OLYMPIC TEAM RETURNING.

Vanguard of U. S. Team to Arrive Today on Princess Matoika.

The vanguard of America's victorious Olympic games athletic team is scheduled to arrive here this afternoon on the Princess Matoika, the army transport on which the larger part of the track and field, swimming, wrestling, boxing, and fencing teams made the journey to Antwerp. The army vessel is expected to dock at her berth in Hoboken some time this afternoon. The athletes she is carrying back with her are probably the second-string men who did not place in the actual Olympic tests. Local A. A. U. headquarters have been advised that twenty athletes are about to complete the return journey to this country.

Inquiries on the date of the expected return of the actual winners at Antwerp have been pouring into the local governing athletic body from all parts of the country. Every large city represented on the team is preparing huge celebrations and receptions to honor their native sons. Philadelphia is the latest city to follow the trail broken by local authorities, who led in adopting plans of welcome. The officials of Quakertown have requested of Herman Obertubbesing, acting A. A. U. Secretary, definite information on the sailing and arriving dates of the athletic conquerors. The Philadelphia Mayor's Committee is planning an elaborate public reception for the home-bred athletes. Assistant Coach Lawson Robertson of the Olympic team, has advised the Quaker authorities that the team expects to start the homeward trip either today or tomorrow. This is the latest official information on the question received here.

Aside from the proposed public reception which will be tendered the returning athletes, Philadelphia American Legion officials are eager to learn definite information on the date of arrival in order to provide a series of competitions for the stars. The Quaker war veterans' organization is scheduled to conduct an athletic meet at Franklin Field, Sept. 18, and in the event that the athletes will arrive in time, it is the intention to arrange special events in which they can demonstrate to the home folk just how they trampled all opposition in the international classic games.

Local A. A. U. officials have been advised of plans for gala receptions in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco, in addition to the local and Philadelphia celebrations.

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