

UNCLE SAM PINCH HITTING ON WESTERN FRONT

This April finds him over the sea, Where, answering a nation's call, On blood-marked plains of Picardy He plays the greatest game of all.

The April perfume in the air One year ago could only mean That soon he should be playing where The chalk-lines mark a field of green.

BASEBALL SCRIBES SPEND DULL WEEK

Funeral of International League Only Really Lively Event

TURN THEN TO EXHUMING

Meanwhile Training Camp Games Begin and Charlie Herzog Roams the Reservation

[By Cable to The Stars and Stripes.] NEW YORK, April 4.—Baseball news was so thin last week that American baseball writers filled the void with tales culled from the depths of antiquity and have had to devote disquisitions about the pitching style of players during the Civil War. There was little done except practice games, in most of which major and minor league clubs mixed.

The New York Giants opened a five-game series with the San Antonio Stars, Bronchos, and the Athletics did little credit to their names by letting the Giants win by a score of 8 to 1. The Bronchos' left-handed pitcher gave the Giants 15 hits.

In Little Rock, Ark., Babe Ruth, the Red Sox's stinging left hander, robbed the Brooklyn Dodgers of victory, Boston winning with a score of 4 to 3. The series now stands three to one in favor of Boston. In each of Boston's three victories Ruth has played a big part, walloping the ball wickedly and breaking up promising hopes for Brooklyn each time.

The Cleveland Americans beat the New Orleans team of the Southern Association by a score of 9 to 7 at New Orleans.

The International League conducted its own funeral this week after 26 years' existence. The directors voted to disband, but immediately after the obsequies the rumor was circulating that the league will be reorganized under another name in a lower classification. The National Commission ruled that the International stars now are free agents.

Larry Lajoie is still objecting to his sale to Brooklyn and has applied to the National Commission for permission to manage the Indianapolis club of the American Association.

Charlie Herzog is still off the reservation. He is wandering between Miami and St. Petersburg, Fla., and is being hunted by the police. He is holding out cheerfully and letting the Giants and the Braves do the worrying.

GIANTS MAKE FLYERS DO ASCENSION STUNT

Schaefer Lets the Aviators Down by Pitching Behind His Back

[By Cable to The Stars and Stripes.] NEW YORK, April 4.—Aviators, Abe Martin might have prophesied, are all right as baseball flyers if you can keep 'em from going up in the air. The Army aviators training at the Waco aviation camp met the New York Giants in an exhibition game at Marlin, Texas, for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The aviators arrived with enthusiasm, but in airships. They then demonstrated that they do not play ball as well as they fly. Toward the end of the game Germany Schaefer, who is calling himself Herman this season—who was in the box for the Giants, pitched from behind his back to give the aviators a chance. If the Giants had not cased up, the score might have been 20 to 0. The result was 9 to 7.

Soldiers figured in another game with big league talent. Seventeen thousand men in training in Georgia saw the Yankees defeat the team of the 124th Infantry at Marietta, Ga., by a score of 12 to 4. The Yankees scored 11 runs in the first inning, but the soldiers refused to let gloom overcome them and the game finished amid a roar of laughter and music.

TIGERS' ROWING SCHEDULE

[By Cable to The Stars and Stripes.] NEW YORK, April 4.—The Princeton faculty committee on outdoor sports announced last week that the Tigers will participate in three rowing races on Lake Carnegie. It will race the Harvard varsity and Princeton eight on April 27, will participate in the Childs cup race on May 4 against Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania, and on May 25 will race against Cornell and possibly Yale.

QUIMET GETS OLD RATING

[By Cable to The Stars and Stripes.] NEW YORK, April 4.—Sergeant Francis Quimet, former national amateur golf champion and present Western amateur champion, has been placed in his old position at the top of the honor roll of the Massachusetts Golf Association with the rating plus 2.

MOLLA'S 1918 DRIVE IS ON

[By Cable to The Stars and Stripes.] NEW YORK, April 4.—Miss Molla Bjurstedt, national woman tennis champion, has added the national indoor championship to her little mountain of titles by defeating Miss Eleanor Goss 6-8, 6-4, 6-4 in the women's annual indoor championship tournament of the Seventh Regiment Army.

DUKE KAHANAMOKU ON STAGE

Duke Kahanamoku, the crack Hawaiian swimmer, will be seen in America this summer, having arranged to appear at a theatrical circuit, giving exhibitions in a motor tank.

