THE CHESS PLAYERS' CORNER

GREAT ACHIEVEMENT IN RECENT CABLE MATCHES.

The British Chess Federation Deserves Credit for Victory—Lack of Organization Mostly to Blame for America's Loss of Sir George Newnes's Trophy.

Hearty congratulations are in order for the brilliant victory British chess players achieved in the thirteenth and as it proved the last cable chess match for the possession of the $1,000 trophy, presented by the late Sir George Newnes for competition between America and Great Britain many years ago, and not enough praise is due to our British cousins, seeing that they administered three straight defeats to the Americans. It has previously been stated in these columns that the deed of gift prescribed that three consecutive wins only could secure the trophy for good and that on two previous occasions the Americans had placed two consecutive victories to their credit, but they failed in each instance to add a third win and thereby lost the chance of taking permanent possession of the magnificent silver plate. Those most interested in the royal game will naturally want to know the reason of Great Britain's greatness and America's poor form exhibited these last three years. Nothing is easier than that.

Some years ago some prominent officials hit upon the idea of establishing a so-called British Chess Federation, an organization to become the sole factor in matters pertaining to chess. After hard work they succeeded in making this new, enterprising institution a most important factor. Through its agency monster team matches between north and south and frequent national tournaments were played, and in less than no time every chess player in Great Britain and Ireland could be classified according to strength, and when a call was made for fighting material against a foreign foe it was the easiest possible thing to bring together a team strong on paper as well as through active service.

All chess players in Great Britain affiliated with clubs, independent of the class they belong to, can get all the practice they want during the chess season. First of all they can play in the club tourneys, which are being scheduled in all the leading and smaller clubs, next they have a chance of proving their skill in county meetings, then again they may be called upon to play in interclub and intercounty matches, and finally they may attend the meetings of the British Chess Federation, meetings which of late years have become very fashionable inasmuch as attending chess players brought along their families, whereby these annual summer affairs became more and more successful from year to year.

All these things can so easily be arranged in Great Britain, principally owing to the comparative short distances between principal chess centres. For instance, starting from London, which boasts of more chess clubs than there can be found in the rest of the world, going north one strikes such strong centres as Birmingham, Nottingham, Derby, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle, Glasgow and Edinburgh, which latter cities can be reached in very little over eight hours. Going south of London chess players are not so numerous as in the north, but still there is plenty of chess life, much more so than in this country.

All these things combined explain the British victory, and the wonder really is that America could have held its own and more so when these cable matches were first played. The initiated, however, were not astonished at all at the defeats Great Britain suffered at the start. The first matches, as will be remembered, were played under the auspices of the now defunct British Chess Club, and the officials that club who had the British end of the management of the cable matches in hand were severely criticised all round for failing to select the best possible team for these encounters. Prominent clubs, principally in England, point blank refused to assist the British Chess Club in its management of cable affairs and hence the bad results. After the City of London Chess Club assumed the responsibility of defending the Sir George Newnes trophy and the establishment of the British Chess Federation matters by degrees took a turn for the better, and thus the trophy became theirs for good.

True enough, the trophy is theirs for good, and the sooner the chess players in this country profit by the lesson they received the shorter will be the triumph of Great Britain. To begin with an American chess league, federation or association, the name does not matter, should at once be formed, not on paper as the Chess Association of the United States, but in real earnest. As has often been pointed out in these columns, the great Eastern clubs should join hands at once in building up an Eastern association, by degrees extending into territory and finally cementing its interests with the well established Western Chess Association, and when this is done it must not be forgotten that "the play is the thing." This country is rich enough to provide for annual masters' tourneys on a great scale and for general tourneys, so as to give every chess player a chance for practice. Moreover the chess clubs situated in important chess centres like New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, &c., should not hold aloof, but try to cement their interests by concerted action, the arrangements of local open tourneys and interclub matches. The motto adopted by some club officials "to care for their own club only" should be a thing of the past and every healthy movement, whether one's own club should derive direct benefits or not, should be financially and morally supported. Much better would it be to adopt the German poet Schiller's motto from Wilhelm Tell:

Wir wollen sein ein einig Volk von Brüdern
In keiner Stund' uns trennen und Gefahr.

(Let us be a united people of brethren and not part at any hour and danger.)

As regards the actual fighting on Friday and Saturday THE SUN readers had ample opportunity by playing over the scores of all the ten games to form their own judgment. Everybody knows how carelessly Marshall lost his game against Burn, that Hodgen in drawing with the British champion Atkins did all that could be expected from the Staten Islander, that Fox excelled by brilliant tactics and brought down the defeat of Lawrence, that Barry failed to be enterprising enough to cope successfully with that sterling player Wahltuch, how Voigt, in order to possibly avoid defeat of the team, at the last moment played for a win, when he had an easy draw, and lost to Yates, how the young Brooklyn champion Black splendidly disposed of Richmond, how Walcott lost to Ward, Milnes to Thomas, how young Meyer worsted Cole in a fine finish and Schweitzer divided honors with Michell.

