

AMERICA ASKED TO JOIN HEARING

Members of International Olympic Committee From This Country Are Invited.

MANY COMPLEX PROBLEMS

Every Phase of Athletics Will Be Discussed at Conference in Lausanne.

New York, January 4.—The American members of the International Olympic Committee, Professor William M. Sloane, Allison V. Armour and Evert Hansen Wendell, have been invited to participate in the congress of the committee, which will convene at Lausanne, Switzerland, from May 5 to 11, next year, at which time there will be held a scientific inquiry into the physiology and psychology of sport.

It is anticipated that this session will be the medium for the production of papers on these subjects, which will treat in the most exhaustive manner the whole realm of sport, and point out in clear fashion every phase of the subjects to be debated later on during the meeting. Many friends of the Olympic movement have announced their intention of taking part in the deliberations of the congress, which are to be held in what is conceded to be a beautiful spot.

The congress will have the patronage of the Federal Council of the Swiss Republic. The chief officers of the Department for Education and Public Health in the Canton of Vaud are members of the organizing committee, and the buildings of the University of Lausanne the place where it will sit.

The members of the committee include Godfrey De Boney, Dr. Centurion, Professor Larquier De Bancels, Professor Milloud, Dr. De Montel, and Dr. Reinhold, Dr. Narcaise, Paris; Dr. De Montel, Yvay; Dr. Malwitz, Berlin; Dr. Hans Reber, Ostend, and Arthur Ireland, of Haas. The American members are Dr. French, German and English speaking contingents respectively.

Invited to Send Essays. Everybody who is interested in the problems of the congress is invited to take part to the end of sending five papers, the subscriptions being five francs, and two francs for students. The papers are to be written in French, German, English or Italian, and must be sent to the committee in care of the University of Lausanne at least two months before the congress opens, and must not consist of more than 3,000 words, touching on the details of three subjects as arranged by the committee, which are as follows:

Origin of activity in the sphere of sport. Natural individual aptitudes. General aptitudes. (suppleness, flexibility, strength, endurance, special aptitudes, (inborn disposition to certain forms of sport and what does a certain play in sport and what is its influence?) Observations and conclusions to be drawn therefrom. Do natural aptitudes suffice to stimulate the individual or does this require the presence of the sporting instinct? Nature and action of the effect. Can the spirit produce it or act as a substance for it?

Persistence and Forms.—Persistence, which alone makes the difference between sportsman and when the sense of the need of sport has been brought into existence.

Cannot this desire be brought into existence either from the automatic activity of the muscles or from the desire for fresh air engendered by violent exercise, or morally by ambition, whether resulting from the violent nature of the sport, or from the aim of nobler ideal, such as the pursuit of beauty, health and bodily power?

The physiological and psychological characteristics of each class or species of exercises, the intellectual and moral qualities which each sport develops or utilizes. The different conditions under which sports are practiced. Solitude and companionship, independence and co-operation, initiative and discipline, formation and training of a team.

Results of results in the sphere of sport. Training—fundamental rules—how it differs from the acquisition of a habit. Overtraining Fatigue.—Normal training may be purely physical and result in only producing resistance to moral progress but it may also contribute to the will, of courage, and of self-confidence, and doubtless also to intellectual progress by the production of self-possession and mental sanity.

Under what conditions is it possible to expect this progress? Records.—State of mind of record makers. In conclusion, does not activity in the sphere of sport contain within itself the germs of a practical philosophy of life?

The program arranged for the Congress is to be as follows: May 6, 6 and 7, the organization committee of the International committee for 1914 will sit. On May 8, 9 and 10 the congress will convene. For the 10th the municipality of Lausanne has planned a welcome. May 8 the members will participate in an assault at arms under torchlight in the Abbaye de l'Arc, while on the 9th there will be a gathering at Cuchy. May 11 will be devoted to tours about Lake Lemane.

EXPECT TWENTY-TWO COUNTRIES.

International Rifle Matches at Camp Ferry, O. Attract Many Contestants. Washington, January 4.—It is expected that twenty-two foreign countries will be represented by rifle teams in the international matches at Camp Ferry, O., in September next, immediately following the national matches at that camp. Amendments of the rules are contemplated to permit teams now barred because of their high record in preceding matches to take part.