WORLD'S BOXING TITLE TO BE SETTLED JULY 4th

[By Cable to The Stars and Stripes.] NEW YORK, March 4.—Jess Willard and Fred Fulton have signed papers for a match for the world's championship, to be fought July 4 at a place yet to be named. Willard is to receive 75 per cent of the net profits and Fulton is to get a flat sum of \$20,000.

Colonel Miller, former owner of 101 Ranch, the promoter of the bout, has reserved the right to sell or transfer the bout to such persons as he may see fit. A large flock of promoters is already on the scene with large lumps of promised money. Most of these affluent persons scorn any bid lower than \$125,000 as first offer.

Baltimore, New Haven, Denver, New Orleans, and Chicago have made offers for the great educational affair, but the heavyweight's manager is very coy and is evidently planning to get a higher price per pound for Willard-Fulton flesh than Shylock wanted for his pound.

Worried pugilistic scribes are printing mournful stories about Willard's condition, picturing him fat up to the ears, but Willard's friends indignantly deny that he is defying Hoover by hoarding fat, and hint that the heavyweight's wife has the championship in her charge and will not let it leave the family for want of training.

BORDER CHAMPIONS YIELD TO ENGINEERS

French Spectators Applaud Stolen Base With Cushions Full

A ball game recently contested between Company A, Engineers, and Company H, Infantry, was made more interesting by the fact that Company H claimed to have held the championship on the Mexican border, during their stay there in the summer of 1916. This was the second game engaged in by the Engineers, but they had too much punch for the doughboys.

At times the Engineers displayed great ability, and at other times they did not, especially when "Chief" Myers, not the old Athletic star, but his namesake, stole the third base in the eighth inning when all three bases were occupied. The game was witnessed by a good-sized crowd of Americans and Frenchmen, and the Frenchmen thought Myers had pulled off some great feat.

Eva Dart, former Westminister star, showed "her" ability by stealing five bases, also garnering three hits and scoring three times. For the doughboys, Hollywood was star batsman, garnering three swats.

Table with columns for INFANTRY and ENGINEERS, listing players and their statistics.

STAR SHELLS

[By Q.M. Sgt. STUART CARROLL, Q.M.C.] Mrs. August Belmont, nursing economy at a woman's meeting in New York, said she had worn but one hat all winter—"Herald."

Time was when Miss August B. Had more than one chapeau. But that was long ago, oh, oui. 'Twas many a year ago; And now, she wears only one she has For concerts (classical and jazz). For her societies. Let's hope while killing off the Hun, That Miss August B.'s Headgear is nothing like the one We're wearing overseas!

Then there's the case of the New Jersey Hun who was forced to kiss every star in Old Glory. Consider the greater punishment, judge, had you substituted stars from big leagues.

ADD CAMOUFLAGE Sir, We saw him again yesterday, the bound in the Metro station who lounges near the Iere Classe sign until the cars come, then runs like hell to a 2nd class coach. "Me."

CORRECT Football players in the Army never find they're out of luck; And they make the best of captains. For they're trained to pass the buck.

And no wonder the War Chief was strong for his Doughboys. What Baker wouldn't he? The gentleman at the little desk with the mustache—aye, Carmen, the mustache belongs to the gentleman, not to the furniture. Inform us that when one has surrounded a certain number of comrades, a Pearl White movie has to appear all its own. "Is because you can see a whole string of pearls?" questioned we. And he held his peace.

MUSINGS Satan, Satan, I've been thinking What a keen old world 't would be If the Huns were all transported To thy boarding house with thee.

He was in Paris on leave when the Huns started the bombardment with that gun 75 miles away. And he was hit in the arm by a fragment of a shell. Not hurt but very much disgusted, he wandered to the hospital singing, "Out of a city of millions, Fritz, why did you pick on me?"

THE NEWER VERSION Said the kernel of a South Carolina regiment, A.E.F., to a kernel of a North Carolina regiment, A.E.F., "Good morn'n, kumel, how many awfuns have you all adopted?" The long-range gun got on his nerves On Easter day; its deadly curves Inspiring him to call the Huns "The sacrilegious sons-of-guns!"

Billy Sunday announces that he will leave the States and come here to fight the devil in the trenches. All together, boys— Gawd help Kaiser Bill!

The Boston Braves have purchased infielder Conway from the Worcester, Mass., club.

