AYERS WHO RETIRE EARLY AT NIGHT RETIRE LATE IN YEARS FROM THE BASEBALL FIELD

THLETES OF AMERICA PREPARE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO GOD OF WAR WHEN CONGRESS GIVES THE WORD

Declaration of Hostilities Will Sound Death Knell of Competitive Sport With the Exception of Baseball and Turf Racing

E Sports World of America is ready to pay tribute to the God of War. An ncial declaration of hostilities will sound the death knell of virtually all ches of sports in this country, with the possible exception of profesmal baseball and turf racing. This becomes increasingly evident every day. m all parts of the country come announcements that athletes are preparing sert the eight-oared shells for the three-inch variety; that golfers may soon be the trenches instead of the bunkers; that spiked shoes are being laid away with its, gloves, racquets and white flannels; that racing drivers are tuning up their ars to carry dispatches instead of striving for big money prizes. Athletic America aroused and is ready to follow wherever President Wilson leads. Yale, Princeon, Penn, Harvard, Cornell, Columbia and other universities and colleges have ed that all athletics will be absolutely abandoned in the event of war. The cific Coast Conference colleges will call off their schedules if the country locks orns with the Teutons, the United States Golf Association and National Associa-Son of American Oarsmen will abandon all athletic events as soon as the interational situation comes to a head, and the dates of the big automobile races are being held up pending the final decision of Congress and the President.

Colby was the first college to take a definite step in the matter without waiting Congress or international law. The baseball schedule of the Maine nine was incially abandoned a few days ago. In the automobile racing game the first big event to go by the board was the 500-mile Indianapolis Speedway race, which was be run on Memorial Day. In announcing that this event was off, James Allison, secretary-treasurer of the Speedway Corporation, said: "Racing means aking away from the Government service skilled mechanics, who can be used by the Government to better advantage in time of war than by a speedway corporaion as a means of entertainment. Furthermore, many racing materials and accessories will be absolute necessities in time of conflict."

THIS is the spirit of the American sportsman. There is no hysteria about it. Men who follow athletics are quietly figuring how their peculiar training may be best utilized in war times and preparing to close up their athletic affairs when the proper time comes.

Turf Racing May Be Useful in Case of War

TURF racing will not be abandoned unless conditions absolutely demand it. It is felt by the racing authorities that this sport is so useful in developing exalry remounts that it will probably be encouraged by the Government. However, there is a rumor to the effect that the autumn amateur meets may not be held. The men whose interest and money back these mounts will be the first to take up arms, and it is pointed out that the meetings could hardly be a sucess without their support. As far as professional baseball is concerned, there has been no official action as yet to indicate that the league schedules would be suspended. It is significant, however, that President John K. Tener of the Nanal League says that in the event of war baseball will be a second consideraon with magnates and players. Captain T. L. Huston, of the Yankees, who was the prime mover in having the baseball clubs take up the military training in the outhern camps, is of the opinion that the baseball players will be among the

Although it is evident that most of the competitive sports will be abandoned thostilities actually regin, it is felt that baseball might be an aid in keeping the mind of the public in a healthy condition, just as golf is being encouraged by the English Government for such a purpose.

Intramural athletics at colleges and other noncompetitive sports elsewhere may survive a declaration of war for the reason that they would-form a distraction from the depressing effects of international

Harvard and Princeton in Line

NTERCOLLEGIATE athletics threaten to become atrophied. Princeton, through Dean Howard McClenahan, chairman of the board of athletic control, has announced that military training and service will take precedence not only ever athletics, but in case of actual hostilities over academic activities also. Harvard long ago decided to close up as a university and to open as a military institution as soon as the President and the Congress let slip the dogs of war. The Crimson's athletic engagement would be seriously hampered anyway, as many leading Harvard athletes are marked for important positions in case of hostilities. Among these are the following varsity captains: W. H. Wheeler, football; H. B. Cabot, crew, and J. E. Abbott o seball, all of whom are members of the University Reserve Officers Training Corps,

On the Pacific Coast the colleges have already felt the impetus toward service. 1. Arthur Younger, graduate manager of athletics at the University of Washington. has addressed letters to various managers in the Pacific Coast Conference, lecommending the abandonment of all athletics upon the declaration of hostilities, and the replies he has received indicate that his lead will be followed unanimously, The mobilization of the Second Washington Infantry has already put the University of Washington track team hors de combat. Captain William McDonald and two other mainstays are now in uniform at the armory,

THE honored list of killed and wounded abroad includes the names of many famous athletes, and from the trend of things at this time It is evident that America can rely on her athletes.

