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(Copyright, 1917, Western Newspaper Union.) Ezra Banyon was clumsily built, but immaculate as to his attire. He was crude and self-centered, yet he was a prince of good fellows, according to his favorite boon companions, and very girls. Ezra had come to Woodville, the you bribe, the examining physician?" heir of a local merchant who had left did was to collect the revenue from

the same. "My principal is to get the best going, when you have the cash in hand to do it with," vaunted Ezra, "and I like his eyes snapping from the impulse of to be popular. When I settle down I'm going to build the swellest house possible and marry the prettiest girl In the district."

"That means Esther Brill," suggested Ned Wheaton.

"Just right," suavely smiled and nodded Ezra. "Interested in that direction yourself, I hear?" he added, turning to another member of the group, Clyde Norton.

"Miss Brill has my most respectful regard," observed Norton, in his quiet, dignified way, and walked from the spot, to indicate his disapproval of discussing Miss Brill in public.

"Norton will stand little show if I start in," vaunted Ezra, twirling the hand that bore a preposterously big diamond and complacently jingling a lot of gold coins in his pocket. "It's money that talks, fellows, and I'll make it speak loud when I go courting."

"You've got the grand idea right enough," observed Ned, but winking at the others and not loth to working up Ezra to buy the dinners for the crowd.

All of which through various intermediate channels reached the knowledge of pretty Esther Brill, and set her thinking. She resented the boorish implication of Ezra that she was to be



Skip Everything But the Four Thousands.

bought like a piece of furniture, or an dark. He wished it so, for he had overcoat, on whim, and cheaply. Her quarreled with Ned, whom he had repulses quickened momentarily as she fused a loan, and who had left him thrilled at an appreciation of the rever- significantly hinting about knowing a ent chivalry of Clyde Norton. She was good deal that would be great scandal not thinking of a husband, not even of | food for the gossips. Ezra wondered a steady beau, but, looking ahead, she if Ned had betrayed him. He would

The war was the one regnant theme | ciated secret service work" for the of interest and excitement, and the loy- government. He would display the al little town was not backward in glittering red, white and blue pin he demonstrating its patriotism. There wore, made up of rubies, diamonds and were home guard, Red Cross, protection, sapphires. The local paper should defense and all kinds of societies form- chronicle a big subscription to the soled, while the eligible young men of diers' families fund with the morrow. the place organized to drill, preparatory to moving to the front when the call came.

It came, the call, Clyde Norton volanteered, half a hundred with him. Ezra waited for the draft. In the meantime none was more eloquent as erality, he fairly overdid himself. In He's Captain Norton, now." private life, however, along with his close chum and tondy, Ned Wheaton, Ezra was a cowering, crestfallen craven, filled with anxieties and fears.

"I can't enlist. I'm not made for warfare," he told Ned pathetically.

"There's a way out," suggested Ned.

"What is it?" "Get married."

"They'll call me a slacker." "Let them. What do you care, if it keeps you out of service."

Thenceforward Ezra studiously, seclously courted Esther. He made little progress. Somehow, the clever young lady, while all smiles and full of pretty where he might declare his unbounded

had to register for the draft. Then of wicker basketry of the same type ensued to him the soul sickening sus as that used for carrying pigs and pense of awaiting the announcement | poultry to market. Crude as this type of the draft numbers. Ned rushed into of conveyance seems, no rubber-tired their room one afternoon waving a automobile could travel with less jolt-

"Just got it at the train," he angounced. "First 2,000 numbers drawn." | lar Science Monthly.

"Is-is-4612, my number, among them," questioned Ezra, in a dry, cracked tone.

"Don't know. Unlucky numbers those-they figure up 13. I'll see. Here you are," and Ned opened the newspaper as Ezra fell bodily into a chair. trembling, panting, wild-eyed.

"262-9471-11320-2071," and so on. Ned rapidly read off the numbers in rotation.

"Skip everything but the four thousands," directed Ezra in quavering accents "All right-4-(Ezra shuddered)-

398," Ezra took heart. Another four, two in rotation. "Ah, here we are-4612," Ezra shrunk within himself. He toppled sideways. He nearly fainted.

"I can't go! I won't go!" he chattered. "Oh, Ned! help me out of this awful fix. I don't care what it costs. I'll pay \$5,000 for exemption. Can't

"Dangerous! Treason! Hold on, say, are you game for the money? If quite a property. About all that Ezra | I can fix you up right and get you rejected, is it a thousand cash for me?" "Two; three!" cried Ezra eagerly. "Only get it done."

