WILLARD TO START TRAINING AT TOLEDO

Champion Loses Little Time in Getting Into Action.

BAG PUNCHING BIG HELP

Fully Ninety Per Cent of Ring Fans Said to Favor Champion in World Event July 4.

Jess Willard will arrive at Toledo next Tuesday and the champion will lose little time getting down to work and then some interesting news will begin to come over the wires. As soon as Willard takes up the training grind ring followers will be regaled with various contradictory stories regarding his appearance, for Willard is not a very impressive performer in the gym.

The big fellow's tremendous bulk has ever been the most impressive thing about him. Boxing with his sparring partners he never by any chance delivers a hard blow. As a rule the big fellow maintains the defensive throughout, allowing his sparring mates to do most of the hitting.

Willard to Work Hard.

Willard works hard enough at the pulleys and with the medicine ball. One of the best things he does is to have his mates toss the ball at him with full force while he stops it with his stomach. This exercise so toughens and strengthens his stomach muscles that it takes a terrific body blow to have any effect upon him.

Willard has never learned to punch the bag as other ring champions have. Corbett and Fitzsimmons were artists with the bag and even Jeffries could belabor the elusive sphere with great vigor if no particular skill. Johnson also was able to give bag-punching exhibitions that were worth looking at, but Willard never has mastered the trick.

Bag Punching Is Big Help.

When the champion was training at the Forty-fourth Street club for his bout with Frank Moran a bag was hung at one side of the stage for his use. Willard tried it out once and that was all. He missed so badly that the crowd laughed and Willard, being a very sensitive fellow, ordered it taken away, saying that bag punching was unnecessary anyway.

As Willard will train before large crowds, it is likely that he again will dispense with the inflated sphere unless he has acquired more skill in its use in the meantime. In his case it may be a big mistake for him to cut out this feature of his training, for unless he pounds his sparring partners with more enthusiasm than usual he will have no way of perfecting his wallop.

Champion Is Favorite.

Punching the bag is one of the best forms of exercise for a boxer. It quickens the eye, strengthens the hitting muscles and perfects the judgment of distance. Because of his long absence from the ring, Willard will be weak in those matters and he may find it a difficult matter to get into shape if he again cuts out the bag, just because he is not an expert.

If Willard is able to get into anything like his old time form he will have the backing of a great many of the leading boxers. Ninety per cent of those who have voiced an opinion regarding the outcome of the bout pick the champion to win. On the other hand, a majority of the managers pick Dempsey. As a general thing, boxers are the worst judges of pugilistic form that can be found.

Jim Corbett, one of the cleverest big fellows who ever drew on a glove, never was known to pick the winner of a big bout. Corbett wasted more time over impossible white hopes than any other man connected with the ring. And Corbett was a fair sample of all the other great fighters.

PHILLIES EVEN UP SERIES

PITTSBURG BEATS BOSTON BY SCORE OF 4 TO 2.

Philadelphia, With Packard Twirling First Game of Season, Defeats St. Louis 6 to 0.

BOSTON, May 21.—Pittsburg batted opportunely today and evened the series by defeating Boston, 4 to 2. Cooper was effective with men on bases. Score:

	R.H.E.		R.H.E.
Pittsburg	4 8 1	Boston	2 7 2

Batteries—Cooper and Sweeney; Ragan, Fillingem and Wilson.

Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 0.

PHILADELPHIA, May 21.—Packard pitching his first game of the season, held St. Louis to five hits today and Philadelphia won, 6 to 0. Score:

	R.H.E.		R.H.E.
St. Louis	0 5 1	Philadelphia	6 12 1

Batteries—Horstman, Ames, Tuero and Snyder, Dilhoefer; Packard and Adams.

Brooklyn Game Postponed.

BROOKLYN, May 21.—The Chicago-Brooklyn game was postponed; rain.

New York Reports Rain.

NEW YORK, May 21.—The Cincinnati-New York game was postponed; rain.

HOOD TO PLAY KIRKPATRICKS

Portland Team Undefeated in Amateur Circles.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—The Hood River baseball team, which has not lost a game since the acquisition of "Sud" Sutherlin as pitcher, will meet the Kirkpatrick All Stars at Columbia park here Sunday. The Portland team is undefeated in Portland amateur circles.

While Sutherlin pitched a winning game against the Columbia park team of Portland last Sunday, he declares that he was not in trim. The young man, who recently underwent an operation for stomach trouble, pitched Sunday's game.

