

PENN MAY LOSE GAME

League Island Proposed for Army-Navy Contest.

COULD ACCOMMODATE CROWDS

Navy Men Advocate Erection of Vast Temporary Stadium Within Confining of Philadelphia's Navy Yard as Solution of Problem to Provide Seats at Annual Football Struggle.

Special to The Washington Herald. Philadelphia, March 2.—Before the next Army-Navy football game shall bring tens of thousands flocking to Philadelphia from all parts of the East, it is the wish of naval men that a vast temporary stadium will rise from the spreading acres of League Island Navy Yard, and that the great contest will be waged there under government auspices.

For five years army and navy officials and the athletic associations of West Point and Annapolis have struggled with the problem of providing adequate accommodation for the crowds which flock to the game, and to realize for the army and navy purposes, philanthropic and athletic, some of the financial return inevitable when all the world wants to see.

Game Is in Demand. Every possible solution has been considered. Princeton offered terms which promised some of the financial reward, but the inconvenience imposed made the experiment disastrous, and it will never be repeated.

Philadelphia has meant Franklin Field. There is prospect now that Penn's famous battleground will not again host the official, social, and athletic distinction which it has enjoyed in the past, but that Philadelphia, still host of the football heroes, will journey toward the navy yard and not across the Walnut street bridge.

At a stroke this move would accomplish all that has been desired by both Army and Navy. The game would be played exclusively under government auspices; there would be no division of tickets with a third institution. Whatever financial return there might be would be at the disposal of West Point and Annapolis, the geographical center would be preserved, but most important, accommodation could be provided for the last Army or Navy event which might desire to see the crowning event of the American athletic calendar.

Expense No Drawback. League Island has the acres. Temporary stands would prove costly, but a single year's returns would wipe out this cost and leave a margin beside, while even temporary stands would answer the purpose for several successive years, and could be paid for ten times over before new ones would be needed.

League Island to-day is not so accessible for street car transportation as Franklin Field. There are possibilities for railroad track extension, and street cars and special trains together might readily carry the crowd.

Navy enthusiasts explain away every possible objection, and it is said that the feasibility of the project has impressed men high in both branches of the service. Campaigning with this end in view will continue throughout the summer, and next fall will probably find the carpenter and builder at work.

PENN'S CHANCES IMPAIRED.

Loss of Star Athlete Will Also Affect Cornell in Intercolllegiate.

Pennsylvania and Cornell have suffered losses to their track and field teams which put an entirely new complexion on the intercollegiate championship games.

Whilmington, Del., March 2.—Manager Walter of the Wilmington Union League Club, today announced that he has signed Roy H. Topham, who was one of the best "split-ball" pitchers in the Interstate League last year.

Manager Waller has also signed Harry Bussey, of the Bradford club, which is one of the Interstate League pennant last year; Charles Ackerman, of the Chicago City League; and Delaware Wilds, brother of Victor Wilds, of the Pittsburgh Nationals.

Delaware Wilds played on the Savannah (Ga.) Club last season. All of these men are pitchers, and each is six feet or over in height. Work will begin this week on the construction of the new ball park here for the Union League team.

Down the Alleys. Departmental League. 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