The record of all matches is herewith appended:

Year.	Great Britain Won.	Great Britain Lost.	America Won.	America Lost.
1896	5½	4½	4½	5½
1897	5½	4½	4½	5½
1898	5½	4½	4½	5½
1899	4	6	6	4
1900	4	6	6	4
1901	5	5	5	5
1902	4½	5½	5½	4½
1903	4½	5½	5½	4½
1907	5½	4½	4½	5½
1908	5½	6½	6½	5½
1909	6	4	4	6
1910	6½	5½	5½	6½
1911	6	4	4	6
Totals	64	61	64	64

It will thus be seen that each side won six matches, one being drawn, and that each side won sixty-four points, losing an equal number.

Before dismissing the cable match business for good mention should be made that America was considerably handicapped by the nativity clause in the deed of gift provided by the late Sir George Newnes. According to this clause only natives of Great Britain and America were eligible for play in the cable matches. Should at any time a new trophy be offered for competition care should be taken to omit that clause so as to allow all citizens of both countries, whether foreign born or not, to play. It would almost be sufficient to let all residents of either country as long as they have permanently lived in either country for a number of years be eligible to play, but under no circumstances to exclude citizens.

Finally, and although defeated, the services of the officials of the Brooklyn Chess Club, who for years have worked hard for the cause of chess, should be recognized, as they did their level best to bring about success. This also applies to cable chess manager William M. de Visser, who did the best he could under the adverse circumstances.

Philip P. Driver of Ridley Park, Pa., a prominent member of the Franklin Chess Club, announces the first correspondence tournament of the Pennsylvania State Chess Association, with an entrance fee of $2 and five prizes aggregating $200 as follows: First, $100; second, $50; third, $25; fourth, $15; fifth, $10; or their equivalents in chess books or trophies. Walter Penn Shipley has consented to act as referee. Play will begin on May 15. While the contest is primarily for Pennsylvania players there will be room for outsiders, who will be taken in in the order of their applications. The prizes are contingent upon an entry list of at least 100.

In a closely contested match on five boards the team of the Commercial High School of Brooklyn succeeded in defeating the Temple Chess Club by the score of 3 games to 2. The summary:

Bds.	Commercial H. S.		Temple C. C.
1.	A. H. Pearlman ... 1		E. E. Broadhead ... 0
2.	E. Taylor ... 1		E. Thompson ... 0
3.	H. G. Avery ... ½		A. B. Barker ... ½
4.	M. Rosenthal ... 0		E. Arnold ... 1
5.	N. Shanks ... ½		E. Master ... ½
	Total ... 3		Total ... 2

Leading in the championship tournament of the Boston Chess Club, each with a score of 4-1, are J. L. Clark and W. M. P. Mitchell, both identified with chess at Harvard, of whom the latter was a visitor at the international cable match. Next to them, at last accounts, came H. G. Daniel, 4-2, followed by H. B. Daly, G. H. Walcott and Homer N. Sweet, former Brown player, tied at 3½-2½.

Appended are two additional games from the recent San Sebastian tourney, with notes by L. Hoffer of London:

SCOTCH GAME.

Niemzowitsch. White.	Tarrasch. Black.	Niemzowitsch. White.	Tarrasch. Black.
1 P—K4	P—K4	21 P—QB4	R—Q8 ch
2 Kt—KB3	Kt—QB3	22 K—B2	R—R1
3 P—Q4	PxP	23 P—B4	P—B3
4 KtxP	Kt—B3	24 K—Kt3	K—B2
5 Kt xKt(a)	KtPxKt	25 K—B3	P—QR3
6 B—Q3	P—Q4	26 P—R4	R—R5
7 PxP	PxP	27 RxP	RxP
8 Castles	B—K2	28 RxR	KxR
9 P—QB4b	Castles	29 K—K5	P—B3
10 PxP(c)	KtxP	30 R—R5	R—B3
11 B—K4	B—K3	31 K—Kt4	R—Kt3
12 Kt—B3d	Kt xKt	32 P—B5	K—B2
13 PxKt	QxQ	33 K—B5	P—Kt3 ch(k)
14 RxQ	QR—Q	34 KxP	PxP
15 R—K3e	P—QB4(f)	35 RxRPm	R—Kt
16 B—B3g	RxR ch	36 K—B5n	R—Kt4
17 RxR	R—Kt	37 K—Kt4	RxR
18 P—KR3	R—Kt7	38 KxR	P—R4
19 B—Q5(h)	RxB	39 K—K4	P—R4 ch
20 RxR	RxRP		Resigns o

(a) In the Hamburg tournament Niemzowitsch was the only player who adopted the Scotch game, the capture of KtxKt being preceded by 5. Kt—QB3, which, however, makes no difference.

