# AMERICAN SOLDIERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE KAISER BILL A BASEBALL UMPIRE

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### Soldiers So Dippy Over the Game They'd Like to See Bill on the Job

Next to the war itself, baseball is attracting more attention in the Allied camps than anything else. Foreign papers appear to be utterly puzzled to account for such a strange turn of events. Even the French government is now agitated and adds its urging to the Y. M. C. A. that the presence of two professional baseball teams at the camps of the American Expeditionary Force in France would be of inestimable benefit. They have cabled to the heads of the Y. M. C. A. in this country, asking that the project of sending two teams of big leaguers abroad shall be taken up and agitated earnestly.

The Y. M. C. A. in France has arranged for thousands of games between the soldiers, but the playing of experts is needed to keep the enthusiasm of the soldiers at concert pitch, they declare. There is little doubt that baseball will respond heartily to this call.

Baseball has penetrated to the battlefront, or at least within sound and range of the German guns. The last number of the "Stars and Stripes," the official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Force, thus describes a game:

"What was probably the first ball game to be staged by the A. E. F. within home-run range of the Boches' guns, with Hun aviators occupying deadhead seats in the sky, and with shrapnel splinters and other delicate offerings taking the place of the pop bottles and straw cushions that usually went their way upwards in the course of an exciting contest, took place the other day somewhere along the western front where a certain infantry regiment was resting in between spasms of sliding into Fritzie spikes first.

"There were no peanut shells chucked around the lots, but there were a lot of other kinds of shells and all served hot. There weren't any hot dogs, but up in the sky not far off were a bunch of sausage balloons that almost looked the part. What score cards there were the artillery observers kept. In fact, they recorded some near hits from anti-aircraft guns within 200 feet of the diamond.

"But that didn't disturb the contesting nines at all. It wasn't the first time they'd played off the home grounds, and they weren't a big stagestruck. And as for the attentions which the Boche showered upon them? 'Ball!' they'd holler when a shell came whizzing over their way. 'Too high, Fritz; gosh, you're way up in the air!'

"It was some game, all right, but it upset all the dope. Who would imagine that those calloused and back-bent souls who toil all day and half the night in a regimental adjutant's office could squeeze out to the good at the end of nine innings with a balance of two runs in their favor, winning against such hardy outdoor sons of Mother Nature as a detachment recruited from the pioneers and the signal platoon? But that's what happened. The office bench-warmers put it over the pioneers and the signal platooners by a score of 14 to 12, in spite of the latter's wigwagging and semaphoring and Morsecoding from the coaching boxes."

Both French and British soldiers are getting dippy over the wonderful pastime which was born and fostered under the Stars and Stripes. It is suggested by these fellows that Kaiser William when captured be made to work as umpire for his punishment.

SNOODLES—What Good Is a Navy Without an Anchor?—

## Baseball as she is rote in Hbg.

The Grey Sox of Hbg. gave the Onyx A. C. a Chalence for May 11. The grey Sox claim to have a strong nine.

**SNYDER-SECHRIST WEDDING**

**Freysville**, Pa., May 2.—Prof. Russsell Snyder, an instructor at the Carlisle Indian school, and Miss Maude Sechrist, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sechrist, of Freysville, were married at Carlisle. Prof. Snyder is a resident of Loganville, Pa.

## FAST BASEBALL FOR ALLISON HILL

### League Opens Season on Monday With Reading, and Prospects Are Bright

Officials of the Allison Hill Baseball League will hold a meeting at 7.15 to-night to perfect plans for the opening contest Monday evening between the Galahad and Reading nines. Tuesday Rosewood and the Hick-a-Thrifts will clash. All contests will be staged at Seventeenth and Chestnut streets, and indications point to the best season in the history of the organization.

Manager Allen Fritz has a bunch of veterans mixed with youngsters, a combination that he hopes will keep the other teams hustling to beat out for the pennant. Manager Pressler has practically the same team that handed the flag last season. He expects to repeat.

