

CHAPLAINS MATCHED FOR TEN ROUND FIGHT

Preachers boxing! O, my eye,
But what will Doctor Doney say
When reading, "Reverend Wilkats Bligh
Pals Pastor Knockout Jinks away?"

Preachers scrapping! What a lark
To greet on balmy Sunday morn
A shepherd preaching to his flock
With two black eyes and ears all torn!

MEN ORDERED HOME MAY STAY FOR MEET

Those Making Request of
G.H.Q. Will Be Sent to
Camp Near Paris

GREAT DEMAND FOR SUITS

Officials at Chaumont Have Limited
Number Manufactured
from Salvaged Clothing

Now that the A.E.F. championships are well under way interest in athletics is at the high water mark. Men belonging to divisions and smaller units ordered, or about to be ordered, home have been wondering if any provision was to be made so that they could stay in France to take part in the great A.E.F. track and field season which will be held in Paris in the spring. Accordingly, G.H.Q. has issued an order which orders that officers and men qualifying for entrance in the A.E.F. championships may, at their own request, remain in France for participation in the games and will be entered as representing the unit to which they permanently belong.

Officers and enlisted men, by virtue of winning places in the A.E.F. championships or by reason of their previous performances, are selected as members of the team to represent the United States Army in the Inter-Allied Games, may, in their own option, be retained in France for participation in the A.E.F. championships. The men who are selected for the training camp now being constructed near Colombes Stadium in Paris, where they will be allowed to train for big tournaments. Upon completion of the meet they will be immediately returned to the United States as casuals.

Many Expected to Stay Here for Games
As the Inter-Allied Games, which follow the A.E.F. championships, will be the greatest of their kind ever held anywhere, bringing together as they will the best athletes of the world, it is not surprising that many men who could have returned home before the date of the games will stay over in the hope of representing the United States Army in the Olympics. Owing to the tremendous demand for basketball, track, baseball and football suits made upon the Y.M.C.A., the association has been unable to obtain a supply sufficient to outfit all those among the 1,500,000 Americans who are now engaged in some form of athletics. In view of these conditions, G.H.Q. has reached an agreement with the Y.M.C.A. under the terms of which no suits are to be furnished by the Y. for any of the games. Their entire athletic budget is to be devoted to securing athletic supplies, prizes for the A.E.F. and Inter-Allied Games, and the expenses connected with securing grounds and erection of a stadium for the meet.

ATHLETIC SUPPLIES FOR BOYS ON RHINE

Y.M.C.A. Sends Four Truck
Loads Over muddy Roads
to Germany

By the time the ink is dry on this page four big six-ton Liberty trucks have probably rolled into Coblenz, Germany, laden with 21 tons of athletic supplies. This amount, freight included, is being awaited by the doughboy athletes in the domain of the ex-kaiser, left the Paris warehouse of the Y.M.C.A. Friday afternoon. The last of the goods, heavy with snow and mud, it was not expected it could arrive short of six or seven days. The conveyance is in charge of Louis Schmidt, of the 7th Artillery, and Baber of the Ammunition Train at Dijon.

This shipment, for the Third Army athletes, totaled 34,100 pieces and represented an approximate value of \$64,000. Some of the items may be interesting:

Baseballs Head List
Baseballs, 10,458; footballs, 2,125; basketballs, 1,440; soccer balls, 1,334; boxing gloves, 552 sets; indoor baseballs, 2,257; playground balls, 2,862; baseball bats, 2,576; indoor ball bats, 1,526; baseball gloves, 1,266. Capt. Baker's unit included also ten big cage balls, so popular with the soldiers; tug-of-war ropes, wrestling mats, tennis balls, rackets and nets; ping-pong tables, mallets, paddles, pumps, racers and extra laces, patching cement, extra bladders for soccer, rugby, basket and volley balls; basketball goals, volley ball goals, baseball bases, masks, protectors, etc.