(b) Although black's centre pawns may seem somewhat strong, it is nevertheless doubtful if the attack upon them might not have been delayed.

(c) It may be that white expected 9. ... P—B3, when 10. PxP would have left black a weak QP or QBP. But black's 9. ... Castles is a good move; the QBP not being moved is not so feeble as if it had been advanced.

(d) If white has nothing better than this continuation then it is not worth while playing the Scotch at all. After 12. ... KtxKt the game is perfectly even, each two bishops and two isolated pawns.

(e) 15. B—B4 seems preferable. If 15. ... B—Q3 then 16. B—Q2.

(f) Threatening 17. ... BxP.

(g) Probably in anticipation of P—B4 and P—KB5, but he could nevertheless have played 16. P—QR4. If 16. ... RxR ch, then 17. RxR, B—K16; 18. R—Q7, &c., and if 16. ... P—B4, then 17. B—B6; P—B5; 18. B—Q2, &c.

(h) 17. BxR might be considered. If 17. ... R—Kt then 18. P—QR3, R—Kt7; 19. B—B. This variation is only given as an illustration that white should be able to defend himself against an attack with equal forces.

(i) P—QR4 should have been played. Even if the pawn should be lost eventually there is no necessity for giving it up at once.

(j) It might be assumed that Niemzowitsch gave up the RP under the impression that he could get QBP for it, but now he perceives that if 21. BxP he would lose the exchange with 21. ... R—R1.

(k) A very fine move. Dr. Tarrasch analyzed the position thoroughly and with an accuracy of judgment not below his palmy days.

(l) Better would have been 34. PxP ch, K—K12; 35. K—Kt1, making it extremely difficult for black to win, if at all.

(m) Now he has no other defence and the game is lost.

(n) If 36. K—R7 then 36. ... R—Kt1; 37. P—Kt4, RxR and wins, both sides queening their RPs, but black remaining in a mating position.

(o) Obviously while white marches over to capture the QP black captures the two pawns and wins. An instructive ending and quite a study.

FRENCH DEFENCE.

Bernstein. White.	Spielmann. Black.	Bernstein. White.	Spielmann. Black.
1 P—K4	P—K3	20 KtxB	QxKt
2 P—Q4	P—Q4	21 R—Kt	R—QB2k
3 Kt—QB3	Kt—KB3	22 KtxBP	Kt—K5
4 B—K15	B—K2	23 KtxKt	QxKt
5 P—K5	KKt—Q2	24 B—B3	Q—KB3
6 BxB	QxB	25 R—K3	P—KR4
7 Kt—K15	Kt—K15b	26 P—KR3	P—KR4f
8 P—QB3	P—QR3	27 Q—K2	R—K2
9 Kt—Q13	P—KR3	28 BxKt	PxB
10 Kt—B3c	QKt—Q2d	29 R—KB	Q—KK13
11 PxP	QxP	30 P—Q5	R—Q
12 P—B4f	P—B4	31 P—Q	R—R4
13 BPxP	KPxP	32 R—Q4	R(Q)xP
14 B—K2	Castles	33 RxR	RxR
15 Castles	P—B5g	34 RxP	R—Q2
16 Kt—B2	Q—Q3h	35 R—K6	Q—B4
17 Kt—K3	Kt—B3	36 R—K8ch	K—Kt2
18 P—QKt3i	Kt—K5	37 QxKRP	Resigns
19 Kt—K15	QR—B		

(a) As a matter of fact, we have reversed the initial moves, which were 1. P—Q4, P—K3; 2. P—K4, P—Q4, as the game turned into a French defence.

(b) 5. ... Kt—K13 has lately superseded the previous 7. ... Q—Q, or K—Q; but the case is not proved yet.

(c) The customary continuation is P—KB4.

(d) And black's P—QB4. Spielmann's intention obviously is Kt—B and Kt3.

(e) Spielmann thought afterward that he should have played PxP. This seems obvious, as it strengthens the centre, and he could prepare to castle QR, to which there are no appreciable obstacles.

(f) Showing at once the weakness of black's preceding move. If the queen had remained at K2 white could not have advanced P—B4 because of Q—Kt5, ch.

(g) An uncomfortable position for the time being, anyhow—the two knights standing in the way of each other, both practically stalemated and hindering the development of the queen's forces besides.

(h) Better seems to be 16. ... Q—R3; 17. Kt—K3, Kt—B3; 18. P—QKt3, B—K3, &c., the Q at R3 preventing Kt—K15 attacking Q bishop as in the sequel.

