NEBRASKA DUE FOR BILL GIVING BOXING BOUTS

Ringsider Says Yanks Will Demand It When They Return from Overseas; Melady Bill Is Prepared.

By RINGSIDER.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Nebraska is to have a boxing bill if Gene Melady, of Omaha, can bring it about. Gene has tried twice already, but being a fighter, he's in the ring to win this time. He is convinced the state needs it, and he has it in mind to impress this need upon the legislalature.

The last time Melady tried to put the bill through it failed by one single vote and all through a misunderstanding, it was said afterward. The first bill lost out by only two votes, and now the Omaha promotor feels greatly encouraged because of the changed conditions and the fact that the boys who went over there and won the fight for democracy will demand the same amusements and exercises that they enjoyed during their training campaign.

Bill All Ready.

Melady has his bill all ready to be presented and with it a mass of endorsements from all sections of the country. This would seem to be an excellent way of proceeding about the thing, as the endorsements come from some of the men who have been high in the affairs of the army and navy. Dr. George J. Fisher, director-general of athletics in the national war work campaign for the Y. M. C. A., suggests to Mr. Melady that the number of rounds be cut down from ten to six and in this way eliminate all chances of the charge of prize fighting being brought up.

Inasmuch as boxers probably fight harder and more exhaustively in six rounds than they do in ten, this point is one that may be open to serious argument. The Melady bill is approved in general, however, by Dr. Fisher. He sees much good in the clause doing away with Sunday contests and also is much in favor of the regulations that do away with a license fee when entertainments are held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., A. A. U. or K. of C.

Melady Bill Best.

"I believe your rules and regulations are far superior to any I have seen, and I hope you can put them through," is the way Dr. Fisher endorses the bill.

Melady has a letter from Theodore Roosevelt in which the latter endorses the bill and refers to the statement expressed in his autobiography in connection with the police department of New York City as best showing how he stands in reference to honest boxing competition.

William J. Mulligan, chairman of the Knights of Columbus committee on war camp activities, writes that he heartily approves the bill. He is free to state that he believes boxing and wrestling are not only great when conducted as amusements, but as body builders have been found incomparable in the present training of the United States army and should be encouraged in every way.

Dozens of other endorsements have been given freely and it looks as if Nebraska's legislature will not again turn down the bill.

Boxing Helps Army.

Boxing, which has done its part in keeping fit the army which has made the world safe for democracy, is going to have a battle of its own when the boys come home, according to Fred Dyer, trainer of army boxers at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.

The boys who have been fighting over there, both with the gun and bayonet and gloves, are not going to be deprived of the privileges of the latter scrap when they come home.

"It's going to be a great winter for the boxing men," said Fred, "When the boys get back from over there they are going to have a lot of ideas about how they do the boxing game in Europe. They are going to compare some of our blue laws with the liberality that is shown the athletics on the other side and it is going to be all to the discredit of certain sections of the country.

Many Local Champs.

"Then again, almost every section of the country is going to have a local champion in one class or another and this is bound to start a lot of rivalry everywhere. The boys are used to having their own way in the camps as far as fighting is concerned, and it is going to be a hard matter to hold them down, should anybody desire to do so. There is going to be plenty of training done all over the country, and this, naturally, will bring about a tremendous amount of competition.

"Some wonderful results have been obtained by the boxing men who have been teaching the boys how to handle their fists. They have inculcated the fighting spirit in a way that could be reached by no other system. I have studied the thing thoroughly and find that the very best results have been secured by the system adopted by the training camps activity board, and these results are only just now beginning to be shown. Greater things are bound to come within the next few years."

Meany's Reach Offsets Dundee's Ring Judgment

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—Johnny Dundee, New York, and Johnny Mealy, Philadelphia, fought a good six-round draw here tonight. Neither man showed spirited aggressiveness and they suffered no punishment. Mealy's long reach was set off by Dundee's good ring judgment.

STAGE ALL SET FOR OPENING OF ATHLETIC CLUB

Committees Are Appointed and Rehearsed, and Success of the Affair Is Assured.

The entetainment committee for the opening events of the Omaha Athletic club has announced the details and elaborate plans for the event, and the various committee, which have drawn broadly from the club's membership, have had experience in similar work. Each committee has a chairman, and the members have been drilled and instructed in their particular program.

