ONE OF THE BEST PINCH HITTERS THIS MONTH IS THE CHAP WHO BUYS A LIBERTY BOND OR TWO

JOHNNY KILBANE WILL INSTALL OWN SYSTEM OF BOXING IN ALL ARMY CAMPS IN UNITED STATES

Champion on Way to Confer With Secretary Baker in Regard to Establishing "Hand-to-Hand" Fighting Department in Army

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

JOHNNY KILBANE, featherweight champion of the world, is in Philadelphia for the first time since his memorable meeting with Benny Leonard at Shibe Park last summer. He arrived yesterday to spend a day or so with James F. Dougherty, of Leiperville, before going to Washington, where he will confer with Secretary of War Baker in regard to a new system of boxing instruction to be installed in the army cantonments.

Kilbane, allow us to state, now is chief boxing instructor in the United States army. He has made good in the greater game and his work at Camp Sherman has attracted so much notice that his system is about to be adopted throughout the land.

The featherweight champion is not the same smiling, care-free little Irishman we used to see at the Olympia and the National a couple of years ago. There is the same glint of humor in his eyes, but he is more serious and sees life in a different light since taking up his work with the soldiers. He realizes that he has a very important task on his hands to get men in condition to protect themselves, and this thought has crowded everything else out of his mind. He still is a fighter, but of a different class. Instead of looking out for himself, he is looking out for thousands of men in khaki and feels personally responsible for each one.

Johnny was a great little man the night he staggered out of the ring after losing to Leonard. He accepted defeat without a murmur, congratulated the victor, and not until this day has he offered an alibi. It was all a part of the game, and instead of making the usual excuses he devoted his time in telling what a great boxer Leonard was. This made Kilbane stand out like a searchlight on a dark night, but his popularity then cannot compare with the present. Today he stands out as the biggest man in the boxing game and his success came about, not with a blare of trumpets, but after six months of painstaking work with 40,000 soldier boys at Chillicothe, O.

First to Volunteer

Kilbane was the first pugilist to realize the importance of boxing in the army and was first to volunteer his services to Secretary Baker. This was before the Leonard battle, which meant he was ready to quit his profession in case of victory or defeat. He gave up an annual income of $30,000 to accept a position which paid $1800 and is perfectly satisfied. He is doing something for his country and is amply repaid.

Kilbane virtually is exempted from the draft because of a wife, two children, a blind father and three other dependents, so it cannot be said that he is trying to evade military duty in accepting the post as boxing instructor. Furthermore, he is not making capital out of his position, but devotes his entire time to it. So far as professional appearances in the ring are concerned, it is doubtful if he ever will box again. He wants to excel in the bigger game where lives are at stake instead of a purse of gold.

His New Plan

The featherweight champion wants to establish a separate department of boxing in the army and call it "hand-to-hand fighting." He has figured out a system which will be placed before Secretary Baker and if it is accepted, Johnny probably will be placed in full charge.

"This war is a serious thing," said Kilbane, "and it is too big for any one man to try for personal glory. Every one must put his shoulder to the wheel, he is one year we must do the work of getting our men in fighting trim that it took the Germans forty years to do. It is something to be considered seriously, for we have a mighty job on our hands.

"Getting the men in physical condition is the toughest task on our hands and I believe boxing will do it quicker than anything else. You cannot find a better sport—if you would call it sport—to get the soldiers on edge. Every muscle in the body is brought into play, and in addition to that the men are taught to protect themselves.

Lives Are at Stake

"Baseball, football and other sports are all right, but when you get 'over there' will you play a game of ball with the Germans? Certainly not. There are no rules in this war game, for it is a game where your life is at stake. Just suppose the troops are massed in an attack and are too close to use their bayonets. Wouldn't the science of boxing come in handy? Couldn't a few well-placed blows on the chin render some of the Germans helpless for a time? That is why I want to establish the 'hand-to-hand' department and teach the men the proper way to act if they ever find themselves in that position in actual battle.

"My idea is to systematize the work the same as other branches in the army. To me it is just as important, and the sooner we find it out the better. Every boxing instructor has a different method of teaching, and this is wrong. We must get together, adopt the same methods and install them in all of the camps. I want to talk over this plan with Mr. Baker, and I hope he sees it the way I do.

