CHANCE LIKELY TO SIGN TODAY

CHANGES MIND ABOUT LAYING OFF THIS YEAR.

TALKS WITH OWNER FARRELL

After Long Conference With Boss of the Yankees Former Leader of the Cubs Admits That He Has Wavered From His Verdict Made Earlier in the Day Not to Figure in Baseball in 1913—To Get a Big Salary.

Chicago, January 7.—Frank Chance, in all probability, will sign tomorrow as manager of the New York American baseball team. After a long conference this afternoon with Frank Farrell, owner of the club, Chance admitted that he wavered from his decision announced earlier today not to take part in baseball this year. The conference will be resumed tomorrow.

The terms under which Chance is expected to sign will not be revealed. Rumor had it that a salary approaching $20,000, and accompanied by a contract for a term of years and a share in the club were offered Chauce. It is said that Mr. Farrell, rather than disappoint the New York baseball followers who were supposed to be waiting for news that Chance was to sign, would offer inducements that Chance could hardly refuse and Chance's own statement bore this out when he said Mr. Farrell's arguments were convincing.

Chance declared upon his arrival that he was through with baseball for one year at least. He said that his orange interests were great enough to warrant his giving them his entire attention and that he wanted to see if he could get along without the national game for one year, anyway. But Mr. Farrell apparently had not come all the way from New York to be disappointed and his flattering offer was made when he and Chance went into their conference.

Mr. Farrell tonight visited Ban Johnson, president of the American League, who is ill.

TO MEET ON JANUARY 16

Minor League Salary Question to Be Decided by Commission.

Cincinnati, January 7.—The National Baseball Commission will hold its ninth annual meeting in Chicago on Thursday, January 16, according to an announcemnt made tonight by President Thomas J. Lynch, member of the National Commission. The date is subject to change, however, in accordance with the length of President Ban B. Johnson's illness.

At this meeting officers will be elected, the annual reports read and it is probable that a decision will be announced on two matters important to all minor league clubs.

At a meeting today of the commission, at which Chairman August Herrmann held the proxy of President Johnson, all the evidence in the requests of the National Association of Minor Leagues for a uniform player contract was taken. Likewise the evidence on the individual salary limit of minor leagues was heard and the matter taken under consideration. Chairman Herrmann announced that the evidence would be submitted to President Johnson and if he was well enough to read it, it was almost a certainty that the commission would decide both questions at its next annual meeting.

Williamsport May Join Tristate.

Williamsport, Pa., January 7.—A movement to raise a fund for the purchase of a franchise in the Tristate League has been started by Thomas Gray, secretary of the Williamsport Tristate team in 1909. The movement is progressing rapidly and it is very probable the necessary money will be secured through popular subscription, largely by $1 contributions from factory employes. Williamsport has been without a league team for three years. During their membership in the Tristate the Millionaires won two pennants. It is probable that an effort will be made to have the Wilmington team transferred to this city. If the deal is made Athletic Park will again be used as a playing ground and new stands will be erected. The movement is backed by a number of the directors of the old club.

Outfielder Carey to Marry.

St. Louis, Mo., January 7.—Maximilian Carnarius, known to baseball fans as Max Carey, leftfielder of the Pittsburgh Nationals, will be married January 22 to Miss Aurelia Behrens, of St. Louis. They met four years ago when Carnarius was studying theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Catcher Henry Is Resting Easy.

Washington, January 7.—John Henry, the Washington Americans' mainstay behind the bat, is resting easy in a local hospital today after a serious operation on his knee for the removal of a bit of loose cartilage. The surgeons say he will be in condition to report for the spring training.

Mordecai Brown Accepts Terms.

Cincinnati, January 7.—Garry Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati Reds, announced that Mordecai Brown, the three-fingered pitcher, had accepted terms and will twirl for the Reds next season. Brown was procured from the Louisville Club in a trade.

WRESTLING AT ANNAPOLIS

Howe Pins Brown Just as Their Six-minute Bout Ends.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Annapolis, Md., January 7.—The wrestling bout between Howe and Brown, the big guards of the football team, was the big feature of the inter-company competitions in boxing, wrestling, gymnastics and swimming. The big fellows are about the same weight, which reaches about 215 pounds, and Howe managed to pin his opponent's shoulders just as the six-minute bout ended. Brown displayed great strength and had his teammate in some dangerous places, but Howe had a somewhat better knowledge of the game. Both will try for the wrestling team this year, and the Navy should be well represented in the heavyweight class. The competitions in the various events will take place this week and the next, and the finals will be pulled off in a public exhibition on the evening of Saturday, January 18.

Women Must Have

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TWO TEAMS WITHDRAW

Baltimore Amateur Roller Polo League Practically Reorganized.

After a stormy meeting at the Cross Country Club, Pennsylvania avenue near Fulton avenue, during which the Idlewild Klub and the Interscholastic All-Star roller polo teams withdrew from the Baltimore Amateur Roller Polo League, it was announced that the league had practically reorganized. The Cross Country Club and the Baltimore Roller Polo Club will take the place of the Idlewild and the All-Stars.