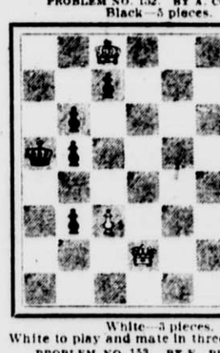
(i) A powerful move now.

(j) Not a deep laid trap, but it comes off.

(k) Spielmann must have been hard pressed for time not to have seen that he would lose a pawn, the queen standing on the masked file.

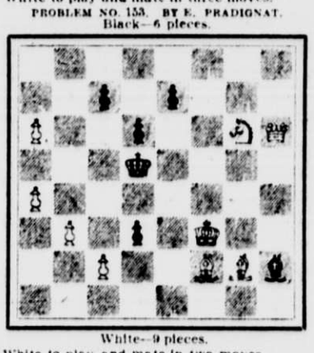
(l) A useless attack, which only compromises the position still more. The game, however, is lost, anyhow.

PROBLEM NO. 152. BY A. CORRIAS.
Black—5 pieces.



White—3 pieces.
White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM NO. 153. BY E. PRADIGNAT.
Black—6 pieces.



White—9 pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 150.

1 B—Kt2, BxB; 2 Kt—K4, &c.
1 B—Kt2, any thing else; 2 Kt—K4, &c.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 151.

1 Q—R, &c.

Correct solutions received to problems 148 and 149 from Dr. W. H. Rider, Danbury, Conn.; Dr. A. H. Baldwin, Norwalk, Conn.; Charles C. Hutchinson, South Orange, N. J.; C. H. O'Connor, Montclair, N. J., and R. C. Barner, New York city.

Correct solutions received to problem 148 from Fred Gluck, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, New York, and Another, Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. Schue, Philadelphia, Pa.

Correct solutions received to problem 149 from A. Schuler, Philadelphia, Pa.; E. C. Walcott, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miner Trowbridge, Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. B. Johnson, Norwalk, Conn., and S. R. Shrepner, New York city.

Additional correct solution received to problem 146 from A. B. Ghiotto, South Norwalk, Conn.

Correct solutions received to problems 150 and 151 from C. H. O'Connor, Montclair, N. J.

Dr. W. H. Rider forwarded a solution 1. B—B3; W. de F. Talmage, Landing, N. J., forwarded 1. B—K16, as did Joseph Bradley, Ridgewood, N. J.; Fred Gluck, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, forwarded 1. B—R; John Vincze, Corona, L. I., forwarded 1. B—Q3.

Correct solutions received to problem 151 from Miner Trowbridge, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John Vincze, Corona, L. I.; Fred Gluck, Tompkinsville, Staten Island; Joseph Bradley, Ridgewood, N. J.; W. F. de Talmage, Landing, N. J.; H. Rider, Danbury, Conn., and Walter R. Hick, New Britain, Conn.

CORRESPONDENCE.

B. R. H., Schenectady, N. Y. Shall look at your position by and by.

W. H. R., Danbury, Conn. You are right; 108 admits also of a "cook" by means of B—K12.

F. H., Englewood, N. J. In case of an illegal move you can order the king to move, and if that can be done legally there is no punishment.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE TOURNEY.

As some of the players, section winners in the first correspondence tourney of THE SUN, are rather anxious to begin the second round, section winners are requested to at once apply to this paper so that the schedule can be made up for the second round.

Henry D. Hibbard wants to join the second correspondence tourney. There are still three or four more candidates needed to make up a section.

NEWS OF THE YACHTSMEN

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME OF THE NEW ROCHELLE Y. C.

Winners and Records of the Handicap Racing Class—Court Decision of Interest—Canada Cup Defender—Bermuda and Corinthian Ocean Races.

The New Rochelle Yacht Club, one of the most active of the smaller clubs, has issued its programme of races for the season. This club is always the first to put its clubhouse in commission, and even before the formal opening several of the yachts are in commission and their owners indulge in friendly races. The season's racing will open with races for motor boats owned by club members on June 17. The annual regatta, an open event, will be sailed on July 1, and that same day the race for the Brooklyn Challenge Cup will be started. This race is for cruising boats under 30 feet in length.

The course takes the racers from Echo Bay through the Sound as far as the Vineyard Sound lightship, and then back, passing along the south side of Long Island to Gravesend Bay, where the finishing line is off the Brooklyn Yacht Club house. On July 8 there will be a race to Cornfield lightship and return. This is for sail yachts and is an open race. There will also be a race for motor boats over the same course that day, and as is usual the motor boats will be started some time after the sailing craft. On July 29 there will be a race for motor boats to and around Stratford Shoal. The annual cruise will be from August 5 to 13, and the fleet will sail east, touching at different ports. A special open regatta will be sailed on August 26, and there will be an open motor boat race on September 2. This is quite a long programme, and the New Rochelle yachtsmen are going to make the season the most successful in the club's history.

