount Y. M. C. A. The only game lost in the eight played is that to the Washington and Jefferson team on the Washington in a Jefferson floor. This contest was dropped by the close score of 33-32.

Only seven players will be carried on the West Virginia team. The forwards will be Martin, Behen and Parker; the center, Kiger, and the guards, Captain Dawson, Allemen and Hill.

Three Relay Records Made At Pennsylvania Carnival

The action of the International Amateur Athletic Federation in passing the one, two and four mile world's relay records, made at Pennsylvania's relay carnival in 1915 and 1916, gives to the relay records at the recognized distances.

In 1915 Kaufman, Lockwood, Lippincott and Meredith won the one-mile relay championship in three minutes and twenty seconds, the fastest time ever made in this event. The next year Yale University, with Rolfe, Barker, Cooper and Overton, won the two-mile relay championship in 7 minutes 53 seconds. This equalled the time made in 1910 by Riley, Bromlow, Sheppard and Kiviat, of the Irish-American A. C., but the Yale record is better for two reasons.

In the first place, the Elis ran on a track measuring twelve inches in instead of eighteen inches in from the pole, thus covering more distance than the record held by the Boston Irish-Americans, and in addition the Yale men passed the baton, which is slower than the mere touching of hands as was the rule in 1910.

In the second place, the Cornell team, consisting of Taylor, Hoffman, Windmiller and Potter, won the four-mile championship in 17 minutes 51 1/2 seconds. Peculiarly enough this time also equalled the record held by the Boston Irish-Americans, and in addition the Yale men passed the baton, which is slower than the mere touching of hands as was the rule in 1910.

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