BETTER PITCHING CHIEF NEED OF NATIONALS—BIG NET TOURNEY OPENS TUESDAY

PITCHING STAFF MAY PROVE CHIEF WORRY FOR GRIFF

Walter Johnson's Return To Form Will Mean Much to Team.

By JACK NYE.

Between doing his Christmas shopping and winding up the financial affairs of the ball club for the year, Clark Griffith has been a busy man of late.

He hasn't had time to talk much baseball and probably will not let the dear old public into his confidence until after the first of the year.

Maybe Sir Oliver Lodge could give some valuable tips about the trades Griff is said to have up his sleeve, but it's all a mystery to us ordinary mortals.

It's no secret, however, that the Nationals' chieftain will indulge in his annual winter practice of swapping horses after midstream has been passed.

Griff doesn't mind admitting that he's after a capable performer to take care of the third station. That's a self-evident fact, anyway.

It is also whispered about, though not with the sanction of the president-manager, that Braggo Roth, who has worn as many different uniforms as any man in the league, will make another change next season. Bobby was a pretty fair performer last season. He hit .290 which was much better than the mark attained by many rival outfielders, but it appears that he does not fit into Griff's scheme of play.

Much Hinges on Pitchers.

Granted that the Nationals will open the season with a new third sacker and possibly a new outfielder, there is still another problem that confronts Prexy Griffith.

Unless his 1920 hurlers show a remarkable reversal of form, the going next season is going to be rather bumpy in spots.

Much faith is being pinned in the ability of Barney Johnson to come back. If the big slabber, who is now wintering on his farm at Coffeyville, Kass., can hit his old stride once more, he is good for more than twenty games without extending himself. Last season, in fact, was the first in a long time that Johnson failed to attain that mark. Instead he won only eight out of eighteen battles.

But with all his troubles, Johnson was the king-pin slabber of the Nationals. He didn't top the staff in the won and lost column, but in earned runs allowed per game there was nobody who could touch him.

Griff's slabbers as a whole were a distinct disappointment. Not one of the men on whom the burden was expected to rest won half his games, except Al Schacht. Al took part in twenty-two games, but was mostly a finisher. His total of wins was six and his losses four.

Zachary had fifteen wins and sixteen defeats. Then came Johnson, Erickson, Courtney and Shaw, finishing in order named, the last named winning but eleven and losing eighteen.

Bower May Help.

The decision to develop the pitching ability of Frank Brower may give the slabbing department some needed strength, but Frank can hardly be expected to be a brilliant star in his first season as a pitcher in the big circuit.

No team can win without good pitching and the work of Griff's boxmen will be watched with interest next spring. There is much potential strength among them. If Johnson can whip them across as of old and the rest show the expected improvement the outlook will not be at all somber.

Mayhap the wily Griff is planning to do some trading in this department. There was such a rumor when the season ended last fall. It hasn't been revived to date, but such a thing is not beyond the range as possibility.

There seems to be a conspiracy afoot to trade off Griff's stars right under his nose. They are still at it in New York. Here's what "Monitor" has to say in the New York World:

"There are rumors that Joe Judge, no slouch of a first sacker and a timely hitter, wants a change and there have been reports that he would go to either Philadelphia or Chicago. If he should, Griffith would welcome Pipp, and it is said that he will give up Bobby Roth, right fielder, in a deal. He has Brower, the International League slugger, to use in right. Brower proved a failure at first base—or at least not up to the A. L. standard.

"It was predicted yesterday that a three-cornered deal between New York, Philadelphia and Washington might be framed, by which Washington would get Dugan and another young player, New York would get Roth, Philadelphia would get Judge, and Pipp would slip to the Senators. This would seem to give Philadelphia the worst of it, if Mack really values Dugan as highly as he said when Huggins tried to do business with him before."

"Tain't so," said Mr. Griffith, when apprised of the latest report.

"Judge is going to play right here," he continued, "and is going to be an important cog in my machine. Don't believe all you see in print."

In the deal which brought Frank O'Rourke to Washington from Toronto, the Nationals are obligated to send the Leafs another infielder next season. It won't be Jimmy O'Neill, Griff declared last night. Either Ike Davis, who was farmed out to Minneapolis a couple of seasons ago, or Freddie Thomas will be sent to Toronto to bind the bargain.

MRS. DONALD PARSON WINS GOLF HONORS

PINEHURST, N. C., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Donald Parson of Chevy Chase carried off the low gross honors in the silver foils handicap against Bogey, played at Pinehurst today. Mrs. Parson, who was the low handicap player of the field, also tied for the first prize with Mrs. H. H. Rackpam of Detroit.

GIANTS TO PLAY MACKS IN SPRING

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The spring training schedule of the Giants began to take shape today, when Joseph O'Brien announced the arrangements of a game with the Athletics at Lake Charles, La., for March 25. The Mackmen will train at Lake Charles. Several additional contests with the Athletics will be announced.

BRAVE SHORTSTOP IS TOSSING STAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Walter "Rabbit" Maranville, star shortstop of the Boston Braves who is also one of the cleverest basket-ball players, in the East will bring an all-star team here to battle the Original Celtics in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory Sunday night. Ten thousand people are expected to witness the clash.