BAKER MET DEATH IN LINE OF DUTY

The Court of Inquiry which investigated the unfortunate accident resulting in the death of Capt. "Hobey" Baker, former Princeton football and hockey star, found that he met his death "in line of duty," and absolved both aviator and mechanics from any blame. The proceedings brought out the fact that the primary cause of the accident was due to the failure of the carburetor to work properly, while the direct cause was attributed to Capt. Baker's attempt to turn back on the field to make a landing. Early reports of the accident which stated that another aviator was flying with Baker were incorrect. He was flying alone.

PROGRAM FOR A.E.F. CHAMPIONSHIP TRACK AND FIELD GAMES

1. 100-Yard Dash.
2. 220-Yard Dash.
3. 440-Yard Run.
4. 880-Yard Run.
5. One-Mile Run.
6. Modified Marathon—Eight miles (roads).
7. 120-Yard High Hurdles.
8. 220-Yard Low Hurdles.
9. Running High Jump.
10. Running Broad Jump.
11. Standing Broad Jump.
12. Running Hop, Step and Jump.
13. Pole Vault.
14. Putting the Shot—16 pounds.
15. Throwing the Discus.
16. Throwing the Javelin.
17. 880-Yard Relay Race (four men).
18. One-Mile Relay Race (four men).
19. Modified Relay Race (four men):
(a) One man runs 240 yards.
(b) One man runs 140 yards.
(c) One man runs 880 yards.
(d) One man runs the mile.
20. Tug-of-War (12-man team, one extra as captain, but not to pull).

S.O.S. BOXING AND WRESTLING MATCHES

Rules Announced for A.E.F.
Elimination Contests—
Finals at Tours

Rules for the conduct of boxing and wrestling elimination tournaments in the S.O.S. have been announced by Maj. Gen. Hays. Elimination boxing tournaments must be completed in all sections of the S.O.S., including the Paris District, by February 28. The two best men to represent the section will be selected in each of the following classes: Bantamweight, 115 pounds or under; featherweight, 125 pounds or under; lightweight, 135 pounds or under; welterweight, 145 pounds or under; middleweight, 160 pounds or under; light-heavyweight, 175 pounds or under; heavyweight, over 175 pounds. All bouts will consist of three three-minute rounds, one-minute intermission, except semi-finals and finals. These will consist of five three-minute rounds, with one-minute intermission. In the elimination tournament for the S.O.S. championships, the preliminary tournaments will be held as follows: For champions in Sections 1 and 5, at St. Nazaire. For champions in Sections 2 and 4, at La Halle. For champions in Sections 3 and 7, at Bordeaux. For champions in Sections 4, Intermediate and Advance, at Le Mans. The second elimination round will be held as follows: For the two winners at each weight at Brest and La Rochelle, at Brest. For the winners at each weight at Tours and Le Mans, at Le Mans. This round will be completed by March 22. The final round for the championship of the S.O.S. will be held at Le Mans and be completed by March 31. A.A.U. rules will govern.

WINNERS IN BREST TOURNEY GET CUPS

Winners in the Army and Navy championship boxing tournament, conducted for the past six weeks under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. at Brest, were awarded their trophies Saturday night by Rear Adm. H. H. Halsted, commander of the United States Naval forces at Brest. The gobs won five of the six championships. The only Army champion was W. J. Genzard, of Hospital Train No. 47, winner in the light-heavyweight class. Howell made a name for the heavy-weight title but was defeated by Saylor Burns, U.S.S. Dreadnaught, in three rounds. He seemed to lack the vim and dash shown in his battles for the light-heavyweight belt. Besides a fast and interesting boxing program Saturday, the audience was treated to an interesting wrestling match between "Chief" Studley, U.S.S. Carola, and "Strangler" Knight, U.S.S. Meigs. Knight, winning in three minutes, five seconds, with a scissor hold.