"I've got a scheme," declared Ned, a grand idea. "Tell your friends you're called on business to the city for a week. I'll do the rest."

"The rest," began with Ezra and his acolyte visiting the metropolis next day. Ned's scheme was simple, if infamous. He had a crony who was a dentist. The latter, well bribed, imparted to Ezra the information that he could fix up his teeth so that no recruiting board in the world would accept him for service.

It cost Ezra eight teeth and \$500. He would have to "gum it along" for the future, but what cared he, so that the offensive smell of powder did not assail his delicate nerves!

His jaws became swollen. He could not enjoy his food, the lack of the teeth made him look older, but Ezra bore this martyrdom with patience, With Ned he returned to Woodville one morning to report to the examining board. As he entered the presence of the chief examiner Ezra blurt-

ed out: "I want to make claim for exemption. You see-"

"No need," sharply snapped the official keenly glancing over Ezra from top to toe. "You're the werst specimen of flat feet I ever saw. Exempt. Next!"

Ezra Banyon could have danced for joy. He pathetically eyed Ned as they came outside, however. The latter grinned. There was a spice of diabolism in the grimace, for at heart Ned despised his craven employer.

"Ned," observed Ezra dismally, "we need not have sacrificed those mo-

Now that the mental suspense was over, physical realization asserted ifself. Those swollen gums became a just \$750 and Ty Cobb was picked up constant menace. Ezra sneaked back to the city.

"Infection," crisply reported the dentist, as he examined Ezra's mouth. "I fear you are going to have a time of it."

Which verily Ezra did. For a full month he was lanced, poulticed, drugged. During the interim he had Ned go about disseminating his sentiments. The country he loved had refused his valiant services! Eager to battle the nation's foes, he was crushed at its ignoble decision! But at least he could do his bit. He sent a check for \$500 to the local Red Cross society. He asked permission to head the home guard. His time, his means were at the disposal of the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Ezra reached his home town after had her ideal, and Ezra did not fill it. feel his way and call upon- Esther. The young people of Woodville were He would flash upon her the star he thrown a good deal together of late. wore, entitling him to act in "asso-As Ezra started from the depot for

home, a dozen uniformed men with brass instruments under their arms flashed by him in three automobiles. "Who are those fellows?" questioned Ezra of a bystander.

"Woodville Company A," came the to devotion to the cause. It was in prompt response. "They're going down money contributions to the ladies' so- to the Brill home to serenade Clyde cieties that Ezra shone. Policy or lib- Norton and his bride, just married.

> Ezra Banyon returned to the depot. He sneaked back to the city, hiding in from 5,000 to 7,000. the darkest corner of the smoker.

Wrathily he reckoned up the cost of his exemption tactics. He could not grind his teeth, for most of them were gone. He could not stamp his feet in rage—they were too flat. He could only glare, and mumble, and shrink within his unworthy self, at heart and in verity-a "slacker."

Chinese Ambulance.

One of the reasons why the people of the Occident are generally disposed to agree with Bret Harte that "the winning ways, evaded any opportunity | heathen Chinee is peculiar" is their unusual method of handling the sick. For instance, their ambulance is cer-Ezra was quite prostrated the day he tainly a strange conveyance. It is ing. The carriers work in relays, going slowly and resting at intervals .- Popu-

# **JAPANESE OLYMPIC GAMES IN CITY OF TOKIO**



ONE OF JAPAN'S CRACK RUNNERS.

Hashimoto, the Japanese star distance runner, is shown in the accompanying illustration. The picture was snapped just after he had finished first In the Olympic 25-mile race, recently run in Tokio. Hashimoto's time for 10 miles was 55:57 and for 25 miles 2:32:43.

#### MONEY VALUES IN BASEBALL SUNDAY WAS NOT A PITCHER

Ty Cobb and Grover Cleveland Were Picked Up for Small Sum-Collins and Speaker Costly.

If you were a baseball manager, er have-Ty Cobb and Grover Alexan- and it was July 16, 1800, that he got der, or Tris Speaker and Eddie Collins?

Mebbe it's a hard question to answer, but any time you had to shell out the dough for players with the liberal hand that the Chicago and Cleveland clubs did for Collins and Speaker you would think a long time. Speaker cost the Cleveland club in the neighborhood of \$55,000, the \$iggest sum ever paid for a ball player. Collins was sold to Comiskey for

cash sum said to have been \$50,000. The Great Alex c by Detroit for the same amount of money. Looks like Cobb and Alex are the pair carrying the greater value with them, yet they cost only onetenth as much as the present "owners" of Collins and Speaker paid out to secure a title to their services.

