

News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

NOBLE HISTORY OF GREEK GAMES

Events in Ancient Greek Life Lend Prestige to Contests.

NEW HONORS FOR MARATHON

Race is Scheduled Because of Heroic Effort of Courier at Great Historical Battle.

Americans as a nation are greatly interested in the Olympic games, for which the best athletes the country could send are now preparing in Athens. Here in Salt Lake there are many Greeks who share the pride of their ancient ancestry, in the awakening of modern Greece which these games bespeak, and over in Greece today there is more than a little of the fund for the entertainment of American athletes that was sent from the Salt Lake postoffice, and raised by the Salt Lake colony.

The reason for the action is that there is hardly a village in Greece from which some member has not come to America, and therefore the kinship between the two countries is keenly felt, and Greeks in the stadium, witnessing the games are anxious to cheer for the American team, for they have had letters from near kin over here, asking them to do all in their power to show a kindly feeling towards the Americans.

To give dignity to the games, the king and queen of England, together with the Prince of Wales are to be guests of honor, and will sit with King George of Greece in the seats built especially for the royal family. The details of arrangements have been perfected under the direction of Crown Prince Constantine of Greece, who has given them his personal attention for a long time, and who is responsible for the entertainment of all visiting athletes. The Greeks consider the carnival, so local residents declare, the greatest chance Greece has to re-establish her ancient prestige as a nation, and they look upon these annual visits to the ancient birthplace for formal athletic contests, as a tribute modern Greece may receive on behalf of her ancient ancestry.

It was in 1896 that the stadium was restored, through the philanthropy of a wealthy Greek merchant, and in that year the first Olympic games were held in modern times. Then at Paris another series were held during the World's fair, and at St. Louis the last set were held. These games away from Greece did not receive the support of the Athenians, and now it has been voted never again to allow an Olympian festival to be held away from the stadium. Sentiment has become firm on this point, and it is likely that from now on a long era of Olympian games will begin, all of them held at Athens, with the king as host, and the Greek people making use of the opportunity to show hospitality, and when possible, athletic supremacy to all other nations.

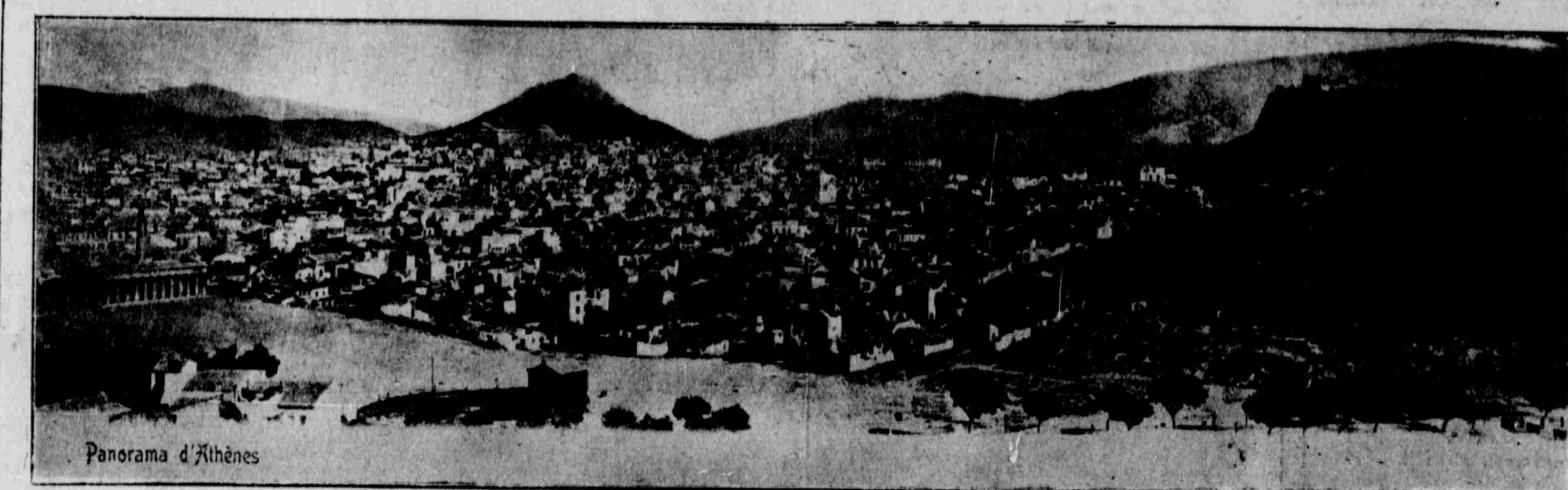
Stathakos, a Salt Lake resident, was in Athens in 1896 when the first modern games were held. His wife and three children are still there, studying in the Athens high school, preparatory to entering the university. Upon their graduation he intends to bring them to this country, and for that reason is employing a regular tutor to give them English lessons. He has written his two boys to seek out the American athletes and give each of them a cordial welcome to the city.

