

RUBAYAT OF BULL RUN
Yuletide is nigh, but when the turkey's
trumpet is heard...

"I'll fight!" said big Jess Willard,
"I'll fight, you see, for charitee, but stage
the thing myself!"

LITTLE BEN
IS BEST OF
ALL STARS
Kid McPartland Tells Why
Lightweight Champion Is
Marvel of Boxing Ring.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF PORTLAND GUN CLUB FOR COMING YEAR

ROCK CHASE SHAKING
From Portland there came a wire and
holkey...

WAR WILL
BOOST ALL
ATHLETICS

Government to Encourage Sports
in Order to Make a Sturdier
Race of Americans.

New York, Dec. 22.—Baseball, boxing
and football are going to have
larger followings after the war than
they have today.

That this will be true in baseball
particularly is the prediction of many
men high up in the game, and it has
been pointed out by followers of boxing
that the instruction being given
the soldiers in all of Uncle Sam's
training camps will develop thousands
of devotees of the manly art who have
never before been interested.

Will Gain Popularity
Football, which has been growing by
leaps and bounds within the past five
years, may not gain many active participants
through the formation of
training camps, since it will certainly
gain in popularity.

The pathway to success for present
day baseball in the United States was
opened wide with the close of the
Civil war. Hundreds of soldiers returned
from the battlefields on which
the blue and gray armies fought their
many great conflicts through the
rigors of service in the open and
demanding some form of sport competition,
or, at least, recreation, upon
which to center their interest and in
which those who brought youth back
from them could find active exercise.

Has Shown Development
From the ending of the Civil war to
the present day baseball has been gaining
in popularity. It has suffered several
rude shocks owing to internal
strife, but as an attraction which gained
and held public interest it has developed
wonderfully.

With thousands of Uncle Sam's soldier
boys equipped with baseball, boxing
and football paraphernalia while in
the service, thousands of young bloods
coming on who will demand red blooded
recreations and pastimes on a larger
scale than ever before and the country
at large weary of death dealing
conflicts and grateful for the chance
to relax, sports should thrive on a
greater scale than ever.

Sports will be encouraged in every
way possible by the government, too,
President Wilson, Secretary of War
Baker and many of our lawmakers at
Washington have openly expressed the
opinion that health giving sports should
be encouraged and continued throughout
the length and breadth of the land, even
in war times.

And when war ceases to be the world's
greatest game, as it is today, the government
will turn its attention toward
the building of a sturdier and healthier
race of Americans. It isn't that Americans
are not stalwart and red blooded
today. A big per cent of them are, but
the percentage can be increased and
increased and sports out of doors seems
to be the answer.

Card Star Covered
A Lot of Territory

If fielding figures told the absolute
truth, the baseball manager would
not have to cast a lamp on a promising
recruit. All he would need to do would
be to glimpse the fielder's batting
and get the answer. The same goes for
batting, but batting is somewhat different
than fielding, at that, and anyway,
we were about to discuss the fielding
of a certain player.

The player in question is none other
than the well known Roger Hornsby,
shortstop of the St. Louis Cardinals.
Cardie, Mr. Hornsby made more errors
than any other National league shortstop,
except Billy Knott of the Reds,
during 1917. He made 12 errors, the
greatest shortstopper in the western
half of the National, if not the greatest
in the entire circuit.

The error is the bane of the greatest
therefore, cannot be found in the figures.
If you judge him by the error column,
but if you judge him fairly you will
lamp the number of errors he accepted
and you'll get a different view.

The great shortstop goes after every
chance, no matter how hard it is. Many
of these he accepts and in many cases
he is charged with an error on balls
that other players would never touch.
That's the kind of a shortstop Hornsby
is. And figures don't show it by a long
shot.

Cincinnati Seeking
Former Giant Star

Rube Marquard, former Giant and
now one of the remaining stars of the
Brooklyn hurling corps, will be sold or
traded to the Cincinnati club, if plans
now being laid by Christy Mathewson,
Wilbert Robinson and the Rube himself
materialize. Just at present Charles H.
Ebbets, president of the Brooklyn club,
alone is blocking the proposed deal, and
though Ebbets has taken a very firm
stand in the matter he may be induced
to change his mind.