They Are All Nervously Watching This Feller

HE BLEW up on a couple of holes, and after that his score was ruined. He got only a 70. In other words, if he hadn't "gummed" a couple of holes going out he would have had a fine score. This is all meant for village humor for the reason that 72 has stood as the best score that has been made this season on the championship golf course at Pinehurst, and W. C. Fownes, Jr., for it was indeed he (copyrighted), performed the great deed. Though the score was not made in regular competition, it is not highly probable that it will be lowered during the North-and-South bouting that comes off early in April, when the amateurs get together to settle the greatest of the winter championships. The perpetrator of the 70 arrived at Pinehurst the other day and, as is his wont. wasted no time in unloosing his club kit for a round on the links. He shot an 35, feeling out the course. Then he got to work regularly in the afternoon against a young man of parts, Robert Hunter, who overthrew Norman Maxwell in a nineteen-hole match of recent history, and Fownes at once began to show cunning. He went out in 36 and came home in 34, only fifteen strokes better than his first attempt. Asstatistician sat himself down at once to figure, at the rate of improvement, how long it would be before the course owed Fownes strokes. The score threw a great jolt into all those gathered at the winter resort, for it clearly showed what a mighty man is "Big Bill," captain of the Pennsylvania Lesley Cup team. Instead of all the money being placed on "Bobby" Jones, Perry Adair, Tom Prescott, Norman Maxwell, Phil Carter, present champion, et al., there will have to be a place reserved for Fownes, and many there are who predict that he will walk away with the pennant flaunting over his shoulder.

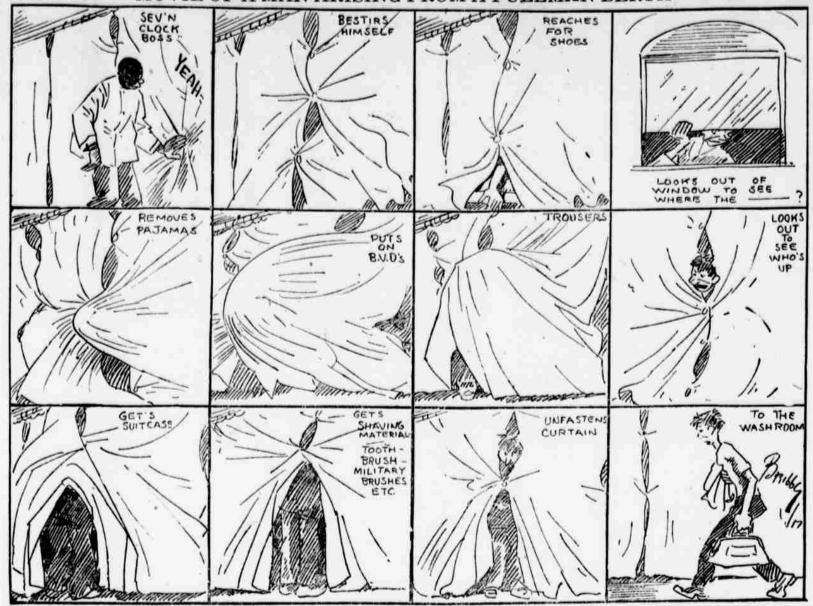
Fowness enjoys comparative seclusion in Pittsburgh, where he plays at the Oakmont Country Club, scene of the next national, so that he does not enter many of the big eastern title tilts, but he has a very brilliant career, both fore and aft, with emphasis on the fore, because Fownes, though gray of scalp-lock, is not through by a long, long span,