HONOR AMERICANS

Discussing these games Mr. Stathakos said in an interview: "There was one thing occurred in honor of the Americans that was not given any other nation's representatives. After each event the flag of the nation whose representative won, was flown from the large pole at the end of the stadium, and when Connolly, an American, won the 'triploin,' as we call it, or the 'hop, skip and jump,' as it is styled in this country, and the American flag went up, all the Greeks in the stand took out little flags from under their coats and waved them amid a deafening roar of cheers—or 'yotos,' as we style it."

THE MARATHON RACE

Sketching the history of the ancient games, Mr. Stathakos states that the first Olympic games occurred in Elis, and no one but Greeks were allowed to participate, all other peoples being styled "barbarians," and unworthy



Panorama d'Athènes

PANORAMIC VIEW OF ATHENS WHERE THE GREAT OLYMPIC GAMES OF THE WORLD TAKE PLACE

of a place in the meets. When Greek states were at war they declared a truce at the times of the games, and the victors received their laurel wreaths as the only sign of victory, the wreath being bestowed by the king personally, or through a representative. When Xerxes arrived at Greece, with his great army, his ambassadors who came seeking tribute found them at their Olympic games, and when the ambassadors reported the incident of the wreath, Mardonius, one of Xerxes' generals, exclaimed: "And how pray, do you expect us to defeat a people, who even in their games, seek only the payment of a laurel wreath?"

TRANSFER TO ATHENS

It was not until after the battle of Marathon that the stadium was built at Athens, and the games transferred to that city. In the battle, when the tide first turned in favor of the Greeks, Calanous, the fleetest runner under the commands of Miltades, was sent 42 miles to Athens with the news for the governor. He ran the distance at a rate of over 15 miles an hour, and died of exhaustion right after delivering the message "Nunkkumun," which means, "We win." When Herodes Atticus afterwards built the stadium and the Pan-Athenian games began, this Marathon run was put in as an event, even as it is today, in honor of the great effort of the Greek courier. In 1896 the event was won by a Greek named Louis, who did the distance in 2 hours, 55 seconds, and still lived.

RESTORATION OF STADIUM

The move to recreate the stadium and the games was made by Averof, an Egyptian merchant, who had come of Greek parentage. He set aside \$1,000,000 for replacing the lost blocks of marble, and making ready the stadium for the modern games.

The chief difference in the new and old contests, according to Mr. Stathakos, is that today all the world is asked to compete. "The Greeks recognize 'barbarians,' and," he added, with a gentle compliment to his country, "this is because the ancient Greek spirit of culture, civilization and progress, and the arts has spread over the world, and made all mankind brothers."

The government erected a statue of Averof just outside the stadium, and he is held in great honor, as are also the athletes, who are made guests of the crown prince while in Athens, and are furnished all accommodations free of cost. The reports tomorrow will be watched with great interest, and in America, the nation at large will wish for an American victory, while in many parts of it, there will be a generous hope that all the points not taken by Americans will be gathered in by the Greeks.

EUROPEAN AUTOS NOW COPY AMERICAN.

Apparently the long awaited turning of the tide has come. The automobile makers of Europe have come face to face with the realization that to keep abreast of the times they must now come to America for pointers on improvements.

In years past it has been candidly admitted by American manufacturers of motor cars that in their early days they copied to some extent the work of the men of Europe. There was excuse for this, but as soon as the pioneers of the industry on this side had grounded themselves in the fundamental principles of construction the copying ceased. The word was freely given that with their characteristic perseverance, progressiveness and ability it would not be long before the balance would swing around the other way, as it is now seeming to do. America would repay her debt by giving the foreigners ideas in fair return for those they had received in the beginning.

That this time has now come is apparent. The latest evidence of this is in the way of word just received



SALT LAKE SOCKER TEAM.

Which Will Probably Meet Eureka in the Finals for the Daynes Trophy C. up.

