

World's Athletic Champions for 1913

GREAT EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED

Exposition Series to Excel Any Athletic Program Ever Arranged in U. S.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Never in the history of athletics in the United States has there been such a series of great athletic events as will be held here during the course of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition next year. The plans were announced in detail today.

The intercollegiate meet will be held on August 20 and 21, and the A. A. U. events on August 27 and 28. These will be followed with another new fixture—the relay championship of America—on August 30 and 31. The intercollegiate meet will bring together for the first time the collegiate winners of the East, the middle West and the Pacific coast, or at least will open to them, with a likelihood of a representative gathering of the champions. As most of the men engaged in the intercollegiate events will remain for a week it will make the A. A. U. champions more national in character than ever before.

The modern Pentathlon for the special Olympic plaque presented by the International Olympic Committee will be staged from June 7 to 12 and will mark the first competition for a prize presented by that committee outside of the Olympic games. Other track and field figures are the Pentathlon on Labor Day and the Decathlon on September 11 and 12.

In international athletic features, Sweden, Germany, Austria and other countries have expressed their desire to be represented and events will be arranged to coincide with the wishes of the intending competitors. They will not, however, be definitely settled until the conference of the International Amateur Athletic Federation at Budapest next July, as the meeting must be conducted under the rules and sanction of that body.

Plans for the track are being prepared by Frederick W. Rubien, the A. A. U. expert on track construction. Several men are in favor of a third of a mile track with a quarter mile straightaway. The first quarter of the half-mile will be run on the straightaway so that new records are almost certain.

The track championships of the Pacific Coast Association will be held at dates to be settled later. Yachting, aeroplaning and motor boat racing are on the program. Numerous other sports will be catered to during 1915. The A. A. U. basketball championships will commence the last week in February, the gymnastic championships on March 26 and 27, and the wrestling championships the second week in April. The fencing titles will be contested for the fourth week in April, and the boxing cham-



Above are grouped the celebrities who will go down in athletic history as the champions of 1913 in their respective lines of sport. Top—Left to right: Jock Soutar, racquet champion; Pat Ryan, hammerweight champion; Miss Mary Browne, woman's tennis champion; Miss Gladys Ravenscroft of England, American golf champion; John Paul Jones, champion miler; Second Row—Left to right: Walter Johnson, premier American league pitcher, and Harry Payne Whitney, captain of America's victorious polo team. Third Row—Jake Daubert, left, open golf champion; Maurice E. McLoughlin, hero of Davis tennis trophy victory and national champion; Connie Mack, manager of winners of world's baseball championship; Frank Kramer, champion bicycle sprinter; Ty Cobb, champion American league batter, and (at extreme left), Joe Fogler, champion six day rider. In the center at the bottom is Christy Mathewson, leading twirler of the National league.

ampionships, bringing together the winners of all sections of the United States, will be from May 5 to 8. The swimming championships will be held from July 19 to 24, and the all around championships of the A. A. U. on August 7.

'Instrument of pleasure or amusement' but foresees a variety of practical applications, including its use in rural mail delivery, telegraph and messenger service, delivery of small trades men's goods, used by residents of suburban districts and small towns, transportation of working people between their homes and factories.

The general arrangement of the control aims to provide a simple and easy management of the speed, starting and stopping of the machine. The working parts are entirely enclosed, and there are no tanks, pedals, or other projecting parts. The control is automatically taken care of, through the backward and forward action of the steering pillar, which can be folded down and locked in the folded position, automatically sealing the fuel tank. The engine develops something over two horsepower. It is represented that the autoped is sufficiently compact and light to carry on a railroad journey. Its sponsors declare that "it can be stowed in the corner of one's house or office, and so all storage expense is avoided. It can be carried in an automobile like a suitcase, its case is its own garage."

MANY OF 1913 TITLES IN DOUBT

Old Year Passes Out With Nearly All Championships in a Cloud.

(By Monty)

New York, Dec. 27.—As the old year of 1913 passes out, the most striking thing to a student of the sport situation is the fact that nearly every championship of the year is clouded in some sort of doubt. Boxing, golf, tennis, football and various departments of track and field athletics are notable cases in point. Even baseball offers ground for much argument.

The champion team of baseball, the best team in the world, is one matter about which there can be no question after the overwhelming superiority shown by the Philadelphia Athletics. The Giants established their claim as champions of the National league equally as clearly, but there are other things that the fan likes to consider in which he cannot express a very certain opinion. Although most followers of the game consider Walter Johnson of Washington the best pitcher of the year, there are plenty of good arguments for those who contend that the honor belongs to Christy Mathewson of the Giants. Ty Cobb of Detroit is conceded to be the premier batter of the year, but the question as to the most valuable player, all considered, is an open one. Eddie Collins, the Athletics' second baseman, has the most supporters, but many will arise and proclaim Jake Daubert, the champion batter and first baseman of the Brooklyns, his superior in general worth. The hot contest for Joe Tinker's services when the Cincinnati Reds decided to get rid of him, also brings his name into the discussion.

