# PENNSYLVANIA IS FIGHTING HARD FOR MUNICIPAL STADIUM, BUT NEEDS PUBLIC SUPPORT

# PHILADELPHIA NEEDS STADIUM, AND PENN'S PLAN TO BUILD ONE SHOULD BE APPROVED BY PUBLIC

#### Financial Support Needed if Geyelin's Project Is to Be Successful-City Would Be Greatest Beneficiary

RIVERY lover of athletics should appreciate the effort being made by the University of Pennsylvania to give Philadelphia the greatest stadium in the United States and one which will be second to none in the world. And every business man in the city of Philadelphia should appreciate the value of the stadium. While the proposed structure will be under the supervision of the Universily of Pennsylvania, it really will be a municipal arena which can be used for ether than athletic purposes. H. Laussat Geyelin, chairman of the board of directors, president of the Athletic Association and a leading figure in athletics at Pennsylvania, is responsible for the start of the campaign to raise enough money to build a stadium that will seat 100,000 spectators and which will be large enough to conduct any sort of an athletic event, from a football game to the Olympic championships, and prominent business men declars they are ready to take an active hand in any plan that may be decided upon by a committee appointed by the board of directors of the Athletic Association of the University of Penn-

#### City Would Be Greatest Beneficiary

FIME city of Philadelphia would be the greatest beneficiary if Mr. Geyelin's plan is carried through. The Army-Navy football game and many other great athlotic events that attract thousands of visitors, who spend a large sum of money, have been lost to Philadelphia because there is no suitable place to stage such events in a satisfactory manner. Not only would the Army-Navy game return to this city, but virtually every other big athletic event would be held here. The war in Europe cannot last forever, and as soon as it is over steps will be taken to resume the international athletic meet known as the Olympic games. If Philadelphia had the stadium, which seems assured, because of the aggressive campaign of Mr. Geyelin, it is certain that the first set of Olympic games would be held in the Philadelphia stadium. This one event alone would make the venture worth while,

#### Football Growing Fast

ITHE University of Pennsylvania is taking the initiative in the campaign because the last football season proved beyond doubt that the great autumn game of the colleges has grown so fast that it will be impossible to accommodate the enthusiasts who desire to attend the games. Never in the long history of football at Penn has the Athletic Association been confronted by the problem of caring for such large crowds. In fact, Penn has had many lean years because of the poor callber of the teams, but the grand work done by Bob Folwell will place the Red and Blue on top of the heap. The wonderful turnout of 77,000 persons at the Yale-Harvard game proved conclusively that winning football pays, and that stadiums large enough to accommodate an unheard of throng really are not large enough. Every seat in the Yale Bowl was taken when the Elis and Crimson met, and it is said that fully 10,000 applicants were turned down. If New Haven can attrace and accommodate such a large crowd, what would be the result if Penn had a stadium?

#### Great Attractions Would Result

THE attendance at Penn's games last fall is one great argument in favor of a stadium. The Red and Blue broke all previous records for attendance, but still is far in the rear of Yale, Harvard and even Princeton, and there is only one reason—the lack of a stadium. Penn opened its season with West Virginia and drew 13,000 fans, and the attendance throughout the season was correspondingly large. However, there is little doubt that twice the number of persons would have attended the last three games had it not been for the fact that the general public believed they would not be able to get anything but the poorest seats in the field. With a stadium it would be possible to seat within the two twenty-five yard lines more people than Penn had at any game. The average fan does not like to sit behind the goal posts no matter how close to the field of play they may happen to be, and this has been the one great drawback to Franklin Field.

#### Yale Game Would Be a Certainty

PENN hopes to rise in the football world with the growth of the game and Franklin Field is no longer suitable. As Penn has no other plot of ground and cannot get one without aid, it is necessary for the Red and Blue to push the plan for the stadium. Penn hopes to schedule games with Yale and Princeton, but this cannot be done without charging an exorbitant price for each admission unless it has a field capable of holding at least twice as many people as Franklin Field. If Penn had a stadium there would be no question about Yale's willingness to come here in 1918, while other large colleges, would seek a place no the Red and Blue's schedule. As the receipts of football at Yale prove conclusively, the mammoth stand is needed and will pay for itself.