Maranville is considered fully as good on the court as on the diamond where everyone knows he has been a shining light. The diminutive short fielder is fast as greased lightning and is a short shot from the court.

NOT AFRAID, SAY BRITISH GOLFERS

England Not So Pessimistic About Proposed American Invasion.

By HENRY L. FARRELL.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—All England is not so pessimistic about the proposed American golf invasion next summer.

When the British golfers first heard that funds were being raised here to send twenty American links experts to England next summer, after the British amateur and the open championships, many declared that it was all over. America, by such a drive, surely would succeed.

However, "Fairway," a British expert, writing in "Sporting Life," does not see such cause for alarm.

"If our leading amateurs keep up on their game throughout the winter months," he writes, "the fears of those pessimistic prophets who would have us bow to the inevitable as a result of American preparation for invasion may be dispersed when the time arrives for the international duel.

"Fortunately we are, or should be, quite immune from defeat with the talent we already possess. I do not care how well Robert Jones, Charles Evans, or Francis Ouimet plays, if they come here in the anticipation of success in the open championship, they are more optimistic than usual—even for Americans. We have the veterans headed by Vardon, Taylor, Braid and Herd; we have the intermediate stage of players, of whom Mitchell, Duncan and Ray are the most prominent, and we have the younger generation, such as Allis, Ockenden and Holland, a combination which should produce the individual who will defeat the strongest forces produced by America or any other nation.

"When it has been necessary, England invariably has found the man' and I am convinced we shall do sq in the season of 1921."

NAVY GYM TEAM PLANS DUAL MEETS

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 24.—Besides having a team in the finals of the Intercollegiate Gymnastic Association, which will be held at Princeton, March 19, the Naval Academy gymnastic team will have the following dual matches at Annapolis: February 5, University of Penn; February 19, Haverford; March 5, Yale; March 12, Princeton.

BOSTON COLLEGE TO PLAY ORANGE

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Syracuse University and Boston College will meet at football next fall, it was announced here today. The game between these two big colleges will be played at Braves Field, Boston, on November 5. With Harvard playing Princeton, at Princeton, that day, the game will be an important one in Boston and should attract a monster throng. With the arranging of the Boston College contest the dates on the Syracuse schedule for 1921 are filled.

AMERICAN TENNIS STARS TO BATTLE FOR DAVIS TROPHY

International Matches Against Australians Begin Tuesday.

By T. HOWARD KELLY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The American tennis team will meet the representative racqueters of Australia on far-away New Zealand courts next Tuesday in an effort to return the international tennis trophy to its home shores. The Davis Cup, which is a huge silver affair, was presented by Dwight F. Davis in 1900 for international competition, and is now in the possession of the Australian team.

Two single matches will start the challenge contest. No definite statement as to the final choice of competitors for this initial fray has been issued so far by either the American or Australian teams. It is assumed, however, by close followers of the American team that William T. Tilden, 2d, and William M. Johnston will offer battle for the United States in the opening singles. At this moment it seems very likely that Norman E. Brookes and Gerald L. Patterson will defend Australia's possession of the trophy in the singles.

On the strength of the fact that both Tilden and Johnston have defeated these two Australian choices at singles on the Wimbledon courts, it looks as though America may make a very auspicious beginning in this new effort to wrest the international tennis championship from their rivals. If these two American players go into the opening singles in top-notch form and suffer no ill effects from the New Zealand climate, they should prove the masters of the cup defenders.

According to the schedule, four single matches will be played and only one match at doubles. It is believed that Tilden and Johnston will also figure in the doubles. In this case the Australian pair will have the advantage of more highly developed team work in their favor, as Tilden and Johnston have not played together at doubles to any great extent.

As to records, the team from Australia is credited with a more imposing and impressive string of victories than the American combination. In fact, no American team has ever defeated an Australian club on its own grounds. New Zealand can practically be called home for them, in comparison to its foreignness to the American team.

The uncertainty of the game makes it rather difficult to pick winners in any court contest where the opponents are evenly matched. Dope is something that is so regularly upset by sudden flashes of unlooked-for court brilliance that it is almost useless to base phophecies as to the winners on comparative data. However, it is confidently believed that Tilden and Johnston will take each of their four singles. It will be necessary for them to win three at least in order to cinch the series, leaving the doubles out of the argument.

COBB OUTFOOTED BY COAST PLAYER

Ty Cobb and "Duster" Mails met in a series of games at San Francisco recently and "Duster's" team took two out of three from the "Cobb Stars." Tyrus the Great didn't get a safe hit off "Duster," who appeared in parts of the three games. He did get a triple off Faeth, former Indian, in one contest. Ty had another humiliation, for Lefty O'Doul, the Yankee speed boy, outfooted him in a race against time around the bases. O'Doul did the trick in 14 3-5 seconds and Cobb's time was 15. Considering the heavy track the time was fast. In the accuracy throwing contest Al Watlers of the Red Sox made the best throws, but Nick Altrock was announced as the winner. Nick was helped by his partner in crime, Carl Sawyer, for Carl knocked the target down just as Nick's throw arrived.

