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Colleges Line Up Possible Men for the Olympic Games.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Immediately after New Year's, James Pilkington, president of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen and one of the delegates appointed to pick prospective rowing men for the Olympic championships abroad, will cast about in search of eligible men, particularly in the line of scullers. While it is a foregone conclusion that Bennett of Springfield, who last year won the championship, will be one of those selected to go to England, there is more or less speculation as to other scullers. Durando Miller of the New York Athletic club seems to be much favored as a suitable aspirant for foreign championships, and while there are many who believe him to be a shade or so behind Frank Greer, the Boston former champion, as to speed at least, the friends of Miller believe that the Travers island man will be at his best next summer and that his showing abroad, providing he was taken on the team, would be worthy of emulation. At all events, the idea of adding Miller's name to the list of possible representatives is receiving a great deal of favor.

In every Eastern college that makes even the smallest bid for athletic honors, active preparations are under way not only for the coming indoor season, but for the Olympic prospects next June. Harred by their respective faculties from competing in the 1906 games at Athens, the track and field men of universities and other institutions of learning in all sections of the country will leave nothing to chance, now that they have the opportunity that the date for the holding of the big meet gives them, and will take advantage of everything that will tend to earn them place on the 1908 team.

Favor College Men.

The chances are all in favor of college men making up a majority of the American contingent. These athletes have been showing the best form right along in most of the events that will make up the Olympic programme. Pennsylvania, unless it takes the bit in its teeth and carries out its threat to go to England regardless of the A. A. U., should be particularly well represented. Reports have been spread that because, under the rules governing the meet, all members of the team must go as representing any individual club or university, but merely as part of the national squad, the Quakers would pass up the Olympiad and enter the different English championship meets. It seems that Trainer Murphy promised his charges a visit to the other side if they won the intercollegiate championships last year. The Pennsylvanians imagined that they could enter the Olympic games as such. At any

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COLLEGE MEN FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

HARVARD'S ATHLETES REMAIN AT SCHOOL

rate, so the story goes, when they learned that all individuality would be done away with, the Quakers decided that rather than compete under any colors other than those of the University of Pennsylvania they would not play at all. The story, however, seems foolish on the face of it, and the Pennsylvania authorities will hardly go to such extremes, no matter how they feel over the matter.

Penns Is Strong.

With a squad of over seventy men to pick from, Pennsylvania looks to be about the strongest of the East. Taylor, Haskins, Cartmell, Bonzack and Jones, not to mention the two Whitmans, Paul, the Mercerville miler, and Hunter, who made a big reputation for himself as a two-miler while running for the Central high school of Philadelphia, are in active training and are right up to their very best form. Cartmell and Haskins gave a sample of what might be expected from them when they defeated Sietz and Sheppard, respectively, at Philadelphia the other week. There are also several very promising new men for whom Murphy predicts great futures, particularly Hartranft, a hurdler.

But even though Murphy has a team in charge with which he fully expects to again win the intercollegiate, the other colleges also loom up big. Yale has brighter prospects than in years. There are some very shifty youngsters for the sprints, and the middle- and long-distance events will be well looked after. W. R. Dray, the holder of the world's record at the pole vault, is doing close to 11 feet regularly in practice, and J. C. Platt is good for 23 feet at any time in the broad jump. Eli Parsons, the great half-miler, will no longer represent Yale, but there are several good ones left for that.

The Columbia team, while somewhat weak in the sprints, is also better than usual. George Haynes, the miler, has all his old speed. He is counted upon to win this event for the blue and white. The Morningside team is also well off in two-milers, both Hall and Sanders being good for 9:50 when in condition. The field events will also be well cared for, but the freshmen will probably have to furnish most of the sprinters.

