

His eyes are clearer now than when in vanished days he toed the plate. For he has closed the eyes of men Whom death had passed thro' life's last gate

ANOTHER BIG CONTRIBUTION TO A.E.F. SPORTS

His heart beats truer; he has learned From seeing hearts of others break, That, though in life are runs unearned, Death chalks up only those we make.

HOBEBY BAKER MAKES HIS FINAL FLIGHT

Instantly Killed When Machine Plunges to Earth Near Toul

FAMOUS FOOTBALL STAR

His Passing Swells Princeton's List of Athletic Dead to Nineteen

"Hobby" Baker, famous Princeton football star and hockey player, and a captain in the United States Air Service, has made his last flight, and there is another gold star in Princeton's athletic service flag.

When Capt. Baker, after several months of service at the front, received orders to return to the States, he expressed the wish to make "one last flight." Accordingly, he entered his machine with a fellow aviator and soared above the big airfield near Toul, while flying at a low altitude he ran into an air pocket, the machine becoming unmanageable, and a few minutes later he lay dead, with his companion, amid the wreckage of his crumpled plane.

The ranks of Princeton athletes have suffered heavily in the war, and the passing of Baker swells the total killed to 19 while the list of wounded number 10. Upon this roll of honor are recorded many names that have only to be mentioned to recall to mind historic battles fought out upon the gridiron, the diamond and the cinder path.

Host of Princeton Athletes Dead

When Baker crossed the Great Divide he joined Johnnie Poe, '95, one of the greatest football backs the game has ever produced; Garry Cochran, '98, captain of the championship football team of 1899; Lt. Walter L. Foulke, '05, captain of the football eleven of 1901; Arthur Blumenthal, '13, all-American center and member of the championship football team of 1911; Lt. Samuel J. Reid, Jr., '09, baseball captain, catcher and shortstop; Capt. Phineas P. Christie, '12, star quarterback; Warden McLean, '12, guard on the championship football team of 1911; John V. Grainger, Jr., '12, star fullback; Capt. Charles D. Hoss, '17, soccer player; Lt. Allen W. Talley, '16, baseball star; Lt. Ben Bullock, '16, manager of the baseball team of 1916; James Dana Paul and Lt. Arthur V. Savage, '17, members of the crew that beat Harvard in 1916; Lt. Julian N. Dowell, '16, star of the cinderpath; Lt. Arthur Freyer, '19, and Lt. D. N. C. Hoss, '17, soccer players; John V. W. Reynolds, Jr., '17, freshman crew; and Harold K. Bulkeley, '19, captain of the freshman tennis team.

A list of the wounded includes Lt. Nelson Poe, '97, of the championship football team of 1899; Lt. Herbert J. Richardson, '16, track athlete; Lt. J. E. W. Rolph, '19, basketball player; Lt. Thurston J. Davies, '16, baseball team; Capt. V. S. Merle-Smith, '11; Capt. Ham Andrews, '13; Capt. Paul Lloyd, '04; Capt. C. W. McGraw, '19; Bob Nourse, '17; and Lt. Edgar Allen Poe, Jr., '18, football stars.

New York and Columbia Universities have declined to meet the university of Pennsylvania in the gridiron next fall, for reasons not made public.

Upon this side of the water the future is bright for all lines of sport. The A.E.F. is going in for sports on a big scale, and the Government and the Army authorities are firmly behind the plan, which gives promise of a busy winter and spring.

OARSMEN TO TRAIN FOR RACE ON SEINE

American Crews Will Be Carefully Groomed for March Contest

Rowing enthusiasts in the ranks of the A.E.F. who have signified their willingness to represent the United States in the international regatta which will be held under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus on the Seine in March will go into training about the middle of this month.

Big Bill McCabe, who will coach the crews, assisted by an advisory committee composed of famous American oarsmen, has already made arrangements to house his proteges in a boathouse situated on an island in the Seine, where the men will live and eat at a training table.

After Sculling Honors

In addition to developing an eight and a four, an effort will be made to pick three men who can win the double and single sculling contests. McCabe is confident that the United States will win in the single sculls. In Louis A. Peterson, of the West Side Rowing Club, Buffalo, now a lieutenant in the Naval aviation service, and John B. Kelly, of the Vesper Boat Club, Philadelphia, now with the Transportation Department of the Army, he believes he has two single scullers either of whom should prove a winner.

Additional entries received by McCabe include many of the best college oarsmen in America a few of whom are Hopkin, Goes and Sumnerville, of Syracuse; Lashar and Tomagra, of Yale; Herlick, Tabor and Metcalf, of Harvard; Saltza, of Columbia; Little, of Princeton; Webster, of the University of Wisconsin; and Overlock, Sloan, Ryan, Penmyr, Bind and J. M. McDermott, of Cornell.

MEISTER CAPTURES SWIM ON THE SEINE

Fifteen men and two women plunged into the icy waters of the Seine at the Pont Alexandre III on the afternoon of Christmas Day in the tenth annual contest for the Christmas cup offered by the President of the French Republic. They represented three nations, France, Belgium and the United States.

Less than three minutes later, five of them had registered at the finish line and the others, finding the swift current too much of a handicap, had been swept down stream and forced to land at other points.