# World's Series Games Could Be Played Here

ITHE stadium could be used for numerous things. Philadelphia is just about the leading sports city of the country, and many times in recent years the need of a stadium has been clearly illustrated in other branches of sport aside from football. From 1910 until the last season Philadelphia has staged a world's series every fail, barring 1912, when the Red Sox and Giants were the pennant winners in the American and National Leagues. Each season there were thousands of sisgruntled fans who had supported the team throughout the season, but did not be the blue ribbon event. Some failed to attend because they believed the price cas exorbitant, while others were anxious to pay almost any price but could not tickets. This was a natural condition when it is considered that neither local park can accommodate 25,000 fans. With a stadium almost every one with any desire to see a world's series could attend and it would not be necessary to raise the prices to swell the receipts.

# Project Needs Public Support

DHILADELPHIA needs the stadium, and it is not likely that the committee appointed will experience great difficulty in raising the sum needed to construct it. By buying the Woodlands Cemetery property much time and money would be saved. This plot of ground is a wonderful natural amphitheater. The majority of it is a great ravine, and as it is planned to build the structure below the street level, an enormous sum of money would be saved because of the natural advantages. This also would be an ideal spot because of the trolley, train and elevated facilities, while the surroundings are perfect. Every sport lover should and probably will do everything possible to make this wonderful plan of Mr. Geyelin and the University of Pennsylvania a success.

# "Dutch" Johnson Makes Good at Northeast

No FEWER than eight all-scholastic football slevens have been picked. Including the second teams only two Northeast High players were awarded positions or given honorable mention, which is, to our way of thinking, a great tribute to Frank "Dutch" Johnson, the former Central High, Germantown Academy and Penn player, who handled the Lehigh avenue eleven for the second time. Johnson's material was poor, being far below the usual Northeast standard, but he turned out a great team that came within an ace of winning the local championship. Johnson proved himself a high-class coach, and he bids fair to follow the motsteps of brother George, who graduated into the collegiate coaching ranks after handling Northeast for several years. He knows football from the ground up and was a brilliant quarterback ten years ago. "Dutch" was unfortunate enough to be attending Penn when the famous Stevenson was at his height and played second fiddle. Carl Williams rated Johnson as the third best quarter in the country when he was playing substitute to "Stevie," placing only Stevenson and Rockwall, of Yale, ahead of the Northeast coach.

# Gamblers Placed Odds Against Canton

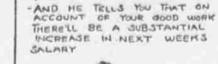
CAN any one imagine giving odds of 10 to 7 against a team composed of Thorpe, Calac, Dunn, of Dickinson; Ghee, Soucy, Weyman, of W. and J.; Buck, of Wisconsin; Russell, of Penn; Spears and a few lesser lights? Well, it actually happened, but the parties laying the odds lost about \$25,000 when Jim Thorpe's Canton sionals defeated Massilion for the first time in years. There was nothing to the game but Canton, and, after the game was over, the Massillon backers wandered where they got the idea that their team had a chance with the wonserial aggregation of stars collected by Thorpe. Incidentally, the presence of Calse in the Canton line-up explains his failure to appear against Penn with West Virginia Wesleyan. Calac decided that it was time to turn professional when he neard of the salaries being paid by Canton, and Thorpe did not have to persuade blin much. West Virginia Wesleyan had built its offense around this wonderful fasten fullback, and his desertion at the critical point of the season has made him secidedly unpopular but not in Canton, as he played even better than Thorpe. . . .

A WISCONSIN Judge has ruled that a fighter who was disqualified for deliber-ately fouling another is not entitled to his share of the purse. This is an excellent tiles in some respects, but makes it possible for an unscrupulous promoter, and there are many, to get out of paying fighters in cases where the matchmaker or citl owner acts as the third man in the ring. In the majority of the small towns this is the case, and the Judge will find that he has stored up trouble for unnest and ton associates.

