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## CONRAD DISPOSES NUMBER OF SHARES

### Sells Stock Amounting to $15,000 in St. Paul Baseball Association.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 29.—Stock amounting to $15,000 has been subscribed in the corporation which Henry P. Conrad has undertaken to organize to take over the holdings of the St. Paul American association club. This announcement was made by Mr. Conrad last night and it represents his personal efforts during the past few days. Six solicitors working under the direction of R. F. Malone have not yet made their reports.

Owing to the holiday rush and the fact that the inventory season is now on in local business circles, Mr. Conrad and his aides have been handicapped greatly. A number of the business men approached were buried so deep in work, that they did not have time to consider the proposition in detail.

While the outlook cannot be said to be particularly rosy, Mr. Conrad is by no means dismayed. On the other hand, he is fairly optimistic and believes that within the next two or three days he will be able to dispose of a considerable amount of stock. A number of business men have tentatively agreed to take blocks of stock, and now that the Christmas rush is over they will be the target of attack by the solicitors.

Few of the business men have expressed any grave fears that the club will be taken away from St. Paul, regardless of whether a deal is put over at this time or not. However, this is the case. George Lennon, the present owner, has announced that owing to his other business interests it is imperative that he dispose of his baseball holdings. That this will be done there is no doubt, and if a market for the franchise cannot be found in St. Paul, Toledo or some other city will be given an opportunity to buy.

**Club Has Made Money.**

With the exception of the past season the St. Paul club has finished on the right side of the financial column during the past five years, according to a statement compiled by John W. Norton and turned over to Mr. Conrad. In 1909 the books show a profit of $22,579.67. In 1910 the dividend was $10,613.21. The season of 1911 the club experienced its best year, the surplus being $24,131.80. Then, too, the salary of the president of the club that season was $10,000. The season of 1912 netted $12,747.17 and 1913 $10,896.87. For the five years the total profits amount to $80,988.82, or an average dividend of $16,197.20 a year.


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## Boston Braves and the Federals League Furnish Baseball Fans With Year of Real Sensations

(By H. D. Johnson.)

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Sensations galore marked the 1914 baseball season, but the greatest of all was the record-breaking performances of the Boston Nationals, winners of the world's championship. Viewed from the point of actual playing form the Back Bay team managed by George Tweety Stallings, miracle man, was without precedent in the history of the national game, and the pace set by the conquerors of the hitherto invincible Philadelphia Athletics almost overshadowed the fight waged by the invading Federal league on organized baseball. Starting the race in an obscure position the Bostonese worried along for several weeks near the bottom of the heap, then, early in July, Stallings pointed his forces into the main stretch to give them a driving finish. Then followed some remarkable all-around playing by a band of comparatively ordinary diamond artists, amplified by three wonderful pitchers and a peerless keystone duo in Evers and Maranville, which not only copped the National league flag, but smothered the Athletics in the shortest world series on record, winning four in a row. While the Braves were making history on the ball greens another series of thrillers was being staged in the courts, where battles were waged to prevent major leaguers from deserting to enlist in the Federal ranks or vice versa.

From December, 1913, on the raiders were working overtime, and as the season 1914 goes into the discard other sensations are in the making. Fortunes were lost by almost every club in the country, whether of major or minor caliber, and the money-making organizations were in the vast minority.

Salaries hitherto unheard of served as the lure that drew major top-liners into the Federal ranks, and on all sides the magnates complained of hard times, yet the invaders are plotting with the view of operating next year on a scale more elaborate than they did in 1914.

Fearful lest another year of cramped financial results follow that of 1914, the magnates of the major bodies took steps during the season to bolster up their forces for 1915, and the boss stroke to date sent Eddie Collins, one of the greatest of the steam-roller Athletics, to the White Sox. This deal had hardly been completed before Walter Johnson, the Washington twirling wizard, who previously had jumped to the Chicago Federals, repudiated this contract and returned to the capital city club.

Then Comiskey and the Taft interests put over a couple of deals in which they dropped their old managers, Hank O'Day retiring as leader of the Cubs in favor of Roger Bresnahan, while Jimmy Callahan was supplanted as master of the White Sox by Clarance Rowland, late of Peoria, "Three I" league team.

