

Yale, Princeton And Harvard Favor Four Mile Race

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GIANTS GET PRESENT OF MARLIN PARK

New York, Dec. 21.—The Giants received a Christmas present Saturday from the citizens of Marlinton, Pa. President Hempstead was quite surprised when he opened the large envelope and found the official papers conveying Marlinton Park to the New York club.

Henry Fabian, the groundskeeper at the Polo grounds, is at Marlinton, and now that the park is the property of the club, President Hempstead is planning a number of improvements, including a new clubhouse with shower baths.

Several of the Giants have been trying to persuade groundskeeper Fabian to make a hole or two of a golf course, so that the Giants can play golf on the property.

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CAMERON DENIES HE WOULD SELL NEW HAVEN TO FEDS

Hans Lobert of Phillies Reported Ready to Leap to Outlaws Today

(By Wagner.) Owner George Cameron of the New Haven club has written to President O'Rourke of the Eastern association denying the report that the New Haven club was willing to jump to the Federal League.

Cameron, who is in a Chicago hospital awaiting an operation, declared he was surprised when he heard of such a proposition. His first knowledge of it was gained from a newspaper article sent by a friend.

"The whole thing astonished me," said Cameron. "I am and always have been loyal to organized baseball and there is no chance of the New Haven club deserting to the outlaws while I have anything to say about it."

In regard to the conference Owner Clarkin of Hartford and others are said to have had with the Federal League in New York, a prominent minor league official has come forward with the statement that he saw Clarkin, Dan O'Neil, a Hartford newspaperman and some New England league owners have a talk with Hy Brewer.

This official says Clarkin was anxious to do business with the Federal League, but Brewer refused all the advice given him by those who desired him to make the jump.

The Chicago White Sox will start February 13 for their training camp in Paso Robles, Cal.

Walter Johnson gave up a raise of \$5,000 a year from the Federal League to take a \$600 raise with the Washington Senators.

Negotiations have been closed for a match between Jimmy Clarkin and Mike Gibbons in Milwaukee January 1.

FEDERALS SAY THEY WILL FIGHT FOR WALTER JOHNSON

Declare Washington Pitcher Accepted Advance Money and Is Legally Bound

New York, Dec. 21.—Robert B. Ward, vice-president of the Federal League, returned yesterday from Chicago, where he has been attending a conference of the executive committee of the outlaw organization.

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YALE WANTS 4 MILE RACE TO BE KEPT

Interviewed by the Yale Daily News on shortening the college boat races, captains and coaches at Yale, Harvard and Princeton show divided opinions.

This question, although actively agitated in certain other colleges has been little discussed at Yale and Harvard, and it is improbable that any radical change will be contemplated by the managers of the Yale and Harvard crews.

Captain Denegre of the Yale crew says: "In regard to the four-mile race, I am in favor of it, because I consider it a best test of skill in rowing, and coaching, and as a better test of endurance and generalship."

On the consideration of this question, I think we should have some opinion poll put through and in the fact that four miles has been the established distance. The three-mile race is an untried thing.

My opinion is that it would develop into more or less of a sprint and would be more detrimental physically than the longer course.

H. A. Murray, captain of the Harvard crew, expresses himself as follows: "It has yet to be proved that a four-mile race is definitely injurious to college men of sound physique."

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RUPPERT NOT READY TO SAY SALE IS OFF

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 21.—Col. Jacob Ruppert and Capt. Huston, prospective purchasers of the Yankees, arrived here last night from French Lick Springs, and immediately went into a conference with Harry Hempstead, president of the club.

Ruppert and Huston expressed the belief that their acquisition of the New York Americans is but a matter of comparatively a short time. They say there are a number of details that must be ironed out before they can take over the club, but they seem convinced that President Johnson and American League magnates will see the matter in the same light, and that at a conference in Chicago in the next few days they will give us the players we need to put New York on the American League map.

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FAST TROY FIVE WHICH WERE TURNED DOWN BY OWNERS

The Blue Ribbon basketball players will endeavor to regain some of their lost laurels tomorrow night at Colonial hall when they will mingle with the fast Troy five of Hoboken, N. J.

The Trojans gave the Ribbons a fine beating on their last visit here but the locals hope to turn the tables.

It is settled that Bobby Stow will not join the Ribbons again because of his coaching duties at Yale and Manager Leavy has signed young Reich of New York to play one of the forwards.

Reich did very well last week. Beckman has assumed the manager that he will be on hand tomorrow. The preliminary will show the Singers and the Clovers. There will be dancing after the main game.

The Blue Ribbons. Troy. Reich. R.F. Shea. Beckman. L.F. Evans. Leonard. C. Harvey. Rosch. R. Corrigan. Sweeney. L.G. Dussak. Langhammer, substitute.

Charles P. Taft, 71 Today Is Richest Baseball Magnate

We have lately read much of the great wealth of the Wards, Westmans and other Federal League clubs, but organized baseball has at least one magnate who can put the Fed promoters in the piker class, financially speaking.

He is Charles Phelps Taft, who has been in the big interest in the Cincinnati Reds and, more recently, in the Chicago Cubs. Mr. Taft is a native of Cincinnati, and will be seventy-one years old today.

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His father was attorney-general of the United States, and he was president of the United States. He is the editor and owner of the Cincinnati Times-Star, and is interested in many big industries that he can remember all at once.

Mr. Taft's income is estimated at over a million dollars a year, which puts him in a class all by himself as a national pastime.

Although his baseball investments have doubtless been profitable, Mr. Taft has always been more interested in the game, and he was animated largely by sentiment when he bought into the Cincinnati club.

Mr. Taft's ambition was to restore the faded glories of the Cincinnati Reds, the pioneer professional club or baseball, and to win a pennant for the Queen City. In that aspiration he has met only with failure.

Mr. Taft is responsible for the appearance in the role of a magnate of Chubby Charley Murphy, the greatest of all disturbers of the peace, who has recently reentered himself and injected his rotund and rubicund personality into a situation from which it was thought he had been permanently ejected.

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FANS' OWN COLUMN

BOB MOHA REDUCES FROM 245 TO 170

Boxing fans the world over were very much surprised when it was announced in Australia three years ago that Cyclone Johnny Thompson had jumped from lightweight to a middleweight within a few weeks' time.

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WHY McLOUGHLIN WAS RANKED FIRST IN TENNIS WORLD

New York, Dec. 21.—Believing that the objective of the national ranking is to name players in the relative order of their skill, irrespective of what titles and championships they may have won, Maurice E. McLaughlin of California has been placed at the top of the list for the season of 1914.

It is the third consecutive time in his brief career that the famous Californian has held that position. It is regarded as all the more remarkable because of the fact that McLaughlin's ascendancy began from the time that it became necessary for the national champion to play through at the tournament at Newport, a method which was rapidly extended to other premier championships.

McLaughlin, by taking the place of No. 1 on the national list ahead of Richard N. Williams 2d, is the first American in all of the thirty-five years of tennis in this country who has broken the rule of rating the holder of the crown of the courts in top place.

The ranking committee, after a careful search of the rules relating to the rating of the players, failed to find any decision which arbitrarily awarded the most honored position to the national champion. Their finding in this report smashes one of the flimsy traditions of the courts, but it smooths the way for merit and other committees in years to come.

The cities of Bridgeport, Gallaire and Martin's Ferry, Ohio, voted Saturday to go "wet."

Seventy-nine heirs in Sharon, Pa., were to share in \$25 left by a relative, voted to use the money for a banquet.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Major-General Frederick Funston.

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