VINCENT STEVENSON SAYS CONDITION OF PENNSYLVANIA'S ATHLETICS IS DEPLORABLE

OUTSIDE INFLUENCES HAVE NO PLACE IN ATHLETICS OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

If Stevenson's Claims of "Frat Politics" Are True, the Time Is Ripe for "House Cleaning" at University of Pennsylvania

IF ATHLETIC conditions at Pennsylvania are being controlled, partially or wholly by fraternities, and if politics are being played in the election and appointment of athletic committees, as Vincent Stevenson says, it is time that the evil were stamped out. If it is not stamped out the Red and Blue will soon find itself on a par, athletically, with institutions that do not have onethird the number of students enrolled as Penn.

There is no place in athletics or in college life for fraternity influence which is not exercised for the good of the institution. Too much "Frat politics" has ruined athletics at other institutions and will surely do so at Penn if the evil exists, as claimed. Stevenson is not the first Pennsylvanian who has expressed himself on this subject since the athletic association elections were held this fall, but others did not care to publicly voice their sentiments.

Small Percentage of Students Belong to "Frats"

Not more than 25 per cent, of the student body at any of the larger institutions of the East are fraternity members and it is unreasonable to suppose that all the athletic material at Penn is confined to certain fraternities. If there are any secret societies at Penn which are battling for control of athletics it is time the rest of the students protest in a manner which will force a show-

Captains of varsity elevens at the big Eastern universities have almost without exception been members of some fraternity, but it was not believed that politics played such an important part in Penn's athletics as Stevenson claims. Penn students were mystified at the sudden turn of the affairs and the ignoring of Hollenback and the other selections of the undergraduates by the board of directors of the Athletic Association in appointing the new football committee and they are still at a loss to explain it.

Many Believe Stevenson Is Right

Many have voiced the same sentiments expressed by Stevenson, but contend that there is no way to overcome the evil if it does exist. At Yale a committee was appointed to investigate similar charges shortly after the football No report has been made by the committee, but it is believed that some interesting developments will take place at New Haven before the next

An athletic team which bears the name of a university should be a representative one, composed from the pick of the institution and not from a small percentage, as will be the case if fraternities are permitted to control athletics. When the 75 per cent, of the students who are non-fraternity men find that they are to be side-tracked in favor of the other 25 per cent, it is only a question of time before good athletes refuse to become candidates for the varsity teams. If conditions at Penn are reaching this stage it is time to in-

Many Professionals Made So Unwittingly

Now that the poor amateur athlete is being discussed, analyzed and almost interacademic ranks this season, but it dissected by various intercollegiate bodies, may we submit the following for their consideration and explanation?

One of the cardinal principles of amateur law is that an amateur who knowingly competes with or against professionals thereby becomes a professional himself. It was on this ground that Columbia University this fall canceled its game with Trinity College because Trinity had in its line-up George Brickley, a former member of the Philadelphia Athletics. Columbia justified its action on the ground that to have played the game would have forfeited the amateur standing of every member of her team. That being the case, what is to become of Brickley's teammates at Trinity? Likewise why should not the A. A. U. or some other organization declare the members of every team that played against Brickley professionals? These men may not know that they are professionals, but they are, according to this interpretation, and what is more, they are going about the country professionalizing every body they compete against, and so on ad infinitum.

Brown furnishes the second example. The Providence institution permits its students to play summer baseball for salaries, provided only they do not play with teams under the national agreement, a provision, however, which does not affect their amateurism. Yet these men are permitted to play football, Brown is on the Harvard and Yale schedules. How, then, do Harvard and Yale men escape being professionalized whenever Brown happens to use a man who has played professional baseball?

Phillies May Get Stanley Coveleskie

The Phillies will probably get Pitcher Stanley Coveleskie, brother of Harry, the Detroit star, if a deal now pending with the Portland Club of the Pacific Coast League is completed. Coveleskie, who was with the Athletics for a interscholastic and brief period two years ago, was slated for Cleveland, but the financial difficulties sons are over it would be a very easy matter to arrange other games, or even better, a cup competition could be instituted for the second half of the season to increased for years and Owner McCready, of the Pacific Count Leagues team. operated for years, and Owner McCready, of the Pacific Coast League team, clude all schools. will sell Coveleskie to the highest bidder.

