U. S. ATHLETES IN OLYMPIC QUARTERS

Express Satisfaction Over Accommodations Provided at Antwerp.

SWIMMERS HAVE WORKOUT

Both Women and Men Impress Crowd of Onlookers—Coach Moabley Inspects Track and Field.

ANTWERP, Aug. 8 (Associated Press).—The American athletes who are to compete in the Olympic games, disembarked today from the transport Princess Matoika and proceeded to the school house where they are to be quartered during their stay here. Satisfaction was expressed over their place of abode and much of the discontent which had prevailed on board the ship had disappeared. A committee of the athletes inspected the food and kitchens and pronounced them an improvement over the accommodations on board the transport.

Coach Moakley visited the Stadium early in the day and expressed pleasure with the general aspect of the infield. The track, however, he found slow and soft, due partly to the heavy rains which have been prevailing and partly to the amount of practice done by the athletes of other nations.

The women's swimming team is quartered in the Young Men's Christian Association Hostess House, where they have pleasant, homelike accommodations. The women practiced in the Olympian pool this forenoon. They said the water was rather slow and dead and exceptionally cold. They said they hoped the sun would soon warm it up. The divers think that more life in the springboards is desirable. All the women made a strong impression on the Belgian swimmers who watched them work out. The Belgians said they swam like men.

The male swimmers practiced late in the afternoon, and there was a large crowd out to see Norman Ross and Duke Kahanamoku perform.

There will be no meeting of the Olympic Committee to consider official matters on the resolution passed by the athletes on shipboard until the latter part of the week, when Gustavus P. Kirby and Judge Bartow S. Weeks arrive.

S. Harris Thompson, the all-round Princeton athlete, fresh from a victory at Oxford, England, is at the school house. He is desirous of becoming a member of the American team. The committee men here are non-committal but they expressed the belief that there will be no exception to the drastic rule that the men must make the team through trials in the United States.

The American Olympic track team today had its first practice in the stadium where the men hope later on to gain world honors by their prowess. The athletes had witnessed the final tryouts of the Belgians and so eager were they for work that hardly had the last event been concluded when they leaped over the barriers and raced upon the track and field, cheering. A large crowd of spectators appeared puzzled over the enthusiasm of the Americans.

The bicyclists practiced on the velodrome track for Monday's events. They were somewhat puzzled over the high banking of the track. The road cyclists will cover the complete course tomorrow. This will be the last time they make the trip before Thursday's race.

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