GILROY, Georgetown's sensational halfback, needs only two more touchdowns to equal the court made by Jerry De Prato, of Michigan Agrico, just seeson. Herey has mored twenty touchdowns, and no Georgetown has one more game to carfeet Tulque on Saturday, the old mark is likely to be shattared. Georgeabout have high trouble winning, and, if it shoes, it is sweetenbuy certain will tally almost all the touchdowne. Solders is another Georgettern and relies upon when the ball is within striking distance of the west

# AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?









BUT CHANGE YOUR MIND AND THINK YOU'LL TRY . IT A LITTLE LONGER

# DODGING GERMAN U-BOATS AND UNDERGOING INSPECTIONS KEPT ATHLETES BUSY ON TRIP ACROSS

races from him, three 100 and one 600 meters but he took all the longer ones. The 400 meters was too short for him, however, his distance being from 800 to 1500 meters.

In the way of entertaining they again were very good and planned things which kept us busy most all the time, operas, dinners, trips to the country and mountains,

countries visited and the goodheartedness of

As far as the war is concerned there is little difference between over there and here. The only thing that is different is that nearly

did not see anything that looked like war except the British cruisers that were doing patrol duty about ten hours out of Kirk-wall. One of them, which had the officers

on board who were to take our boat into Kirkwall, fired a shot across our bow sig-naling us to stop, but outside of that and some firing which we heard while at Kirk-

wall, target practice, we heard nothing or saw nothing of the war except talk. I was in Norway, however, at the time when they were busy writing notes to the Germans in regard to the sinking of their

thermans to regard to the sinking of their ships, and they did not know at that time just how soon they would be mixed up in the trouble. Things were in a very ex-cited state there at that time and the peo-

Street Run Entries Close Dec. 9

Entries for the fourth annual handican stream arathon run of the Southwark Catholic Ct will close on Saturday, December 5. From torsent list of entries received the run withpas and of the previous events. As it is

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expected each day from Berlin

interesting.

Much War Talk

Swedes Real Sports

By J. E. (TED) MEREDITH

Since my return from Scandinavia with Bolin was fast I will say YES, he was, and leave the rest for him to prove when asked such questions as, "What kind of a trip did you have going over?" "Did you nijoy yourself?" "What kind of sportsnen are the Swedes?" "Is Bolin, the man who beat you, fast?" "Were you in the war zone?" "Did you see any warships or submarines?" "Weren't you afraid?" etc.

I will try through this column to answer all these questions and to give an account all these questions and to give an account of our trip.

BOY SAYS YOU ARE

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WANTED IN

BOSSES OFFICE

We left New York on September 28 and it took us eight days to get to Kirkwall, where we were held up three days by the English for inspection. The weather was English for inspection. The weather was very smooth with the exception of a couple of days, which was a very lucky thing for us, as the Oscar II is a small boat and inclined to toss if the sea does much rolling. We all escaped from the dreaded seasickness up to that point.

At Kirkwali the ship was given a horough searching by the English officers. After leaving Kirkwall we went straight across the North Sea, and this is the only place which is to be feared on the whole journey. To begin with, it is usually very rough, and if you are the least bit ausceptible to seasickness it is here that you must take all the precautions which are supposed to ward it off. We did this and got across safe to a man.

# Dodged the Submarines

The next danger which arose was the fact that this was the territory in which the Germans are blowing up all the Norwegian ships and were doing very well at t time. They do not trouble the bi liners intentionally, but there is the danker of them making more of the mistakes which aiready have been made in this way, so every precaution was taken. First the boat had its name painted in very large letters on the sides, and its very strong lights were played on the name so any scouting submarine could not very well mistake the steamer or what country to which it belonged if they took the trouble

Then, to play things safe and probably to give the passengers lots of courage, they swung the lifeboats clear of the decks, ready to lower should the occasion arise. A very pleasant chap thought be was doing me a favor by telling me quietly that we really should be taking the evening seriously and that we were crossing very dangerous seas, which helped a lot toward making the remainder of the trip a pleasant