Jimmy Smith Breaks World's Bowling Record

Alex Dunbar, who was the individual bowling champion of Philadelphia for several years, and Jimmy Smith, of New York, who is generally recognized as the greatest money bowler in the world, have returned from their tour of the United States. As a team Dunbar and Smith won 79 series and lost but 17, while Smith won 74 out of 85 individual series. Smith broke all previous records for grand average, surpassing the wonder-

ful mark made by the wixard Johnny Voorhels several years before his death. In 555 sames, all rolled on strange alleys, Smith turned in a grand average of 199, a marvelous performance. Dunbar's grand average was 195 for 460 games. The high score of the tour was a perfect 300 rolled by Smith on new alleys at Spokane, Wash.

Everybody Is Worrying About Alex But Moran

Scribes from other cities are continually commenting on Alexander's "poor work" in the world's series. Local fans admit that Alexander did not have his usual amount of "stuff" and that they were disappointed when he failed to come back for a third game, but when a twirler allows the best team in the American League, and a slugging outfit like the Red Sox, three runs in two games he is not pitching such inferior ball.

A story was recently published to the effect that Alexander's arm was in poor shape. It was a perfectly good yarn excepting that it was printed in the East six weeks ago and has taken a trip about the country. Since that time Alexander has pitched several games and looked like the "Alex" of midsummer 1915.

Great Ends Will Clash in McClure-Vincome Game

Four great ends will meet in the Vincome-McClure football game on New Year's Day. McClure will have Hunt, of Mercersburg, and Ramsdell, of Penn, while the Vincome ends will be Swartz, the former Central Manual and Lafayette star, and Ralph Mills, who never played anywhere to amount to much, but who is a wonderful lad. Mills is now a student at State College. but is taking a course which makes him ineligible for the varsity football team. He is likely to convince Ramsdell that they play football other places besides

The Reason for an Offer of Peace

At the league meeting recently a National Leaguer was asked why organized ball made peace with the Feds when it "had them beaten to a standstill." He replied: "Well, Indianapolis blew up, Kansas City followed suit and just before peace was made it looked as if another Fed team was going to go. Every time a team blew up they got a better one and more money. If this fellow Gilmore has nothing to do I have a friend who has a bum mine on his hands up in Canada and he would give him a lot of money to go up there to work, it. If there is any money in it Gilmore will find it."

Another said that he thought Gilmore would be taken care of by organized ball. It is generally believed that Gilmore will either be paid a large sum of money or given a soft position, provided he forgets that his one aim in life is to

raise money for a third league.

"KELLY"—THE BACHELOR



NORTHEAST AND GIRARD SOCCER **GAME POSSIBLE**

Not Too Late to Adjust Difference Between the Two Elevens

SEASON ENDS EARLY

The Northeast High School soccer team demonstrated beyond a doubt that it was by far the best in the interscholastic or would be interesting to pit the interscholastic champions against Girard College, A writer recently fell into the error of putting the Northeast team as far ahead of Girard College in soccer ability.

It is doubtful if Northeast would have h the better of the deal in a game with the college. A game had been arranged between the teams, but Northeast claims that Girard College called it off and the college claims that Northeast did likewise. It certainly should not be too late to arrange a game between the institutions in spite of the fact that several of the Girard College team are ow playing basketball.

The trouble with school soccer is that the season ends too early. Just when all the leagues are entering the second stage of the season, the schools quit. We are skely to run into bad weather, it is true, out it is not imperative to play specer us a rule, the good days outnumber the

Unlike league teams, schools are not confined to Saturdays, and it would be a very easy matter to pick and choose the days on which soccer could be played. It is to be hoped that in another season throughout the winter. Even after the interscholastic and interacademic sea-

Manager John Bedford, of the Disston Club, announced yesterday that he had signed up Mike Owens, who played with the Tacony team three years ago and was formarly with the Derry Celtic team. Manager Bedford has also practically secured the signature of a well-known wing man, but at present he is not at liberty to give out his name.