COLLYER'S COMMENT on the Sport of Kings

By BERT E. COLLYER

PICTOR.

It comes to me via the grapevine route that almost every handbook west of the Mississippi is loaded to the guards today with wise money on this excellent performer. I know also that the Clark people are awful sweet on him and the clockers tell me he only needs a decent ride from little Wida in order to ring the bell. From where I sit it looks like the spot to gather a little Xmas cheer. Hooray! Sterling is the boy that'll cause the most trouble. He'll be second with Eddie Rickenbacker having a mighty good chance to be third. All this happens in the fifth at Jeff.

In the day's opener it's a toss-up between Portlight and Brisk. Personally I fancy the chances of the former slightly best. Murphy, Sweet Liberty and Jock Scott will all carry stable commissions. I am a little afraid of Sweet Liberty. Look out for Scurry today. The "dynamiters" are about ready to shoot. With clear sailing this Whitney cast-off will surely go well. Cock o' the Roost and Title have the balance of the purse between them.

Out of the old brine barrel I hope to drag another like Justice Goebel on this occasion. The pickler is N. K. Beal. I know something about this bird. It's a shooting match today. Bar One and Golden Dawn have the rest of the purse between them. Polythia is just a little the best in the fourth. With that baby out of the way I would think Bit of Green was a cinch. Ace ran a crackerack race the other day, and a repeater of that effort will be very troublesome. The balance don't call for very much. All over but the shouting in the sixth. Here's where they yank Lord Herbert out of the brine and send him gathering grapes. What's more the price is sure to be juicy.

Go get a little easy money with Capital City in the last. The spot suits right down to the ground and the right money is riding. Nominee and Pit hold the balance safe. Special—the clockers at New Orleans flash us this: "Barry Shannon struck his leg while being worked. He will do later."

One Best Bet of the Day: PICTOR.
Best Take-a-Chance Bet: CAPITAL CITY.
Best Parlay: PORTLIGHT, POLYTHIA, PIT—TO SHOW.

NEW ORLEANS SELECTIONS.

First Race—Portlight, Brisk, Murphy.
Second Race—Scurry, Cock o' the Roost, Title.
Third Race—N. K. Beal, Bar One, Golden Dawn.
Fourth Race—Polythia, Bit of Green, Ace.
Fifth Race—Pictor, Sterling, Eddie Rickenbacker.
Sixth Race—Lord Herbert, Summer Sigh, War Club.
Seventh Race—Capital City, Nominee, Pit.
Best Bet—PICTOR.

HAVANA SELECTIONS.

First Race—Whippet, Aunt Deda, Vic Munoz.
Second Race—Hocnir, Avion, Frascuelo.
Third Race—Huntress, Marty Lou, Lama.
Fourth Race—McLelland, Mayrose, Doctor D.
Fifth Race—Armonia Entry, Hergosgood.
Sixth Race—Bally, Armonia Entry, Cromwell.
Seventh Race—American Soldier, Bierman, Faux Col.
Best Bet—BALLY.

TIA JUANA SELECTIONS.

First Race—Centerville, Thirty-Seven, Sweet Tooth.
Second Race—Zamlock, Coronado, Concha.
Third Race—Smiling Maggie, Private Pete, Mildred Euretta.
Fourth Race—Dione, Pierrot, The Gallant.
Fifth Race—Martin A. Noonan, Crack o' Dawn, Chow.
Sixth Race—Thunderstorm, Sailor, Franklin.
Seventh Race—Lobelia, Miss Manage, Weinland.
Best Bet—THUNDERSTORM.

