

7° Les curieux et les oisifs, assistant comme spectateurs, aux exercices des athlètes ou des amateurs. Cette dernière catégorie était nombreuse, surtout aux jours fériés ; lorsque les métiers chômaient et que les artisans étaient des ouvrés.

A Sparte seulement, les femmes étaient admises dans les gymnases, et partageaient les exercices des hommes.

(A suivre.)

G. STREHLY.



## OLYMPIC DOCUMENTS

With reference to the meetings held in Saint-Louis in August by the Olympic games committee of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, acting as representatives of the International Olympic committee, Baron Pierre de Coubertin received the following letters :

Dear Sir,

Your kind communication to hand. Kindly pardon my late reply, which is due to the fact that I was just about to start for Saint-Louis when I received your letter and decided to delay answering same until I was in a position to give you some definite information. The amateur Athletic Union Olympic committee that represented your committee was as follows : Walter H. Liginger, president, Milwaukee. — Harry Mac Millan, Philadelphia. — E.-E. Babb, Boston. — John O'Connor, Western Association. — J.-E. Sullivan, New-York. — H.-C. Garneau, président Western Association. The World's Fair people were represented by J.-E. Sullivan of the A. A. U. who has been appointed chief of their physical culture department. Our meetings were held on monday, tuesday and wednesday August 10 th, 11 th, and 12 th. The dates selected for the Olympic Games proper are August 29 th, 30 th, and 31 st, september 1 st, 2 d, and 3 d, 1904. On the day that we decided on the date we sent a commication to F.I.V. Skiff, Director of Exhibits, recommending that a cable

gram should be sent to you advising you of our action which I was informed was done.

In case there is anything further that you may desire to suggest in relation to the games, kindly let me know so that I may have the pleasure to submit same to the committee. Trusting that the arrangements which so far have been made will meet with the approval of you and your honorable committee, I am, dear Sir.

Yours most respectfully,

WALTER H. LIGINGER,  
President Amateur Athletic Union,  
of the United States.

Sir,

The matter of the date of holding the games has claimed the most careful consideration of the management and of the committee of the Amateur Athletic Union which committee was authorized to represent the International committee in all matters pertaining to the games. After due canvass and deliberation it was agreed by both parties to the conference that the last week in the month of August 1904 was the most advantageous and the only practicable date for the presentation properly of the features which will mark the games of that year.

I have much pleasure in advising you that the program of events of the games has been determined and is now in the hands of the printer. Copies will be forwarded you at the earliest possible moment and arrangements have already been made for its extensive distribution.

With assurances of my highest esteem, I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

DAVID R. FRANCIS,  
President Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

In order that athletes the world over may train in a uniform manner and all go the same distance in practice, the committee unanimously voted in favor of having the running races measured according to the metric system.

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