HIGH SPIRE AND FOREST FLOWER



High Spire, the bay son of Mesmerist and Miss Langford, by Longfellow, is a splendid type of the hunting horse, has big bones, deep chest, long, sloping shoulders, short back and powerful quarters, has great speed and can negotiate any country. He stands 16.2-1.2, weighs in hunting condition 1,130 pounds and is unquestionably not only one of the greatest hunters in Virginia, but in the United States. This is the fourth season Mr. Graves has ridden him to the Deep Run hounds. High Spire was bred and raised in Lexington, Ky., where Mr. Graves bought him. Mesmerist, the son of High Spire, was the greatest two-year-old of his time, winning \$50,000 as a juvenile, being by Imp Albert out of Hedoo by Imp Darling.

High Spire carries in his veins the best blood of the country, for both speed and staying qualities. Mr. Graves has also in his stable the four-year-old bay filly Forest Flower, a daughter of St. Mark and Spring, by St. Carlus. St. Mark and St. Carlus are both by the great race horse St. Blaise, winner of the English Derby, and the first horse to sell for \$100,000. St. Blaise was imported by August Belmont and stood at the Nursery Stud in Kentucky. Forest Flower is a mare of great substance, quality and conformation, and a most promising prospect for the show ring and hunting field. She is one of the most beautifully bred mares in the world, tracing back to such

great sires and producers as Hermit, Lexington, Ill Used, King Tom, Bonnie Scotland, Blair Athol, Glenelg, Australian, Planet and Glencoe. Few, if any mares, have as much of the mighty Boston's blood in them as courses through her veins. Her pedigree shows five crosses of the blood of that great four-mile champion of "by-gone days," two of Glencoe and two of West Australian, the first horse to win the three English classics—the Derby, the St. Leger and the 2,000 Guineas. Forest Flower was bred by the well known horseman, W. S. Duffon-derfer, Green Spring Valley, Md., from whom Mr. Graves recently purchased her.

RAILROADS WILL HELP AUTO SHOW

(Continued From First Page.) will open the Horseshow Building and the automobile show, they will know that they have accomplished something for the metropolis of the South, and that in the success of the accomplishment will lay their reward.

A meeting of the Automobile Dealers' Show Association was held last night in the headquarters of the Richmond Automobile Club at the Jefferson Hotel. Contracts for music, printing, publicity and other things were agreed upon. One hundred thousand stickers have been received to be placed on every letter to be mailed from now until show week. The booster buttons will arrive to-morrow, and the thousand and more boosters, who have been enlisted in the cause, will begin getting other enthusiastic workers to join in the good work.

Chairman Blenner is the most optimistic individual in Richmond. He feels that the Richmond show will put that of Madison Square Garden to blush. Probably fifty manufacturers will be represented, and they will be augmented by many accessory and tire dealers, all of whom have already engaged space.

The amusement features are being attended to, and the visitors to the show will be royally entertained and more than repaid for the visit. Arrangements with all of the railroads entering Richmond have been made, and reduced rates will prevail from all points in Virginia and North Carolina.

When it comes to decorations, the horse show building will be a veritable riot of color. Manager Thomas B. Hutchison has made a contract with a New York concern, and special decorations of a most artistic nature will adorn the walls.

The educational features of the show cannot be overestimated. All owners of automobiles will be very naturally interested, but the layman, the man who hasn't an auto of his own, can find much of interest in investigating the hundred and one intricate bits of machinery. The very last word in automobile construction will be on hand. There will be the handsomely equipped palace cars and the less expensive but equally interesting roadsters, Limousines and touring cars will lie side by side. The business man who requires hauling vans to deliver his goods will find on hand trucks especially designed for his class of business. In fact, there will be everything known in automobiles, and some things which have not yet been officially adopted.

It is estimated that thousands of visitors will make the trip to inspect the offerings of the manufacturers. It will be holiday time all over again and will give Richmond a position in the automobile world.

DOC AYERS WILL COMPLETE COURSE

(Continued From First Page.) studies until the end of the school year. Should it finally come to pass that Ayers is not wanted by Washington, the local management will make an effort to have him returned here. Should this effort be successful, Griffith's pitching problem will be practically settled. Doc should have improved wonderfully during his layoff. He has never lacked native ability. The one trouble with him was that he didn't know all of the fine points of the art of flinging, and he can only learn this by experience. Last season was his first experience as a professional ball player. He proved the most dependable finger of the "Colts" string and pitched some really wonderful ball games. With this experience to back him up he should make an even better record during the coming season.

