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This Soldier Wants Some Sports To Read

Do the boys in the American expeditionary forces follow sport happenings on this side? They do, if they can, as this excerpt from Collier's Weekly of August 10, written by an engineer to his parents in New Jersey tends to prove:

"I would like very much to have the home paper. We have the Stars and Stripes and several papers here that publish English editions, but THEY GIVE ALMOST NO SPORTING NEWS. It will be great if they hold the world's series over here."

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

In three weeks, playing eighteen ball games, the Griffmen must play .750 per cent baseball if they would catch up to the fast-flying Boston Red Sox and emerge from the scramble holders of the 1918 championship. If Manager Griffith can so stir up his athletes to do the well-nigh impossible, so strengthen the arms of his twirlers and so sharpen the eyes of his batemen, the Washington club may succeed in winning the first pennant ever coming to the Capital of these United States.

Counting today's contest at Georgia avenue with the Philadelphia Athletics, the Griffmen have sixteen games to play at home. The remaining two are to be played tomorrow in a doubleheader at Shibe Park. They are to meet every club in the league with the single exception of the Boston Red Sox, which may be good luck rather than bad. The Red Sox have practically the same number of games to play in the same time, meeting the same teams that are to battle the Griffmen. The going, so far as the schedule is concerned, should be no easier for Barrow's team than for Griffith's.

All the Red Sox need do is to hold their present vantage to win the pennant. Joe Bush, Carl Mays, Sam Jones, and Babe Ruth are pitching high class ball, quite the equal of that shown by Walter Johnson, Harry Harper, and Jim Shaw. On this last Western tour the Red Sox have shown far more strength than their opponents, doing quite as well as did the Griffmen.

If the Red Sox do happen to stumble, it is more likely that the Cleveland Indians may stagger across the line winners of the pennant. Lee Fohl's team is closer to first place and, therefore, better able to take advantage of the aborted campaign. The one tough thing facing the Indians is the scheduling of four games at Georgia avenue beginning August 21. If the Cleveland club has a jinx, it is the Washington club. History may be repeated if the Griffmen slam the Indians' pennant hopes to ground for Washington has ruined Cleveland at least twice in this league.

Won't Change Schedule. No changes are to be made in the American League's schedule. It was decided last week in Cleveland that all teams would play out their string according to the official schedule as printed in the book. No games are to be advanced from September in order to make doubleheaders to attract larger throngs.

The National League, on the other hand, has begun juggling dates. Attendance figures in several cities, notably in St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, have been steadily falling for several weeks and many September dates are to be advanced, thus bringing doubleheaders. The manager in the old league do not intend losing a single red cent, most of them losing money, anyway, on the entire season.

"We're going through with our original schedule," explains Clark Griffith. "We settled that at the Cleveland meeting, all three contenders to stand or fall on what they can do in the remaining time."

Johnson a "Detackattif." Ban Johnson has turned "Detackattif" if what we read is true. He is said to be "on the trail of the reporter who put on the wires the statement alleged to have been signed by Comiskey, Egan and Frazee." That statement declared that "Johnson's 'rule or ruin' policy was ended and that the magnates meant to run their own affairs."

It should be comparatively simple thing for "Detackattif" Johnson to find the wicked reporter who did that thing. The story came out of Cleveland last week. Saturday and Sunday appeared in newspapers all over the country.

Following that statement credited to Comiskey, Griffith and Frazee, news from Chicago said that Griffith was being boomed to succeed Johnson at the head of affairs in the American League.

Griffith Suptakes Yarn. Clark Griffith was the first to spike the rumor connecting him with the presidency of the league. He came out strongly in favor of Johnson.

Then Comiskey denied all knowledge of the statement attributed to him, Griffith and Frazee. Griffith followed suit. Now Frazee alone is left without contributing his bit to the safety of nations.

And Ban has turned "detackattif." He'll get that miscreant yet. Ban doesn't intend being "read out of baseball" by any dandy reporter in Cleveland, drat him.

And, inasmuch as there'll be no American League baseball next year, the fans roll over and yawn. That's how important it looks to them.