WORLD'S SERIES HERO NOT ON THE MARKET

Sgt. Hank Gowdy, hero of the 1914 world's series, soldier and gentleman, need not worry about any possibility of being without a job when he is mustered out of the Army.

George Stallings, manager of the Braves, is determined to hold on to Hank just as long as this peerless backstop retains his old time skill with bat and glove—which is a long time, according to experts.

Stallings has just turned down a flat offer of \$15,000 for Hank's services, which have jumped tremendously in value since Hank came to France to do his bit to down Kaiserism.

Sport lovers will not soon forget that Hank cheerfully answered the call of duty, waived red tape and exemption claims, and has seen actual service with the Infantry.

SLAM BANG SHOW IS STAGED AT ANGERS

Absence of Molycoddism Attested by Three Clean Knockouts

There was nothing molycoddish about the All-American boxing show staged at the Orgue Theatre in Angers Sunday night. It was a slam-bang tournament from start to finish, as is attested by the fact that three of the six bouts resulted in knockouts.

The main battle was a ten-round go between Jimmy Duffy, of the 116th Engineers, and Charlie Sheppard, of the 18th Coast Artillery. Both lads are lightweights with a record, Duffy having met and defeated the best men in his class, and Sheppard being a former amateur lightweight champion of the world. As a result, there was some rough milling from the sound of the gong, but after they had punched and pounded each other for ten rounds, Referee Jake Carey, called it a draw.

Turrell, of the Engineers, and Silver O'Hara, of the Machine Gun Company, and Stocklin, of the Engineers, and Weinberg, of the Artillery, engaged in two good bouts which terminated with honors even at the end of four rounds.

Young Caponi, of the 116th Engineers, treated Kid Amorelli to a private exhibition of fireworks in the third round of what opened as a four-round contest. Youth Rathburn, also of the 116th Engineers, put Kid Hariman, of the Artillery, to sleep in the second round of their bout. Grady, of the Artillery, knocked out O'Hara, of the Machine Gun Company, in the second round.

SURPRISE FOR FANS AT K. OF C. OPENING

Yank from Audience Dons Gloves and Battles Frenchman

When more than 1,500 fight fans elbowed their way into the big hall at the Cinema des Arts to be present at the formal opening of the Knights of Columbus' Paris boxing club, they expected to see a good card, and they were not disappointed.

Jake Carey, New York State fight promoter, was in charge and had arranged six good bouts between Frenchmen, all of which turned out to be well fought and interesting. But the real thrill came toward the close when one of the khaki-clad spectators, Edward Tourangeau by name, expressed a wish to go on with Kid Marius, a husky Frenchman.

The arrangements were quickly made. Tourangeau got into fighting togs, and when the gong sounded the two boys went to it with a will, while the big audience rose and cheered them on. For five rounds it was nip and tuck, but in the sixth and the Yank batter showed signs of weakening. Nearly through, he stuck it out, and was still plugging away when the round ended. The judges declared the bout a draw. The boys agreed to fight again next week.

Jeanmene and Bonroy put on six furious rounds in the semi-windmill. Jeanmene proved faster and had the best of the battle.

Berthe won a four-round bout with Vianet, the lads fighting at 120 pounds. Glaise and Goby fought to a draw. Boia and Villens and Devillard and Diamont, featherweights, opened the show in two four-round bouts, Boia and Devillard winning.

WITH THE PUGS

The steamer Codric which reached New York last week from Europe, brought home many of the United States Army and Navy boxers who participated in the recent King's Trophy Bout in London when over \$100,000 was raised in two days for the benefit of wounded English soldiers.

Corporal Tommy Gavigan, of Cleveland and Johnny Newton, of the Sixth Supply Train, battled ten rounds to a draw at Pontevoye, Lor-et-Cher, on Christmas Day before a large holiday crowd of soldiers and civilians.

Charles Swan, former Cleveland sporting writer and light promoter, now a first class sergeant in the Tank Corps, dropped in to wish us a happy New Year. Swan came to gaze Europe with the Tank Corps players. Charlie says the A.E.F. championship bouts will prove a great boost for the boxing game.

When Referee Jake Carey introduced Eddie McCorty, Augie Ittner, Joe Lynch and Memphis Gene Delmont at the opening of the K. of C. boxing club in Paris last week, the boys were given big hands. Danny Dunn, Alex Leach, Billy Roche and half a dozen other well known American boxing promoters were present and received a big ovation.

Charles Cochran, manager of the Halborn Stadium, London, has offered \$37,500 for a match between Carpenter and Billy Wells. When these two met December 8, 1917, for the heavy weight championship of Europe, Wells was put to sleep in one minute and 13 seconds.

MILLION DOLLARS FOR FOOTBALL SUITS

Congressional Appropriation to Be Used for Army Teams

FOSDICK PLEDGES HIS AID

Director of Training Camps in the States Tells How Sports Helped Down Hun

The plan for conducting A.E.F. championships in the principal lines of sport, as announced in THE STARS AND STRIPES last week, received another big boost a few days ago when Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the Commission on Training Camp Activities in the United States, after a conference with General Pershing and Col. W. F. Johnson, pledged a million dollars immediately to further athletics among the Yanks in France.

