# "IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT GO TO WAR," WILL BE THE MESSAGE OF THE FANS TO THE BOXER

### BASEBALL WAR WILL BE LOST IN THE SHUFFLE IF UNCLE SAMUEL DECIDES TO SPANK THE KAISER

#### Dave Fultz and His Well-Known Strike Face Total Ruin if Dove of Peace Takes Flight-Magnates Will Intensify Retrenchment Policy

THE much-heralded baseball war is slated for a place far down in the second division now that a regular war is impending. The break between the United States and Germany looks like real trouble and the public no longer can be annoyed by the alleged differences between the players and the magnates. There is no doubt that the entrance of this country in the European imbroglio will put the quietus on baseball, and the wise gentlemen who control the purse strings of our great national game realize it more than any one else. They are preparing for a hard summer, and the present outlook is gloomy and dismal. The magnates have vast sums of money invested in their ball parks and from now on will fight shy of additional expense, such as boosting the salaries of a gang of players who think they are worth more than they receive. Also, the threstened walkout, the desire to form a union and other things auggested by Dave Fultz will be given scant attention

#### Magnates Will Suffer Either Way

THIS diplomatic smash-up has placed a club in the hands of the magnates that will ruin Fultz and the Players' Fraternity. The magnates have a fifty-fifty break to win or lose on the approaching season and the odds are not strong enough. They will suffer if war is declared, and will suffer just the same if war isn't declared. In other words, they will lose money no matter what happens and their minds are about made up that they will not stand for it. If an army is recruited this summer gate receipts will suffer, and it looks as if this state of affairs will exist. Then many players will be released, the payroll made as small as possible, and if that doesn't help, the ball parks will close. On the other hand, if the demands of the "holdouts" are met and the salaries increased above the old figures another blow will be dealt to the dented bankroll. The magnates have studied both sides of the question and already the retrenchment policy has been put into effect. No in creases will be granted unless it is absolutely necessary. Men like Alexander have a chance to grab more money, but the common, or garden, variety of players either will accept the clubs' terms or quit the game.

Charles Weeghman, of the Cubs, says that the players who accepted the first terms offered them are lucky. The contracts which will be sent to the holdouts are said to be at a lower figure, and Weeghman does not care if they sign or not. There are many good players in the minors, he says, and he can set them. It is possible that the other baseball owners will adopt the same plan. In other words, the magnates now are in a frame of mind to politely but firmly tell their hirelings where they get off.

#### A War Will Eclipse Sport

Not only will baseball be forgotten in the event of war and the general call for able-bodied men which will follow, but all professional and amateur sport will virtually cease. The spectacle of a flock of huskles engaging in any sort of athletic endeavor at a time when Uncle Sam needs the services of just such men is inconceivable. The great American public realizes just what a serious undertaking war is, and all forms of sport would wither before the hot blast of patriotism which would follow a declaration of war. It is exceedingly doubtful whether the baseball magnates would even open their parks if President Wilson would issue a general call for men, and as for the fight game, in the event of war the American people would look to their fighting sons to lead the way, and if they looked in vain the ring would receive a blow from which it would not recover for years, war or no war.

It is interesting to contemplate what will be the fate of divers boxers who. by every right, should now be serving their native lands on European battlefields, but who are busily engaged in exchanging punches with other sons of swat at so much per exchange when the American people realize what a hang-back and slacker really means. Several of the ilk to which we refer are considered headliners and have either been offered or have received fabulous sums for entering the squared circle. It remains to be seen what sort of receptions they will be accorded by an aroused nation. It has been pointed out that the cycle of sport was unbroken during the Spanish-American War, but it must be remembered that if it becomes necessary for the United States to enter the world-wide struggle it will be a far more serious matter.

