# NO MONUMENT WILL MARK THE LAST RESTING PLACE OF DECEASED PLAYERS' FRATERNIT

BASEBALL MAGNATES, PLEASED WITH THEMSELVES, END N. Y. CONCLAVE AFTER CHASING THE CLOUDS OF WAR

Players' Frat Is Thing of the Past and Athletes Are Urged to Take Up Military Drill-Meeting Is Quiet and Serene, With No Wild Rumors

TT WAS a nice, quiet, peaceful meeting that ended in New York last night, when seball magnates of both major leagues packed their values and left the wellwn metropolis flat on its back. It was one of the most businesslike sessions aid in years and there was no unnecessary delay in getting through with it. The fational League finished up in two days and the American League was all through a two hours. The National Commission also held a short session and the stuff as off. There was no excitement, no secret buzzing in the corridors of the Waldorf and there were no rumors running wild in their native and untamed state. Everything was calm and serene.

The magnates met with the firm resolve to make the fraternity walk the plank, and the walking was a huge success. Whether they expected some opposion is not known, but there was none, and Dave Fultz and his clan passed out of baseball without a single word of regret from those gathered on the side lines. On the first day the players' organization was wiped off the map and the events which followed made it unanimous. Then, when the war clouds disappeared and the decks seemed cleared for action, the owners and managers crossed the fans by announcing that nothing further would be done. It was made perfectly clear, however, that the players would not suffer any undue hardships now that their defenses have been swept away, but will be accorded fair treatment by the leagues and the National Commission. If the player has a grievance he may take it up with his own league first, and if he wishes to carry it further the commission will act. As for bringing it up through a third party, that will not be tolerated.

#### Many of the Usual Features Were Absent at This Meeting

THERE were no trades worth mentioning at the conclave, because there were no players to trade. The National League magnates had too many holdouts on their hands to worry about anything else, and for once that well-known chatter was conspicuous by its absence. The only flurry that stirred the experts in Pencock Alley was a report that Killefer had been released to Joe Tinker, of the Columbus club; but that soon died out when it was learned that Wade got the hook, not Brother Bill. Then came a report that Ray Caldwell, of the Yankees, was to be traded to the Red Sox for Smoky Joe Wood; but this, too, flyvered when run to earth. The signing of Dick Rudolph, of the Braves, and Bob Shawkey, of the Yankees, was taken as a matter of course, and many asked Harper's first name when it was learned that the pitcher had signed a Washington contract. Mollwitz, of the Cubs, was released to Kansas City, where he will play first base for John Ganzel; but there was nothing strange or startling in that move. Even Fred ditchell, the new manager of the Cubs, knew nothing of the deal, so it was passed with only brief mention.

The minor league clubs were not treated gently when their requests were put before the National Commission, but they gained a few points. The proposal that a body of five be named to take care of disputes in three or four leagues was conidered, but that was all. Some things were granted; others were turned down. Now the American Association and International magnates are wondering where they get off.

### American League Barons Discuss Preparedness

TF THE wishes of Ban Johnson and his colleagues are carried out, there will be a swell bunch of soldiers in the junior circuit this year. At the meeting at the Wolcott Hotel yesterday it was resolved and suggested and passed that an example should be set which would impress the youth of our land, and the ball players when they start training in the South should go in for military drill at least one hour each day. This will make a terrific hit with the athletes, for drill will be held early in the morning, and ball players are noted for their ability to emerge from the hay in time to see the sun rise. It also was resolved and suggested that the players when they travel from the hotel to the ball grounds should execute military formations and march like regular soldiers. A drill sergeant from the regular army will have charge of the men. The players have not been interviewed on this preparedness move, but it is believed that it will be a big hit-before the season begins

Swarthmore Made a Wise Move in Selecting Mercer as Coach DR. ROT MERCER, new football coach at Swarthmore College, will have the

hearty support of the entire student body when he takes, charge of gridiron affairs next fall. For two years he has been working under Bill Roper, and proved in that time he was the best man to be considered for the place. Mercer did very good work with the backfield and ends and worked in harmony with Roper at all times. He gained the respect and confidence of the students, and this will help him considerably when he starts out for himself. The faculty at Swarthmore College made a wise move in appointing Mercer. The football team, unlike others in its class, is handicapped in the number of candidates. It takes time to teach them the game, and once a system is installed it is very difficult to change it. The players are acquainted with Roper's style of play, and as the new coach knows all about it, work can begin next fall where it left off last November. There are many veterans on the team and they will get into shape earlier than if another coach had been named