Earl Killinger has signed up another fast aggregation, one that will bring more honors to the Rosewood Club. He will pit his team against Murray Washburn's team Tuesday evening. The latter aggregation is made up of a fast group of youngsters, who are out for victory.

During the past ten days the diamond has been put into condition, and the grounds will be in better shape than ever before. While the war time conditions have taken players from all the teams in the league, other material has been added to the playing roster, so that the league will likely be faster than ever.

Candidates for the position of umpire will be given a thorough tryout, and the final selection will not be made for several weeks. The umpires will be given entire control of the contests, and they will call the games at 6.30 o'clock. Seven innings will be played, unless there is a tie at the end of that period.

Increased cost of all playing material has added to the expense of operating the league. As no admission is charged to the games, the league officials are depending upon their patrons to come to their assistance. Treasurer Allen H. Fritz, 32 South Eighteenth street, is in charge of the contributions.

Hill residents claim that they witness the fastest brand of amateur ball in this locality, as practically every star is a member of this league. Beginning Monday evening, baseball will hold the attention of East End residents, and good games are anticipated until the latter part of August. To-day the Rosewood aggregation held a practice on the grounds.

**UNVEILING OF STATUES**

**Gettysburg**, Pa., May 2.—Gettysburg National Park Commissioners have been notified that the unveiling of the three statues erected on the battlefield to the memories of Generals Humphreys, Hays and Geary will be held on the afternoon of Thursday, October 3.

Use McNeil's Cold Tablets. — Adv.

## Capital City Sports

J. G. Martin, a member of the Harrisburg Sportsmen's Association won the individual honors at the farewell shoot at Lancaster, held in honor of C. Z. Moore, retiring secretary of the Pennsylvania Railroad Gun Club. Martin broke 50 straight targets in the team event and later smashed 49 targets in the practice shoot of 50, making a grand total of 99 breaks out of a possible 100. His longest run was 88. In the team event, composed of five men each, the Harrisburg Sportsmen's Association won, scoring 231 breaks against the Pennsy's 218. Shafer and Tyler tied for the honors for the Pennsy team, each tallying 45 breaks. Martin held the laurels for the Sportsmen with a clean score. During the practice event some fine scores were recorded. Stewart smashed 121 targets out of a possible 125. The runner-up was Grover, who was credited with a score of 118 out of a possible 125. Healey, a professional, came through with 86 breaks out of 100 targets.

Manager Cockill's Steelton players will make their debut on the Cottage Hill diamond Saturday afternoon, when they will clash with the Albright College nine. The opening preliminary game warrants to be a fast one as the visitors are under the personal direction of Charley "Pop" Kelchner, a well-known big league scout. Cockill's men have been working daily on the Steelton diamond and are in fine shape for the opening fray.

At present Cottage Hill is undergoing a change, a large extention is being placed on the old bleachers and the diamond is also undergoing a few repairs. New sod has been placed in the infield and after the recent rains is bristling up into a new green carpet. The outfield is in fine condition and all is practically set for the first appearance on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Admission fee will be nominal including war tax. All soldiers in uniform are to be admitted free.

Help! Help! The Summit Street Juniors beat the Susquehanna Bicycle Club on the Island yesterday, 18-1. Schwartz and Snyder, the famous Hun battery worked for Summit, and pity bids us not reveal the other's identity.

In the tennis tournament at Harrisburg Academy yesterday Edward Green, a third form student, romped away with two games of his match with Mowell Hawkins, who last season won the junior championship of Maryland. This afternoon the fourth match of the first round singles will be played, at which time Brinser will meet Lee. The winner of this match will be matched with Zea, who defeated Morse on Tuesday afternoon, in the second round of the singles. With his surprising victory yesterday, Green nested himself snugly into a berth for the second round. This match will bring him against Newlin, who defeated Fisher in the opening match. Loose will be paired off with Campbell for the Friday afternoon play, and the remaining matches of the first round will be played during the coming week. The second round matches will be played during the week following.