### SUNDAY BALL IS PATRIOTIC

John McGraw and Christy Mathewson his chance—and failed. It was the Dismissed by Police Judge, Who Praises Their Act.

moned into court to answer to a charge service to a patriotic cause, Police the Cincinnati Nationals. The baseball to go to France.

Ten Thousand Spectators Watch Game Between Canadian and American Teams in London.

In spite of the war, in spite of all that the war means, 10,000 spectators recently watched a baseball game in London between Canadian and American teams. The same afternoon 5,000 witnessed another baseball game between the London Americans and the Epsom Military Hospital team-15,000 Londoners watching American baseball on a single afternoon! Since game after game has drawn crowds ranging

### TO COACH HARVARD RUNNERS

Edward Farrell Has Been Appointed Successor to Alfred Shrubb, Holder of Distance Marks.

Alfred Shrubb, holder of the world's distance records, no longer will coach the Harvard cross-country team. It has been announced from Cambridge for Louisville, who won a crucial game that Edward L. Facren, one-time coach at Wakefield (Mass.) high school, who successor.

Rowland Refused to Fake. Manager Rowland of the White Sox was offered \$1,000 by a New York syndicate to allow the use of his name service on the European front, C. H.

One Try at Art Was Sufficient to Convince All Concerned-Was Rattling Good Fielder.

Billy Sunday, the evangelist, once which pair of players would you rath- had the ambition to become a pitcher,



Billy Sunday.

fifth inning of a game between the Phillies and the Pirates, when Billy tried his hand at twirling for the Declaring that instead of being sum- Pittsburgh team. Hurd started the game, but was batted out of the box of violating the Sunday law, they in the first inning. Then another should be commended for rendering pitcher by the name of Baker took up the work for three innings. He, too, Court Magistrate McQuaid dismissed suffered severely, and in the fifth summonses against John McGraw, Billy Sunday stepped into the box and manager of the New York Nationals, took a hand at pitching. The first and Christy Mathewson, manager of man who faced him walked; the second hit out for a three-bagger, the managers conducted a baseball game third for a double and the next was on a Sunday, at New York, for which hit by a pitched ball and took his no fee was charged, which was fol- base. That was enough. Billy Sunlowed by a concert, to which admission day was gently but firmly taken out was asked, the proceeds going to de- of the box and he never tried to pitch pendents of a regiment that is soon again for the National league. "Sunday was a rattling good fielder," the records of the day say, "but he demon-PLAY BASEBALL IN ENGLAND strated in that one inning that he was not a pitcher."

### FOOTBALL PLAYERS AT CAMP

Jimmy DeHart and Andrew Hastings, Two Great Backfield Stars, With Hospital Corps.

Jimmy DeHart and Andrew Hastings, star football players at the University of Pittsburgh, and conceded to be two of the greatest backfield men in the history of the sport, are at the ambulance camp at Allentown, Pa. with the Pittsburgh base hospital corps. James Morrow, the University of Pittsburgh fullback, also has enin each of the four major branches of sport, football, baseball, basketball and track, DeHart won for himself DRAFT THREE BEST CATCHERS the distinction of being the only man tory of the university.

Figures in Crucial Games. It was Jake Northrup, then pitching

From War to Football. a line. Rowland declined with thanks. moleskin.

# STYMIE IS ABOLISHED

**New Regulation Tried and Found** Wanting at Midlothian.

Rule Instituted as Result of Examples in Western Tournament Needs Further Trial-Works Well in Medal Play.

The new rule of the Western Golf association, abolishing stymies, was tried and found wanting at the Western amateur championship at Midthe board of directors before the final rounds, in which Francis Oulmet won Chicago by the narrow margin of 1 up in 36 holes.

The rule, as announced several weeks ago, required that the nearer ball be played first when both balls were on the green thus avoiding stymies. The plan worked well in medal play, as there was no lifting of the nearer ball, and an average of 15 minutes' time was taken off an 18-hole round without any detriment to the players, since they were contesting the field instead of one man. When the match play started, however, the contestants were loud in their clamor for a change in the rule and President Charles F. Thompson, agreeing with the players, had a new one drafted.