Mercer is one of the sensations of the football world. Before he went to Penn he never played the game and was the greenest freshman that ever wore the Red George 1 where only soccer but was not, considered a star at that game. He made quite a reputation, however, as a track athlete and was one of the best pole vaulters in the country. He also tried broad jumping, but did not excel in this branch until Mike Murphy took him in charge. But football was a closed book to him and he had to work hard to make a place on the freshman team. At the end of the season he played a fair game, but no one even dreamed that he could make good on the varsity. During the summer, however, Mercer studied the game of football from A to Izzard and put himself through a course of training. He taught himself how to carry the ball, run around the end. tackle, interfere and everything else, and when he reported in the fall the coaches couldn't believe that it was the same green freshman who romped around the field the year before. Mercer made the varsity because they couldn't keep him off. He starred in all of the games and made such a showing that Walter Camp selected him as fullback on his first All-American team. It is seldom that a player is recognized after playing only one year on the varsity, but Mercer was an exceptional player and stood head and shoulders over the others. He kept up his good work in the next two years and was captain in his senior year. All of this goes to show that Swarthmore's new coach is a deep thinker and cnows football in all of its forms. He taught himself how to play the game and has the ability to teach it to others. He believes in sensible football and should turn out a very good team in 1917. Swarthmore indeed is fortunate in selecting such a man.



NEW YORK Feb. 16 .-- The men's no NEW YORK Feb. 16.—The men's na-tional lawn tennis championship tourna-ment in aingles will begin on the courts of the West Side Tennis Club on Thursday. August 20. This conforms to the plan which was suggested last summer after the failure of the Southampton tournament. At that time a number of prominent players, includ-ing Richard Norris Williams, 2d. William M. Johnston and Maurice E. McLoughlin, decided against competing in the Southamp-ton singles because the Nationals were to begin the Monday following the Meadow Club event, which ended on Saturday. With the date of the Nationals and it is

With the date of the Nationals set it difficult task to place the big tourna-Southampton fast to place the big tourna-ments of the season which lead up to the supreme contest. It is probable that the Southampton fixture will start on Monday, August 26, Newport on August 13 and Sea-bright on August 6.

## OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF **RULES CHANGED BY PROS**

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 --- The conditions of play for the open championship as recom-mended by the executive committee of the United States Golf Association have been adopted by the Professional Golfers' Asso-

ciation of America, and are as follows: First day-The whole field to engage In eighteen holes medal play: second day, the same: third day, sixty-four best scores and ties, thirty-six holes medal play, the winner to be the one making the lowest score for the

seventy-two holes played. This will shorten the tournament by one

WATERBERY-Irish Patay Cline won from Jimmy Duffs.

150 posted with the Sports Editor of the Even in Lander. Jack McCloskey is booked with a rugged foe in Chick Myers in the semi. Henny Hughes vs. Eddie Cayanaugh, Goodie Weish vs. Joe Wright, Young Tierney vs. Marty Coyle. Eddle Shannon, who is to meet Terrs McGov-ron in the star ecrap at the National tomorrow wight, is here with a great record, and McGovern is not going to have a tea party, according to several critics who have seen him in gym workcouts. Tommy Touhey, a newcomer, stacks up against Johnny Mahomey. In the other bouts al litewer and Dan Miller, heavyweights, clash Preston Brown teckless Billy Fitzsimnens and Herry Condon, an Englishman, faces Charley Davis.

Goody Welsh, of North Penn, is billed at bot the Cambria and Ryan Clubs tonight. One of the promoters will be disappointed.

Johnny Ritchie, the Chicago bantam, who ap-peared in several bouts here two years ago, contampiates another trip here. C. R. Traub, who is looking after Ritchie's affairs, is in Philadeiphia now arranging for bouts. Ritchie will leave for this city carly in March. He boxes Johnny Ertle in Cincinnati Fobruary 26. Eddie O'Keefe gradually is getting down to Do bounds, at which ringelde weight the Phila-sinhian is matched with Kid Williams at the dirmina Monday night, This will be the former hampion's first bout in the East since his march with Feit Herman. Young Marino, a level York baniam, who is now living in Phily, airs off with Gussie Lewis in the semi. Young for the Gussie Lewis in the semi. Young first han and Frankle Conway and Hert Spen-er and Mike Daley are other bouts.

