

SPORTING NEWS

PAAVO NURMI MAY ENGAGE IN ONLY ONE RACE IN U. S.

Stomps The Critics In His Trials At New York Armory.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Paavo Nurmi's great run, one of his hardest indoor work-outs, coming here on the ten lap of the Seventy-first Infantry Armory last night and ending at a group of athletes, officials and critics with a speed which had him the fastest runner of the world, in ten circuits of the circular board floor Nurmi jogged and sped, alternately, and at intervals interspersed his action with a skip-step as he started down the sporadic speed to which he gave himself. Nurmi's custom of holding a light in his right hand and as he jogged over the board floor he glanced over and then of the timepiece to get some positive indication as to whether he was running the proper pace. The indoor workout followed a training session of about two miles on the quarter-mile track at Macomb Park in the afternoon, and it was concluded opinion was unanimous that Nurmi was in excellent form. The one criticism, it was a natural one, was that Nurmi is still shy on taking the lead on an indoor track. This is expected to be corrected as Nurmi progresses with his indoor training.

The workout of Nurmi in the gymnasium tended to dispel the notion that the lad who won four Olympic titles at the games in Amsterdam last summer, was content to return to Finland with a laurel wreath because of "shin splints" or pains in the shins. Report flow around town yesterday wherever athletic followers gathered and aroused keen interest in some quarters. There was a feeling of apprehension manifest in the possibility of Nurmi's declining the American public's offer to see him in action. But inspection of Nurmi in action dispelled the reports of painful shins in the Finnish legs, and those in attendance that were not going wrong with their own athletes as far as his run form is concerned.

Coach Hugo Quist of the Finnish American C. C. who is directing Nurmi's American training, both on the board floor and outdoors, clarified the situation by saying flatly that Nurmi will see this country without competition.

"Paavo will fulfill whatever promise he has made to run," said Quist in a discussion of the plan after the workout at the armory. "He does not like running, which is only natural. It is his first attempt at style, and it is hard for him to get himself. When he first started indoor running he felt the need of the change from outdoor track to the indoor, he is feeling all right now and continues training as he has been doing."

He has promised to race in the Finnish-American A. C. games on Dec. 26, and he will go through that promise. That is sufficient for the other invitations which have been extended to him. "I can do nothing, because he will say himself until he sees how these indoors in competition," the statement that Nurmi "will fulfill whatever promises he has made" was variously interpreted. Coach Quist's circle of hearers. The point was made that Nurmi's view of the fact that Nurmi's

Abegweit Practice Tonight

Abegweit Hockey practice this evening at 6.45 p.m. sharp. All players requested to be on hand at the appointed hour.

RADIO BREAKS UP HOME

(Canadian Press)
VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 22.—So much radio contributed to disrupting the domestic happiness of Eva Allen, Woodland Drive and her husband J. C. Allen. Mrs. Allen testified that her husband spent his money on radio equipment instead of clothing for their children. He also alleged he treated her with cruelty. She was granted a decree of judicial separation and custody of the children.

"Y" BOWLING

In the City Bowling League last night on the "Y" Alleys the Railway team won from the Odd Fellows by 183 pins.

Sievey, trainer of the Railway team had the high single of 244 and also the high three of 695.

In the last game the winner rolled an average of 202 for each man, or a total of 1010.

ODD FELLOWS:
McNair 136 144 137
Senter 139 134 149
Nicholson 192 182 131
Apthorn 168 216 205
Todd 181 203 153
Total—2168.

RAILWAY:
Trainer 229 133 214
Anderson 154 219 157
Boyle 135 166 209
Douglas 145 164 167
Coburn 169 132 231
Total—2658.

Majority for Telephone over Car bells, 161 pins.

TELEPHONE:
Melants 163 239 146
McNeill 111 140 129
Moore 115 131 180
Smith 206 151 189
McLeod 156 126 179
Total—2356.

CARVELLS
McKenzie 134 179 153
Jalbraith 164 122 164
Smith 123 163 112
D. McKenzie 186 131 189
Total—2195.

Happenings of The Day At Y. M. C. A.

10 till 12—Special classes, 3 till 5—Intermediates, 8 till 10—Seniors.

BOWLING.
City League, Y. M. C. A. vs Abatons.

SOCIAL.
Holiday program for everybody. A Bean Supper for Junior leaders corps Capt's and seconds only.

A BIG CHEQUE
TORONTO, Dec. 22.—This afternoon the liquidator of the Toronto Railway Co. sent over to the Canadian Bank of Commerce a cheque for \$13,280,000, to cover payments to be made to shareholders.

TOO MANY!
PARIS, Dec. 22.—Sixty-five pairs of stockings in one month is too many for one woman, a Paris court decided, sustaining Frank J. Gould's refusal to pay for that amount of hosiery charged to him in a month by Edith Kelly Gould, his former wife.