Officers Take Up Work

"Since taking up my work at Camp Sherman I have instructed thousands of soldiers and enjoyed the work. The men enjoyed it, too, for they always were anxious to don the gloves. I noticed after a time that the officers would drop in the back row and work with the privates and that gave me the idea of forming another class. I took the lieutenants, captains, majors and other commissioned men in hand and now have 175 assistants to carry out my work while I am away.

"I do not believe in holding too many boxing tournaments, because the men are likely to injure their hands. The class instruction, however, where the blows are illustrated, is much better, for it helps every man instead of a few. If a soldier shows himself to be proficient in boxing and wins a couple of tournaments he gets most of the attention, and that is something I wish to avoid. It's better to have 40,000 fighters than ten or twelve. In my six months at Sherman I have held but one tournament, and that was for the benefit of the officers so that they could get acquainted. There will be another tournament on Saturday, but it was arranged by the men themselves. I had nothing to do with it, but will referee the bouts.

"Boxing has proved its value in the United States army and I am proud to have been one of the many instructors. We all know its use in bayonet work, both in the attack and defense, but it also can be used for other things. I hope to see it adopted officially by the Government."

Rejects $15,000 Offer

Johnny does not intend to give up his work to engage in any ring battles and made it clear that he wouldn't consider any offer until the war is over.

"Are you going to fight again?" I asked him.

"I am not, and you can make it as strong as you like," was the reply. "I am in this war game for keeps and will stick until it is over. I have been offered $15,000 to appear in one bout, but have turned it down. I want to help others and not myself in these times. Why, if I decided to box some opponent I would have to train for a month or so, and what would happen to my work in the camp? No, there will be no more boxing for me except before my class of soldiers. That's all I want.

"I can't see that Fulton-Willard bout that is taking up so much space in the newspapers. I don't believe it would be the best thing to stage it at this time. The big fight in France is enough to think about now and the promoters and fighters would confer a big favor on the public by forgetting all about it for three or four months."

Aids Liberty Loan Drive

Kilbane has been doing good work in Ohio in the third Liberty Loan drive. He was detailed on the work by General Glynn and addressed the Rotary clubs in the principal cities. If he can arrange it, he will address the workmen at the Remington plant in Eddystone tomorrow.

After his conference with Secretary Baker Johnny will leave on a trip to all of the cantonments and install his system, having been asked to do so by Dr. Joseph E. Raycroft.

From $30,000 a year to $1800 is quite a drop, but Kilbane is not worrying. He is doing his bit, has made good, and perhaps we will see him in the uniform of a regular United States army officer in a short time. Uncle Sam has a habit of rewarding his men who have proved their worth.

BROOKLYN PINS FAITH ON NEW PLAYERS THIS YEAR

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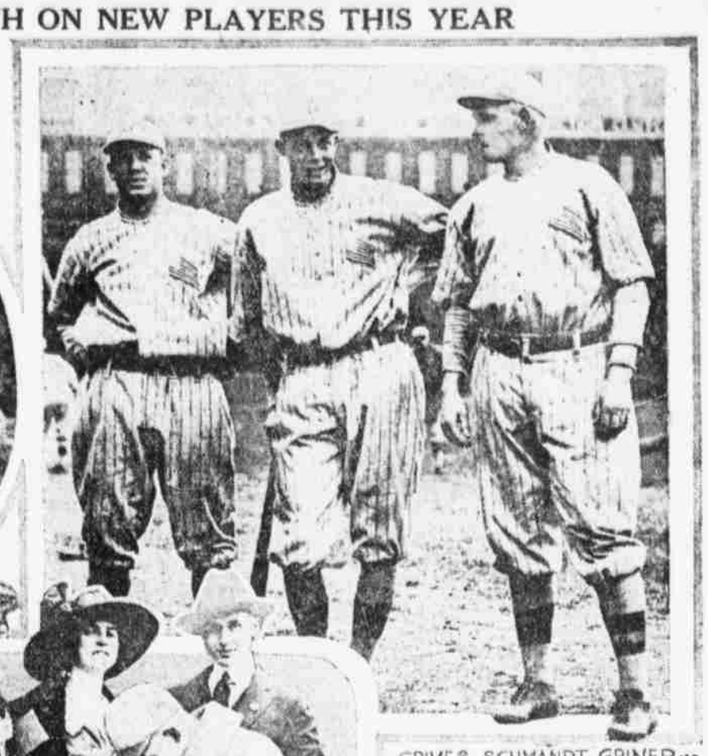

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TILLMAN AND TED LEWIS TO MEET IN DENVER

Rival Managers Sign Articles for Twenty Rounds for World's Title

Herman "Muggsy" Taylor, the boy manager and matchmaker, has signed the necessary articles for a twenty-round bout between his star welterweight, Johnny Tillman, of Indianapolis, and more recently of this city, and Ted "Kid" Lewis, the present titleholder, for the welterweight championship of the world.