#### Norman Maxwell, 120-Pound Prodigy, the Big Winner

TORMAN MAXWELL has entered only four tournaments, including the Geist Norman Maxwell, has entered only lost that won each and every one of Cup affair at Whitemarsh, since fall, and he has won each and every one of cup affair at whitemarsh, since fall, and he has won each and every one of cup affair at whitemarsh, since fall, and he has won each and every one of them. This is apt to hold him up to the accusation of being a consistent winner. Maxwell, who is only nineteen years along life's highway, has won each one of his last four starts, namely, the Geist cup, the Shawnee trophy, the Lakewood finals and the Pinehurst "Valentine" tournament. He has laid low some of the In the Geist cup tourney Maxwell was up against most of the best talent of

Meredith Jack, who was one of the five Philadelphians to qualify in the national at Merion last September. These two youngsters came through their local classic past a very good field. The next event Maxwell entered was the Shawnee tournament, in which some of the very best talent was entered. It was conceded before the tournament that Max Marston would walk through the field with little

#### Qualifying Round Did Not Satisfy Maxwell

MAXWELL was so dissatisfied with his showing in the qualifying round of the mountain tournament that he was tempted to tear up his card, but he refrained and went out and had no trouble in winning in his first two rounds. Against Marston he lost the first two holes, but after he had sunk a long putt on the third hole and the Metropolitan star had missed a short one, the youthful Aronimink star realized that it was a regular golf match and went out for a big killing. After he had evened up the match he began a succession of sensational shots and soon began to look to the gallery like a winner. When he outdrove the long-hitting Marston he realized he had a fine chance. An eagle to a bird on the fourteenth encouraged him so much that he equaled Marston's bird two on the sixteenth and sewed up the match on the next hole.

This was Maxwell's first really great triumph and he showed that it was no fluke by winning the finals and then by winning over Gardner White at Lakewood. The youthful star was given first recognition after the Lakewood final by critics all over the country as one of the coming boy golfers of the land. Now that he has won his fourth straight victory out of four starts, the golf population of the U. S. A. must give him proper recognition. He has proved his right to stellar consideration as one of the great prospects of the coming season. Winning four straight tournaments out of four attempts is no mean feat. It stands as a record in this district, if not in the country.

#### Bill Roper Will Be a Great Help to Princeton

THE announcement that W. W. Roper had resigned as head coach at Swarthmore College so that he would have time to help Princeton next fall means that the Tigers are sparing no effort to put a high-class football team on the field. Princeton has been after Roper for some time, and, as was exclusively announced in the EVENING LEDGER last December, the authorities in Tigertown were not satisfied with the results obtained by Speedy Rush. At that time it, was thought that Roper would be engaged as head coach, but his extensive law practice in Philadelphia prevented his acceptance. He can spare the time sistant coach, however, and there is no doubt that he will dominate the aching policy of the Jungaleers next season.

Roper is a good coach. He turned out winning teams at Princeton when he was there before, and at Swarthmore he restored the Little Quakers to the front rank in Eastern football. In 1915 he took a green, inexperienced eleven. whipped in into shape and finished the season with a majority of victories to its credit. Last year, handicapped by the lack of an athletic field. Roper took the team out on the front campus, ran it through signals on the uneven, hilly ground and turned out one of the best elevens the Little Quakers have had since 1905. Pennsylvania and Lafayette were defeated, but injuries to the best players weakened the team and the final game of the season—with Haverford lost by a small score. During his stay at Swarthmore Roper accomplished ers than any other coach, including George Brooke. The material was not of the very best, but he adapted himself to conditions, taught football that the en understood and completed a successful season. He probably will do the s thing at Princeton next fall and the Tigers will improve greatly if they

While no successor has been appointed to replace Roper at Swarthmore. logical candidate is Roy Mercer, the noted Penn fullback, who assisted him og the last two years. Mercer captained Penn and was a wonderful player. to knows the game, can teach it and has the confidence of the students. ore College will make a grave mistake if Mercer is not appointed head

ables of the Navy, are multiplying. It is reported that both Oliphant and Vidal have taken a brace in their scholastic work and are in good standing.

