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THREE CYCLISTS WHO ARE NOW IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

"Father" Chadwick and His Views on Pitchers

BASEBALL

Timely Gossip in the Big Leagues • Sebring's Batting

HENRY CHADWICK, popularly known throughout the country as the "father of baseball," has made an interesting contribution to the literature of the national game by announcing the results of a series of investigations he has made into the effect produced on teams by the maintaining of large pitching staffs. "Father" Chadwick, whose opinion, by the way, is worth a great deal, has come to the conclusion that a large staff of pitchers is a handicap rather than a benefit.

That fact, he declares, was apparent in the races of the National and American leagues last year, when the sixteen

standing. The New Yorks, however, who finished last, had no less than thirteen star pitchers in action, six of them doing the major share of the work. Five of the thirteen pitched in no victories whatever.

The American league contest also produced results evidencing that too many pitchers are a white elephant. An interesting feature of last season becomes noticeable by a comparison of the records of the winning teams in both major leagues. In the National the Pittsburgh Pirates won their second pennant solely through the superior work of their pitchers. The champion Athletics of the Americans, however, captured the silk sash by reason of the gift edged support the twirlers received. So it becomes plain that there is no cut and dried rule for success in baseball, and the argument frequently advanced that a good pitching corps will always make a successful team was proved incorrect by the feat of Connie Mack's Quakers, who won out against at least three American teams having better pitchers.

Cleveland Had Twenty Twirlers. The Cleveland club in the American league last year employed twenty pitchers, and yet the club finished away down in the list. Three of the number pitched in more defeats than victories and six failed to win even a single contest.

Is any more proof needed to show that the strength of a team does not depend on its having a large number of pitchers? This year it would seem that the various captains and managers in the big leagues have learned a lesson. The number of pitchers has been materially reduced in several instances, and when the season closes very few teams in either the American or the National league will be found to have used more than seven or eight twirlers at the very most.

The Chicago Colts a Surprise. One of the greatest surprises in the National league this year has been the splendid showing of the Chicago team. President Hart and Manager Selee have left no stone unturned to put a strong aggregation on the diamond, and the sterling article of ball that has resulted shows conclusively that they know their business. The Colts managed to force their way to the top of the league early in the season, and the Windy City "fans" at last had an opportunity to root for a National team that was not lingering down among the "also rans."

The baseball conditions were somewhat reversed from those of last season, when Comiskey's American White Sox were fortunate enough to have the leadership in the American league early in the campaign. But baseball is like horse racing in its uncertainty, and a team that is the pride of the land one moment finds itself striving hard for a reputation the next.

The Hart-Comiskey War of Words. The wordy war between Hart and Comiskey was finally settled, much to



C. W. SAMS, BAN JOHNSON'S LEGAL ADVISER.

Conway W. Sams, formerly president of the L. A. W., is legal adviser to President Johnson of the American league, steering him clear of many annoying tangles in his baseball dealings.

Here is an Example. A striking illustration of "Father" Chadwick's argument is to be had by comparing the work of the winners and the tail enders of a year ago. The champion Pittsburghs had but five men on the pay roll who pitched in a sufficient number of games to give them a

the relief of the followers of the game. The proceedings which marked the controversy were not dignified and did as much to harm the game in the minds of the public as do alterations between layers and umpires.

And, by the way, speaking of umpires, did you ever hear of a more unnecessary disturbance on the diamond than that which graced the recent "Pittsburgh game in New York?" Pitcher Johnny Reardon's just deserts when "resident" Pulliam sent him to the bench for three days without pay, but at the same time Umpire Emslie was not without blame. He should not have allowed the Pittsburgh players to imagine that they could behave as they pleased with an opposing team. The "Pitts" have developed a streak of

Just as though there was no audience present. This practice makes trouble for me sometimes, for the fans do not have the advantage that I have of seeing a close play, but I consider the method the only one fair to the players.

Sebring Is All Right.

Jimmy Sebring, that clever youngster from Bucknell university, where Christy Mathewson also learned how to pitch, is certainly one of the best things on the baseball programme. Sebring is a hitter from away back, and he fills the place vacated by Lefty Davis in a manner that causes Captain Fred Clarke no regrets that Davis chose to jump to the American league. In a recent game in Pittsburgh Sebring



LILLIAN BLAUVELT, THE AMERICAN SOPRANO WHO HAS CREATED A FURORE IN LONDON.

