

# You'll Never Hear of Umpires Incautious Enough to Ride Around in Aeroplanes

Another gentleman has been executed for murder, thus proving that somebody is always taking the joy out of life.

The boys who aimed the Whittard-Barnes fight will have to mope down their heads, for the fight being scheduled for three days after the worst of July.

## PORTLAND STARS WITH ALEXANDER ALONG THE RHINE

### Sergeants Chuck Ward and Win Noyes Are in Army of Occupation and Don't Know Whether They'll See a Game of Ball This Summer in the Old Home Land.

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COBLENZ, Germany, March 6.—"A man can't play baseball all his life and I wish I could get back in the game while I have the stuff in me," said Sergeant Grover C. Alexander as he sat on a wooden bench in the orderlies' room in the dismal village of Holstun, in Rheinisch Prussia. The one-time leader of the National league pitchers gazed pensively through a window while his comrades were hurriedly gulping down their noonday mess of the invariable stew and coffee. The day was anything but suggestive of the national game, yet at that moment his thoughts were far away with the surging bleachers of a great city and with his wife in their quiet home in Newport, Ky.

Then his thoughts snapped back to the present. He had a letter in his pocket from Fred Mitchell, president of the Chicago Nationals, saying that the old place at last year's salary awaited him and that a contract for his signature had already been sent to his wife.

"No, a man can't play ball all his life. He must make hay while the sun shines. The pitchers especially must do so. If the government is going to muster out the United States army this summer I hope it will do so within the next few days, so that I can go home and get time to get into shape this season. Our team starts training on March 16. All the other players here are in the same fix as I am. I talked with our colonel yesterday and he said that the rules were against applying for a discharge at this end. This ties our hands and any work to get it back must come from the other end. Possibly I can get home some time in May and then I will need a month's training before I can get into shape to go on the diamond. That means tough sledding, for nobody has time to bother much with late comers."

Alexander was not whining and he made no complaint against the circumstances. He merely stated what seemed to him to be a fair case. He has been a member of battery F of the 342d field artillery which is part of the 89th division since he left the United States. His faithful work with the artillery caused him to be advanced to the grade of sergeant.

"What did you do in the great war?" I asked him.

"I was pumping in H. E. I was a gunner the day the armistice was signed," he replied proudly. "I had charge of the fitting of one of the guns of our battery which was sending over shells toward Germany. In fact, I took it all the way through. I did pretty nearly everything in the battery. I was made a sergeant in October, wasn't I, sergeant?"

"addressing one among a group of fellow noncommissioned officers. About half a dozen who were seated on tables and chairs in the little room verified the fact that October was the momentous date when Alexander missed a week of \$44 a month and "beans and boots." "Have a cigarette?" he asked, his spirits brightening up as he produced a battered pack and deftly struck a match.

"I was a non-commissioned officer most of the time. I also went to school and studied for the job. None of our men was gassed and none was wounded, though we went through some heavy shelling at times. But I guess it wasn't heavy compared with what some of the others got. The time went faster than I thought it would at a time when the end might be near for any one of us. I stood it better than this waiting. That is what is tiresome."

Has Schedule With Him  
The lure of hot chow in the dining room was stronger than the novelty of hearing Alexander give an interview. At last the sergeant related a mess kit and departed. Alexander folded up his letter and gave a lingering look at the worn clipping of this year's National league schedule. Then grew pensive again.

He is only one of many ballplayers in the different regiments of the expedition in the same situation. When Major General Leonard Wood was organizing the Eighty-ninth division at Camp Funston last year, Major Malcolm Anders, commanding the 342d regiment, an enthusiastic fan, decided to corral as many players as possible. Sergeant Charles W. ("Chuck") Ward, shortstop, was from the Brooklyn Nationals. He was in Battery A. Sergeant Otis Lambeth, pitcher of the Cleveland Americans, was in Battery D. Sergeant Winfred Noyes, pitcher of the Philadelphia Athletics, was in the First headquarters battalion, and Clarence

## Ball Holdouts Are Thinning in Big Show Ranks

New York, March 6.—(U. N. S.)—The ranks of baseball holdouts are rapidly thinning out. Players who refused to accept terms when contracts were sent out a little more than a month ago are rapidly coming into the fold as the time for spring training draws near.