The bout will take place May 13 at the Stockyards Stadium, Denver, Col. The two boxers will weigh in at 142 pounds ringside. Taylor and Jimmy Johnston, Lewis' manager, will meet to agree on a referee five days before the bout is scheduled to take place.

Tillman and Lewis met in a six-round encounter at the Olympia A. A. of this city, two months ago, and it resulted in one of the best fights of the year. Tillman had the better of Lewis in the first four rounds, but in the fifth he left his jaw uncovered and Lewis connected with a wallop that sent Tillman down to the mat. He was up in a few seconds and continued the fight. It was a good draw.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago, 9; Cincinnati, 1.
Pittsburgh-Cincinnati, cold weather.
Other clubs not scheduled.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

St. Louis, 11; Cleveland, 7.
Detroit-Chicago, rain.
Other clubs not scheduled.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn at Philadelphia—Clear.
Boston at New York—Clear.
Chicago at Cincinnati—Clear.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis—Clear.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Athletics at Washington—Clear.
New York at Boston—Cloudy.
St. Louis at Cleveland—Cloudy.
Detroit at Chicago—Clear.

Freddy Reese, Benny Leonard's sparring partner, has started training for his six-round bout with Eddie Morgan, of England, at the Olympia Monday evening, April 29.

WALTER JOHNSON TO OPPOSE MACKS

Speed King Booked to Baffle A's in Second Clash This Afternoon

DUNN BOOSTS SHANNON

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, April 22.—Connie Mack's young men may be formally introduced today to the Kansas cyclone, the blond shrapnel, the greatest speedster of them all, Walter Perry Johnson, of Coffeyville, Kan. They all will remember the introduction, even if such veterans as Larry Gardner, Tilly Walker, Forrest Cady and Rube Oldring don't kid them about it. It is quite an event in the young life of any major leaguer to face Johnson's fast ball for the first time.

"I hardly think any of my youngsters will tremble when they go to the plate to face Johnson for the first time," explained the A's master of strategy, C. Mack. "I tell them before the game just what to expect, emphasizing Johnson's speed as compared with that of any other pitcher. And yet there are days when Walter isn't so very fast. This may be one of those days. If my players can get into this frame of mind they may win from Johnson. He has been defeated many times, remember."

Connie, never given to talking much, cannot hide his satisfaction with the team he has gathered for the 1918 pennant race. He puts a damper upon all talk that the Athletics are doomed for eighth place.

His Team Stronger

"In only one place, first base, might my team be said to be weaker than it was last year," says Mack, "and Burns will fit it nicely, even if he doesn't equal McInnis's batting record. Without taking anything from those who played with my team last season, I honestly believe this year's line-up is stronger as a whole.

"In some places, third base, for instance, I would call it much stronger. This also might be said about second base, where Shannon is breaking in in fine style. Dugan proved last year to be quite the equal of Witt. Even without Strunk, a grand player, my outfield as a whole is just as good as it was last year.

"It is in the box and behind the bat that the greatest improvement has been shown. With Gregg showing as well as he did here Friday, I have four capable pitchers. True, the others are all very green. But I may find another pair of experienced men before long. Then my pitching staff will be quite satisfactory.

"Cady, McAvoy and Perkins class with any three catchers in the big leagues today. I would not ask for better.

"I never make predictions. I leave that to the professional writers. But I do like to fool them now and then, and I honestly believe I shall do that this year. I don't expect to finish in last place. I won't make it any stronger than that."

Judging from the spirit shown by the players under his command, Connie has every reason for his confidence. Every one of them is ready to back his belief that the A's will create a stir in the American League this season.

Cady and Gardner are especially enthusiastic, though both have come from a team picked to make the fight for the flag. They might be excused for having sad thoughts. But they have none. They are outspoken in their belief in the team and in Connie.

Dunn Boosts Shannon

Jack Dunn visited the capital Saturday, and he gave "Reds" Shannon a big boost. He asserts that Shannon will hit at least .275 in the American League, if for nothing else than because he has the fighting spirit.

