

# Players' Military Spirit a Great Incentive to Country, Army Man Tells Griffith

## BASEBALL RETURNS ARMY'S AID OF '65

Union Soldiers Attracted Attention to Game, and Now It's Vice Versa.

### COLONEL SMITH EXPLAINS IT

Tells Old Fox How Drilling Players Help U. S. in Interesting Fans.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.  
NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 28.—That Clark Griffith and his players are doing a wonderful good for the United States is the unqualified comment of Col. Ernest V. Smith, U. S. A., acting inspector general for the Department of the Southeast, now attending to the mustering out of the First Tennessee Regiment of the guards.

### Fans of Military Age.

"While many very young and very old men attend baseball games, it is a fact, nevertheless, that the majority of the fans everywhere are of military age. Even though they may not have given preparedness much thought in the past, they cannot help doing so when their own heroes of the diamond are drilling as an example to the rest of the country.

"It is right there that the big league players are leading the way by attracting the attention of the average of military age. I am sorry that the National League has not seen fit to emulate the example of the American League clubs. It would be a great help."

### Smith Lauds Grif.

Colonel Smith lauded Manager Griffith for his faithfulness in the daily drills at Augusta, Ga., saying that such spirit was bound to bring success to the movement.

In the course of their conversation, Colonel Smith and Manager Griffith discovered that they were both Missourians by birth and that their home towns are close together. Colonel Smith's first army detail was to Fort Missoula, Mont., not far from Griffith's ranch at Craig, and they are acquainted with mutual friends in Montana.

### Open Date Today.

Instead of going to Louisville last night, the Griffiths hung around until tonight. Today was an open date, anyway, and the Old Fox saw a chance to get in at least one game here before leaving town. Walter Johnson kept watch of his famous hurling wing all day, and he should be ready to send in a few shots up on the hill at Vanderbilt University.

Twenty-four hours of heavy showers came to a close yesterday morning, but a frigid blast swooped along behind it, chilling the athletes to the bone. However, so cheered was he by the honeyed phrases of Colonel Smith, the Old Fox ordered out his players to get a work-out at Dudley Field. And it was done, as the prophet had said.

"I don't want my players sitting around in hotels, eating their heads off," growled the Old Fox. "Give them some work and they'll sleep better."

They got the work-out, all right, all right, and most of them were ready for the hay early in the evening.

### Thomas Is Suffering.

Claude Thomas was suffering so much with his tonsillitis that a physician was called in to administer to the wounded southpaw. Thomas is now compelled to inhale his dinner, there being no room whatever in his throat. This may set him back considerably in his development.

Manager Griffith is worrying about the poor condition of Harry Harper. The Hackensack southpaw cannot raise his arm above his head without suffering great pain. He is carrying out the orders of Dr. Davis, of Augusta, Ga., faithfully, but little improvement is being shown. He took a short work-out yesterday.

### Will Be Hit Hard.

"It'll be hit hard if Harper doesn't get into shape for the opening of the season," admits Manager Griffith. "I was counting on him, but now I'll have to depend another southpaw from Humphreys, Thomas and Jamieson. Not one of them is in Harper's class. When we get home I'll send Harper to Brooklyn to have that chiropractor get busy on him, for I need Harper more than I do any right-hander, outside of Johnson."

### The Griffiths Depart at 8:30 Tonight for Louisville to Tackle the Reds in the First of Five, Straight Battles.

### CHAMPION IS DEFEATED.

PINEHURST, N. C., March 28.—Aided by two dead styms and two partial ones, Miss Elaine Rosenthal, the medalist, won from Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, of Philadelphia, the present champion, in the first round yesterday of the North and South golf championship for women. The score was 2 up. The results of other matches were: Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd, Pittsburgh, defeated Mrs. C. Hollingsworth, Greensburg, 1 up; Mrs. J. R. Price, Pittsburgh, defeated Mrs. H. J. Scammler, Pittsburgh, 1 up; Miss Mildred Caverly, Philadelphia, defeated Miss Sarah Rownes, Pittsburgh, 4 and 2.