These committees will serve for the public opening on the 12th from 3 p. m. to 10 p. m. and for the dinner dance on the 14th. The honor committee to present the club in its finished perfection to the expectant members will be the directors, W. A. Fraser, F. W. Judson, George Brandeis, A. W. Jefferis, W. A. Schail, W. B. T. Belt and J. C. Wharton, seceretary.

To Welcome Guests.

Assisting the directors, the reception committee will serve throughout the club house to welcome the guests and join the ushers in the various lines of necessary service, and particularly to introduce the members. Witha club membership bordering on 2,000, this committee will be busily engaged in the fulfillment of the task assigned them.

Reception Committee.

W. M. Jeffers, Chairman	Frank H. Myers,
Dr. H. L. Arnold,	Arthur F. Mullen,
W. P. Atkins,	Robert P. Morseman,
George A. Amos,	Barton Millard,
Dr. E. H. Bruening,	J. C. McNish,
Randall K. Brown,	W. H. McCord,
Francis A. Brogan,	W. F. Megeath,
Dr. W. O. Bridges,	C. S. Montgomery,
D. E. Bradshaw,	J. H. Millard,
E. P. Boyer,	Rev. T. J. Mackay,
Frank Boyd,	Andrew Gallagher,
Charles Black,	B. G. McGilton,
Charles D. Beaton,	Rev. J. F. McCarthy,
J. L. Baker,	John W. Madden,
David A. Baum	John A. McShane,
Milton T. Barlow,	L. V. Nicholas,
H. H. Baldridge,	L. C. Nash,
Benj. S. Baker,	T. J. O'Brien,
T. C. Bryne,	Dr. F. S. Owen,
R. B. Busch,	Nelson C. Pratt,
Ward M. Burgess,	Joseph Polcar,
E. Buckingham,	Wm. A. Pixley,
C. C. Cope,	C. H. Pickens
M. G. Colpetzer,	Geo. B. Prinz,
W. J. Coad,	Geo. W. Platner,
John A. Cavers,	T. F. Quinlan,
S. S. Carlisle,	Joe B. Redfield,
David Cole,	W. E. Rhoades,
I. W. Carpenter,	Geo. F. Reim,
F. H. Davis	Judge W. A. Redick,
Dr. A. D. Dunn,	O. G. Redick,
Charles N. Dietz,	John W. Redick,
Luther Drake,	Fay Rogers,
J. E. Davidson,	A. L. Reed,
H. O. Edwards,	C. N. Robinson,
J. E. Fitzgerald,	Victor Rosewater,
E. H. Flitton,	Charles L. Saunders
H. H. Fish,	Edwin T. Swobe,
J. D. Foster,	Charles J. Long,
C. C. George,	B. A. McDermott,
John W. Gamble,	W. L. Carey,
John J. Hanighan,	W. E. Shepard,
W. J. Hynes,	Charles W. Sears,
J. W. Hughes,	G. A. Sachs,
W. W. Hoagland,	Robert Strehlow,
Archbishop J. J. Harty	W. Farnam Smith,
Fred Hamilton,	Wm. H. Schmoller,
Walter W. Head.,	John W. Towle,
Frank Hamilton,	Harry A. Tukey,
R. C. Howe,	Nelson B. Updike,
Walter Jardine,	Robert B. Updike,
Dr. A. F. Jones,	Henry F. Wyman
F. B. Johnson,	H. O. Wilhelm,
W. A. C. Johnson,	E. A. Wickham,
A. V. Kinsler,	Harry P. Whitmore,
J. A. C. Kennedy,	W. P. Wherry,
George H. Kelley,	George F. West,
Harry A. Koch,	F. D. Wead,
Fred S. Knapp,	John Wakefield,
T. F. Kennedy,	John C. Wharton,
John L. Kennedy,	Glen G. Wharton,
Tom S. Kelley	Gerald A. Wharton,
Howard G. Loomis,	Harry S. Weller,
Wilson H. Low,	G. W. Wattles,
George H. Lee,	J. B. Watkins,
John Latenzer,	Conrad Young,
	John T. Yates,
	M. J. Coakley.