From left to right the men are: Back row John Morgan, (Press Agent) Walter Russell (capt) A. Brown, D. Cunningham, Second row Jas. A. Snedden, Alex. Adamson, Wm. Service, (President), Front Row Fred Gibson, W. Sansbury, Alex. Snedden, P. A. Snedden, (Secy) A. J. Churchhill.

from Europe to the effect that in their 1907 models at least three foreign manufacturers have decided to adopt the three-disc metallic clutch now in use on American cars. Early in the year word was received here that one of the foreign manufacturers had adopted the triple-disc clutch, and the query whether the company wished to take any action in the matter. It decided it would not, although even the yielding cushions in the manganese bronze, or driving disc, had been copied.

Of the foreign manufacturers now ready to adopt this clutch system, two are French and one an Italian. Two of them are now using the leather-faced cone clutch, and one has been heretofore an exponent of the multiple disc type.

It is very probable that a close inspection of the first models of the new foreign cars received this coming fall and winter will show a number of other things copied from the more up-to-date American makes.

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL

ENGLAND VS. FRANCE.

This international match under Rugby Union rules was played in Paris, the French capital on March 25. The English team was the identical one that beat Scotland. At half time the Englishmen led by 22 points to 0, and eventually won a finely contested game by four goals and five tries (35 points). The English 15 treated the Parisians to a fine display of football under Rugby Union rules. Attendance, 16,000.

SPORTING RESULTS ACROSS THE POND

The semi-final round in the Association series was played on Saturday, March 31, with the following results:

SEMI-FINAL ROUND ENGLISH CUP. At Birmingham—Everton, 2; Liverpool, 0; attendance, 37,000. At Stoke—Newcastle United, 2; Woolwich, 0; attendance, 29,000.

The chief surprise was the defeat of Liverpool by Everton by two goals to nil. Both clubs are from the seaport city and their enclosures are barely a half mile apart. Newcastle succeeded in reaching the final round last year but were knocked out by Aston Villa. The attendances are poor for semi-final rounds and the football associations have been censured for taking the semi-final to Stoke, an out of the way place. The final will now be played between Everton, Newcastle United, both northern clubs. Everton has appeared twice before in the present year in the final round, but so far has failed to bring the cup to Liverpool.

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL. Played on Saturday, March 31, with the following result: St. Mirren, 1; Third Lanark, 1; attendance, 15,000.

Hearns of Middlethian, 2; Port Glasgow, 0; attendance, 10,000.

THE GREAT INTERNATIONAL. Tremendous interest is being taken

in the "socker" international between England and Scotland, the result of which is not yet to hand. The match to be played at New Hampden, Glasgow, the enclosure of the famous Queen's Park club. There will be fully 50 turnstiles in operation from 12 noon, until 3:30, time of kick off, and provision is made to accommodate the huge total of 100,000 spectators. If favorable conditions prevailed it is certain that all records of international matches will be shattered. The result will probably be published in next week's "News."

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

THE YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The conditions were almost perfect for the eighteenth annual championship of the Yorkshire Cross-country association decided at Ripon race course on Saturday, March 24, and some exceptionally fine running was witnessed. Fully 300 runners entered, classes. The junior and senior, the former over a course of six miles, the latter over one of eight miles.

JUNIOR RACE SIX MILES. Eighteen clubs entered nine men per team, the race eventually falling to F. Lord, Whisby Park, A. C., in the time of 32 minutes 5 seconds, won by 100 yards. Whisby Park winning the team event.

SENIOR RACE EIGHT MILES. Twelve clubs entered teams of 10 men each for the senior race and some exceptionally fine cross-country running was witnessed. The following finished first, second and third: W. Nelson, (Hallamshire), first, 41 minutes 56 seconds; G. Coles, (Fotherham), second, 42 minutes 11 seconds; J. Smith, (Bradford, A. C.), third, 42 minutes 28 seconds. Hallamshire won the team event. In all fully 12 athletes pumped home under 45 minutes, which is fast time for eight miles on a track let alone a cross-country run. Long distance runners in Utah by reading these figures can see at a glance what a tremendous lee way they will have to make up before they can be considered "up to the notch" in cross-country running.

FOUR TEAM LEAGUE.