# No Chance to Train

When it comes to the question of training n the way across there is little that can be said for the reason that there was little that could be done. The distance around the deck was just about 100 yards, and this meant that little could be accomplished in the way of running, except very slow jogging, for we had to stop at every turn. The sprinters could get about forty yards straight away for their work, but it was risky for them with the motion of the boat, as they were liable to pull a tendon or strain a muscle. We did this work, however, such as it

was, twice a day at first, until the boards made our legs sore, then cut it down to once each day, with work with a medicine We all expected to get at least four days to train on shore before we landed, and maybe a week, but we were informed on our arrival in Christiania that we were to run on the following Saturday in S which was one day after our arrival

In that city.

It was the same old story as in 1912.

After we had landed, every one of us needed work, and lets of it, after being cooped up on a boat for thirteen days. The meets went pretty much all our way, however, in spite of this, and the way things were dead to the same the course of the same the sa turned out I was the only one who got bont congistently, but, on the other hand, I was the only one, with the exception of Loomis in the high jump, who really was racing Swedes. The others had only to meet one another in the sprints and hurdles. Leomis had a very good man in the high jump and less once in Christianis, taking second to him twice, once in Stockholm and again at

Sprints Were Easy

Sprints Were Easy
In the sprints we usually got one, two, three, four. They have no good sprinters over there at all, and that is not taking anything away from our men, for they always won the races easily. There is one exception to this last statement, however. They have one good man in Norway in itusted, of whom I will speak in other articles when I write of their athletes, but no was only good in the staty, meter moe and never would be able to run in this country, for he would be disqualified for take starting. In the hurdles it was a twoman affair for Simpson and Murray with the tons Swede, Huithin, far in the rear.

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#### PING BODIE LEADING COAST LEAGUE SLUGGER

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Ping Bodle, former White Sox outfielder who has been corralled by the Athletics for 1917, was not the leading hitter of the Pacific Const League, but the stocky center-fielder made more bits than any player in the league and also was the leading slugger. In 206 games Hodie batted 303, his hits including twenty home runs, five triples and twenty-eight doubles. If Bodie can slug at this clip next season, Connie Mack will not worry about Ping's tempera-ment or alleged liking for beer.

Holin was fast I will say YES, he was, and leave the rest for him to prove when he appears in this country, which is sure to be next summer. Ernis Hjertberg, the Swediah trainer, claims he can do 1:54 in the half mile, and I believe it is so, for I was doing \$80's close to 1:55 under good conditions in the shape I was in and he would come along after I had set the pace and heat me in the last thirty yards. I could heat him in all the shorter distances, that is, up to 600 meters, and did win four races from him, three 400 and one 600 The averages show a distinct superiorit of former major league players, few of the recruits showing anything that would war-rant the prediction that they will star in the big show.

Bunny Brief, who had a try-out both with the Chicago White Sox and St. Louis Browns, however, was the home-run king of the league. He drove out thirty-three circuit smushes in 195 games. Bunny fin-labled third in batting, and the chances are that he will be back with the White Sox

Swedes Real Sports

To speak of the Swedes as sportamen is a hard task for me, for I feel that I cannot do them the justice that is due them for all that they did for us during our stay in their country. We could not have wanted anything more than what they did for us. This is also true of the Norwegians. The committee which took care of us left everything in our hands as to the arrangement of the program on our arrival, but we did not change the temporary one which they next year.
Art Fromme, a one-time Giant, was the best pitcher, according to the official fig-ures. Fromme won twenty-three games and lost fourteen for the Vernon club. His efficiency record was 1.92 earned runs per nine-inning game. not change the temporary one which they had made, as things were about as we wanted them.

