

MCCARTHY ASSURES EXCITEMENT TONIGHT

California Fighter Arrives in Best of Condition.

BATTLER IS CONFIDENT

Kid Herman Has Announced Intention of Taking Offensive When Gong Sounds.

FACTS ABOUT TONIGHT'S BOXING BOUTS.

Where—Hells Theater, Broadway at Taylor.
Time—8:30 o'clock.

Programme.
McCarthy vs. Herman.
Brown vs. Mittle.
Cassill vs. Gorman.
Lax vs. Morrissey.
Byers vs. Lough.
Proceeds to Oregon boys' emergency fund.

BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON.

Tonight's programme of flat events at the Hells Theater promises to eclipse all previous boxing shows held in this city from point of attendance and exciting moments, according to Commissioner George Henry, who has been the busiest 125-pound gentleman in this city for the past two weeks.

Johnny McCarthy, who fights Kid Herman in the windup bout of tonight's carnival of "swell," arrived yesterday morning from San Francisco all by his "lonesome." Sol Levinson, McCarthy's manager, who usually is in the Irishman's corner, was unable to get away from his business and sent his protegee north to take care of himself the best way possible.

Fighter in Good Condition.

McCarthy is in good shape, according to his own statement and general appearance. He went out for a run yesterday morning about 10 o'clock to take a few of the kinks out of his joints caused by the long ride from California. Starting from the Ritz Hotel, where the Irishman is quartered, he ran to the end of South Parkway and back without the slightest sign of fatigue. In the afternoon he boxed four rounds with Larry Madden in the police gymnasium.

"I am in good shape for the fight," said McCarthy. "Of course I would like to have Levinson in my corner, but he can't possibly get away. So I came alone. Herman has a good reputation in California and has beaten some good boys. They say he intends to stand up and fight me from the first sound of the gong. If he does I'm here to tell you that there is going to be some excitement for the fans. If Herman keeps his word you'll see the fur fly while we are on our feet. If he starts running, which I don't think he will, I'll be right after him."

McCarthy does not say he is going to beat Herman. He realizes the San Jose lad is a tough nut to crack, but nevertheless he carries an air of confidence, which indicates that Herman will have his hands full if he expects to beat the Irishman.

Middle is Confident.

Peter Mittle is confident he can repeat his previous triumph of beating Muff Brownson when they step into the ring tonight. Mittle earned a 10-round verdict over Brownson at Vancouver about a year and a half ago. It was a slambang battle while it lasted and tonight's is expected to be a duplicate of their Vancouver war.

The bout between Johnny Cassill and Joe Gorman is coming in for almost as much comment as the two main bouts. Gorman has always been a favorite with local fans and those who have watched Cassill perform say he will beat the Spanish boy and do it easily. In fact, many wagers have been laid that Cassill gets the decision at the end of the sixth round.

Morris Lax is making his first appearance here since Johnny McCarthy being a "hard one" on his jaw and sent him to the mat some months ago. Lax will fight Lee Morrissey. These two boys went to rounds to a draw at Astoria about five months ago and put up a good fight. If Lax wins tonight he is going to challenge the winner of the McCarthy-Herman fight.

Al Byers and Freddie Lough will open tonight's show. Lough is best remembered for his fights with Claude Bromme, both at the Ice Palace. Byers is a former Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club boxer who gained his first knowledge of the ring game under Tommy Tracy.

The first bout starts at 8:30 o'clock.

BILLIARD EXPERT IS COMING

Welker Cochran, Eastern Champion, Plans Tour of Country.

Welker Cochran, Eastern bilkline billiard phenom, is planning a tour of the United States. Cochran has issued a challenge to Willie Hoppe for the world's championship, but the latter has refused to even consider the offer until after his present tour.

However, Cochran figures that by following Hoppe throughout the country he will finally meet the title holder to defend his championship. Hoppe is billed to play here at Bowie & Caldwell's billiard parlors some time in March.