Mr. Fosdick is here at the suggestion of Secretary of War Newton D. Baker to see whether there is anything that can be done for the troops along recreational and other lines, either by the Government or by private agencies. He came over on the Martha Washington with the presidential party.

The million dollars will be used to provide football suits and is a part of a Congressional appropriation of about two million dollars which was set aside for the work of the Commissions on Training Camp Activities in the United States.

Boating, football and baseball have already done their bit in downing the Hun, according to Mr. Fosdick. Speaking of athletics in the camps at home, he said:

"The value of athletic sports and exercises of various kinds as a means of promoting and maintaining military efficiency and morale has been well demonstrated by the English and Canadians before the United States entered the war.

"Influenced by this experience, we undertook at once to formulate a broad program of athletics in the camps, and in carrying out this plan we employed 44 athletic directors and 30 skilled boxing instructors.

"Boxing was organized in such a way to give every soldier instruction in the fundamentals of the game. This work proved particularly valuable, because it developed qualities of confidence, courage and aggressiveness, the fundamentals for success in bayonet fighting.

"Athletes in the camps resulted in wide participation in sports by men who before they came into the Army were ignorant of the simplest forms of competitive games."

ZUNA FIRST IN C. C. RACE AT COLOMBES

Frank Zuna, former Irish-American champion, of Company L, 2nd Pioneer, won the cross-country race held under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. at Colombes last week, covering the rain-soaked course of five and one-half miles in 25 minutes 54 1/2 seconds. Niels Giannakopoulos, 106 Infantry, was second, and Herman C. Johnson, 102nd A.M.M. Train, 27th Division, third.

TO MANAGE SPORTS FOR 500,000 YANKS

Col. John S. Sewell base commander, Section 1, has named Lt. Eddie Hart, 17th Engineers, athletic manager for that base. He will have charge of all athletics for Section 1, including the activities of the St. Nazaire football team, recent winners at Tours.

It is expected half a million troops will pass through St. Nazaire homeward bound during the next eight months, and Hart will prepare elaborate plays to amuse the returning Yanks and keep them physically fit.

He is already well known in the S.O.S. through his coaching of the St. Nazaire football team and from his connection with St. Nazaire in the Race to Berlin.

Hart was one of the stars of the Princeton football team of 1910. He will be assisted in his work by Charles S. Lee, Y.M.C.A. secretary.

OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT FOR SPORTS IN 1919

Major Leagues Planning to Resume Baseball, Cutting Schedules

While it is not to be expected that professional baseball and college athletics will recover immediately from the effects of the war, the outlook for the new year is anything but discouraging.

The American and National Leagues will resume baseball on a 140-game basis, instead of playing 154 games as heretofore, and the American Baseball Association managers have announced that they will start banging the old horseshoe in that circuit on April 29.

Athletic authorities at Cornell University have decided not to revive intercollegiate rowing at Ithaca until 1920, although crews for that year will be developed through inter-class competition. Intercollegiate track sports and baseball will be resumed, however.

Cornell's decision not to be represented with an intercollegiate crew has not affected this branch of sport at Columbia, which is already laying plans to uphold its prestige upon the water this spring. Columbia's track team will also be active. Carl Merner having been re-engaged as coach.

Washington and Jefferson College will not be represented by a baseball nine this year, and present indications are that the annual historic clash between the Army and the Navy upon the diamond will be passed up, at least for the coming season.

O'LAUGHLIN DEAD

Francis O'Laughlin, known to thousands of baseball fans in the United States as "Silk," and for many years American League umpire, succumbed to double pneumonia last week at Boston, Mass.



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The boxing championship bouts soon to be conducted throughout the A.E.F. under Government supervision will produce a heavyweight champion competent to knock the tar and feathers off the hide of the present title holder.

This is the opinion of Billy Roche, the famous referee, who has officiated as the third man in probably more important bouts held in the United States under the Frawley law than any other referee. Roche is now a Knights of Columbus secretary in France and is devoting most of his time to his favorite pastime—fistic contests.

"The present 'champion' is a champion in name only," said Roche to the Sporting Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES. "When he fought Jack Johnson, the colored man entered the ring after five years of the wildest kind of dissipation. He was in no condition to fight. Who has this 'champion' fought since he won the championship? He won a ten-round decision, and that is all."

"When he failed to appear, as advertised, at Madison Square Garden last spring to take part in a boxing exhibition arranged as an entertainment for the famous Blue Devils of France and as a boost for the Liberty Loan," continued Roche, "he forfeited the respect of all true sportsmen. Even his manager could not stand such conduct, and as a result they split."

"Again, at a Red Cross benefit, where this man was asked to appear the second time, he wired back that he could not be present, owing to the fact that his oil interests needed his attention. "He is reaping the money now. He doesn't want to fight anybody in his class. He will be an easy mark for a real fighter such as can be found among the two million clean young Americans in our Army."

"No slacker should be allowed to hold the title of heavyweight champion. It is up to the boys in the A.E.F. to get busy and produce a new champ—a real fighter."

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