

BUTTE BOYS MAKE HIT ON GRIDIRON

Skimmet Dee, Ned Grady and Emmet O'Brien Star at Camp Lewis.

It has been said of the Butte and Montana men in Camp Lewis that they will make the best soldiers in the United States national army. Those who are acquainted with the caliber of the men of this state have no doubt of that. But while the boys are learning the game of war they are playing the game of football and the Montana contingent is making a big reputation in the western camp, according to copies of Tacoma papers and letters received from some of the boosters.

A recent issue of the Tacoma Ledger, sent to a friend in Butte by Emmet O'Brien, a well known young man from East Broadway and formerly with the Montana Life Insurance company in the Butte office, tells of a football game recently played at the camp in which the team known as "The Depot Brigade" defeated the 25th field artillery, hitherto invincible.

Mr. O'Brien writes: "Skimmet Dee is our captain and right end. Ned Grady is fullback and Merritt O'Shea, formerly of the University of Montana, is one of our star halfbacks."

Mr. O'Brien, who is very modest, failed to state in the letter that he was playing left tackle himself.

Continuing his story of the game, Mr. O'Brien says:

"Someone during the game truthfully said: 'How can they beat a team with four Montana men on it and three of them from Butte?'"

"Dee started playing like a demon on defense and executed a neat place kick. Ned Grady was the principal ground gainer and was supported well by O'Shea."

Dee will be remembered as one of the high school football stars and one of the most popular boys in the school. Grady needs no introduction. A former star of the champion Columbia high team and the man who took the monkey "Lazie" to camp Lewis with the contingent of Butte men, Grady is one of the best known and most popular of Butte's boys at the camp.

Mr. O'Brien writes that he is enjoying the life immensely at the camp and is getting along well and gaining weight. When Butte people meet Mr. O'Brien they will have to call him Corporal for he has been promoted already and received his chevrons.

NEWS OF THE SPORT WORLD

THEY MADE CHAMPION BALL PLAYERS; NOW THEY WILL SHOW UNCLE SAM THEY'RE CHAMPION SAILORS



BY PAUL PURMAN.
It's only a year ago that we were all reviewing a certain world series and telling about the exploits of the Boston Red Sox, the best team of "money players" ever gathered together.
And it's only a few months ago that this same outfit was coming down in the stretch in the American league trying to overcome a handicap established by a team superior in mechanical ability.
There are five members of this club who very probably won't be seen coveting over American league diamonds this year for the simple reason they have given their services to Uncle Sam.
Down at Boston navy yard after November 20 Jack Barry, manager of the Red Sox, and the biggest world series money winner in baseball, is a yeoman and with him are three of his teammates, Chick Shorten, utility feller of the Sox, Mike McNally, utility infielder and Ernie Shore, the string bean right-handed pitcher.
And out in the Mare Island navy yard at San Francisco, Butte's Lewis, regular outfielder and one of the heroes of the 1916 world series, is doing his bit in a Jackie uniform.
Another member of the Red Sox is awaiting his call for government services. He's Dick Hoblitzel, crack first baseman of the Sox, who will serve in the dental reserve corps.

MIKE O'DOWD, "THE FIGHTING HARP", DRAGS THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CROWN FROM BROW OF AL M'COY

BY PAUL PURMAN.
The middleweight crown which for several years has rested steadily on the brow of Al McCoy, the Brooklyn southpaw, has been clawed from Al's dome, and now adorns the curly head of Mike O'Dowd, "The Fighting Harp" of St. Paul. It is going to be a close fight, Mike O'Dowd is the greatest middleweight fighter today, but he is a curious freak of fortune he has the title and unless all signs fail will hang on to it with a death grip.
The middleweight title has been buffeted unmercifully since the death of Sluggo Krusch. Billy Pope first claimed it and defeated it successfully against Willie Lewis in Paris in 1916. The next year Alvin James Thompson defeated Pope and claimed the championship, but in 1917 both outwore the title which remained in abeyance until Frank Klaus stepped in by virtue of a victory over Pope in 1917. His claims were afterwards recognized.
In 1918 George Chip knocked out Klaus in two successive fights and claimed the title.
Early in 1914 Chip unfortunately ran into a punch in the first round of his bout with Al McCoy and the latter assumed the title. McCoy was never a real champion and usually injured anyone who was likely to knock him out. He was beaten repeatedly in non-decision bouts, but O'Dowd was the first to make him take the count.
O'Dowd is a native of St. Paul. He recently graduated from the welterweight class and has not been taken very seriously as a middleweight. He is 22 years old and has been fighting since 1912.