QUEBEC, Dec. 19.—Led by His Honor Lieut-Governor Cockshutt, some two hundred representatives of the province of Ontario, mostly from Toronto, favoring closer relations between the two provinces, will pay a visit to the ancient capital in the latter part of January. A special reception committee, which comprises His Honor Hon. Narcisse Perceau, lieutenant-governor of Quebec; Premier Taschereau, and leading residents of this city, is now being formed in this connection.

Premier Taschereau said today that he thought the party would spend a day in this city. It is understood that the members of the party will be received officially at Spencerwood, the gubernatorial mansion, and that a banquet, attended by the cabinet and by members of both houses will be tendered to the visitors.

"The prisoner hit you with a brick, did he?"
"He did that, yer honor."
"But he didn't quite kill you, evidently."
"No, had cess to 'im. Oi wish he had."
"Why?"
"Bedad, Oi'd have had the spalpeen up for murder, yer honor."

KIND LITTLE GIFTS
O little town of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie, Above the deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by: Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

Alfonso Too Popular To Be Dethroned

While Blasco Ibañez, the Spanish novelist, and a few other lesser known expatriated Nationals are directing attacks from without against King Alfonso, the Spanish monarch holds more political power than any other royal head of Europe—and can afford to smile upon and even pity his detractors, writes a European correspondent of the New York Herald-Tribune. In order to stir up lethargic Spanish public opinion, if such were possible, in favor of ousting the monarchy, it will be necessary first to put propaganda before the people and, second, to make them believe it. But the opinion of observers, qualified to discuss the position of Alfonso, is that even if it were possible to get the ear of every single Spaniard, his popularity still will remain 95 per cent. intact. King Manuel of Portugal lost his throne because his people were starving while he was buying ropes of pearls for Gaby Deslys. The gravest charge against Alfonso is that he owns an excellent race horse and spends every summer at San Sebastian, Spain's fashionable northern watering resort. His people are not starving. In fact, they are well fed and rather indolently content.

Little Dissatisfaction.

Perhaps five per cent. of Spain's population entertains some dissatisfaction with the King because he embraced General Primo de Rivera's move a year ago to dissolve the Cortes and oust the political office-holders. This five per cent. represents the wealthy, titled contingent that has everything to lose and nothing to gain from a Spanish republic. The group wants a Parliamentary Government, and that is the sum total of its discontent. The tales of Alfonso's popularity are legion in Madrid. His friendship for the American Ambassador, Alexander P. Moore, is but one source of the tales of the King's democratic spirit. It is reported in Madrid that Ambassador Moore was invited to the palace recently for the purpose of a chat with the King. Alfonso initiated the conversation by inviting him to partake of a friendly cocktail. The Ambassador, however, had never taken a drink in his life.

The Heroic Ambassador.

He was placed in the rather embarrassing position, as a result of being forced to refuse. "Your American prohibition law is all right in the United States," the King said, "but you are now in Spain, where no such law exists. This is an excellent cocktail, I assure you."

The American Ambassador still declined, explaining simply that he does not drink.

"Well you are the first person who ever refused to drink with me," said Alfonso.

Ambassador Moore is credited with having replied, "I am sorry, but—America first."

Instead of being peeved, Alfonso was delighted. The conversation of the two, according to those privileged to hear them, often reverted to the Spanish-American war, in which Spain lost Cuba, the Philippines and Porto Rico. Alfonso is reported as having said Spain did not regret the loss of the first two, but saw no reason why the United States took Porto Rico.

Cheered in Streets.

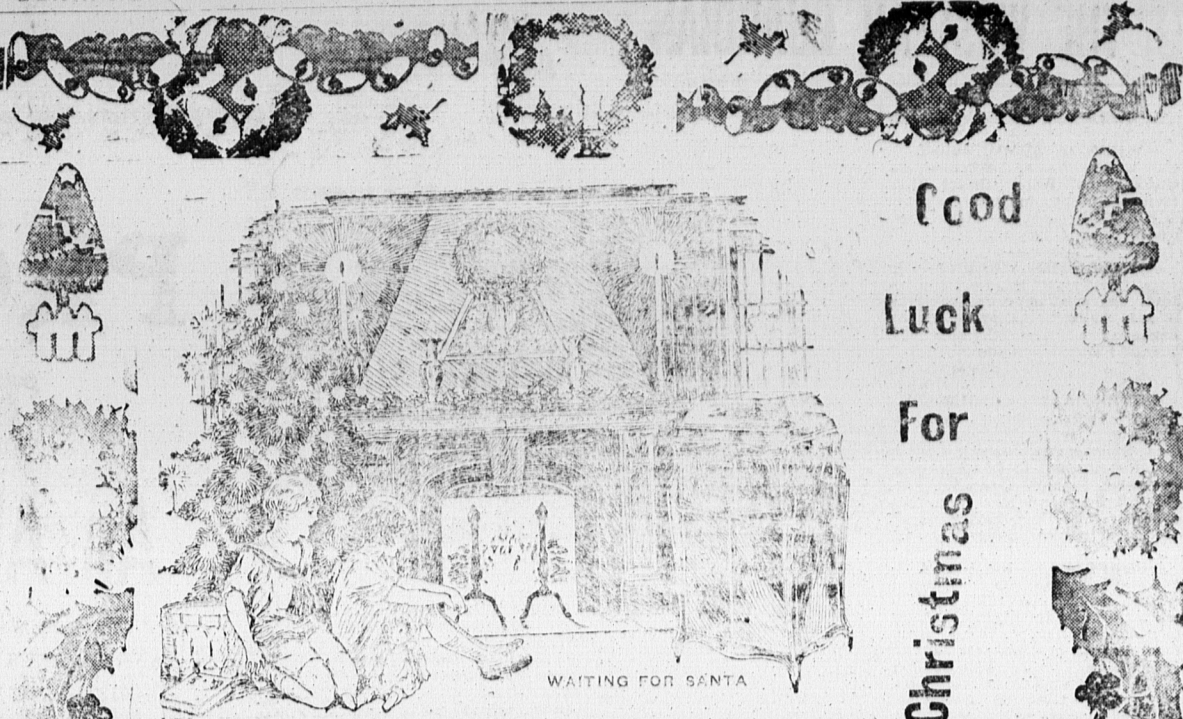
Ambassador Moore replied that so far as he personally and unofficially was concerned Spain was entirely welcome to get all three possessions back.