Can You Beat It! -:- By Maurice Ketten

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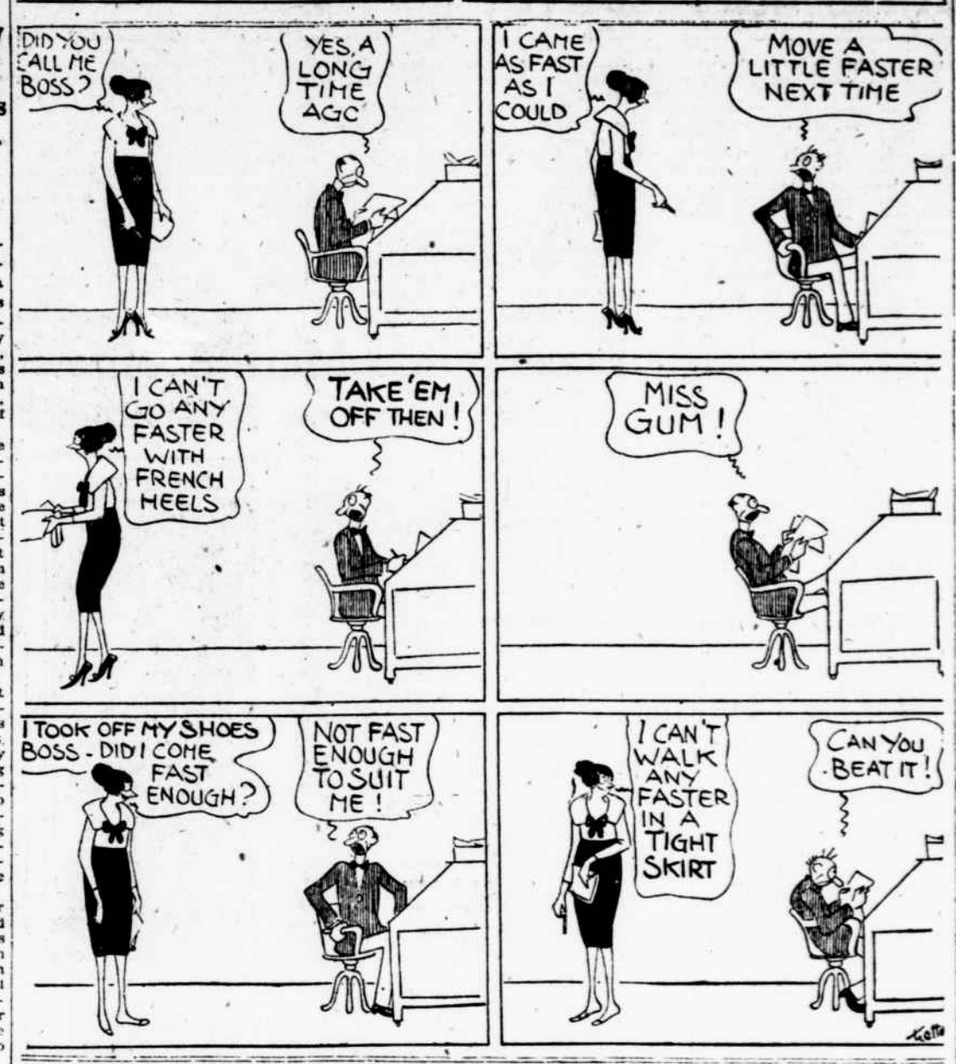

The SPORTLIGHT by Grantland Rice

Christmas on the Off-Trail.
(At the request of W. F. C.)

We thought we had forgotten all
the years that lie behind us,
And though the vision beckons
through the years that wait
ahead,
The white and scarlet berries of the
season still remind us
That dreams were merely sleeping which we thought forever
dead.

For, vagabonds, it's Christmas,
And the clans are congregating;
O, vagabonds, it's Christmas,
And we've come so far away;
And in the lonesome shadows
They are waiting, waiting, waiting
For those who've lost the road that
leads
To home on Christmas Day.

We met our mate, the tramping
wind, and so we let it lead us
From one with rose-blood in her
veins and sunshine in her
hair;
It called us to a mother who we
thought would never need us
Until the gray December winds
brought in her silent prayer.

For Christmas on the Off-Trail
Isn't what we used to think it;
The little horns are calling
With the roll-beat of the drum;
And as we lift our mocking toast
And sullenly we drink it,
A kid calls "Mother! Mother!"—
And we know how far we've come.

Gray ghosts across the drifting
years, they come upon our
dreaming,
The kids we used to know before
we knew the rover's fate,
The little stockings by the hearth,
the mother love a-streaming
From weary eyes that look in vain
beyond the old-time gate.

O, vagabond, tomorrow
We will start with rag and pack
again;
And leave a merry song behind
Without a parting word;
But now we'd give our souls to
know
The Christmas highway back again,
To whisper "Mother, mother"—
And to know that she had heard.

What Christmas gift brought you the greatest thrill?

Looking back a year or two—maybe, ten or twenty or thirty years or two—we can't recall a much greater thrill than full and complete possession of our first rugby football—official size—regular pigskin and all the accompanying ingredients.

And the same type of pigskin between October and December has given us many a thrill since. For all that goes into the make-up of sport, the others are not even close—action, color, courage, speed, stamina, skill and the amateur soul.

College Stadiums.

The kicker we have with us to the uttermost ends of the universe.

The latest complaint we have received concerns the erection of so many costly college stadiums and bowls.

"A pure waste"—complains the objector.

On the contrary, any nation that is liberally bedecked with these stadiums, which are all monuments to athletic endeavor, is building on the soundest sort of foundation for future health and recreation.

The idea that they are to be used for big football games alone is entirely wrong. They are nearly always the central structures of the big athletic area, and as they also serve the purpose of promoting general interest in sport, their value is not to be calculated in dollars.

New Orleans Entries.

First Race—Five and one-half furlongs—Jago, 112; Head Over Heels, 114; Marmite, 109; Sweet Liberty, 108; Assume, 113; Brisk, 114; Serbian, 114; Ground Swell, 114; Mickey Moore, 108; Trusty, 114; Portlight, 116; Shilling, 110; Kohinoor, 106; Thursday Nighter, 111; Jock Scot, 114; Murphy, 112; Turf, 118.

Second Race—Six furlongs—Youneed, 109; Scurry, 105; Cock o' the Roost, 106; Charlie Leydecker, 107; Bobby Allen, 107; Archie Alexander, 113; Title, 106; Kuklux, 104; Chesty, 95.

Third Race—One mile and a sixteenth—Waukeag, 107; Glenwell, 104; Nelle Yorke, 105; Broom Peddler, 109; Golden Dawn, 101; Bond, 102; Bar One, 112; Merchant, 112; Madrono, 102; Douglass S., 102; Bombast, 110; Miss Filly, 107; Murray, 107; N. K. Beal, 107.

