

## UNCLE SAM LEADS WORLD IN SPORTS DURING THIS YEAR

### American Has Had the Greatest Year Ever in Realm of Athletics.

Never has the United States found such an opportunity to boast as in 1924. This has been the one great year of athletic achievement for America.

Walter Hagen started the succession of triumphs last spring when he won the British open. Then came the American victory in the Olympic games. Yale followed this performance by beating the world at rowing. Tommy Gibbons decisively beat Georges Carpentier, who is still the best big fighter in Europe, and later Gibbons defeated the pick of the English heavyweights, Bloomfield.

**Retained Tennis Laurels**  
The United States retained the Davis cup in tennis and beat the British amateurs for the fourth time for the Walker golf cup. America's four ran away with the international polo matches. Harry Willis, a New Orleans negro, beat Luis Angel Firpo, the best heavyweight outside these borders.

Only one international contest got away from the United States and that was the six-meter yacht race. The United States won this, but a protest followed the deciding race and the event was raced again with England winning.

**Remarkable Year in Sport**  
It has been a remarkable year. It is doubtful that there will be another like it in sport. Our foreign competitors, while losing, are study-

ing the American system of winning play and adopting our tactics. This is evident in golf, tennis and polo. As foreign countries adopt American methods, so will they develop more formidable opposition. The going may not be as easy and entirely successful in future years as it is in the present.

In the meantime, we have not been boasting about the 1924 achievements. The victories put Americans to a test. In Europe, and in South America, for that matter, the United States is considered a nation of poor winners and bad losers. There is too much boasting over victory and too much alibing over defeat.

**Real Test Is Coming**  
The results of international competition this year afford America the opportunity to prove that she is not a poor winner. There has been a lack of boasting. The blare of trumpets has been missing.

The United States seems to have learned how to win gracefully. She has at least been graceful in her 1924 triumphs. How well she can lose remains to be seen.

It is just as well to remain quiet about America's achievements in the Olympic track and field events at Paris. Boasting over that might prove to be both uncomfortable and embarrassing. A few bad breaks that Finland received were all that made the American triumph what it was. Unless America starts now to prepare herself for the next Olympic struggle she will have an opportunity to lose gracefully four years from now and Finland will be the reason. The sturdy Finns are already preparing for the next assault upon American supremacy.

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## JINGOISTS SQUELCHED BY A DOUBLE STROKE

### House Defeats Britten's Move for a Conference of White Nations —Coolidge Also Acts.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Decisive measures to reassure the country against the scare of an American-Japanese estrangement were taken today both by the administration and in congress.

In a formal statement which broke beyond the bounds of ordinary diplomatic courtesy, Secretary Hughes welcomed the appointment of a new Japanese ambassador to Washington and predicted an era of "the most cordial relations" between the two countries.

Almost at the same time, the house was smothering in quick order a resolution designed to build up an anti-Japanese alignment among the white nations bordering the Pacific coast. The proposal was befriended only by its author, Representative Britten, republican, Illinois, and found among its most earnest opponents house leaders who live on the Pacific coast.

**See No Threats**  
Underlying these developments, there was revealed a studied conviction among highest officials here that there is no threat of trouble between Washington and Tokio unless by popular agitation imagined dangers are magnified into real misadventure.

President Coolidge and those who share with him responsibility for the foreign relations of the nation look upon their contemporaries across the Pacific as candid exponents of international friendship. It is the belief of the administration that

Japan is performing faithfully her obligations under the arms treaty and the Washington agreements relating to the far east, that her government is trying earnestly to keep pace with the new order of international relationship, and that her responsible leaders want nothing but amicable relations with the United States.

If the two governments are permitted to go along together, unhampered by agitation and suspicion among the two peoples themselves, it is the belief of the president and his advisers that the best of international relationships will rule between the two capitals. But they do not conceal their recognition that if the American and Japanese peoples aggravate their misunderstanding out of all proportion to their importance, the two governments will become increasingly embarrassed when they deal with one another.

Whether Mr. Hughes had in mind any particular subject of recent agitation when he issued his statement today was not revealed. State department officials declined to add anything to his pronouncement welcoming the new ambassador, but it was recalled significantly that such a statement on such an occasion stood virtually without precedent in the history of American diplomacy.

Long before the secretary acted, word had reached the state department of Mr. Britten's plan to present his resolution. No official of the administration would comment on it publicly, but it was apparent as soon as it reached the floor of the house that administration leaders there had sensed the possible effect of such a step at a time when the question of relative naval strength between the United States and Japan already had led to widespread debate. Those house members who would discuss it received it almost without exception, with expressions of amazement and protest.

## NORRIS BLOCKS THE VOTE UPON MUSCLE SHOALS

### Senator Curtis Will Move For Night Sessions in an Attempt to Get Some Action.

Washington, Dec. 18.—An attempt to get unanimous consent to vote on the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill Saturday was blocked in the senate today by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, author of the Norris government operation measure. Senator Curtis, the republican leader, then asked Senator Norris if he would agree to limit debate on all amendments to the Muscle Shoals bill except those offered by Senators Underwood, Morris, Jones of Washington, and Wadsworth of New York, but the Nebraska senator again objected.

The majority leader then served notice he will ask the senate to hold night sessions beginning tomorrow. Senator Norris retorted that he would make a motion that the senate adjourn at 5 o'clock each day and shouted:

"If you try to force a final vote by physical endurance you won't get it."

Under the rules of the senate, nothing can be done to stop the discussion. Senator Underwood has the Muscle Shoals issue before the senate under a unanimous consent agreement for disposition of the question, and he can hold it there until March 4 if he chooses.

There is no limitation of debate in the senate, and opponents are at liberty to discuss the bill as long as they wish.

Advocates of the commission plan

for operation of the Shoals declare that if the fight should reach the proportions of a deadlock, they expect the major forces to turn to their proposal in search of a compromise. So far the leaders behind the Underwood bill have shown no signs of yielding their position and claim the Underwood bill eventually will be passed. Senator Norris, on the other hand, declares his government operation bill still had a chance for passage.

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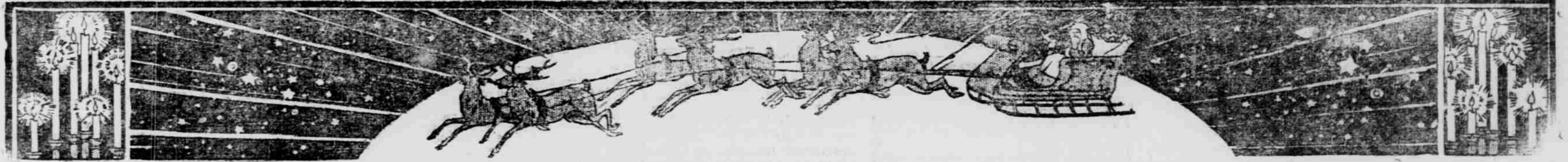
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