Batting honors in the three leagues were awarded as follows: To Jake Daubert of Brooklyn, in the National league; to Tyrus Cobb of Detroit, in the American league, and to Bennie Kauff of Indianapolis, in the Federal league. Daubert and Cobb had annexed the same laurels in the 1913 race.

Bill James of the pennant-winning Boston Braves led the National league twirlers, while Dutch Leonard was awarded the same honors in the American league.

## CURLING CONTESTS ARE INTERESTING

Several interesting contests were played on the Caledonian Curling club's rink's last night. The victorious rinks were Sheppard, Williamson and Garvin.

The Garvin- Black contest was the best of the evening. At the conclusion of the twelfth end, the game was tied, 11-11, and, in the extra end, the Garvin Crew slipped over the Winning tally, finishing with a score of 12-11.

The Cameron defeated the Williamson crew, 12 to 9, and the Sheppard four won from the Lovejoy rink, 13 to 7.

### ALL'S WELL ON ALLEYS.

**Bowling Enjoys Successful Year—No Trouble Near.**

Bowling is practically the only sport now running that has not a trouble on the horizon. The last American Bowling Congress meeting at Buffalo settled the fate of the dodo ball for good and all, and since then there has not been any attempt anywhere to slip across any but a regular ball in tournament play. A year ago the game seemed to be heading to destruction, so far as its organization was concerned, but the threats to withdraw from the national organization never materialized.

The national winter sport also set a mark for other sports when it came to bat around the time of the first frost with a great gain in numbers of players.

Records have also shown well, and it looks as though all records, save only those made with the loaded ball of several years ago, will be broken by the local players.

## HOCKEY SEASON TO OPEN FRIDAY NIGHT

The Grand Forks hockey season will be opened Friday night, when the local team will play the East Grand Forks seven. Among the men who will get into the contest are Secord, Ford, Willoughby, McFarland, Nelson, Jerome, Brady and Lukkason.

A meeting of the Hockey club was held last night when plans for the inter-city league were discussed. Grand Forks will have but one team in this organization, it was decided.

Herald Want Ads Bring Results

## TILLMAN OFFERED BOUT IN MILWAUKEE

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—John Tillman, local lightweight boxer, yesterday received an offer from Tom Andrews, the Milwaukee fight promoter, to meet Joe Welling, a Chicago lightweight, in the semi-windup bout of the Clabby-Gibbons card at Milwaukee, January 21.

Tillman will accept the proposition on condition that Andrews promises to give him a windup bout later on against some top notch battler. Welling is a Chicago battler who accompanied Clabby on his Australian trip. He is also under the management of Larry Lichtenstein.

## ZUPPKE IS GIVEN 5 YEAR CONTRACT

Chicago, Dec. 29.—R. C. Zuppke, football coach who led the University of Illinois team to victory in the "Big Nine" this year, has been given a five-year contract by the university board of control.

The new contract vitiates and supersedes the three-year agreement entered into when Zuppke left his berth at Oak Park, where he had developed an all preparatory championship aggregation for the more serious task of developing a winner at the state university.

Zuppke's old contract had another year to run, but there were two reasons for a new document at this time. One was the feeling on the part of the board of control that the salary which Zuppke contracted to receive as an experiment was not adequate.

### FIGHT DATE ANNOUNCED.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The date of the heavyweight championship contest between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard has been set for March 17, in Juarez, Mexico, it was announced yesterday by Willard's business representative.

### LEACH CROSS TO CHALLENGE.

**Dentist-Pugilist Seeks Bout With Winner of Shugrue-White Match.**

New York, Dec. 29.—Leach Cross, who has been laid up from a bad cold for several days, is well again, and his brother, Sam Wallach, who looks after his affairs, is going to make a desperate effort to match him with the winner of the Joe Shugrue-Charlie White bout in the Garden on December 29.

## WAS GOOD YEAR FOR THE GOLFERS

### Ouimet and Hagen in Spotlight—Eastern Stars Divide Honors.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Francis Ouimet attained the premier rank among American amateur golfers during 1914. The youthful Boston links prodigy also gained international fame by his triumph in the French open championship tournament.

The achievement of Ouimet during the 1914 season stands out unique in the annals of golf. Although he lost the national open title to Walter C. Hagen, the 21-yard American-bred professional of Rochester, N. Y., in the remarkable tournament staged at the Midlothian Country club, the Boston star a few weeks later wrested the amateur crown from Jerry Travers with a sparkling exhibition of unbeatable golf at Ekwanok.