Herbert Thormahlen, the young left-hander, and Jack Quinn, the veteran minor league pitcher secured from the Coast league, have signed Yankee contracts. It was announced today. Manager Huggins still hopes to sign up Frank Baker, despite reports to the contrary.

## HUNT CLUB TEAM PAPER CHASE SET FOR SATURDAY

### Big Field of Riders Expected to Start in Annual Event; Interest Is High.

The Portland Hunt club will stage its annual team paper chase next Saturday afternoon. There is a great deal of enthusiasm in this event.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Martin have been named as the horses for the chase by Natt McDougall, master of fox hounds, and they are devoting considerable time and thought to trail hunting, and they promise to give the riders a good course.

The team chase is considered quite the most exciting event of the season, as it is necessary for partners to cross the line together in order to draw down the trophy. This makes a speedy finish and does not necessarily mean that the first in is the lucky one—on the contrary, the luck may be with the last two crossing the line, which feature causes enough suspense to make the finish extremely interesting to the gallery.

The winning team will be the guests of the other riders at a dinner which will be served in the club house at 5:30 o'clock. Members and friends are invited to attend the chase and the dinner.

## Five Boxing Bouts On Card to Be Held At St. Johns Tonight

Everything is in readiness for the staging of the smoker and entertainment of the Knights and Ladies of Security in the skating rink at St. Johns this evening at 8:30 o'clock.

The program is:

Boxing  
Fat Bradley versus B. O. Rooney, three rounds.  
Lee Johnson versus George Deenar, three rounds.  
Joe Gorman versus Neil Zimmerman, three rounds.  
Sammy Gordon versus Johnny Segar, three rounds.  
Joe McCarthy versus Johnny Trambitas, three rounds.

Wrestling  
Leb Carlson versus Bert Smith, heavyweights.

The western A. A. C. quartet will render several selections and the Killies dancers will appear. James McDonald and James McGregor will play on the bagpipes.

## March 12 and 14 Are Set as Dates for the Final Hockey Series

Seattle, Wash., March 6.—(U. N. S.)—Seattle's Metropolitan established themselves safely in the play-off for the Pacific coast hockey championship by defeating Victoria here last night, 9 to 1. With the three teams in the league bunched, the race is the prettiest ever seen in hockey.

Wednesday, March 12, and Friday, March 14, have been fixed as the dates of the home-and-home series between the teams finishing first and second, to decide which shall represent the league in the world championship series with the National Hockey association.

Brill Will Help Yell  
Palo Alto, Cal., March 6.—Selling Brill of Portland and W. T. Martin were elected assistants to Yell Leader W. A. Antrim at a meeting of the Stanford student council Saturday. Brill is a member of the Theta Zeta fraternity, manager of the 1920 Quad, junior year book, and plays on the varsity soccer team.

## DIRECTS SPORTS IN ENGLAND



Lieutenant William H. Royle, former Multnomah club swimmer, who is now athletic officer of base section No. 3, of the A. E. F., being stationed in London.

## AIRPLANE MAY CARRY N. Y. TEAM

### Curtis Factory Would Transport Ball Club From Giants' Home to Philly.

NEW YORK, March 6.—(U. P.)—John J. McGraw of the New York Giants has often been "up in the air," but he has never before volunteered to take his entire team with him on his aerial expeditions.

Usually when McGraw's balloon ascensions occurred on or near the coaching lines he impressed it upon his teammates that they must keep their feet on the ground and play ball. If anybody "went up," John usually said he would do the ascending. But McGraw has changed. Today he wants the entire crew to fly with him. However, they will use airplanes.