Many well-known shooters from Harisburg and other cities in the state are expected to take part in the big shoot to be held at the West Fairview Sportsmen's Association grounds at West Fairview on Decoration Day. This event is the first big shoot scheduled for Harrisburg this season. A program including many events is being arranged by a committee from the 'cross-river organization and will be announced some time nex tweek. The West Fairview organization last year set up a new high record and promises to do one better during the coming season.

Saturday afternoon will mark the opening of the Central Iron and Steel Company's baseball season, at which time the teams of the General Office and the Blast Furnace will clash. All games will be played on the company's diamond located in the rear of the big plant's yards and before the season is many weeks old, large stands will be erected.

The league will be composed of eight teams, namely: General Office, Blast Furnace, Open Hearth, No. 1 Milis, No. 2 Mill, Giants, Universal Mill and Electrical Shop. All players composing the teams are employed in the Central foundry and all of the officials will also be company employes. Games will be played in the afternoon and evening during the baseball season.

On the Richards and Brashears' Alleys, Steelton, last evening, the Signal Corps was completely wiped out by the Aviators in the Steelton Duckpin League match. The Signalers won the second game, but failed to show any speed after their lone victory. Buffington, an Aviator, won the laurels for both the high singles and high triples with scores of 124 and 343 pins, respectively.

One of the first boxing shows to be held in New Jersey under Boxing Commission rule will take place at Weehawken on May 9. Frankie Burns and Joe Lynch will figure in the wind-up.

## Jackson A. C. Ready For Dates With Ball Clubs

The Jackson A. C. has organized for the coming season and would like to hear from some of the strongest teams; either in or out of the city. The teams representing the Jackson factory claims to be strong enough to make the fastest teams play hard to win.

With a few additions it is the same team that played last season with Smith, Letrow and Welsbaugh, outfielders; Weaver, Mitchell, Carpenter, Coleman, Holland, Wingard, Bell, infielders; Fields, catcher, and Cooper, Lingle, Minsky, Gerner and Goodel, Pitchers.

The team will have the services of Lingle, their last year's star pitcher. It would like to start the season Saturday, May fourth. All dates for the season are open at the present. Any out-of-town team offering a good guarantee and wishing to secure the attraction, call Dial 'phone, 3882 in the evening or write to B. E. Bowman, 324 Peffer Street.

## Sunday Baseball in Jersey For New York Clubs

**New York**, May 2.—The New York American League Club announced to-day that a regular championship game will be played next Sunday with the Boston American club at the former Newark Federal League grounds at Harrison, N. J. A game, to be selected later, will be advanced to that date.

President Tener, of the National League, and member of the National Commission, said to-day that the statement of President John H. Farrell, of the new International League that the debts of $9,900 against International League territory had been paid, would not change the plans of the major leagues to have Sunday games at Harrison during the season. Tener said, however, that the National Commission would not withhold protection from the New International League provided a settlement can be made of the Newark situation.

**ARRESTED FOR THREAT TO KILL**

William Mitchell was arrested by Patrolman Magnelli, last night, for threatening to take the life of J. P. Haines with a knife, at Third and Verbeke streets. Both men, who are colored, were intoxicated.

## Baseball Summary; Where They Play Today

**YESTERDAY'S RESULTS**

**American League**

Washington, 5; Boston, 0.
St. Louis, 3; Detroit, 2 (10 innings)
Cleveland, 6; Chicago, 5.
New York-Philadelphia (rain.)

**National League**

St. Louis, 2; Cincinnati, 1.
Boston, 4; Brooklyn, 2.
Chicago, 5; Pittsburgh, 3.
Philadelphia - New York (wet grounds).