**Beats Former Champions.**

Ouimet battled his way into the finals of the amateur tourney by overcoming two former national champions, W. C. Fownes, Jr., of Oakmount and Robert Gardner of Hinsdale, in the preliminary match play. He was forced to extend himself to defeat Max R. Marston of Baltusrol in the first round by the narrow margin of 1 up. Fownes, who tied R. R. Gorton of Braeburn for the qualifying medal at 144, and later won the play-off, succumbed only after just as desperate a fight in the semi-finals.

Travers, headed toward his fifth national title, had but two formidable opponents in the earlier rounds. He had to dispose of the two veteran titleholders, Eben M. Byers of Allegheny and W. J. Travis of Garden City.

The deciding match of 36 holes looked dubious for Ouimet, as the Boston player was 2 down the first turn. He then steadied. During the afternoon the fighting qualities for which Travers is famous were entirely lacking, the match quickly resolving into a rout, with Ouimet winning by 6 and 5.

**Hagen Shatters Record.**

Setting a new competitive course record of 142 for Midlothian on the opening day, Walter Hagen annexed the national open laurels with the grand total of 290. Hagen fought a spectacular battle with Chas. Evans, Jr., the brilliant Edgewater amateur, throughout the second day, the enormous gallery flowing from one contender to the other to keep constant track of the trend of victory.

## COLLINS THREATENS TO ASK INJUNCTION

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—Mike Collins, president of the Hudson, Wis., boxing club, announced yesterday that he had turned over all the details of the Clabby-McGoorty-Gibbons tangle to his attorney and would instruct him to take such action as he thought best. He said he did not know just what course would be taken to compel Gibbons to fight McGoorty at his club on Jan. 18, but that he thought it possible that an injunction would be asked to restrain Gibbons from boxing Clabby at Milwaukee on Jan. 21, and to compel him to go through with the bout at Hudson on Jan. 18.

**Collins' Side of It.**

Collins says he has telegrams from Gibbons authorizing him to engage McGoorty for a bout for any time after Jan. 15. He says he found McGoorty willing and signed him to a contract for a bout with Gibbons on Jan. 18. On his return from the east a week ago Gibbons informed Collins that he could not fight McGoorty as he had agreed and that the bout would have to be postponed until February as he had signed to fight Clabby in Milwaukee on Jan. 21. Collins wired McGoorty for his consent for postponement, but McGoorty, Collins says, refused to make the change and held Collins to the letter of the contract.

Collins says that he thinks Gibbons is legally bound to go through with the bout and will attempt to force him to do so or settle the McGoorty claim and the loss of the club. The matter was turned over to John Hedding, Collins' attorney, yesterday.

## War Affects Sports in the U. S.; Was Great Year for Gridiron Men Individual Performers in Athletics

(By G. W. Axelson)

Chicago, December 29.—Conditions abroad greatly affected sports in the United States during the past season although from a strictly "home" viewpoint the year could not be called a failure. Football was as popular as ever or even more so than formerly. Track athletics saw some new records set. Tenis was enlivened by the visit of both European and Australians in the Davis cup series, although the result was a disappointment.

Yachting came the nearest to being a total failure on account of international complications. Thus every yachting center in the country was affected and the great blue ribbon event of the sea, the race for America's cup, was called off.

As the rowing season came before the war this department was least affected and it was capped by Harvard's victory in the Grand Challenge cup race at Henley, one of the few international events captured by the United States. The tennis cup went to Australia and the polo trophy to England.

**Motor Race Called Off**

The race for the Hormsworth Motor Boat trophy was called off after James A. Pugh of Chicago had shipped his Disturber IV. to England. At home the several motor boat races were cancelled, but not until Mrs. J. Stuart Blackton's Baby Speed Demon had annexed the championship. However there was no chance for Disturber III. to show its speed against the victor, or the result might have been different.

In collegiate rowing, Columbia regained the title, after a lapse of nineteen years, against the country's picked crews, outside of Yale and Harvard. Among amateur rowers Duluth oarsmen and the Duluth Boat Club again made almost a clean sweep in the national regetta. Robert Di ble of the Don Rowing Club of Toronto annexed the senior singles sculls and became the champion individual rower of the country.