AVE the matchmakers no respect for advanced years? It is reported that an ing made to match Johnny Coulon and Jimmy Wilde. Coulon war al years ago, and the man they propose hooking him up with is OH, MAN!



#### NEW BASKETBALL LEAGUE PROMISES FOLWELL DESIRES REFORM IN CAGE GAME; EASTERN AND STATE PLAYERS ARE SIGNED

be returned a winner.

Records of the Individual League show

that Bobby Wilson, of Standard, is leading with 257 points; Seer, of Pobson, is second with 244 points. At goal shooting, Homewood tops with 60; Wilson is next with 47

and Graupner third, 46.

The referee is the biggest man in basket-ball. If he were not there wouldn't be the

dissatisfaction expressed by magnates and

he was surrounded by fans who entered ve-hement protest at the work of the officials. And some of these fans knew the head of the league had nothing to do with the mat-

Several managers have openly expressed a desire to see Jimmy Rumsey given a chance.

Business affairs prevent his return to the

State League and it is the consensus of

Don ("Red") Hinckley, who rowed No. 2

on the Penn crew last year, will be inell-

gible for some time, owing to low conditions in classes.

pinion that he should get some work.

HINCKLEY, PENN CREW

Referees are scarcer than players

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THE new basketball league to be launched in this section next year promises to be a "knockout" from all accounts. Those in back of the enterprise are endeavoring not to let their inside plans out, but the writer, having knowledge of the movement, is in a position to say that those promoting it are expereinced basketball men and the manager of the Philadelphia club is backed at the conclusion of several games last week by a millionaire. In fact, one of the city's foremost citizens is being groomed for the presidency. A meeting of the new organization will be called for next month.

#### Fine Circuit Assured

The circuit is a good one. There will be but one club in Philadelphia and all games will be played in a local armory. Other towns are Pottstown, Harrisburg, Chester. Allentown and Bethlehem. The writer has asked to withhold the names of the managers at their personal request. The leader of the local quintet is a well-known The figure in cage circles, as is also the mannger of Chester. There will possibly be a team in Bridgeton managed by another Philadelphian, and Atlantic City and Millville are possibilities. Judging the interest displayed at Camden last week by sev-eral hundred Millville residents who jour-neyed there to see Geig. Franckle and Curlette. Millville would be a fine addition, and the man willing to locate there is a good sport. Other towns which have filed appli-cations are Lancaster, Boyertown, York and West Chester. There is an armory in the atter place, a new hall is being erected in

Lancaster, and York has enormous quarters. There is also a possibility of several of present Eastern League teams casting lot with the new promoters.

#### Will Get Players

Already Pennsylvania State League and Eastern stars are being signed. will prove a surprise but it is trueless. It would be bad policy announce the names of those argreeing to play at this time, but the backers of new enterprise exert a commanding influ-ence and will be able to induce men to join them. In the Eastern League there is only a forfeit of \$100 posted, but in the new one \$500 will be put up by each of the various teams. That the league is in good shape already is evidenced by some of the eforms agreed upon. One of these caused quite a discussion in the Eastern this year. now-fouled-shoot-your-own-foul. he one of the rules. It is in effect in several other cage organizations There is quite a sentiment in this vicinity in favor of the rule, and its adoption has

#### Men Can Play Outside

At present there is a rule prohibiting players from participating in contests with any other club than the one in which they are under contract, but the players will be allowed to compete with other teams. This has always been a source of discontent with Eastern League players, and the fact that they will be allowed to participate outside will no doubt be an incentive to join forces with the new promoters.

#### Speculation Is Rife

The new circuit is the talk of the cage and fans everywhere are anxious to the details, which, of course, will be withheld uintil the proper time.

It has not been born in a few weeks Last summer it was rumored that the East-ern League was to have opposition, and when the writer inquired of the backers they all denied knowledge of the same. In formation is only being imparted to those in whom confidence can be placed and the news of the new league was not even to be published for three or four weeks.
One of the biggest reforms will be the working on a percentage basis. This is a big drawback of the Eastern, but the works have been set to have that league work on the same basis next year also.

