

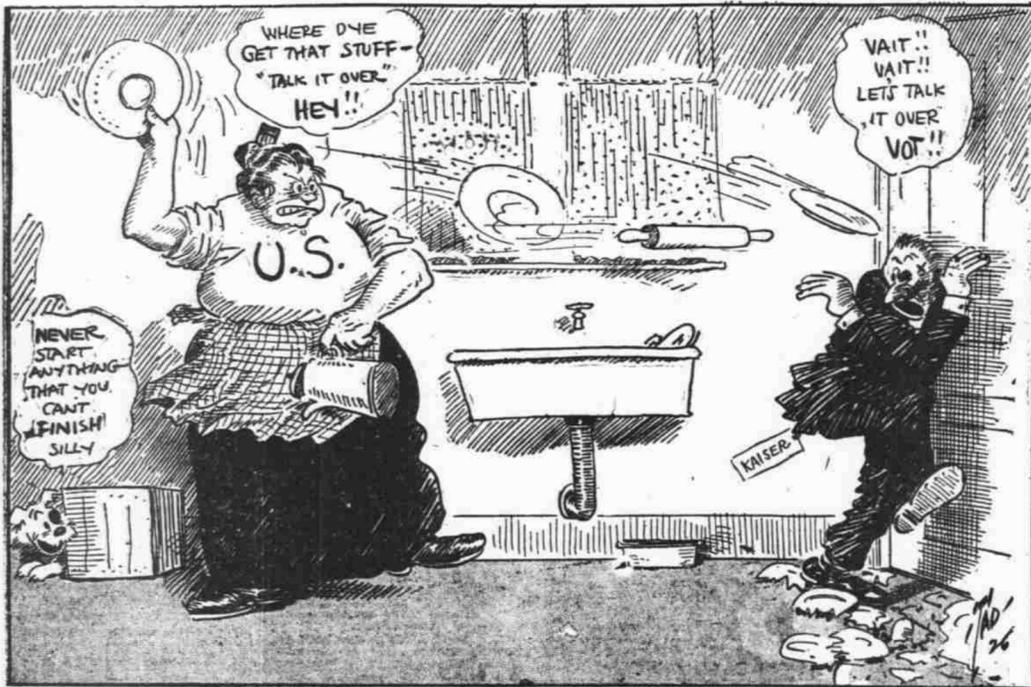
"THERE IS NOTHING SO SWEET AS THE VICTORY THAT IS HARD-EARNED," SAYS THE OLD MAN OF FOGGY BOTTOM

District Sectional Series Gets Started At Union League Park

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Spanish "Flu" May Cause Delay In Starting Football Campaign

Firing the Cook



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Indoor Sports



FANS FAVOR OPERATIONS TO LAND TITLE SERIES

By BRYAN MORSE.

Naval Operations is picked as the probable winner of the big three-game District Baseball Association championship series which opens at Union League Park today. The fans have stuck to Operations through thick and thin and maintain that Lane Lacy's tribe will be there when the bell rings for the award of the title.

War Risk Insurance, winner of Section 1, is to oppose the temperamental Operators in the title series. The War Riskers are the dark horses of the season. They speeded up in their battle with the Quantic Marines, got on even terms, and earned the decision when Marines failed to show to play off the tie.

Operations goes into the battle with Johnny Murphy, its first sacker, out of the lineup. Murphy has had a bad leg and laid off yesterday. Morris will play first, and a shift will probably be made in the team. Murphy is the lead-off man, and his position will probably be taken by A. J. Goldstein, although that worthy whiffed four times in yesterday's Navy Yard engagement.

District Series At Ball Park.

| | Won. | Lost. | Pct. |
|----------|------|-------|------|
| Marines | 8 | 1 | .887 |
| War Risk | 5 | 2 | .714 |
| Cappub | 2 | 4 | .333 |

| | Won. | Lost. | Pct. |
|-------------|------|-------|------|
| Operations | 8 | 1 | .889 |
| Clarendon | 7 | 2 | .778 |
| Rex A. C. | 2 | 5 | .286 |
| Army Medics | 1 | 7 | .125 |

The War Risk Insurance team was never heard of until the title series started. Manager L. Nelson, a most astute individual, got together a bunch of the original War Risk players, put in some of Tom Crook's Navy Yard left-overs, and proceeded to show in Ernie Schaffer the ace of the series.

Eddie Gill, first sacker, and Stanley Keyava, catcher, of the Navy Yard; Schaffer, in the box and in the field, and Walter Beall, in the field and in the box, have proved their right to be considered as contenders.

Ernie Schaffer, the Central High School hurler, is expected to do the bulk of the hurling. He will work today and will rest tomorrow, and will come back again for the third battle if one is necessary.

Beall is Good, Too. Walter Beall is a strong youngster who is a clouter as well as a pitcher. Bud Doughton, center fielder for the War Riskers, is one of the best outfielders in the series. He has come to the front with the fall lately and can be expected to be in the running when it comes to breaking up a contest.

The Operations team has one of the best catchers in the series in "Bus" Hager. In Lem Owen, Emil Pfeil and Otto von Herbulis, the Operators have a classy trio of hurlers. "Country" Morris, at first, Al Watt at second, "Reds" Purdy at short, and Tommy Legnan at third, stack up a bit strong.

