

COMISKY AND WEEGHMAN SEE THE DOUGHNUT WHILE MACK AND BAKER SEE THE HOLE

CHICAGO BIG LEAGUE MAGNATES READY TO TAKE THEIR CHANCES AND BOTH BREATHE OPTIMISM

White Sox Owner Warns Against Moguls' "Rocking the Boat" and Says This Is No Time to Grow Panicky

CHICAGO is a city of optimism; that is, in a baseball way. The big town at the foot of Lake Michigan possesses two of the most optimistic ball owners in the big leagues, and two who are willing to go the limit in the game, always has been liberal and never failed to go out and purchase...

Weeghman already has gone ahead with his plans and has disposed of a part of that quarter of a million he intends to pay to give Chicago a national league winner. Weeghman hasn't backed down, but just now he believes that a few of the owners are trying to hold him up...

As soon as Weeghman procured Alexander and Killifer he is reported to have said he would have given \$25,000 more to clinch the deal. This remark doubtless caused President Baker, of the Phillies, many distressing moments...

WEEGHMAN is not to be denied. He wants another star infielder. He believes he made the Cardinals a liberal offer. Now there is still another star second baseman on the market and it looks very much as though this celebrity is likely to land in the Windy City...

Charles A. Comiskey, of White Sox, a Superoptimist. WEEGHMAN has shown his optimism through the liberal disposal of his ever-ready bankroll. Comiskey has shown that he always is ready to pay the price and prepared to gamble on anything...

"It would be useless to try to forecast accurately the conditions which might prevail next season in baseball, but the fans are welcome to any ideas I have. The plans I entertain for the coming season are not startling and I shall advance no novelty in the conduct of the game...

"A baseball owner owes a great deal to the public and to the country as a whole. He is expected to furnish wholesome amusement to millions and he is not expected to show the white feather during the stress of the times. He owes the fans a duty, and that is to keep a ball team in the field, regardless of conditions and despite the fact that it may prove a losing venture...

"GOING on the assumption that the country will benefit from baseball and that it is necessary in order in some measure to relieve strain, I am planning for as great a season as we ever had at the White Sox ball park. I am not banking on the financial end of the game, although I see no reason why the teams will not be patronized fairly well; but I want to see it an artistic success...

Old Roman Wants White Sox to Do Bit in War Game. THIS, then, brings us to the players, the most important of all. Without players there will be no game. Now, what effect will the continuation of the war have on the teams and on the sport as a whole?

"At the present time it is difficult to forecast the loss of this or that player. For myself, I hope the White Sox figure second to none in the military game. There is no question that some of the men should be exempt under the present rules, not because they are ball players, but because they have dependents. Four of our players already are in the service. More undoubtedly will join. I shall have no complaint if the Government takes the best we have, if these do the country better service on the battlefield than on the diamond. I have figured right along that it would be extremely unattractive for any owner in baseball not to do all in his power for his country. This is more important now than ever before in our history...

MAKING it for granted, then, that the teams will be hit by enlistments in the draft, what will be the effect? Will the sport be good enough for the fans to patronize? I will answer with a positive YES. There will be mighty little difference from that of last season. In fact, the chances are that the sport will be even more interesting.

Baseball Will Continue Regardless of Draft. HAVE passed through a number of baseball wars, conflicts which have drawn as heavily on the owner as the military draft will. Did the fans come? Not at all. They saw new faces in every city, and before the season had finished speculating as to whether this or that player would do good in fast company the teams were swinging into a stride as fast as any previous company. A minor leaguer of today became a star of tomorrow, and it had the effect of pushing players to the front who otherwise never would have had a chance to show in the major leagues.

Robert Angell, captain of the Mercerburg Academy track team, is one of the best schoolboy hammer throwers of this country, and with another year of training under Jimmy Curran, he should be an exceptional material for a college track team. During the past season Angell won every hammer-throwing event in which he competed.

The interclass wrestling events which Dr. Matthew O'Brien holds each year at Central High will be conducted as usual this season after the Christmas holidays. Wrestling, while not as popular with the Philadelphia schoolboys as in other cities, creates a great deal of interest at Broad and Green streets.

Byrne Hadebaugh was re-elected captain of Northeast High School cross-country team yesterday, when the title of this year's squad was taken. Hadebaugh has been a member of the Archville hill-and-dale squad for two years and is rated as one of the best hikers in the city.