"No thanks," said the King. "Keep them—you're welcome to them." These and similar stories are well known to inner circles in Madrid. They do not diminish Alfonso's personal rating among the small political contingent whose titles hail from the monarchy and who are desirous of retaining them.

Whenever Alfonso appears in state the streets are lined by the cheering populace. Often, however, he has picked out the fashionable Avenida Castellana for early morning equestrianism; totally unguarded and unaccompanied. Sardonically he is a model for his subjects. In fact, Parisian gowns and the conventional world attire are affected by both the King and Queen, and almost entirely supersede the poppy-headed American conception of the sunny old world Spain where snappy black-eyed Carmens are to be seen everywhere in picturesque lace mantillas draped over them with high-backed tortoise-shell combs.

Ibanez Little Known.

In Madrid, Barcelona and Seville—in fact, all over Spain—where fashion prevails today, Carmen has abandoned the mantilla for the latest Paris modes. Carmen and her lovers are not distinguishable any longer from the same fashionable set of any other Latin capital in Europe. The mantilla the shell combs and the embroidered shawls are all reserved almost exclusively for shops where rich Americans occasionally pay almost prohibitive prices for them. Recently at the gala bull fight the Queen was compelled to wear native costume, a few ladies at the court affected the same garb out of sympathy for the sunny old world Spain where snappy black-eyed Carmens are to be seen everywhere in picturesque lace mantillas draped over them with high-backed tortoise-shell combs.



Good Luck For Christmas

Santa Claus Has Arrived at the Christmas Store

Gifts for Men and Boys

Umbrellas for Christmas Gifts with covers in silk \$5.00 and \$5.50

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THE SHAM DOME OF ST. PAUL'S
It will surprise a great many people to learn that St. Paul's Cathedral in London, nearly had a spire instead of a dome.
The original model, made by Sir Christopher Wren, which is to be seen at the South Kensington Museum, differs in several essentials from the completed cathedral. The authorities did not approve, and asked Wren to design another, in which a spire instead of a dome was to be the principal feature.
Highly displeased, Wren set to work, made another model—and altered the design of the cathedral to suit his own tastes as the work progressed.
The dome gradually assumed its present vast proportions while the proposed spire was displaced, by the stone lantern, the ball and the cross, which now surmount the cathedral.
The dome, by the way, is an architectural deception. Most people imagine that it is solid stonework, and that it holds up the cross, the ball and the stone lantern, which represent a weight of seven hundred tons.
Nothing of the sort! Wren's ingenuity provided that the dome should consist of three parts—the outer shell, surprising though it may seem, is made of nothing more substantial than wood; an inner core of brick which supports the weight above it; a third covering, seen only from inside the cathedral, of brick, reinforced by wood.
Round the base of the inner core is a great iron chain, placed there by Wren to prevent the structure from collapsing under its own weight.
Though we may not all be able to give Christmas presents now, there are many things we may give.
With a happy, cheerful air, we may give kind deeds and wishes.
We may gladly do our parts to help and share with others. The Christmas in our hearts.
CHRISTMAS LOVE.
Oh, mothers in homes that are happy,

Where Christmas comes laden with cheer,
Where children are dreaming at ready,
Of the merriest time of the year,
As you gather your darlings around you,
And tell them the story of old,
Remember the homes that are dreary,
Remember the hearts that are cold,
And thanking the love that has blessed you,
With all that is dearest and best,
Give freely that from your abundance,
Some bare little life may be blessed,
O, go where the stockings are empty,
Where Christmas is naught but a name,
And give—for the love of the Christ Child,
'Twas to seek such as these that He came.
—Ellen Manby.

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