

AMATEURISM

The opinion of Serge Lang of the « Gazette de Lausanne, (August 1955).

“EMPTY FORMULAS. — *Amateurism does not set a problem of a sporting character but becomes a case of honour. Amateurism and its problems fills the agendas of the Sport Conferences in the four corners of the world. The Directives Bodies are busy throughout the length of Conferences debating on this question of Amateurism which they brandish like a flag. But, outside these big Congresses, it would appear that leaders and practisians are not caring a hoot about the matter.*

Editor: We would like to know the opinion of the leaders of the International Federations who never cease to study this problem from all angles, in particular the opinion of

Lt- Colonel R. H. Russell, who is Hon. Sec. of the International Amateur Boxing Association, and to know the views of Mr. Gaston Mullegg, President of the International Rowing Federation ? The latter is actually one of the authors of the Olympic rule on amateurism which is in force at the present time, which, if put into practice with absolute integrity, would not be submitted to the ravages of time, as described by Baron de Coubertin in the following words : “Amateurism., a wonderful mummy which could be exhibited in Boulak’s museum as a specimen of modern embalming ! Half a century has passed and yet the mummy though being submitted to never-ending manipulations, has come out unscathed apparently.”