Northeast should have a good team next season. The only two members of this year's squad graduate, Springer and Downs. The following will be back wearing the Red and Black next year: Captain Hadebaugh, Boardman, Ladlow, Beckey, Harbert, Gandy, Jenkins, Kitchin and Joe Res.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



BIG TEST FOR SPORTS OF ALL SORTS WILL COME WHEN LIST OF CASUALTIES BEGINS TO ARRIVE

Athletic Competitions Will Keep Going, but No One Can Anticipate Now-What the Speed Will Be in 1918

As for 1918—NINETEEN-SEVENTEEN managed to maintain a fair share of its sport under the red shadow of war. This is the year that will be the big test. Short, through war's mighty preparation, could move along. The low speed will hold up when the long casualty lists begin to arrive in another affair. It will keep going, but at what speed is not to be estimated this far in advance of the spring drive.

Kelly's Pick. Some time ago at a baseball gathering a heated debate arose as to who might be the greatest outfielder—Ty Cobb or Tris Speaker. But Kelly had no axes to grind, finally spoke out bluntly and to the point.

The greatest player I have ever known in this country, after service in the front-line trenches, reports that he saw a pal one afternoon under shell-fire, who expressed in a volume entitled "How to Put."

FIFTY ATHLETES TO RUN IN STARR HANDICAP MEET. Glover and Schwartz Are at Scratch in New Year's Day

Fifty runners will compete in the Theodore Starr handicap street run New Year's Day. L. L. Glover and Joe Schwartz, both of the Meadowbrook Club, are the scratch men.

Table with columns: Name, Club, Hts, Hwt, Ht, Hwt. Lists names like John Linn, Meadowbrook, and their stats.

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Penn Athlete Commissioned. John H. Hargreaves, who last year was elected manager of the Penn baseball team, has been commissioned as a first lieutenant in the ordnance department and will leave for a few days for Washington to take up his new duties as a servant of Uncle Sam.

Olympia A. A. Broad and Bainbridge Tuesday, New Year's Eve, 8:30. Reddy Bell vs. Frankie Ray. Little Bear vs. Bobby Burns. Fred vs. Leo Burns.

GOLF CHAMPION IN THE TRENCHES

British Amateur Titleholder Has Earned Commission as Captain

BEGAN AS A PRIVATE. By CHARLES (CHICK) EVANS. The first time that I saw Mr. J. L. C. Jenkins, affectionately known as Lawrie, was in 1911 at Troon, Scotland, where he had gone in preparation for the British championship to be played at Prestwick, not far away. Troon is his home town and he comes from a large and interesting family. As a boy he had four brothers, all of them golfers, but none so good as he. There was a sister, too, who won the Scottish ladies' championship at Leamouth a few years ago.

One of the first golf games I played in Scotland was with Lawrie Jenkins on the Troon course, which overlooks the water of the Firth of Clyde, and from that time until the championship we played frequently together. I admired his game then very much. It seemed all the more remarkable because he was of such small stature. When I met him in the trenches I noticed that he was a private. He is called Wee Jenkins.

Always Wore Gloves. I noticed that he had a very smooth game, although not very long, being governed in his backward movement by the straightening out of his left hand. He knew all the shots and played them with accuracy. I noticed that he was a private. He is called Wee Jenkins.

C. PARKER BOYD WINS PROMOTION

Lansdowne Golfer Earns Commission Driving Ambulance in France

Word was received yesterday from France that Charles Parker Boyd has won his commission. In a letter to his wife he said that he expected shortly to be made a captain or first lieutenant, and has been notified that he will be placed at the head of one of the ambulance corps. Boyd is a resident of Lansdowne and is the treasurer of the Country Club of Lansdowne. With Warren Hamilton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hamilton, of Croydon, who is a member of the Bala and Philadelphia Country Clubs, he sailed for France last June as a part of the American Field Ambulance Service.

Now a British Captain. That peaceful happening was in May and before September came young Jenkins was a private in the Cameron Highlanders. He is now a captain. Three or four brothers are fighting, too, and I have heard that one of them has been killed. Boyd himself has been twice wounded and he has been decorated. He is still fighting and the affectionate wishes of the golfers of two continents are with the brave young champion wherever he may be.

