

GRAND CROSS OF HONOR DELIGHTS JOFFRE

Grand Cross of Order May Be Secured in Peace Or At War

PARIS, December 26.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—The satisfaction with which General Joffre received the military medal recently shown that he would be regarded as having exhausted all of the official honors that could be conferred on him, when he received the grand cross of the Legion of Honor, values the little silver medal quite as much as the common soldier.

To receive the military medal it is necessary to have been cited in dispatches, to have gone through four campaigns, to have been wounded in face of the enemy or to have accomplished some signal act of courage or devotion. Of late years the decoration of the Legion of Honor has been considered far more accessible. The military medal is not exactly a successor of the medal of the veterans instituted in 1831, but its purpose is to honor the qualifications of the men upon whom it is conferred are in part the same.

The Legion of Honor, as Bonaparte conceived it and instituted it, was intended to recompense signal services in both peace and war, and Napoleon III thought there should be a decoration for military services distinct from an order like the Legion of Honor, which was accessible to everyone.

What Napoleon Strove For "It is not everyone who will that shall wear this sign of honor," Napoleon said when the Legion of Honor was established, and his first intention clearly was to make it an incentive to his men and officers; he himself stated that the desire to obtain the cross was so widely that it became a species of fury, beginning with Austria. For a long time it was only the theatrical profession that was excluded from the Legion of Honor. Napoleon himself established a precedent of according the decoration in recognition of important industrial and commercial achievements by decorating a man who had built up an enormous industry in wallpaper.

"You compete so vigorously with the English with your wallpaper," he said. "I think you should be assimilated with the brave officers of my army, for in your way you are accomplishing the same thing as they."

Equality Is Proven "Canrobert, who commanded the 6th army corps in 1870, is quoted as saying to a young rifleman that he decorated with the military medal on the field of battle: "Now then, he is equal to me." "With less stripes, though," replied the decorated man. Just then both were upset by a shock from the explosion of a shell. "You see very well," said Canrobert when he had got to his feet and shaken the dust from him, "that I was right in saying that we were equals, for you see that shell had the same effect upon both of us; give me your hand."

Before the war of 1870 58,000 soldiers had been decorated with the military medal, while during that war 15,000 new decorations were accorded. Before the opening of the present campaign there were about 50,000 entitled to wear this decoration.

Some Cases of Bravery Among recent inscriptions for the military medal in the Journal Officiel, the following exceptional cases are reported: Conductor Desbrous of the 57th artillery regiment, receiving four wounds from fragments of shells and had the right arm broken during the battle of the Aisne, September 21st. Taken back to the base notwithstanding his protestations, he said to the doctor who cared for him: "It's far better that I be here than the captain who was hit by that shell, for the captain is more useful to France than I." Desbrous died from his wounds after receiving the military medal.

Sergeant Cabour of the 5th infantry, installed an observatory in a tree and remained there three days without relief or provisions, under violent infantry and artillery fire, continually giving the most useful information on the enemy's movements and position of the enemy's artillery by telephone.

Lieutenant flag-bearer Carriere of the 128th infantry, was present the 22nd of August at the moment when, under a terrible fire, several companies showed hesitation to advance. But he deployed the flag of the regiment and the cry of "To the flag! To the flag!" succeeded in provoking a general assault of the entire line.

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GRIP OF CROP RIPENS SLOWLY

Many Mills Have Delayed Grinding Because of Unfavorable Weather Conditions

Willett & Gray's report for the week ended December 23 shows very little change. Prices remain up because of the continuance of unfavorable weather conditions in Cuba, which have delayed the harvest and retarded the ripening of the cane. On December 23 only forty-four mills were grinding, as compared with eighty-three the same date in 1913.

There is 5000 tons decrease of stocks in United States and Cuba, compared with last week, but an increase of 92,500 tons over even dates 1913. An unusual incident of the week was the purchase by the Federal of full-duty paying Peruvians, in part at 2% c. l. s. equal to 4.13c. duty paid. Going to the difference in tariff between Cuba and full-duty paying sugars of .25c per lb., this sale of Peruvians advanced the spot market on the duty paid basis 1/8c per lb.

Philippine Centrifugals Sold "The reason these sugars were purchased was that, owing to this larger duty, they are very advantageous to refiners for export purposes, as the drawback is practically 1/2c per lb. larger than that obtained from Cuba.

Trading in raw sugars on the Coffee Exchange of the City of New York has been light during most of the week, some days being without business. At the close the market is more active, some 800 tons being sold at 3.15c for July and 3.25c for September. February is quoted at 2.83c to 2.85c.

The interstate commerce commission has granted the Eastern railroads permission to increase freight rates five per cent. Sugar rates will undoubtedly be affected.

The closing of the Chalmette refinery, New Orleans, if it is to remain closed, means an increased outlet for the Atlantic port refiners and domestic beet refined.