The new one still abolishes stymies, whether due to the faulty play of the owner of the stymied ball, or to the accidental position of his opponent's ball, but requires the ball further from standard, white, new, 64 1/2 @65; No. 3, stymie exists. In that case, the nearer ball is to be played first or lifted, at the option of its owner. The rule reads:

"When both balls are on the putting green, if the player of the ball furthest from the hole claims that putt, the nearer ball, upon request, shall be lifted or played at the option of its owner."

It was contended by the objectors to the original rule that the playing of the farther ball first removed some fancy, specials, 461/2c; extra, 411/2@ of the elements of competition allowed the opponent to know just what he had to do after the other man had 48; average extra, 46@47; firsts, 44@ holed out and made the owner of the | 45; seconds, 42@43; special brands of nearer ball play from two to three prints, jobbing at 51@54. shots in rather rapid succession.

In the finals at Midlothian only one holes. Ouimet lifting his ball on the ninth hole, while Edwards putted. It wards, with his poor putting on the first nine, would have had to play three putts in a row, while Oulmet stood by and determined just what he fancy, June, 26 1/20; specials, higher; had to do and how to do it. That do, do, fresh made, best, 25% @26; do, was because Edwards was frequently nearer the flag on his approaches, but could not putt dead, or get down from his first attempt.

As the play went, it could have done Edwards no harm to play the nearer ball first, for he took 22 putts on the first nine, when only 15 were indicated by his long game and approaches, which were in general better than Oulmet's.

# PLAN LES DARCY MEMORIAL

Admirers of Australian Fighter Asked to Contribute to Fund for Suitable Monument.

Friends in this country of the late Les Darcy have been asked to help a



Les Darcy.

fund which is being raised to erect tered the service. By winning a letter a memorial monument to the dead boxer in West Maitland, N. S. W.

to accomplish such a feat in the his- Frank Crossin, Frank Fisher and Joe Haddock Answer Call to Colors-Waived Exemption.

The call to the colors under the new army draft will take three of the best in 1916 for the Colonels and put In- catchers in the New York State league dianapolis out of the race. And it was in the first grab. Frank Crossin, the instructed the Crimson weight men the same Northrup, this time pitching brilliant young receiver who the other tast year, has been appointed Shrubb's for Indianapolis, who beat Milwaukee day quit the Scranton club when he in the game that made Indianapolis was recalled to Louisville of the American Association, left to join that club August 9, after being examined in his home district in Luzerne. He passed After six months in the ambulance the tests with a high average and waived all exemption. Frank Fisher over a series of articles on the world's "Boots" Guy, last year's center on the and Joe Haddock, the two catchers of series and given to understand quite Washington and Jefferson football the Elmira team, were also examined plainly that he wouldn't have to write team, has returned and donned the and both accepted for service. They made no claims for exemption.

# THE MARKETS

NEW YORK. - Rye-Firm; No. 2 Western, \$1.87% c i f New York.

Corn-Spot steady; No. 2 yellow, \$2.02; No. 2 mixed, \$2, c 1 f New York. Oats-Spot steady; standard, 66 1/2c. Butter -- Creamery higher than extras, 43% @44%; do extras (92 score), 43% @43%; firsts, 41% @43; seconds, 40.

Eggs-Fresh gathered extras, 45@ 46; extra firsts, 43@441/2; firsts, 40@ lothian, and the rule was changed by 42; seconds, 374@39; State, Pennsylvania and nearby Western hennery whites, fine to fancy, 65@68; State, the title from Kenneth P. Edwards of Pennsylvania and nearby hennery browns, 50@55. Cheese-State, fresh, specials, 241/2;

Live Poultry - Chickens, 20@21;

do, average run, 23 1/2 @ 24.

fowls, 20@23; turkeys, 20.

PHILADELPHIA. - Wheat - Government standard inspection: No. 1 red, \$2.27; No. 1 soft red, \$2.25; No. 2 red, \$2.24; No. 2 soft red, \$2.22; No. 3 red, \$2.21; No. 3 soft red, \$2.19; No. 4 red, \$2.17; No. 4 soft red, \$2.15; white wheat, relatively same price as red. (Mixed wheat, 2c off). No. 5 wheats, red or soft, and "sample" will be bought on their merits, but in no case

at above 1c under No. 4. Corn-Western, No. 2 yellow, \$2.10 @2.15; do, No. 3, do, nominal; do, No. 4, nominal; do, No. 5, do, nominal.