The league will start anew, and all games played during the past year will be thrown out. Next Tuesday night the first game will be played, when the McCullohs meet the Country Club skaters.

W. A. Parsons was elected honorary president, while Larry B. Cotton, who was at the head of the old league, will retain the same position in the new organization. The other officers are: Vice president, John Frazier; secretary, A. Greenbaum; assistant secretary, John Cupit; treasurer, A. McCallister; board of governors, John Cupit, Eichelberger, Frazier and Leuterbecker; referees, Dave Bennett and W. A. Parsons. The schedule follows:

January 14—Cross Country Club vs. McCulloh Athletic Club.
January 16—Baltimore Polo Club vs. Bolton Athletic Club.
January 21—McCulloh Athletic Club vs. Bolton Athletic Club.
January 23—Baltimore Polo Club vs. Cross Country Club.
January 28—Cross Country Club vs Bolton Athletic Club.
January 30—Baltimore Polo Club vs. McCulloh Athletic Club.
February 4—Cross Country Club vs. McCulloh Athletic Club.
February 6—Baltimore Polo Club vs. Bolton Athletic Club.
February 11—McCulloh Athletic Club vs Bolton Athletic Club.
February 13—Baltimore Polo Club vs. Cross Country Club.
February 18—Cross Country Club vs. Bolton Athletic Club.
February 20—Baltimore Polo Club vs. McCulloh Athletic Club.
February 25—Cross Country Club vs. McCulloh Athletic Club.
February 27—Baltimore Polo Club vs. Bolton Athletic Club.
March 4—McCulloh Athletic Club vs. Bolton Athletic Club.
March 6—Baltimore Polo Club vs. Cross Country Club.
March 11—Cross Country Club vs. Bolton Athletic Club.
March 13—Baltimore Polo Club vs. McCulloh Athletic Club.
March 18—Cross Country Club vs. McCulloh Athletic Club.
March 20—Boltimore Polo Club vs Bolton Athletic Club.
March 25—McCulloh Athletic Club vs. Bolton Athletic Club.
March 27—Baltimore Polo Club vs. Cross Country Club.
April 1—Cross Country Club vs. Bolton Athletic Club.
April 3—Baltimore Polo Club vs. McCulloh Athletic Club.

LOCAL POLO TEAM WINS

Defeats the Washington Club in Fast Game by 2 to 0.

The Baltimore Roller Polo team defeated the Washington Polo Club, of Washington, D. C., last night at the North Avenue Casino, two goals to nothing, in the sixth of a series of polo contests for the inter-city championship. Both goals by the locals were shot in the first half. Quite a large crowd witnessed the game. Professional rules were used and the game was always fast.

The Washingtonians used their team work with good effect in the initial session and had the local five on the go at all times. Time and again the Capital City skaters took the ball down the floor, and only the beautiful stick work of Frazier, at coverpoint, prevented the senators from scoring. Baltimore's two goals were made near the end of the initial half. Howe and Kirwan managed to get the rubber past the Washingtonians and the latter shot a goal from a difficult angle, after Cage, at coverpoint, made an effort to stop the shot. Miller had the honor of scoring the other tally after 18 minutes of hard playing.

Pop Whiting played a sensational game at second rush in the second half for the visitors, checking many hard shots.

Washington tried hard to even matters up during this half, but Crowder, at goal, and Frazier, at cover, proved to be equal to the occasion when they were challenged to save their team from being scored upon. Kohen, at goal for the visitors, played well. The line-up: Baltimore—Howe, Miller, Kirwan, Frazier, Crowder.

Washington—E. Whiting, Jr., E. Whiting, Sr., W. Whiting, Cage, Kohen.

Goals—Miller (4), Kirwan. Time of halves—30 minutes. Referee—Parsons.

THREE REGATTA DATES SET

Poughkeepsie Rowing of 1915 to Be Held on June 21.

New York, January 7.—Dates have been set through 1915 for the regattas of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association that are held at Poughkeepsie annually, according to an announcement yesterday. The races are to be held on June 21 this year, nearly a week earlier than usual, and only a day after the Yale-Harvard race on the Thames, on June 20. The reason for this early date is that tidal conditions in the Hudson are so unsatisfactory in the last week of the month that the stewards were obliged to hold the regatta either at the end of the first week of July or in the third week in June. The latter date was considered the more preferable, although it would limit the crews to a much shorter training period than usual at Poughkeepsie. Only three times have the varsity races been rowed in July.

Next year the regatta is to be held on Friday, June 26, and in 1915 it will be rowed on Monday, June 28. The board of stewards is to meet here shortly to determine whether it would be advisable to substitute a race for junior eight-oared crews for the varsity four-oared race that has been held as part of the regatta since 1899. There are many who believe that the four-oared race is one of the most picturesque of the day, but by holding a race for the junior eights, it is argued, more men would have an opportunity to row in the regatta and there would necessarily be a greater incentive for more candidates to try for the crews in the colleges. Pennsylvania and Cornell were the only competitors in the four-oared race of 1899 and Pennsylvania won by a length. Of the 14 four-oared races that have been rowed, Cornell has won 9, Syracuse 3, and Pennsylvania 1.

