

## ATHLETES ACTIVE IN ALL PARTS OF CANADA

## GOOD YEAR FOR ATHLETICS IN AMERICA

Despite the fact that there were no Olympic games during the season of 1913, the year which just closed was one of the best from an athletic standpoint that has yet been recorded. All of the big countries took some share in its history and if one may judge from the improvement shown during the past 12 months, the year 1914 will prove to be a worthy successor.

Track and field athletics produced many new records with the work of two athletes standing out most prominently. No athletic record made in a number of years stands out so prominently in American athletics as the world's record of 4m. 12.5s. for the one-mile run made by John Paul Jones of the famous Cornell University runner in the inter-collegiate championships last May. It was the second time he had lowered the mile record in two years and as the only one had stood for 15 years, the prospects are it will be some time before Jones' latest mark is bettered.

Hannes Kolehmainen, the famous Finn, captured enough American records during the past year to last a lifetime. He holds about every running mark from 2 1/2 to 10 miles, some of the records which he displaced having stood for years. That he will improve many of his new records during the next 12 months is the opinion of those who saw him run this summer.

Other athletes have contributed splendid work and some new American records, including: A. R. Kiviat with his 4m. 18.1s. for a mile indoors; F. L. Thompson's world's mark of 74 1/2 for the all-round championship; D. P. Lippincott's 21.1s. for the 220-yard dash.

So far as lawn tennis is concerned the season was eminently satisfactory to the United States. M. E. McLoughlin, H. H. Hackett and R. N. Williams, Jr., succeeded in bringing back to this country the Davis international trophy which had been in the hands of the British for 11 years. McLoughlin failed in his efforts to capture the championship of all England, being defeated by Anthony F. Wilding in the final match.

For the first time in the history of American tennis the Pacific coast won all the honors last year. M. E. McLoughlin showed wonderful form and ranks first in the men's singles as a reward for his winning the national championship for the second successive time. McLoughlin and F. C. Bundy are again placed at the head of the men's doubles and Miss Mary Brown, also of California, takes the leading place in the women's ranks.

Baseball had its most successful season. The Philadelphia Athletics again came into their own and not only captured the National League pennant for the fourth time, but topped this off by taking their third world championship by defeating the New York Giants, winners of the National League championship, rather easily four games to one.

In addition to the baseball played in this country during the past year, two teams representing the National and American leagues are now on a tour of the world. This is the second time United States baseball players have made world's tours and it is expected that they will do much toward spreading the popularity of this sport through other countries.

Golf proved to be one of the most popular sports of the year. It had a decided international flavor in this country as there was not a national tournament that did not have at least one golf player from a foreign country. The big event of this sport was the winning of the open championship by Francis Ouimet of the Woodland Golf Club. He was not only the first American ever to win this title, but he defeated Harry Vardon and Edward Ray, the two great British professionals, in a playoff.

Jerome D. Travers won his fourth national amateur championship. Miss Gladys Ravenscroft, woman champion of Great Britain in 1912 won the women's championship of the United States, defeating one of the strongest fields that has ever played in this tournament.

Yacht racing noted some excellent sport in all parts of the country. The racing on the great lakes was very good and the outlook for this year promises to be even better. The motor boat trials are to be held there. Two international affairs were held and the United States won and lost. England defeated this country in the race for the international motor boat trophy, while the American sloop yachts defeated the German challengers in straight races.

Pony polo was more active last year than previously, due largely to the match between the United States and England for the international trophy. America, represented by the famous Meadowbrook four which has played in all of the international matches since the cup was brought back to this country, defended the trophy in two straight games, the last being won by 14 point and being one of the most exciting polo matches ever played.

Sootball also share in the remarkable record of athletics in this country last year. Not only was the game a most satisfactory one from the viewpoint of the spectator, but it was also more popular with the players.

As far as results are considered there never has been a year when upsets were as common as last fall. Harvard was the only team on the field that went through the entire season according to expectations. The Crimson smashed many Harvard records in doing so, and the team will go down in history as one of the very best yet developed. Chicago took the Western Conference title.

## MANAGERS AS PLAYERS.

As the American league managers are lined up at the present time, Captains of Boston and Birmingham of Cleveland are the only players. The National league will have four playing in Hamilton, St. Louis; Herzog, Cincinnati; Evans, Chicago and Doolin, Philadelphia.

## PELKEY HAS TRUE PUNCH, SAYS SMITH

In an article in the San Francisco Chronicle, Harry B. Smith gives his impression of Arthur Pelkey, the Calgary heavy weight, as follows:—

"Arthur Pelkey made a profoundly good impression before a crowd that was remarkably large at Millet's yesterday, considering that the heavy weight mill is practically two weeks off. It wasn't by any means the first time that Pelkey has boxed since he arrived in San Francisco, but it was his initial appearance so far as Jimmy Coffroth, Jim Griffin and the newspaper men were concerned.