Flag officers and members have already donated many handsome prizes, which are in addition to the regular prizes offered by the club. The open sailing dates are very advantageous and the motor boat races are a new feature. Only two club races for motor boats are scheduled, but if the first is successful many additional contests will be arranged for Saturday afternoons. The open races for power boats are July 8 and September 2, and as there are few of these events scheduled for the Sound they should prove popular.

The winners of last season of the handicap yacht racing class have just been announced by Handicapper Theodore Granbery. The winners are figured according to the system of the Long Island Sound Association, boats receiving one point for each yacht beaten and one as a premium for starting. The results are as follows:

FIRST DIVISION.

Yacht.	Races.	PC.
Sally IX	18	681
Crescent	16	666
Interim	21	648
Wanderer IV	12	541
Juanita	19	444

SECOND DIVISION.

Fearless	15	644
Scud	17	631
Red Wing	17	614

FOURTH DIVISION.

Kenosha	13	745
Grace II	12	451

FIFTH DIVISION.

Nimbus III	14	882
Miss Modesty	14	643

Sally IX., Fearless, Kenosha and Nimbus III. will each receive a bronze shield as a championship trophy. The handicap class will start the season of 1911 with many new boats in the various divisions. Each year the class has made further progress and is undoubtedly the most popular on Long Island Sound, and last year it furnished more entries in the regattas than any of the regular classes.

The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association at a meeting held last week made arrangements for a most attractive cruise. It will start on July 16 at Baltimore and last for ten days. Handsome prizes have been offered for the runs each day and the yachts will be divided in divisions as follows: Yawls over and under 26 feet, class Q, 31 footers and the other regular classes. Among the donors of prizes are Commodore Slagle, Commodore William P. Bigelow, Commodore Alfred I. Du Pont. Yachting has taken a big boom on the Chesapeake and this cruise will be a big one.

The new 31 rater building at Hodgdon Bros., from designs by George Owen, which is to defend the Fisher cup for the Royal Canadian Yacht Club is attracting much attention and yachtsmen here and in Eastern waters would very much like to have a chance to sail the other 31 raters against this yacht in spite of the fact that it is built not to any scantling requirements and is a racer out and out. The new boat has no cabin and is flush deck. In model it is very similar to those building for Eastern yachtsmen. This is the third 31 rater built from Owen designs this season. The boat as soon as it is tried will be taken to Bath, where it will be placed on a flat car and shipped to Toronto. It will be the largest yacht shipped in this way. At Toronto it will be tried against existing boats and in August will meet the Seneca, representing the Rochester yacht club, the challenger for the cup. Addison G. Hanan will sail the Seneca and Æmelius Jarvis will handle the defender.

Judge Elliott in Baltimore recently decided a case which will interest yachtsmen generally. Dr. Albert H. Braecklein brought suit against C. Durm & Son, yacht builders, and the doctor won. The case has attracted attention since the fall of 1909. Dr. Braecklein contracted with Durm to have a 36 foot power boat built. The contract stipulated that the boat was to be complete, with the exception of the engine and interior joiner work, and that all material and workmanship were to be first class. In the spring of 1910 the hull was nearly complete and all of the contract money had been paid. Durm, however, declined to put any more work on the yacht and also declined to deliver the yacht as it was. Dr. Braecklein obtained possession of the boat by means of replevin, to which Durm filed a legal reply, claiming that there was yet due on the boat for extras a considerable sum. The case was tried and last week the judge handed down his decision, which was in favor of Dr. Braecklein with costs. The interesting feature of the case as far as yachtsmen are concerned is on the extras feature. Every one familiar with the sport knows that extras are the little things that cost much. In building these extras make their appearance, so that on a basis of a contract reading "complete" boat Judge Elliott has established a precedent that will be much appreciated.

The racing season of the Fall River Yacht club will open on May 20 with the customary open regatta at Fall River. The other dates are as follows: June 20, water carnival, Fall River; July 8, club races, Tiverton; 13, club races, Tiverton; 22, club races, Tiverton; 27, club races, Tiverton; August 3, club races, Tiverton; 10, open regatta, race week, Fall River; 19, club races, Tiverton; 21, club races, Tiverton; September 2, club races, Tiverton; 14, open regatta, Fall River.

