

HENRY MAY GET SOME GOOD OUT OF THE PANNING—HIS STUFF WOULD GO BIG ON THE STAGE

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The huge green idea is only another expansion of that desire to make the game easier which is manifested in the rubbish published about enlarging the hole, in putting corrugated faces on iron clubs and in playing the Schenectady center-shafted putter. Anything to get results with the minimum of effort and skill seems to be the motto most popular in some golfing circles.

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RED CROSS TENNIS MATCHES SUCCESSFUL CAREFUL PLANNING ON PART OF ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBLE FOR RAISING OF \$100,000

BY WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D Star tennis players did much to help the Red Cross in the exhibition matches they played throughout the country during the last season in their attempt to raise \$100,000 for the cause. The plans were drawn up by carefully and efficiently by the United States National Lawn Tennis Association that from July 1, until the exhibition opened in Utica, until their close in Pittsburgh a few weeks ago the goal had been reached and the \$100,000 raised.

During the series of matches, which took place in all the prominent cities from Boston to Kansas City and from Buffalo to Louisville, the winners and runners-up, twelve women and thirty-six men, contributed their services. The regulars in the matches were Miss Mollie Bjurstedt, Miss Mary Browne, Frederick B. Alexander, Harold A. Throckmorton and John Strachan, the latter replacing William M. Johnston when the former champion was called to the colors.

In addition to the regulars these volunteers rendered valuable assistance and service. Mrs. George Wrightman (Miss Haze) Hotchkiss, Miss Eleanor Sears, Mrs. B. E. Cole, 2d, Miss Marie Wagner, Robert Lindley Murray, George M. Church, R. N. Williams, S. H. Voshell, T. R. Pell, Karl Behr, Watson Washburn, Clarence Griffin, Wallace Johnson, Dean Mathey, Charles H. Garland, N. W. Miles and myself.

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SQUAD AT PENN DWINDLING FAST

Football Candidates Dropping Off With Personnel of Varsity Becoming Settled

ONLY TWO QUARTERBACKS With the selection of players for the varsity positions more or less decided, the football candidates at the University of Pennsylvania are becoming fewer and fewer in number. The average student at the University would get very much up in arms if any one accused the undergraduates of lacking in spirit, but the conditions as they now exist at Franklin Field speak for themselves. The accusation is not necessary.

When the gridiron situation was very unsettled, at the beginning of the season, students who never before had reported for football came out for the team; but when Folwell began sifting and picking his regulars and men for the varsity squad one by one, the candidates for the American dream for the scrubs failed to come out for practice.

Squad Down to Twenty-five The greatest number of players on the field at any time yesterday afternoon was twenty-five. When Folwell first lined up his teams for signal drill he had just enough for two elevens, and three more players wandered out after 5 o'clock. There are several players on the sidelines due to injuries, but the total number would not be greater than 25.

Some undergraduates have failed to report because they figured they had no chance for the varsity and the coveted letter. But others have dropped for no apparent reason. Folwell is in great need of quarterbacks, with Bert Bell out of the fight because of the injury which he received in the Georgia Tech game.

There are only two pilots at Penn now. One is Bunnie Lerch and the other is Norman Getwals. Lerch has the edge on Getwals in generalship and experience, but although aggressive, is not the same fighting mad player as the former Central High man.

There is one student at the University who probably would be the first-string quarterback had he stayed on the job consistently from the beginning of the season. He has more natural ability to make good as an open field runner than any other man on the Red and Blue squad, with the exception of Howard Berry. He has been coached and coached by Captain Miller to keep coming out for the team and in the early days of the practices he was fairly constant in his work, but then he began missing days and finally dropped out altogether. Reference is made to Lou Martin, the sensational basketball player and captain of the cage team for the coming season.

Martin Dropped Martin has had very little football experience, but his cleverness at eluding players was evidenced on the basketball floor and in the few scrimmages in which he took part on the gridiron. Henrie Miller placed most confidence in his ability to make good, but he got tired coaxing him out for the practice.

spirit such as Martin and other candidates who have dropped the game have shown will never develop a winning football team at the University. Folwell has a hard enough task on his hands this year with a great team without being further handicapped by the lack of material. With only a few more than two elevens out for the varsity, it is hazardous to stage scrimmages for more candidates will be put out by injuries, and now when the Red and Blue tutor wants a good scrimmage he must turn to Lon Jourdet and the freshman team.

WEST VIRGINIA MAY PLAY ON COAST NEXT YEAR'S DAY Considered as Opponent for California, After Defeating Dobie's Navy Eleven

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Oct. 18.—The West Virginia University football team has been mentioned in newspapers on the Pacific coast as the logical team to oppose the University of California in the annual New Year's contest at Pasadena at the Festival of Roses between the strongest team on the coast and a representative eastern eleven.

West Virginia's stock took a rise out West through the defeat of Glimors Dobie's Navy team a week ago.

