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PLAYING OF QUILTS IS NOW PROHIBITED

General Pershing Has Put Ban on Horseshoe Game.

Muskies Have Not Hesitated to Back Horses into Quiet Corner and Rip Shoes Off Innocent Animals—May Use Mule Shoes.

The American army in France, it is reported, has been embarrassed at various times by the sudden breaking down of horses engaged in the transport service. Investigation showed that the horses were unshod, their steel shoes having been removed mysteriously. Further investigation showed that the shoes had been taken off the animals by the doughboys in order to pitch quilts, nothing being so good for the purpose as a horseshoe.

Quilts always has been a great American game. If it wasn't for quilts and going to the "depo" to see the 2:38 come in, life would not be so fascinating for prominent citizens of many bucolic burghs.

Over in France time hangs a bit heavily around the camps occasionally, and there has been a great revival of "pitchin'." The more the game has spread the more demand there has been for horseshoes. Now, there is one thing you can say for the American doughboy. When he wants anything he goes and gets it, whether it be a Hun or a horseshoe. Various thousands of muskies, needing horseshoes, have backed transport horses, cavalry horses, all kinds of horses into a corner and with little more than a "whon, boy," of preparation, have ripped the shoes off the innocent animals and then proceeded to get into the game.

Mr. John J. Pershing said to be "what is called 'peevish.'" He has issued orders prohibiting the playing of quilts with horseshoes, on pain of 30 days in the guardhouse for the first offense and three months' imprisonment for the second.

If the doughboys wish to pitch quilts, he says he has no objection, but they must lay off the use of horseshoes. He gives full permission to them to take all the mule shoes they desire, that is, if they take them off the hind or southern extremities of the gentle creatures.

It looks as if it will be a closed season for quilts in France so long as the war lasts if Pershing persists in looking at the great American game of "pitch" this way.

Whon, Maud!—From the Commerce and Finance.

PLAYERS JOIN STEEL GANG

Jimmy Shaw, George Kale and Pitcher Tuero Secure Employment at Lebanon Plant.

Pitcher Jimmy Shaw of Washington and Pitcher George Kale of the Browns have reported at Lebanon, Pa., for work in the Lebanon plant of the Bethlehem Steel company. Tuero, the Cuban pitcher of the Cardinals, is also reported as having secured employment in the same plant.

TELLS EXPERIENCES OF WAR

Only Difference Between "Zip" of German and Johnson's Fast One Is Hop on Litter.

War can have few terrors for American league batters now serving with the colors, according to a letter received at Cleveland from Eddie Kieffer, former Cleveland pitcher, now a sergeant with the American expeditionary force. Kieffer said there is little difference in the "zip" of a German sniper's bullet and the "whizz" of Walter Johnson's fast one, except that Johnson's offering may have a "hop" on it. The letter says:

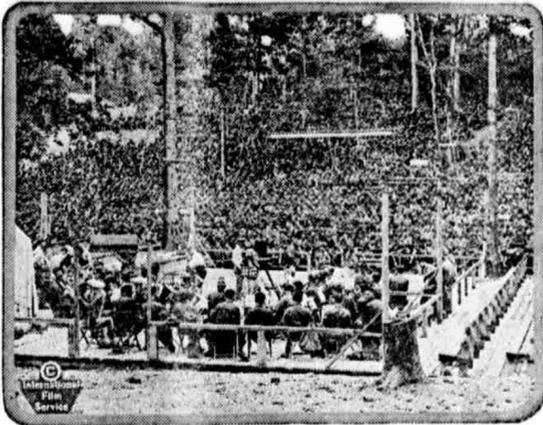
"I have been over the top and I came back without being hit. I was a member of a scouting squad. You know how it feels when you are up to bat and Walter Johnson buzzes one of his fast ones past your ears. That's



Eddie Kieffer.

how it feels when the Huns are trying to tick you off. It sure is a great sensation—that of being fired at by some one you know means it."