**STANDING OF THE CLUBS**

**American League**

| | W. | L. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 11 | 3 | .786 |
| Cleveland | 7 | 4 | .636 |
| Chicago | 5 | 3 | .625 |
| New York | 6 | 7 | .462 |
| Washington | 5 | 7 | .417 |
| St. Louis | 4 | 6 | .400 |
| Detroit | 2 | 5 | .286 |
| Philadelphia | 3 | 8 | .273 |

**National League**

| | W. | L. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 11 | 1 | .917 |
| Chicago | 7 | 3 | .700 |
| Philadelphia | 8 | 4 | .667 |
| Cincinnati a | 7 | 6 | .538 |
| Pittsburgh | 4 | 5 | .444 |
| St. Louis | 4 | 8 | .333 |
| Boston | 3 | 9 | .250 |
| Brooklyn | 2 | 10 | .167 |

**SCHEDULE FOR TO-DAY**

**American League**

Philadelphia at New York.
Washington at Boston.
Chicago at Detroit.
Cleveland at St. Louis.

**National League**

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

**GAS RATES INCREASED**

**Columbia**, Pa., April 2.—The Columbia Gas Company has posted notices that on and after June 1, the rates for gas to consumers would be increased from $1.40 to $1.50 per thousand cubic feet, and that discounty rates would be ten instead of fifteen per cent., payable in sixteen days, instead of twenty days.

## RAILROAD RUMBLES

## PENNSY MEN ROUNDING UP

### Totals For Eastern Lines Yesterday Reached Surprising Figures

Pennsy employes were busy people yesterday rounding up Liberty Bond subscriptions. The total for the Eastern Pennsylvania Grand division is $1,669,300. The figures to date are:

**Figures to Date**

| Div. or Shop | Number of Subscribers | Amt. |
|---|---|---|
| Altoona Machine, | 4,296 | $241,050 |
| Altoona Car .... | 2,501 | 133,900 |
| Juniata Shop ... | 1,492 | 80,900 |
| So Altoona Fdy. | 486 | 28,050 |
| Total ..... | 8,775 | 483,900 |
| Supt Motive Pow. | 299 | 17,650 |
| General Supt ... | 145 | 9,800 |
| Phila Division .. | 9,386 | 521,050 |
| Middle Division . | 6,697 | 370,000 |
| Schuylkill Div. .. | 1,148 | 64,800 |
| Bedford Div. ... | 179 | 10,300 |
| Tyrone Div. .... | 1,115 | 65,450 |
| Bellwood Div. .. | 569 | 31,850 |
| Cresson Div. ... | 721 | 42,000 |
| Lebanon Div. ... | 145 | 8,450 |
| Total ..... | 29,179 | $1,625,250 |
| Gen. Supt. M. P. | 625 | 44,050 |
| Grand total .. | 29,804 | $1,669,300 |

## Railroads Receive First Money From Uncle Sam

**Washington**, May 2.—Railroads, under the four months of government operation just closed, received from the government $90,614,000 as loans or advance payments on government compensation, Director General McAdoo announced yesterday.

Of this amount $14,300,000 was for government compensation for the quarter ending March 31, on the basis of the three-year average net income, and $76,314,000 was in loans. The largest sum, $43,964,000, went to the New Haven for a year to help that company meet maturing notes. All but $77,514,000 came from the government revolving fund for railroad purposes, and $13,100,000 came from funds turned over to the railroad administration by railroad companies from their surplus funds. All outright loans were made on demand at six per cent. and secured by adequate collateral.

## Railroad Notes

Master Mechanic Smith, of the Philadelphia division, is receiving special mention for his work on Liberty Loan.

Special Duty Passenger Engineer Samuel C. Hertzler is boosting Liberty bonds along the main line.

General Superintendent Robert V. Massey, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Eastern division, was in Harrisburg yesterday and to-day.

Clarence Z. Moore, former supervisor of the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who ended his duties Tuesday, has gone to New York.

A. L. Vanaman, former wire chief for the Reading in this city, is doing good work as special instructor at the United States base hospital, near Baltimore.

J. Dawson Rahn, recently made yardmaster for the Reading, and located at Shamokin, has been ordered to report for duty in France.

Charles J. Gummersbach, former division passenger agent for the Central Railroad of New Jersey, has been placed in the advertising department.