The Feltony.ile Club, of the United League, has challenged the Putnam Club, League, has challenged the Putnam Clun, champions of the first division of the Allied League, to play a game for the amateur championship of the city. It is virtually certain that Manager Walter Hemingway, of Putnam, will accept the challenge on behalf of his team. As Feltonville and Putnam will in all likelihood win the championship of their respective leagues this season it would spective leagues this season it would probably be a better plan for these teams to wait until later in the season, when a series of three games could be played for the championship. Such a series would undoubtedly arouse a great deal

The Selection Committee of the Allied League is not in any way to blame for the poor showing made by the team against the Blue Mountain League at Bethlehem last Saturday. Of the 12 men selected to go to Bethlehem, only eight turned up at Wayne Junction. On arrival at Bethlehem a very big crowd was on hand, and in order to put a full team on the field the up-Staters furnished three substitutes. The four men who agreed to go and failed to put in an appearance were entirely to blame for the flasco, and it is probable that they will be disciplined at the next meeting of the Allied League. The Selection Committee of the Allied at the next meeting of the Allied League. Not satisfied with the result, the Allied League has challenged the Blue Mountain Lengue to another game, and it is probable that the contest will be brought off at 3d street and Lehigh avenue at an early date.

BETHLEHEM SOCCER TEAM DECIDES NOT TO GO WEST

Steel Workers' Plan to Play St. Louis Teams Abandoned

Seasonable Suggestions

Resolved, That we will follow the example of all successful football managements in the land and adopt a one-man coaching system. -Penn Football Committee.

Resolved, That, if the Phillies repeat, we will not devote columns of space to the weaknesses of the seven teams .- Out-of-Town Baseball Writers.

Resolved, That I will have both arms amputated in an effort to make my contests interesting. Willie Hoppe.

Resolved. That henceforth we will give the public more baseball and less conversation.—The Mag-

Resolved, That the saw, "a ball player in hand is worth two in the bushes," is a fallacy. — Connie Resolved, That I will never again practice the policy of "Watchful Waiting."—Frank Bak-

Resolved. That hereafter our motto shall be, "a rolling stone gathers no world's series money."

Magee. Resolved, That I will pick my 1916 All-America team from 1916 players.—Walter Camp.

-John Lobert and Sherwood

Resolved, That we will never again try to beat a gang at their own game.—Federal Leaguers. Resolved, That I am for peace

at any price, and I don't care who knows it.—Freddy Welsh. Resolved, That I will not sell Grover C. Alexander,-Pat Moran. Resolved, That I will swear off

swearing off .- Larry McLean.

one but Fred Fulton,-Jess Willard,

TO GET OLYMPIC GAMES IN 1916

SWEDEN LIKELY

Athletic Organizations in the United States Very Indifferent on Subject

NO INITIATIVE HERE

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL

If Sweden should get the Clympic names for 1916, said to be one of the avowed ob-ects that brought Ernest Hjertberg, their national coach, to this country, it would be only a fitting rebuke to America's In-difference in not having gotten them long ago. It has been evident for fully six months that Germany could not stage the games in Berlin next July. Yet not a single organization in this country has hown enough initiative to ask the International Olympic Committee to transfer them to this country. It is true that Philadelphia made some inquiries on the subject, but never went about it in an official capacity nor pursued it as it should have been pursued.

The games should be held in some form next summer, for it would be a shame to let them go by default, even in the face of so terrible a war as is now consuming Europe. It is of the utmost importance that the four-year cycle, begun in 1896 when the games were revived in Athens. should be observed, even if only a handful of athletes could compete.

Could Easily Prepare

The idea that this country could not prepare for the games within the time allowed is nonsense. It would not even be necessary to build a stadium, because there are half a dozen in the East large enough to accommodate both athletes and speciators. The Olympic rule is that the country managing the games does not need to pay the expenses of the visiting athletes. All America would be required to do would be to furnish the prizes, a proper field and suitable management. To do this would require very little money and any enterprising city could finance it

If Sweden can get the games the United States ought to be glad to send some kind of a team. Competition between the neutral countries at such a time would do infinitely more good to the cause of international peace than Henry Ford's peace pilgrimane to Europe. deed, to what better use could the Detroit millionaire put half a million or more of his money than by financing the Olympic games himself? He would get a much more enthusiastic reception in the neutral countries of Europe than he got with the

Games at Stockholm

It should be remembered, too, that in an athletic sense the most important of the neutral countries are not engaged in the fighting. In 1912 the first three countries in the point score were the United States, Sweden and Finland. The meet would be a tremendous success if no other countries competed.