SOLDIERS RECEIVE MUCH BENEFIT FROM BOXING IN MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS



SOLDIERS WITNESS BOXING AT CAMP HUMPHREYS, VA.

Published articles to the effect that boxing does not give a useful training as a basis for bayonet fighting and that the two have no common relationship have been emphatically denied in a formal statement that has been issued by Dr. Joseph E. Raycroft, head of the athletic division of the war department commission on training camp activities, which directs the athletic activities in the military training camps throughout the country. The statement follows:

"Several more or less uninformed critics have published articles to the effect that boxing does not give useful training as a basis for bayonet fighting. Such criticisms are based upon ignorance of both bayonet fighting and military boxing. The experience of the past year in the training camps shows that boxing has great value as a preparation for bayonet fighting, and in the development of these physical and spiritual qualities that are characteristic of the aggressive fighting man.

Boxing Supplies Factor. "The great majority of our young men who make up the army have had little or no experience in physical contact games that develop self-reliance, courage, quick thinking and quick decisions under fire. Bayonet training, at its best is a drill in which speed, endurance and skill in handling the weapon are developed, but in the nature of things there can be no practice contests with the bayonets. Boxing supplies this important contest factor and furnishes a means of training men to keep their hands and to carry out an effective plan of attack, even though they are being punished by their opponents. In this way, qualities needed in the makeup of a bayonet fighter are

developed by practice in boxing to an extent and with a rapidity that is impossible in any other plan of training thus far tried.

"The commanding officers of the training camps in this country have almost universally testified to the value of boxing as a part of military training. In many of the principal camps it has been made a part of the daily routine.

"The primary object of boxing, as taught in the army, is to make skillful, self-reliant, hard-hitting men, rather than expert boxers. An efficient soldier must not only be trained in the technique of offense and defense, but he must be charged with the proper fighting spirit.

Blows Are Similar. "Practice in boxing has an additional value, because many of the blows and movements taught the men in boxing class have their close counterparts in bayonet fighting. For example, a left lead to the head is very similar to a long point to the throat; a right hook to the jaw or the body is like the blow with the butt of the rifle. Of course, there are thrusts and parries in bayonet fighting that are different from any lead, block or counter in boxing, but the principle is the same, and the sequence of action, the body balance, and the ability to take advantage of openings in the opponent's defense developed in boxing are fundamentally important for the bayonet fighter.

"In the final analysis all physical training in the army must have a practical military significance; boxing possesses this significance to an unusual extent, so that particular stress has been laid upon the instruction of all the soldiers, rather than upon the development of a few experts."

FOOTBALL GAMES IN FRANCE

Director Anguish of Paris Division of Y. M. C. A., Makes Request for Pair of Pants.

Judging from a request made in the Paris edition of an American newspaper recently, there is going to be a lot of football played in France this fall. The Hindenburg line is not the only one that is going to be smashed over there.

J. L. Anguish, director of athletics for the Paris division of the Y. M. C. A., recently asked for a pair of football pants through the columns of a newspaper. He explained that the pair of pants was wanted to serve as a pattern from which he hopes to have 12,000 pairs made for the use of the soldiers.

Inasmuch as the great football stars of the past decade from the East, West, North and South are with the American expeditionary force abroad, there should be some real all-American games staged behind the lines soon. That is, if Mr. Anguish gets that pair of pants for a pattern.

VON KOLNITZ IS NOW MAJOR

Former White Sox Infielder Among Captains at Camp Gordon to Receive Promotion.

Alfred H. von Kolnitz, former major league baseball player, was among the captains at Camp Gordon who have



Alfred H. Von Kolnitz.

been promoted to be majors. Von Kolnitz played with the Cincinnati National league and Chicago American league teams.

PLAYER BEHIND CLUB OF MOST IMPORTANCE

Inventions Seldom Assist Golfer in Improving His Game.

Innovations in Form of a Club Rarely Prove Practicable—Correct Line, Proper Force and Touch Does the Business.