Martin C. Erismann, associated with the firm of B. B. Crowninshield, is having built for him by Lawley a Block Island boat, which will be called the Roaring Bessie. Last year Mr. Erismann bought the last Block Island boat on the island, the Lena M., built there in 1879. It was found the boat was too old to rebuild and the new boat is to be a replica of the Lena M. These boats are a type trip for sea work; the Lena M. ran from Highland light to Boston light in five and a half hours in a rough sea. The Roaring Bessie will be in commission early in June and will hail from Boston.

The Boston to Bermuda yacht race this year promises to be the biggest event of the season in yachting circles.

All owners of big boats are interested in the race and a big entry list is anticipated, as competition will be keen for the $500 prize offered by the city of Boston for the first boat to reach Bermuda.

The race this year, for the first time in the history of yachting, will be held between Boston and Bermuda. The start will be made from Boston harbor, off Castle Island, on June 3, and the finish will be off St. David's Head, Bermuda.

The race is held under the auspices of the Boston Yacht Club and the St. George Yacht Club of Bermuda, and in charge is the regatta committee of the Boston Yacht Club, Mayor Fitzgerald, representing the city of Boston, and Thomas Fleming Day of New York and Hollis Burgess of Boston, representing the St. George club.

The arrangements for the race have been under way since December, when Hollis Burgess made a trip to Bermuda to complete the preliminary plans at that point.

The race is open to all schooner yachts that are deemed seaworthy enough by the committee and a time allowance will be based on the overall length. The entries will close May 29.

The fact that the city of Boston has taken enough interest in the sport to offer a prize to the value of $500 seems to have been a stimulus to the yachting fraternity and interest in the race has increased wonderfully.

The members of the St. George Yacht Club are making elaborate preparations for the reception of the contestants and visitors at Bermuda.

The first boat entered in the race was the Vagrant, owned by Harold Vanderbilt. Other yachts already entered are the Sunshine, by V. T. Carmichael of New York, and Iris, by F. M. Whitehouse of the Manchester Yacht Club.

Other entries expected are the Seneca, by Demarest Lloyd, Margaret, by George S. Runk of New York, and the Acushla, by Wetmore & Savage of the city.

The Corinthian Yacht Club of Marblehead has announced the conditions and the course for its annual ocean race. Up to last year this race was sailed from Marblehead to White Island Whistling Buoy, Isles of Shoals and return. These contests were open to yachts of 21 feet water line and over and many good races were sailed.

In the last two years the number of entries showed a decided falling off owing to the complaint of becoming an old story with the yachtsmen of Massachusetts Bay. So last season the club planned a new and longer course, Marblehead to Cape Elizabeth lightship and return.

After one trial of this course the regatta committee of the club has decided not to give the race this season, but rather to have an ocean race inside of Massachusetts Bay. In the race last summer to the lightship two of the boats had trouble in locating the turning mark, finally making Seguin light.

Taking this fact into consideration and that the course keeps the small boats well off shore and also that a race of 150 miles was too long, a shorter course that is within the two capes has been selected.

The new course will be from Marblehead to Cape Ann whistling buoy, then across the bay to Wood End bell buoy A1, and back to Marblehead. From Marblehead to the whistler is fourteen miles, across the bay to Wood End 39¾ miles and from Wood End to Marblehead 41¼ miles, a total distance of 95 miles.

The turning mark at Wood End is a new bell buoy, recently placed by the Government, half a mile off the beach, directly off Wood End light. There is plenty of water near the buoy, so that even the larger yachts could use it for a turning mark.

The race will be started Saturday, June 24, and the yachts will be sent away probably just after 2 o'clock. This will give the racers Saturday night and Sunday for the contest, which should allow for the finish under ordinary conditions of all the starters.

By starting the race late in the afternoon it is expected that the contending yachts will reach the Wood End mark early Sunday morning, but not before daylight. Although local yachtsmen are familiar with Cape Ann waters, it is another story with the majority in regard to the hook of Cape Cod. Therefore it is the committee's intention to start the yachts late enough Saturday afternoon so that the Wood End bell buoy will be reached in daylight.

This annual ocean race of the Corinthian Y. C. is the only open contest of its kind sailed east of Cape Cod, and the new course should bring to Marblehead for the event all the best cruising yachts of Massachusetts Bay.

QUIET FOR HARVARD CREW.

Crimson Oarsmen Will Prepare at Sheldrake Springs for Race With Cornell.

ITHACA, N. Y., April 29.—When the Harvard crew comes out this way on Monday, May 22, to get ready for its annual ra e with the Cornell varsity on May 27 the party will not stop in Ithaca, as was the case in 1907 and 1909, but will go to Sheldrake Springs, a popular summer resort twenty miles down the lake.