SOME HIGH LIGHTS OF SPORT WORLD OF YEAR 1918.

Some of the most notable performances of the year 1918 in sports follow:

Andrew Miller's Roamer established a new world's mark of 1:24.5 for the classic mile at Saratoga Springs.

Charles Pares set a new world's mark of 2:25.4 for the five-mile run in Chicago.

John Doe made a new indoor record of 2:55 for three-quarters of a mile in Madison Square Garden.

Eddie Collins played in 412 straight games over a stretch of three or four years and so set a new baseball record.

Ralph De Palma broke his own record for ten miles in an automobile and put the mark at 2:07.2.

Ty Cobb led the American League in batting for the 11th time in 12 years.

Twenty-seven new swimming records were established by men and women.

Willie Hoppe set a new world's record of 25 points at three-cushion billiards.

Robert Lindley Murray won the National lawn tennis championship, while Miss Molla Buerstedt once again was virtually in a class by herself among the women.

BASEBALL on the INSIDE

Billy Evans

It is the squeeze play in baseball worth while. That question has often occurred to me, when I have seen the play fail miserably at some critical stage. When the play works successfully the runner who advances and the batsman who bunts look like a million dollars. The opposing infield resembles a counterfeiter's mint.

When the play fails, runner and batsman look foolish, while the catcher who has divined the play and called for a pitch out, looks like the last word in baseball brains.

It has always seemed to me that the squeeze was a play for specialists. Teams who use it working along that theory seldom get less than a 50-50 break in the matter of success. Teams who resort to the play at any old time with a runner on third, without regard as to who is the runner and even less as to who is the batsman, fail more often than they succeed. The squeeze play considered from any angle, is a precarious undertaking. The runner must not tip off the play by his action on the lines. Even more necessary is that the batsman connect with the ball. Even as necessary as connecting with the ball is the fact that it must be on the ground, to enhance the chances of success and eliminate opportunities for double plays.

This line of reasoning brings me back to my statement that the squeeze is a play for specialists. When a run is needed and a clever man is at bat, the squeeze play has many features that commend it. Perhaps you may think it is easy for the opposition to guard against the play, when they are aware that the man at the plate is notorious for the way in which he gets away with it. That is an erroneous impression. You no doubt think all that is necessary is for the catcher to call for a

pitchout and kill off the play. The wise batsman is aware that the catcher will probably do that. He doesn't hang out the sign for a squeeze right off the reel and before the pitcher realizes it he is in the hole on the batsman with two balls and no strikes. It behooves him to get it over. On the next ball the batsman may put the squeeze and get away with it, even though the opposition knows of his intention.

I regard Shortstop Scott, of the Boston club, as one of the few high-class squeeze specialists in the American League. Scott is anything but a crack batsman, yet he is dangerous. He is a past master at bunting. Give Scott a ball anywhere near the plate and he will lay it down for you. With a runner on third and Scott at the bat, opposing players invariably get set for the squeeze. All manner of means is used to offset Scott's propensity for successfully pulling the play. Yet time and again last year I saw Scott get away with it, often under the most adverse conditions. Scott is a specialist at the squeeze. With him at bat the odds are in favor of the play going over, but with the average man up the odds are against it. The greater discretion should be resorted to in its use.

The squeeze is especially ridiculous when the third base runner starts wildly for home as the pitcher starts for his windup. That system means sure death, unless the batsman delivers which is asking a great deal of the man at the plate. I much prefer the squeeze which calls for a late start on the part of the runner on third. If it is a point to get a good lead, is already for the sprint, but doesn't get into high unless the batsman connects with the ball. The thing to remember is that if the batsman does his part, for usually the runner can easily score with a late getaway.

DEMPSEY BUSY IN 1918

21 CONTESTS FOUGHT, AND RECORD IS MAINTAINED.

18 Battles Won by Knockouts, and 12 Are Settled in First Round.

Jack Dempsey was the busiest of the top-notchers in pugilism during the year 1918. He took part in no less than 21 contests, winning 18 by the knockout route, 12 of them ending in the first round.