A special committee is designated for the hours of 1:00 to 2:30 p. m. on the 18th to receive those who wish to inspect the club and who do not feel equal to the strain of appearing in the public, because of recent sorrows. R. B. Busch, chairman, assisted by J. F. Dietz.

Ushers to Be Busy

The ushers have a line of work particularly diffichlt, considering the many nooks and corners in the club due to multiplied opportunities for recreation. The ushers wili act as guides through the house, starting visitors upon the inspection tours by the elevators to the upper floors, where the visitors may wander through the guest rooms down to the gymnasium, hand ball courts, swimming pool and baths, lounging room and library, dining hall and the wonderful kitchen.

Ushers Committee.

Sam Burns, jr., Chairman.	E. F. Leary.
Ralph M. Peters,	Don Lee,
Lou Clarke,	B. McCague,
Harley Conant,	Harvey Milliken,
Fred Cuscaden,	Bert Murphy,
A. G. Ellick,	L. V. Nicholas,
O. S. Goodrich,	John Redick,
Stockton Heth,	W. B. Roberts,
Fred C. Hill,	Ed Slater,
Byron Hastings,	R. B. Towle,
Tom S. Kelly,	W. R. Wood,
T. F. Kennedy,	Charles Wagner,
Dick Kitchen,	Jerry Wharton,
Ray Kingsley,	Leo Wilson.

J. E. Davidson, assisted by Frank Haskell, are a special committee to superintend all matters connected with power, light, heating and fire service to insure safety to all.

Signals for Cars.

The traffic committee, W. A. Pixley chairman, will be a busy one. The large line of autos discharging passengers at the door requires clear streets, experienced traffic officers and quick action to keep the stream going and not crowd the entrance. Signals for cars will be arranged, streets will be marked and officers at crossings for blocks distant will keep order and prevent confusion. Nearby garages are all registering in cars for storage during the entertainment hours.

W. D. Hosford, placed in charge of the badges, will deliver to each chairman suitable badges designating the branch of service to be rendered by the wearer.

The check service committee is most important. On the dinner-dance night, many employes will be required to check correctly and deliver the numerous wraps and hats. The distribution of this work is in care of a forceful committee consisting of Harry O. Steele, chairman, assisted by C. L. Gould and F. O. McCaffrey.

The dinner committee, W. J. Foye, Joseph Barker and George Brandeis, has the arduous work of handling all the dining room affairs. The arrangement of tables is made to seat the greatest number comfortably and the reservations are applied in rotation of receipt according to the number of plates ordered.

The dance details are in the hands of W. T. Burns, chairman, assisted by J. T. Ttewart II., and the entire corps of ushers. Dancing will be in the gymnasium and billiard rooms.

Chairman H. A. Tukey will provide entertainment for guests who do not care to dance.

Chairman C. E. Black, assisted by A. D. Peters in Splashes and Flashes are absolutely silent as to the work assigned them. The reputation of these wags gives promise of some surprises.

The special staff of the chairman of committees will work co-operatively in assisting wherever the special committees are short and consist of W. A. Redick, T. L. Davis, C. N. Robinson, Fred Hamilton and S. S. Carlisle.

Many other committees on building furnishings and seasonal social and athletic festivities are steadily at work planning surprises and scheming to secure novelties to make the club the most attractive place in Omaha.

Famous Chief Serves as Private in Marine Corps

"CHIEF" MEYERS.

New York, Dec. 7.—Every sport lover in America today is paying tribute to the grit and determination of John T. ("Chief") Meyers, veteran New York Giant catcher, one of the brightest stars in the base ball firmament, and one who glittered longer than most of the men whose names were ever on young America's tongue during the heyday of the national pastime, for "Chief Meyers is now "Private John T. Meyers, United States Marine Corps." At Paris Island, S. C., where he is receiving the thorough and rigid training given to every "leather-neck" the assertion is generally made that there is no recruit on the island trying harder to be a hundred per cent marine than "Chief."

"Chief" Meyers' enlistment into the marine corps and the splendid manner in which he is persevering to uphold the traditions of that famous body of "land and sea soldiers" in itself is an accomplishment that entitles him to the admiration of sport lovers. Over and above this, however, stands the fact that "Chief" Meyers could have made his entry into the military life as a commissioned officer. He declined an offer of a commission in a technical branch for service in this country, explaining that he desired a larger field of activity and was anxious to start at the bottom and work his way up.