Not only will the Harvard men live at Sheldrake but all of their rowing practice will be held in that part of the lake instead of between Ithaca and Crowbar, the favorite rowing grounds for the Cornell and visiting crews up to this time. There is no boathouse at Sheldrake, but Oliver Iselin, the manager of the Harvard crew, said when he was here to look over the ground that accommodations for storing the shells will be provided. The crews will stay at the Sheldrake House, close to the lake shore.

It is explained that on the occasion of Harvard's last trip to Ithaca the noise at the local hotel where they were stopping bothered the oarsmen, interfering with their rest. It is also understood that they would like to row in a more secluded portion of the lake than that part which adjoins Ithaca. At Sheldrake they will have quiet, good air, plenty of sleep and will be free from observation when they practise. The party will not come to Ithaca until probably the day of the race, when the crews will row over the course.

There has been some conjecture among the Cornell oarsmen as to whether the Crimson crews won't find it rough going on the lake near Sheldrake. Except for a small area which is sheltered by a point the lake here is open and in windy weather gets pretty rough. In May the lake even in the vicinity of Ithaca kicks up some and it is worse further down the lake. It has been difficult even on Memorial Day to hold regattas.

The only disturbing elements in the Cornell crew situation at present are the illness of Coach Hoyle, which threw a lot of work on Courtney's shoulders, and the condition of Elliott, bow oar in the varsity boat. It was feared at first that he might have to give up his place because of illness, but his physician has lately declared that probably it would be all right for Elliott to continue rowing. Coach Courtney hopes that nothing will happen to keep him out of the races.

The crews are no longer bothered by the nets which fishermen have stretched across the inlet. Protest was made to a local game protector, who said it was up to the State department. Superintendent of Public Works Tremain, who is a Cornell man and member of the athletic council, was appealed to and the fishermen are no longer interfering with the crews.

Although the members of the track team have no hope of beating Pennsylvania in the dual meet at Franklin Field next Saturday, they expect a better showing for Cornell than a year ago, when the Quakers won by a rather large margin. The Ithacans expect to do their best work in the quarter with MacArthur and Nixon, the half with Putnam and Jones, the mile with Jones and Finch and the two mile with Berna, Hunger and Crandall. They also expect good results from Nixon, Ford and Eisenblast in the broad jump, Bannister in the hammer and Kanzler in the shot put. Cornell does not figure much on any points in the high jump or sprints, nor much of anything in the hurdles and pole vault.

The hard hitting of the baseball team in recent games leads Cornell men to believe that they have a first rate nine in the makings. Clute at first base, Daumhauer at third and Mahooey, O'Connell and Thomas in the outfield have been slugging the ball right along. The pitchers are showing up well, especially Nisbet and Hightower, but Caravajal, the only veteran on the squad, is not steady.

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Track Committee Decides to Have Them There on May 27 and Not at P. S. A. L. Field—There Will Be a Relay Championship—No Invitation Meet.

The high school outdoor championships this year will be contested on new grounds in Brooklyn instead of Staten Island. When the high schools games committee withdrew from the P. S. A. L. several months ago the city athletic fields were no longer available for the organization, or rather it did not care to make the request to use one of them, and negotiations were opened with Commercial High School with the idea of securing its field on Albany avenue. Commercial was one of the schools which differed with the league and there was no difficulty in obtaining the field. Although the difficulty has apparently been patched up now, the high schools games committee does not consider it worth while to change its plans, and the games will be called at Commercial Field. The place is somewhat inaccessible, but no more so than Curtis Field on Staten Island, where the games were held for several years, or Crotona Field in The Bronx, where they were held last year.

There will be no attempt either to have the meet which Col. Thompson of the New York A. C. is going to hold at Travers Island count as the championships. The schools prefer to have the championships a thing by themselves. Another result of the adjustment of the trouble will be a real championship instead of a set of games with no official title. Of course the regular trophies will again be in competition, and this will be much more satisfactory to the boys who take part in the games.

Commercial Field has a quarter mile track which is fair in good weather, but which is liable to be very bad if there has been rain. The foundation of the track is dirt, and with a very little water it is converted into 440 yards of mud, which is not helped out by the fact that the field is slightly off the level. The seating capacity is not as great as it is at some of the public fields, but there is lots of standing room at each side of the field on a terrace, and there should be no difficulty about accommodating the crowd. Without much trouble temporary stands could be slapped together. The 100 yards is straightaway and there is one turn in the furlong. Since the field does not belong to the city it will be possible for the high school games committee to charge admission to the games if it should choose to do so, and there seems to be no reason why the league should not make some money in that manner.

The regular events, the junior and senior 100 yards, the quarter mile, half mile and mile runs, 120 yard high hurdles, running high and broad jumps, shotput and pole vault, will be the programme, and there will also be a number of novice events to take the place of a novice meet. The evening high schools have been in communication with William H. Andrews of Boys High School, who is the chairman of the track committee, and it is possible that there may be some events for them on the programme. The meet will be run differently this time, in that the management of the games will be actually in the hands of the high school committee, and the men in the P. S. A. L. office will do only as much as they are requested. Theoretically this was the state of affairs last year, but it was not adhered to as closely as it is likely to be this time.

