

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 swart at so much per exchange when the American people realize what a hang-back and slacker really means.

Norman Maxwell, 120-Pound Prodigy, the Big Winner

NORMAN MAXWELL has entered only four tournaments, including the Gelst Cup affair at Whitmarsh, since fall, and he has won each and every one of them.

In the Gelst cup tourney Maxwell was up against most of the best talent of the Philadelphia district. In the finals he met the junior champion of the city, Meredith Jack, who was one of the five Philadelphians to qualify in the national at Merion last September.

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.

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 golfers of the land.

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.

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 it into shape and finished the season with a majority of victories to its credit.

While no successor has been appointed to replace Roper at Swarthmore, the logical candidate is Roy Mercer, the noted Penn fullback, who assisted him during the last two years.

THE troubles 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.

HAVE the matchmakers no respect for advanced years? It is reported that an effort is being made to match Johnny Coulon and Jimmy Wilde.

OH, MAN!



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

STANDING OF THE CLUBS table with columns for Club, W. L. P. C., and other statistics.

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 experienced basketball men and the manager of the Philadelphia club is backed by a millionaire.

The circuit is a good one. There will be but one club in Philadelphia and all games will be played in a local arena. The towns are Pottstown, Harrisburg, Chester, Allentown and Bethlehem. The writer has been asked to withhold the names of the managers at their personal request.

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.

Speculation Is Rife. The new circuit is the talk of the cage world and fans everywhere are anxious to learn the details, which, of course, will be withheld until the proper time.

Reading, once considered one of the greatest basketball towns in the country, is not drawing well this year. The game is not proving a paying proposition to Messrs. Bupp and Schwartz, and only a small crowd was on deck to witness the extra period clash with the Greys on Saturday night.

The third and extra round in the Industrial League gets under way this evening at the Ryan A. C. Twenty-sixth and Dauphin streets, when Standard meets Brill and Midvale tackles Diston.

The second game will feature a pair of Roller Skating matches.

FOLWELL DESIRES 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 appointed to turn out the eleven for the year he will ask this permission of the football committee.

While there are rumors that Doctor Wharton, the line coach, will not return again under the same conditions that prevailed last fall there seems to be no ground for them.

When Folwell was appointed head coach last year he asked to be allowed to coach the entire team without the aid of any assistants, but this was refused him.

HINKLEY, PENN CREW STAR, IS INELIGIBLE

Don ("Red") Hinkley, who threw No. 2 on the Penn crew last year, will be ineligible for some time, owing to low conditions in classes.

TWO EDDIES AND ONE BILLY BITE THE CANVAS IN SHORT, SWEET BOUTS AT OLYMPIA WHEN FLOOR COMES UP

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

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

THEY forgot to nail down the floor at the Olympia A. A. last night and three smiling knights of the padded fist were struck when they weren't looking.



Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

OLYMPIA—Jimmy Duffy stopped McAndrews, fifth; Johnny Mayo knocked Eddie Smith, second; Billy Kramer won from Sam Robideau, Young McGovern won from Little Bear, Frankie Dolan stopped Sam Emmett, second.

NEW YORK—Jack Sharkey defeated Johnny Coulon, Joe Walling won from Johnny Clinton, Paul Edwards beat Ed Fallon, Jimmy Kid outpointed Ed Brennan, Joe Byland lost to Harry Cross, E. Brennan knocked out Al Benedict, second.

ROCHESTER—Stanley Yochum won from Walter Butler.

Not at All Clubby

Sam boxed well and was holding his own but spoiled it all by his unfair tactics. Then everybody, including Kramer, turned against him and Sammy hit the rocky road.

Another sensational bout was put on by Johnny Mayo and Eddie Smith, of New York, who substituted for Young McAndrews. Eddie made Johnny look like a frazzled fish in the first round, jabbing him 100 times by actual count.

"Hank" Ruins a Redskin. Young McGovern, who answers to the name of "Hank," made Little Bear forget that there was such a thing as a war, and gave the noble redskin a sweet punch.

The opening bout between Frankie Dolan and Billy Emmett, was stopped in the second round before Billy hurt his head on the canvas.

Waldner Re-elected Tennis Head

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—J. Harry Waldner, Chicago, has been re-elected president of the Western Lawn Tennis Association. He will attend the meeting of the national body at New York, Friday. A meeting to fix the tennis schedule will be held here February 23.

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