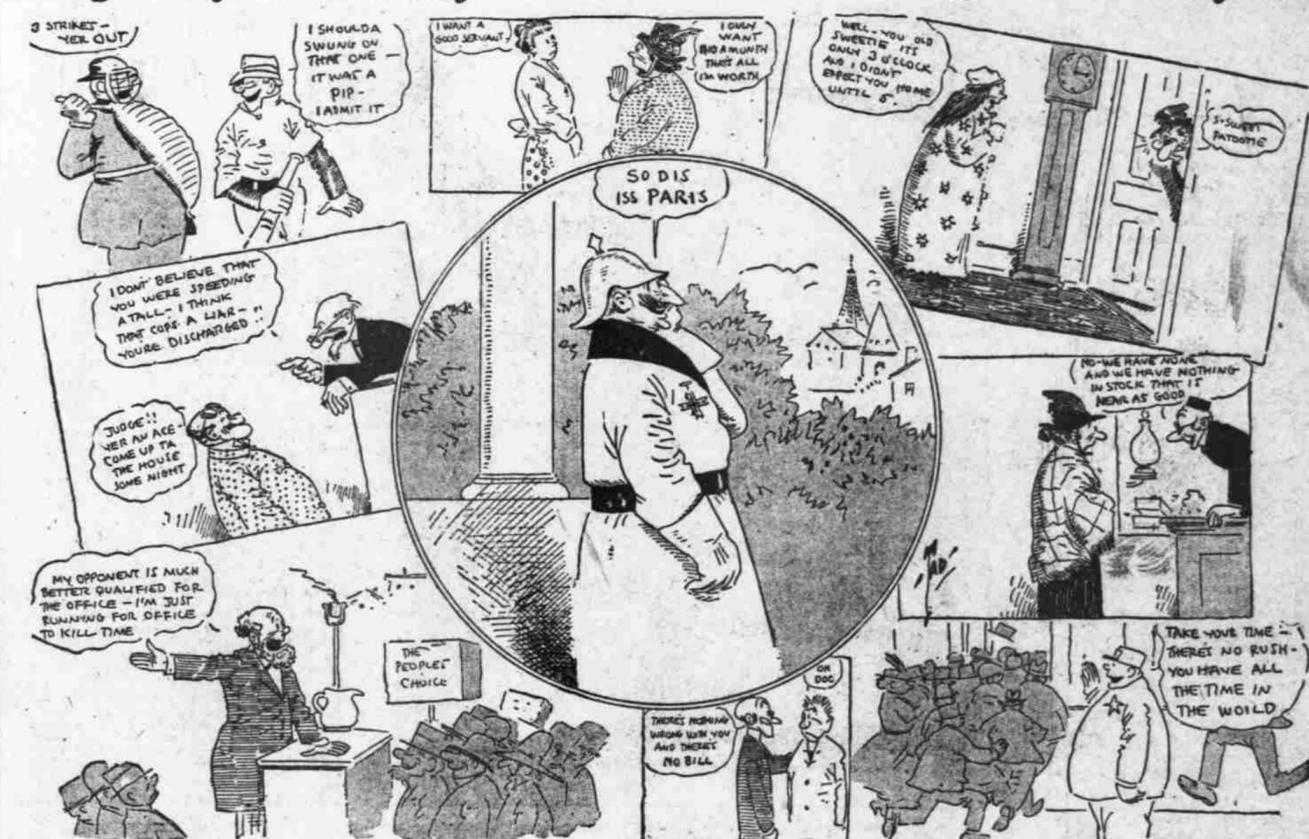
Was Against Players. Clark Griffith won out at Cleveland because he was able to show his brother magnates that Secretary Baker's official ruling was "against baseball players, not baseball itself."

"When we started for Cleveland, Comiskey and I says the Old Fox, 'Commy was okay down on what Ban Johnson had already said. Just about Johnson's incorrect conclusion had indeed about killed the Western end of the league. It was only when we got together at Cleveland that I was able to explain my view, quoting Secretary Baker step by step."

"As the National League had already made their decision to play until September 1, there wasn't much else for the American League to do. Had we voted to quit on August 20, no National League club would have been available for a world's series."

Had To Pay Salaries. "I pointed out to the club owners that they had to pay their players'

Things They'll Never Say



EDDIE COLLINS TO JOIN MARINE CORPS AFTER SOX SERIES

CLEVELAND, Aug. 11.—Edward Trowbridge Collins, captain and star second baseman of the world's champion Chicago White Sox, will enlist in the United States marine corps on August 15, immediately after the close of the series with the Red Sox in Boston. Collins surprised Manager Rowland and his teammates with this announcement.

"I have made up my mind about this," said Collins to Rowland. "I have thought out everything. With baseball done for the duration of the war, I shall miss nothing by enlisting. Maybe I'll be able to play a little ball in the marine corps, but that's not why I am enlisting. I feel that my duty calls me to do what I can for this crisis."

MISKE'S SLOWNESS IS CAUSE TO CANCEL SHOW

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 11.—James F. Dougherty, the Lepperville promoter, yesterday called off the proposed bout between Jack Dempsey, the conqueror of Fred Fulton, and Billy Miske, which was to have been held at the Philadelphia park, August 20.