Lillian Blauvelt, the young American soprano who recently appeared in the roles of Juliette and Marguerite at Covent Garden, London, has taken the usually conservative critics of that city by storm. Most of Miss Blauvelt's work has been done in concert, and there were those who feared that the result of her experience in London would be anything but satisfactory. However, it has been made, and the doubters have been put to rout. There is a strong movement on foot looking to Miss Blauvelt's engagement next season as a member of the Metropolitan Opera company of New York, the finest musical organization the world has ever seen. It is doubtful, however, whether this can be arranged, as Miss Blauvelt's contracts for next winter were made long before she had even signed for the London engagement.

"scrappiness" that will but revert to their injury if persisted in.

Another Umpire's Troubles. Umpire Johnson had a disagreeable time at Cincinnati recently, and the police were compelled to escort him to the gate. He called a Cincinnati runner out at the home plate, and the rooters talked threateningly for a time. Johnson says: "It seems to be the umpire's lot to bear a big burden of abuse. But I make it my rule to give decisions

did something seldom seen on the diamond. In the second inning he struck the ball fairly on the nose. It slipped in deep center and rolled under the ropes for a home run. While the hit was really remarkable, the whiffwind speed with which he made the effort of the bases was more so. The spectators looked on in admiration. In the fifth inning, just to show the spectators that his previous hit was no fluke, Sebring again landed on the ball for a home run, sending it to the corner field fence. When Jimmy reached the home plate after duplicating his exhibition of rapid base running the crowd went wild, and every man on the Pirate team shook his hand.

Concerning Cy Young.

But to come to the question of pitchers, do you know who has the best claim to being the most remarkable twirler in the country? He is no other than Cy Young of Boston. Cy has been in harness for more than fifteen years, and even today his record compares favorably with the best of the "young uns."

Cy is nothing less than a giant, being more than six feet tall, and the power in his right arm and shoulder is amazing in a man of his age. He takes excellent care of himself and during the playing season never lets a day pass without putting in at least an hour of practice.

Sometimes Cy takes things too easily in the box, and he has been known to get his bumps good and hard, but when such misfortune attends Cy takes up an inch or two of slack in his belt and in the next game invariably squares the deal. CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

As to Prize Money.

A conservative estimate places the amount of the prize at \$5,000, and there is a chance that it will grow to double that figure. This sum is to be divided among the first five men in the premiership battle, 20 per cent going to the winner, 25 per cent to second place, 20 per cent to third, 15 to fourth and 10 per cent to fifth. To keep a position among the leading five scorers will in itself be worth a strong effort.

Philadelphia are persistently confident that the rider bearing their standard, Harry Elkes of Glen Falls, N. Y., will finish in first place. Elkes is a dangerous man. He was national champion for several years, and, although last season's title is disputed, Elkes is considered by many to have the best claim to it.

Among the sprinting cyclists who will lead the way are Frank Kramer, national champion, who is reported to be in great form; Lester Wilson, Owen Kimble, Eddie Bald and a score of others, including John Bedell of Lynbrook, N. Y., who has been riding in fast time for the last two years.

Most of the members of the large American contingent now abroad will return to this country in July to par-

The Cycling Season Opens. League For Paced Riders

SPORTING

A Boy Oarsman's Skill. Golf and Pugilistic Talk

CYCLE racing is now on for the summer, and much good sport is promised the followers of the whirling wheels. The season practically opened in Philadelphia, that city's tracks having been admitted to membership in the National Paced league, and an interesting series of races is now taking place in various cities in the new cycling organization.

As its name signifies, the league has been founded for the purpose of allowing the followers of pace to indulge in active competition without depending on opportunities of an intermittent nature, and it comprises the following cities:

Pittsburg, Washington, Baltimore, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Hartford, New Haven, New York, Springfield, Mass.; Worcester, Mass.; Providence, Revere Beach, near Boston, and Boston.

A Rider For Each City.

Each of the foregoing cities is represented by a rider appointed to it by the league officials. These men compete against each other in regular match contests, thus creating considerable local interest, and the winner of the year's championship wins it, of course, for the city he represents.