## War Would Kill Sports In America During 1917

Practically Every Branch Preparing To Cancel Events and Join Colors In Case of International Trouble.

### Would Call Off Events.

The developments of yesterday were as follows: Yale and Pennsylvania announced that all extra-mural athletic activities would be absolutely abandoned in the event of war; the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference colleges will call off all their schedules in the same contingency; the United States Golf Association will abandon its three championship tournaments as soon as the situation comes to a head; the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen will follow suit, and the dates of the big automobile races have been held up pending the final decision of Congress and President Wilson.

### Early Decision by Colby.

Colby was the first college to take a definite step in the matter without waiting on Congress or international law. The baseball schedule of the Maine nine was officially abandoned a few days ago. In the automobile racing game the first big event to go by the board was the 500-mile Indianapolis speedway race, which was to be run off Memorial day. In announcing that this event was off, James A. Allison, secretary-treasurer of the Speedway Corporation, said: "Racing means taking away from the Government service skilled mechanics, who can be used by the Government to better advantage in time of war than by a speedway corporation as a means of entertainment. Furthermore, many racing materials and accessories will be absolute necessities in time of conflict."

### Golfers Are Patriotic.

This seems to be the spirit that runs through all the different sports. Howard F. Whitney, Secretary of the United States Golf Association, said yesterday "I have no doubt that in the event of serious trouble the golf championships of the U. S. G. A. will be abandoned. The golfers of America will not play as fine a record as those in Europe. As a matter of fact, many of the foremost golfers are members of various defense leagues and reserves corps already. A call to arms would put them on duty immediately." Mr. Whitney himself is an officer in the Home Defense League.

### As the golfers will abandon national tournament play, so will tennis men and women give up their hopes of securing championship laurels this year.

The United States National Lawn Tennis Association will cancel its important competitive fixtures in event of war. This was announced last week, following a meeting in New York of the executive committee of the national organization.

## COLLEGES WILL BE FORMED IN LEAGUE

Floor Circuit Plans to Be Adopted at Meeting Set for Next Tuesday.

After several starts the proposed Intercollegiate Basketball League, to be composed of Catholic University, Maryland State and George Washington, will be formally launched next Tuesday.

A meeting has been called at the Y. M. C. A. at which time a schedule will be gotten up. Each team is to play the other on a neutral court twice.

The teams meet each other twice at present except that the games are played on each other's courts. Rules and regulations will be put into effect and the election of officers held at the next meeting.

Kenneth G. Willman, who played center and guard on the Gallaudet basketball team, will captain the team next year following an election held yesterday.

While no formal steps have been taken to get college students and athletes in line here for recruiting purposes there seems to be a general intent to make ready as soon as is necessary. George Washington University and Catholic University are when the time comes.

### Track meets, baseball games, lacrosse contests and tennis engagements will probably be called off at the Navy. All of the local teams are listed on the Navy athletic program.

### GOLKERS QUALIFY.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 28.—Those qualifying in the first sixteen of the North and South tournament yesterday follow: George Adair, Druid Hills, 81; John G. Anderson, Sivanow, 81; Norman Maxwell, Aronimink, 81; Robert J. Jones, Jr., Atlanta, 85; Frank R. Bloomson, Exmore, 85; Louis Jacoby, Audubon, 85; Grantland Rice, Englewood, 87; Victor Smith, Druid Hills, 87; Perry Adair, Druid Hills, 87; Charles M. Sciple, Atlanta, 87; Milton Dargan, Jr., Druid Hills, 87; Dr. Carl Mott, Atlanta, 88; Tom Prescott, Carl Hills, 88; Dr. Jack Siders, Bacon, 88; Robert C. Raugh, Birmingham, 89, and E. C. Beall, Uniontown, 89.