GOTCH TO MEET ZYBYSKO

Champion Decides to Grapple With Polander in April.

Indianapolis, January 7.—Frank Gotch, champion wrestler, will come out of retirement shortly. Gotch gave up the heavyweight championship because there was no worthy opponent to contest his honors. The combined lure of fame and money has caused the big farmer to hanker for one more bout. Gotch has finally decided that he will meet Zybysko the last week in April, provided the giant Pole in the meantime disposes of all the other big fellows who have been howling for a chance at Gotch ever since the latter sought seclusion.

Slosson Defeats Yemeda.

Chicago, January 7.—Koji Yemeda, the Japanese billiardist, last night lost the first block of a 2,400-point 18.2 balkline match to George Slosson, the New York player, 400 to 307. The game went 27 innings.

STARS SELDOM SHINE AT START

FIRST-YEAR PHENOMS OFTEN LEMONS UNDER FIRE.

King Cole, Babe Adams, Willie Mitchell, Gene Krapp, Grover Cleveland Alexander and Tex Covington Examples—Managers on Anxious Bench Over Slab Candidates for This Year.

A few big leagues managers are indulging in hopes and worrying at the same time. They are the managers of the teams which rejoiced in the possession of phenomenal first-year pitchers last season. They are hoping that the same phenoms will come back in 1913 and prove to be just as effective, but they are worrying for fear the youngsters will follow the example of other famous one-year pitchers and settle back into mediocrity.

There are any number of hurlers who have gone through the big league the first year as easily as Luther McCarty would beat a bunch of featherweights, but the pitchers who show gradual improvement are the ones who are the big stars and the high-salaried mound men today.

Addie Joss, Christy Mathewson, Joe Wood, Eddie Plank, Ed Walsh, Jack Coombs, Chief Bender, Mordecai Brown, Ed Reulbach and Walter Johnson, are examples of the class referred to. Christy Mathewson was about the only one of those mentioned who was a phenom the first year in fast company. The others started just fairly well and added to their effectiveness later on.

Then there are King Cole, Grover Alexander, Chalmers, Babe Adams, Willie Mitchell, Gene Krapp and Covington, as well as others further back, who have looked like best evers in their first year out, only to disappoint one or two years later. King Cole pitched the Cubs into a championship and helped win the only game taken by the Cubs from the Athletics. He came back all right in 1911, but fizzled last year.

Babe Adams was a wonder in 1909, especially in the world's series against the Tigers. He has done nothing sensational since then. Alexander and Chalmers put the Phillies in the race in 1911. With both hurlers going poorly in 1912, the Phillies never were contenders. Willie Mitchell won ten straight for the Naps in 1910 and for two years has been trying in vain to break even. Gene Krapp won 12 out of 20 in 1911. He is now headed toward the minors. Even Vean Gregg was not as successful in 1912 as he was the preceding year, when he was the pitching sensation of the American League.

The 1912 crop of first-year beauties includes Bedient, Dubuc and Cashion, American Leaguers, and Hendrix, Tesreau, Cheney and Robinson, of the National League. Bedient won 20 and lost 10, Dubuc won 17 and lost 10, while Cashion won 11 and lost 6. Judging from Bedient's work in the crucial games of the world's series he is likely to be a repeater. Dubuc and Cashion are not as sure to repeat as the member of the world's champions. Of the National Leaguers, Hendrix, a rank bush leaguer in 1911, won 24 and lost 9. Tesreau won 17 and lost 7, while Cheney won 26 and lost 10, remarkably records for youngsters just breaking into the big tent. Will they repeat? John McGraw, Fred Clarke and Johnny Evers would like to know.

"Washington's strongest competitor next season seems to be the Athletics, who, I believe will come back strong next year," said Center Fielder Milan in an interview at Nashville. "Connie Mack has a great team and two wonderful pitchers in Plank and Coombs. It doesn't seem possible that they will go on pitching winning ball forever, but Plank looked better every game he pitched last year. He is undoubtedly the best left-hander in the league. Coombs should also be a steady winner, and Bender, I hear, will be back in shape. Now isn't that a hard trio to beat? Last season Connie's men would have copped but for overconfidence, in my opinion. The Red Sox, I think, shot their bolt last season.

"Washington has a strong team in nearly every way right now, and Griff will make several changes which will strengthen the club a good deal before spring practice begins."

In adding Roger Bresnahan to his catching staff, Owner Murphy has now arranged the greatest catching staff in the country, and probably the strongest in the history of baseball.

Jimmy Archer is regarded as the game's greatest catcher today, and Bresnahan is one of the few close behind the wonderful Cub pegger. Between these two Manager Evers will always have a great catcher on duty, and to a certain extent offsets in this way the loss of Chance, Tinker and Brown.

Bresnahan is to receive a bous of $10,000 for signing and a salary of $6,500 a year for three years—netting him about $30,000 for his team. It is understood that he and Archer will catch alternatively, working an equal number of contests through the year.