No Grandstand Play.

Without previous announcement and without making a play for the press agenting that would have surely attended such an announcement, the Indian talked things over with his wife, turned over the management of his cozy little farm up in New Canaan, Conn., to a hired man, packed his grip and made application for enlistment in the marine corps at the New York recruiting station. He was accepted quickly, having had no difficulty in meeting the strict physical requirements of the marine corps, and on October 31 was sworn into the service and transferred to Paris Island to take up his "boot" (recruit) training. His arrival at the training camp was hailed with great glee by his fellow marines, who made a rush for the quarters in which he was located to have a "look-see" at the famous veteran Giant catcher.

Appreciates Ovation.

The smiling Indian appeared to appreciate the ovation and modestly answered the countless questions, explaining how the Giants won so many pennants and the thousand and one inquiries as to personal characteristics of John McGraw, Heinie Zimmerman, Christy Mathewson and other brilliant teammates with whom he had played for years. Soon after receiving his uniform "Chief" Meyers was pressed to take part in a friendly game of ball between two companies. It was a sorry day for the outfielders of the opposing team, for the new recruit knocked the ball all over the drill ground. Thereafter opposing pitchers either strained their arms to fool the old timer, or wisely let him walk.

Private Meyers from the very beginning of his recruit training displayed the same eagerness to get ahead that marked his rise in the base ball game from the Harrisburg, Pa., team of the old Tri-State league away back in 1906. Hard work also brought him success while playing with the New York Giants from 1909 to 1915, in which year he went to the Brooklyn Nationals and remained until the latter half of the 1917 season, when he finished with the Boston Nationals.

Sticks to His Old Farm.

"Chief" did not enter base ball last spring on account of the war, but devoted his energies to making his farm produce double measure crops. In this, too, he was successful. When he departed for Paris Island he had the feeling that he was just as good a farmer as he had been a base ball player but that he would be an even greater success as a marine.

Recognition for hard work has already come to Private Meyers, who, when he isn't working, is studying his private's manual. He has been advanced to squad leader, which placed him in line for further promotion. And it is generally known that promotion in the marines means that the man has worked hard and deserved it.

Military Life Fine.

"Chief" Meyers is enthusiastic as well as ambitious and expresses the belief that military life is just about the finest thing that ever came down the pike. Here's what he says:

"Military life can be compared with base ball in several different ways, one of which is that in base ball a fellow must think and act quickly, and it's the same in military life. If a fellow can't do these things he'll very soon learn how down here. We work hard, yet everything is so interesting and instructive that a fellow forgets all about getting tired out.

"And then we have plenty of fun, too. When the fellows get together then the fur flies. The spirit of democracy prevails and wherever you find this spirit you will find a bunch of hale and hearty fellows. That's the kind we have down here and I'm glad to be among them."

No Guard Rails to Big Swimming Pool When Athletic Club Opens

When the new Omaha Athletic club is at last thrown open to its members, there will be no department more interesting than the big gymnasium and swimming pool.

Gene Melady, prominent live stock man and sport promoter, will have charge of these two departments during the opening events and will introduce the members to the vigor building opportuities of the big club.

The guard rails will not be placed around the swimming pool by the time of the opening and the attendants and members are advised to use care to prevent accidents to the swimmers.

Purse of $50,000 Hung Up for 500-Mile Motor Race

Indianapolis, Dec. 7.—Announcement was made here today that the sixth 500-mile race will be staged on the Indianapolis motor speedway on May 30, 1919. The purse will be $50,000, divided 10 ways, the first award being $20,000. The purse will be the first on the Indianapolis speedway since 1916. Following the events that year the track was closed for the duration of the war.

FOOT BALL RESULTS.

At St. Louis—Washington, University, 20; Nebraska, 7.

At Colorado Springs—University of Colorado, 7; Colorado College, 8.

At Washington—Camp Greenleaf, 37; Camp Dix, 0.

At Philadelphia—Navy Yard, 13; Camp Hancock, 6.

