

A. A. U. TURNS DOWN PADDOCK

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BOSTON, April 21.—The telegraph vote taken by the Amateur Athletic Union registration committee has been virtually completed and shows nearly unanimous support of the attitude of the officers of the A.A.U. and the American Olympic committee, in advising American athletes to remain away from European competition this year, lest they jeopardize their amateur standing and weaken the Olympic team next year. This announcement was made today by President William C. Prout of the A.A.U. in a statement in which he referred to the reported action of Charles W. Paddock of the University of Southern California, in leaving for Paris to run in a meet here.

"The A.A.U. officials and the American Olympic committee," said Mr. Prout, "are unanimous in feeling that it is the duty of the athletes of the country to stay here this year and generate interest in athletics in this country so that the American Olympic team of 1924 will be able to meet the very strenuous competition which will surely be provided."