Reading officials yesterday held another conference on timetable officials.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railway Relief statement for February shows receipts of $30,168.74, and expenses, $33,191.26.

It is claimed that the subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan on the Reading division will far exceed those taken of the first and second series. It is estimated that the amount will top $500,000. This does not include the shops.

The New York Central Railroad was yesterday paying off $10,000,000 4½ per cent. maturing notes out of funds to that amount loaned to the road by the United States treasury. It was understood that the road would pay the government six per cent. interest on the loan.

Four well-known veteran employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Altoona were retired yesterday on age limit. They are James Parker Graham, John B. Feeser, Frederick Schumacher and David Fletcher.

John H. Strough has been appointed assistant trainmaster at the Reading Terminal, vice Charles A. Schlachter, who has been made agent at Frankford.

## Hundred Per Cent. on Many More P. & R. Crews

The train crews of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad have set a record for patriotism during the Third Liberty Loan drive. The drive for the sale of bonds in every department of the railroad has been intense, and the results have been highly satisfactory to Liberty Loan chairmen. Here is a list of the 100 per cent. train crews on the P. and R.:

Trains Nos. 54 and 55—Conductor H. G. Jacoby, Engineer O. Maurar, Fireman Harry Randolf, Brakeman Percy Sanders, Brakeman Harter Gleim, Baggagemaster Charles Sheeley.

Trains Nos. 92 and 7—Conductor Horace G. Moore, Engineer H. Swavley, Fireman Harry Lower, Brakeman George A. Miller, Baggagemaster Daniel Roades, Flagman Herbert Goodhart.

Pool Crew No. 3—Conductor John A. Landis, Engineer Clayton Wynn, Fireman Paul S. Grundon, Brakeman James Trease, Brakeman George Maurer, Flagman Charles Epley.

Port Richmond C. S. D.—Conductor George Yocum, Engineer E. F. Noll, Fireman Irvin Hoffman, Brakeman John A. Martin, Brakeman Guy Strawbecker, Flagman William Yarnell.

Pool Crew No. 67—Conductor A. L. Martin, Engineer V. B. Sweeley, Fireman James Maher, Brakeman David Zinc, Brakeman Walter Mosser, Flagman David Ensminger.

Pool Crew No. 7—Conductor Harry A. Seiders, Engineer Russel Jones, Fireman Nelson Miller, Brakeman Harvey C. Parr, Brakeman Paul Schubaurer, Flagman Edward P. Siler.

Pool Crew No. 54—Conductor Charles E. Danner, Engineer James M. Martin, Fireman Harper Esslinger, Brakeman Harry D. Buffington, Brakeman John U. Peters, Flagman Clyde Miller.

Pool Crew No. 73—Conductor William I. Leamen, Engineer Calvin Reynolds, Fireman Russell Eisley, Brakeman Charles Otstote, Brakeman Patrick Devine, Flagman Bixler Hemminger.

## Baldwin Plant Will Be Able to Handle Big Order

**Philadelphia**, May 2.—Government locomotive orders at the rate of 470 at one lick have no terrors for the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Stretched out in a straight line the finished product costing close to $31,100,000 might be expected to present a formidable appearance. But as for the government setting the company on its head by stipulating the contract must be completed by December 31, listen to the comment of a high official of the company yesterday:

"It will scarcely affect our regular business. We are turning out eleven locomotives a day on an average. This order will be completed at the rate of twenty-five a week when we get started."

Baldwin's has not been advised of the complete details of the contract. The order has been closed, but the government has not specified the exact number of engines in each of the six classes desired. The figure of $31,000,000 approximately states the full size of the order, although it is subject to alteration, depending on the class of engines purchased.

The relative size of the order can be appreciated by the fact that the company built and shipped 2,748 locomotives last year. The capacity of the plant has been increased since then by the construction of a plant for tenders at Eddystone. The number of employes, 20,000, is about the same as was on the payrolls at the high-water mark at the close of 1917. The present order will be handled entirely at the Eddystone works.