It would not be difficult for Sweden to stage the games next summer. The Olympic stadium, where the games were held in 1916, is a permanent structure, and could not be improved upon even in this country. Furthermore, Sweden has all country. Furthermore, Sweden has an so splendidly. So, if the United States is too indifferent to compete with Sweden for the honor of saving the games for 1916, let Sweden have them. TIGERS BEAT YALE

IN HOCKEY MATCH

Capture First Game of Series at Pittsburgh by Score of 5 to 2

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 29. Princeton University hockey team defeated Yale here last night by a score of 5 goals to 2 in the first of a three-game series. The Humphries brothers, Pittsburgh boys, were the stars of the victorious team. Schoen and Scully also displayed good

Captain Burgess, of Yale, made several good runs with the puck, and kept the Princeton goalkeeper busy dodging his shots. Cushman showed splendid judg-ment in his dribbling and passing, and materially aided his team in winning.

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Young Sandow vs. Bobby McLeod
Kid Thomas vs. Charley McCarthy
Hal Stewart vs. Stanley Hinkle
Eddie Campi vs. Willie Jackson
Lew Tendler vs. Willie Brown
Joe Welsh vs. Benly Leonard
Adm. 25c, Bal. res. 50c, Arena res. 75c 81

STEVENSON SAYS WILLIAMS WILL BE APPOINTED HEAD COACH OF PENN ELEVEN

Famous Quarterback Believes Fraternity Politics Played an Important Part in Elections and Will Influence Football Committee

Vincent stevenson, recognized as the greatest quarterback who ever represented Penn on the gridiron, declared that Dr. Carl Williams will be appointed head coach of the Red and Blue eleven for 18th. Stevenson believes that the student body expressed itself strongly in fator of a change in the present coaching system when it polled such a strong vote for "Big Bill" Hollenback, but that the wishes of the undergraduates would be ignored because politics and fraternities rule athletics at Pennsylvania.

Stevenson believes that Williams will be an excellent head coach if he gives all his time to the team, but that a change is needed regardless of results. The famous quarerback agrees with Williams and "By" Dickson, who contend that any coach with a fair amount of football coach are governed by stronger influences than student and public seal, ment. I hate to think it, but it looks way much. I hate to think it, but it looks way much to me as if the fraternities had men appointments. Three of the same fraternity shick had hoped to elect Graves Williams and hoped to elect Graves Williams, of the same fraternity shick had hoped to elect Graves Williams, also of the same fraternity, for which the cloves.

"The other members will have a hard letics at Pennsylvanias. Servenson believes that Williams will be, it will not be due entirely to fraternity influence or personnal friendship, as I think most Pennsylvanians, particularly those of the old school, have great confidence in Williams. This confidence would be warranted if Williams would give his entire time to the coaching, place more confidence in his assistants and mit better with the men.

Need a Change

According to Stevenson, Williams has not given the team as much time as is necessary. "Stevie" helieves that he would do so if appointed head coach, but a change in system is badly neede and one of the younger element with Hollenback and Bob Folwell as leading candidates should be considered.

dates should be considered.

Stevenson contends that fraternities and politics are playing too prominent a part in Pennsylvania's athletics for the Red and Blue to get out of its athletic rut, and intimates that the "frat" interests have caused the student choices. ests have caused the student choices to be ignored in the selection of the new football committee, "Politics played an important part in

the recent elections at Penn, as they always do," said Stevenson. "This was apparent when Bill Hollenback polled a remarkable vote and carried almost his entire ticket with him for the directorship of the Athletic Association and was then eliminated when this body appointed the Football Committee. Bill thinks he still has an excellent chance to he appointed head cough but I have it from a reliable head coach, but I have it from a reliable source that Carl Williams is to be at the helm.