Only three bouts in which he took part went the limit, two to which Billy Mike was his opponent. Dempsey was declared the winner on points in bouts with Mike by the majority of the critics. The other bout that went the limit was against Willie Meehan, in San Francisco, Meehan winning the decision at the end of four rounds of boxing.

This is a remarkable record, but still there are some who declare the majority of his opponents were "dead ones"—fighters who have passed their usefulness in the ring, or dubs, which is true to a certain extent. But the other fighters in the ring today also are meeting their share of "set-ups," so Dempsey can be forgiven.

The contests, dates and results of Dempsey's bouts during the past year follow:

Knockouts—January 25, Hammer Smith, one round; February 14, Jim Flynn, one round; February 25, Bill Brennan, six rounds; March 16, Jack Smith, one round; March 25, Tom Riley, one round; May 22, Dan Ketchell, two rounds; May 28, Archie Peasey, one round; July 1, Tommy McCarthy, one round; July 4, Bob Devere, one round; July 8, Percy Flynn, one round; July 27, Fulton, one round; August 21, Terry Keller, five rounds; September 11, Jack Morris, one round; October 18, "Porky" Flynn, one round; November 6, "Battling" Levinson, three rounds; December 11, Carl Morris, one round; December 20, "Quincy" Smith, two rounds.

No decision (His own newspaper awards): May 3, Billy Mike, 10 rounds; October 28, Billy Mike, six rounds.

Draw: September 13, Willie Meehan, four rounds.

O. A. C. PRACTICE CALLED

Basketball Team Will Start Its Training Today.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 6.—(Special).—The new team at O. A. C. will start their training today. The opening of basketball practice for both varsity and freshmen men. Coach Higgins is rounding up available material and called the first practice today. G. V. Robinson is the only varsity man thus far to report, but it is hoped Guxley, of last year's team, will be released from service and return to college.

Several men of the freshman team of last year are out for basketball, including "Red" McCar, Bob Kincaid, "Kek" Reynolds, George Powell, Badger, Denny Williams and Sieberts.

Barron Will Be on Hand.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(Special).—Harold E. Barron, National indoor and outdoor high hurdle champion of 1917, who sailed for France with his regiment on the day he was expected to defend his outdoor championship title, expects to be back in the good old U. S. A. in time to get in shape to defend his indoor title in March.

Sports of All Sorts.

DURING the outdoor season athletes of the Mohawk Athletic Club, of New York, rolled up a total of 217 points. David Pollizer, champion broad jumper, led with 37 points in three championships to his credit. James Tighe, sprinter, gathered 23; Paul Courtois, a jumper, and Bob Esh-neth, a boxer, 20 each, and Fred Trevalena, distant runner, 16. The title events won by Pollizer were the senior metropolitan A. A. U. for broad jumping and the junior and senior National championships for distance jumping.

The Mohawk's team in the Marathon race run in Philadelphia New Year's day was composed of Fred Trevalena, James Brooks, James McQuinn, Charles Holl and Frank Wilson. This team finished second in the junior National A. A. U. championship race at Van Cortlandt Park last month.

Carl Carlson, of the New York Athletic Club, one-time Metropolitan A. A. U. welterweight champion wrestler, turned in his registration to the A. A. U. and announced his intention of entering the professional ranks.

At the annual meeting of the New York Athletic Club January 14 the board of governors will pass a resolution permitting all athletes of the organization to compete in championship events. Since the United States entered the world war no member of the Mercury Foot Club has taken part in a title event.

The Paulist Athletic Club of New York has elected the following officers for the ensuing

COAST LEAGUE HEADS REACH NO DECISION

McCredie Announces Portland Favors Joining.

TRAVEL IS BIG PROBLEM

Seattle Magnate Wants Larger Circuit if Transportation Can Be Arranged.

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—No formal action was taken at today's meeting here of the Pacific Coast International Baseball League directors regarding a proposal that Seattle and Portland join the Pacific Baseball League.