Just after the close of the Virginia League last year Ayers made the remark that he was through with professional baseball. The reason assigned was because his folks were against it. Whether he has changed his mind or still adheres to that decision is not known. If he is still of the same mind, neither Washington nor Richmond will be able to get him. Griffith will be the loser as he paid \$1,500 for the boy.

Secretary Bradley returned from Washington Thursday, after reading the law to Griffith concerning that exhibition date with Washington. Griffith had intended sending an entire team of second string men, as he has a game scheduled at home for his regulars that day. Bradley objected, and the result is that Richmond will get a mixed team. Nick Altrock and Germany Schaefer, neither very long on baseball, but check-off of fun, will be with the club which comes here. Bob Groom will do the hurling and Henry or Alsmith will catch.

NOTMAN H. TABER GOES TO OXFORD

(Continued From First Page.) ars. Among them were John Corbin, sprinter, the two Milburns, George and Devereux, who earned seats in the Oxford shell, and Malcolm V. McDonald, who won the hurdle race in the games with Cambridge in 1910.

The first Americans to make their athletic mark at Oxford were P. M. Young, South Dakota and Orel College; Warren Schutt, Cornell University and Beason College; Albert M. Stevens, Yale University and Balliol

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SHERRILL FIRST TO USE CROUCH

(Continued From First Page.) in 1886 in a handicap run at the old Williamsburg A. C. grounds. In his reply to Mr. Sullivan, Murphy stated that when he tried the style first he thought it the fastest method, but that because his brother professionals did not fancy it, he discontinued its use. Those who have seen Murphy run assert that he used the old "dash" style.

They state that if he had found it such a good system why didn't he instruct the runners he coached during that period in its advantages? Charles E. Sherrill, of Yale, a four time winner of the Intercollegiate "hundred," Mike says, was the first one to ever saw make use of it, according to the Rockaway Hunting Club grounds, at Cedarhurst, L. I.

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College, and D. R. Porter, Bowdoin College. Porter won the weight events in the freshman and intercollegiate games in 1904, while Young and Schutt both figured in the duel meet in the spring of 1905.

Schutt ran second to A. D. S. Smith, of Cambridge, in the three miles, while Young tied for first in the high jump. Schutt had a great deal of hard luck, and was not in as good condition as he had been on this side. He never won a full Blue, but earned his Half Blue three times.

Young, on the contrary, earned a long string of victories. His performance were not unusual, and he did not face as stiff competition as Schutt, who had to tackle some of the crack distance men of England. In the broad jump Young averaged well over twenty-two feet, but his mark in the high jump was only five feet eight inches, good enough, however, to win from a mediocre field. It is a notorious fact that English university jumpers do not get the preparation of Americans, or, at least, have not up to the present time, and that their style usually is in need of coaching.

The material is there, and there are many good natural jumpers, but no one pays such attention to them, and their practice is desultory and unscientific. Stevens, the old Yale man, was a member of the second group of American athletes to be sent to Oxford in 1905. He competed in the weight events in 1906, but it was not until the following season that he became dangerous. He won the hammer throw that year, making a new record of 147 feet 3 inches. W. W. Thayer, a Harvard man, was the Oxford second string, and was one of the four who competed in the event. Stevens won again in 1908.

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strated in coming bouts that he is the real kingpin of the class. Wolgast is entitled to another try against Ritchie. Many were of the opinion that he was not in the best of condition when they fought, and that he will surely make a better showing in a return match. After winning the championship, Wolgast received many setbacks. He broke his arm, twice, and went through an operation for appendicitis. Despite these setbacks, he was willing, and fought every 135-pounder who could draw a gate, and then lost his title on a technicality, though perhaps beaten when the foul blow was landed.

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FILL THIS BLANK, QUICK.

For the purpose of forming a Richmond Athletic Association to develop field and track athletes, a meeting of representatives of every athletic organization in Richmond will be held early in January. In order to know at once how many school boys, working boys and young men will be interested in taking part in a big indoor meet to be held some time in February, the following information is desired:

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What other sports are you interested in? _____
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