

A Review of the World's Records for 1924.

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When will the limit of world's records be reached in athletics, swimming, etc.?

During the year 1924 there were over 150 new marks set by athletes of all nations in various parts of the world, mostly the United States and Europe, with the United States leading by a good margin. The greatest number of records smashed were in athletics and swimming. American girls and a few in Europe, also came in for their share of record breaking feats.

Quite a number of new marks were set up during the Olympic games at Paris during the year, some of the performances in swimming and athletics being remarkable. One of the greatest performers at the Big Games were Paavo Nurmi, the wonderful runner of Finland. Two decades ago Alfred Shrubbs of Great Britain was considered the marvel of the country at distance running, but during the past year Nurmi has surpassed several of the marks set by the famous Shrubbs.

Another marvel in running is Charley Paddock of Pasadena, California, but the injury to his ankle, which he suffered while playing basketball in Iowa, cut down his speed somewhat without a doubt. Even under these adverse conditions Paddock was able to set two new world's records. H. M. Abrahams of England proved himself a remarkable sprinter over the 100 yards as did E. H. Liddell of the same country for 400 meters. Jackson Scholz, Loren Murchison, Chester Bowman, H. Wilson, Alfred Laconey, Louis Clark and Albert Washington, were all American sprinters who performed in wonderful style during the year.

Dean Brownell of Illinois was a marvel at pole vaulting and Charles Brookins, Ivan Riley, Carl Christensen and Karl Anderson were remarkable in the hurdles. Harold Osborne was just as great in high jumping and all around work.

Johnny Weissmuller of Chicago was the swimming marvel among the men with Andrew Charlton of Australia and Arne Borg of Sweden close up. Miss Sybil Bauer of Chicago was the girl swimming wonder with Helen Wainwright, Gertrude Ederle, Agnes Geraghty, Ethel Lackie, Arelalde Lambert, Loris Omara, Aileen Riegin and Hilda James of England all smashing records.

Chilhowee led the running horses in record making while six marks were broken in trotting and one in pacing.

The best performances of the year follow:—

TRACK ATHLETICS—

70 yards, indoor, 7 1-5 sec., Albert Washington and Charles Coassee, Chicago.
85 yards, 8 3-5 sec., Chester Bowman (Syracuse University).
100 yards, 9 3-5 sec., H. M. Abrahams, England.
100 yards, indoors, 9 4-5 sec., Louis Clark, Baltimore.
100 yards, indoors, (A.A.U. championship) 10 sec., Loren Murchison, New York.
125 yards, 12 1-5 sec., Charles W. Paddock, Des Moines, Ia.
175 yards, 17 4-5 sec., Charles W. Paddock, Cleveland, Ohio.
200 meters, 21 1-5 sec., H. Wilson (Iowa University).
200 meters, curved track, 21 2-5 sec., Jackson Scholz (Yale) and H. T. Evans (University of I.).
250 yards, 24 7-10 sec., Loren Murchison, New Jersey.
400 meters, indoors, 60 1-5 sec., James W. Driscoll, Buffalo; 49 4-5 sec., Melvin Suttner, Buffalo; H. Wilson, (Iowa University), J. C. Taylor.
400 meters, 47 6-10 sec., E. H. Liddell, England, at Paris; 47 8-10 sec., Horatio Fitch, Paris.
500 yards, 58 sec., Joseph Tierney, New York.
2 miles, 9 min. 33 1-5 sec., (intercollegiate) R. F. Moore, Buffalo.
5000 meters, (3 miles 183 yards), 14 min., 23 2-5 sec., Paavo Nurmi, Sweden.
4 miles, 19 min., 15 7-10 sec., Paavo Nurmi, Finland.
5 miles, 24 min., 6 1-10 sec., Paavo Nurmi, Finland.
6 miles, 29 min., 7 4-5 sec., Paavo Nurmi, Finland.
10,000 meters (6 miles 370 yards) 30 min., 6 2-5 sec., Paavo Nurmi, Finland.
400 meters, relay, 41 sec., American team, L. Clark, F. Hussey, Loren Murchison and Alfred Laconey, Paris, France.
1500 meters, 3 min., 16 sec., American team, Cochran, Helfrich, McDonald and Stevenson, Paris, France.
2 miles, relay, 7 min. 45 3-5 sec., Boston College, 4 man team, Phila.
POLE VAULT—Indoors, 13 feet 5-8 inches, Dean Brownell, (Univ. of Ill.).