### STENDEL GETS TERMS.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 28.—Charley Embets and Casey Stengel got together just before the Dodgers' present city Hot Springs yesterday for this left on the baseball special, and the slugging outfielder affixed his signature to a contract. It calls for a flat salary of \$5,000. Stengel held to his stand against the bonus clause calling for \$600 if he batted .215, and won.

### SELLS ONE; SIGNS ANOTHER.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 28.—The St. Paul American Association club has sold Pitcher Alva Gipe to Vancouver, of the Northwestern League, and has signed Tommy McMillan, former Indianapolis shortstop, last year with Chattanooga. Gipe had a tryout with Connie Mack's Athletics a few years ago.

### YOUNG NATIONALS WIN.

The Young Nationals, of the Noel House gymnasium, defeated the Petworth Juniors last night in the latter's gymnasium by 22 to 10 in a well played game. The feature of the contest was the playing of Bernard and Shaw for the winners. Jack Haas refereed the contest.

## KRAUSS SAVES DAY FOR ROYAL QUINT

District League Title May Hinge on His Spare Against Continentals.

A 3-6-10-7 spare by Harry F. Krauss, in the final frame of the roll-off of a tie which resulted in the third game of a match with the Continentals last night, probably saved the Royal Quint team the championship of the District League.

It won the game for his team and prevented the Continentals from scoring a clean sweep of the match, which would have placed them at the top of the District circuit with a half-game margin over the Royals. As each team has only six more games to play, it is considered probable that the Continentals would have maintained their slight advantage to the end.

### Deadlocked for Lead.

The teams are now tied for first place, and should neither lose a game from now on, it is more than likely that the Royals will win the title, on the second last contest, when the Sherburnes were their rivals. Several hundred spectators at last night's match saw the Royals give marked in New York, and the Continentals were their opponents. They won the opening game when Harry Oehler made a strike in the tenth frame and counted enough on it to give his team a win by 552 to 548. His score was 140, the best of the match.

### Oehler Stars in Pinch.

Again, in the second game, Oehler swept the boards with a single ball in the final box, as did Chapin, but neither mark was needed to win. The game was decided 548 to 502. For the Central pennant by winning three games tonight. Following are the line-ups of the teams:

### Contract and Construction met at the end of the Telephone schedule and tonight's match is the roll-off.

Metropolitans are leading their rivals by three full games and can clinch the Central pennant by winning three games tonight. Following are the line-ups of the teams:

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## BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON SPORTING MATTERS

When an athlete runs, jumps, and throws the weights he is considered an all-around athlete now. But out in Minnesota they have a real all-around athlete. He took part in six sports at Huron College last year. He was end on the football team, pitcher on the baseball team, guard on the basketball five, put the shot, was a heavy-weight wrestler, and won the South Dakota collegiate tennis championship. His name is Alfred Schroeder. He weighs 185 pounds.

Freddie Welsh has bought himself an estate of 162 acres in New Jersey and intends to lead a quiet, wholesome life there with his wife and children when his days in the ring are over. Welsh has taken fine care of himself during his long career and is one of the finest types of athletes in the boxing business. Unlike a number of other famous stars, he has learned other things than fighting and is almost as much at home in a dress suit as in boxing togs.

Didn't we hear something some time ago about a match between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton? If memory serves us right it was to have been arranged for this spring. Willard is still with his circus and Fulton is still knocking 'em off in New York, but nothing has been said of late about a championship scrap. Governor Whitman has decreed that no contest of the proportions of a Willard-Fulton bout shall be held in New York, but why not start something in New Orleans?

Overambitious pocket billiard players have caused considerable trouble in the tournament being held by the Washington Billiard Association. Plans of the association were to bar all players who have taken part in a

championship tournament and to eliminate the so-called "sharks." Several teams, forgetting sportsmanship and took only to the winning of the tournament, and the prizes that go with the title, endeavored to "ring in" a number of expert players, and the association ordered all matches played over in which they took part. Teams that persist in such unsportsmanlike conduct should be disqualified.