In football there perhaps has never been a season of greater reverses. It was up one day and down the next for the majority of teams. Harvard in the East and Illinois in the West went through the season without defeat and each gets the championship of the section it represented.

Nothing radically new was shown in the gridiron game on the part of several teams to return to the Rugby tactics. This was exploited by Yale, more than any other team, but Harvard's old-fashioned strategy put the Elis to rout with a vengeance and effectually put a crimp in this style of playing. The game in the West showed a more open style than was the case in the East and consequently from an artistic viewpoint, football here had the edge on many other sections. Reverses trailed practically every team and outside of the clearcut victories of Illinois the season was more or less muddled.

Whether the game has become a "safer and saner" pastime is hard to say. Sixteen deaths were credited to the sport during the year, but among these there was not a single seasoned college player. The fatalities were entirely confined to the school boys and the free lance players.

There was some great performances on the cinder paths during the year. In the West the well balanced team of the Universtiy of Illinois walked away with the honors in the conference college meet.

**Drew Leading Individual**

Among individual performers Howard P. Drew, the colored runner, stands above the rest with his time of 0:09:3-5 for the 100 yards. George Parker equalled the world's record for the "320" with 0:21:1-5. Homer Baker hung up a record of 1:20:2-5 for 660 yards while E. Beeson of the Olympic Club set a new running high jump record with 6 feet 7 5-16 inches. With star performers during the year were A. T. Meyers, Sam Buttler, the colored sprinter of Huthchinson, Kan. H. Baker and D. S. Caldwell, all of whom set new records.

Maurice E. McLoughlin of California earned the tennis crown, althopgh defeated in the Davis Cup series. This marvelous player played greater tennis than ever before, only to falter in the greatest prize of the year. Both British and German teams visited this country in addition to four players from Australia. Miss Mary Browne of California was rated the champion woman tennis player.

One of the unique contests of the year was the international match for court tennis honors. Jay Gould, the world's amateur champion played George E. Covey of England for the open title. The first half of the match was played in England and the other half in this country.

The British professional led on his own courts, but when the two met in Philadelphia Gould showed his real class defeating the professional 7 sets to 1. Gould won a triple victory, for in addition to winning the open title he successfully defended the amateur and with H. T. Huhn also won the doubles.

**Perhaps the greatest upset of the year was the play for the polo championship in which the Hurlingham club of England succeeded in regaining possession of the International Polo cup. Before the match the American team was a top-heavy favorite, but when it came to playing the English team won in two straight games.**

Another International title, which went to England, was the four-mile college relay championship which went to the English runners who defeated the University of Pennsylvania quarter at Philadelphia.

**Public Favors Amateurs**

It was noticed during the year that amateur sports were better supported than professional. For instance baseball had a bad year from coast to coats while football, in the matter of attendance had the greatest season in its history. All college sports were on the boom and there were more intersectional contests than ever before. In these th East uniformly had the better of it, especially so in football.

Automobiling saw greater activity than ever before, The important races of the year were held at the Indianapolis speedway, on the Elgin race course and at Santa Monica. The road race as well as the speedway record went to Eddie Pullen, while Barney Oldfield annexed the honors in the Los Angeles to Phoenix road race. Ralph DePalma won the Vanderbilt cup race at Santa Monica and two trophies at Elgin.

In bicycling Harry Kaiser won the amateur American championship while Alfred Goullat was the world's record holder in the six day race.

## AMATEUR RULES TO BE CONSIDERED

### Four Departments of Sport Will be Governed by Conference.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Intercollegiate rules covering four branches of sport are to be weighed in the balance during a two days' session of the National Collegiate Athletic association, which opens today.

Directors and coaches from 180 universities and colleges throughout the country have been invited to attend the conference, which will be devoted to the football, baseball, swimming and basketball codes. Prominent athletic authorities from both the east and west have arrived in the city, bringing ideas for rule changes gathered in a year's observation of national championship contests, and primed for action.

**First in West.**

This is the first time in twenty years that the middle west has been honored with the annual conclave, held preliminary to the rules committee meeting, and coaches of the "Big Nine" have been looking forward to the occasion with special interest.

Coach H. Orville Page, who will represent the University of Chicago during the absence of Director A. A. Stagg, now in Florida, expressed the opinion last night that the session here will boom college sports throughout the western conference.