# Foul in Ring Violates Contract

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was that of Bob Moha, Wilwauker, who put
his suit against the Hudson Boxing Club, of
Hudson, Wis. to recover his share of the
guarantee of a boxing contest with Mike Gibbons. The bout was stopped on account of a
foul committed by Moha. motorboating on their lakes and through the new Trollhatten Canal, which just had been opened by the King and connects the north and south of Sweden by water. All these things were mixed in with the came back with wonderful stories of the

# SCHOLASTIC NOTES

the people. In 1912 I spent three weeks in Sweden, but at that time we were training all the time for the Olympic games and I did not get a chance to see much of the country or even of the city and the Northeast High School met a tariar in the Frankford High School secore eleven in a league same played yestership afternoon on the North-Seat Field in the contest ending in a draw it to have the fire contest ending in a draw in the ended in darkness with both teams fighter that which ended in darkness with both teams fighter that we have the winning point. As a result of ling some new virtually wins the Interscholastic league soccer championship, but should West Philadelphia High School pull the unexpected and defeat the Archives in the game to be played tomorrow afternoon at West Philadelphia. then a three-current the would result between Northeast, Frankford and West Philadelphia. people. This trip, however, gave us a great chance, for we saw about all there was within our reach and found it all very

All members of the Germanteen High School tearn, who by virtue of their gridiron services had been awarded the school letter, held a private meeting in the school's gramatum yea-iorday afternoon and elected James Frankin Meedan, Jr., to lead the eleven in 1917. Meesan Jr. to lead the eleven in 1917, he said to gram a position was at tickle, where he has been serving faithfully for the last two measures. His work on the defense has been one of the bright lights of the team's play.

Meedan is seventuen years of one, a junior in class rank and this the scales at 152 pounds. He is one of the mest popular fellows in achool, and his selection was approved by every one.

Convers Button, 23, will jeed the Germantown Priends' School basketball five this winter. But-ion is sighteen years of age, a member of the Slass of 1917 and active in school athictics. He has excelled as a baseball and basketball player and gives pruning of becoming the steadless foul thrower in achelastic ranks.

Allen Priel seventeen years old, a junior at the Catholic High School has been elected to lead the Pupple and Gold football team for next season. It was his third year on the team and the election was made unautimous.



Winners in Our Comment Contest

Nov. 1st we offered \$50.00 in prizes for the best inter sent in on comment of our ads run ning in the paper. After careful consideration we find that T. E. Elordan, 5915 Webster st., below winner of the first prize of \$25.00; Harry C. Los. of Camden, N. J., winner of 2d prize of \$15.00, and I. H. Lawber, of \$455.00 and III have the second secon

# WASHINGTON. Pa. Dec. 6.—Graduate Man-ager R. M. Murphy of the Washington and Jefferson College football sheven, has announced that he had been unable to accept an offer of a same from Darimouth College, of Hanover, N. H. for October 29, 1917, the contest to be played on the Green's griding. APPERSON ROADAPLANE Egstern Diefribulur: William T. Taylor Broad and Bare Streets

# COURAGE WONDERFUL ASSET. BUT EFFICIENCY AND SKILL THE TWO LEADING ESSENTIALS

The Knack to Do Things and the Development This Knack Will Prove Superior to Sheer Nerve and Gameness

#### By GRANTLAND RICE

WE HAVE been chided of late by a number of palmed readers for our suggested by the had less courage, but because Yale less to win with. tion that courage in sport is an overplayed institution. "Courage," says one writer, "Is the basis of success in any game; the foundation of any championship career; the greatest single asset in any sport. Without courage no competitor has a chance. To say otherwise is to belittle the greatest single trait in human nature."

It is not our idea to belittle what is known as courage. But our belief is thisgiven equal conditions, upon the broad averare one man or one nation is about as brave as another man or another nation. And we have seen too often in sport where efficiency or skill or good fortune was deprived of its credit in behalf of nerve or courage or gameness.

#### Must Be Efficient

No quitter, of course, is going to get by in any game. But the average entry who starts out to build his game in the right way, who develops efficiency and skill by hard work, rarely quits against the test. With efficiency backing him up, confidence comes as a running mate, and the result

There are two leading essentials in sport, one is the knack to do things. The other a the development of this knack through hard work and infinite patience. This com-bination will beat the bravest entry that ever lived who lacks this knack or never

has developed it. Courage and brains have been given a Courage and brains have been given a high place in sport. They make for the spectacular in sport writing. But we have seen some pretty stupid entries who looked what in their Individual fields because they knew every kink of the game. And we have seen a good many others with no part of a lon's heart who were brave enough in their own narrow lines because they knew what they had-because they knew this was enough with which to win.