Fourth Race—Six furlongs—Madeline Lillian, 107; Polythia, 114; Bunga Buck, 110; Jim Fogg, 100; Bit of Green, 107; Master Jack, 107; Ace, 110; Undine, 104.

Fifth Race—One mile—Sterling, 114; Eddie Rickenbacker, 114; Pictor, 109; Baladin, 100; Dancing Spray, 100; Fantoche, 93; Flibberty Gibbet, 100; Master Bill, 100; Brotherly Love, 109.

Sixth Race—Mile and three-sixteenth—Summer Sigh, 108; Lord Herbert, 112; Comme Ci, 108; Kimpalong, 103; Dark Hill, 104; War Club, 108; Honolulu Boy, 109.

Seventh Race—Mile and a quarter—Austral, 102; Pit, 106; Capital City, 106; Nominee, 110; Solid Rock, 106; Paddy Dear, 107; Great Gull, 107; Susan M., 95; Tugs, 102; On High, 92; She Devil, 99; Lad, 102; Sandy Mac, 101; Keep, 97.

Weather clear; track fast.

Havana Results.

First Race—Mavehona, 105 (Wilson), even, 1 to 3, 1 to 6; Willow Tree, 109 (McCoy), 3 to 5, 1 to 3; The Enquirer, 105 (Garner), 1 to 2. Time: 1:09 1-5. Lotta Speed, Scotty, Wishing and George W. also ran.

Second Race—Bibbler, 107 (Dreyer), 3 to 1, 6 to 5, 3 to 5; Fireworth, 107 (Crump), 4 to 5, 2 to 5; Sentry, 105 (Atkinson), 6 to 5. Time: 1:09 4-5. Jack Dawson, Rhadames, Okemus, John J. Riley, Terrible Susan and Nonsense also ran.

Third Race—Cavan Boy, 112 (Meehan), even, 2 to 5, 1 to 5; Plantagenet, 112 (Eames), 7 to 5, 7 to 10; Lady Hester, 107 (McCoy), 7 to 10. Time: 1:09 2-5. Twenty-Seven, Snow Queen, Honest George, Night Wind, Superior and Vim also ran.

Fourth Race—Perigourdine, 112 (Dawson), 7 to 1, 5 to 2, 6 to 5; Ed. Garrison, 112 (Butwell), 2 to 1, even; Pokey Jane, 102 (Kennedy), 1 to 3. Time: 1:08. Our Nephew, Jack K., Stiletto, Punctual and Fleer also ran.

Fifth Race—Pie, 103 (Mangan), 5 to 1, even, 1 to 4; Sea Prince, 108 (Kennedy), 1 to 2, 1 to 6; Mildred, 105 (Atkinson), 1 to 10. Time: 1:45 2-5. Grey Rump, Major Fisk, Sain Rose and Jimmie O'Brien also ran.

Sixth Race—Black Thong, 106 (Kennedy), 8 to 5, 1 to 2, 1 to 4; Lariat, 103 (Hunt), 1 to 3, 1 to 6; Timothy J. Hogan 103 (Lancaster), 1 to 5. Time: 1:48 1-5. Hunter Platt, Bulger and Guardsman also ran.

Havana Entries.

First Race—Five furlongs. Shorty's First, 102; Black Top, 102; Vic Munoz, 106; Big Bill, 102; Whippet, 102; Aunt Deda, 105; Queen of Trumps, 105.

Second Race—Five and one-half furlongs. Polar Cub, 99; Slippery Silver, 112; Breadline, 99; Frascuelo, 115; Avion, 107; Hocnir, 116.

Third Race—Five and one-half furlongs. Lucie May, 100; Lama, 105; Marty Lou, 110; Hatrack, 108; Huntress, 105; Sayona, 110; Algrette, 105; Red, 110; Cy Merrick, 110.

Fourth Race—Five and one-half furlongs. Jill, 102; Doctor D., 110; View, 110; Juanita 3rd, 102; May Rose, 110; Laughing Eyes 2nd, 110; Rurella, 110; McClelland, 110.

Fifth Race—Six furlongs. Penelope, 99; Pomerene, 105; Herron, 108; Osgood, 102; Assumption, 105; Black Prince, 100; Furbelow, 105.

Sixth Race—One mile and fifty yards. All Aglow, 100; Mess Kit, 105; War Zone, 108; Atta Boy 2nd, 112; Helen Atkin, 104; Lackawanna, 106; Sweep Clean, 110; Bally, 116; Armistice, 105; Herron, 108; Mumbo Jumbo, 111; Cromwell, 126.

Seventh Race—One mile. American Soldier, 106; Bierman, 103; Riverside, 107; Faux Col, 110; Zoie, 108; Pierre-A-Feu, 112.

Weather clear; track fast.

RED HARRIERS SENT OVER FULL COURSE

CAMBRIDGE, England, Dec. 24.—Cornell's cross-country runners, who will meet the pick of Oxford and Cambridge universities at Roehampton on December 30, took their first practice run yesterday, covering the five-mile Cambridge course. The time was not taken, but Jack Moakley, the coach, said the performance was satisfactory.