SILVER CUP FOR FAST RELAY TEAM

80th Field Artillery Comes from
Behind and Wins Race

White wine instead of Java was poured for a few days into the mess cups of 32 sprinters of the 80th Field Artillery, who came up from behind and won the silver cup fought for in a series of field relays by the 5th, 7th and 8th Regiments of Field Artillery and the 7th Ammunition Train. The decision came with a two-mile relay in which 32 consistently fast runners of the 80th tore away from the 22 delegates from the 7th Ammunition Train, thus bringing home the silver cup for the Camp Meunier area. The teams of the 8th Field Artillery Regiment had been leading it as area champions in several of the early meet in the tourney, but the 80th played the knock-out when won by a single point, 38 to 35. The time shown in the race, eight minutes, 13 seconds, in spite of a wet field, was 13 seconds better than in any previous relay.

FOOTBALL TEAM HAS GOOD RECORD

The 6th Division football team has played three games this winter, the first one two weeks ago with the 7th Division, the second one a week ago when the 8th Division eleven was the opposing aggregation, and the third this week against the 7th Division team. The first two games ended in ties while the last was a victory for the 6th, the score being 7 to 0. As the 7th, 8th and 9th Divisions comprise the Eighth Corps of the First Army, the 6th Division claims the championship of the corps, having defeated all the other divisions without being defeated.

PARIS TENNIS ENTRIES

A team of four officers will be selected to represent the District of Paris in the Olympic Lawn Tennis Tournament to be held at Nice commencing February 19. Officers who wish to compete should communicate at once with Lieut. Alan H. Muhr, Athletic Director, District of Paris, A.P.T. 702.

TO LAY DOWN BIBLES FOR BOXING GLOVES

Fighting Parsons Matched
for Ten Round Go at
Palais de Glace

BOTH MEN ARE ATHLETES

Bout Will Mark Epoch in A.E.F.
Fistic History—Chaplains Will
Also Act as Seconds

Everybody's heard the song that tells what it was that made the "Preacher Lay His Bibles Down" but Jimmy Bronson, master of fistic ceremonies at the Y.M.C.A.'s pugilistic emporium in Paris, the Palais de Glace, is going to stage a bout at his battle parlor on February 11 that will prove the song is wrong. Two preachers, men of peaceful and lamblike disposition, becoming fired with a warlike spirit, will temporarily put behind them such phrases as "Turn the other cheek" and "Forgive thy brother" and, donning boxing gloves, will engage in a real ten round nip and tuck boxing contest. The scrap will mark an epoch in A.E.F. fistic history, if not the first battle of its kind, it will be at least one of the very few of its kind ever held anywhere. Nothing could be more of a boost for the game, nothing could prove a better testimony to the cleanliness of the sport when properly conducted, than this contest between two Army chaplains.

How It All Started

It all came about this way. Chaplain Earl A. Blackman, the "fighting parson" of the 120th Field Artillery, 35th Division, wrote the Sporting Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES that he was willing to accept "any person in the A.E.F. of 160 pounds weight or over within three weeks after the formal acceptance of his challenge." The Rev. Charles Rexrode, of Battle, Mont. chaplain of the 316th M.P., 8th Division, saw the challenge in THE STARS AND STRIPES. Now Chaplain Rexrode is something of an athlete himself, was a member of his college football team, and a director of his outfit, and an amateur boxer of considerable ability. When he read the challenge, he was "exceedingly wrought," and desiring to uphold the highest regard of the 316th Military Police, he communicated with the Y.M.C.A. athletic director for the 8th Division and made known his willingness to "accept" the challenge "nip and tuck." Jimmy Bronson was called in and agreed to stage the two parsons in a bout at the Palais de Glace. A great crowd is expected to be present to see the two army layabouts.

Both fighters will be seconded by chaplains, the Rev. Rexrode having already selected Chaplain Beard, 361st Infantry, to look after his interests, while the 2d lieutenant of the State of Washington where he is known familiarly as "The Fighting Lumberman." Both fighters will be seconded by chaplains, the Rev. Rexrode having already selected Chaplain Beard, 361st Infantry, to look after his interests, while the 2d lieutenant of the State of Washington where he is known familiarly as "The Fighting Lumberman." Both fighters will be seconded by chaplains, the Rev. Rexrode having already selected Chaplain Beard, 361st Infantry, to look after his interests, while the 2d lieutenant of the State of Washington where he is known familiarly as "The Fighting Lumberman."