Outmet the Best. In golf, many will proclaim Francis Ouimet, the Brookline amateur, the

best in the country because of his victory over both amateurs and professionals, not to mention the Englishmen, Vardon and Ray, in the open championship. Yet, Travers beat Ouimet on numerous occasions, including the amateur tournament, and many regard Travers as the likely victor over Ouimet at any time they should happen to meet again. Travers was more consistent than Ouimet and won many tournaments besides the amateur. Anthony F. Wilding of New Zealand is ranked first by most enthusiasts because of his beating Maurice McLoughlin of California, the American champion, in the all-England tourney. But Norman E. Brookes, another Antipodean, was not in that event and has a claim on the title. However, McLoughlin, in virtue of his being the big star of the Davis cup contests, generally regarded as the world's championship, surely has something to say.

Big Mixup in Boxing.

Boxing is the biggest mixup of all. There is no heavyweight champion, no leader of the middleweight division none in the welterweight class, and the other grades all offer ground for dispute. Willie Ritchie generally called the lightweight champion of America, has shown a disinclination to make the regular lightweight limit of 135 pounds ringside, and he also has refused to meet Freddie Welsh, the English champion, who outpointed him once several years ago before Ritchie was champion. He also acted queerly in regard to the Tommy Murphy bout. The featherweight title is practically on the open market, for Johnny Kilbane cannot make the weight any more, and the same is true of Johnny Coulton, the bantam title holder.

Howard Drew Sprint Champ.

A month ago everybody regarded Hans Kolehmainen, the little Finnlander, as the best distance runner in the world. But when he was sick on the day of the national cross country championship in New York and Abel Kiviat, the little Hebrew runner of the Irish-American club, won the event in better time than Kolehmainen had made over the same course in the Metropolitan championship, the argument was on. And there is no way to decide it.

Since the death of the great Ralph Rose, the shotput honors are divided between Babe McDonald of the Irish-Americans and Larry Whitney, the Dartmouth star. George Horine now has several real disputants for his position of best high jumper. Alma Richards of Utah being the foremost. The hurdling supremacy is an open thing between Cass of Illinois, Nicholson of Missouri, Wendell of Wesleyan and Kelly of California, judging from what has been accomplished by the quartette during the year. The broad jump and pole vault honors also can be handed to any one of several.

Football a Big Guess.

Football as usual is a big guess as far as team championships are concerned, with Harvard, Chicago, Michigan, Aggie, Purdue and Nebraska all owning clear slates for the year. The

individual star of the season was Charles Brickley, Harvard's wonderful drop kicker and halfback, yet there are those who contend that Norren of Chicago, Craig of Michigan and Dorals of Notre Dame were just as valuable to their respective teams.

Billiards offers only one man that possesses an unquestioned right to his title. Willie Hoppe, who owns the ball-line trophies at both 18.1 and 18.2 styles of play. Alfredo De Oro, who holds the three-cushion emblem, is little if any superior to three or four others over a long stretch of play. Bennie Allen, although the victor over De Oro in their bout for the pocket billiards title, the game formerly known as pool, is not rated a particle

better than De Oro as a player, and, in fact, many rate De Oro considerably above him.

The race for the Harmsworth international motor boat trophy was sailed on the Solent in the south of England, America and France, the latter for the first time, tried for the trophy won by England last year. The winner was E. Mackay Edgar's hydroplane, "Maple Leaf" IV, with which the owner "lifted" the cup in 1912. The runner-up was Ankle Deep, an American boat, which won the American championship at Thousand Islands.

ASSOCIATION TO UNITE IN N. Y.

Name for New Regatta Association Causing Much Discussion in Harlem.

New York, Dec. 27.—Following the example of the Philadelphia organizations, the three regatta associations of the New York metropolitan district will probably soon become one body. The bodies amalgamation are the Harlem Regatta Association, the Long Island Regatta Association, and the Hudson River Association. They will form a combine something like the Schuylkill Navy, which has benefited the sport in the Quaker City.

Of the three the Harlem Regatta is the oldest, having completed near a half century of successful life. The Hudson River Association is not yet ten years old, while the Long Island Association is nearly three decades in age.

There is quite a little discussion as to the name to be given to the new organization, and many—especially the old timers—are loath to see the historic cognomen, Harlem Regatta Association, go by the board. Fred. R. Fortmeyer, Secretary of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, said:

"There is no doubt that a new association taking on the three old organizations will be of inestimable benefit to the sport in New York. But this governing body should see that the number of regattas be not lessened. In fact we should have even more than in the past."

James A. Miller, Jr., one of New York's greatest authorities is decidedly in favor of the new move. He said: "If properly organized and managed it will be a boon to rowing in the metropolitan district." He is decidedly in favor, however, of abandoning the Harlem River course for regatta purposes, because of the growing interference which the shells encounter on this old racing stretch. There were many serious mishaps during the last Harlem regatta.