Penny Ante A Red Chip in the Pot. By Jean Knott



BUSCHER AMBUSHED.

OPERATIONS NAVY YARD
 Golstein, 4 2 4 4
 Walker, 2 1 0 0
 Morris, 2 1 1 1
 Purdy, 2 1 2 2
 Owen, 2 1 1 1
 Totals, 25 7 17 9

Operations 25 7 17 9
 Navy Yard 17 9 25 7

Runs—Hager, Watt, Purdy (2), Morris, McCarthy, McBride. Left on bases—Navy Yard, 10; Buscher, 3; Owen, 2. Struck out—By Buscher, 7; Owen, 4. Two-base hits—Giovannetti, sacrifice hit—McCarthy, Buscher. Stolen bases—Walker (2), Purdy (2). Wild pitch—Owen. Passed ball—Giovannetti. Bases—Owen. Umpires—Menas, Handiboo and Hughes. Time of game—1:45.

RUTH AT LEBANON.

LEBANON, Pa., Sept. 26.—Rube Ruth, star southpaw pitcher and slugger of the world's champion Boston Red Sox, has taken up essential work with the Bethlehem Steel Company here. With Sam Anzov as his partner, Ruth will probably pitch Saturday.

TEAM FOR MEDICOS.

Army Medical School will probably be represented by a football team, Lieut. Wesley Cox has been appointed manager.

SCHOOL GRID CHATTER

Central is reported to have a lot of beefy material. Coach Metzler has several boys from the second string of last season and Carl Cullen the only regular.

Johnny Welch is captain of the Business High eleven. The Stenographers are without a single regular from last season. Many of the lads who have gotten good positions have failed to return.

Robert Alexander, who played fullback at Western last year, is being used at center this season. Alexander and Cullen had a merry battle last year when Western played Central.

Willie Thomas will be missed at Eastern. Thomas and Dawson were about the whole works on offense for Eastern last year. Coach Battersby arrived too late to see Thomas play football, but says that if he was as good at football as he was at basketball and baseball he was a first rater.

"Shorty" Price, runner-up in the District junior tennis title race, is captain-elect of the Central tennis team for next season. Price is probably slated for basketball later in the year.

Johnny Holden is lost to Central. Coach Bill Foley says Holden will not be back. The Central coach maintains Holden would have made a record this year in track. Johnson, the fifteen-year-old sprinter, has returned, and Foley predicts great things for him.

OUT HE COMES.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Sept. 26.—William L. Kopf, former Cincinnati shortstop, who has been working in a shipyard here all summer, has been ordered to report to Camp Greenleaf, Ga., for duty with the national army.

HARVARD GETS BUSY.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 26.—Harvard has called for a conference with Yale and Princeton over the advisability of supporting intercollegiate athletics this season.

"GRID" DIRECTORY

Service Teams.
 Camp Leach—Lieutenant Harrington, manager, Camp Leach, D. C.
 Troop B, Eleventh Cavalry—Lieut. H. Jett, manager, Fort Myer, Va.
 Independent Teams.
 Crescent A. C.—Ray Dorsett, manager, 640 Tenth street northeast.
 Eagles—C. W. Litchfield, manager, 308 L street southeast.
 Shamrocks—Henry Beale, manager, 328 G street northeast; average, 129 pounds.
 Shamrock Juniors—T. Bucher, manager, 309 K street northeast; average, 105 pounds.

ATHLETE IS DEAD

WASHINGTON, Pa., Sept. 26.—James Creel, twenty-one years old, for two years a lineman with the W. and J. varsity eleven, is dead from Spanish influenza at Great Lakes, Ill., where he was a member of the Naval Reserve. His mother lives here.

Creel is the third W. and J. football player to make the supreme sacrifice. The others were Capt. Ralph Taylor, killed in an airplane accident at Mineola, L. I., and Corporal Edward Whitehill, killed a few weeks ago in France.

DUNN WILL COACH

Francis A. Dunn is the new athletic director at Tome Institute. For four years he was star fullback on Dickinson College's varsity eleven, also competing in the broad jump and shotput on the track team. He was captain of the 1912 football team. For the past three years he has been head coach at Dickinson.

GALLAUDET REPORTS.

Capt. Thomas Osborne, of Gallaudet, is rounding up candidates for the eleven which will be called out soon.

SPANISH "FLU" MAY BE CAUSE OF QUARANTINES

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Spanish "flu" threatens to add to the troubles facing college football eleven in causing quarantines to be placed around the players reporting for daily drills. The Western universities will confer on this question today and their action may be followed by those in other parts of the country. So great is the epidemic everywhere that every precaution is being taken by those in charge of athletes.

Minnesota State University's military commandant suggests that a two-weeks quarantine, beginning October 2, be established around all incoming athletes. Students assigned to colleges by the military authorities will report October 1. If a quarantine is then involved, the gridiron season will be set back just two weeks, for most universities are planning to open their campaigns Saturday, October 25.

Pennsylvania has decided to have football, but it will lack its varsity time and be known as the "S. A. G. C. football." Only those taking military instruction will be eligible for the eleven, and the Quakers have written to all prospective opponents, asking that they follow Penn's example.

Swarthmore has decided to put an eleven on the field this season, subject to restrictions caused by military training. Princeton Club Juniors will play the Western A. C. racqueters from Montross Park on Saturday.

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