#### Reading Fans Unconcerned

Reading, once considered one of the great-est basketball towns in the country, is not drawing well this year. The game is not proving a paying proposition to Messra Bupp and Schwartz, and only a small crowd was on deck to witness the extra period clash with the Greys on Saturday night Neri will be the attraction at Reading this evening. Charley O'Donnell is in poor shape, as he sustained a deep gash in his forehead as a result of a collision with Ally in Saturday's game. Lou arm was also cut open in the Sugarman's arm was also cut open in the same game, which was an exceedingly rough

The third and extra round in the Indus trial League gets under way this evening at the Ryan A. C., Twenty-sixth and Dauphin the Ryan A. C., Twenty-sixth and Dauphin streets, when Standard meets Brill and Midvale tackles Disston. The battle between the first two promises to be a thriller, as they are bitter rivals, and the match promises to be keenly fought. Brill is traveling at a fast clip and with the addition of McNamee has a good chance of defeating Standard.

The second game will feature a pair of

# NO AIDS AT PENN

#### Quaker Coach Would Take Charge Without Assistants for 1917 Season

"Bob" Folwell wants to coach Penn's 1917 football team unaided, and if he is rear he will ask this permission of the potball committee. Definite announcement of the Quaker coach will be made some time today. There is no doubt that the head coach of the Red and Blue has been passed upon, as all members of the committee are in favor of Folwell. It is the assistant coaching positions that will give the football

While there are rumors that Doctor Wharton, the line coach, will not return again under the same conditions that pre-vailed last fall there seems to be no ground for them. If "By" Dickson is elected to for them. If "By" Dickson is elected to take up the reins at Lafayette a new end

last year he asked to be allowed to coach the entire team without the aid of any as-sistants, but this was refused him. This year it is understood he wants to be given chance to demonstrate that he is capable

STAR, IS INELIGIBLE At Lafayette and Washington and Jeffer

nuintets in the second division. Midvale and Disston. If Manager McCurdy can get the Sawmakers working in the same form they displayed in the first half against Dobson last week, then Frank Johnson's Midvale players will have to show improved class to be returned a wives. ommittee the greatest trouble,

coach will have to be selected.

When Folwell was appointed head coach

son Folwell turned out wonderful teams without the ald of any line or end coach. "Lon" Jourdet undoubtedly will be appointed again as coach of the freshman team next fall.

## THEY forgot to nail down the floor at the Olympia A. A. last night and three aspiring knights of the padded fist were struck when they weren't looking. In three of the short, sweet, but sensational ses sions, said floor came up as the battlers were go-ing down and they — meaning the battlers found it so nice and comfortable that they fell asleep right in front of the spec-

from the experts in the gallery of the refined shouts from the cash cus pensive seats. The prominent clubmen ROBERT W. MAXWELL. who were crowded around the ring had their evenings enjoy and were forced to leave ment cut short and were forced to leave Mr. Edwards's warm auditorium and wan

tators Nothing aroused them, not

even the loud cries

#### der forth into the cold, bitter night nearly one hour ahead of the schedule. Lightweights Perform

By far the most sensational haymaker act was staged at the end of the card, when Eddie McAndrews, a Philadelphia lightweight took the high dive when ably assisted by Jimmy Duffy, another lightweight who halls from Lockport, N. Y. The lightweights weighed in at 144 pounds ringside, which is rather light for the guys in our lesgue. At the start it was a terrible bout, league. At the start it was a terrible bout, with both boys as wild and ferocious as a pair of sisters playing a hard game of checkers.

checkers.

For four rounds they endeavored to convey the impression that fighting is not to be tolerated in the best families these days, and made a hit with everybody except the spectators. Jimmy was using a perfectly polite left jab on Eddie's map, and Eddie retailated by making faces at Jimmy. As early as the third round the customers began to walk out on them, but for once gan to walk out on them, but for once they made a mistake.