Benny Chaves, the Mexican, is another boxer who apparently is through. He was knocked out twice by Benny McNell, and the other night Jack Bratton, an unknown, spilled Chaves for the full count in the first round.

Eddle McAndrews finally has learned that he ends more work to keep to form and has de-ided to accept all matches he can get To-light he tackles Johnny Krause at the Ryan Tab, and this match is no soft one for Mr. 6 Andrews, Charley Mooney vs. Elimer Mount a the semi. Other houts follow: Spike Weish a Gooffie Weish Harry Grinnan vs. Joe Fossit, ack Darcy vs. Willie Walker. Exchanges from Buffalo stated that Harry Greb was the victor over K. O. Brennan. A draw decision was sent out from Buffalo on the night of the bout.

George Weyman, of Girardville, is in 1 delphia under Jos Kennedy's wing. We weighs 124 pounds, and says he has Johnny Mahoney nine times, their last being a twenty-rounder at Girardville.

Richmond's hantam championship depends on the result of ionight's Barney Habn-Young Me-Govern sgi-to at 118 pounds ringside, the weight are boxing at 118 pounds ringside, the weight it which Pete Herman woo his title. Kanh based Dick the winner, Young Mendo, of Buffalo, is another bantam who plans to invade Philadelphia. Mendo has boxed Dick Loadman and states that he was FERD EBLE, PENN STAR ATHLETE, NOW ELIGIBLE Ferd Eble, football and baskethall payer at Penn, has been declared eligible. He squared himself with the faculty, and with be able to go into sports at once. Eble is a star football player, and he loss to the eleven last fall was a same

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WANTED PROTES

\$25 to \$20 Suitings \$ T for Madison Square Garden on March 5. Grant Hugh Browne, who now conducts boxing at the Garden, does not want McCéy as an attraction if he appears at another club previous to the Garden bout.

Hoppe Breaks Billiard Records CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 16.--Willet Hoppe, world's balkling billiard champlen, broke all records in a three-cushion match here, when he defasted James Schaefer, 50 to 25, in thirty-one innings. He had two runs of eight and one of siz.



## Failure to Develop Quarterbacks Cavanaugh's Weakness

TRANK J. CAVANAUGH, head coach at Dartmouth for the last six years, has resigned, and next year probably will have charge of the Holy Cross eleven at Worcester, Mass. It is not known who his successor will be, but it is believed that Larry Bankhart, who turned out such high-class teams at Colgate, will be offered the position. Bankhart left the New York college last fall, and although he then announced that he would not coach again. Dartmouth alumni are urging him to heed the call of his Alma Mater and go to Hanover for one year, anyway. Cavanaugh's contract had one more year to run, and it was reported in New York that he was paid a certain sum to break it. That being the case, it looks as if the Hanover authorities had things arranged to select a successor without any delay

Cavanaugh turned out some very good teams at Dartmouth, but never seemed s able to develop good quarterbacks. They knew how to play their positions, but when it came to running the team they always fell shy of the mark. Perhaps this was due to the fact that the coach had no confidence in their judgment or because they had not been taught properly. At any rate, the mistakes in generalship made by the Green team in important battles-principally those against Princeton-were famous throughout the land. Cavanaugh made the same mistake that other coaches have made in the past, but did not profit by it. In the big es, instead of allowing his quarterback to give signals in his own way and ot the plays he thought best, the coach would send in a substitute from the side lines with instructions whenever it seemed necessary. A steady stream would be rushed into the game, and before it was over the backfield would be all shot to and the quarterback nervous and excited and "up in the air." In one game sent in fourteen substitutes, which is almost a record. It stands to reason that these men must be used when they trot out on the field, and soon the regulars were watching the losing battle from the bench. But this was Cavanaugh's only weakness. He developed wonderful players and had a great system-for ten men.