HURDLE RACING—

45 yards, high, 5 3-5 sec., Carl Christensen and Karl Anderson.
60 yards, high, 7 5-4 sec., Ivan Riley, (Illinois Athletic Club).
60 yards, high, indoors, 7 3-5 sec., Karl Anderson.
60 yards, low, 6 2-5 sec., Charles Brookins, (Iowa University).
60 yards, high, 10 3-5 sec., Carl Christensen and Charles Barker.
110 meters, 14 7-10 sec., Karl Anderson.
220 yards, low, 23 sec., Charles Brookins, (Iowa University).
400 meters, high, 52 1-5 sec., Ivan Riley, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

JUMPING—

Running high jump, without weights, 6 ft. 8 1-4 inches, Harold Osborne.
Indoors, 6 ft. 6 inches, Harold Osborne, (Illinois Athletic Club).
Running jump for distance without weights, 25 ft. 5 1-2 inches, Robert Legendre, (U.S.A.), at Paris.

JAVELIN—Throwing Javelin, 205 ft. 4 in., M. Priester, (Mississippi A.A. & M.).

OLYMPIC GAMES, (1924, Paris)—

United States won with 84 points; France, second, 64; Sweden, third, 44 1-2; Great Britain, fourth, 41 1-4; Finland, fifth, 34.
100 meters, 10 3-5 sec., H. M. Abrahams, England.
200 meters, 21 3-5 sec., Jackson Scholz, U.S.A.
400 meters, 47 3-5 sec., E. H. Liddell, England.
800 meters, 1 min. 52, 2-5 sec., D. G. A. Lowe, England.
1500 meters, 3 min. 53 3-5 sec., Paavo Nurmi, Finland.
3000 meters, 8 min. 32 sec., Paavo Nurmi, Finland.
5000 meters, 14 min. 31 1-5 sec., Paavo Nurmi, Finland.
10,000 meters, 30 min. 20 1-5 sec., Willie Ritola, Italy.
3000 meters, (steep chase), 9 min. 23 3-5 sec., Willie Ritola.
10,000 meters, (cross country), 32 min. 54 3-5 sec., Paavo Nurmi.
10,000 meters, (walk), 47 min. 40 sec., Fierio, Italy.

HURDLES—

110 meters, high, 15 sec., Dan Kinsley, (University of Illinois).
400 meters, 52 3-5 sec., F. M. Taylor (Grimmell College).
400 meters, relay, 41 sec., U.S.A. Team.
1500 meters, 3 min. 16 sec., U.S.A. Team.

DECATHALON—Harold Osborne, (Illinois Athletic Club, U.S.A.)—7716, 775 pts.

JUMPING—

Running high jump, 6 ft. 8 1-4 inches, Harold Osborne, U.S.A.
Running broad jump, 24 ft. 6 in., Dehart Hubbard (Univ. of Mich., U.S.A.)

SWIMMING—

100 meters, 59 sec., Johnny Weissmuller, U.S.A.
100 meters, back stroke, 1 min. 13 1-5 sec., Warren Kealoha, U.S.A.
200 meters, breast stroke, 2 min. 56 3-5 sec., Robt. Skelton, Chicago.
400 meters, free style, 5 min. 4 1-5 sec., Johnny Weissmuller.
800 meters, relay, 9 min. 53 2-5 sec., U.S.A. Team.
1500 meters, 20 min. 6 2-5 sec., Andrew Charlton, Australia.
100 meters, Miss Ethel Lackie, U.S.A., 1 min. 12 2-5 sec.
100 meters, back stroke, 1 min. 23 1-5 sec., Miss Sybil Bauer, Chicago.
200 meters, breast stroke, Miss M. E. Morton, England.
400 meters, free style, Miss Martha Norrells, England.
400 meters, relay, girls, 4 min. 55 4-5 sec., U.S.A. Team.

GIRL'S RECORDS.

