

FUNDS NEEDED FOR DREW'S FAMILY

**Great Sprinter Cannot Go Abroad
Unless Wife and Children
Are Cared For.**

SULLIVAN TO INVESTIGATE

**American Commissioner's Con-
sent Needed; High School
Students Eager to Help.**

Whether Howard P. Drew of Springfield high school goes to Sweden for the Olympics as a member of the American athletic team depends largely on the attitude of the American Olympic commissioner, James E. Sullivan, toward a fund now being raised for the support of Drew's family while he is away. A. E. Metzdorf, physical director of the Springfield high schools, said yesterday there is practically no chance for Drew to go unless some means is found of looking after his family during his absence. Drew himself has given Mr. Metzdorf this information.

At the Olympic trials in Boston Saturday after Drew had astonished athletic experts by beating Ralph C. Craig, the former University of Michigan star, hands down in the 100-meter dash, Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston learned there was a likelihood that the lad might not make the trip because of lack of funds and promptly started a subscription with a donation of \$25, which he turned in to the Boston Post. That newspaper has contributed \$25 more and it is said a sizeable sum has been pledged in Boston.

Mr. Metzdorf in conversation with some Springfield men Saturday night, as well as previous to that time, learned that many Springfield followers of athletics would be glad to help Drew out on the financial end and even before the Boston Post made public the idea of Mayor Fitzgerald, had taken the matter up with the sporting department of The Union. His idea was that Springfield people would be proud to have the city represented on the American Olympic team, but he wanted to be sure that the plan wouldn't run counter to any of the strict regulations of the Amateur Athletic union, of which Mr. Sullivan is secretary.

At the suggestion of Mr. Metzdorf, the Sporting editor of The Union wired Secretary Sullivan yesterday to learn whether there would be any objection to the raising of a fund for the support of Drew's family while he is absent. That Mr. Sullivan wants to be sure of the object in view is evidenced by his answer. Sending representative to see tomorrow, regarding fund for support of Drew's family.

Drew is down to run tomorrow in New York in the meet for members of the team, but does not intend going to the metropolis. He expects to play ball in Monson today with Springfield high and in Westfield tomorrow. As a matter of fact the youngster hasn't the price to go to New York. Of course his expenses will be paid on the trip abroad, but it is understood that the athletes must defray their own expenses to New York. Drew could undoubtedly raise the money for the trip to New York as far as that goes but he wants to be sure his family will have enough for its support if he goes abroad.