Murphy, an account of the tremendous amount of criticism he had received over the Chance affair, felt that he had to land Duke Roger at any cost.

There is a possibility that the Senators next season will start business with a new second baseman, in Bill Morley, the youngster obtained from the Knoxville Club of the Appalachian League, who is indorsed by Scout Mike Kahoe as one of the few youngsters in the bushes with a chance to make good in fast company. Morley comes from a Class D league, has played second and short, and the fans down in Knoxville believe the kid will make good.

Morley joined the Knoxville Appalachian baseball team June 20 last, and from that day until the last day of the season was the fielding sensation of the league. Morley could pick up the ball and get it away from him quicker than any other shortstop in the circuit. His lgging was a relevation.

At taking throws at scond and tagging runners he was considered by many the best in the Appalachian League, which is saying a whole lot. While not burning up the bushes with his batting, he was a dependable hitter and could be relied upon to drive in the necessary runs in a pinch.

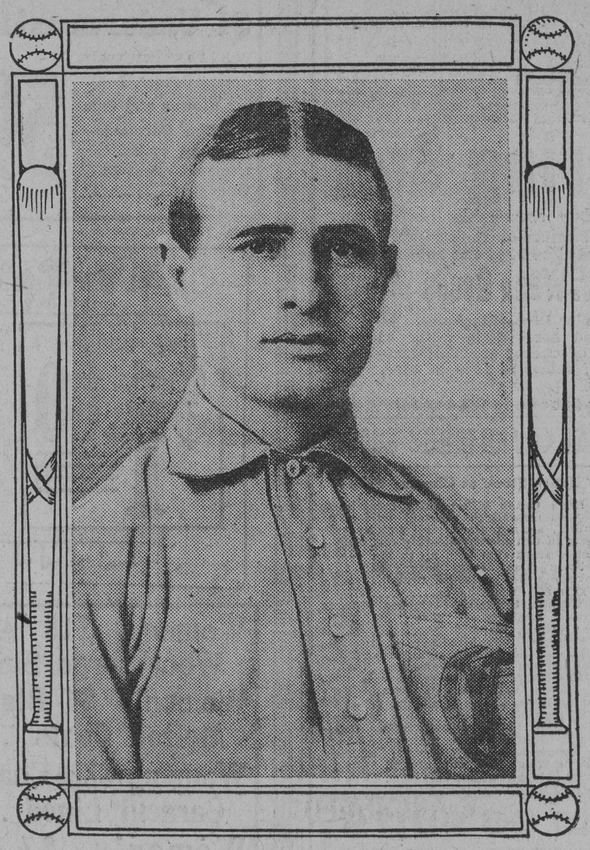
Morley went to Knoxville from Michigan, where, it is said, he played sensational college ball. Whether this was true or otherwise, he made good with a vengeance when he blew into Knoxville and joined the Appalachian League.

He is 5 feet 10½ inches high, weighs 178 pounds, and is 22 years old. He is an eleven-second man, and has a throwing arm which snaps the ball like a whip.

For Three-mile Running Race.

The Cross Country Club has applied for sanction to hold a three-mile open handicap run at the North Avenue Casino on January 15, at 9 P. M. Manager Parsons, of the rink, has offered three handsome prizes. A handsome gold medal will go to the winner, silver medal to second and bronze medal to third. The committee in charge will be Henry C. Elphinstone, chairman, W. A. Rider, T. P. McDonagh, H. C. Jewett and M. J. B. McDonagh. Entry blanks for the run are now out and can be had by addressing Henry C. Elphinstone, 1710 Harlem avenue. The entry fee will be 50 cents, and no entry will be received later than 6 P. M. on January 13. The Casino track measures 14 laps to the mile.

WAVERS FROM HIS POSITION



Frank Chance, who will in all probability sign a contract today to manage the New York American League baseball team. On his arrival in Chicago for a conference with Owner Frank Farrell, the Peerless One announced that he would not take part in the national game this year.

DECORATIONS FOR LOCAL AUTO SHOW

FIFTH REGIMENT ARMORY TO PRESENT PRETTY SCENE.

Committee in Charge Plans to Have Big Military Castle as Attractive as Possible for the Annual Display, to Open on February 19—Record Number of Cars to Be Exhibited This Year.

The decorating committee for the 1913 automobile show, to be held at the Fifth Regiment Armory, February 18 to 22, inclusive, under the auspices of the Automobile Club of Maryland and Baltimore Dealers' Association, is planning a scheme for the big exhibit that will prove a revelation. It will be most artistic and will be greatly out of the ordinary as an event of its kind.

One of the plans of the committee, composed of R. J. W. Hamill and Joel G. Nassauer, is to have rooms of palms in the rear of pleasure car exhibitors. This will lend a most cozy and uniform appearance to the exhibit, for on the east and west sides of the armory the balconies, which will be lavishly decorated, will balance the scheme. Columns will be placed at the accessory booths. The band stand will be moved over the entrance this year.