Commissioner's Term Ends Today

I. N. Fleischner's term as member of the state fish and game commission expires today. It is the impression that Governor Olcott will take no action toward reappointment of Mr. Fleischner of appointing some other citizen to the commission until the pending investigation of the commission has been completed. A number of sportsmen are dissatisfied with the policy of the commission and have asked for an inquiry, which has been postponed until Commissioner Warren returns from the east.

CLOSE DECISIONS OFTEN ROIL MEMBERS OF LOSING TEAMS

Fans Little Realize Real Importance Attached to Duties of Umpire in Closely Contested Games.

BY BILLY EVANS.
American League Umpire.

WHEN the fan hears the umpire shout "ball" or "strike" during a game, he has little idea of the importance that often hangs on the calling of a certain pitched ball. Very often the result of the game centers around the judgment of the umpire on one particular ball. Such a situation always makes it rather unpleasant for the official, because the losing club holds him up as the alibi for the defeat, while the winning team simply figures he rendered the proper decision for which he has no credit coming to him.

When the umpire gets by in the best possible manner, nothing but silence comes his way. A perfectly correct ruling in a great many cases, however, brings forth nothing but a shower of criticism, if such a ruling proves the turning point of the game.

While the fan may not realize the importance of the calling of a strike or ball, or the rendering of a decision on some close play, take it from me the player does. I know some players who, when they get in a dispute with you, can recall things that happened half a dozen years ago to prove their contention that you are always giving them the worst of it.

Umpire Has His Troubles.

To illustrate, let me tell of a game last summer, in which I was the plate umpire. The Detroit club was playing at New York. Bill James was pitching for the Tigers. Now Bill has a world of stuff, and when he is getting the ball over he is awfully good, but if control is lacking, Bill is liable to be just the reverse. In the game I have in mind, James had one of those half and half days. He would be terribly wild on a couple of batters, then tighten up, and by some fine pitching, pull himself out of the hole.

The Tigers, through some good hitting, gave James an early lead of about four runs. Although he was constantly in the hole in the early stages of the game he kept escaping inning after inning without being scored upon. The game gave me one of the busiest afternoons I had all season. It seemed as if there were three balls and two strikes on every batter. At times James' lack of control bordered almost on the humorous and in the next instant he would win the applause of the crowd by his fine work. Since he had escaped unscathed until the seventh inning my calling of balls and strikes had not caused the slightest criticism.

Close Decisions Frequent.

In the seventh inning, after two New Yorkers had been retired, James got into trouble, and later I was given the credit for having dug the hole in which he found himself.

The third man up couldn't hit the first two balls served him with a plank. With the count two balls and no strikes, James cut the heart of the plate with the next one. It surely was over the plate, but there existed a doubt in my mind as to its height. I thought it a trifle too low, and called it a ball, making the count three balls. James was having his troubles getting the ball over, and to him it was tough to have so near a strike ruled a ball. Naturally he showed signs of displeasure, but it was only momentary. What difference did such a little thing make when he had a four-run lead, two out and no one on?

The next delivery was perfect, and was called a strike. The batsman thought the next one far too good to let pass, so he took a healthy swing and missed. That made the count three balls and two strikes.

Had I called the disputed delivery a strike instead of a ball, and had the same thing happened on the next two deliveries, as did happen, the batter would have been out on strikes, the side retired, and no runs scored. That is the second guess, which the players can always take in reference to umpire's rulings.

On the other hand, had I called the disputed delivery a strike instead of a ball, it would have made the count two balls and one strike, and the batsman never would have taken a perfectly good strike on the next delivery without offering at it. There is always the possibility he might have hit that one. But that is getting away from my story.

Detroit Club Fighters.

The batter eventually got a base on balls, but at the time little heed was given to the fact. Then came another base on balls, followed by a third, and the bases were filled. There came a couple of errors; in each case perfectly handling of the ball would have retired the side runless. A base hit or two were mixed in, and when the inning was over the lead of the Tigers had vanished, Detroit was one run to the bad, and by that margin the game was lost.

The Detroit club, always a fighting aggregation, failed to relish that trimming after being out in front, and don't think I was overlooked in passing out the reason for same. A couple of infielders, a pitcher and four or five substitutes on the bench didn't forget to tell me I gave them all the runs scored because of my failure to call one particular pitch as they saw it. No one thought for a minute about the two bases on balls that followed, because of lack of control, nor did they reason out that the two errors would have ended the agony without any trouble, nor the value of the two hits in sending runs across the plate.