McGraw has received and is considering an invitation from J. P. Davies of the Curtis airplane corporation, in which the giants' leader is urged to fly to Philadelphia with his teammates for the opening game here April 23. McGraw has indicated his desire to accept the invitation.

## Billiards

BOB BENJAMIN, the perennial press agent and manager of Willie Hoppe, rubber-heeled into town this morning with the announcement that Willie and the nonetheless well known Mr. Sutton would be with the billiard fans of Portland next Monday and Tuesday for exhibitions with the three little balls and the leather tipped wand.

"Willie is playing a greater game than ever," asserted old Bob, who is a regular manager. "He averaged 180 in 900 points at one town in the South and 150 points in a 600 point match in another place. At Monroe, La., he ran the 300 points in one inning. Yes, Hoppe is playing a great game. Sutton is also playing great billiards and is really better as an exhibition player because he is under no strain as in a match."

## Portland Gun Club Will Stage Shoot in Honor of Pollock

A 25-target trapshooting event in honor of Homer Pollock, the late secretary of the Portland Gun club, will be staged on the club traps at Jenne Station, Sunday morning, in conjunction with a class shoot of 50 targets. This event will be shot under the yardage handicap rules and the winner will receive a handsome trophy offered by the directors of the club.

The club has offered a pair of cuff links for the winner of the shoot, the high gun in each class to shoot off under the added bird system for the prize.

It is expected that a large crowd of spectators will be in attendance at this event.

Sheepshead Auto Dates  
Sheepshead Bay (L. I.) will stage automobile races July 26, August 23 and September 30.

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## Brown Star Dies In the Hospital At St. Nazaire

Boston, March 6.—(U. N. S.)—Lieutenant Davis Henry, former Brown University star baseball and football athlete, died in the base hospital at St. Nazaire, France, according to word just received by his parents here. Henry's best athletic work at college was in 1914, when he pitched Brown to victories over Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Holy Cross. After leaving college he spent a short time with the Pittsburg club of the National league.

## OREGON TEAM IS WINNER IN HOOP GAME WITH U. C.

### Lemon-Yellow Players Come From Behind and Trim Blue and Gold Five.

Berkeley, Cal., March 6.—University of Oregon basketball players won the Oregon team, scored the winning points.

The Blue and Gold team started off like winners and were leading at the end of the first half, but in the second half the combination playing of the Eugene players enabled them to tie the score.

Symes, the California forward, scored 19 points, leading Durno of Oregon by one point.

Eddie Durno, the sensational forward of the Oregon team, scored the winning points.

## General Wood Not Official in Boxing

Chicago, March 6.—(U. P.)—"General Wood is interested in seeing boxing lifted to the plane of other standard amateur sports, but he has accepted no office with any boxing commission."

Captain A. B. Bristol, the general's aide, said today. "The general will not be connected with any organization seeking to control commercialized boxing."

## Harvard Can't Play Army, Says March

Cambridge, Mass., March 6.—(U. N. S.)—The proposed Harvard-West Point football game in the Stadium on October 25 has been called off, it was announced today. General Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the United States army, withheld his sanction of the game. It is said.

Morley Back in Baseball  
Los Angeles, March 6.—(U. P.)—Rumors that Jim Morley is coming back into baseball as business manager of the Angels were confirmed in an official announcement today.

## SPORT NOTES

Philadelphia, March 6.—The University of Pennsylvania basketball five defeated Swarthmore last night, 30 to 16.

Albany, Or., March 6.—The Albany high school basketball five won from the Corvallis high last night by the score of 21 to 17.

Lawrence, Kan., March 6.—The Kansas university basketball team triumphed over the University of Nebraska team here last night, 31 to 17.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 6.—Oakland has purchased Harold (Rowdy) Elliott from the Chicago Nationals. Elliott formerly managed the Oaks. He was recently discharged from the navy.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 6.—Howard Emke, former star of the local Pacific Coast league team, has signed his 1919 contract with the Detroit Americans. He was discharged from the navy yesterday.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 6.—Manager Bill Elick of the Vernon team has sold outfielder Mathes and catcher Moore to the Fort Worth team of the Texas league.

