

SPORTING NEWS

CAROLINA COMMITTEE ANSWERS CHARGES

Statements Made by Observer Regarding Athletic Relations With University of Virginia Declared to Be Without Foundation in Fact—Virginia Committee Fair and Courteous at All Times, Says Carolina Committee.

The Observer of to-day contains an editorial on University athletics that is chiefly an attack on the athletic committee of this University. With the spirit of an editor's reply will have nothing to do; the statements and inferences in that editorial, however, as applied to us are wholly without foundation in fact.

One of the two charges in the editorial is that the athletic rules here are too strictly enforced. It does not call into question the rules themselves, no doubt for the reason that they are in common acceptance North and South. As to the charge of too strict enforcement no specific answer may be made for the reason that no specific instance is given, nor does the committee admit a single instance where it was accused of acting unjustly or harshly. The charge cannot apply to this year's team, because not a single man was disqualified.

The whole fact here is that we have the rules that prevail throughout the country, and we are honestly enforcing them with such judgment and simple justice as experience has given us.

The main emphasis of the editorial is upon the charge of the "servility" of the North Carolina committee and the "downright arrogance" of the Virginia committee towards us.

REVIVAL OF DISTANCE RUNNING.

Tom Longboat, the Most Picturesque Figure in the Athletic World—How He Came Into Prominence—Professional Running Takes a Great Boost.

New York, Dec. 13.—With Tom Longboat, the Indian, at the professional race, distance running as a popular activity is likely to see a big revival. The world-wide fame won by Johnny Hayes in the Olympic Marathon, Dorando's now historic finish in the mile race, and the recent defeat of Hayes, and Longboat's meteoric career, are events sufficient to arouse the old interest in contests of speed and endurance.

Longboat ran in the Marathon at the Olympic games last year and was among the front runners for about twenty miles, when he retired. Longboat has never been in the United States, but he has run with rubber boots on as well with the up-to-date spiked shoes.

With the Hayes-Dorando match professional running has certainly taken a boom. It would be almost surprising to see many great amateurs turn to the moneyed side of the game within the next few months.

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THREE FIGHTS FOR FRISCO.

Important Mills to Be Felled Off in Pacific Coast City During December.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 13.—Three important fights will be pulled off in California this month. The first will be a twenty-five round go-between Billy Page and Hugo Kelly, the crack lightweight, from the Pacific Athletic Club, of Los Angeles, on December 15th; the second, a twenty-round battle between Sam Langford, the former pugilist of Boston, and Jim Flynn, the Pueblo heavyweight, at the Washington Athletic Club, of San Francisco, on December 17th; and the third, which will be the big event of the month, is a forty-five round go-between Al Kaufman, the California heavyweight, and Jim Barry, of Chicago, which is carded for December 31st at the Jefferson Athletic Club, of Los Angeles.

Michigan Wants a Winning Eleven. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—Strenuous efforts are to be made to give Michigan University a winning football team next season.

Amateur Champion Travers Shows the Experts Something on the Montclair Course. New York, Dec. 13.—One of the most remarkable exhibitions of golf ever seen anywhere was given on a recent Saturday by Jerome D. Travers, national champion on the links of the Montclair Golf Club.

Mr. C. D. HARRIS TO LEAVE. Popular Graduate Manager of Athletics at A. & M. College, Raleigh, to Move to Louisville to Live.

Developments in the Scandal Threatened to Break up the Great Tournament of Chicago, Dec. 13.—Developments in the amateur billiard world's "scandal" threaten to break up the annual national championship tournament which is scheduled for next March.

TAPT TALKS OF THE SOUTH DOESN'T EXPECT BIG LANDSLIDE

President-Elect Tells The Observer's Representative That He Will Try to Make Things Easier in the South For His Successors—Expects Republicans to Make More Gains Two and Four Years Hence—Wants to Be on Good Terms With Southern People, He Says—Inquires Again About Hong Kong Gender and the Big Fat Hen—Treats Reporters Kindly, Though He Is Evidently Keeping Engagements With Them.

Why, said he, laughing good-naturedly, do not expect the South to come with a great landslide as one would believe from reading certain papers; but I do hope to make it easier for candidates who follow me. Your section of the country is growing rapidly in the progress of the war and there is no reason why we should not do better two and four years from now than we are doing now.

Mr. Taft had a very busy man sitting here a week ago. He had attended the very important political dinners and heart-to-heart confabs of various kinds. His time has been fully occupied. If one wanted to see him had to make an appointment with him.

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AMUSEMENTS

"Night of Way" Opens Its Southern Season at New Orleans. Special to The Observer. New Orleans, La., Dec. 13.—Klaw & Erlanger's original New York company in Sir Gilbert Parker's great drama, "The Night of Way," with Guy Standing and Theodore Roberts in their famous impersonations of Charles Steele and Joe Portogau, opened its Southern season at the Tulane Theatre, New Orleans, to-night.

Miss Blanche Walsh. Miss Blanche Walsh has probably played more successful leading roles than any actress in America of her age. She triumphed in the complete repertoire of the late Fanny Davenport, became famous in the stage works of Sardou and created parts in New York which spread her fame throughout the world.

STOCK COMPANY THIS WEEK. The Hutton & Bailey Stock Company will open a week's engagement at the Academy of Music to-night.

Odell Mills to Be Known as the Locke Erwin Mills. Concord Tribune. The change in the properties of the Odell Manufacturing Company to the new corporation that has just purchased the magnificent and well-known building will bring about the abolishment of the familiar name of "Odell Mills," which has been associated with Concord and the State of New Hampshire for the past half century.

Colonel Andrews a Pace-Setter. Wall Street Journal. Annual stockholders' meetings have been held under all sorts of conditions before—all sorts save one. The annual meeting of the North Carolina Midland for the past half century was the latest of the kind.

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