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GIANTS, RED SOX AND PHILLIES AIDED BY SCHEDULE MAKERS GET OFF TO A FLYING START

Early Games Make New York and Boston Favorites in Their Leagues

THE men who drafted the 1918 schedule for the National and American Leagues deserve a vote of thanks from three of the eastern teams, as it has given them a chance to prove that the strongest and weakest clubs are located in this section and made it easy for them to slide away to a good start at the expense of the others. In the National League the Giants and Phillies have had some easy pickings and the Red Sox have ridden roughshod over their opponents in the American. It is the old story of the survival of the fittest, and a glance over the won and lost column will answer all arguments.

The breaks favored the Giants and the Red Sox. The former took three straight from Brooklyn and followed with a win over the Braves, while Frazee's reconstructed team copped three from our Athletics and came through with three more from the Yankees. It was indeed fortunate that these faced weak opposition, for it made them favorites in the pennant race and gave them a big lead which might come in handy later in the year.

Dope Is Upset

American League dope was upset last week, as the White Sox, who were the heavy favorites, failed to come through against the St. Louis Browns. Each team won a game, and this does not look well when stacked up against the six straight victories of Boston. The Red Sox look very good at this writing and perhaps will get such a flying start that it will be impossible to head them off.

To get back to the schedule again, Boston seems to be getting all of the best of it. After the New York series the club comes here for four games and then goes back home to play Washington. A trip to New York and Washington follows, and the team returns to Fenway Park on May 10 to meet the western clubs.

Easy for Red Sox

Now here is the dope: Boston takes on the cinch clubs of the league at the start and gets a good lead. Then, to make it good, the team stays home until the night of May 21, playing St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago, having all of the advantages of playing on the home grounds and getting into shape for the first long trip. With the pitchers going good and the other men hitting the ball, the Red Sox should be way out in front by Decoration Day.

The Giants will take on Brooklyn again after the series with the Boston Braves and a week from today arrive here for a four-game set with the Phils. The Braves may come through and win one game, but that's about all they possibly can do, and McGraw should be primed for action when he clashes with the men of Moran.

Phils Are Lucky

As for the Phils, they are not at all backward in grabbing their share of horseshoes. Brooklyn will be here two more days, and unless Uncle Robby's men show a startling reversal in form the home folks should finish first each day. On Saturday the Dodgers were helpless before the curves and slants of Erskine Mayer, and with Prendergast and Oeschger to hurl back of them, Manager Pat should fear nothing but rain and cold weather, which might postpone the battles.

Pat Moran had a great time outguessing Manager Robinson on Saturday and on two occasions his work was perfect. In the second, with two on base and Meusel at bat, the infield dropped back to play for a double play. Pat slipped a sign to the batter and Irish laid down a beautiful bunt, which he easily beat out and filled the sacks.

Pat Pulls a Good One

But the real stuff was pulled in the seventh. Eddie Burns unloaded a single into right and was roosting on first when Mayer stepped up. Now, Eddie is not the fastest guy in the world, but Erskine laid down a bunt which was fielded perfectly by Mamaux. Burns was tearing the turf between the bases when the Brooklyn pitcher straightened up to hurl the ball to second. It was an easy out, but before he threw the ball Pat Moran shouted:

"No! No! No!"

Mamaux hesitated and then tossed the ball to first, retiring Mayer. It was not until the end of the inning when he learned of his mistake. Burns was placed in a position to score, and he counted shortly afterward.

Brooklyn returned here this morning after a trip to Columbus, where it was trimmed by Joe Tinker's team yesterday by the score of 3 to 2. It's great to be consistent like that. The Dodgers can dodge victory in the American Association as well as in the National League.

Oeschger May Pitch

If the weatherman permits, Joe Oeschger probably will pitch his first game for the Phils this afternoon. Joe has been nursing a sore leg for two weeks and this morning announced that he was ready to do his share of the work on the mound. Oeschger was going good down South until he pitched against Boston in Miami. While going after a bunt he pulled a tendon or something and after the game the injury was so painful that he could hardly walk. Mike Dee has been working on the strain, however, and his treatment has brought results. Mike blames the quick recovery on some new liniment he recently discovered.