Walter McCredie, former manager of the Portland club, said Portland favored the move to join the southern league.

D. E. Douglass, president of the Seattle club, declared he would consider the move a wise one if transportation and financial difficulties would be overcome.

WASHINGTON MEN BACK

FIVE LETTER WINNERS REPORT FOR BASKETBALL PRACTICE.

Ide, Holbrook and Jamieson, of 1918 Team Will Be in This Year's Line-Up.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Jan. 7.—Five letter winners in basketball reported for practice Monday afternoon for the first intensive workout of the 1919 season. The men are Captain Ervin Cook, guard; Wilson Ide, Ralph Smith and Paul Holbrook, forwards; and Cecil Jamieson, center. All except Smith are members of the 1918 five, Smith having played in 1917. Clint Solms, Dick Munson and Don Frye, of last year's freshmen, will fight for a forward position on the varsity. Jamieson will be opposed for the center position by Solms, the big sophomore who was the backbone of the 1918 freshmen. Douglas Cairns, who captained the fresh, and Dick Clarke, his running mate at guard, will fight for the position opposite Captain Cook.

With a whole first team of letter winners and virtually the whole of last year's freshmen on hand, Coach Hunt has a line-up that makes Washington's chances look promising. Only three weeks of practice remain until the opening of the season against W. S. C. and the squad which will work out under Hunt will have its work cut out. Several practice games will be played locally before the season opens January 24, after which series will be played virtually every week-end until early in March.

KLINE ACCEPTS CHALLENGE Oregon Bowling Alley Team Must Defend Title.

The M. L. Kline bowling team was not slow in taking up the gauntlet thrown down by the Portland Bowling Alley quintet, and a special match of three games may be rolled between the two stellar bowling teams Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The alleys on which the match will take place will probably be neutral ones although nothing has been decided upon as to that phase of the question.

Last year the two teams rolled nine games, three on the Oregon alleys, three on the Portland alleys and tossed up to see on which alleys the third set of games would be rolled on. With only three games, it would hardly be advisable to split them, so neutral alleys may be brought in the play. These two teams are considered the best in the city and a three-game match would be a welcome affair among the local bowling fraternity.

after that

War Ends Too Soon for Mike.

The war ended only too soon for Sergeant Mike Dorcas, former Penn State man, intercollegiate wrestling champion and all-around athlete. The big son of Greece had been recommended

for a Captaincy and would have been commissioned in a short time. Dorcas went to France with University of Pennsylvania Base Hospital No. 20, in charge of Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Car-nett, an old Penn football star. Mike

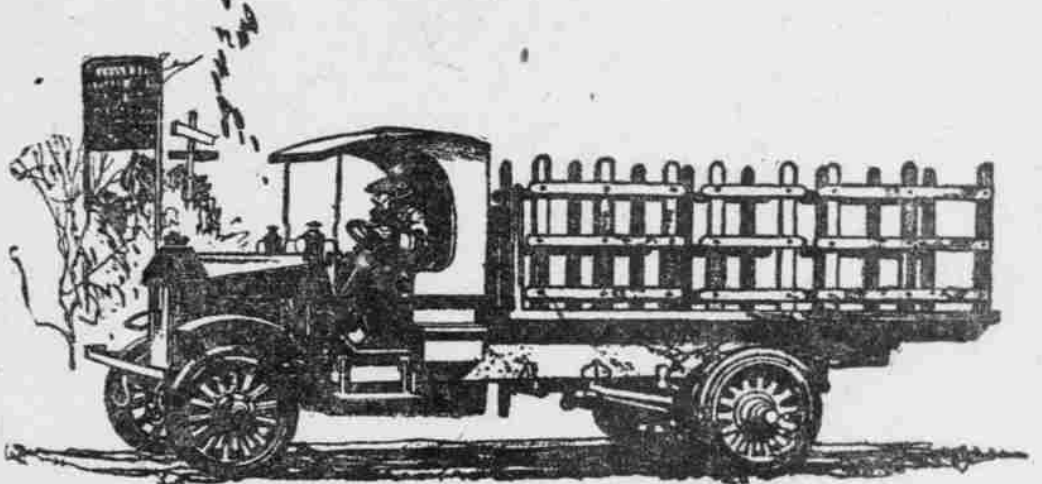
was the life of the organization, its interpreter, provost of military police, custodian of French kiddies, etc. He finally became so valuable he was called to Lyons for other important work. He is still stationed there.