All the men, with the exception of R. E. Brown, who is suffering from a cold, are in good condition, and are expected to make an excellent showing as when Cornell won the intercollegiate.

New Orleans Results.

First Race—Old McKenna, 108 (Gregory), 13 to 10, 1 to 2, 1 to 4; Royden, 113 (Garner), 4 to 5, 1 to 3; Old Rose, 108 (Mooney), 2 to 1. Time: 1:49 2-5. Pindar, Pansey Blossom, Tony, Beesway and Eleve also ran.

Second Race—Plantoon, 104 (Pollard), 9 to 2, 8 to 5, 4 to 5; Louise Wynne, 107 (Collins), 6 to 5, 1 to 2; Mary Fonso, 107 (Roberts), even. Time: 1:09 1-5. Segurola, Lady Granite, Calithump, Mary Erb, Ballygiehn, Our Kate, Obstinate and Gladys also ran.

Third Race—Approval, 105 (Mooney), 15 to 1, 7 to 1, 3 to 1; Back Bay, 111 (King), 8 to 5, 4 to 5; Pullux, 110 (Murray), 7 to 5. Time: 1:14 2-5. Liberator, Frank Wilson, Comancho, Kirstle's Cub, Bengali, Nominee, Toe the Mark and No Lawn also ran.

Fourth Race—Hank O'Day, 110 (Garner), 25 to 1, 10 to 1, 5 to 1; Harry Burgoyne, 105 (Mooney), 3 to 1, 8 to 5; Enos, 110 (Pauley), 4 to 1. Time: 1:14. Murphy, York Road, Mormon, General, Circulate, Amackasin, Jay Thummel and Dotta's Best also ran.

Fifth Race—Columbia Tenn, 114 (Taylor), 5 to 2, 7 to 10, 1 to 3; Ground Swell, 110 (Murray), 8 to 5, 3 to 5; Sagamore, 111 (Rodriguez), 1 to 4. Time: 1:14 2-5. The Portuguese, Hadrian, Veteran, Johnny Overton, Ettahe and Sammy Kelley also ran.

Sixth Race—Albena, 105 (McDermott), 9 to 2, 8 to 5, 4 to 5; Lorena Moss, 102 (Mooney), 7 to 10, 1 to 3; Kingling II., 108 (Roberts), 4 to 5. Time: 1:49 1-5. Billy Stuart, Brickley, Malvolio, Courting Colors, Spectacular Girl, Capt. Hodge and Lucius also ran.

Seventh Race—Aztec, 110 (Roberts), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1; Colonel Lit, 107 (Williams), 6 to 5, 7 to 10; Indolence, 110 (Heupel), 8 to 5. Time: 1:49 1-5. Ben Hampson, Orenzo, Bluebannock, Capitania, Le Gaulois, On High, Dr. Shafer and John I. Day also ran.

Marriage Licenses.

Oscar E. Monninger, 30, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Gertrude E. Hoffhines, 38, of this city. The Rev. J. B. Clark.

James W. Fletcher, 24, of this city, and Mary E. Jackson, 21, of Greensburg, Pa. The Rev. J. B. Clark.

Samuel T. Turner, 27, and Edith E. Ridgeway, 26, both of this city. The Rev. T. E. Davis.

Joseph J. Browe, 25, and Alice G. Clark, 26, both of Richmond, Va. The Rev. C. G. Chappell.

Joseph W. Wells, 24, of San Francisco, Cal., and Cora B. Brownell, 22, of Mt. Upton, N. Y. The Rev. H. F. Randolph.

Clarence E. Jones, 34, of New York, N. Y., and Ameza L. Hill, 25, of this city. The Rev. M. W. D. Norman.

Ernest A. Clement, 22, and Lottie Hooper, 19, both of this city. The Rev. W. J. Robinson.

Robert Dunett, 27, of Woodford, Va., and Celesta M. Brown, 23, of Corbine, Va. The Rev. D. R. Covell.

James Moran, 53, of Sunbury, Pa., and Elizabeth Carpenter, 35, of Hyattsville, Md. The Rev. J. H. Jeffries.

John P. Lloyd, 24, of this city, and Mildred L. Johnson, 23, of Hartford, Conn. The Rev. W. H. Williams.

Willard L. Grinnage, 29, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mildred A. Jones, 25, of this city. The Rev. T. J. Brown.

Elmer N. Twinquist, 25, of this city, and Frances B. Holstein, 26, of Chicago, Ill. The Rev. J. J. Dimon.

Melancthon T. Houston, 61, of Lima, O., and Rosaline A. Paden, 61, of New Concord, O. The Rev. W. F. Eagleson.

Antonio Carrocciolo, 36, of Cuyahoga Falls, O., and Margaret Merlino, 22, of this city. The Rev. E. L. Buckey.

Augustus Harris, 22, and Anne J. Butler, 18, both of this city. The Rev. J. W. Jones.

Herbert W. Meyers, 29, and Bess F. Ramsey, 23, both of Seattle, Wash. The Rev. W. Radcliffe.

Edgar H. Bernstein, 26, of Cherrydale, Va., and Olive F. Ashby, 23, of this city. The Rev. J. E. Briggs.

