

This was the first time in the history of English Athletics that one man won both events in one day.

Mr. Kerr in the preliminary, semi-final and final heats ran in 10 flat in the hundred yards.

E. B. Archibald won the Pole Vault beating the English and Swedish Champions and establishing a new English record of 12 feet.

Through the kindness of the Canadian High Commissioner's office and Lord Alverstone, President of the A. A. A., Mr. Kerr was able to bring the three cups with him which represent the English championship for the year in the 100 and 220 yards and for first performance of both. Never had three championships been taken out of England by one country before.

J. H. CROCKER,

LONGBOAT IN THE MARATHON.

The Canadian Olympic Committee noting Mr. Crocker's statement that he believed Longboat had taken or been given some stimulating drug during the race, wrote to Mr. Crocker saying that this might be construed as a reflection on Longboat's Manager, Mr. Flanagan, and asking for a fuller expression of opinion. Mr. Crocker replied as follows:—

"All say that Longboat was running well at the 20th mile in second place. He collapsed without any warning and complained of a severe pain in the head.

"This with the facts of his condition on arrival at the Stadium 40 minutes afterwards, leave me but little doubt that the Indian received an overdose of some stimulant.

"As soon as he was brought in I went over and examined him carefully. A doctor was there and said, "He is better now and will be all right but he has had a close call."

"I found a weak pulse—the respiration very slow—a 'pin point' pupil of the eye and an unconscious condition which was not sleep.

"To all appearance some one had got anxious and thinking to help the Indian by giving a stimulant, had given an overdose.

"I feel sure he had a narrow escape from death. Rule 4 of the Marathon says; 'No competitor either at the start or during the progress of the race may take or receive any drug. The breach of this rule will operate in the absolute disqualification of the competitor.'

"A great deal of stimulant of one sort or another was being used at the Stadium and Mr. Sherring warned our men to keep clear of all 'dope.'