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SPORT BRIEFS

Notre Dame recently applied for admission to the western conference. She was denied admission because of the great number in now, but nevertheless she was given a vote of thanks.

Gerald Patterson, the Australian tennis expert, defeated A. R. F. Kingscote, of Great Britain, in their singles match Wednesday in the Davis cup tennis tournament, the score being 6-1, 6-4, and 8-6. This contest was begun Tuesday but was postponed on account of rain after each player had won a game. This victory insures the retention of the Davis cup by Australasia.

Collegiate sports and athletics, so often in former years spoken of with a degree of disapproval by serious-minded educators, were triumphantly justified and semi-officially endorsed when Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, speaking at the annual meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, declared that the United States Army "had the profoundest interest in the physical training that is being taught in the colleges." Practically pinning the war across on the broad chest of collegiate athletics, Secretary Baker said: "The product of your training came to our military camps and acquitted themselves in splendid fashion. Had it not been for such collegiate training our army could not have been officered so quickly and so efficiently. It was a contribution of inestimable value."

The batting averages of the American League finds the "Georgia Peach" away at the head of the procession for both major leagues, with the wonderful clouting average of .384 for 124 games played. In thirteen seasons Cobb has set the pace in the American League no less than an even dozen times. He had rung up nine successive championships before Tris Speaker headed him—the first and only time—in 1916. No one has been near Ty since. Speaker with .295, dropped below the average for the first time in his career.

THE COLLEGE WORLD

A fraternity basketball league has been organized at Ames. Every fraternity has entered a team and the varsity coaches hope to develop material for next year's squad from the league.

University of Missouri authorities have offered a reward of \$200 for information leading to the arrest of thieves who stole \$20,000 worth of platinum from the laboratories recently. The authorities think someone familiar with the laboratories took the platinum.

The University of Cincinnati athletic association has given the proceeds of a basketball game with Ohio State to the "C" club of that school. The club hopes to be able to do more toward bringing athletics to the university than they have done before.

Purdue—C. H. Benjamin, dean of the school of engineering and director of the engineering experiment station, had made application to the university board of trustees for retirement in 1921. Dean Benjamin, who has done a great deal to build up Purdue's reputation as an engineering school, has held his position for fourteen years, making him eligible for the retired list. He is a member of Tau Theta Pi and Sigma Xi.

Cornell—The annual Spring Day at Cornell will be held May 22 this year. The program, which is nearly completed, consists of a race between the varsity and freshman crews of Harvard on Lake Cayuga, a baseball game with Yale on Percy field and a Carnival on Schellkopf field.

Dartmouth—The football schedule which has been recently announced, contains games with eight strong teams, including Norwich, Penn State, Holy Cross, Syracuse, Tufts, Cornell, Penn and Brown. The prospects for next year's eleven are very good, and Dartmouth believes its schedule to be as creditable as any yet announced by eastern college teams.

Montana—"Memorial Way" is the name of an avenue on the Montana University campus, the sides of which are lined with thirty-two young trees.

Each tree has a projecting shield and at its foot each has a name plate. These trees are memorials to the students of the university who died in the service of their country. The trees are Montana yellow pine, the longest-lived tree in existence.

Southern California—The students at the University of Southern California have inaugurated a set of traffic rules to govern the passage of students from one class to another. Due to the large number of students that are now attending that institution there is great congestion in the halls and the move had to be taken to relieve it.

Michigan—The dedication of the University of Michigan's new library took place last Wednesday. The building, which is said to be the finest of its kind in the country, is 177 feet wide, 200 feet long and is four stories high. There are various plaques on the front of the structure each representing a branch of learning of which there are books in the library. The total cost was \$615,000.

Columbia—Figures made public recently by the secretary of the university show that the total registration is 22,608. This represents a gain over 1918 of 10,038, over 1917, of 7,681 and over 1916 of 5,135. Columbia has the largest enrollment of any university in the country.

Wisconsin—A drive to raise \$3,000 among the men students to support John L. Childs in his work with the Chinese students and one among the women students to raise \$1,200 for gymnasium equipment in the Normal school of Physical Education at Shanghai, China, will be started today at Wisconsin by over 300 student canvassers working among the student body.

With the death of Hachichiro Mikami, the Japanese lawn-tennis player who developed and brought out Ishiya Kumagai, and later toured America with him, lawn-tennis in Japan, in the Philippine Islands, and in the United States loses one of its best-liked and most expert champions. "Hashy," as he was familiarly known by the many friends he made on the courts of this country, recently succumbed to fever in the Philippine Islands.

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