A glance at the list of men now enrolled in the circuit shows that rare sport is assured. They are Harry Elkes, Bobby Walther, Will Stinson, Jimmy Moran, Hugh McLean, Otto May, Joe Nelson, Bennie Munroe, Basil de Gulehard, Harry Caldwell, Nat Butler, Howard Freeman, Gus Lawson, Hardy Downing, George Leander and Billy McConnell.

Already there has arisen considerable

participate in the events of the grand circuit.

Jimmy Hall, Boy Oarsman.

Some remarkable boy athletes have made their appearance before the public of recent years. It has remained for Jimmy Hall of New York city to show us just how expert a lad of twelve years can become in the use of the oars. Little Jimmy is a familiar sight on the Harlem river, where he has given many a seasoned veteran a hard run in a test of speed, and, moreover, he is a "trick oarsman" of pronounced ability. One of his favorite stunts is to stand upright in his shell and row. Any one who has ever been in a racing shell is well aware of the difficulty with which balance is maintained and can fully realize the extent of Jimmy's skill when he manipulates a shell from a standing position.

Jimmy expects to become a professional some day, and it is dollars to doughnuts that he will make several of the top notchers work hard to defeat him.

Thomas and Hermis.

E. R. Thomas, the young millionaire who recently purchased Hermis, the champion thoroughbred of the east and the rival of McChesney for national honors, will undoubtedly have one of the best racing stables in the country inside of a year. He is aiming at class rather than numbers and with Yardarm and Hermis has a nucleus for a splendid string. Thomas it was who acquired publicity a year or two ago by holding the position of bank president for a single day, on some joke Smith said, he was "president for one consecutive day." Thomas was elected president one day; twenty-four hours later the bank failed.

The price paid for Hermis, \$50,000, was rather high considering the fact that the great thoroughbred had not been in a single competition this year up to the time of his purchase. Some horsemen stated that Thomas was a greenhorn and had been led into buying a "pig in the poke," but the horse has since shown that he has all his last year's speed, and he should prove a valuable breadwinner for the Thomas stable.

Flatiana.

One day recently a well known pugilist met a friend of his who indulged in the same strenuous pastime. "You look thirsty, Jimmy," take a punch," said pugilist No. 1, and, snuffing the action to the word, he raised his fist and sent a stinging jab into the solar plexus of his friend, whereupon pugilist No. 2 raised his fist and replied, "Yes; you, too, look pretty dry; take a drop yourself," and scrapper No. 1 was lulled gently to sleep by a beautiful bluff under his right ear.

"This is the first time in my life that I ever took the count," said Jim Jeffries in San Francisco recently when he treated a sporty foreign nobleman to a cab ride.

The backers of Jim Corbett in his coming fight with Jeffries are greatly pleased by the ex-champion's condition. Corbett is looking bigger and stronger than ever before, and as the fight is scheduled for but twenty rounds it would seem that Jim has a mighty good chance to stay the limit with the ex-bolier maker.

Golf Purists, Awake!

By the way, we haven't seen the annual statements to the effect that Walter J. Travis is a professional golfer. They are about due. The chronic kickers have resuscitated this bugaboo quite regularly for a couple of years, and, unless they have all dropped dead, their innocuous quackery is really alarming.

Every kicker should realize that it is practice which makes perfect in all things, even kicking, and a season of relaxation, even though it be very short, will serve to tarnish ability. So come to life, kickers all! Show us some reasons why the ex-champion should forever and ever be barred from amateur competition. Show us why he should not be permitted to eat those meals a day; demonstrate his nefarious culpability by proving beyond doubt that he wears a shoe on each foot during the molting season. Do something, for goodness' sake, to show us that the kickers are still kicking.

ARTHUR ROCKWOOD.

Viola Allen announces that next season she will appear in an elaborate production of "Twelfth Night."

H. THURMAN CHAPMAN. POLE VAULT CHAMPION.

The recent breaking of the intercollegiate pole vault record by H. Thurman Chapman of Drake university, Des Moines, has made a decided sensation in the sporting world. Chapman's vault



of twelve feet is nothing short of remarkable. He already held the western intercollegiate championship, winning the title at the conference meet of 1902 by a vault of 11 feet 6 1/2 inches.

NEWPORT TENNIS COURTS.