Judging from interest in track athletics here during the winter, the spring is going to be productive of some fine work in this line. The schools seem to be lining up for engagements. The Maryland State meet and that at Tome are the only big engagements for Washington school-boys. Isn't it time for some of the colleges in the city to open up with a set of intercollegiate track games?

The visit of Episcopal High School here last winter in basketball paved the way for future engagements. For some years Episcopal has failed to come to this city. The Alexandrians generally have first-class teams and furnish good competition for the local schools. Central has the only field available for games with Episcopal, and until the other schools have grounds it is likely that Episcopal will only compete with Central here.

The Nationals will be home shortly. The engagement with Georgetown is scheduled for April 3 at the Florida avenue park. The Hilltoppers will be far from ready, as little practice has been indulged in, owing to the Central pennant. No one expects a college team to win out over a professional nine, although Harvard turned the trick last year.

## ROLL TONIGHT FOR TWO LEAGUE TITLES

Decisive Matches Scheduled in C. and P. Telephone and Central Circuits.

Two bowling league championships may be decided tonight when matches will be rolled in the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone and Central Leagues.

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## STATERS ACQUAINT OTHERS OF GAMES

Annual Field and Track Meet to Be Held May 5 Will Prove Attractive.

Details of the intercollegiate and inter-scholastic meet to be held under the auspices of the Maryland State College, May 5, are in the hands of captains, managers and coaches in this section today. H. C. Byrd, athletic director, has sent out letters to all interested in the various events.

Several colleges have been invited to take part in the collegiate event. Announcement is made that, while the meet will have the same characteristics as those of former seasons, more interest will be added in the addition of stronger colleges.

For college men there will be the usual number of events, as follows: One hundred, 220, 440, 880, two miles, shot, pole vault, 220-yard hurdles and broad jump. District of Columbia and Maryland schools will have the following events to enter: One hundred, 220, 440, 880, mile, broad jump, high jump, pole vault, shot-put and 220-yard hurdles.

In addition to these events there will be a 100, 220, 440, mile, and broad jump for county schools of Maryland, and a 100 and 220 for freshmen.

Central High School basketball have elected Forest Daly captain of the basketball team for next season. Daly, Potter, Solomon, Kaplan, Lenz, Gottleib, and White, with Manager John Finley, were awarded letters at the final today.

Business will visit Western today for a dual track meet. The events are listed as follows: Fifty, 200, 400, 800, broad jump, pole vault, shot-put, and relay race at one-half mile. Western will enter seventeen men and Business ten.

Central and Georgetown Preps are due to start their baseball season today if the ground is dry enough to play on. The game will be played on the Prep field.

## AMATEURS MEET TOMORROW

Terminal R. R. Y. M. C. A. to Reorganize League.

The Terminal R. R. Y. M. C. A. Baseball League will be reorganized at a meeting tomorrow night, in the association's rooms, at Union Station. Officers will be elected and a set of rules adopted.

All members of the association interested in baseball are requested to attend. The meeting will commence at 8 o'clock.

## WHERE THEY ROLL.

District—Good Fellows vs. Westons, at Royal.

National Capital—Grand Central vs. Columbian, at Grand Central.

Georgetown—Commercial C. and C. Supply vs. Cavanaugh & Kendrick, at Georgetown.

Postoffice—Postal Savings vs. Delivery; Equipment vs. Night Force, at Postoffice.

Masonia—E. B. French vs. Lafayette; Federal vs. King David, at Royal.

Agriculture Interbureau—Forest Service vs. Solicitor, at Casino.

Interstate—Travis vs. Dockets, at Arcade.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing—Custodians vs. Surface, at Rathskeller.

Southeast—Southland vs. Inoco Lunch, at Southeast.

Capital City—Ivory Soap vs. East-erna, at Rathskeller.

Commercial—Northern Railway vs. Washington, Railway A. A., at Palace.

Knights of Columbus—De Soto vs. Columbia; Genoa vs. La Salle, at National Capital.