Should Be Glowing Success on Home Grounds

"CAP" FOWNES, to review his glowing past, won the amateur championship of America back there in 1910 at Brookline, and has twice won the gold sedal for the best medal rounds to qualify in the national championships, one which times was at Merion, no later than last fall. Fownes is the present nsylvania State champion. His work in the coming season is going to be cynosure of the blinking eyes of the golf fans in all quarters, for if ever re was a dangerous contender for the amateur championship, William Fownes that person this year. He has laid out, built and planned to the last detail the ree over which the event will be played this season. The make-up of the akmont course has been entirely shifted, and Fownes will be on hand to se accustomed to his handiwork all summer. This fact, added to his great of ability, makes him almost a sure thing in the eyes of the Pittsburghers, who, their well-known capacity as millionaires, will back their favorite to the limit. nes holds the amateur record of the present Oakmont course with a 70. e ambition that pulsates continually through his bosom is to connect once with the national title he won so proudly seven years ago. Since then he seaten Francis Ouimet, one of the greatest golfers in the country, on a al course, in a fast give-and-take match. On paper "Big Bill" looks like et single stumbling block that Chick Evans, present amateur champion, we to c'erthrow in the bunting scramble while the August skies are

TOTAL Is a veteran who knows the style and shots he must contend has played with most of the stars, so that he will know to play in order to win. He is not subject to any of the er-

MOVIE OF A MAN ARISING FROM A PULLMAN BERTH



ATHLETIC CHANGES AT CATHOLIC HIGH

Purple and Gold Will Not Meet La Salle or St. Joe

OFFICIALS HOLD BANQUET

The break in athletics between Catholic High and La Salle and St. Joseph's Col-lege, which is now a certainty, has been anticipated for some time past. Catholic High School officials made it plain they were not in sympathy with the manner in which athletics were conducted at either La Saile or St. Joseph's.

The announcement that Catholic High would meet Germantown High in a big foot-ball game next Thanksgiving Day was also The Purple and Gold has severed athletic relations in all sports, claiming that until conditions are different neither La Salle nor St. Joe would be on the Catholic

William J. Glendon physical director at the school, is to be commended for any pol-icy which tends to elevate scholastic sport and unhold the rules which bur students who are deficient in their studies from representing their school. Ineligible players at Catholic High have left school and later represented La Salle College and Brown

R. C. H. S. to Use College Rules

schools in this city, including the high s. Students representing Catholic in athletics come up to a certain standard in their scholastic work and athway to compete with the local teams

League rules last season the players and tage to change to the rules adopted by most of the schools. In fact, with the ex-ception of La Salle and St. Joseph's, there will be no teams using the Eastern League ules next basketball season.

Catholic High is a member of the Inter-

scholastic Baseball League and will there-

Schools Open Season Tomorrow Two school baseball games will mark the

unless the weather prevents. Friends' Central School will meet the Ridley Park High School nine at Ridley Park, and the Germantown High and Germantown Academy teams will clash at Germantown.
As the teams have had little time to

practice and the coaches in charge have not mpossible to state who will start the game. Penn Charter School has a game with the Penn freshmen at Queen Lane tomorrow afternoon. This will be the third game of the week in which local nines participate,

Basketball Officials' Banquet

The Philadelphia Board of Approved Basketbail officials will hold their banquet tonight at the Walton. Peter P. Carney chairman in charge and will probably be toastmaster. Philip G. Lewis, chairman of the board; George Cartwright, Charles G. Eckles, of Haverford School; Lon Jourdet. of Penn, and other prominent officials will

The board experienced a very successful The work of the officials, the plans for next year and various other matters will be discussed. It is the first annual affair of its kind, and from the interest shown by the players and coaches, should be great success. The banquet will start at

AMATEUR BASEBALL

Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company has organized a strong first-class team for the coming season and would like to arrange games with industrial, manufacturing and first-class traveling teams. The Westinghouse team has signed several new players of some professional rark with the pick of last years team and a large squad of recruits and have a very good chance for the pennant. E. Lingo, manager Westinghouse Electric Company Boys' Club, 214 North Twenty-second street.