Amateurism will be the chief topic of interest in the meeting of all the various committees. More drastic definitions of an amateur in the major college sports will be the subject of the meeting today of the Athletic Research society, which precedes the national gathering. Wilbur H. Bowen of the Michigan state normal is president of the society.

**Football Address.**

President Le Barron R. Briggs will open the N. C. A. A. session proper tomorrow. An address upon football will be made at that time by Percy Haughton, the Harvard coach, while Dr. J. E. Raycroft of Princeton is to talk upon the basketball code. Dr. Raycroft intends to submit a list of changes in the water polo rules, drafted by Frank Sullivan, the Tiger swimming instructor. These are designed to combine all of the important features of the old water polo game and the present soccer contests.

During the course of the convention addresses will be made by Dr. H. L. Williams of Minnesota, Director Geo. A. Huff of Illinois, Dr. Dudley B. Reed of Chicago, Dean Anderson of Yale, E. B. De Groot of Chicago and Coaches Zuppke of Illinois, Juneau of Wisconsin, Hinkey of Yale, Murphy of Northwestern and Hawley of Iowa.

The features looked forward to by the big gathering of college representatives is the "Address on Mental Training in Football," which will be delivered by Percy D. Haughton, who wrought such a wonderful team at Cambridge during the last season. He has always maintained that mental drill is as important as the physical, and his friends attribute his wonderful success to the working out of this principle.

Dr. Harry L. Williams, head coach of the Universiay of Minnesota, is chairman of the football committee, and if there are any recommendations for changes they will have to come through him. He will also make a formal report on the gridiron sport during the last season.

## NOTORIOUS TEAM GETS A TRIMMING

St. Thomas, N. D., Dec. 29.—The famous All American and One Swede team was defeated by the local high school on Saturday night, by a score of 16 to 13, in a fast and well played contest.

An all-college team, made up of local men, defeated the All-Americans and One Swede team in another interesting battle, by a score of 36 to 34, also well played.

Every girl vows when she marries that she will not stand for neglect from her husband the way her poor old mother does.

## FOOTBALL CHANGES IN PAST SEASON

### Walter Camp Says There Were Many Alterations Without Changes.

(By Walter Camp)

The year 1914 saw a more radical alteration in football than has ever before taken place without drastic changes in rules. The ten-yard rule has kept before coaches the wisdom of developing wider play. This year the game was not opened by legislation, but opened by players and coaches and players. In some cases the change was very marked, as, for instance, in Yale's lasteral passing game In other cases the play was less varied. But almost universally the public was permitted to see more of the ball, and the transference of the play from one point on the field to another was extremely rapid. Altogether, it may be said that, while in a few instances the closer more compact game prevailed, the knowledge of how to use varied plays came to the front and was demonstrated by the frequent scoring. Only a year ago it was claimed that the rules would have to be changed because it was so difficult for a team to get from the 15 to the 10 yard line over the goal. This fallacy the season of 1914 completely exploded, for never was such a season of high scoring, and scoring by both sides The further development and triumphs of smaller college teams in the east, like Washington and Jefferson, Rutgers and Pittsburg, continued to be marked.

The handling of the game by the officials in the early part of the seasonalready began to show the need of the fourth official and in most of the big games this fourth official was added. Even with him, however, there were certain points that escaped observation, and the board of officials sub-committee under the main football rules committee should instruct all those who are going to act next season of certain facts. Most importtant will be that it is just as much of a foul for a man, after the whistle has blown putting a stop to a play, to jump into and knock down the unsuspecting backfield man, as it would be for a guard, while the teams were lining up and the ball was dead, to suddenly duck his head and butt the unsuspecting opposing center in the stomach. Outside of a few points of this kind, the officiating was good.

The game's worth in this country has been even more marked than in the last four or five years, and the greater openess of the game not only attracted more players who find greater fun in it, but has also added very materially to the crowd in attendance.

As to further rules, the alterations will be slight, as the game ought to be allowed to crystalize as nearly as possible where it is now, with the cleaning up of certain things like this unnecessary roughness.

Finally, the rules committee ought to pass a rule enforcing the numbering of players. Then no player need worry about being a poseur, for every one would be numbered and one doubts very much if it would add to the individual notoriety of the players in any objectionable way.


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