TRACK AND FIELD—

50 yards, 7 1-10 sec., Miss Dorothy Smith, Peoria, Illinois.
70 yards, 8 3-5 sec., Miss Helen Pilkey, Chicago.
70 yards, 8 4-5 sec., Miss Norma Zilk, Chicago.
80 yards, 10 sec., Miss Norma Zilk, Chicago.
220 meters, 26 1-5 sec., Miss E. W. Edwards, England.
250 meters, 34 1-5 sec., Miss M. Lines, England.
280 yards, walk, 4 min. 3 sec., Mme. Regal, Paris, France.
300 kilometer, walk, 5 min. 15 1-2 in., Mme. Regal, Paris.

HURDLES—

70 yards, high, 10 3-5 sec., Miss Helen Pilkey, Chicago.
120 yards, low, 17 3-5 sec., Miss M. Lines, England.
HURDLES—Running broad jump, 16 ft. 1 1-2 in., Miss M. Lines, England.

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(To be continued)

Alliance Loses Manitoba Appeal.

Privy Council Rules Excursion Trains Can Run Sundays—Legislation Amending Lord's Day Act in West Upheld.

London, Dec. 22. (C.P.)—The appeal of the Lord's Day Alliance to the Privy Council in the matter of the legality of the running of Sunday excursion trains in Manitoba was dismissed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today.

Their Lordships of the Judicial Committee agree in effect with the entire ruling of the Manitoba Court of Appeal in the case, that is, that the "Act to amend the Lord's Day Act of Manitoba" passed by the Manitoba Legislature, permitting the running of Sunday excursion trains, is valid.

Their Lordships of the Judicial Committee in giving judgment stated that the legislative history of Canada with regard to Sunday observance had been somewhat disturbed. It apparently was assumed for many years after Confederation that such legislation was exclusively committed to the Provincial legislatures as being a matter relating to property and civil rights, or being merely a matter of a Provincial nature.

This view, their Lordships continued, was so widely held that no Dominion statute was ever promulgated. Not until 1902 was the validity of these Provincial enactments questioned. In that year the Ontario Court of Appeal upheld an Act relating to that Province but on an appeal being taken to the Privy Council the latter held that the Act, treated as a whole, was beyond the competency of the Ontario Legislature.

The ground for this decision was that an infraction of the Act was a criminal offence which, in its widest sense was reserved for the exclusive authority of the Federal Parliament. The latter deemed it necessary subsequently to deal with the subject by legislation resulting in the Dominion Act of 1906.

The argument in the appeal to the Privy Council in the case of the Lord's Day Alliance against the Attorney General of Manitoba over the question of the validity of the Act in question was heard last July and judgment was reserved.

N. W. Rowell, K.C., for the Lord's Day Alliance, urged that the Act was invalid because it dealt with a matter relating to criminal law which was within the exclusive competence of the Federal Government and the Federal Government had not delegated to the Province the power to pass such legislation. Mr. Rowell contended that the Lord's Day Act of Canada was not a law over which the Province of Manitoba had legislative authority.

Attorney-General R. W. Craig, of Manitoba, argued that the Dominion Parliament in the provisions of the Lord's Day Act had expressly excepted any Province in which the existing law or future legislation permitted Sunday excursions, which he claimed were lawful under the common law. The provincial legislation, in question, he contended, contained nothing prohibitive and therefore there was no attempt to invade the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Parliament over criminal matters.

This Act lays down for the whole of Canada regulations as to Sunday observance, their Lordships stated. Some things in the Act are everywhere prohibited and other things everywhere allowed. But there is an intermediate class of activities, amongst them being Sunday excursions, with reference to which the Act recognizes the fact that differing provinces, so varying are the circumstances and usages of the predominant religious beliefs. Putting it generally the Act provides with reference to these matters that Provincial views with a province shall prevail.

In their Lordships' judgment a Provincial Act passed subsequently to a Dominion Statute, if it is to be regarded as within the meaning of the reservation, must be one enacted by the province effectively and the solution of the problem whether the Manitoba Statute now under consideration is in that sense "in force" in the province will be simplified if it is first asked whether it would have been within the competence of the Legislature effectively to enact it. Had there been no previous Dominion legislation. As to this question their Lordships think only an affirmative answer can be given.

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