There has been much talk that Gunboat Smith would be a pronounced favorite, chiefly on the fact that his work hereabouts is known, while Pelkey is a new comer, but if gymnasium work means anything, the stranger will not be so far from an even break in whatever betting is done.

Pelkey didn't have an extended work out yesterday, but what he did was in good shape, and there is no question but that the tutoring of Tommy Burns has had its influence. For a big man he is fairly fast, both in his bag punching and in the ring, and the best of it all is that there is little, if any, lost motion.

Burns' protege doesn't look as big stripped for action as he does in his street clothes, but none the less he is well put up and equipped with a pair of shoulders that provide him with the enormous driving power and hard punching ability that he is known to possess.

There is less of the novice than one would expect to see, and he seems to have developed the art, in part at least, of getting the most out of what he does. His bag-punching is exceptionally good for a chap as big as Pelkey is. In boxing, however, Pelkey shows to the best advantage.

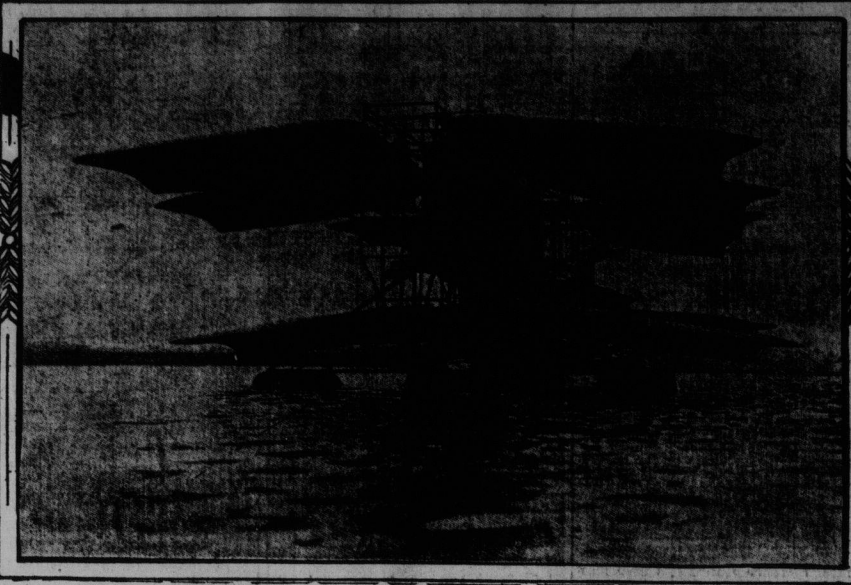
As compared with Willard, whom we have seen in the ring against Gunboat Smith, it can be said that Pelkey is more get-able. That is to say, he isn't as big a fellow and doubtless more easy to hit. On the other hand, he is far more polished as a boxer, and hasn't those awkward signs that held Willard up to comment as a rank novice. He has his hands well up, ready for anything that may happen, doesn't swing from the ground, as so many of the big fellows are accustomed to do, and best of all, his punch is one that doesn't travel more than a foot and carries behind it plenty of power.

His best punch, evidently, is a right upper-cut. He worked it repeatedly, both against Tommy Burns and Charlie Horn, who were his sparring partners yesterday, and it set the two men back when they least expected it. His left isn't a bad blow, although it will stand developments, and one of the hooks sent Tommy Burns to the floor—not an altogether difficult thing to do, since Burns assumes a posture on the floor with his left foot turned, so that he is easily to be caught off balance.

Burns, by the way, showed a surprising amount of speed, when you stop to consider how long he has been out of the game, and he explained after the milling was ended that he is quite well aware two rounds at that speed would be about his limit, and that it gives him an opportunity to teach Pelkey a number of tricks of the trade.

That all-important question of whether Pelkey is able to withstand punishment is not one likely to be settled before the match. Say what you please, that is a trait which isn't developed in the gymnasium, no matter how hard the helpers may seemingly whack away with their blows.

## WILL IT SUCCEED IN CROSSING THE ATLANTIC?



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## American Bowling Game Started 74 Years Ago.

While bowling is one of the most ancient of sports, and in England can be traced back to the twelfth century, the modern game of tenpins, now so popular all over the United States and Canada, is of comparatively recent origin.