At Marble Head, Mass.—Scott High School of Toledo, 19; Marblehead High School, 0.

Basket Ball Season Will Open Soon at Central High School

Coach Mulligan will issue his first call for basket ball candidates earlier this year than usual, but will not start practice for two or three weeks. The necessity for an early call for candidates, is caused by the fact that practically an entire new team will have to be formed. Art Logan and Paul Konecky are the only members of the 1918 team who will play this winter.

The new west gymnasium will probably be used for passing practice and the Young Men's Christian association's floor for basket shooting. This floor can be used but twice a week.

Although Logan and Konecky are both good players, yet the Central mentor will have a big task in building up a quintet unless some good new material is found. George Benolken, who played with the second team last winter will be a candidate for a permanent berth on the first team.

The schedule has not been arranged yet.

Eight of Mulligan's grid players have at least another year of school before them, while eight others will conclude their high school education this June. Turner, Ayers, Swoboda, Shanahan, Harper, Logan, Noble and Moser are the men who played this year and who will not graduate. Peters, Campbell, Konecky, Crowell, Shafer, Wilmarth, Anderson and Pollard have played their last pigskin game for the Purple and White.

No championships were won this year by the foot ball team. The state honors went to Lincoln and the Missouri Valley honors are in doubt. Lincoln and North Des Moines High appear to have the best claim on them.

Trenton Golfers Object to Sahara at Ninetenth Hole

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 7.—The members of the Trenton Country club is the only body of golfers in the history of the game who favor playing on territory that is always wet. This state of mind has come about through the recent election in which the township of Ewing, N. J., went "dry."

Part of the links, including the clubhouse, in this township and consequently the 19th hole is threatened with an early Sahara dryness, unless—ah! that happy word—unless the members take advantage of the fact that part of the course lies within the territory of the city of Trenton which at the recent election voted "wet" by a large majority.

Members of the country club have suggested that the sideboard drouth can be averted by moving into the "wet" territory. In the words of "The Mikado," "here's a pretty mess." At the same time the situation carries a hint for other clubs that may be afflicted or blessed, according to one's point of view, by such a vote.

Hitting the High Spots on The Sporting Trail.

By A. K. DONOVAN.

A real revival of the ancient occupation of fistcuffing is noticed in all parts of the country. Colleges and city boards of education have added this sport to the curriculum of athletic training both in the east and the far west and the results are exceeding the expectations of its advocates.

Many states will introduce regulated boxing bills in the legislature this winter. Senator Richard J. Barr, republican leader in Illinois, will father a bill permitting 10-round no decision contests. The defeat of Charles Whitman for re-election as governor of New York will prove a boon to boxing in the Empire state. He was largely responsible for the repeal of the Frawley boxing law.

Jawn O'Brien Comes Back.

Wisconsin has been backward in starting the sport this winter largely due to the influenza epidemic. The Twin cities have held few entertainments. The chief trouble with the Minnesota game appears to be trouble signing up "money mad" boxers to enter the padded arena.

More than $3,000 was contributed at a show in Wilmington, Del., to war funds. The show was originally planned to boost the United War Work drive, but fell under the ban of the committee who refused to accept money raised in this manner. The attendance was 2,000.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, hero of many a ring battle, appeared in the ring minus his trunks and camouflaged in a full dress suit. He made a stirring appeal for funds and judging by the receipts made a great hit as an orator.

Soldiers Want Boxing.

The demand on the part of soldiers that regulated boxing be allowed will undoubtedly cause a national boxing bill to be introduced. Under strict military discipline boxing has been shown to be the "king of sports" in the army training camps.

Young Men's Christian association and Knights of Columbus leaders report that beyeond a doubt boxing will be added as one of the major sports in their buildings when the soldiers return. The benefits to be derived have been given a thorough tryout by their secretaries in army camps.

The Melady boxing bill, which will be introduced in the legislature this winter, has taken into consideration and overcome all of the disagreeable features of legalized boxing. The "roughneck" feature of the game has been prohibited and clean, manly sportmanship is encouraged.

Will Regulate Boxer.

