

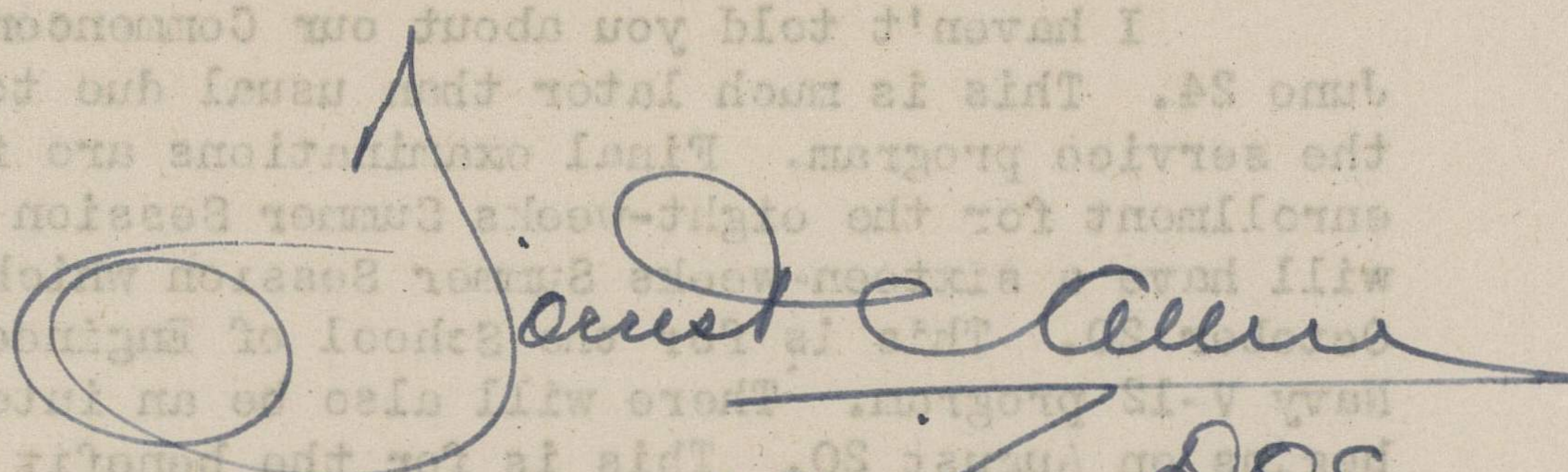
John Doyle, editor of the American Sports Library which published all the Official Athletic Guides for the colleges, introduced me to Mr. Kieran. Jimmy Walker was also present that noon. I had met John Kieran before but never had I seen him more interesting. He has one of the most engaging smiles and speaks with a soft, mellow Irish tone. I have always been enamored with John Kieran. When he was traveling with the Giants it was his habit to go to the libraries of the big cities and the wonderful art galleries to study and improve himself. Certainly we who have listened to him in "Information Please", have been thrilled by his tremendous knowledge of music, art, literature, sports, or what have you. He certainly is one wonderful gentleman, and a gentle-man. He makes a wonderful contribution regarding the worthwhileness of youth and education as applied to "education through play", and a better understanding internationally. He writes as follows:

"There are critics who have stated that the Olympic Games stir up more enmity than amity and they instance a series of outbreaks in the heat of competition to bolster their argument. 'Education and youth go together. And youth and athletics go together. Youngsters of all nations are interested in games and thus it is sound to offer a plan of international education allied to international sports competition. I'm for it all the way.' My answer to that would be that if there were a hundred athletes in competition, of whom 98 were getting along well together and two were in a fierce fight, the two who were fighting would draw most of the attention.

"I have a firm belief in the worth of the Olympic program. It is fundamentally a program of education based on the principle that a wider knowledge of foreign persons and nations will mean a better understanding among persons and nations. If that is wrong--if the better we know one another the more we hate one another--then the human race is inherently wicked and deservedly doomed."

Here's hoping that you will all be back for the competition that you most desire, whether it is Olympic Games, or whether it is Big Six, or whatever it is, - we are hoping that before Christmas you will be with us.

Very sincerely yours,

  
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Varsity Basketball Coach.

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