The first match game of bowling in America was played on the Knickerbocker alleys in New York, just 74 years ago this week. The outdoor game of bowls was popular with the early Dutch and English settlers of Manhattan, and Bowling Green, in downtown New York, is a relic of the old Dutch devotion to the game. Bowling alleys—which are called skittle alleys in England—may now be found in practically every town of any size between the Rio Grande and Gulf of Mexico and Newfoundland and Alaska.

In England, indoor bowling was known as early as the thirteenth century, but the outdoor sport held its own until about the beginning of the nineteenth century. New York was the first American city to have an indoor alley, and it was there, on the first three days of the year 1840, that the first match contest was played.

For thirty years after that bowling rapidly grew in popularity, but each city, and even each alley, had its own rules, and the equipment varied widely.

As a rule, the pins were much heavier and larger than now, and easier to knock down. It was not until 1875 that the first bowling association was launched at a meeting in New York. Delegates from several eastern cities took part in the conference, and agreed on a few rules which, however, were not considered very binding. For fifteen years more bowling was not adequately regulated. The few rules then in force were accepted only in the East, and in the West were entirely disregarded. Gradually, however, it was found necessary to formulate a code of rules to govern the game all over the United States and Canada, and bowling is now as closely regulated as baseball, boxing, or any other sport. The first regular bowling club in Great Britain was the Willowbank Club, founded in Glasgow about a century ago. Bowling is now popular all over Great Britain, although a majority of its devotees are in Scotland and the north of England.

## PICKED

Pitcher Willett of the Detroit Americans has already started training for next summer at Gulfport, Miss.

Of the 29 champion pitchers in the minor leagues last summer, 15 are to be given a trial in the majors this year.

Pitcher Garrett of the Pacific Coast and Northwestern leagues has been engaged to coach the Oregon Agricultural College baseball players this winter.

## "AD" WOLGAST CAME BACK ONCE AGAIN

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 1.—"Ad" Wolgast, of Cadillac, Mich., former light-weight champion pugilist, defeated Jack Redmond, of Milwaukee, in five rounds of a ten-round boxing contest this afternoon. Referee Harry Stout stopped the contest about the middle of the fifth round, when Redmond was clearly shown to be outclassed, and without any chance to win. The first two rounds were rather tame. Wolgast, from the beginning of the third round, showed his own way. Redmond was bleeding from the mouth in the fourth. In the fifth Wolgast drove several hard left jolts to the body and right uppercut to the jaw, when the referee stopped the fight.

Emil Meusel, the player purchased by Manager Griffith of the Washington Americans from Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast league is only 18 years old.

Now that Manager McGraw did not secure Konechky from the St. Louis Nationals it is predicted that Snodgrass will be on first base for the New York Giants this summer.

President Dreyfuss appears to have again settled the rumors that his great shortstop, Wagner, would figure in a trade when he says that the player will continue in Pittsburgh just as long as he cares to play baseball.

## IT'S UP TO FEDERALS TO DO THINGS

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Every club in the Federal league must secure five major league ball players for the 1914 season or forfeit \$25,000.

Every club in the Federal league must spend at least \$40,000 for players or forfeit \$25,000.

This statement was made today by Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago club of the third league. Mr. Weeghman added that he made the conditions contingent upon his becoming a club owner, and that certified checks for the amount were in the hands of the league officials.

"The club in our league that goes to the post with less than five men of American or National league experience forfeits \$25,000," said Weeghman. "On top of that, if there is a club in our organization that has not spent at least \$40,000 for players it also must relinquish its right to a check for \$25,000 which now reposes in the hands of the league treasurer," he continued.

"When I decided to enter the Federal league it was with the understanding that the clubs must be of major league calibre. I didn't care to enter the semi-professional field or to become affiliated with an organization not of major league calibre.

"At the next to the last league meeting it was stated that every club must be represented by a certified check for \$25,000. Every club owner had a check for that amount. I was there with mine. But before I deposited it with the treasurer of the league I stated that there were certain conditions that would have to be met.

"One was that every city in our league must be represented by a team that had at least five men of major league experience in its lineup.

"I had no sooner voiced this proposition than it was carried. The next condition I imposed was that every club in the league spend at least \$40,000 in acquiring new players. That was carried just as quickly.

"As a result eight of us deposited certified checks for \$25,000 by which we agreed not only to live up to the rules of the organization, but that forfeit also will go into the league treasury if we fail to have a quintet of major league ball players in the initial lineup. I have played it safe by getting eight for the Chicago club."

## ED. M'GOORTY KNOCKS OUT DAVE SMITH

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 1.—Eddie McGorty, the American boxer, knocked out Dave Smith, of Australia, in a minute and a half today in the first round of a twenty round bout for the middleweight championship of Australia. McGorty sent his opponent to the floor three times in rapid succession before giving him the knockout blow.

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