What is undoubtedly the most exclusive tennis court in the world, aside from courts that are the private property of individuals, is the little quadrangle located within the casino at Newport, R. I., where the national championships are held. The right to play upon this court is, of course, limited to members of the casino and their invited guests, and it goes without saying that membership is extended to the multimillionaire aristocracy of Newport alone.

The casino, which surrounds the court, in form a semicircle, is also rendered exclusive so far as patrons of the cafe on the upper verandas are concerned by the assessment of an admission fee of 50 cents aside from whatever may be ordered for luncheon.

UNDERHILL, STAR TWIRLER.

W. H. Underhill of Princeton university has won considerable renown during the last three years by reason of his prowess on diamond and gridiron.

Underhill has pitched on the varsity nine for three years and played full back on the football eleven two seasons. At present he and Stevens are the mainstay of the team's pitching division, and, while Underhill, or "Butsey," as he is better known, is not now in the best form, he will undoubtedly round into shape for the last games of the campaign.

Underhill is a native of East Orange, N. J., where on the high school teams he began to develop his athletic ability. He is very popular and is unusually quiet and unassuming.

Probably Underhill's greatest athletic exploit occurred two years ago when he won the baseball championship for Princeton by twice defeating Yale through superb pitching.

HURST'S LITTLE JOKE.

Tim Hurst, the veteran baseball umpire, while in San Francisco recently was a more or less interested listener to a Californian who had been to the Philippines and took part in what he described as a great battle.

"Why," said he, "the Second California settled the war. We met at least 5,000 Filipinos and after a desperate battle chased them into the river. Two of our men were killed and seven wounded."

"Do you call that a desperate battle?" said Hurst.

"Why, certainly," answered the soldier. "There might have been a good many more."

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THOROUGHBREDS LINED UP FOR A START AT WASHINGTON PARK, CHICAGO, WHERE AMERICAN DERBY WILL BE RUN.

The thoroughbred racing season is now in full swing, and attendance and entries everywhere are highly satisfactory to the patrons of the "sport of kings." The well known course at Washington park, Chicago, is in splendid shape. Many attractive events are scheduled by the Washington Park Jockey club, the most important being the American Derby, to be run Saturday, June 20.

DRAMA'S DOINGS.

Brandon Tynan, the Irish actor and playwright, who appeared this season in his own play, "Robert Emmet," is writing a new play in which David Belasco may star him next season. "Robert Emmet" is no longer Mr. Tynan's property, and will be used by his former manager, J. W. Rosquest. Jefferson De Angelis has joined the

Independent forces and next season will appear under the management of Walter & Fields in a new comic opera, "The Jolly Tar," of which he is part author.

Michael Morton, who has been in New York for some time studying the Belasco production of "The Darling of the Gods" for Mr. Tree, has gone to Eng-

land. He has seen the play twenty-six times from curtain to curtain, demonstrating that stage managers earn their salt, and he says that he has every least bit of business and stage effect in his head. He has also complete models of the scenery and costumes.

Dr. Conan Doyle has just finished his dramatic setting of "The Adventure of Brigadier Gerard." The play is in four acts and is based on an incident in the

life of the famous soldier of fiction which has never before been published. The action is laid in France just after Waterloo. Napoleon is an important character, and the brigadier is shown in love.

Stair & Haylin are to add to their long list of theaters by building a new and expensive house in Paterson, N. J. Richard Harding Davis has purchased the rights of Andre de Lorde's

French play, "The System of Doctor Goudron," which he will adapt for American production for Charles Frohman.

Henry Irving has made his production of "Dante" in London, and the critics call it a most gorgeously magnificent production and a wonderfully interesting play.

The directors of the Metropolitan Opera and Real Estate company of New

York have re-elected the officers of last year, with the exception of Adrian Iselin, who was succeeded by his son, Adrian Iselin, Jr. Mr. Iselin, Sr., resigned because he was unable to attend meetings regularly.

John D. Barry has written the best theatrical novel that has yet been produced in "A Daughter of Therapia." It isn't markedly theatrical in the telling, but is so admirably real in its de-

scription of stage life that one feels the writer's familiarity and acute conception. It is well told.

Mrs. Pike has sailed for the other side. She will spend a few weeks in the large cities of Germany and will then go to the Alps, where she will remain till it is time to return in August. The cable reports of Miss Ellen Terry's production of Ibsen's "The Vikings" do not indicate a great success.



JIMMY HALL, THE BOY SCULLER.