Dougherty called the bout off because Miske was taking too much time considering whether he should meet Dempsey. The latter had signed for the match.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Table with 2 columns: Team, W.L. Per. Boston, 63 45 594 New York, 59 52 499 Cleveland, 62 48 566 St. Louis, 47 55 461 Washington, 57 48 543 Detroit, 46 58 482 Chicago, 51 52 495 Philadelphia, 42 62 484

Yesterday's Games. First game—Washington, 1, Philadelphia, 9. Second game—Washington, 2, Philadelphia, 2. First game—New York, 5, Boston, 1, 10 innings. Second game—New York, 4, Boston, 1, Chicago, 2, Cleveland, 2. Detroit, 1, St. Louis, 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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Where They Play Today. Philadelphia at St. Louis. Chicago at Cleveland.

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FALKY WITH DULUTH. Fred Falkenberg, the veteran twirler of the Indianapolis club, has taken a job with the Duluth shipyard. Of course he has a place on the team.

She Plays For Red Cross



Here's Miss Elaine Rosenthal, of Chicago, North and South champion, who is playing in Red Cross benefit matches, teamed with Miss Alexa Sterling. Miss Rosenthal is extremely popular wherever she appears.

MIKE O'DOWD ARRIVES. Mike O'Dowd, the middleweight champion, who is now in France with Uncle Sam's soldiers, in a letter received from him, states that he arrived safely on the other side and that it will not be long before he will be in action against the Germans. Mike further stated that his ship was conveyed by a large number of war vessels and that they did not see a U-boat all the way over.

BRINGS ONLY SIXTEEN. DETROIT, Aug. 11.—Hugh Jennings will take only sixteen players East for the final swing along the coast. He will have five pitchers, one extra catcher, an extra infielder, and an extra outfielder. The others will remain at home.

SOTHORON IS CALLED. ST. LOUIS, Aug. 11.—Allan Sothoron, the Browns' winning pitcher, has been summoned by his draft board at Dayton, Ohio, to show why he should not lose his deferred classification under the "work or fight" order.

COLLEGE SPORTS SHOULD BOOM AS NEVER IN PAST

By TOM THORP. The expressions of fear heard on many sides as to the future of intercollegiate sport when the draft age limit is lowered to eighteen years are a trifle premature to say the least. Those in the know only smile when these alarmists begin to spread their ideas through the athletic fraternity.

The lowering of the draft age limit is going to send more lads into intercollegiate sports than ever before. To some this statement may appear a little far fetched. However, a short tour of the big Eastern seats of learning would do much to strengthen this opinion. There are more lads at the various colleges today than have taken summer courses at any time in the past. A majority of these are fitting themselves for the task of helping Uncle Sam win the war. Quite a few have been sent by local boards to learn some of the wartime trades being taught at these institutions of learning.

This condition of affairs is sure to exist during the next scholastic year. In fact, those who should know are strong in their estimates of the increased number of lads who are to be registered in their wartime courses next fall. Hundreds of lads who formerly would have no chance of going to college are to have their way paid through by Uncle Sam. The demand for technical workers "Over There" is so great that a majority of our colleges have been turned into war centers.

Resemble Army Camps. Any one visiting Princeton, Yale, Cornell, Stevens, Pennsylvania, Harvard, or any of the other big schools of the East would imagine he was in a military camp. The old atmosphere of idleness which made these the cherished spots for many spoiled lads has been entirely changed. Each radiates with the work that is sure to aid in tumbing Kaiser Bill from his throne. Every lad at college at the present time is engaged in some sort of war work. All are being worked at top speed.

The only thing that possibly stands in the way of the continuation of sports is the freshman residence rule. This rule has worked much good in the past. It is one which should be in force under normal conditions. Every athletic authority agrees on this point. However, when a majority of our lads are only sent to college for a few months to learn some trade or receive some special preparation for special war work, the bars should be let down.

Would Be Bona Fide. There is no question but the lad who has been sent by Uncle Sam to college is a bona fide student. He is there for some other purpose besides earning a surplus amount of athletic prestige for his Government selected alma mater. All idea of classing him with our former tramp athletes should be done away with for no other purpose than to give him an opportunity to better his condition physically for the big battle "Over There."

The enforcement of the one-year residence rule should be suspended for the duration of the war and all colleges allowed to play any duly registered student. Intercollegiate sports would then be in for the biggest year in their history. On the other hand, if the college sport moguls refuse to let down the bars to the soldier and sailor students, there is no telling what the result of the changing of the draft ages will be. It is hoped that a meeting of the college officials will be called as soon as the President signs the new measure and the necessary step to open all lines of intercollegiate athletic endeavor be taken. The colleges owe this to the lads who are offering their lives in the defense of their country. To deprive them of the privilege would be to handicap them in their work.

HOWARD DREW IN DRAFT. DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 11.—Howard Drew, the crack colored sprinter, has been drafted and will report tomorrow at Camp Dodge.