Philadeiphia Bag Athletic Club would like to arrange games with first-class teams in Philadeiphia. This team has one of the best diamonds in the city and is rapidly filling up its schedule for the season, F. Thies, 2011 Sny-der avenue.

er avenue.

Allegheny B. C. would like to book games ith 18-year-old traveling teams in Philadel-hia. H. Mohr. 3105 Emerald street.

B. B. O'ROURKE, CUCKOO AND ROOTER, NIEHOFF IS ONLY CHALLENGES 'ANYBODY PERFERRED' AND HE GETS AWAY WITH IT, TOO

CHIEF OF THE CUCKOO CLAN

He is "Babe" O'Rourke, and chal-

lenges "anybody perferred."

Chief Turner, an Indian, meets Johnny Helland in a middleweight scrap in one of the bouts at the National A. C. on Saturday night. Johnny Mealey meets Stanley Willis in the wind-up. Two heavies, Dan McCiuro and Paul Sansom, meet in the third bout, while Johnny Dutko mixes with Benny Semlar in the second bout. Billy Hines tackles Johnny Falsona.

"Bald Babe," of Loyal Cuckoo Club Fame, Has Yet to Get Defeated-And Bout

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

BASEBALL teams, only when in winning stride, have their rooting clubs; a baseball "nut" loves a winner, and all winners are his favorites. Boxing "bugs," on the other mitt, usually stand by their man, whether he wins, loses or draws, although in the "bug's" opinion his favorite boxer never is beaten, unless, of course, when counted out. Little Italy has banded together an organization of stanch rooters. and the club's name, the Cuckoos, is well termed. That they are with their favorite through victory or defeat was proved on the night Willie Jackson knocked out Johnny Dundee. Despite his defeat, Dundee was not left in the lurch. The Cuckoos and their friends rallied together and about 200 strong, paraded up Broad street behind the great little Dundee, defeated, disap pointed, downhearted, but not discouraged The Cuckoos are great fans of fisticuffs. They are conspicuous at every show in town, especially on Thursday night at the Broadway, where they are led in wild demonstrations by "Baid Babe" O'Rourke Fifty-two members are on the club's roster which also includes a score of boxers.

throughout the till. Frankle Williams and Young Lawrence also clash in an encore. They fought a hard battle last week. Jack Diamond versus tiene thumon. Ray isonetert versus Johnny Brown and Johnny McGuire versus Jos O'Brien are other numbers. letes and officials of the high schools are cuckoo Rooter O'Rourke also is a boxer, but he never dons the mittens, although he Catholic High will use the Intercollegiate | ferred," as Doc Cutch was wont to say at Catholic High will use the Intercollegiate League basketball rules next season. This is a step forward, for after trying out the Intercollegiate and Eastern compete. Nevertheless, O'Rourke is the Darby Caspar expects to get down to conscientious training in a few days. Just as soon as a match with Bobby Reynolds is clinched the Smoky Hollow favorite will buckle down to hard work. A local promoter is after the match, and it virtually is clinched. hest boxer that ever was heard. Cuckoo President Eddie White, Cuckoo

Chick Carsey and Cuckoo Treasurer Charley Nace and Cuckoo Vice President Steve Flessner, who Sammy Harris has been grooming for the bantamweight championship, probably will meet a tartar in Joe Tuber, of this city, in Baltimore Monday night. Flessner has been winning consistently over third raters. His mix with Tuber will be Flessner's first real test, O'Rourke's seconds, whenever Babe puts on his battles. One fans Bald with a handkerchief, another rubs his legs, which, by the way, are covered with his trousers, as O'Rourke doesn't believe in stripping for action, and the third advises him. Al Nelson was to have met Young Lawrence at the Broadway tonight, but as the latter is entirely too big for Allie, his manager decided to cancel the bout. Nelson is training daily and expects a bout in a week or so.