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TROEH SEEKS WORLD GAME

PORTLAND GUN CLUB ISSUES GENERAL CHALLENGE.

500-Target Match for $5000 to Feature Northwest Sportsmen's Association Shoot.

At a meeting of the officials of the Portland Gun club yesterday at the Imperial hotel it was decided to issue a general challenge to the world in behalf of Frank Troeh, America's greatest all-around trapshooter, for a 500-target match for a $5000 stake, as a feature of the Northwest Sportsmen's association shoot at the Everding park traps in June.

A challenge was issued last week to William Heer of Oklahoma for a 500-target match for $5000, but Heer refused to take up the gauntlet, declaring that he was not shooting any special matches this year.

After viewing the situation at yesterday's meeting the officials of the Portland Gun club unanimously voted to send a challenge broadcast throughout the country for a shooter who will come to Portland to meet Troeh in the 500-target race.

The programme for the Northwest Sportsman's association shoot is well under way and will be one of the most pretentious ever held in the United States.

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As a special feature at the Portland Gun club this Sunday Frank Troeh again will defend the Hercules trophy, emblematic of the all-around amateur championship of the United States, against his brother, J. Blaine Troeh. Frank defended the trophy against his brother several months ago at the Portland Gun club, J. B. winning. As the match was not shot under the rules governing competition on the cup the victory was not allowed. Three other shooters competed against Frank at the same time.

A close race is looked for this Sunday and the champion may have to step out on high. If Sunday is anything like yesterday in regards to weather the trapshooting fans should see some great events.

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A junior championship shoot will be one of the new features at the 26th grand American handicap trapshooting tournament to be held in Chicago by the South Shore Country club from August 11 to 15. This event was decided upon at a meeting of the executive committee last week.

The junior championship will be open to boys under 18 years of age. It will be contested on championship day, August 13, and one trap will be set aside for the event.

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Lieutenant-Commander F. P. Williams, U. S. N., has completed arrangements for the first army-navy championship shoot, which will be held at Washington, D. C., over the Montgomery Country club traps on July 4. The tournament will be registered and open to all trapshooters, but the winner must be a man who is actually in the service. It has been suggested that similar championship shoots be staged in the middle west and on the Pacific coast. If this can be accomplished it is just possible that three champions could be decided and fight it out for supremacy at the grand American handicap shoot in Chicago.

GOLF STAR IS MUSTERED OUT

William J. Noonan Passes 22 Months in Government Service.

TACOMA, Wash., May 21.—(Special.)—William J. Noonan, master signal electrician, who was developing into one of the northwest's best golfers, when he entered the services, was discharged from the army at Camp Lewis today after 22 months with the colors. He spent 20 months with the A. E. F in France. Noonan has represented the Tacoma Golf & Country club on the Earlington course, Portland, on several occasions.

He won the Country club championship in June, 1917, by defeating Henry Pringe. He was in the traffic department of the Associated Press prior to entering the service, but he does not know whether or not he will be stationed in Tacoma in the future.

Big League Gossip.

KID GLEASON has a good substitute for Eddie Collins, who was injured recently. Fred McMullin will play second base until Collins recovers.

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Bill Jacobson now occupies the clean-up position in the St. Louis Browns' batting order. George Sisler bats in third place.

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Herman Bronkie is playing a strong defensive game for the browns, but is not hitting very hard.

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It will be a difficult task dislodging the White Sox from first place in the American league race. The Gleason crowd is at home for a long stay.

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The Eastern league opened its season last week with four clubs in Connecticut, three in Massachusetts and one in Rhode Island.

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Dartmouth, like the Cincinnati team, has a Kopf playing the shortstop position, and he is a high-class player.

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Howard Shanks of the Washington club is playing a good game at shortstop. He can play any position in the infield or outfield.

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Poor old Larry Doyle! He's not worth much to the Giants now—not much more than a million dollars or so.

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Larry Kopf is playing a great game in the field for the Reds. Although he did not have any spring training, he has gone through the 16 games played by his club without making an error.

LOCAL ATHLETES HONORED

FIFTY YANKEES TO TAKE PART IN OVERSEAS EVENTS.

Vere Windnagle, Mose Payne and George Clark Are Portland Men Scheduled for the Trip.