The boxer as well as the promoter will be regulated and avoid conditions as they exist in the Twin cities. Penalties high enough to prevent promoters from deteriorating the game have been included. Wounded soldiers will receive a portion of the gross receipts. Y. M. C. A. and K. of C. organization will not be required to pay a tax for shows which will encourage the amateur contests.

Commendation from the lovers of clean sport from all parts of the state are being received daily. There appears to be very little probability that any organized effort will be made to defeat the bill. Representatives from the country districts, where the most opposition was expected by the supporters of the measure, now prove to be the most enthusiastic advocates of a bill that will provide and guarantee a clean sport such as will result with the passage of the Melady bill.

Athletics Restored by "Big Ten" to Basis Existing Before War

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Intercollegiate athletics in the western conference were restored to a pre-war basis here today at a meeting of the "Big Ten" faculty committee held in connection with the schedule meeting of the athletic directors and coaches.

No Amalgamation of Two Parent Trotting Bodies

New York, Dec. 7.—Complete amalgamation of the National and American Trotting associations cannot be effected until the congress of the two associations meets next December, though they now are operating under indentical rules, the National association was told at its meeting here today by President J. C. Welty of Canton, O.

The question is largely a matter of adjusting overhead expense Mr. Welty said. He pointed out that there were only about 40 or 50 one-mile tracks in the country, while there were 1,500 half-mile tracks. A revival of interest in racing events was predicted as a reaction from the strain of war.

CORNHUSKERS BEATEN 20 TO 7 BY WASHINGTON

St. Louis University Wins Missouri Valley S. A. T. C. Championship from Nebraska University.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram)—Washington University defeated Nebraska University here this afternoon, 20 to 7, in a game which decided the Missouri Valley football title as played under student army training corps regulations.

The victory of the St. Louis eleven was decisive and due to speed of brain and of foot. Nebraska made its only points in the second quarter through a forward pass after some good gains through end runs and line bucks.

Dobson heaved to Lyman, who ran over the line and Howarth kicked the goal.

Washington Evens Up.

Washington tied the score but a few minutes later after a series of forward passes, Evans carried the leather over on a short end run. Simpson kicked goal.

In this quarter Evans made a sensational run through a broken field after receiving a forward pass and crossed the line, covering 65 yards.

On the trip Simpson again kicked goal.

Washington made six more points in the second half on field goal kicking by Simpson. Washington could not make headway through the Nebraska line and the Cornhuskers were stopping end runs and forward passes so the former Michigan star resorted to kicking from the field.

Nebraska Braces.

Toward the close Nebraska made its best showing of the game when it resorted to straight football and ran the leather two-thirds the length of the field before the time was called.

In the final quarter the work of Evans, who is a major league base ball player, in running was a feature of the game.

Simpson used fine head work in handling the Washington team.

Lineup:

Washington, 20.		Nebraska 7.
Rusick	L.E.	Newman
Kohlbry	L.T.	Hubka
Krasho	L.G.	W. Mann
Marquard	C.	M. Mann
Lippert	R.G.	Ross
Deeds	R.T.	Lyman
Feuerborn	R.E.	Swanson
Simpson	Q.B.	Howarth
Berger	L.H.	Schellenberg
Evans	R.H.	Dobson
Hausladen	F.B.	Lantz

Score by periods:

Washington	0	14	0	6	—20
Nebraska	0	7	0	0	—7.

Washington Scoring: Touchdowns, Evans (2); goals from touchdowns, Simpson (2); goals from field, Simpson (2).

Nebraska Scoring: Touchdown, Lyman; goals from touchdown, Howarth.

Substitutions: Cypreanson for Newman; Cypreanson for Ross; McMahon for Cypreanson; Hartley for Lantz; Jones for Schellenberg; Schellenberg for Jones; Shipper for Rusick; Sibert for Evans; Griesedick for Berger; Teuscher for Kohlbry; Bailey for Krach.

Referee, McBride, Kansas City; umpire, Birch, Earlham; field judge and head linesman, Riley, Kansas City.

Time of periods 15 minutes each.

Clan Gordon Plan Big Athletic Program of Ice Sports for 1919

The annual meeting of the Clan Gordon Athletic association was held in the club rooms in the Baird building Thursday. The following officers and committees were elected for the ensuing year:

George A. Dunn, president.
C. J. Fernandes, vice president.
J. K. Finlayson, secretary.
Harold Fernandes, treasurer.