With all this going on amid convulsions of laughter by the spectators, a Cuckoo will find his head behind the back of another Cuckoo, so that Battling Babe cannot see him, and "Gon ya big Sap. get'ell ouds th' ring; ya can't fite, ya Smear." cuts through the smoke-ladden atmosphere and O'Rourke's stuff is all off. But Babe never allows himself to leave the ring until he has "challenged anybody perferred," in a hold and defiant attitude.

Johnny Mayo is a Cuckoo, and secretary f the club. The organization also has of the club. representatives from different sections of the country. Bobby Reynolds is the western representative, while Allie Nelson represents

Other boxing Cuckoos are Frankie Howell, Johnny Clark, Terry Ketchell, Johnny Coster, Freddy Russell, Pete Kelly. Harry Sullivan, Harry Kilburn, Jimmy Cos ter, Bobby Wolgast, Joe O'Keefe, Johnny Costello, Frankie Coster, Mike Burns Johnny Ferguson, Jerry Sullivan and A

Roddy McDonald, the middleweight champion of Canada, is to make his first appearance in Philadelphia tomorrow night at the Cambria A. C. His opponent will be Tommy Coleman, local nearo flash. Two other strong bouts are Jack Taylor vs. Andrew Johnston, negro heavy-weights, and Charley Thomas vs. Charley Doyle. Jack Caponi and Young Carlon and Beany Harrison and Jack Bradley are in the other numbers.

George Chanes is suffering with an infected hand, and Battling Schults is under the weather with a cold in Cleveland, As a result their bout, scheduled for Saturday night at the National, has been set back a week.

Jack Blackburn's match with Knockout Baker at the Broadway tonight is a return bout. Blackburn won their last set-to, but the kayo battler had his negro eppenent stepping fast

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BROADWAY A. C.—TONIGHT BLACKBURN vs. BAKER

CAMBRIA A. C. Bell phone Rendington A RENSINGTON AVE. AND SOMERARY TRIDAY EVENING, MARCH SOTH

Stock and Whitted, Late in Reporting, Need Plenty of Batting Practice

LUDERUS HITTING HARD the men who will draw their pay checks twice a month. The line-up now looks like

By a Staff Correspondent ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 28. There are only three days left of the Phillies' training season here and Manager vill start this period with all of his players under his wing except Second Baseman Bert Niehoff. The latter may already be on his way south, but he is not likely to join the club until it reaches Jacksonville or some other place north. After being notified yesterday that Whitted had agreed to sign his contract, President Baker sent back word from Belleair

that Niehoff's contract was not to be accepted until he wired Baker personally that the club's terms had been accepted. Stock and Whitted will sign their con-tracts when they reach Washington on April 7. The new documents will be for-warded to them at that city.

Stock and Whitted will be given plenty of batting practice during the remainder of their stay here and on the way north, as both are shy in this department.

Games between the Phillies' regulars and

the Yanigans will be played today tomorrow. Alexander and Rixey will get their final hard workout in the training camp here this spring. This afternoon Alexander is almost ready for the opening championship game, but Rixey will need a little nore work than the great right-hander to get into first-class condition certain that the Phils will again return here to train next year.

NOTES OF THE PHILS

Business Manager Shettsline, of the Philies, added to the fame of Glenolden, Pa., fire department yesterday when he rode near the head of the line in the automobile of Chief McNulty, of the St. Petersburg fire department. Shettsline was the happie man in the parade. He was thinking all the time how proud the citizens of Delaware County would be if they could see him in

George Whitted says that he killed twenty-seven foxes last winter. "I have tried nearly all kinds of sport." said Whitted, "and fox hunting beats all of them. Some of the foxes I caught alive and then turned them loose just for the fun of again hunting them."

With Cravath out of the line-up of the regulars Manager Moran plans to put Luderus in the clean-up position at No. 4 and move Whitted up to the fifth in the batting order. The way he has been slugging down here. Luderus should season.