Baseball Fans of Brigham, Willard and Wellsville Plan Games. (Special to the "News.") Garland, April 20.—M. A. Bothe and W. P. Eaton, representatives of the Garland Commercial club, have returned from Brigham City where they attended a meeting held at the Utahana hotel and called by the Brigham Commercial club to talk over the prospects of a base ball league for this season. Their disappointment Brigham was the only town represented, their representatives being, Messrs. Knudsen, Christensen and Kaiser. The situation was talked over, and plans in a general way were made toward furnishing base ball to Garland and Brigham fans. It was finally decided that the best way to start the ball rolling, and get the fans interested, was to have a ball game, and the flip of a coin decided that Garland would play Brigham at Brigham on Saturday, May 5, 1906. Garland to furnish the umpire, and to receive 30 percent of the gross receipts of the game. Brigham was perfectly willing to play a return game at Garland on May 12, but it was decided that it might be better for Brigham to play at some other time on that date and for Garland to have some other team play with them. This being to

SPRING SEASON IN SOCKER GAME

What the League Players Hope To do in Salt Lake This Year.

FINALS FOR CHALLENGE CUP.

Eureka, Park City and Salt Lake Teams Still Figure in the Contest For First Place.

[By John Morgan.]

The spring season has commenced in earnest and the chief interest will be focussed on the contest for possession of the Daynes challenge trophy.

The contest has not attracted much notice this season and very few clubs have entered, in reality only four, but with the "socker" game growing in popularity a brighter outlook may be confidently hoped for next season. At first even the English cup contest attracted anything but wide spread interest, but by today the contest for possession of the now world famous English cup is the greatest tournament that the football world has ever seen, and attracts crowds even in the most vile and wretched weather that make the annual Yale and Harvard (the greatest American football tournament) crowd seem insignificant village throngs in comparison.

With regard to our local cup contest one team, the Blues, of Salt Lake, have had their aspirations squelched at the hands of rather the foot of the Whites. Both teams, however, belong to the same club, namely the Salt Lake A. F. C. Both Park City and Eureka are in the running owing to their respective opponents scratching to them. Both teams seemingly object to facing one another and declare that a new drawing ought to be made with the three remaining clubs in the hat, viz. Salt Lake White, Park City and Eureka. The teams from Park City and Eureka are perfectly satisfied on the view they take. However, unless Park City can spring a pleasant surprise the final for the cup, be between the old and keen rivals, Salt Lake A. F. C. and Eureka will and of those two my opinion (based on present form) is that the Eureka invincibles will carry off the trophy. Taking a line on the recent Arbor-day match I see but little hope of the local team carrying off the trophy as the Whites (which to all intents and purposes is the cup team) gave a miserable display against a woefully weak Blue eleven.

WHITES IN POOR FORM.

Out of the whole eleven only one, young Adamson at inside left, sustained his reputation, the rest were at sixes and sevens. There was no cohesion among the forwards, the half backs indulged in a lot of aimless kicking, in which opponents of a strong caliber would have fully derived all the advantage, also the backs were



RUHLMAN WANTS TO FIGHT FIT Z AGAIN.

The interest of devotees of pugilism has been raised to a high pitch by the recent announcement that Gus Ruhlman and Bob Fitzsimmons are likely to meet again in an extended go. Ruhlman and Billy Madden, his manager, have been trying for a long time to get a match with Fitzsimmons, but up to two weeks ago there seemed to be no light of chance of bringing it about.

The recent proposition of Tom O'Rourke, to have Fitz and Ruhlman appear in a 25-round bout at the Tuxedo Athletic club at Eslington, Pa., has had the effect, however, of clearing away Ruhlman's doubts about the possibility of arranging a match with the Old Man of the Ring.

There can be no doubt that a battle between Fitz and Gus Ruhlman would draw an enthusiastic gallery. Their contest in New York City several years ago, was one of the fiercest fights ever seen in the country. Ruhlman, although knocked out then, has since improved; and although Fitzsimmons collapsed after the thirteenth round of his recent fight with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, there is every reason to believe that worry and mental strain had as much to do with his defeat as the hardships of the battle itself.

It is expected that Fitzsimmons will consent to meet Ruhlman if the purse offered is large enough. In the event of Ruhlman failing to effect a meeting with Fitz it is probable that Ruhlman will meet Marvin Hart as the star attraction of a series of three round bouts at Madison Square Garden, New York.