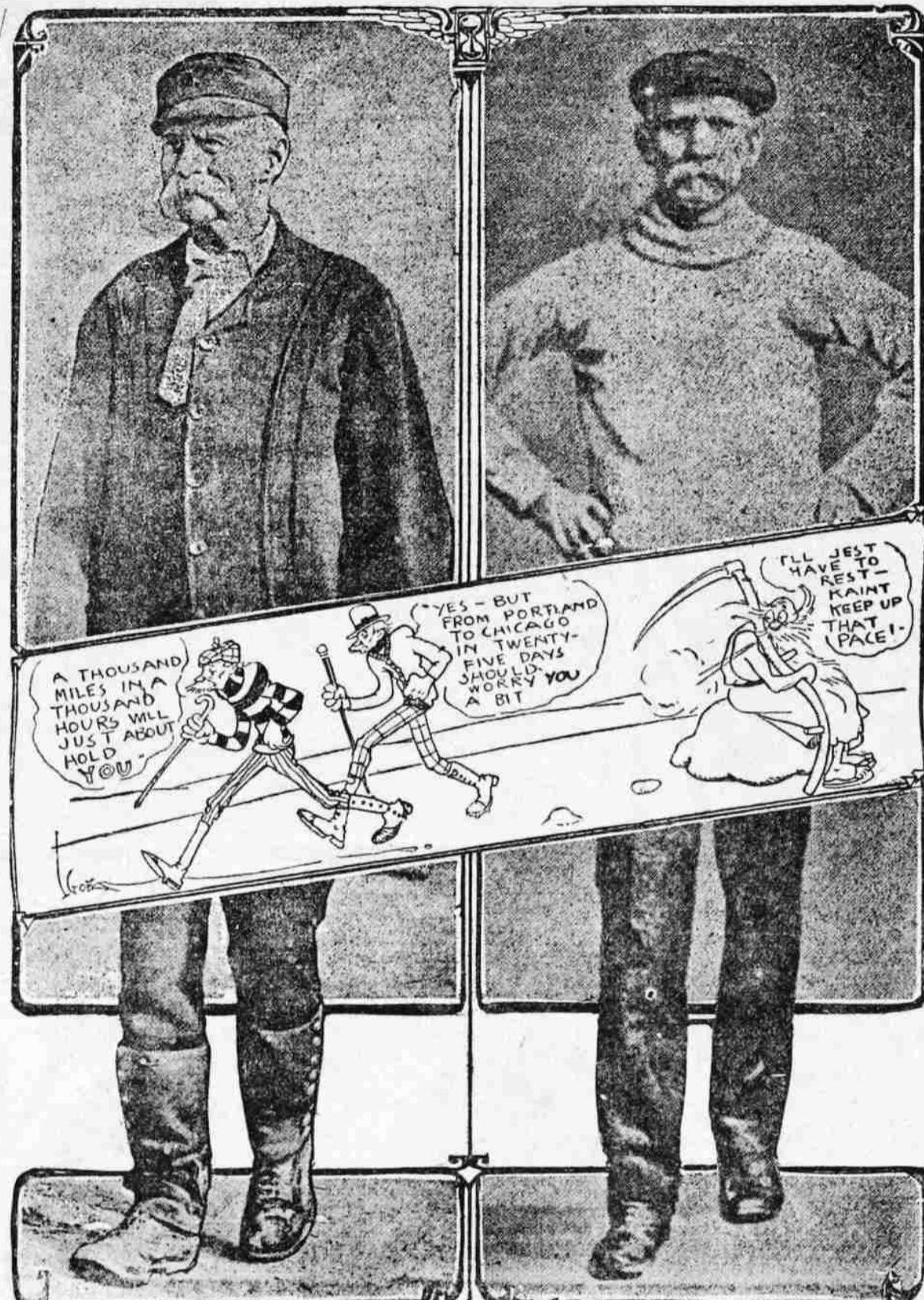
Retains Point Winners.

Many of Harvard's best point winners are still in college. In the middle distances last year's freshmen have the call, the older men having graduated, but there is some good material on hand to be developed. The sprints are in good hands and so are the hurdles. There are also a number of good men eligible for the one and two miles. With A. C. Grant and Kersberg among the missing, the pole vault and the hammer throw are the only field events that are causing any worry.

The Cambridge athletes have started training indoors, and just as soon as the weather permits will get outside. When that time comes the coaches are confident that they will be able to round out a squad that will again take the measure of Yale, make a creditable showing in the intercollegiate, and add a couple of point-winners to the Olympic team.

With the possibility of Ralph Rose, Matt McGrath, T. C. Moffett, Dan Kelly and Walter Dray added to the team, there is assurance of great strength. Three of these men made new world's records last year, while each of them is credited with the best performances of the year in their events. Rose broke all the shot-put records from the eight to the twenty-eight-pound weights, and established himself in a position that no shot-putter has occupied since the days of George Gray.

Dray made a new world's record for the pole vault. There are also several new men making phenomenally good time in the long distances, where America was weak at Athens. There is evidently no dearth of material for the



These veteran pedestrians are planning a race after more than thirty years of rivalry. On the left is Edward Payson Weston, who recently broke his youthful record by walking from Portland, Me., to Chicago. On the right is "Old Dan" O'Leary, who recently completed the hardest of endurance tests—walking 1000 miles in 1000 hours. The race will probably be from New York to Chicago.

Olympic team, and there is expected to be no scarcity of money to restrict it, so that it may safely be predicted that the Olympic team of 1908 will outclass any other athletic team ever gotten together in America.