ENGLISHMAN IS GROGGY TOWARD FINISH AND HAS CLOSE CALL

Joe Lynch, of the 52nd Pioneer Infantry, who won a 20-round decision over Tommy Noble at "The Ring" in London Monday night. Lynch began cautiously, but as the match progressed his speed and clever footwork began to tell. In the last three rounds Lynch led the attack, hammering away at his opponent, who became so groggy he was saved from a knockout in the eighteenth round by the bell. A record crowd witnessed the battle and proved very sportsmanlike. The American was cheered throughout, and the decision proved very popular, because of Noble's constant clinching. Jimmy Wilde, the famous British flyweight, was introduced and challenged the winner. O.H. Wood, a well-known pugilist present to the crowd were Eddie McGorty and Bombardier Wells.

BICYCLE RACE IS LATEST WRINKLE

5th Army Corps to Hold Thirty
Kilometer Pedal Speed Contest

On Saturday, February 15, the Fifth Army Corps will stage a bicycle race from Bourdon les Baines to Nogent en Bassigny, a distance of about 30 kilometers. Three teams of 20 men each will start, representing the 29th and 82nd Divisions and the Fifth Army Corps troops. There will be a trophy for the team having the greatest number of men to finish, as well as individual prizes. Bicycle race rules will govern. There will be no padding other than that done among the contestants themselves, and controls will be established where assistance may be given the contestants. Colonel Foster, athletic officer of the Fifth Corps, is in charge of the details of the contest, which he hopes will never put a stop to the arguments about the speed of the couriers in the recent big offense.

BOXING GLOVES FOR THIRD ARMY

Knights of Columbus Secretary
Leaves With Truckload

Bill McCabe, Knights of Columbus secretary, and well known sportsman of New York State, left Paris with a truckload of boxing gloves on Wednesday for Germany. The gloves will be turned over to Alex McLean and Billy Roche, Knights of Columbus secretaries now with the Army of Occupation, for distribution among the Yanks patrolling the famous river. All reports from Germany indicate that boxing gloves are in great demand among sport-loving doughboys, and that the coming A.E.F. championships will find the Army of Occupation well represented in the finals.

YANKS WIN AT SOCCER

The opening game of the Franco-American soccer schedule to be played in the 88th Division area during the month of February, was won by the Americans Sunday when a team of French Marines from 1286 Captal de Marche defeated 6 to 0 by the Third Battalion eleven, 330 Infantry. A return game will be played Sunday at Girvaux Field.

CRACK BASKETBALL TEAMS OF A.E.F. TO TOUR BRITISH ISLES

The Only Acceptance Park and 143rd
Field Artillery basketball teams, which
only recently completed a tour of the
British front in France, when they dem-
onstrated to their British friends the
fine points of the American game, will
leave shortly for a six weeks' tour of
England, Scotland and Ireland upon a
similar mission.

Chaplain Fred C. Thomson, U.S.A., and a Y.M.C.A. secretary, will accompany the two teams, which were fully equipped by the Y.M.C.A. Both quintets are strong contenders for A.E.F. championship honors, and since their recent trip they have been keeping in trim with daily practices. Basketball and other American games are becoming very popular with the British, and especially among the British soldiers, many of whom have been billeted with "Yanks."

CIRQUE DE PARIS OPENS FEBRUARY 22

Georges Carpentier, French
Heavyweight Champion,
Booked to Appear

Georges Carpentier, the great French pugilist, and heavyweight champion of Europe, heads the list of well known French, Belgian and American boxers who are scheduled to appear at the opening of the Cirque de Paris, the Y.M.C.A.'s new Paris boxing hall, on February 22.

