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Relative to the success of James Thorpe, Indian athlete, at the Olympic games at Stockholm, showing action taken by the President, the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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Secretary's original letter is
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,

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July 29, 1912.

Hon. Robert G. Valentine,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Valentine:-

I thank you for your letter of July
twenty-sixth, enclosing the letter to James
Thorpe from the Secretary. I appreciate your
interest and assistance in this matter.

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Sincerely yours,

M. Friedman
Superintendent.

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July 26, 1912.

My dear Mr. Thompson:

In accordance with your request of the 24th instant, I enclose herewith draft of a letter for the President's signature to James Thorpe, the Indian athlete. I think it appropriate for the President to send such a letter and I have already sent one myself at the suggestion of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary.

Hon. Carmi A. Thompson,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington.



My dear Sir:

It is with much pleasure that I add my own congratulations to the many you have received on account of your splendid victory at the Olympic Games in Stockholm. Your performance is one to be proud of. You have set a high standard of physical development which is only attained by right living and right thinking, and your victory will serve as an incentive to your race to improve those qualities which characterize the best type of American citizen.

It is my earnest wish that the future will bring you success in your chosen field of endeavor.

With heartiest congratulations, I am

Yours sincerely,

Mr. James Thorpe,
(Through the Superintendent
of the Carlisle Indian School).

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July 26, 1912.

Hugh R. Miller, Esq.,
Chairman Invitation Committee,
Carlisle Board of Trade,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of July 22, inviting me to the celebration to mark the home-coming of James Thorpe and Lewis Tewanima. I am very sorry indeed that I shall be unable to be present, and wish that you would extend to the committee my very great regrets, and I wish you a most successful time.

It is a great thing for these two men to have won such honor, and even greater for them to have set such a standard to their own people and to all of us.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgt) P. S. Valentine

Commissioner.

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July 26, 1912



Mr. Moses Friedman,
Superintendent Carlisle School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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My dear Mr. Friedman:

The Secretary has taken pleasure in writing the enclosed letter to Mr. Thorpe.

Sincerely yours,

(Sg) R. M. Valentin
Commissioner.

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Respectfully referred to the Commissioner of
Indian Affairs for his information.

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July 23, 1912

My dear Mr. Thorpe:

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I have noted with much interest the fine work that you did at the Olympic Games in Stockholm, especially in winning the Decathlon over the pick of the athletes of the world. Your success brings renown, not only to the United States, but also to the American Indians, for whom you proved such a worthy representative. It is my hope that your present success and your future life will serve as a standard for all of the Indians, and will encourage them to develop those qualities of physical and mental excellence which characterize the best type of American citizen.

With heartiest congratulations and best wishes,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. L. F.

Secretary.

Mr. James Thorpe,
(Through the Commissioner of
Indian Affairs)



JAMES W. ECKELS, PRESIDENT
CHAS. F. HUMRICH, SECRETARY
D. E. BRINDLE, TREASURER

The Carlisle Board of Trade



CARLISLE, PA. July 22, 1912.



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Robert G. Valentine,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Dear Sir:-

A committee of citizens appointed through the Carlisle Board of Trade has arranged for a celebration to mark the home-coming of James Thorpe, the 'greatest athlete of all times', and Lewis Tewanima, one of America's greatest runners, victorious athletes in the Olympic games.

The celebration, to be held on August 1, will include a parade, formal meeting for the presentation of testimonials, athletic events and a celebration on the Indian School Campus.

The committee respectfully invites you to be an honored guest at this celebration, and to join in the tribute to these athletes who have won for America such distinction.

As the intervening time is short, we would beg to request as early an answer as possible.

Very truly yours,

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE.

Hugh H. Miller

Chairman Invitation Committee.

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Return Card to Mr. Powell :

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Mr. James Thorpe,

Care Superintendent Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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My dear Thorpe:

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Your accomplishments at the Olympic Games at Stockholm have given us all here a thrill of pride, and more than your excellence in any particular event, the fact of your winning the Decathlon, thus proving yourself to be the greatest all-around athlete in the world, ought to, and will, mean a lot to all other Indians throughout the country. The standard you have set in speed, strength, and quickness, physical, mental, and moral, for work like yours cannot be done without many other qualities than those of mere physique, will help a lot in all we are trying to do to bring all the Indians at the earliest day to a state of healthy, self-sufficing citizenship.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) R. G. Valentine.

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Commissioner.

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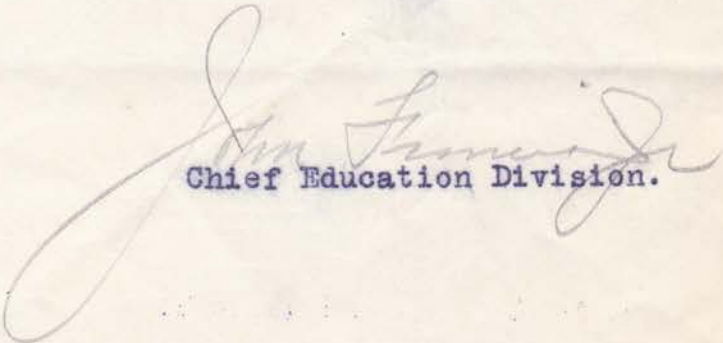
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Mr. Commissioner:

Do you not think you might properly write a letter to ^{the Carlisle boy} Mr. James Thorpe on winning the decathlon in the Olympic games at Stockholm. Thorpe, in winning this place, proves himself to be the greatest all-around athlete in the world, having undergone tests of speed, strength and quickness. It seems to me that when an American Indian wins honors of this kind against all the world he has done something to show the stuff that his people are made of, at least physically, and that some personal recognition from you might not be amiss.