Frank V. Martinek, 28, and Victorine H. Corrick, 24, both of this city. The Rev. J. B. Frazier.

Jordan E. Frederick, 21, and Louise Dawson, 18, both of this city. The Rev. J. J. O'Connor.

Larance L. Schwartz, 28, of Richmond, Va., and Marguerite L. Brown, 19, of Cherry Hill, Va. The Rev. J. H. Jeffries.

John F. Edley, 21, and Elsie Strange, 19, both of this city. The Rev. D. M. Waldron.

Irving F. Contee, 21, and Pearl Barbour, 18, both of this city. The Rev. J. A. Cowan.

Alexander Shorter, 27, and Mabel Jones, 21, both of this city. The Rev. S. G. Lamkins.

Aaron S. Smith, 26, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Jennie Laskey, 25, of this city. The Rev. N. H. Colish.

Charlie W. Bumpass, 35, of Bumpass, Va., and Nannie E. Coates, 29, of Ashland Va. The Rev. G. A. Miller.

Charles J. Kanda, 27, and Grace J. Petit, 22, both of this city. The Rev. J. H. Jeffries.

Charles M. McNulty, 25, and Elsie R. Magruder, 19, both of this city. The Rev. J. F. Bryan.

Thomas H. Smith, 17, and Rosina Washington, 15, both of this city. The Rev. W. B. Carroll.

Reuben M. West, 35, and Pocohontas H. McBain, 31, both of this city. The Rev. I. M. Rose.

Clifton R. Mundey, 21, and Hazel E. Baldwin, 30, both of this city. The Rev. J. H. Jeffries.

William T. Powell, 37, and E. Teresa Adams, 30, both of this city. The Rev. H. A. Tupper.

Otis N. Leathers, 34, of Duet, Va., and Learle A. Yowell, 21, of Etlan, Va. The Rev. J. E. Briggs.

James King, 29, and Ella Pinkard, 20, both of this city. The Rev. J. M. Jones.

Andrew Much, 37, and Minnie Besch, 30, both of Highland Springs, Va. The Rev. H. F. Downs.

Walter Anderson, 39, and Isabelle J. Darrow, 30, both of Baltimore, Md. The Rev. T. E. Davis.

William F. Faust, 25, and Janie V. Gillian, 19, both of Richmond, Va. The Rev. H. F. Downs.

Real Estate Transfers.

Kearney street northeast, between Eighteenth and Twentieth, square 4205, lot 40, addition to Sherwood—John L. Knopp et ux., Flora K., to Wm J. Clifton and Alma L. Clifton, $10.

North of Crittenton street, east of Georgia avenue, square 3012, lot 39, Petworth—Jacob Stein et ux., Sarah to Rosa Shimkowitz, $10.

2437 M street northwest, square 24, part of lot C—Mary S. Milton to Norman E. Ryon, $10.

Ninth street northwest, between I and K streets, square 403, part of original lot 4—Augusta C. Wahly to Rudolph B. Behrend, $10.

441-443 G street northwest, square 518, lot 26—Anna Cordes et vir, Adolph H., to Chas. J. and George Stein, $50.

2510 L street northwest, square 15, lot 30—Edith B. Newman to Jacob Stein and Samuel Kraisel, $10.

Stevens avenue southeast, west of Wade avenue, square 5866, part of lot 75, Barry Farm—Wm. H. Bryson to Grant Richardson et ux., Mary, $10.

1528 Columbia street northwest, square 265, lot 132—L. H. Vandoren & Harry A. Grant, trustees, to Richard T. and Martha J. Branford. No consideration named.

1211 Duncan street northeast, square 1008, lot 171—Chas. E. Harris to Lawrence I. Seitz and Paul E. Grove, $10.

630 Q street northwest, square 445, lot 123—Rachel Krapsaw to P. D. Root, $10.

North of Oats street, east of Trinidad avenue northeast, square 4061, lot 26, Long Meadows—John W. Childress and Cecelia K. MacCormack, executors and trustees, to Joseph A. Clipp, $10.

Kanawha street northwest, between Connecticut avenue and Thirty-eighth street, square 1872, lot 8 and part 9, Chevy Chase Heights—Louis R. Moss et ux., Wortley M., to James R. Young, $10.

Near northwest corner Seventh and R streets, square 419, part original lot 1—Robert H. Smith et ux., Hester A., to David Herson, $10.

Kansas avenue northwest, between Varnum and Webster, square 3019, lot 39, Petworth—Floyd H. Overmyer et ux., Helen M., to Arthur M. Wheeler, $10.

Eighth street northwest, between S and T streets, square 417, part of original lot 4—Chas. H. Davidson et ux., Frances L., to Mary A. Davis, $10.

1156 Florida avenue northeast, square 4070, lot 86, Trinidad, Stephen C. Boswell et ux., Caroline J., to Alonzo G. Anthony et ux., Lillie L., $10.

Connecticut avenue northwest, north of Calvert street, square 2507, part lots 99 and 102, Woodley Park—Leonard Imboden et ux., Isobel, to John H. Lininger, $10.