#### The Floor Comes Up

In the fifth round Jimmy started off with In the fifth round Jimmy started on with his usual tactics and jabbed Eddie ever so lightly right on the nose. McAndrews was not even annoyed, and he tore after the visitor from Lockport with the intention of inflicting terrible punishment. Dufly backed away, and it looked like a foot race will McAndrews found himself in a commit McAndrews found himself in a commit McAndrews found himself in a comuntil McAndrews found himself in a com-ner. Jimmy jabbed with his left, and be-fore Eddle recovered he shot over his right, and McAndrews stopped the punch with his jaw. Then the floor kindly came up and met McAndrews, and we all went home. Referee Pop O'Brien counted up to ten and quit, but Lew Bailey, who was among those present, is counting yet. He was visibly affected by the knockout.

The semi-windup was a very exciting affair and was the other bout that went the limit. The actors were Billy Kramer, of Milwaukee, and Sammy Robideau, of our village. It was a nice battle until the third round, when Sammy tried to put over some rough stuff, such as walloping Billy when he slipped and fell, and after that Robideau

## THE CANVAS IN SHORT, SWEET BOILT AT OLYMPIA WHEN FLOOR COMES IN

McAndrews Takes High Dive for the Count After Jimmy Duffy Assists With Wallop on Jaw. Billy Kramer Beats Sammy Robideau

TWO EDDIES AND ONE BILLY BITE

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Nie

OLYMPIA — Jimmy Duffy stopped as McAndrews, fifth; Johnny Mayo Knocked e Eddie Smithth, second; Billy Kneer was the Som Robideau. Young McGovern detail. Little Bear, Frankie Doian stopped Emmet, second. NEW YORK—Jack Sharker detail. NEW YORK—Jack Sharker detail. NEW YORK—Jack Sharker detail. Johnny Chilon, Paul Edwards beat Yalton, Jamaslea Kid outpointed End Cosy, Young Sans, Joe Bytand lost to Mariv Cross, E. Brennan knocked out Al Benedict, sevent, BALTIMORE—Kid Wolfe defeated to

BALTIMORE — Kid Wolfe defeates ondman, referee's decision, fifteen re

ROCHESTER-Stanley Yoakum Walter Butler.

paid dearly for his digression. Sammy outwelched by ten pounds and the crewas with him at the start,

#### Not at All Clubby

Sam boxed well and was holding his to but spoiled it all by his unfair tade. Then everybody, including Kramer, turn against him and Sammy hit the rocky man in the fourth he was all but out, but me the storm and finish the storm and sto aged to weather the storm and finish sin Kramer won the bout and presented Sus with what might turn into a lovely a ear. Jack McGuigan, who seconded R was given an ovation when he peared in the ring.

Another sensational bout was put on Johnny Mayo and Eddie Smith, of N York, who substituted for Young McAul Eddie made Johnny look like a fran fish in the first round, jabbing him fish in the first round, jabbing him times by actual count. In the second re he jabbed a couple of hundred more to when—Zowie! Johnny lifted his right to the floor and threw it at Eddie's jaw of the floor and the floor and threw it at Eddie's jaw of the floor and more the floor came up while slumbered.

#### "Hank" Ruins a Redskin

Young McGovern, who answers to a name of "Hank." made Little Bear for that there was such a thing as a warps and gave the noble redskin a sweet P. Richmond lacing in six full rounds. It said by those on the inside that A Feeney was much pleased with the victor. The opening bout between Frankie De and Billy Emmett, was stopped in the sound round before Billy hurt his head on the

Waidner Re-elected Tennis Head CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—L. Harry Waidner, Cazo, has been re-elected president of the weern Lawn Tennis Association. He will support the meeting of the national body at New Innext Friday. A meeting to fix the schedule will be held here February 23.

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