REGULAR QUINT
NAMED BY COACH
AFTER HOLIDAYS

League Officials for Interscholastic
Basketball Will Be
Selected Soon.

Interscholastic basketball coaches will
select their regulars for the 1918 championship
season after the Christmas
holidays. With the opening of the season
on account of the split schedule, the
coaches will have plenty of time to
develop the raw material.

Tobacco Habit
Easily Overcome

A New Yorker, of wide experience, has
written a book telling how the tobacco or
snuff habit may be quickly and easily
overcome. The author, Edward J.
Scott, 627 Station E, New York City,
will mail his book free on request.

Tales of the Old Time Beavers

Husky Youngster, Who Had Trial
With Beavers, Is Now Catcher
on Chicago National Staff.

Edward F. ("Ned") Egan, known as
the "King of the Bush Leaguers" who
won eight pennants in the bunchgrass
leagues in 15 years, mentions two former
Portland players in a series of
articles entitled "Twenty Years Among
the Bush Leaguers." They are Earl
Marriott, a young infielder from Humboldt
county, who had a trial with the
Beavers at Vinalia in 1912, and Teddy
Corbett, who pitched for Portland in the
Coast league in 1907.

Failure at Third Base
"It often happens that a baseball player
finds a place for himself by the most
accidental of means," writes Egan. "I have
several cases of this, but about the oddest
I ever saw was that of Marriott, a
catcher now with the Cubs. I think
I heard of this young man when he was
with Cedar Rapids, four years ago. He
had come from California to give his
game a whirl.

"He was playing third base at the
time and it afterward was found out
he wasn't there at all. Hence he was
released. In a second trial, everything
he did went wrong, and everything he
tried was a failure. He was let go by
several teams and finally, in great
desperation, he was sent to me to
manage at Vinalia. I was at Ootumwa at
the time and had absolutely nothing to
offer him. He stated that he was far
away from home and wanted to get
back there.

Turns Self Into Catcher
"While we were talking I got a phone
call from Centerville, Iowa, a place about
100 miles from here. The man who
called was willing to pay an unusually
good price for one, as they had several
important games on.

"If you only were a catcher I could
place you there," I told him.
"Say, I'll be a catcher to get some
money," he retorted. He said he thought
he could bluff it through all right. So
we went out and borrowed an old glove.
I gave him a little practice and some
coaching and he was on his way strictly
on his nerve.

"It didn't seem possible to me that he
would make good and I was fearful of
the awful comeback when the Centerville
manager discovered I had recommended
a man who was of no account.

Star on His Nerve
"To my great astonishment they called
me the next day and asked me
if I could send them more baseball players
like Marriott. I thought it was a
joke for a minute, but they explained
that they had made good instantly
and had become a great favorite in the
town.

"He attracted the attention of the Fort
Dodge manager, who was signed up
there, and from that time on his marriage
to the top has been steady. And he did
it strictly on good, hard nerve. I certainly
think he makes good with the
Cubs, because of his nerve.

He Couldn't Locate Gene Dell
"Getting back to the subject of dennesence
in the head from which a good
many young ball players suffer, I want
to tell you of one of the most clever
clever young fellow named Ted Corbett,
with whom I had dealings one
time. I was discussing terms with him



Earl Marriott

by letter and was just about to sign
him when I had to leave town for a few
days. I wrote to Corbett to tell him
of this and for him to answer at that town
in care of 'Gen. Del.' abbreviating the
term that way.

"I didn't hear from him again and
was disappointed, as he seemed to be a
promising lad. Suddenly, several days
after I had returned home, he put in an
appearance.

Sure Was Funny One
"Who didn't you write as I asked you
to?"
"Who, sure, that's funny one," he
replied. "I went over to that town hunting
for you, but nobody in the whole
place had ever heard tell of that fellow
Gene Dell. Who is he, anyway?"
"Who was that kid who was a good ball player,
too?"

Warner Made Team
Out of Holdovers

Glancing back at the Pittsburg team,
it is timely to note that Warner developed
the best all-around team in the local
area covered to about break even.