Applications of the exhibitors are coming in fast. The list was closed with Manager H. M. Luzius, at the Auto Club, 12 West Mount Royal avenue, on January 11. The accessory list closes later.

From the present indications there will be at least 250 pleasure cars and about 35 commercial vehicles on display, which will make the armory event the largest south of New York.

Thomas G. Young, treasurer of the Auto Club and chairman of the publicity committee, will make a trip to New York next Wednesday, when he will join the rest of the show committee at the National Auto Show.

ANNUAL BILLIARD EVENT

Eight Players to Compete in Johnny Klein's Tourney.

Eight of the best billiard experts in Baltimore will be in line when the annual Class A tournament opens at Johnny Klein's parlors, on West Fayette street, on January 20. A few minutes before closing time for the entries Vernay brought the list up to eight by entering his name. While a newcomer in this event, he is known to be a skilful player and should make a good fight for the handsome trophy offered.

The other entrants are William N. Unduch, state champion; F. H. Linhard, winner of this tourney last season; E. W. Boker, F. D. Pridham, F. L. Keene, Philip B. Lang and S. Blumenfeld.

The event is creating much enthusiasm among local billiardists, the best shots in the city having entered. Among the entrants are four who have never competed in events at Klein's, and when the tourney gets under way their work will be watched with great interest. One of these is said to be quite an expert, and Linhard, Unduch and the other stars will have to look out for their laurels.

A handsome trophy has been put up by Johnny Klein, and unlike most trophies, must be captured only once to become the property of the winner. There will also be a prize for high run.

Women Golfers Are Barred.

Chicago, January 7.—Another new golf course, one which will admit no women to membership, is to be added to the many already along the North Shore. The club will be known as the Old Elm and will occupy grounds on the old Green Bay road at Fort Sheridan. The reason for making the club one for men only is to insure golf to the members of the organization at all times without waiting. The membership is limited to 150. The club is the second to be formed within a few weeks, the other being the Winnetka Country Club. This makes a total of 50 golf courses in Chicago and vicinity.

Harvard Hockey Team Loses.

Cambridge, Mass., January 7.—Ottawa University put a crimp in Harvard's ambitions to have a clean slate in hockey by defeating the Crimson last night by the score of 2 to 0. The contest was free from roughness and very fast.

Harvard's defense was beaten down only for a period of two minutes, but it was long enough for Chartrand, assisted by his running mates, to score two goals and victory.

Captain Gardner, of the Crimson, put in a good night's work at goal, his 12 stops being mainly made on hot drives. His forwards showed little knowledge of handling the sticks when scores seemed imminent.

MANY JUVENILES NAMED IN STAKES

TWO-YEAR-OLD FIXTURES ON JUAREZ COURSE.

The Mexican Attracts 47 Nominations, the Signorita 34 and the Yucatan 30—Horsemen Show Their Appreciation of the Liberal Policy of Manager Mattwin and His Associates.

Juarez, Mexico, January 7.—It is an undisputed fact that the Jockey Club at Juarez is having the greatest meeting in the history of this popular organization, but no better proof could be had from horsemen than the hearty response that the club met with when they published the conditions for the two-year-old stakes which will be run off here this winter, the entries for which had their closing day on December 31.

The Mexican stakes attracted 47 nominations the Senorita stakes 34, and the Yucatan stakes 30. The difference in the number of entries in each of these juvenile races can be accounted for by the date that each one will be run on. The Yucatan, being scheduled to be run off first, is lighter in number than the others, but this is a natural state of affairs, for as the season gets older the youngsters will be further advanced, better schooled, and in a trained condition to show their real quality.

When all is said and done the entry list goes to prove that Juarez has taken its place as the winter racecourse of the continent, and that horsemen now appreciate the liberal policy of Matt Winn and his associates.

Trojan Belle and Floral Park, F. J. Grefer's two good three-year-old fillies, are two performers of note at the Texas track. Grefer does not intend to race either until the spring meeting at Churchill Downs in 1913, and so is wintering the pair at Washington Park. He has Vanir, Connaught and a two-year-old in his string at Juarez, and has already won at this meeting with Connaught, which has recently improved a lot in disposition and is sure to make a useful three-year-old for his owner. This turfman's hopes chiefly center in Floral Park for 1913. He thinks that this near relative to so many famous stake winners will develop into one of the grandest three-year-old fillies that have been out in recent years. She will likely make her debut this year in the Kentucky Oaks, and if she meets with no training mishaps Grefer thinks that she is a sure winner of that classic event.

RACES AGAIN CALLED OFF

Ponies Cannot Run at Juarez on Account of Snowstorm.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Juarez, December 7.—The races were called off again today on account of the snowstorm. A new set of entries was prepared for tomorrow's events, as follows.

Entries for Today.

FIRST RACE—Purse; two-year-olds; three furlongs.

Yip Hiya	110	Old Gotch	110
Helen Storey	110	Dick Dodie	113
Meritorious	110	Galar	113
Korfhage	110	Manganese	113
Milton Roblee	110	Ida Lavinia	115
Alabama Bam	110	Blarney	118
Brevite	110		

SECOND RACE—Selling; three-year-olds and up; one mile.