Irish Meusel, the new center fielder, has made good with the fans and now is the idol of the bleacher crowd. The new man made good with his timely wallop Friday and on Saturday came through with three more hits, which helped the good cause along. His fielding, however, could not be improved upon. He grabbed five putouts and after every catch was given a lusty cheer. Meusel is a graceful fielder, starts after the ball as soon as it leaves the bat and looks like a real find.

Pitchers Working Hard

Moran now has three pitchers working hard every day in the hope of getting into shape for service in the near future. Miles Main, Bradley Hogg and Mule Watson must go through the paces every morning and one may be available for duty before the end of the week.

Grover Alexander scored his first victory of the year against Cincinnati yesterday and Weghman feels a little better over that $50,000 he parted with for the great "bargain." Alex beat Dutch Reuther, who, by the way, also has received notice to report at an army cantonment at the end of the month.

St. Louis walloped Cleveland in the American League game. R. W. M.

What May Happen in Baseball Today

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.	Win	Lose
New York	4	0	1.000	1.000	.800
Phillies	3	1	.750	.800	.600
Chicago	3	1	.667	.750	.500
Cincinnati	2	2	.500	.600	.400
St. Louis	1	1	.500	.667	.333
Pittsburgh	1	2	.333	.500	.250
Boston	1	3	.250	.400	.200
Brooklyn	0	4	.000	.200	.000

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.	Win	Lose
Boston	6	0	1.000	1.000	.857
Cleveland	2	1	.667	.750	.500
Washington	2	2	.500	.600	.400
St. Louis	2	2	.500	.600	.400
Chicago	2	1	.500	.667	.333
New York	2	4	.333	.428	.286
Detroit	0	1	.000	.500	.000
Athletics	0	4	.000	.200	.000

ENTRIES FOR BOXING TOURNEY CLOSE TODAY

More Than 100 Will Compete in Captain A. J. Drexel Biddle Contests

Entries for the Captain A. J. Drexel Biddle boxing tournament to be staged by "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien at the latter's health studio, Fifteenth and Chestnut streets, will close tonight. The tournament will be started tomorrow night, when the preliminaries are staged and a few semifinals will also be held if possible. The finals will be staged on Friday night.

More than 100 entries have been received thus far, and O'Brien expects to bring twenty more tomorrow. The tourney is closed to members of the business men's health school, and those wishing to enter have until tomorrow night to get in. Tony Biddle, the popular Philadelphia sportsman and amateur boxer, now a captain in the Marine Corps, is sponsor for the tourney and has donated several handsome prizes. Jim Corbett, former world's champion, and Billy Rocap, a popular Philadelphia newspaperman, also have donated prizes.

Sports Served Short

James Collins has disposed of the New Haven club, of the Eastern League, to Edward J. Duggan, of Hartford.

Belgium defeated France in an international football match for a cup offered by King Albert, of the Belgians in Paris. The score was 5 to 2. There was a huge attendance and both Premier Clemenceau and the Belgian Minister were represented.

Jim Lamberth, a member of the pitching staff of the Cleveland American League club, has been ordered to report for duty in the National Army at Camp Funston on April 24.

Wally Schang, of the Bronx, who last year was a stroke with the Yankees, will sign up with the Newark team of the International League.

Boyle, catcher on the Hazleton team of the Susquehanna League last season, has signed for this year by several clubs and has hit his job on the Liberty Bond team with the United States Steel team of Ohio.

Bingles and Bungles

CALL FOR MR. ALECK

Winds City's glooming now,
Now doesn't shine the sun so clear;
Just look what the papers say:
"Aleck's in the draft today."
While the Cubs fight on alone
Aleck will be staying home
Raising corn and wheat and hay
Aleck's in the draft today.

Boston may have some well-balanced baseball this season. The Braves ought to lose as many as the Red Sox can win.

Ray Demmitt, of the Browns, faced Cleveland pitchers five times yesterday, but didn't receive credit for a time at bat. He drew four passes and hit out a sacrifice fly. The Browns won.

Alex lost eight Cincinnati hits well scattered and earned approximately $999.67 of his salary this season.

The Dodgers stepped out of their class yesterday, took on Columbus and got whipped.

Uncle Sam needs Alexander to pitch hay.

Latest rumors have Johnny Evers back on the Cubs as soon as the Braves ask waivers on him.