Lord Shaughnessy was re-elected president of the Canadian Pacific Railway at the annual meeting of directors, as were other officers, following the annual meeting of shareholders, who re-elected all retiring directors.

**BASEBALL FOR RED CROSS**

**Columbia**, Pa., May 2.—Chief Burgess W. M. D'Miller has received a telegram from Colonel O. J. Charles, of Camp Meade, assuring him that a baseball team composed of soldiers from that camp would be in Columbia to play a local team on Saturday, the proceeds of which would be given to the Red Cross.

## AROUND THE BASES

In the American Association this year pitchers will not be allowed to place their hands to their mouth before delivering the ball nor will they be permitted to use emery or any other foreign substances in their delivery. The umpires will be the sole judges of violations. Pitchers found guilty of breaking the rule will be fined $25 for the first offense and banished from the game for the second.

Princeton's re-entry into the rowing game was not as auspicious as the Tiger followers had hoped, but Jungletown is not in mourning over the defeat of the Freshmen and Varsity crews by the Harvard oarsmen.

Trainer Fitzpatrick hopes to correct the Tigers' defects before next Saturday, when the historic Childs Cup race will be rowed on Lake Carnegie.

Princeton, Pennsylvania and Columbia, for whom the cup was originally put up, will be the contenders, and the winner, in all probability, will be registered as about the topnotcher of the season.

This trophy was given by the late George W. Childs of Philadelphia, in the spring of 1979, as a challenge cup for rowing competition in fours from the Universities of Columbia, Princeton and Pennsylvania.

The canceling of his "championship" bout with Jess Willard would be a severe blow to Fred Fulton, as in that event the pugilist plasterer might have to fight Jack Dempsey.

Benny Leonard, the champion lightweight, has turned orator, and is scheduled to make a Liberty Loan speech at a popular New York resort to-night.

Johnny Coulon, the former bantamweight champion, yesterday was advised of his appointment as boxing instructor at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas.

Jack Thompson, of St. Joe, Mo., has been matched to meet Big Bill Tate of Oklahoma, in the windup at the Olympia A. A., Philadelphia, this evening.

With the addition of Pratt and Ping Podie, the Yankees now have four men who have at one time batted in clean-up positions. Pipp has been clean-up man for the Yanks, Baker for the Athletics and Yanks, Pratt for the St. Louis Browns and Ping Bodie for the Athletics.

The whole American sporting world loved John L. Sullivan because he was a real democrat. This was the calm way he treated an invitation from the Prince of Wales, an honor that would have so set up many a snob that no one could have ever again talked to him. My Dear Mr. Sullivan—I have great pleasure on behalf of the officers of the Scots Guards in inviting you to breakfast in our messroom tomorrow at 12 o'clock, and subsequently to meet H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, who has repeatedly expressed the desire to make your personal acquaintance.

Very truly yours,
Clifford Drummond,
Captain Scot Guards.

After reading the note Sullivan lit a fresh cigar, put on his coat, and, turning to the bearer of the note, said:

"Well, tell the Prince and Drummond I won't disappoint them."

Then turning to his friends, who expected to see Sullivan duck under his honors, he remarked:

If the Prince was not such a sociable, nice fellow I would not go there to-morrow, for I'm dead tired, and this means getting up early.

Harry Vardon, six times British open champion, recently had a close call from death at the agency of a German bomb. "By some strange intuition my wife and I got out of bed just before midnight," he relates "Then we heard the noise overhead and almost immediately two bombs fell.

"It was a curious sound—a soft hissing sound like the fall of sand from a pail. Then came a tremendous explosion, and everything about the place was thrown hither and thither."

"Atta girl, Bertha; hit 'er out; slide! "This is what you hear at the Germantown High School for girls where they have 35 girls' baseball clubs which play for a pennant and are controlled just like the big leagues. A trainer tells that the girls take defeat very hard, hiking to the dressing room and giving way to tears. Will baseball be taken up in Harrisburg the same way? It is healthier than basketball, being played in the open.

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