Lily Paxton	100	Folk	107
El Toro	101	Zinkand	107
Jack Ellis	106	Lehigh	109
Jim Caffeata	107	Ben Uncas	110
Crex	107	Bonnie Bard	112
The Peer	107	Judge Walton	115

THIRD RACE—Selling; four-year-olds and up; five and one-half furlongs.

Just Red	99	Pipe Vision	101
Gift	99	Twickenham	103
Mary Emily	100	The Pad	103
Venetian	101	Tallow Dip	103
Pickaninny	101		

FOURTH RACE—Selling; four-year-olds and up; five and one-half furlongs.

Lavender Lass	97	Gelico	103
Farell Girl	101	Laymingster	103
Rosenta	101	Garland	104
Edmond Adams	103	Uncle Jimmy Gray	109
Annual Interest	103		

FIFTH RACE—Selling; four-year-olds and up; five and one-half furlongs.

Nadamas	92	Pedro	103
Bredwell	94	Louis Descognets	103
Buss	97	Billy Myer	103
S. V. Hough	98	Good Intent	103

SIXTH RACE—Selling; four-year-olds and up; one mile.

Calethumpian	100	Setback	108
Love Day	103	Hanly	108
Sir Alvescot	105	Balcliff	112
Zoroaster	105		

Weather clear; track slow.

New York Beats Brooklyn.

New York, January 7.—New York defeated Brooklyn in the Three-cushion National Billiard League game tonight, 50 to 45. John Dankelman, of New York, made a high run of five and Charles Otis, of Brooklyn, made a run of four.

M'FARLAND TO HELP WILLARD

PACKY TO GIVE BIG FELLOW SOME POINTERS.

Husky Heavyweight, Who Holds a Newspaper Decision Over Luther McCarty, Goes to Chicago for a Training Campaign That Will Keep Him Busy Several Weeks—Other Fisticuff Gossip.

New York, January 7.—Jess Willard has deserted New York for all time and intends to make Chicago his home henceforth. The big heavyweight, who holds a New York newspaper decision over Luther McCarty, and who recently struck his right hand hard enough on Soldier Kearns' jaw to make the Brooklynite sink to the mat for the count, says he likes the Windy City climate best, and, besides, wants to get hep to the art of dancing, which he believes will assist him in the fistic game.

Another important Willard statement is that Packy McFarland has promised to teach the human derrick the fine points of the game. Willard couldn't find a better master in this respect. The pair will meet shortly in a Chicago gym, and the great lightweight has mapped out plans that will keep the Giant busy training for several weeks.

Willard seeks a return engagement with Mr. McCarty. "Can I beat McCarty?" he asked in reply to a question. "Surest thing you know. Billy Gibson, in New York, has promised to get him for me on January 26 in the Garden. I hope McCarty agrees. He's afraid of me."

The McGoorty-Hicks bout, which was scheduled for tomorrow night at the Fairmont A. C., has been postponed until January 22. McGoorty is suffering from the grippe and will be unable to train for two weeks.

The system of phoning decisions to the newspapers is still in vogue, according to Abe Goldberg, manager of Jimmy Carter. He says he was robbed of the verdict in behlaf of his protege, who took on Marty Brown on a minute's notice and fought him off his feet at the National A. C. of Brooklyn Saturday night. Carter won the battle beyond all question, says Goldberg. Joe Maroney was scheduled to meet Brown, but did not show up. Carter performed out of courtesy to the management.

Scotty Monteith received a wire from Jim Coffroth, of California, yesterday asking him whether he would close a match with his boy, Johnny Dundee, to meet George Kirkwood on the Coast. Monteith has replied demanding to know what guarantee Coffroth will give him. Dundee, fully recovered from a severe illness, gets going again Saturday night at the Royal A. C. in a 10-round bout with Willie Jones.

PREFERS COAST TO PARIS

Johnny Coulon Boosts Price Just to Scare Off French Promoters.

Chicago, January 7.—Johnny Coulon, the bantamweight champion of the world, prefers to battle in a ring on the Pacific Coast than go to Paris for new honors and more wealth. The king of the little fellows said today that an offer of $5,000 to fight Ledoux in Paris might tempt him, but that he would rather fight either Eddie Campi or Kid Williams on the coast.

"They offer me $3,000 to fight in Paris," remarked the champion. "I just boosted them $2,000 and added a demand for three round-trip tickets to scare them off. I can get $4,000 on the coast for a fight. This would be more profitable than a fight for $5,000 in France. Of course, I might get a number of battles over there, but just the same I don't want to leave America so long as there are plenty of good ghters to meet on this side."

Coulon, who has been resting on the order of his physician, will resume training in two weeks.

Williams Sure Going Some.