#### Well-Developed Material .

They used to say that it was John J. McGraw's aggressiveness and fighting spirit that made the Giants pennant winners. This was 100 per cent bunk. It was McGraw's ability to pick material, instruct this material in the fundamentals and develop team play that put him in front. No one ever accused Connie Mack of being a fire-eater, but Connie has bix big league pennants to his credit.

So far as Courage vs. Efficiency goes, you may recall the ease of the hig boy in school that every one thought was a coward. school that every one thought was a coward. Probably he was, in a way. Other kids picked on him at will, but no one could make him fight. He resented nothing, backing away from any physical mix-up. Then one day, crowded and forced into battle, he found he was strong enough and his enough to smear the school bully. From that point on, with his newly developed confidence, he was the best scrapper in his neighborhood. He had found at last that he had the stuff with which to win.

#### Lacked the System

A good part of Yale's success in earlier football days was credited to Yale courage. football days was credited to Yale courage. Another case of bunk. Was the student body at Yale from 1912 to 1916 any less courageous, as individuals, than the student bodies of other years? Probably not a bit Yale won from 1908 to 1908 because she had the material and the system. Yale lost from 1912 through 1915 not because her courage ran out, but because her material and her systems sagged together.

Before 1910 Yale had her Shevlins, Coys. Supericks, Hogans, etc. And Yale had the Kilpatricks, Hogans, etc. And Yale had the system to help carry these along. After 1910 Harvard had her Brickleys, Mahans, Pennocks, Hardwicks, etc., plus the sys-

# How About Waddell?

They will tell you that Matty was a gre pitcher largely because of his brains courage, of which he has more than average share. Then, how about Rube w il, who never was credited with a set to any notable extent, and yet over a span of years was one of the est pitchers to beat that ever lived?

Does any one believe that Jim Jan-Jack Johnson and Jess Willard reached top through their "brains and courses" top through their "brains and courses" through their physical bulk and their veloped knack?

#### No Yellow Streak

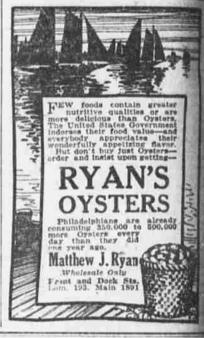
You frequently hear of the "yells streak." But how often do you see an enwith the "yellow streak" who has had patience to develop his skill to a point same confidence in his ability to win? He often do you see what is called a fine mechanical player with the spirit to be properly curi up and quit?

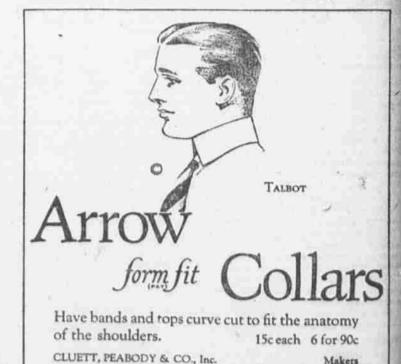
Courage is a fine trait. But, on the area age, one man has it in equal volume another. For it isn't courage that deriv-afficiency and skill; it is efficiency and as that develop courage.

Entries for Southwark Run-Entries for the fourth annual handless enter the fourth of the Southwark Cathole till close on Saturday. The list line includes runners from New York Pitter ad Italiance. Twenty-one individual and the sand two team prizes are offered. Less ill entries to Louis N. Goldmith, 1911 Chart

Fire Destroys F. and M. Grandstand

LANCASTER, Pa. Dec. 6.—What the coupauthorities believe was an incepdiary fire attroped the grandstand on the athletic field Franklin and Marshall College yesterday. To blaze was discovered some hours after its students had a bounire celebration in heart the Coltysburg victory. Hurdles and incoments were stored in the structure, which was valued at about \$3000.











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