Executive board: John W. Muir, A. N. Featherstone and officers.

Bowling committee: Peter Lowden, W. M. Scott, W. D. Brydon and John W. Muir.

Curling committee: H. E. Fernandes, Robert S. Melvin and Robert G. Watson.

Plans for ice hockey and soccer foot ball were laid aside for the present owing to the absence of most of the younger members in military service. It is planned to start a bowling league of four five men teams.

Social and athletic entertainments for both regular and associate members are planned for the winter by the various committees and with the return of the soldier members one of the most enjoyable winters in the history of the association is expected.

Chicago White Sox Sign First Recruit for 1919

According to the report from Chicago, the first new player to be signed for the White Sox for the 1919 campaign is a first baseman named John Conroy, who played down in the Coper country league last season. Manager Rowland signed Conroy on the recommendation of Harry Kane, former pitcher and umpire, who has been keeping tab on players in New Mexico and Arizona.

SENIOR LEAGUE MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY

Choice of President, Status of Players and Plans for 1919 Among Questions to Be Considered.

New York, Dec. 7.—The annual meeting of the National league, to be held in this city next Tuesday, will be the first step in the direction of base ball reconstruction made necessary by the war.

While a number of problems confront the senior league magnates there is no evidence that a concerted program of action has been evolved. Among questions which must be considered is election of a league president, future status of players released outright last autumn, national commission arrangements, plans for 1919 and limitation of club rosters.

The election of a president to succeed John K. Tener, who resigned last summer, is expected to be one of the first features to be considered. The names of four men have been mentioned in connection with the position, but no one appears to have a majority of the eight votes back of his name. The quartet is composed of John A. Heydler, secretary-treasurer of the league; Lieut. David L. Fultz, former president of the base ball players fraternity; Francis X. McQuade, a city magistrate of New York, and Robert Brown of Louisville, Ky.

The status of the player is also a matter of considerable concern and must be settled before big league base ball can proceed with arrangements the coming season. While the players were released outright September 1, in connection with the Washington authorities' "work of fight" order, legal opinion appears to be that since the action was necessary to conform with the government orders, the reserve clause is still binding. As a further safeguard there is said to be working agreements between the magnates of both the National and American leagues not to bid for the services of each other's players.

Several of the National league magnates are of the opinion that a joint meeting with the American league will be necessary before plans looking toward the resumption of base ball on a large scale can be completed.

McNamara and Magin Win Six-Day Race by Long Lead on Points

New York, Dec. 7.—Reggie McNamara and Jake Magin, the Newark (N. J.) team, won the six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden today, Madden and Corry finished second and Grenada and Hill third.

The score by points follows:

McNamara and Magin, 1,297; Madden and Corry, 912; Grenda and Hill, 531; Lawrence and Hanley, 491; Coburn and Kopsky, 331; Chapman and Halstead, 245; Grim and Thomas, 126.

The field was reduced to nine teams when Dupuy and Bello, as well as the Bowker brothers, dropped out of the contest early in the afternoon.

Omaha Sport Writer Joins Staff of Religious Paper

The Sporting News announces that James B. Wootan, formerly their correspondent in Omaha and former city editor of The Bee, has been appointed managing editor of the New Era. Concerning the change they said:

"From writing sports to becoming the editor of a religious publication is a long jump, but a former correspondent of the Sporting News has made it and is getting by in fine shape, showing his versatility. James B. Wootan, who used to write entertaining stories from Omaha under the signature of "Judge," has been made managing editor of the New Era, a Presbyterian church publication. He was tendered the position after the management had made a thorough canvass of the talent in the newspaper game, which is some compliment and he has taken hold of the work in a way that proves no mistake was made. Wootan can do it."

Camp Funston Eleven Defeats Grant, 21 to 6

Camp Funston, Kan., Dec. 7.—Camp Funston divisional eleven today defeated Camp Grant, 21 to 6. Two of Funston's touchdowns resulted from blocked kicks and the third from line bucks, which carried Zachritz across the Grant goal line. Shaw and Felflinger blocked two Grant kicks and made possible the other two touchdowns. All three goals were kicked by Gardner.