Kid Williams, the Baltimore bantam, is going the pace that kills—the other fellow. His career dates back to last October 18, and since then he has not taken the short end of a purse. First he shaded Johnny Coulon, the champion, in a 10-round bout in New York. Early in November he trounced Johnny Hughes, claimant of the British bantam title. A little later he beat up Billy Fitzsimmons at New York and followed this up with a point victory over Harry Smith after six rounds at Philadelphia. His next big achievement was a clean cut decision over Charley Ledoux, the highly boasted French champion now in this country, while he followed this up by beating Frankie Conway in Philadelphia on Saturday evening.—Newark Star.

ENTRIES FOR FUTURITY

John E. Madden Heads List With 106 Nominations.

New York, January 7.—V. E. Schaumburg, secretary of the Coney Island Jockey Club, has sent out a list of 507 entries to the Coney Island Futurity of 1915 which have been received to date from 71 nominators. The entries come from far distant points—Alberta, Canada, in the North, and the Pacific Coast on West, with a majority predominating as usual from the Middle West breeding section.

John E. Madden heads the list this year, numerically speaking, with an entry of 106, while J. B. Haggin, who has heretofore invariably been the largest nominator, has only 10 nominations. H. T. Oxnard, of Virginia, is in second place, with 54 nominations, and August Belmont, the chairman of the Jockey Club, third, with 49.

Other prominent breeders and owners represented are: R. F. Carman, 4; E. B. Cassatt, Pennsylvania, 9; E. R. Bradley, Kentucky, 14; J. N. Camden, Kentucky, 19; F. R. Hitchcock, New York, 5; Mrs. Lily A. Livingston, New Jersey, 5; Greentree Stable (Mrs. Payne Whitney), New York, 2; A. B. Hancock, Kentucky, 14; Oak Ridge Farm (Thomas F. Ryan), Virginia, 7; John Sanford, New York, 10; Ramapo Stock Farm, New York, 8; H. P. Whitney, New Jersey, 21; Parker Whitney, California, 12; George D. Widener, Jr., Pennsylvania, 9; R. T. Wilson, New York, 8; Catesby Woodford, Kentucky, 19, and Thomas C. McDowell, Kentucky, 3.

There were received 414 entries, from 52 nominators for the Futurity of 1913, and 391 entries, from 46 nominators, for the Futurity of 1914.

Olympic Officials Honored.

New York, January 7.—James E. Sullivan, United States commissioner to the Olympic games at Stockholm, and the members of the American Olympic committee who attended the games last July received yesterday medals of honor from the King of Sweden. Each man received a diploma as well as the medal, with a notification that this was done at the desire of King Gustav V. The presentation was made through the Swedish Legation at Washington, the following letter signed by C. Bonde, secretary of the legation accompanying the medals:

"Since it has pleased his majesty the King of Sweden to confer upon you his medal commemorative of the V. Olympiad in Stockholm, 1912, I beg to transmit to you said medal and diploma."

Those honored by the King of Sweden were James E. Sullivan, Col. Robert M. Thompson, Bartow S. Weeks, Gustavus T. Kirby, Joseph B. Maccabe, Everett C. Brown and Matthew P. Halpin.

HOTEL MEN'S NEW PLAN

May Co-operate and Form a Common Store.

Although most efforts and plans thus far advanced for the purpose of reducing the excessive cost of living have met with dismal failure, at least, so far as Baltimore is concerned, the marvelous feat may yet be accomplished, and by none other than the hotels and restaurants of this city. It is claimed on good authority that by a concerted action and then by a co-operative plan of purchasing direct from the producer, thereby eliminating the middleman in the transaction, the problem may yet be successfully solved and the price of chops, steaks, cutlets and other meats, as well as many other necessaries of life, be made to take a substantial tumble, which will be perceptibly felt in the pocketbooks of those who are compelled to tolerate the high prices now in vogue in all the eating places in the city.

The feasibility of a plan, which has just been launched in New York by an association of prominent restaurateurs with this object in view, is being closely watched in this city, and it is not at all unlikely that such a plan will be tried here if it produces the desired result in Gotham. The plan as outlined by the new organization is for the formation of a co-operative restaurant store, in which the members of the new society will be partners, and it is believed they will be able to buy their foodstuffs and liquors at prices fully 50 per cent. lower than they are now paying for the same goods from individual dealers, and in the event of such a project proving successful, it is claimed that the price of food and drink to the much-oppressed public would be reduced accordingly. They propose that the organization of the co-operative store shall be brought about by the members each subscribing for a certain amount of stock, and then, of course, pledging themselves to purchase all their groceries, meats, liquors, confections, canned goods and dairy products from their own store, instead of from the third party, thereby eliminating the middleman altogether.

When seen yesterday with regard to the feasibility of such a departure for Baltimore, several of the most prominent hotel men and restaurateurs in the city pronounced the matter entirely practical. Said one prominent manager:

The plan could just as well be worked out right here in Baltimore as in New York city, and if properly gone into with the co-operation of all the hotels and restaurants. There is just one difference that we would have to confront, in view of the many more high-class hostelries and restaurants in New York, and that is both the hotels and restaurants in this city would have to combine to make the thing a success, while up there there are enough of either class to maintain a store of this character. Here in Baltimore we have a high class of people who patronize the high-class hotels, and they demand the highest class of foodstuffs of every description, and in this item alone we are compelled to purchase the fanciest stuff the market affords, no matter what it costs, while with the average restaurant such is not the case. It can be readily seen what a vast and miscellaneous stock of goods would necessarily have to be carried by such a co-operative store here, if, as I stated before, there was to be only one store for the use of both the hotels and restaurants.