#### **Basketball Stop-Clock to Be Tested Tonight**

stern Basketball League will hold a special meeting tonight at Cooper Hall, Twenty-third and Christian streets. The magnates and spec at the preliminary contest between Greystock Reserves and Grace will an opportunity to see the new basketball stop-clock given its first trial. due is to introduce it in the Eastern League. The clock is credited with being nearly piece of mechanism, invented by Dr. William J. Wray, of this city. st the pre

inderful piece of mechanism, invented by Dr. William J. Wray, of this city. It has been used in the intercollegiate matches at Princeton and also in games rooklyn. It is about twenty inches in diameter and is regulated by electricity. so arranged that immediately when time-out is called the clock automatically . When one minute and three-quarters have expired a buzzer sounds to by the efficient to get the ball in readiness for play. At the conclusion of the minutes the ball sounds and time goes on. At the expiration of twenty min-dinetes is ball sounds and time goes on at the expiration of twenty min-dinetes ball sounds and time goes on at the expiration of twenty min-

day and all minate the old conditi ting the field and playing two days' qualify ing rounds.

The dates of the open championship are July 11 to 13, inclusive, and it will be held at the Brae Burn Country Club, West

## IMPORTED HORSES ARE ENTERED IN BROOKLYN

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 .- Entries for the NEW TORK, Feb. 16.—Entries for the Brooklyn Handicap and the Brooklyn Derby, the two historic turf fixtures which will be decided at the Aqueduct track this spring, have closed with August Belmont. A. K Macomber, John E. Madden and James Butler still to be heard from. Their entries probably are in the malls and will be, accepted if they reach the office of the Brooklyn Jockey Club today? Forty-three noted thoroughbreds are en-tered for the Handicap and forty-two for the Derby. It is expected that when all the

the Derby. It is expected that when all the mail has been received these totals will have passed the three-score mark. ong the entries are several noted im-

in winning the race. ported thoroughbreds which scored suc-censes abroad, including Maintenant, Chlo-let, Madam Curie, Naturalist, Fickwick, Crimper, Trouble Fete and Greek Legend. Seven teams were tied at 1793 miles 2 laps at the end of the 102d hour and three

Two Matches Won by Miss Bjurstedt NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Miss Molia Bijurstedt, women's tennis champion, lost only four games in winning two matches in the women's invita-tion tournament at the Heights Casino yester-day, She disposed of Mrs. Ingo Hartman in the second round by 8-0. 6-2, and eliminated Miss Gertrude Delia Torre in the third round by the same score.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 16 .- The ten teams in

the six-day bicycle race were on edge to-

day to prevent surprise sprints by each

other which might prove the decisive factor

teams were one lap behind. Ohrt and Grimm

ecovered one of their lost laps last night

tract-nobody else."

sports as he wishes.

#### OLD PRINCETON ABOLISHES STANFORD COACH FAVORS THE "TWO-SPORT RULE" THREE-MILE CREW RACE

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 16. - The PALO ALTO, Cal., Feb. 16 .-- A shorter course for the Poughkeepste regatta was Princeton University faculty has abolished the old "two-sport rule." and has substifavored today by Frank Guerena, rowing coach of Stanford University. Guerena, tuted a new ruilng which permits any asked for an opinion by the stewards as eligible student to participate during any two seasons of the college year in as many

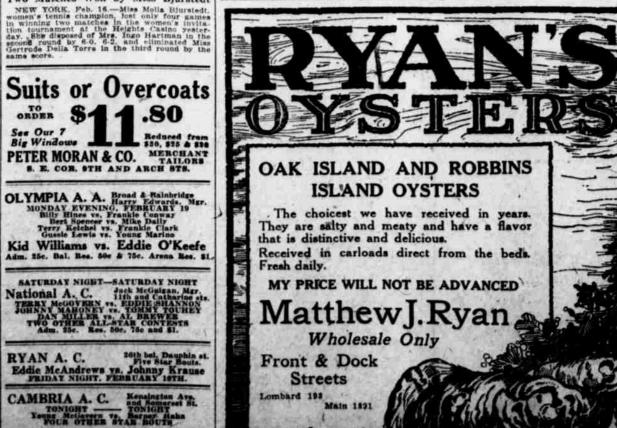
to whether a three-mile course would be better, emphatically favors the change, be-dieving a four-mile row is too great a strain

## MISS CAMPBELL IN GOLF SEMI

Philadelphia Girl to Meet Miss Rosen thal in Florida State Championship

PALM BEACH, Fia., Feb. 16.—The woman's golf tourney for the championship of the State has reached the semijinal round, in which the feature match will be between Miss Elaine Rosenthal, ex-western

champion, and Miss Ethel Campbell, of Philadelphia, both of whom won by wide margins yesterday from Mrs. T. L. Wann, Minneapolis, and Mrs. John Shepard, Jr., Providence, respectively.



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