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR BOAT RACE SCHEDULED

Tribune Special Sporting Service. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Lord Montagu de Beaulieu and Lionel de Rothschild are to issue a joint challenge for the British international motorboat cup, which was won last summer by the Dixie, and which is now held by the Motor Boat Club of America. The Motor Boat Club of America some time ago received notification that a challenge would be sent by the British Motor Boat club, and now other countries can enter and race under the conditions arranged by the first challengers and the challenged. The entries

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Griffith, it is thought, has succeeded in wading out much of the material which proved an obstacle to that New York team's success last year. He has acted on his own responsibility, for the owner of the club has not interfered with the various deals in any way. That means that it is up to Griffith to give local fans winning ball at American League park next season or shoulder the blame for another failure. When President Farrell of the New York Americans returned from the American league meeting at Chicago, he said there was no friction and that he was well satisfied with the proceedings. While Mr. Farrell declined to discuss the matter, it is understood that because of Manager Joe Cantillon's open hostility to President Johnson, the Washington club was dropped from the league's board of directors. President Johnson, by the way, will probably transfer his headquarters to this city before the schedule meeting to be held here in February.

STRICT RULES GOVERN LIPTON'S CHALLENGE CUP

Tribune Special Sporting Service. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—If Sir Thomas Lipton expected that his 2000 international challenge cup, presented to the Brooklyn Yacht club, would be offered for contest under elastic conditions, he will be sadly disappointed when he receives a copy of the deed of gift adopted by the organization. As the conditions stand they hedge the new trophy even more definitely than the conditions attached to the America's cup, and it is not considered likely that there will be any particular rush on the part of foreign yachtsmen to challenge for the new cup. A radical section of the club's membership was willing to offer the Lipton trophy practically without conditions, but the idea was overruled. The deed of gift, however, will permit races by yachts smaller than those necessary for a contest for the blue ribbon trophy, the minimum being placed at thirty-five feet if a sloop and forty feet if a schooner. Six months must elapse between the acceptance of a challenge and the first race of a series for the trophy, which virtually eliminates any chance of a contest next year. A unique feature of the deed of gift provides that at any time within one month after the acceptance of a challenge a third country may enter a yacht for the series by conforming with the other conditions as to rig and length stipulated for the defending yacht.

GOLF ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES OFFICERS

Tribune Special Sporting Service. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The United States Golfing association, through its nominating committee, has announced its new officers for the year 1908. According to the usual custom, the ticket is named thirty days before the annual meeting, which is to be held January 7. The new officers named are as follows: President, Daniel Chauncey, Garden City Golf club; vice presidents, Silas H. Strawn, Middletown Country club, and Alex Britton, Chevy Chase club; secretary, William Fellows Morgan, Baltusrol Golf club; treasurer, Samuel Y. Heebner, Philadelphia Country club. Executive committee—Leighton Calkins, Plainfield Country club; J. D. Cady, Rock Island Golf club; Herbert Jacques, the Country club, Brookline; C. F. Thompson, Homewood Country club. The only change on the list of officers is the substitution of Silas H. Strawn for Fred S. James as one of the vice presidents. Mr. Strawn is a member of the executive committee and his place is to be filled by C. F. Thompson. J. D. Cady has been chosen to succeed Warren Dickinson of Des Moines.

YALE DROPS SOUTHERN SPRING BASEBALL TRIP

Tribune Special Sporting Service. NEW HAVEN, Dec. 28.—The annual Southern trip of the Yale university baseball team during the Easter holidays will not be made this year, and the reason is that it has been dropped for all time. The authorities governing baseball here have decided that the practice furnished the Blue team on this trip is hardly worth the cost, not so much financially as physically. On several occasions pitchers have ruined their arms, and last year Coach Lush's eye was injured and Tennant's leg was broken. This year all the practice of the team will be held on Yale field and in the cage. The schedule is practically complete, and shows that in addition to a majority of the games that have contributed the playing list in former years a game with the Carleton Indians has been arranged.

Keogh After Title

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RADTKE IS BOUNCED AND WILL TRY RUSSIA

Tribune Special Sporting Service. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Jockey Herman Radtke has taken on so much weight since arriving in California that he has decided to go to Russia in the spring for a year's campaign. Radtke cannot get under 110 pounds now as a result of high living, which has cut his career as a jockey in this country short. Radtke has been his own worst enemy. He came East two years ago with brilliant prospects, but his incoherent behavior got him into a peck of trouble. He was frequently suspended by the starter and was finally ruled off for a suspicious ride on the horse Tommy Waddell. Through the influence of Paul J. Rainey, who had purchased his contract for \$25,000, Radtke was finally reinstated, but he fell into the old ways and was finally released. The boy was picked up by John E. Madden and J. R. Hitchcock, but still he preferred the bright lights of Broadway and Coney island, so that he was at last dropped like a hot potato. Instead of earning perhaps \$20,000 a year Radtke is now practically penniless, with only a few friends left to help him. He is riding now and then at Arcadia, but shows very little of his old form.



Tom Needham, new catcher secured from Boston by the New York National league team, starting for a foul ball.

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