Louis H. Jaffe in France. Former Sports Writer of Evening Public Ledger Has Safe Trip Across Atlantic. Sergeant-major Louis H. Jaffe, former assistant sports editor of the Evening Public Ledger, has arrived safely in France. His father received a cablegram this morning announcing his arrival "over there," and wishing his many friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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Still Hopes for International. TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 28.—Editorial of the Toronto Star, published here yesterday, has been the subject of international credit, under capable management, could have been a successful one. It is planned to play the contests in cities near the Canadian border, to be played to a soldier's athletic field.

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WILLARD PICKS FRANKLIN FIELD AS LOGICAL ARENA FOR STAGING BIG BOUT WITH TITLE AT STAKE

Champion Clears Up Several Situations in Interview With Robert W. Maxwell, Sports Editor, at Jess's Home in Chicago

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 28. Jess Willard is sincere in his offer to box any man in the world in an open-air show in Philadelphia to be staged Memorial Day or later, and the entire proceeds to go to the Red Cross.

Have the papers supported me? No, so you could notice it. They simply laughed at me and branded it another press-agent yarn. It certainly is discouraging, but I will see it through. If the Red Cross turns me down, any way I will have the money. If the Red Cross fund, or anything else which will benefit the soldiers and sailors can get all or part of it as they see fit. "I want to assure you that this is a press-agent dream. It will not help me in business because it will not go out on the road this year. The circus will stay in the south this season because it would be foolish to try to travel in the winter. The railroads are all tied up. That means I have all of the time in the world to get in shape for the battle and the sooner the better.

Suggests Fred Fulton. "How about Fred Fulton? He seems to be the best of the heavy weight contenders and it is up to him to accept or reject my offer to meet him. He thinks out of the match then it must be someone else. Fulton has been making some rash statements for the past year and he has said, everything can be arranged satisfactorily, for there will be no question of weight, size of the purse or anything else. The next move must come from Fulton. "I now have a high-class man working for me and he is arranging all of the details. He will see the proper officials and get their sanction. I expect to have everything settled in a week or so. Of course, I will need some assistance, and would like to have Matt Hinkle, of Cleveland, to help me out. This is one of the biggest promoters in the country, knows how to handle a championship bout and his aid would be invaluable. He also looks like the logical man to referee the bout.

Title Goes With Bout. "There is one thing I wish to make plain," said Jess, "and that is the heavyweight title will be at stake in the bout. There is nothing in some of the papers to the effect that I said my title would not be risked, but it is untrue. If the man I box knocks me out he will be heavyweight champion of the world. He will have won the title and I will be the first to congratulate him.

"I have been criticized because I insisted on a ten-round no-decision contest. Perhaps the criticism was deserved, because I did not explain myself fully. I should have stated that the best place in the country to stage a big bout is in Philadelphia. It is preferred, because more money could be raised there. There is no boxing in New York; Boston and other New England towns are too far away, and anyway Philadelphia is the foremost boxing city in the world and is entitled to the match. "Were I out for the money I would not pay much attention to the place where the bout is staged. I would state the amount of money I wanted for my share, get it, and then allow the promoters to worry. In this case, however, it is different. The bout is for a big honor, and I want to see it staged in Philadelphia. I will have my share and will even pay my own training expenses. My object is to make money for the Red Cross or some other war charity and my selection now is Philadelphia.

Willard is in Shape. There have been rumors about Willard's condition and his weight placed anywhere from 200 to 250 pounds. The rumors are inaccurate and incorrect as usual. Jess is in wonderful shape and weighs less than he has in a long time. He has been working in the streets, and can get into shape to defend his title in a month. He wants to fight, is willing to risk his life, and is every cent of the receipts to a war charity and is not being taken seriously by either the press or the public. Just look over the other champions, past and present and you will find one man who has offered to do the same thing. It can't be done. Willard is the first champion in the history of the prize ring who is willing to turn over the receipts from a battle where the title is at stake and against the best heavyweight of the world can produce.

Is Sincere in Offer. "I want the public to know that I am sincere in my offer and am willing to do anything I can to make it a success. Here I am, ready to place my title at stake, willing to box any man in the world, and what am I to do? Who has stepped forward to help me out with the exception of Matt Hinkle?

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