T. Morris Dunne, secretary of the Pacific Northwest association of the American Amateur Athletic union, received a letter from Frederick U. Rubien, secretary of the A. A. U., headquarters in New York, yesterday that the selection of the 50 athletes to make the trip across the Atlantic to represent the United States in the inter-allied games at Joinville-le-Pont, France, next month will be made at a meeting of the championship committee in New York on May 27.

Dunne has recommended three Portland athletes as worthy to make the trip. They are Verel Windnagle, Mose Payne and George Clark.

General Peyton C. March, chief of setaff of the United States army authorized the American Amateur Athletic union officials to proceed at once to select 50 of the most prominent army or ex-army athletes in the United States. Navy athletes are not eligible to compete in the meet. The eligibility rules permit the entrance of any men who were membrs of th army btween 1914 and 1919, inclusive, whether demobilized or still in the service.

Athletes of the student army training corps, who were inducted into the service, are eligible, which makes way for such stars as Tom Campbell of Chicago, Creed Haymond of the University of Pennsylvania, Charlie Shaw of Columbia and others.

Only those athletes who have already shown that they are in good condition or prove between now and June 9 that they are of the right caliber will be selected to make the trip. Windnagle, Payne and Clark are all in the pink of conditio nand have more than held their own in all competition this year.

The 50 athletes selected by the A. A. U. will sail from New York on June 9. They will go in a body and return immediately after the games. Side trips will not be permitted. The men will wear their army uniform on the trip and will be subject to military discipline at all times.

Among the prominent men being considered for place on the team are: Lieutenant Vere Windnagle, Portland, Or., mile and half mile; Mose Payne, Portland, Or., two-mile and mile; George Clark, Portland, Or., A. E. F. welterweight wrestling champion; George A. Bronder Jr., Brooklyn, javelin thrower and shot putter; Lieutenant Carl Buck, Chicago, pole vault and all-around star; Lieutenant J. Howard Berry, Philadelphia, javelin and pentathlon; Tom Campbell, Chicago, middle distance; Fred Davis and Creed Haymond, University of Pennsylvania, sprints; M. Gustavson, University of Pennsylvania, quarter and half mile; James Henigan, Boston, modified marathon and cross-country; Lieutenant J. Harwood, St. Louis, pole vault; Lieutenant Meredith House, San Francisco, hurdles. Lieutenant Fred W. Kelly, Los Angeles, hurdles and pentathlon; Lieutenant Clinton Larson, Brigham Young University, running high and broad jumps; Lieutenant J. G. Loomis, Chicago, sprints and running high jump; Captain James E. Meredith, Philadelphia, middle distance; Sergeant Carl Rice, Kansas City, running high and broad jumps; Lieutenant Robert Simpson, St. Louis, high and low hurdles and running broad jump; Lieutenant C. J. Stout, Chicago, one and two miles; Lieutenant William H. Taylor, Marietta, O., standing high and broad jumps; Elmer Smith, University of Pennsylvania, 440 yards; Joe Organ, Pittsburg, modified marathon and cross-country; E. F. Jones, Philadelphia, running broad jump; H. Kleinspehn, Lafayette College, half and one mile.

Charlie Shaw, Columbia, half mile; Fritz Pollard, Philadelphia, hurdles; Sherman Landers, Chicago, pole vault and hop, step and jump; Fred Murray, San Francisco, high and low hurdles; Wesley Oler Jr., New York, running high and broad jumps; Larry Scudder, New York, quarter and half mile; Binga Dismond, Chicago, quarter mile; Nick Gianakopulos, New York, modified marathon and cross-country; Red Graham, University of Chicago, pole vault, high and broad jumps; William H. Meanix, Boston, hurdles and quarter mile; Lieutenant Tommy Lennon, New York, furlong and quarter mile; Norman Ross, San Francisco, and Ludy Langer, Los Angeles, swimmers.

The list of events is practically the same as the events on the Olympic programme at Stockholm, Sweden, 1912, or the same events in meters as correspond with the events on the national A. A. U. championship programme.

NEWLAND LEADS GUN ARTISTS

Successful Competitor Breaks 48 Out of 50 Targets.