TINY JOHNSON GIVES UP HOUSE CHAMP GAVE HER. CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—When in the hey-day of prosperity, Jack Johnson, once champion pugilist, gave his mother a \$12,000 house.

There was filed for record yesterday the transfer by Mrs. Tiny Johnson, mother of Jack Johnson, of the property in South Wabash avenue to Mary C. Barnard for a stated consideration of \$3,791. The transfer was the result of foreclosure proceedings.

WILL HAVE NO RACING. TORONTO, Aug. 11.—There is no truth in the report that there is to be a revival of racing in Canada. The sport is permanently shelved here during the period of the war. Even when the draft orders are opposed to racing while the war lasts, the Canadian Racing Association, which controls all the leading race courses in Canada, will make no effort to have the ban lifted.

NAVY YARD STUNTS PLEASE BIG CROWD AT CENTRAL FIELD

By BRYAN MORSE. There may be some sore navy yard athletes today—that is physically tired and not mentally peevish—otherwise everything is quite up to snuff. The wheels will go around quite as usual tomorrow at Uncle Sam's big war factory, but there will be considerable talk for days to come over the big athletic meet and carnival held in the Central High School stadium.

Considerable handbaking and back-patting will be indulged in tomorrow, and rightly, for the meet was an unqualified success from the time the platoons drilled, commanded by Lieut. Robert Kilmartin, a Washington boy and former Western High School track star, by the way, to the mad dash for the tape in the final relay, which netted some \$1,200 for the navy.

Be it known that the Navy Yard is divided into zones, and that each zone is sent in all sorts of athletes to compete for the first prize. Individual winners were very close and hotly contested, which may not be strictly up to a U. S. ruling, but the athletes and spectators, numbering some thirty-five hundred, were out for a good time.

There has been much argument about the various crack athletes at the navy yard for some weeks, and the class of competition bore out the assertions. Finisched in the 100-yard dash, there were no long waits or arguments, and the best of sportsmanship displayed.

Marines Drill Well. After the marines had shown how well they could drill under Lieutenant Kilmartin's leadership, and the jackets, arrayed in their white uniforms, had drilled and done the setting up exercises, the playing of "She's the Sister of Rosie O'Grady" by the marines' jazz band, and Capt. A. L. Willard, commandant of the yard, had said a few encouraging words to the athletes.

The preliminary heats in the dashes drew out some fine sprinting. E. P. Gill, of Zone No. 4, noised about as the crack sprinter of the navy yard, romped in ahead in the half-century. In the fat men's race Berkley showed some of the same stuff and landed a counter for Zone No. 1. The half-mile event drew out some great work by H. R. Carney, who later ran a great race for the Seamen Gunners.

Action of Zone No. 5, was the winner in the century, while Gill, in a gun drill, finished in the 100-yard dash, from a field of twenty. Partensfeld, a rascally youngster, cut out a hot race in the quarter and won in a striking finish. This duck closed an afternoon in a natty track uniform to face the going in the fifty-yard dash for men over forty. He won with something, but the mile relay race, which was won on place in the standing broad, thereby putting some of the youngsters to shame.

Noonan Heaves Shot. In the shot-put J. F. Noonan, of Zone No. 6, came through with a heave of 46 feet 1 inch and outdistanced the others. F. Schuster, of Zone No. 5, was the best of the jumpers and negotiated 5 feet 3 inches. A double winner for No. 6 was produced in G. S. Cook, who took the long jump and the hop, step and jump. Eighteen feet two inches was good enough for a win for Cook in the running broad, while 35 feet 3 inches sufficed for his win in the hop, step and jump.

The mile relay race, which was won in which the Seamen Gunners came off victorious after Carney had made up nearly forty yards for a grizzling start. This duck closed an afternoon in a natty track uniform to face the going in the fifty-yard dash for men over forty. He won with something, but the mile relay race, which was won on place in the standing broad, thereby putting some of the youngsters to shame.

The official count gave Zone No. 5 the victory, with 32 points; No. 4, second, with 30; and No. 7, third, with 28. Zone No. 6 got 17 and No. 2, 15, with No. 3 gaining 13; No. 1, 7; and the Marines with 4 points.

The crowd would have awarded a big prize to the navy flyer—name deleted by censor—who did stunts over the field during the meet. All the fancy dives, turns and twirls were offered for a full half hour by the aviator during the early part of the meet.

SANDLOTTERS ENGAGE IN GOOD GAMES HERE

Camp Meigs and the Clarendon Athletic Club play today at Camp Meigs. The game is expected to attract a goodly following of Clarendon fans, as Joe Giebel's team has won his last five starts, and Camp Meigs has lost but three games this season.

The Rex Athletic Club is playing a double-header at Union League Park today, when the Camp Humphreys team and the Coast Artillery Corps teams will be met. Manager Wright expects to have his strongest line-up in the field.

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