"ALEXANDER DAY" FIXED AT CUB GROUNDS FRIDAY

Will Be His Third and Last Appearance Before He Joins the Colors

Chicago, April 22.—Plans were laid today for an "Alexander Day" at the Chicago Cubs' park here Friday. Grover Alexander will pitch his third and last game for the Chicagoans that day, leaving at once for Nebraska to join his quota at Camp Funston.

Alex won from Mathewson's Reds at Cincinnati yesterday, 3 to 1. He left the club immediately for a flying farewell trip home. "Dutch" Reuther, his opponent, will desert the Reds today to enlist.

PENN STATE FRESHMEN WIN INTERCLASS MEET

State College, Pa., April 22.—Penn State's annual interclass track and field meet was won by the freshman class with a score of 48 points. The sophomores tallied 43 points, the juniors 34 and the seniors 5. A cold wind swept the field and the track was

EVANS AND HUTCHISON WIN RED CROSS GOLF

French Lick, Ind., April 22.—Charles (Chick) Evans and Jock Hutchison, of Chicago, won from Jim Barnes, of Colorado Springs, Col., and Gil Nicholls, of Great Neck, N. Y., 4 up and 2 to play, in a Red Cross exhibition golf match here yesterday.

The match was played in a sprinkling rain, but a large gallery followed the players over the entire course. More than $1000 was collected for the Red Cross during the afternoon.

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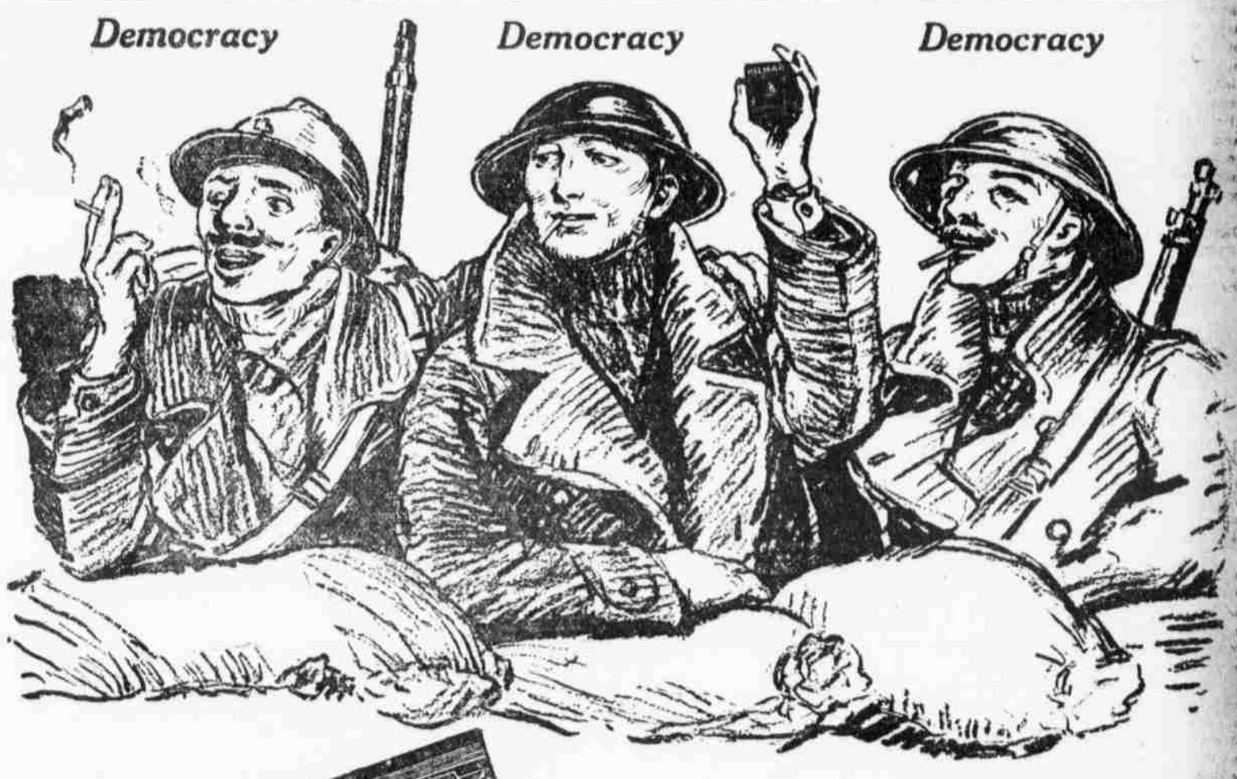

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