PLAN A. A. U. DISTRICT More Than Fifty Clubs in Territory of New Association

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—A meeting to form a new local district of the Amateur Athletic Union, to be known as the Allegheny Mountain Association, will be held at Pittsburgh on November 16. It was announced here today by Frederick L. Ruben, secretary of the union.

The new association, which will have headquarters at Pittsburgh, will include according to present plans, West Virginia, Pennsylvania west of Altoona, and Belmont, Columbus and Jefferson counties, of the State of Ohio. More than fifty clubs are in the district.

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CHASE RACES TO BE FEATURES

Majority of Six-Event Program to Be Over the Hurdle Numbers—J. Hoover Lewis Cup at Stake in Middleton Barrows Plate

WITH some of the best horses in the country entered there should be some exciting sport at Rose Tree on Saturday. Six races are on the card and as usual at hunt club meets, the majority are steeplechase events. One of these is the Middleton Barrows Plate for the J. Hoover Lewis Memorial Cup. This is a 3 1/2 mile race, the horses to be ridden by hunt club members. There are seven entries.

UPLAND-CHESTER PLAY FOR TITLE AT S. & C.

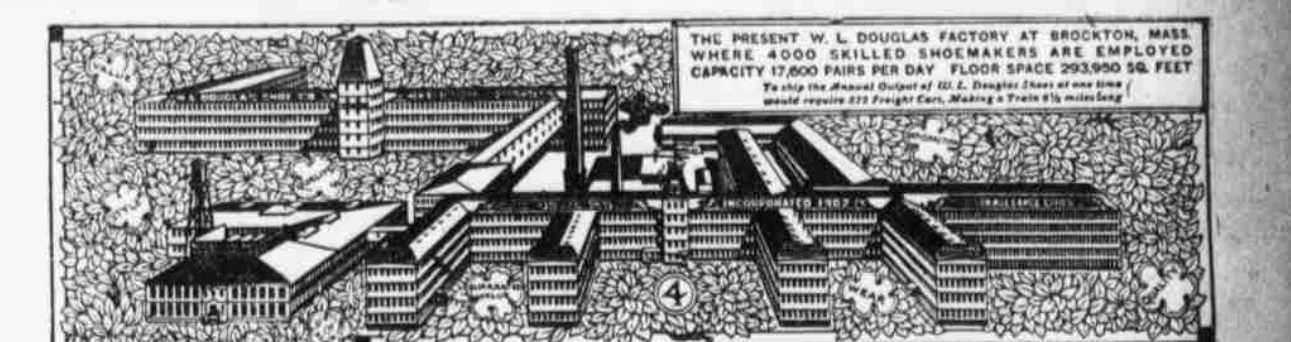
Manager Miller, of the Upland team, and Manager Poth, of the Chester team, have decided to play the fifth and deciding game for the championship of the Delaware County League next Saturday at the Strawbridge & Clothier grounds, at Sixty-second and Walnut streets.

NATIONAL COMMISSH PAYS WORLD'S SERIES CHECKS

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The National Commission opened up the money bag yesterday and distributed the spoils of the world's series of 1917. John E. Bruce, secretary of the commission, made out the checks and handed them around where they rightly belonged.

The Giants' check called for \$61,155.45, which, divided among the eligible players, gave each of them a share of \$2445.21. The Chicago players' portion is \$91,723.15, which gives each one of those eligible \$3569.52.

The commission's share was \$42,587.60, and each of the clubs received its check for \$115,668.81 minus 25 per cent, which is laid aside as an operating fund by both leagues.



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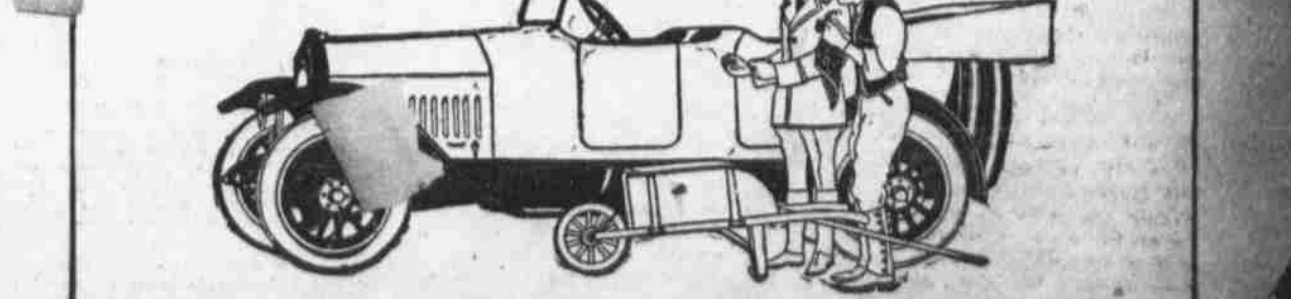
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