AIR SQUADRON NINE TRIMS Q.M.C. TEAM

Smashing Getaway Helps to Put Game on Ice for S.O.S. Players

The 496th-497th Aero Squadron defeated the Quartermaster Team in a game played recently in the S.O.S. by a score of 6 to 2. The Aero men started with a comfortable lead of three runs. Hill's pitching was a feature. He had 16 strikeouts to his credit.

Table with columns for Aero Squadron and Q.M.C. Team, listing players and their statistics.

FOLLOWING IN GOTCH'S STEPS

Will the next world's champion walloper among middle western farmers be? Evidence points that way. For it now is becoming more and more apparent that the most promising of the contenders for the honors held by Frank Gotch of Iowa is Joe Stecher of Nebraska.

Though Stecher's recent match with Zbyszko was officially a draw, the outside critics say that the cornhusker showed far more science, and that Zbyszko saved himself from defeat through sheer strength alone. Stecher is today one of the greatest attractions to box office receipts in the American sport arena, and in consequence is looked ahead for a season almost as long as a baseball player's. He is of all the big fellows the quickest and most spectacular. Though the novelty of the famous scissor hold wore off long ago, the dread of it among his competitors has never lessened.

SPORTING COMMENT

It would be interesting to see some accurate figures upon how devotees of various sports have turned out for war service. These might show some surprising results. The impression is that tennis would stand high in the list and professional baseball and professional boxing somewhere near the bottom. An unexpected contender for first honors might be cricket. This is suggested by the fact that the Western Massachusetts Cricket League has been organized. It is a union of players who have volunteered for war service. We wonder if any other sport has an average as high as one in four?

"Boxing gloves and layettes are twin brothers," says a certain lightweight champion. "The gloves, counters and layettes are closely imitated in layette fighting."

None too many boxers have taken a particularly keen interest in finding out anything about layette strokes. The speaker in this instance, however, is a champion of the U.S. Marine Corps, a sergeant stationed at the League Island Navy Yard. His name, as perhaps you've guessed, is Fighting Sammy Katcher.

No city knows better than Cleveland what it means the country's recent adoption of the "summer hour" will mean to outdoor sport. Cleveland set her clocks forward to Eastern time several years ago, and swiftly became the leading city in the land in amateur and scrub baseball. Attendance at the professional parks doubtless suffered somewhat, for the effect of adding an extra hour of play to the afternoon stimulated thousands of city folks to avail themselves of that time for exercise. Instead of sitting on a bench and rooting for a club of paid athletes, the Clevelanders got into the habit of playing the game themselves.

Joe Ray, the famous Chateaux runner, has become the running marvel of all ages. He has covered more miles under 4:20 than any other athlete in history, and his mile at Philadelphia recently over a rather slow track in 4:18 stamped him as the king bee of all present day runners. His mark of 2:14 for the 1,000 yards when he was not pressed by any of the other contenders was quite a surprise. He equalled Johnny Overton's mark for the distance and would have surpassed it had he been pressed in the least. He finished both of these events in fine shape and does not appear to have reached his limit.

War conditions in intercollegiate circles have resulted in the formation of a brand-new college athletic association. The Connecticut Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association was formed, the members being Dartmouth, Williams, Amherst, Holy Cross, Bates, Middlebury College, and the New Hampshire State College may come in later. The first meet is to be held at Springfield, Mass., the middle of May. The new organization may last only as long as the war, when some of the members will go back into the New England Association.

Harry Heber, veteran swimmer of the Illinois A.C., who has announced his retirement from the sport several times, is planning another comeback. He has been in training all winter and recently, while acting as anchor man for his relay team, helped win the Central A.A.U. title for the Illinois A.C. He came within a fifth of a second of the world's record in his 60 yard swim. His fast time makes him a formidable candidate for the outdoor title events this summer, and he should give Duke Gahanam, the Hawaiian crack, a hard tussle when he comes over to the States this summer.

News from the States has it that Frank Moran has retired once more. After his defeat by Fred Fulton, he took a boat trip to New York, and after attending to a few business affairs he is going back to Camp Wadsworth and will resume his duties as boxing instructor there. Moran says his quick defeat at the hands of Fulton was a severe blow to him and that in the future he will devote all his time to teaching the youngsters to box. Until his defeat by Fulton, Moran had an idea that he could still grab the title from Willard in a return match.