Rocky Kansas outfought Phil Virgets, the New Orleans featherweight, in ten rounds in Cleveland fant night. Kansas dropped Virgets twice in the first round and again in the eighth. Trainer Mike Dee will have to superin-Leo Traces, of this city, scored a nine-round tend the packing of the big trunks next Saturday and Sunday.

The well-drilled defenders of our nation in time of peace will stop off in the metropolis of Albany, Ga., tomorrow, where both baseball and the Athletics are taken seriously. The invaders will be handed the keys to the city if there are such and the Mayor has declared a half holiday in order MORAN HOLDOUT to give the voters a chance to compare the local prides with the reverse champlens of the circuit. All of which shows that the Mayor must be a popular guy.

a sure thing with Bodie, Strunk and Thrasher in the outfield, McInnis at first, Lawry or Grover at second, Witt at short, Bates at third and Haley, Meyer and Schang behind the bat, but something may happen which will upset the dope and call for a new deal. The flock of twirlers, headed by Joe Bush, Myers, Nabors, Jing Johnson and Anderson, is slowly rounding into shape, and all Connie can do is to hope that they can go the route when the season opens in a couple of weeks.

The Line-Up

There was another ball game today, and the evacuation occurred soon thereafter. It doubtful if the Athletics come back here next year, despite the contract, which has another year to run. Connie seems to favor place where summer in winter is the real thing without the aid of overcoats

FLORIDA FOOD FOR FANS

ATHLETICS LEAVE

And Mack and His Men Are

Not Grieving Over Prospect

SIX RECRUITS REJECTED

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 28.—Con-nie Mack and his troupe of trained ath-letes who starred last year in that thrill-

letes who starred last year in that thrill-ing drama effitied "20,000 Leagues Un-der the Sea" are prepared to troop out of Jacksonville at 9 o'clock tonight, ready, eager and willing to play another part in the American League act this season. Tired

of the cellar role, they will step out grace-fully and allow some one else to back in the shadow of the dimmed spotlight.

The performers are not shedding bitter tears of regret over the retreat from this city. The last few days did not make much of a hit and fond remembrances of

the sunny South will not be expressed. If anything, they will be sent by freight, The rain storm Monday and the refrigerator

breezes of yesterday set the players back to a certain extent and now they don't care

how soon it is before they invade the north.

As Ping Bodie figured it out last night when in a pensive but a soliloquizing mood.

Jacksonville is so much nearer to the South Pole than Philadelphia that the weather must be a trifle cooler.

The escape of the Mackmen was marked by the wrecking of Connie's standing army. Six brave and true soldiers were sent into exile, while the buglers sounded taps. They wept bitter tears of regret, for now they must face the cruel world and eke out a living in other lines besides baseball. No

living in other lines besides baseball. No strings were attached to the hardware that was used on five of the heroes, but the sixth.

Frank Horne, a pitcher, was handed to Jacksonville. His unusual luck leads us to believe that he is left-handed. It is possible that the other unfortunates might not be so unfortunate after all, but it is too

From Albany the troop will hasten to Atlanta, where the finishing touches will be put on. Four games will be played, and by

that time Connie will have a good line on

early in the season to make predictions

Six Left Behind

CAMP TONIGHT

On every post and platferm throughout the tate the sign "Beware of Pickbockets" meets he eye. Stealing bases is permitted.

Traveling on a train pulled by engine No. 113 accounts for the numerous minor wrecks that held up the Athletics in their trip from Palm

Manager Mack believes 13 to be an omen of fortune. Once he took 13 members of the Pitts-burgh team on a western invasion, starting on the thirteenth of the month. Out of 13 games he won 9.

Ping Bodie wears the noisiest silk shirts in Mack's Menagerie.

Roy Bates, coming star third-sacker, insists on wearing a vest with the thermometer flirt-ing with blood heat,______ Speaking of vests, Joe Bush goes inside one that greatly resembles the scenery back of Woodside Park.

Picking cocoanuts proves appetizing pastime Athletic youngsters stalled on the rails.

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