Oats-No. 2 white, new, 651/2@66c; the hole to be played first, unless a | white, new, 64@641/2; No. 4, white,

new. 63@64. Live Poultry-Fowls, as to size and quality, 21@24c; roosters, 19@20; spring chickens, not Leghorns, according to quality, 21@23; white Leghorns, 19@21; ducks, Pekin, 21@22; Indian Runner, 19@20; spring, 22@23; turthe nearer ball interferes with his keys, 22@26; guineas, young, per pair, weighing 14202 lbs apiece, 90c@\$1; smaller sizes, 70@80; guineas, old, per pair, 60@65; pigeons, old, per pair, 25@30; do, young, per pair, 20@24.

Butter - Solid-packed creamery, 451/2; extra firsts, 41; firsts, 431/2; seconds, 42@42%; nearby prints, fancy,

Eggs-Nearby firsts, \$12.60 per case. nearby current receipts, \$12.20 per partial stymie was laid during the 36 case; do, seconds, \$10.95@11.25 per case; Western firsts, \$12.60 per case; do, firsts, \$12.30 per case; do, seconds, frequently happens, however, that Ed- \$10.95@11.25 per case; fancy selected, carefully candled eggs were jobbing at

50@51 per dozen. Cheese - New York, full cream, choice, 25@25%; do, fair to good, 24@ 24 1/2.

BALTIMORE.-Wheat-No difficulty in marketing contract wheat at the government prices of \$2.22 for No. 2 red soft spot and \$2.24 for No. 2 red

winter spot. Corn-Carlots of No. 3 yellow corn, old, for domestic delivery, are quot able at \$2 per bu asked on spot. Cob corn-A few straggling bag lots of new cob arriving, and quotable at from \$6.50 to \$7 per bbl for prime nearby yellow on spot.

Rye-No. 2 Western, spot, export \$1.86@1.87; bu; bag lots nearby rye

as to quality, \$1.75@1.85. Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$27; standard timothy, \$26.50; No. 2 do, do, \$26; No. 3 do, \$22@24; No. 1 light clover mixed \$25.50@26; No. 2 do, do, do, \$24.50@ 25; No. 1 clover mixed, \$24.50@25; No. 2 do, do, \$21@23; No. 1 clover, \$20 @21; No. 2 do, \$17@19; No. 3 do, \$11 6014.

Straw-No. 1 straight rye, \$16.500 17; No. 2 do, do, \$15.50@16; No. 1 tangled do, \$12.50@13; No. 2 do, \$11@ 11.50; No. 1 wheat, \$10@10.50; No. 2 do, \$9@9.50; No. 1 oat, \$10.50@11; No. 2 do, \$9.50@10.

Eggs-Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby, 42c; Western, 42; West Vir ginia, 42; Southern, 41.

Live Poultry-Chickens, old hens, 4 Ibs and over, 23@24c; do, old hens, small to medium, 22; do, do, white Leghorns, 22; do, old roosters, 140 15; do, springers, large, 23; do, do, small to medium, 23; do, do, white Leghorns, 22; ducks, young Pekins, 31/4 lbs and over, 22@23; do, do, puddle, do, do, 23; do, do, smaller, do, do, 20@ 21; geese, nearby, 19@20; do, Western and Southern, 17@18; turkeys, young, 7 lbs and over, 28; do, old, 28; pigeons, young, per pr. 20; do, old, do, 20; guinea fowl, young, 11/2 lbs and over, each, 45; do, do, do, 11/4 lbs average, do, 35@40; do, do, do, smaller, do, 25@30; do, do, do, old, do, 30@35.

Potatoes - Western Maryland and Pennsylvania, choice round, \$1.40@ 1.50; do, long, do, \$1.35@1.40; New York and Jersey, \$1.40@1.50; Eastern Shore and Virginia, \$1.25@1.40; New York and Jersey, per 50-1b sack, \$3.50 @3.75; new, native, per bu box or bakt, \$1.25@1.50; culls, medium and No. 2s, per bu, 75c@\$1.

### Live Stock

KANSAS CITY, MO .- Hogs-Bulk. \$16@17.25; heavy, \$16.75@17.40; packers and butchers', \$16.50@17.75; light, \$15.50@16.50; pigs, \$14.75@15.25.

Cattle-Prime fed steers, \$15.50@ 16.75; dressed beef steers, \$11@15; Western steers, \$8@12.50; Southern steers, \$6.75@11: cows. \$5.50@9.25; heifers, \$5.50@12; stockers and feeders, \$6.25@12; bulls, \$6@7.50; calves, 36.50@13.50