SENATOR LEE IS EARLY BIRD

First Senatorial Aspirant to Go After Votes in Primaries.

The action of Senator Blair Lee in securing headquarters for his senatorial fight at this time will probably drive other aspirants for both the long and short term into the open sooner than they had planned to declare themselves. Senator Lee has already concluded negotiations for offices in the Maryland Trust Building and these quarters will be opened up next week with Harry H. Buck in charge. State and county leaders who are backing Senator Lee will take turns weekly in staying at headquarters as advisers.

The opening of the Lee headquarters will mean that the senatorial fight has actually begun and that it will be waged for practically ten long months, until the election next November. So far only one other candidate, Isaac Lobe Straus, has officially declared himself and he is out for the long term. Friends of Congressman Talbott are hoping that he will make his announcement in the near future.

Senator Lee and his friends are showing no disposition to form any combination or alliance, and if the present conditions exist throughout the campaign, the Lee candidacy will stand on its own bottom and make only its own fight right up to the day of election.

Senator John Walter Smith is facing a peculiar situation in his own territory on the Eastern Shore. Many of the county leaders are openly for Smith, but they have already served notice on the latter that they intend to support Lee also. Therefore, while Mr. Smith would probably like to make some combination, which would practically be against Lee, his own people cannot be swung over to the other short-term candidate to whom Smith would look for aid in other parts of the state.

HALTED BY ILLNESS

Investigation of Holdups Will Continue on Mr. Roe's Recovery.

The state's investigation of the alleged persecution of automobilists by county and municipal officers in the vicinity of Laurel, Hyattsville and other Prince George towns has again been held up by the illness of Automobile Commissioner Roe. Before Christmas Mr. Roe was sent to his bed by a severe attack of grip. Though far from well, the Commissioner insisted upon remaining on duty at his office during the last week of the year during the rush for 1913 licenses. Last night Mr. Roe was again forced to take to his bed, however, and now his physicians say that he must remain quiet until he has entirely recovered.

Commissioner Roe, in accordance with Governor Goldsborough's wishes, had already begun his investigation of conditions in Prince George county. It is unofficially understood that Mr. Roe plans as soon as he is well enough to institute action against certain Prince George constables, who are alleged to have received half the amount of the fines imposed upon the automobilists arrested. Attorney General Poe has ruled that these figures must be turned over to the Automobile Commissioner for the use of the state roads.

Mr. Roe will also go after the municipal authorities, who are alleged to have put half the amount of the fines in the town treasuries. By depriving the constables of a share of the fines it is believed that the incentive for unjust arrests will be removed.

CAPTAINS AND MANAGERS

Elected by Two Lower Classes at Hopkins University.

The two lower classes of the Johns Hopkins University met yesterday and elected their track captains and managers. The freshmen chose George Penniman captain and John Knipp manager; the sophomores, Conrad Prince captain and Allan Voshell manager. Teams representing both classes will begin practice at once for the annual interclass meet, which will be held in the university cage on Saturday afternoon, January 18. At this the nowices will be given tryouts and their caliber determined. The meets are relied upon each year to show what material there is in the two lower classes.

Bids for School Contract.

Building Inspector Stubbs will recommend to the Board of Awards, at its regular meeting this morning, that the contract for the addition to School No. 99, at Washington street and North avenue, be given out at once. There are three bidders for the work, the lowest offer being in the neighborhood of $53,000.

A CONDITION, NOT A THEORY

WHETHER ROAD IMPROVEMENT SHALL GO ON.

FUNDS ARE NECESSARY

Chair Weller, of the State Roads Commission, Says There Must Be No Abandonment of the Great Enterprise—The System Not Yet Linked Up and the Purposes of the Original Law Not Carried Out.

"It is a condition, not a theory which confronts Maryland in the improvement of its roads," said Chairman Weller, of the State Roads Commission, yesterday, when his attention was directed to the declaration of State Comptroller Harrington in his report to Governor Goldsborough that there should be no additional state loans in the near future. It is generally recognized that if the improvement of state roads is to continue, if the law is to be carried out, and if roads already built are to be maintained and extended, future bond issues will be imperative.

"I agree with all Mr. Harrington says," continued Mr. Weller, but it is not for the commission to say whether road improvement is to continue or whether our present roads are to be maintained, and whence is to come the money for this work. It remains for the people of Maryland to decide these questions and whence shall come the funds if road improvement is to go on. Certain it is we must pay for the roads if we build them. If the people did not want better roads they should have so decided in 1908 and not now, after the work has been begun and not completed.

"The act of 1908 providing for the construction of roads has two important clauses. One requires that main arteries shall be constructed. The second requ