Instead, Coach Warner has a squad
of lesser lights composed largely of
men who had been substitutes for the
last two years and eligibles from the
1916 freshman team. Of the 34 men
who completed the 1916 varsity squad,
nine alone remained when the football
team was assembled this fall. From
this material the famous Cornellian
formed a typical Warner machine, with
every man knowing exactly what he
was to do in every play and usually
performing that function when the signals
were called.

Mel Sheppard Says
He Sees Champions
Melvin Sheppard, the former Olympic
middle-distance champion, who is down
in Mississippi looking after the athletic
work of the 47,000 soldiers stationed at
Camp Shelby, near Hattiesburg, declares
that he could develop a first-class national
championship team from the athletic
material that he had observed in the
various regiments forming his division.

Former Beaver Star
TO BE VERNON LEADER
Coach Foster Sanford of the Rutgers
football squad, inventor of the much
feared multiple kick, built up a team
this year that did much to disprove the
claim made by some followers of the
grid game that it takes all-star material
to make a winner.

Sanford has always followed the
theory that the work of the team as a
whole counts more heavily than the
work of individual players, and Rutgers
upheld his theory this year by playing
wonderful football.

Walter Camp, dean of the football
critics, recently paid Sanford and his
football eleven a mighty fine compliment
when he classed Rutgers as the
best of the college teams in the east
this year. Rutgers surely got a big gob
of satisfaction out of that.

West Point Has Big Schedule
Walter Camp has booked 11 basketball
games. A game a week will be played,
the final with Lehigh March 2. All
will be played at West Point. The U.
S. ambulance corps team of Albiontown
will be played February 18.

AGGIES ARE SHY
ON VETERANS IN
GRAPPLE SQUAD

Coaches Figure, However, That
Chances for Championship
Are Even.

Only one letterman is back on the
Aggie squad. Strama, 145 pounds, elect
of captain of this year's team, has been
deserted by his companions of last
year's winning aggregation until he now
remains as the sole veteran in the local
varsity squad.

The intra-mural work of last year,
however, produced a lot of material of
possible varsity calibre, and Captain
Strama and Coach H. C. McDermott, ap-
pointed as the successor of Jim Arbutnot,
are rapidly weeding out the poorest
of the bunch and selecting only those
men who will be most able to represent
the Aggies.

Taylor, 108, is the only man out in
his class, as is Palmer at 115 pounds.
Rivalry for the honors at 125 pounds will
be keen, six men, Cummins, Thomas,
Daniels, S. Reddon, Humfeldt, and
Stone having turned out. Buttervitch,
twice elected captain of the two Lin-
coln last summer, will be the only man
at 135, Armstrong, Smith, "Butts" Rear-
den and Moberg will scrap it out at 145
pounds. Osterman, McClain, Brown, and
Daniels, all entered at 165, while New-
man, Os Walker, and Selph will enter
as heavyweights.

The wrestling periods have already
been assigned, and the competition for
the various places on the varsity squad
will be held as soon as the men relieve
themselves of some surplus weight and
get back into condition.

Sanford Proves It
Is Balanced Eleven

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have preached many sermons based on
the careers of noted fighters and ath-
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a modern ocean liner, but finally his
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the stuff for life. Today, at 40, he is a
bluff, hearty, healthy man, enjoying
life and apparently as certain as any
one of his age of being in the land of
the living for another decade.

Sullivan, who drank enough whiskey
to kill 40 ordinary men, is enjoying a
perfect autumn of life, while scores of
other athletes who lived, model lives
have succumbed in their prime, among
them Bob Fitzsimmons, Lester Darcy,
Ralph Rose and Thomas Sheelin.

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OLD HORSE
ONE OF BIG
COIN QUINT

Six-Year-Old Roebud Wins 15
Starts and Pulls Down \$28,515
for the Season.

New York, Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—
Few followers of the ponies can be
found who would back a 6-year-old
in stake events.

A 6-year-old runner seldom looks
like a good thing to the boys who
venture their wallets on the races, for
the reason that most of the ponies
have outlived their usefulness as stake
winners when they reach that age.

But anyone who backed Old Roebud
consistently during the 1917 cam-
paign has no reason to regret it, for
Old Roebud, the horse who came
back to win more stake events than any
of the other ponies, though his win-
nings were not so large.