North of Girard street, east of Eighteenth street northeast, square 4210, lot 37, Eliaston Terrace—Olaf R. Pederson et ux., Mary A., to Edward L. Bacher et ux., Corinda, $10.

Seventeenth street northwest, between T and U streets, square 176, part lots 11 and 12—Hattie B. Jones to Albert S. J. Atkinson, $10.

619 E street southeast, square 877, part original lot 19—Max Yuter et ux., Lena., to Joseph Cohen, $10.

Jenifer street northwest, between Thirty-ninth and Forty-first streets, square 1753, lot 20, Chevy Chase Heights—John M. Henderson to Sylvannus B. Pond et ux., Antoinette R., $10.

1320 R street northwest (Luray Apartments), square 240, lot 43 and part 42—National Investment Co. to Thomas Frazier, $10.

1320 R street northwest (Luray Apartments), square 240, lot 43 and part 42—Thomas Frazier et ux., Willie R., to Mutual Housing Co., Inc., $10.

1726 Twelfth street northwest, square 282, lot 9—Mary A. Tyler, trustee, etc., to William D. Spurr et al., Annie L. and Emma K. Noonan, $10.

1220 D street southwest, square 297, lot 24—Charles J. and George S. Walker, trustees, et al. to Benedict W. Ingram, $10.

Washington court northwest, between Floral and Centre court, square 5087, part of lot 9, Fortune Enarged—Mrs. Signora A. Scott to George E. Ferris, $10.

1129 Fourth street northeast, square 805, lot 31—Margaret McGowan to Ruby L. Nicholson, $10.

83 K street northwest, square 634, lot 203—James H. Becker, surviving trustee, and Mary J. Becker to Joseph S. Lemp et ux., Annie V., $5,350.

2014 Eighth street northwest, square 2875, lot 231, Mount Pleasant—Clarence M. DeVeile to Lavinia DeVeile, $10.

216 E street northeast, square 754, lot 20—Melitta V. Benkert et al. to Edward M. Gooding et ux., Sadie M., $10.

3 K street northeast, square 675, lot 224—Ada H. Gassaway to Margaret M. Slatterly, $10.

PURDUE SEEKING BIG GREEN COACH

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Failure of the Dartmouth Athletic Council to reappoint Clarence W. Spears of Chicago as football coach to date has been followed by the receipt of word here from N. A. Kellogg, athletic director of Purdue University, that Spears is being considered as coach of the eleven there.

Spears' contract with Dartmouth expires this fall. He was an All-American guard as a member of Dartmouth teams and finishes a course in the Dartmouth Medical School this year.

GOLFERS TO STAGE WINTER TOURNEY

Advertising Interests Will Begin Play at Pinehurst on January 10.

The Winter Golf League of Advertising Interests will hold its annual winter tournament at Pinehurst on January 8 to 15. The league's special train will leave New York on Friday, the 14th, and land the members at Pinehurst in time to take part in a preliminary Medal Play Handicap tourney on Saturday.

The tournament proper will open on Monday, the 10th. The qualifying round will be played on that day and the field will qualify in divisions or classes of thirty-two players each, all contestants playing from scratch.

The first match round, on Tuesday morning, will also be played from scratch in all classes and the results of the round will divide each class into two sixteens, comprising respectively the winners and losers in each class.

Beginning with the second match round, scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, the players in the "Championship Division" (the winning sixteen in Class A) will play scratch, while all other divisions will play on handicap. All divisions will again subdivide at the end of this second round so that each original thirty-two will be represented by four eights.

On Wednesday and Thursday the losing players will be eliminated, bringing the field down to two players to play off the finals, on Friday, in each of the four eights in each class.

The women's tournament will be played concurrently, the field qualifying in eights according to gross scores. All match rounds will be played on handicap, in all divisions.

Separate putting contests for men and women will be played throughout the week and the proceedings will wind up on Saturday with an "honor medal play handicap" and with a mixed handicap foursome open to all women players at Pinehurst who are paired with members of the league.

A total of fifty-one prizes will be distributed among the winners and near-winners in the various events comprising the eight-day program.

"I'M NO QUITTER; WON'T SELL SOX," SAYS 'OLD ROMAN'

Comiskey Has High Hope Of Rebuilding Another Title Contender.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—"I would not sell the Chicago White Sox if I were offered $5,000,000 for the franchise," declared President Charles A. Comiskey in answer to the rumors that the old Roman is anxious to dispose of his club, that was practically wrecked in the recent baseball gambling scandal, when eight of his star players were indicted by the Cook County grand jury for conspiracy.

"I have an idea that some one very high in the American League would jump with joy if I were to sell," continued Comiskey. "I will not sell for that reason, and another is that I feel certain that I will in a very short time build another team that will become a championship contender."

President Comiskey was noticeably perturbed over the report that certain capitalists had obtained an option on his club. It was all news to him, and started by one of his enemies, who, he says, has been selling his team to different parties for more than a year. The report has come out so frequently that he deems it unnecessary to deny any stories that he contemplates disposing of his club.

"It would be an act of cowardice for me to run out at a time like this," said President Comiskey. "My ball club has been shattered and it is my firm intention to reconstruct it into one of the best clubs in the American League