While it is generally credited in the trade that export business has recently been done for prompt shipment to France, the quantity involved is not large. In fact, many advices received from the other side report that France has bought largely of Italian and other neutral countries' granulated, some advices stating the quantity as between 40,000 and 50,000 tons, at what must have been at prices below those prevailing here. It is reported today that France has purchased refined sugars for shipment during February and March. The quantity is variously estimated at from 10-20,000 tons.

Domestic Beet Granulated is quoted at 4.85c, regular terms, Chicago-Buffalo territory.

As per data received from all over the island, the centrals in Oriente will show a moderate decrease in their production, but on the other hand there is an important increase in the production of the centrals in the western provinces. Our estimation for this coming crop amounts to 2,960,280 tons. Always counting on it that the weather will hold favorable and allow all available cane to be ground.

The Los Alamitos, California, factory finished the campaign on December 8, after one of the most successful seasons in its history, lasting 132 days.

WAR EMBARGO ON WOOD AFFECTS MINE OWNERS LONDON, December 26.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—The embargo placed on wood shipments from Sweden and the consequent shortage of props for the mines has caused the association owners to look around for substitutes. In some of the Yorkshire mines steel props have been introduced, but without the men's sanction or consideration and a meeting of the executive of the Yorkshire miners association asked permission to ballot on the question of the introduction of steel props and bars. The secretary of the association said he was afraid the outcome of this introduction would be a strike at the collieries concerned.

FAMOUS SCULLING CHAMPION DIES AT A RIPE OLD AGE

Ward was received by cable from London a few days ago of the death of Harry Kelley, a famous old-time sculler and world's champion sculler at his home, Fulham, England. Kelley, who may be remembered by some of the older generation of American rowers of rowing, had lived to the ripe old age of four-score-and-two. He was one of the celebrated English crew which visited America in 1871, with the champion James Renforth of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. While a race was being rowed against St. John's crew on August 29, 1871, Renforth collapsed and died in Kelley's arms.

Kelley was the world's sculling championship over the Thames course (4 1/2 miles) from Putney to Mortlake, England, on three occasions, and once over the Tyne course (4 1/2 miles) near Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. He won his first championship on the Thames River, when he defeated J. Messenger, on May 12, 1857, in 24 minutes 40 seconds. Two years later R. Chambers, of Newcastle, England, won the honors over the same route, beating Kelley in 25 minutes 25 seconds on September 29, 1859. Chambers defeated the championship successfully against all challengers, until August 8, 1863, when Kelley beat him on the Thames River, in 23 minutes and 25 seconds. On July 4, of the following year, J. Hamill of Pittsburgh, U.S.A., failed to wrest the title from Kelley over the Tyne course, Kelley winning in 32 minutes and 40 seconds. On May 6, 1868, Kelley defeated Chambers on the Tyne in 31 minutes 47 seconds. This was Kelley's last winning of the title, however, as on November 17, 1868, he lost the championship to J. Renforth, of Newcastle, England, over the Hanley course on the Thames, the winners' time 23 minutes 15 seconds being the fastest recorded for this event up to that date.

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Harry S. Stout, a boxing referee of Wisconsin, and former umpire in the Southern League, will hold the indicator in the Federal League next season, according to reports.

Only two Boston Braves showed in the 300 class in the official League batting list. They were Strand and Conolly.

WHO THEY ARE IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Baseball Expert—A former police reporter who in his youth managed the Batting Buffaloes during the five years they did not win a game. One who is qualified to tell Ty Cobb how and when to steal around base. One who believes in "Inside Baseball."

Hotel Corridor—This is an important adjunct to winter baseball. Without it there would be no annual baseball meetings. The hotel corridor provides the stage setting for the whisper and the rumor (See Vol. 4, page 2463). Hence come the famous pronouncements, "It was whispered in the hotel corridor here today, etc.," "Vague whisperings relative to, etc.," "Managers Hookman and Bunk were seen whispering, etc." The hotel corridor has earned a permanent niche in baseball's history. It is only requisite that it be situated not more than forty feet from a life-saving station.

Pennant—Rare species; difficult to capture alive. Open season November to March. Often claimed to have been bagged by amateur baseball writers in April, and sometimes as late as June. Migrates South in October leaving but one in each league.

Baseball Scout—One who knows more about baseball than there is to know. An ivory hunter. One who digs up one star player during his career and then retires on his honors.

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BITS OF SPORTS PICKED UP WHERE FANS GATHER

LORRIN ANDREWS MENTIONED AS NEW PRESIDENT OF OAHU LEAGUE—MIDWINTER LEAGUERS DESERVE SUPPORT—TENNIS NOTES

The first meeting of the year of the Oahu League will take place January 14, instead of this evening as originally intended, and all signs point to the gathering of the magnates being a real warm session while it lasts. It is now a well-known fact that the Players' Fraternity will cut in with a few remarks, and fortunately they will be backed by their managers in most instances. Paying fifty per cent of the gate receipts, and then another additional fifty dollars on Sundays for the use of the ball yard down Aala Park way is going to the players, and a new proposition will be submitted to the managers of the grounds.