It was announced also last week that there will be a relay championship and that it will be the week following the championships, either on Friday or Saturday afternoon. It was decided by the high schools games committee some time ago that the relay events would be excluded this time, but the decision was no doubt affected by the change in the diplomatic relations of the schools with the leagues.

It now appears that the Amherst alumni made a mistake in not finding out more how the land lay when they arranged to have their initial set of scholastic games here on May 13. There are two other meets on the same afternoon, including the Stevens meet at Hoboken, which has been an annual affair and which the school will be reluctant to desert on account of any newcomer. Adelphi Academy is cooperating with the college people, and that way the meet should be a good one.

The committee of athletic instructors in Brooklyn which has been managing the five cornered invitation meet for a number of years reached the conclusion at a meeting held last week that it would be impractical to continue the meet ethis spring because of the many other gamrs which are scheduled on Saturdays. It will be a disappointment in a way to students because the meet has stood for the championship of Brooklyn and enabled them to have the satisfaction of knowing just how they compared. Commercial has been the hostess, so to speak, and it was she that called that conference this year. There was no doubt but that the games would pay, but the teachers wanted to relieve the congestion which would have been caused by too many meets.

There has been no clear expression of the high schools games committee's attitude toward the arrangement which was reached between the principals and the league, but it is judged from the way in which the members speak of the matter that they are tolerably well satisfied with the provisions. What pleased them more than anything was the part of Gen. Wingate's statement relating to the vindication of the teachers and principals from any intentional part in the professionalism which has been so prevalent in the schools. They feel that altogether too much bad blood was caused by the matter and insist that they had a right to differ with the league without being called dishonest or incompetent on account of it. "If the amendments are worded satisfactorily I guess there will be no more trouble about them," is the way one member of the committee expressed his attitude. The name of the committee as it appears on the minutes is now the High School Athletic Committee.

Although no definite mention is made of it in the minutes, it is believed that the last meeting of the athletic committee was devoted almost entirely to the discussion of the development of the last few weeks in the affair with the league and the members aired their views about the settlement that had been made. Among the things which were brought up in this connection was baseball, and it may be said that every effort will be made to keep professionals off the teams. There was a report from Mr. Andrews, as chairman of the committee, on correspondence which he has had with Gen. Wingate on the subject, and a letter from Erasmus Hall was read, in which the Flatbush school did not concur with the action of the committee in regard to the P. S. A. L. and withdrawing its entries in the swimming meet. The substance of the letter was put in the minutes and the communication was filed away. It is believed that as soon as the board of directors of the league meets and makes official the amendments which have been decided upon Erasmus Hall will send her representative back to the committee.

The following list was agreed upon as desirable umpires for baseball games: H. M. Hall, Commerce; W. H. Hance, Commerce; H. E. Aldiner, Commerce; D. M. Hooks, De Witt Clinton; W. J. Parmelee, De Witt Clinton; A. P. Way, Cooley and Clarke, Stuyvesant; C. Matthewson, Brooklyn Training School; M. Cohen, Bushwick High School; A. Judd, Flushing; L. Gemsen, Boys High; F. Robinson, Manual Training; Gorsch, N. Y. U.

The elementary schools games committee is engaged in a comprehensive study of classification of the boys who compete in the games and is attempting to sift down the objections which now are being made to the weight classification employed. There has been considerable dissatisfaction too with the grade of Bin effort, studies and deportment which is required of all boys who compete. The trouble is a persistent one and has bothered the teachers ever since the beginning of the league, when the boys were arranged according to age. This proved very unsatisfactory because it happened often that a small boy was pitted against a large one, and the better plan of classes limited by weight was hit upon. This again was changed two years ago, but it still does not satisfy the teachers and principals. Various plans were proposed at the meeting of the committee last week until it was decided to refer the matter to a committee which represents each borough and which will communicate in an effort to discover what they think of the desirability of making a change.

It was also proposed at the meeting that hereafter the committee which has in charge baseball, basketball, &c., be composed of two men from Manhattan and Brooklyn and one from The Bronx, Richmond and Queens. It was laid on the table.

Fordham Prep is cutting the wide swath in baseball with a remarkable string of pitchers, which helps to explain the excellent record made by the team this far. Larry O'Rourke started the season with a no hit game and Carey repeated the achievement soon afterward. The best teams in the P. S. A. L., however, seem to be centred in Brooklyn, where Commercial is making things hum. Her pitcher, Schwab, is making batting an extrem