WITH THE MITT WIELDERS

Rocky Kansas and Willie Jackson fought a ten-round draw at Buffalo recently. Jess Willard has purchased a farm and house near Lawrence, Kansas. Johnny Griffiths won from Joe Welling in 15 rounds at Akron, Ohio.

Joe Egan and Bryan Downey have been suspended for 60 days each in Wisconsin for their recent poor bout. Frankie Cullahan won from Scranton Willie Richie in ten rounds at Wilkes-Barre. Fred Fulton stopped Jim Harper of Kansas City in two rounds at Chattanooga.

K. O. Mars won over Benny McNeill in 10 rounds at Cincinnati. At Boston Young Britt won from Billy De Lee of Red Wing, Minn., in a 12-round 20.

Harry Greb easily beat Jack Dillon in 12 rounds at Toledo, Ohio. Jack Malone stopped Billy Long in seven rounds at Milwaukee and Billy Kramer and Steve Choinisky went ten rounds to a draw.

Mike O'Dowd, claimant to the middleweight title, led a St. Paul draft contingent to Camp Dodge, where he joined the Army. Jack Reed, of Toledo, has been barred from boxing in Minnesota for six months because he broke an agreement to box André Anderson.

David Astey is trying to get a passport to go to England to box Jimmy Wilde in May. Harry Greb made short work of Jack Hubbard at Lonaconing, Md., stopping him in the third round.

Willie Devore won a fierce 15-round go from Babe White of Albany at Akron, Ohio. Tommy Tobson defeated Walter Mohr in 12 rounds at Chelsea, Mass.

Johnny Pittman gave Ted Lewis all he wanted in their six-round go at Philadelphia. Lewis barely gaining the decision in the papers. Some of the critics called it a draw.

Patsy Cline had the better of Tommy Coney in their six rounds at Philadelphia. Johnny Schauer stopped Jack Reed, the Australian lightweight, in 12 rounds at Des Moines, Iowa.

Jack Malone stopped Young Denny in eight rounds at Milwaukee. Australian boxing fans are planning the erection of a monster statue in honor of Bob Fitzsimmons.

Battling Kunz won over Chic Brown in 20 rounds at New Haven. K. O. Brown, former New York lightweight star, has been rejected by the Army because of a bad eye.

WANT TO ARRANGE SCHEDULE

The A.G.O. Athletic Association Headquarters, S.O.S., which has 75 members, has formed a baseball team. Equipment is furnished by the Y.M.C.A. This organization was formed with a view to entering into all forms of athletics—baseball, soccer, basketball, tennis or any other game in which a rival can be found.

The management is anxious to hear from other A.E.F. teams with a view to arranging a definite schedule. Communications should be addressed to D. A. Kelly, A.F.C., A.G.O., Hqs., S.O.S.

NEW JOB FOR SCHAEFER

Although both men have finished their playing careers, Germany Schaefer, famous clown of the coaching lines, and Ed Walsh, the White Sox spitball artist, will still be in the public eye this year. Harry Hempstead of the New York Giants promised to help out Lafayette College in baseball this year, and has sent Schaefer there to act as coach. Walsh, who has been coaching the Yale squad this spring, will later on help get the Sox twirlers in shape and act as tutor for the newcomers.

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CHIEFS SEEK GRIDIRON

There is plenty of baseball talk throughout France now, and it's probably a little early to discuss next season's football prospects, but they are being debated, nevertheless. Two famous Indian players already have held a pow-wow on the outlook for next fall and laid plans for a conquest of the gridiron.

They are Elmer Prophet, a great grandson of Chief Tecumseh, and Meade Steele, a descendant of the Sioux tribe which helped to capture and bring to justice the famous Apache outlaw, Chief Geronimo.

Prophet, an Army field clerk in the A.G.O.'s office, figured in many a hard fought battle for Haskell Institute. Steele won his spurs at Carlisle. He is a member of an American artillery band.

When certain middle western contingents reach France, there will be many Indians who, while they are waiting to get a chance at the Kaiser's scalp, will be available for football and other American sports.

DIAMOND FLASHES

Gus Getz, former Red, is to be given a trial by Cleveland. John Nealon, of Scranton, has signed with the Braves. Hack Ebel, of the Richmond International League club, has been purchased by the Red Sox.

The American Association will charge 30 cents for bleacher seats and 60 cents for grand stand seats this year. The New York Yanks have released Dan Tipple and Cliff Markle to Mike Kelley's St. Paul club.

St. Paul traded Boardman and De Fate to Omaha for Shortstop Krug.

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