Pierce-Arrows Ready Now for Peace Needs

THE needs of war required no change in the design of Pierce-Arrow trucks. The same models that solved transportation problems in 148 different lines of business before the war solved also the more difficult problems of war transportation.

This uninterrupted succession of Pierce-Arrow Trucks is available now to continue your high speed production and carry your product to waiting markets.

Our experience and the records of Pierce-Arrow performance, complete and convincing, are at your service. With trucks for immediate delivery, we are ready to assist in the reconstruction of American business along peace lines.



2-TON, \$4160

5-TON, \$5932

Portland Prices

Pierce-Arrow

Delivers more work in a given time;
Loses less time on the job and off the job;
Costs less to operate and less to maintain;
Lasts longer, depreciates less and commands a higher resale price at all times.

IMMEDIATE DELIVERY

Chas. C. Fagan Co., Inc.

23D AT WASHINGTON ST.

PORTLAND

Phone Main 4693



TENNIS PLANS DISCUSSED

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION IS FAVORED.

France, Belgium and America Expected to Enter When Meets Are Resumed.

International tennis competition next Summer is predicted in the report that the All-England Club has applied for sanction to hold the championships at Wimbledon. This event was abandoned during the war and plans for its revival show that English tennis players are preparing to resume activity.

The executive committee will recommend to the annual meeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, February 7, that arrangements be undertaken to re-establish the Davis cup contests in 1920. The English championships of the coming season will have something of an international flavor, however, for in describing the plans the London Field says that players representing the allies are expected to take part. Commenting on the outlook, the Field says: "Our European allies, especially France and Belgium, are likely to be fully represented, and if Mlle. Lenglen comes over to compete in the ladies' championship that event in itself would give distinction to any meeting."

WESTERNERS THRILL WILSON

Fred Kelly and Jimmy Donohue, Aviators Who Cut Capers.

According to advices from Los Angeles, Fred Kelly, champion hurdler, with Jimmy Donohue, both of whom competed in the Olympic games in Stockholm in 1912, and who are well known throughout the country, were two of the aviators who thrilled President Wilson when he was sailing for Europe on the transport George Washington.

Kelly turned several loops and went through dips, dives and slides for the amusement of the President and his party.

He is stationed at a New York aviation grounds, commissioned as a First Lieutenant.

Checker Authority Dies.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Jan. 7.—Lyman N. Stearns, known as an authority on the game of checkers, is dead. He was president of the World's Corresponding Checker Club and was credited with being the originator of more than 3000 intricate checker problems.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'—BY BRIGGS.

AFTER SPENDING WEEKS IN ENGLAND—
"WILL YOU HAVE TEA WITH ME TODAY?"

AND—
"LET'S GO TO SEE A PLAY TONIGHT?"

THEN—AFTER MONTHS OF THIS IN FRANCE—
"VOULEZ VOUS CINEMA AMERICAIN SI SOIR MADEMOISELLE?"

AND—
"VOULEZ VOUS DINER AVEC MOIR SI SOIR MADAME?"

AND—
"VOULEZ VOUS PROMENADE MADEMOISELLE?"

TO GET BACK TO AMERICA AND HUG YOUR OWN GIRL—
"OH-H-H-BOY! AIN'T IT A GR-R-R-RAND AND GLOR-R-RIOUS FEELIN'?"

Briggs
+ (NAME WITH-HELD BY REQUEST)

COPYRIGHT 1918, NEW YORK TRIBUNE INC.