SPORT CHATTER

MATHEWS CONTINUES TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT
"Frenchie" Mathews, the jockey injured in a spill on the Reno (Nev.) track, continues to improve. Dr. Stanley, his attending physician, believes that the blood clot pressing against the base of the brain is dissolving. Should such be the case an operation will not be necessary.
Yesterday Mathews was able to leave the home of Lou Eschle, his father-in-law, to take a short walk.

BASEBALL IN ALASKA.
San Francisco, Nov. 20.—The 1917 baseball championship of Alaska has been won by the team representing the Perseverance nine of Juneau, according to word received here. The Perseverance lancers met and defeated teams from various towns in Southeastern Alaska. Their one defeat of the season was administered by the nine from Thane.
Victories were scored over Skagway, Seward, Cordova, White Horse, Juneau, Douglas and Thane.

WUFF!
"I'm not an L.L.D.," said Hoos; "Nor am I a B. A. But if I mind my P's and Q's, 'I know I'll be O. K.'"

Johnny Dundee of New York had the best of the six rounds with George Chasey of Baltimore last night. The mill was staged at Philadelphia.
John Lobert, who was recently released by the Giants, has been appointed baseball coach at West Point. He takes the place of Sammy Strang, who is said to be with the American army in France.
Nightingale won a cross-country run in New York the other day. Probably by singing the other entries to sleep.
Sidney Hatch, the long distance runner, has joined the army. It's to be hoped they don't send him to the Russian front.

We like to have our championships stay in America and it's a cinch there are at least 2,000,000 men in the Russian army who can beat Sid.
The latest advocate of safety first is the big game guide who wants to paint bullseyes on deer so the hunter will know one when he sees it.
The Fulton-Liquorist Smith bout which was to have been held at Minneapolis last night has been postponed until next Monday evening on account of the promoter being in the east.
Pete Herman, world's champion bantamweight fighter, has been granted exemption on account of dependent aged parents and three orphan children of a sister. He immediately offered his services as boxing instructor at one of the cantonments.
Among things to lose sleep over is the fact that the basketball season will start soon.
The two big football games which are attracting the attention of the "Big Ten" followers for next Saturday are the clashes between the Maroons and the Gophers and the Wolverines and the Purple. It will be Michigan's first appearance against a conference team in more than a decade.
Capt Black's Newport Naval Reserve are in great demand on the gridiron. From all parts of the country have come invitations to the former Yale star to show his football warriors in battle array.
Word from Baltimore has it that Jack Dunn, owner of the Orioles, favors a third major league. Baltimore has had a sad experience with new "big" leagues in the past.
"It is said that President Frazer of the Red Sox is angling for Pitches Dinnon and Outfielder Clyde Milan of the Washington Senators.
Looks as if the Tufts college football squad has had more than its share of misfortunes this year. Two of the best gridirons on the Medford team, Pryor and Drummer, have suffered serious injuries.
The Scott high school football team of Toledo has issued a challenge to the strongest school team in New England. The game to be played in Toledo on December 8. Last year Scott high defeated the Haverhill, Mass., high school eleven at Haverhill.

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FULL BLOODED INDIAN A LIGHTWEIGHT ENTRY

San Francisco, Nov. 20.—The coming of Baptiste Thomas, a full blooded Vancouver Island Indian, as a lightweight entry in the International boxing tournament to be held here November 22 and 23 is being awaited with interest. Thomas has won the Western Canadian championship for two years, but for various reasons was unable to defend his title this time.
The Vancouver Island Amateur Athletic association is sending four fast men to the international affair. Most interest in this delegation centers on Thomas, who is declared to be a boxer and fighter.

CALL THE RED CROSS. BY ELLEN

GREAT SCOT! WHAT IS THE TROUBLE WITH YOU??
I'VE BEEN SSMOKIN'!