Richard Starcke, President of the Harlem River Rowing Association, is also enthusiastic over the proposed merging. "It will put rowing on a stronger basis than it now enjoys and local regattas will be of better quality" is the prediction.

CROSS AND ANDERSON TUNING UP FOR BOUT

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—Leach Cross and "Bud" Anderson, who meet in a twenty-four round bout at Vernon New Year's afternoon, have been rounding up their training this week in satisfactory style. Cross has been at Doyle's, where a large number of spectators watched him and applauded his clever work. Anderson has trained at the Verano Arena. Each man posted \$500 weight and appearance money with Promoter McCarey of the Pacific Athletic Club.

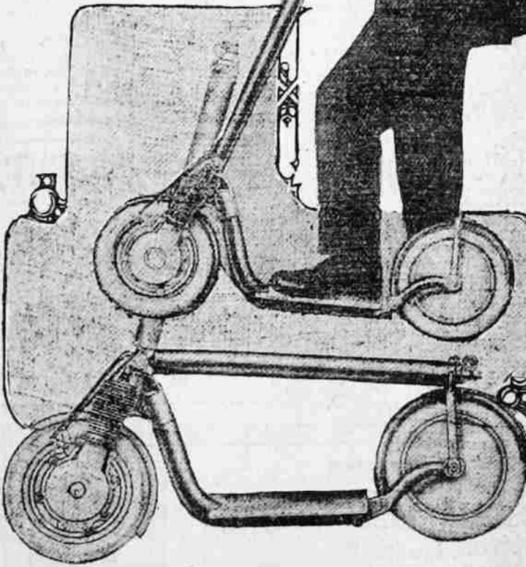
By the terms of their agreement the fighters are to weigh in at 135 pounds at 1:15 o'clock on the afternoon of the fight and enter the ring two hours later.

NEW INVENTION MAKES WALKING UNNECESSARY

Upper picture shows Hugo Gibson, the inventor, operating his machine. The lower picture illustrates how the gasoline tank can be folded down. Our old friend, Hugo C. Gibson, the well known automobile engineer, formerly identified with Seidon patent legislation, and lately connected with aviation, has just brought out a novel two-wheeled vehicle which somewhat resembles a huge roller skate, called the autoped, which he predicts will revolutionize transportation methods in this country.

The machine is made by the Autoped company of America, 569 Fifth avenue, whose officers are Hugo C. Gibson, president; W. H. Hurlbur, vice president; treasurer Sandy J. Wise; secretary Reid G. Haviland.

The new vehicle is a two-wheeled affair with a carrying platform slung below the wheel axles on which the



operator stands. Control is in the steering pillar, which is attached to the front wheel and which, being hollow, also serves as the gasoline tank. The motor is combined with the front wheel. The platform is about four inches above the ground, the wheels having pneumatic tires of two-inch section. Total length over all is forty-two inches and the width nine inches. The whole device weighs about forty pounds.

that the autoped will run 100 miles on a gallon of gasoline, and the machine will maintain an average speed of 25 miles or more if desired, over ordinary roads. The machine is to be sold at a price somewhere around \$100, and this low figure, it is estimated, will open a market for 200,000 machines a year, and the possibility of a much larger yearly production is later. The promoters of the company do not regard the autoped merely as an

TINKER WILL PUT BROOKLYN IN FIRST DIVISION



vious in his predictions, but he is certainly jubilant at the prospect of having Tinker as an aide and declares it will be impossible for his team to finish worse than fourth.

MURPHY TRAINING HARD FOR FIGHT

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Tommy Murphy, pursuer of ring battlers, hopes nothing will happen to Willie Ritchie before February 23, when they are due to meet in the ring after a historic bit of negotiating much more involved than the Punic wars. Despite the seeming dashing of his hopes to meet the champion on two different occasions, Murphy never broke training and now he is going at the work of preparation harder than ever.

The Flatbush (Brooklyn) fight was just about to leave for the East when the final stage of negotiations resulted in the concluding of terms for the twenty rounds next month. After the cancellation of the bout on December 10, owing to rain and an operation to Ritchie's nose, Promoter Coffroth arranged to have the men meet in a championship contest on February 22. All parties concerned seemed agreeable, but then Ritchie called off the match for the second time.

Murphy was becoming discouraged. The ex-Harlemit has been camping on the trail of three champions in an effort to induce one of them to meet him in the ring with the title at stake. Nelson and Wolgast passed him up.

Read the Classified Ads.

Joe Tinker, the hard hitting and quick thinking shortstop, who was purchased by Brooklyn from Cincinnati for the record breaking sum of \$25,000. Tinker is one of the hardest hitting infielders in the game. He is also a master at the inside game, and it is predicted that he will make

the Superb infield one of the strongest that has graced an National league diamond in many a season. Owner Charles Ebbets of the Brooklyn club, declares that the acquisition of Tinker will make his team a pennant contender in 1914. Manager Wilbur Robinson is not quite so presumpt-