Seattle, Wash., March 6.—Lyle Bigbee, who played with the Spokane team in the Pacific Coast International league, has signed with Seattle for the 1919 Coast league season.

New York, March 6.—Hal Chase, former Cincinnati first baseman, signed a contract to play with the New York Nationals yesterday.

Los Angeles, March 6.—Joe Pepe, third baseman of the Los Angeles club, has been released to the Fort Worth club of the Texas league.

Athletics Have Battery  
By signing Pitcher Perry and Catcher Perkins, the Athletics of the American league have one of the best batteries in organized baseball. Perry won 21 games for Connie Mack's tail-enders last year.

## MASCOTT WINNER IN FEATURE BOUT FROM BUD RIDLEY

### Portland Bantamweight Splits Dome in Fall to Concrete Floor, but Brings Claret and All Into Ring and Insists on Finishing; Gorman Scores Only Knockout of Night.

By R. A. Cronin

GAME little Billy Mascott—would that there were more like him—is Northwestern bantamweight champion again and he is nursing the sorest head that he ever carried atop his sturdy shoulders. But it wasn't put on him by Bud Ridley, the Seattle crack. It is a relic of a fall from the ring to the cement floor in the sixth round, a large gash in his scalp failing to smother the fight that is in him. He came right back, the claret ebbed and the round finished up, the South Portland Frenchman getting a well earned decision from Referee Grant.

Mascott was out after that title, and a little thing like a creepy two rope ring could not stop him. He was not the only one who hit the concrete, for Kid Herman and Sid Mitchell went out on their heads and the Mexican was knocked as cold as a dornick. However, he too, insisted on getting back into the ring and finishing up a tough battle with the Seattle man.

It was a big night for the fans and probably the largest crowd yet to attend a bout here was in the Army.

Mascott and Ridley were easily the cream of the show and they stepped off six of the fastest rounds that have been clocked in these parts. Mascott was battling away for all that was in him, trying to reverse a decision rendered against him at Seattle a fortnight ago, which he thought an injustice to himself.

Fought Game Battle  
There have been exhibitions of gameness, but none greater than Billy showed. He was piling up a lead on Ridley, when he fell through the loose ropes. When he got up he looked like the Battle of Verdun. But he insisted on getting back, while the fans pleaded with Referee Grant to call it a draw. Grant let the bout go on and the fans foresaw a knockout of the local lad. But he gained Ridley, but he put up a greater scrap after his injury than before, winning the round by a wide margin.

There will be exhibitions of gameness in the future but none will be more outstanding than that of the little Frenchman.

Only One Knockout  
There was only one knockout during the night and that came when the Spanish battering ram, Joe Gorman, hung a heavy fist on the jaw of Hector St. John in the third round. Gorman showed more skill than for some little time and has now amassed a record of seven straight victories against a flock of good boys along the coast. St. John should have known better than to carry a name like Hector into the ring against a bruiser like Spanish Joe.

More Action Than All  
Another spectacular bout was that between Herman and Mitchell. In fact it looked as if the bouts up ahead should have been switched with the two the commission selected.

Alex Trambitas and George Ingle were back in the resin dust again. It was a draw. A better bout, probably, than the other time they met, but a poor match, as these boys do not box well against each other and should be sent against strangers in the future.

In the curtain raiser Soldier Billy Nelson gave Jack Wagner about 10 pounds and got a nice draw for himself.

The smoker was well handled by the commissioners and the size of the crowd is further proof that some good outside boys are wanted to tangle with Valley Trambitas, Mascott, Mitchell and Joe Gorman.

The Fordham university baseball team's schedule contains 22 contests.

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