There will be other matters pertaining to the rehabilitation of the national game in Honolulu, discussed by the players and magnates, and most important of all will be the offering of suggestions that a new president be elected in place of E. C. Peters. Players and managers are making a move of being anxious to get rid of Peters, and already the names of several good men have been mentioned as fit and qualified to pilot the league over the rocky road that has unfortunately been made for the league by a certain clique.

Among the names of these men are A. L. Castle, Lorrin Andrews, Edwin W. Quinn, Ben Hollinger, F. A. Steere, Lawrence Redington and Charles Chillingworth.

Gaining strength each day among the players and directors is Lorrin Andrews, and while every man mentioned above is the right man for the place, Lorrin Andrews seems to have the Oahu League select him as their president, a man well qualified, capable and popular, and with the best interests of the game at heart would be at the head of the organization.

Lorrin Andrews has long been identified with sports in Hawaii, and his untiring efforts in behalf of amateur and professional events has done much to keep athletics, swimming and other sports above suspicion. Most of all, Andrews is a fan, a real dyed-in-the-wool fan and will never miss a game unless it becomes impossible for him to be present. Furthermore, he has a keen knowledge of the national game, having at one time been connected with the Washington Club and also as an official scorer in the major leagues. Andrews has a wide acquaintance among the big men of baseball on the mainland, and with the support he can command can bring the pastime back to the high standard of popularity it once enjoyed.

Electing a president of a baseball league is a serious matter. The directors and players of the Oahu League want to weigh well this question before casting their vote. A good man, willing and ready to devote his time to the success of the game, and with a keen knowledge of what is right and wrong, can do much to bring baseball again to the front in Hawaii.

Right now baseball is in a bad way in Honolulu, due, as the fans know, to the manipulations of a certain clique, and it is up to the league directors to put the crusher on these people and begin all over again. The Oahu League is in no way to blame for the unfortunate condition of affairs, and the press and fans feel that the players and directors are ready and willing to do what is right, and by doing what is right the game will prosper in Honolulu as it did when Lorrin Andrews and men of his caliber controlled the pastime.

Deserving of Support Next Sunday afternoon, at beautiful Moiliili Field, the Mid-Winter Leaguers will make a bid for popular favor, and while some fans may not care for the national game at the present time, the

new organization is deserving of support. Scattered about the ranks of the five teams are youngsters ambitious to get to the front on the diamond, and fans well know that Honolulu can find room in the professional ranks for ball players.

Pop and ceremony will start the new league, and the men who are leading the efforts toward making the undertaking a success are well known in the community. Edwin W. Quinn, father of Sunday baseball, is president of the league, Charles N. Arnold is secretary, Ben Hollinger treasurer, with Henry Chillingworth official umpire and Nigel Jackson scorer.

All the teams have been new equipped, and the merchants have liberally donated prizes for home runs, stolen bases and the like. A big parade will start the boys toward Moiliili Field from the Masonic Temple at eleven o'clock, and at the ball grounds the mayor will pitch the first ball of the first game, which will start at one o'clock and will be between the Kaimuki Stalwarts and the Makiki Stars. Tennis Stars Coming

A. L. Castle, who will have charge of the tennis arrangements during the Mid-Pacific Carnival, will arrange for two crack players from the mainland to take part in a series of matches here during the celebration. Yesterday Castle secured guarantees from a number of tennis enthusiasts covering the expenses of the Oahuators, and already negotiations are under way with Dr. Sumner Hardy of the Pacific Coast Tennis Association, asking him to nominate two players for the trip. Maurice McLoughlin may be one of these players, as he has signified a desire to visit the Islands. Other players being considered are Clarence Griffin, John Strachen, William Johnston and Ella Fottrell. Both these two played here last year.

E. P. Larned, brother of William Larned, former United States champion, is at present a visitor here, and while he has not played tennis for some time, may take a hand in the tournament.

The plan is to have an invitation singles tourney, to include the two Counties and five of the local players, including Larned if he is still in the Territory.

As the schedule is now drawn, tennis and baseball will not conflict this year. The national games will fill in February 21, 22, 27 and 28, and tennis will hold the boards February 23, 24, 25 and 26.

More details about the canning of Lang Akana by the Portland Beavers are carried in the Portland papers by last Saturday's mail. According to the press of the webfoot State, members of the Venice team are said to have knocked the big fellow. Perhaps so, but the writer is of the opinion that the Coast League is simply enforcing an old standing rule not to let Orientals or colored men into the ranks.

Hawaii is getting plenty of boosting from the big leaguers, even if the fans did not think they played good ball. When the stars got to Frisco they told the fans Honolulu treated them great, and all along the line to their Eastern homes it was the same tale.

Soldiers at Fort Shafter are planning a pool tournament, a local firm being willing to loan the boys a table to play on. Prizes will be offered for the winners of first, second and third place of each company competing.

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