Carpentier will don the gloves for a three-rounder with his sparring partner while the other French and Belgian pugilists will be matched against A.E.F. talent. There will be an afternoon program exclusively for French and American wounded. Two thousand five hundred French "dossiers" will have choice rindside seats. As the amphitheater seats 6,000, and has standing room for 2,000 more, it is expected that there will be room for all who care to see the show. Ytter, lightweight champion of France; Lemmers, Belgian middleweight champion, and Criqui, bantamweight champion of France, will be matched with American fighters as will Dupre, one of the best French lightweights, and Alfred Francis, a 135 pounder. Five stars are coming from the Bourges and Nevers areas, including Danny Summers, 145; Ray Dalton and "Red" Anderson, 135; Barney Meyers, 130, and George Anas, 125. Others from these areas include: Charles L. Dettling, 137; Walsburg, 125; Zubro, 105; Peterson, 125; Barone, 112, and Bisset, 150. These 12 men from Bourges and Nevers will be pitted against the Y.M.C.A. boxing team in a Franco-American program for the afternoon and evening.

JOE LYNCH BEATS NOBLE IN LONDON

Englishman Is Groggy Toward
Finish and has Close Call

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RAINBOW TRIUMPHS OVER MAPLE LEAF

Yanks Capture Three Day
Athletic Meet from 2nd
Canadians

TAKE ALL BOXING BOUTS

Private Price of Canadians Wins
Applause of Doughboys for
His Gameness in Ring

A series of athletic events extending over three days has just been completed between the 2nd Canadian Division and the 42nd (Rainbow) United States Division. Competitions in baseball, soccer football, tug-of-war, indoor baseball, wrestling and boxing resulted in a victory for the Yanks, 81 to 76.

The first leg was played off at Bonn, and the Americans were soundly trounced. The Canadians won all four events, comprising two indoor games, one between Canadian and American officers; and one between teams of enlisted men; a tug-of-war, and a soccer contest.

On the second day at Neuenahr, in the American area, the program comprised boxing and wrestling bouts. In the mat contest, Private Giguere, 117 Field Signal Battalion, pinned Private Sovereign of the 2nd Canadians on the mat in straight falls. They weighed in at 125 pounds. In the second bout, 145 pounds, Private Bennett, 165th Infantry, pinned Sergeant Giguere of the 2nd Canadians twice in succession, with a scissor and half nelson.

The last mat event was at 175 pounds between Private Hoffman, 42 years old, of the 165th Infantry, and Private Billemeier of the 2nd Canadians, 44 years old. It was a battle of veteran wrestlers, won finally by the Canadian with a half nelson.

Yanks Make Clean Sweep in Ring

All the mat winners were scheduled to go four rounds to a decision. In the 135 pound class Private Dillbert, 117th Field Signal Battalion, battered Private Price of the 19th Canadian Battalion until the spectators lost count of the knockdowns. Price lost, but he left the ring amid thunderous applause for his gameness in sticking it out to the finish. The second contest, at 135 pounds, was less satisfactory. About halfway through the first round, Private Scott of the 25th Canadian Battalion claimed he was fouled. Neither the referee nor the medical officer agreed with him, so Private Aranson of the 117th Field Signal Battalion was awarded the match when his opponent refused to continue the scrap. Private McCarthy, 151st Field Artillery, and Gunner Herkowitz, 5th Canadian Field Artillery, staged a battle royal at 145 pounds. At the end of the four rounds, during which the men had given an exhibition of jab, punches, hooks and in-fighting that sent the crowd into ecstasies, McCarthy received the verdict.

Montijo Scores a Knockout

At 158 pounds, one Montijo of the 117th Engineers, after having his nose, eye and ear vividly decorated, hung a ponderous right on the jaw of Sergeant Archer, 19th Canadian Battalion, and the sergeant lost all interest in the proceedings. Lieutenant Redmond, 165th Infantry, commissioned for gallantry in action, laid out Sergeant Locke, 6th Canadian Field Artillery, in the second round of their 175 pound match. The final bout at 145 pounds between Swaback, 2nd Canadian, and Domingues, 17th Engineers, was a furious mill from the tap of the starting gun to the finish. The American was given a hair line decision after a weighty consultation between the referee and the judges. The tournament closed with a baseball game at Bonn, which was won by the Americans 12 to 2.

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