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Relative to request of Hon. T. M. Patterson
for permission of the foot-ball team to fulfil
its contract to play the Denver University.

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Mr Meyer:

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be fine, if the
Secretary cared to
~~to~~ write a note
to Thorpe.

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Mr. Connor, The Secy has
taken pleasure in signing
the letter to Thorpe
W. A. M.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,

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Handwritten signature

My dear Mr. Valentine:

Your splendid letter to Thorpe will do much to inspire him to continue to lead a clean, wholesome life, and will also serve to promote the right ideas among the student body and other Indians.

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As an appropriate recognition of what he has done for the town, the borough of Carlisle will have a celebration on his arrival from Europe this coming week, and they, among other things, will present him with some embossed resolutions, including letters from prominent men of the State. It was thought that this would be better than presenting him with a cup, as he would keep this and cherish it all his life, and read the things in it with pleasure in after years.

I know a letter from Secretary Fisher would be a most welcome addition to these communications, and I am writing to you hoping that you may prevail upon the Secretary to write such a communication, addressing it to me here at the school. The event is one of international importance and may be the means of inspiring the Indian people to take greater interest in the development of their physical bodies, which is so important to the Indian people.

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I know you are busy and that the Secretary is busy, but I write with reference to the matter because of the interest which both of you have in the cause of Indian uplift.

Very sincerely yours,

M. J. Quinn
Superintendent.

Hon. Robert G. Valentine,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

BY
George Moore

**'Greatest Athlete'
Deserving Of Win
Favorable Ranking**

SOME 400 and more Arizona grammar school boys and girls today will have the opportunity of hearing one of the world's greatest athletes talk on "Sportsmanship". The speaker will be Jim Thorpe who will serve as honorary referee at the Greenway Field Day events today.

Thorpe, no doubt, will be remembered 100 years from now for his athletic exploits because he was no single-event man. No matter what the sport, the noted Indian could do it well.

In selection of a subject on which to talk at the Greenway, Thorpe could not have selected a better one than "Sportsmanship", for he long will be remembered as one who played the game to win, but fairly and squarely.

In the Olympic Games at Stockholm in 1912, Thorpe won the pentathlon and decathlon with what then were record-breaking totals. Later it was discovered he had participated in a professional baseball game, but he was unaware of the amateur rule infraction. His medals were taken back; but Thorpe had demonstrated he was "the greatest athlete the world has ever known", as King Gustaf of Sweden characterized him at the time.

Thorpe's laurels were not all gained on the track and field. At the famous Carlisle, Pa., Indian school, he won the praise of Glenn (Pop) Warner, now coach at Temple university, as the "greatest football player that ever lived".

On the diamond, Thorpe's greatest fame was gained with the New York Giants, with whom he played five or six years. Not particularly sensational as a ball player, his play was marked by dogged determination to turn in the best game possible.

When the winners of today's Greenway events are awarded their victory medals by Jim Thorpe, they can mark down the presentation as one of the highlights of their athletic careers.

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IF THERE is a team in the Greenway Boy Scout meet that deserves success, it is a group from Tucson, for it will be its second start this year to capture honors.

Greenway officials who arrived at the high school stadium grounds at 8 o'clock last Saturday morning to prepare the track for the afternoon high school events, were astonished to find a Boy Scout unit camped on the football gridiron waiting for the program to begin.

It was the Santa Catalina Council representatives who had arrived one week early for the events in which they were entered. They will be back today, their leader promised, ready to make another start.

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THE PAST and present of Olympic stars will be provided by Thorpe and Ken Carpenter of the University of Southern California.

Last year Carpenter set a new Greenway record in the discus, 164 feet, 29 more than the previous mark. Later he went to Berlin and captured first place in the Olympics event with a heave that was only one foot, seven inches, better than that here.

Glancing over the 15-event list of Greenway events in the senior Amateur Athletic Union class for college and unattached entries, a study of the meet records reveals that all compare favorably with those of other meets throughout the country. Dyer and Wykoff top the 100-yard dash performances with 9 4/5 seconds, and the remainder of the marks rank just as well.

Further evidence of the stiff brand of competition provided in the Greenway is furnished by Dan Ferris, secretary of the National AAU, who has advised Vic Housholder, Greenway general manager, that the marks established here are, in many cases, on a par with the Penn, Kansas, Texas and other relay performances.

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Honorary Greenway Referee



The stocky man pictured eyeing the stop-watch once was referred to by a king as "the greatest athlete the world has ever known". Previously, one of America's outstanding gridiron coaches called him "the greatest football player that ever lived". He is Jim Thorpe, famed Carlisle Indian school athlete, shown with his 10-year-old son, Phillip, as the grand old veteran of track, football and baseball acted as honorary referee at yesterday's Greenway Field Day events in the high school stadium. Later he presented medals to the winning athletes and teams and spoke to the spectators on "Sportsmanship". Thorpe came here from Hollywood to assist at the annual track and field event.—(Republic Staff Photo)