Eleven scatter gun artists took part in the mid-weekly practice shoot at the Portland Gun club yesterday afternoon, with H. B. Newland breaking 48 out of 50 targets. J. B. Percy and E. H. Keller tied for second high honors, each shattering 47 out of 50 of the flying clays. The scores:

Shooter—	15	15	20	Tot.
J. B. Percy	15	13	19	47
H. B. Newland	14	15	19	48
J. C. Morris	14	13	18	45
L. Kennedy	10	9	15	34
E. G. Reynolds	8	7	10	25
H. R. Everding	14	9	16	39
E. H. Keller	14	16	19	47
C. B. Preston	14	13	19	46
A. W. Strowger	9	14	19	42
P. Friedlander	10	12	15	37
H. B. Critchlow	8	6	17	31

ST. LOUIS BEATS SENATORS

SISLER SENDS OUT SHORT FLY, CLINCHING 1 TO 0 GAME.

Boston Knocks Kallis Out of Box, but Loses Contest to Detroit; Score 6 to 5.

ST. LOUIS, May 21.—A short fly by Sisler that fell safe for a double, scored the run that enabled St. Louis to defeat Washington today 1 to 0. By losing the game Washington gives up fifth place in the league standing to the locals. The score:

	R. H. E.		R. H. E.
Washington	0 6 0	St. Louis	1 5 3

Batteries—Shaw and Picinich; Shocker and Billings.

Detroit 6, Boston 5.

DETROIT, May 21.—After Boston knocked Kallio out of the box in the third inning, scoring five runs before an out was made, Detroit baters forced the retirement of two of the visitor's pitchers and took today's game 6 to 5. Score:

	R. H. E.		R. H. E.
Boston	5 7 1	Detroit	6 11 1

Batteries—Caldwell, Dumont, Pennock and Schang, Walters; Kallio, Cunningham adn Ainsmith.

Cleveland 7, Philadelphia 2.

CLEVELAND, May 21.—Cleveland took the first game of the series with Philadelphia today 7 to 2, Morton holding the visitors to five hits. The score:

	R. H. E.		R. H. E.
Phila.	2 5 2	Cleveland	7 10 2

Batteries—Perry, Seibold, Naylor and Perkins; Morton and O'Neill.

Chicago Game Postponed.

CHICAGO, May 21.—New York-Chicago postponed; wet grounds.

Fight Halted in Third Round.

VERNON, Cal., May 21.—The boxing bout between Eddie Pinkham of Seattle and Herb Brodie of Los Angeles, welterweights, scheduled for four rounds, was stopped in the third round here last night and declared "no contest" by Referee Dick Donald. Donald said he took that action because neither Pinkham nor Brodie would "stand up and fight."

Lewis to Live in San Francisco.

CHICAGO, May 21.—Ed (Strangler) Lewis announced today that he would fill a few minor engagements in the east, and then go to San Francisco to make his home henceforth. Lewis says he has been training almost continually since his discharge from the army and that he feels he has earned a rest.

Yamhill Defeats Sheridan.

SHERIDAN, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—The Yamhill baseball team defeated Sheridan high yesterday by a score of 11 to 5.

Tests in Europe have led experts to decide that ivy benefits rather than injures stone walls, on which it grows by drawing excess moisture from them.

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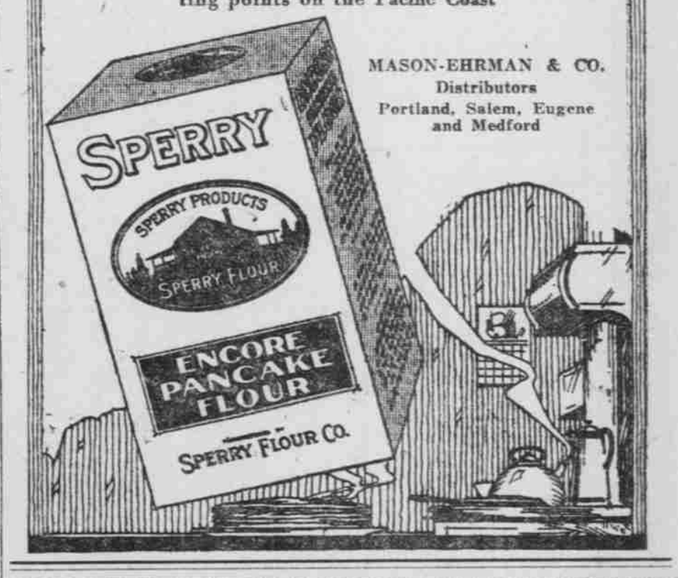

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