Hollenback's Votes

"The unusual student vote for Hollen-beck expressed the feelings of the undergraduates, but the men who appoint the

JIM SULLIVAN, ENGLISH VARDON AND OTHER PROS

tot go wrong.

BOXER, SHOULDERS GUN Hero of British Ring Is Fighting

With Allies LONDON, Dec. 29 .- One of the boxer eroes of Great Britain just now is Jim Sullivan, the former middleweight champion of England, who is now a private with the Third London Scottlah regiment. Jim made his ring debut nine years ago, when he was stopped in the first round by

the Wonderland Probably no other bruiser who ever attained a title had such tough luck in his early days in the game. Of his first seven contests he won only one of them, and for a time he wsa a laughing stock. The fighting Sullivan spirit kept him soing, and in 1909 the tide turned, and he soon fought his way to the top of the British middleweight ladder. Jim was a hero in London when he fought Billy Papke there in 1911, but the German-American battler was too much for him and floored him for the count in the minth

round. Sullivan continued to claim the middle-weight championship of Europe until 1912, when he fought Georges Carpentier at Monte Carlo, and was knocked out in the second round.

Carter and Seggerman Tie

PINEHURST, N. C., Dec. 29.—A field of 91 dayers started in the 12th annual qualifying ound of the holiday week golf tournament yearday. Philip V. G. Carter, Nassau, and H. V. degerman, Englawood, tied for first honora i Kl. Dr. C. H. Gardner, the Rhode Island hambion, was only one stroke behind. Ninexve was the limit of the first division. Five lycksions qualified to continue at match play.

not be crushed. The material is .ouder-ful and will be more seasoned, but selfah interests which have been holding the Rei and Blue back must be eliminated or the success, if it is a tained next fall, will not continue long."

Personality Counts.

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"I have always contended that 50 per cent, of the battle in coaching is personality, and I think the coaches made a mistake at Penn last year by not taking advantage of this important point. By Dickson is a man of the Hollenback and Folwell type, who always makes friends and chums of the players and gets results by doing it, and if Williams is selected I hope he doesn't overlook Dickson.

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"If Penn had intended to appoint one of
the new school as head coach it would
have made the announcement before the
holidays. The postponement of the meeting of the football committee will cause
much of the enthusiasm of those who desize a change to die down and then it em-

much of the enthusiasm of those who de-sire a change to die down and then it will be an easy matter to appoint the old staff without causing as much resentment as it would if this action was taken at the present time. Bet on Carl Williams as the next conch at Fenn and you will not so wrong.

out go wrong.
"Whoever coaches is going to turn out
a powerful team, and one which is not
likely to lose to any but Pitt, and it is
no sure thing that Warner's team will

hope he doesn't overlook Dickson.

TO TOUR UNITED STATES Receipts Will Be Turned Over to War Relief Fund

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-Golfers are keenly interested in a report that Harry Vardon and several other famous Eng-lish professionals will tour America during the coming season. Vardon, Taylor, Ray, Braid and other former holders of the English open championship, played a series of four-ball matches throughout England during the last summer, turna fellow named Hickman, in a bout at ing the net receipts over to a war relief

> If proper arrangements can be made with a quartet of these players the plan is to have them four the United States and Canada during the 1916 season with the same ultimate use of the gate re

Most of the professionals mentioned are past the age where their services would be acceptable in trench warfare, but they are understood to be eager to turn their golfing ability into material assistance for England during the continuation of

the war.

Ray, Vardon and Braid had engaged passage to this country last summer, but to abandon the trip.

Hohe Knocked Out

MARSHFIPLD, Wis., Dec. 28.—Frank Hoha of indianapolis, was knocked out in the second round by Hilly Miste, of St. Paul, Misk Kreig, of Marshfield, knocked out Joe Hannes, of Konosha, in the first round,

Baseball Players Retire ST. PAUL. Minn., Dec. 20.—Otis Clymer and Dave Allizer foday announced their retirement from baseball, to cusase in business, Allizer played with the Chicago White Sox.

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Trainer of the Swedish Olympic

team, who wants the 1916 Olym-

pic games in Stockholm and an

