

QUESTION IS RAISED AS TO ELIGIBILITY OF JIM THORPE

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Charges questioning the amateur standing of James Thorpe, the Indian athlete and all-round Olympic champion, were filed today with James E. Sullivan, secretary of the amateur union. The charges are important because, if sustained, they would destroy Thorpe's eligibility as an amateur when he won the pentathlon and decathlon contests in the Olympic games in Stockholm last summer and also would depose him as the American all-round champion, a title he won here upon his return from Sweden.

The charges are based on the statement of Charles C. A. Clancy, manager of the Winston-Salem baseball team of the Carolina association. Clancy is quoted as stating that the Indian pitched and played first base for the Winston-Salem club in 1910.

James E. Sullivan, chairman of the National Registration committee, said tonight:

"I don't believe there is any truth in the charges of professionalism against Thorpe. I have every confidence in his amateur standing."

CARLISLE, Pa., Jan. 24.—Glenn Warner, coach of the Carlisle Indian school athletes, received tonight a letter from Charles C. A. Clancy, manager of the Winston-Salem baseball team, in which Clancy denies making the statements attributed to him. He says that he knows absolutely nothing that would reflect on Thorpe's amateur standing.