Won 15 Out of 29 Starts
Old Roebud is owned by H. C.
Applegate. He went to the post in 29
races during the season and in 18 of
this number his nose was first under
the wire. Out of his 29 races eight
were stake events and his total stake
winings reached \$28,515.

The feature events won by Old
Roebud were the Clarke Handicap,
Applegate Handicap and the Inaugural
Handicap in Kentucky; the Queen
County, Carter and Red Cross Hand-
icaps at Aqueduct; the Frontier Hand-
icap at Windsor and the Delaware at
Saratoga.

Five Veterans Take \$105,000
Four other crack racers, two of
which were 3-year-olds and two that
were 4-year-olds, together with Old
Roebud, won a total of \$105,000 on
the tracks this year, and ranged as
the biggest winning quintet.

San Brierley, who backed Old Roebud,
Kilmer, is the leader of the quintet
with a total winnings amounting to
\$59,040. San Brierley ran in nine races
and won five. He captured most of
the events at Saratoga, namely: the
Albany Handicap, Saratoga Special,
Grand Union Hotel and Hopeful. He
also won the Great American stake.

Fapp Was Eight Races
The other 3-year-old ranking among
the first five was Fapp, owned by
George W. Loft. He ran 18 races and
won eight. His total winnings amounted
to \$39,500. Hourless and Oma Khayyam
were the biggest winning 2-year-olds, the
latter having won 11 of his 12 races.
Hourless took down more than \$35,000
in stake races and classed with Omar
Khayyam as one of the greatest 2-year-
olds in the business.

McInnis Yeoman in
Baseball Company

Connie Mack has lost another good
ball player, making six of the Athletics
who have left the service to Uncle
Sam. Stuffy McInnis, Mack's star first
baseman, has decided to enlist as a
yeoman at the Charleston navy yard,
where Harry Sherman, McInnis' brother,
Maranville and other players are per-
forming clerical duties. McInnis was
in splendid form this year. He never
played better with greater stakes and he
batted all season in the .360 class. His
departure will make a big hole in the
Athletics' infield. Incidentally, McInnis
is the last of the old famous \$100,000
combination to leave Mack.

"Cure Your
Rupture Like
I Cured Mine"

Old Sea Captain Cured His Own
Rupture After Doctors Said
"Operate or Die."

His Remedy and Book Sent Free.
Captain Collins called his rupture a
"sea dog's" and he maintained a
double rupture that soon forced him to
retire from the service. He tried doctor
after doctor and trust after trust, but
nothing helped. He was assured that
he must either submit to a dangerous
and abortive operation or die. He did
nothing. He cured himself later.

Football Coaches
Face Same Trouble

Football coaches throughout the coun-
try will probably have to face much
the same conditions next fall as they
faced this year in the matter of a scarcity
of material, if Uncle Samuel keeps
on filling up his training camps as fast
as the soldiers of the nation army can
be whipped into condition for service in
France.

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The average college football player is
of the soldiers of the nation army, and
under the draft law, and if drafting
continues many will be called. War time
football, however, has not been a fail-
ure, and by the fall of 1919 there is
little doubt that practically every school
and college in the country will be repre-
sented on the gridiron, though the play-
ers may average much younger than
they have in past years.

Race Track Spuds to
Be Sold at Auction

Churchill Downs, which during the
racing season, is the scene of the gather-
ing of Kentucky's best blood and the
finest racing thoroughbreds in the coun-
try, was put under the plow and planted
to potatoes. The great infield, around
which Omar Khayyam led a field of
15 horses in the 1917 Kentucky Derby,
was turned into a farm at the direction
of the New Louisville Jockey club.

The potatoes grown on the farm will
be sold at auction, at the old Louisville
haymarket square, where slaves used
to go under the hammer. The proceeds
will go to the Christmas fund for the
soldiers at Camp Zachary Taylor, lo-
cated here.

Lacrosse in American Camps
Lacrosse, the national sport of Cana-
da, will be introduced into the American
training camps. The United States In-
tercollegiate Lacrosse league will have
charge of the sport. Many former col-
lege players are training in various
camps. Soldiers of the Australian and
Canadian armies are proficient in play-
ing the game.

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