Arcade—Washington Railway A. A. vs. King's Palace, at Arcade.

Mt. Pleasant—Parks vs. Decatur, at Arcade.

Columbia—Clippers vs. Trainmen, at Columbia.

Capitol Hill—Jays vs. Germania, at Capitol Hill.

Fourteenth Street—Early Birds vs. Youngs, at Speedway.

Departmental—Marines vs. Commerce, at Palace.

Reclamation—Mails vs. Accounts, at Palace.

Central—Olives vs. Metropolitans, at National Capital.

Anastasia—Highlanders vs. Fat Men, at Anacostia.

Omo Class—Tigers vs. Braves, at Brightwood.

Washington City Tenpin—Interior vs. Iroquois, at Royal.

## COMPETENT JUDGES FOR DOG EXHIBIT

One for Every Breed in Sixth Annual Event of Washington Kennel Club.

That the coming bench show of the Washington Kennel Club to be held at the Arcade in April will be a three-point show is confidently expected by the committee in charge.

The premium lists and entry blanks are out and entries will begin pouring in before the week is out. Entries close April 9 with the secretary in the Evans building, where the club has its offices.

The finest list of judges ever in charge of thoroughbreds in this section have been obtained for the sixth annual exhibit. Every breed will have a special judge and for the first time in the history of the Capital club there will be no all-rounder. George Murdock, of Philadelphia, a native of Scotland, will judge collies and will be attired in highland costume. The list also includes Miss Ann Tracy, who recently acted as judge for the German shepherds at the Waldorf Astoria in New York.

Among the prizes offered is one from Mrs. U. S. Grant, Jr., for the best dog of any breed and exhibited by a member of the army and navy. This trophy has attracted great interest in social Washington, and many requests for entry blanks have been received.

## Beagles to Feature.

The exhibit of beagles will feature the show. The Washington Beagle Club, headed by George Goodacre, will give many entries, and the little hunting dog will be much in evidence when the show opens. There are many prizes offered for this breed, including a \$50 cup offered by the Pikeville Beagle Kennels, of Baltimore. Dr. George Fisher will judge the breed and the dogs will be scored by the point system.

Entries can be made in room 318 Evans building. The bench show committee consists of S. J. Held; chairman; William M. Mooney; Mathew Trimble, Jr.; W. W. Willis, and Dr. George N. Payette. Charles A. Watson is acting as secretary of the club.

## WINS BOWLING TITLE.

GRAND RAPIDS, March 28.—Otto Kallusch is the winner of the individual championship of the American Bowling Congress for 1917. His set of 698 was unbeaten when the final participants in the singles rolled their games last night.

## PITCHER RELEASED.

FITTSBURGH, March 28.—Charles W. Anderson, an infielder obtained from the Charlotte team in the North Carolina League last August, has been released back to that club by the Pittsburgh Nationals.

## WILL RUN SATURDAY.

Carroll Institute and Baltimore cross country runners who hooked up in a special three-mile event last winter in the Hopkins-Fifth Regiment meet, will run here Saturday over the Carroll course at 3:30 p. m.

## SIGN TO PLAY.

Hapel, Mortimer, Zachary, and Fraser, well known amateur baseball players in this city, will try out with Tommy Crooks' Frederick team this spring. The players have signed.

## LAST NIGHT'S SCORES.

ROYALS		CONTINENTALS	
Halley	118 99 118	Wright	127 111 96
Howser	109 87 103	Oehler	149 124 109
Simon	114 116 124	Levesque	95 98 106
Carroll	114 116 124	Levesque	95 98 106
Simon	114 116 124	Levesque	95 98 106
Krauss	99 95 95	Mangum	29 108 115
Totals..... 648 695 711		Totals..... 633 650 641	
*Royals won roll-off, 61-54.			

## SOUTHEAST LEAGUE.

MODEL LUNCH		CANNON BALLS	
Cornell	92 100 104	101 97 77	
Havville	110 107 104		