With a million golfers in the United States, little wonder that the inventive mind occasionally offers suggestions which threaten to send the ancient game and its traditions a-glimmering. Innovations rarely receive encouragement, for "she is writ"; and for that reason the iconoclasts seldom make more than a momentary flash ere fading away to oblivion.

For instance, one is at a loss to know why anyone should suggest the substitution of yellow for white paint on a golf ball. It has been claimed that under certain conditions white is hard on the eyes; that on a very bright day a more neutral color would be serviceable.

Yet golfers have played for a good many years, and the sun has shone just as brightly in the past as it does at present. It would be hard to get a better contrast than the white ball on the green turf.

So far as the trade goes, there have been comparatively few recommendations to change the color of the ball, though recently a man who is a frequent of an Eastern link left an order with a sporting goods house for a dozen of one of the latest makes of rubber cores to be painted red.

His reason was that when his shots went wandering among the glistening white shells of the Lido club course the caddy had trouble in locating the sphere. Consequently he figured it out that a red object would be much easier to distinguish.

Occasionally some one comes along with a new idea in the form of a club, but these innovations rarely prove practicable. Not long since a man had a new-fangled putter, with a head of abnormal size, and a mirror attachment on the shaft. He thought he had something that was likely to revolutionize the short game, but received no encouragement from the manufacturer to whom he showed the club.

After all, the same old saying, "It's the man behind the club," continues to apply. If he hits the ball right it won't go astray and there will be little trouble in finding it. While on the green it's getting the correct line and knowing the proper force and touch that does the business, mirror or no mirror.

GOLF TRIED BY CRACK SHOT

Former Amateur Champion Spotts Plays Good Deal at Fox Hills—Putting is Deadly.

R. L. Spotts, former amateur champion at the traps, has taken up golf and plays a good deal at Fox Hills, where he originally learned to handle a gun. His putting is nearly always



R. L. Spotts.

deadly, though the rest of his game is not so steady. Recently a visitor to the club was introduced to him, and recognizing the name inquired if it "wasn't Mr. Spotts, the famous trap-shooter?"

"I guess so," replied Spotts. "I was in every trap on the course this afternoon."

ANOTHER TIGER ENTERS ARMY

John Couch Appointed Second Lieutenant After Graduating From Camp Fremont.

Another former Tiger, John D. Couch, gets a star on a service flag with Detroit, as the last club on which he played, best entitled to it. He has just been made a second lieutenant in the army, after graduating from the Camp Fremont (Cal.) training camp.

Couch, a former Stanford university and San Francisco pitcher, was bought by Detroit for the 1917 season and trained with the team at Waxahatchie. He was taken ill that spring, later suffered from blood poisoning, and has done little or no pitching since.

Another ex-Detroiter, Ducky Holmes, is going overseas, having been made a member of the Y forces, and being now on his way to France. Holmes' last year was 1902, when he, Barrett and Harley did the gardening—first of the great outfields Detroit always has been possessed of.

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Calumet, Michigan ave. and 20th st. Caxton, Tenth floor, Fine Arts bldg. Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan ave.

Chicago Architectural, Art Institute.

Chicago Automobile, 311 Plymouth court.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street.

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue.

Chicago Cycling, 1818, 27 West Van Buren street.

Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st. City Club, 375 Plymouth court.

Cliff Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave. Colonial Club of Chicago, 4448 Grand boulevard.

Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street.

Elks—174 West Washington street. Englewood, 6325 Harvard avenue.

Edgewater Country, 6688 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 32d st. Germania Maennerchor, 106 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st. Illinois Athletic, 113 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel.

Iroquois, 26 North Dearborn street. Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard.

Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st. Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg., 17th floor.

Oak, Lake st. and Waller ave. Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building.

Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 28th street.

Rotary, 38 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.

South Shore Country, Lake shore and 47th street.

Southern, 26 N. Dearborn street. Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dearborn street.

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