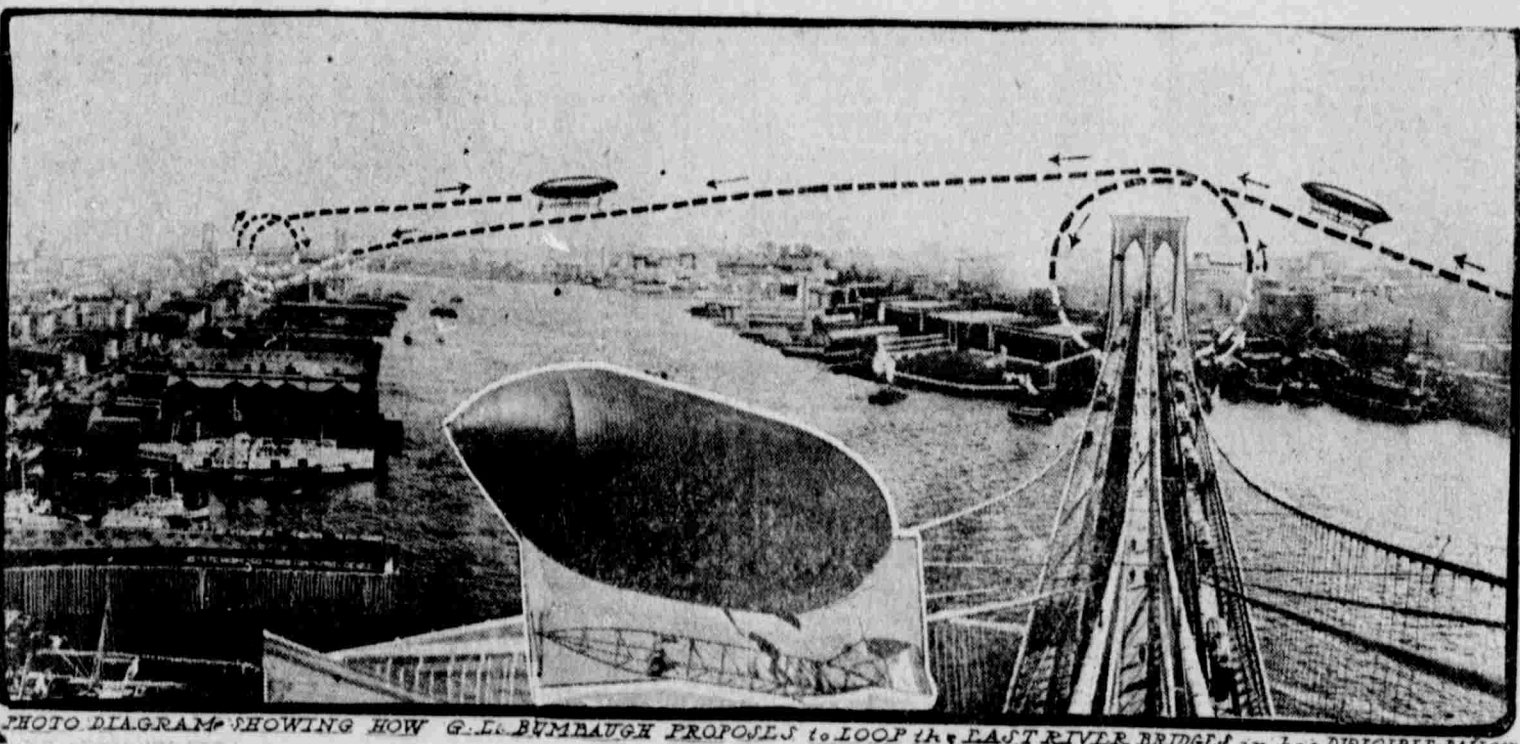


PHOTO DIAGRAM SHOWING HOW G. L. BUMBAGH PROPOSES TO LOOP THE EAST RIVER BRIDGE IN A DRIGIBLE BALLOON

WILL LOOP BIG BRIDGES IN AN AIR SHIP.

The recent announcement that G. L. Bumbagh, a Charleston, W. Va., aeronaut, will loop the big bridges spanning the East river between New York and Brooklyn in a dirigible balloon, has aroused great interest among the devotees of the perilous sport in this country. It will be the first effort at accomplishing a feat of the kind on so ambitious a scale. Santos-Dumont has sailed around the Eiffel Tower and other lofty places at Paris, but has never attempted to circle a horizontal structure, such as a bridge.

Mr. Bumbagh has made the experiment in a smaller way, and he is confident of success in this great undertaking. Nevertheless he is sensible of the difficulty of the feat, and does not mean to attempt it in any but an airship that has stood the most rigid test as to dirigibility. He has selected the Knabenshue model, and a vessel on that plan is being constructed for him by Leo Stevens, the aeronaut and builder of aerial yachts. The finishing touches are being given to Mr. Bumbagh's vessel at Union Hill, N. J.