

IDENT TAFT SENDS NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO THE GOLFERS OF PHILADELPHIA

WHAT WAR THROUGH TO TRY AND WIN GAME AT 18TH

SAYS EX-PRESIDENT TAFT

President Perrin, of U. S. G. A., and President Elect Wheeler, With R. W. Lesley, Send Their New Year's Greetings

AM HOWARD TAFT was the first of our really athletic Presidents. In his first tour of the country...

After all, it was Mr. Taft who first dwelt time and time again upon the opportunity he played the game as well. While he was out on this trip he was invited to a new course, which he opened by the first ball. Mr. Taft was in fine form, and the ball flew 200 feet down the fairway.

The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER asked Mr. Taft if he would kindly send New Year's greeting to the golfers in America, particularly to the thousands who are now in some branch of the Government service, and here is Mr. Taft's message:

A MAN who plays golf and enjoys it must have a love of freedom and a spirit of independence. Such personal traits prompt one to play the game to the end. That is what we must do in this war—we must fight it through to victory and win the game at the eighteenth hole, if it is necessary to play it through. We cannot achieve a lasting peace unless we defeat our enemy.

Sincerely yours, Howard Taft

President Perrin Sends His Greetings

PHILADELPHIA has had only one president of the United States Golf Association during the twenty-three years' existence of the national body, and it is unfortunate that Howard W. Perrin has been forced by business reasons to refuse a nomination for another term.

How fortunate we are that in this great war crisis we are in position to keep ourselves physically fit and mentally alert through the medium of a game which means so much to us all. Those of us who must stay at home can do our part and our work better and more efficiently if we devote some leisure time to golf.

FREDERICK S. WHEELER, the present treasurer of the United States Golf Association, will succeed Mr. Perrin at the annual meeting of the national body in this city next month. Here is his message: "Please convey to the golfers of Philadelphia my cordial New Year's greetings and best wishes."

A Message From Robert W. Lesley ROBERT W. LESLEY has been president of the Golf Association of Philadelphia for many years, and under his direction the organization has compared most favorably with that of any other section of the country.

TO THE golfers in the active service of their country, sincere wishes that they may play the game successfully and to a finish, and to the seniors who are on patriotic home duty, may their good work and hearty support of the Government and its men bring about a speedy and happy termination of the war."

More Will Play and Fewer Will Watch

TO ONE knows just what the new year will bring us in the shape of sport. One thing is certain: "There will be a greater interest than ever in outdoor recreations. The time is fast coming when men will no longer be content to sit and watch other play. Just as every younger generation who has any red blood in his veins wants to get into the branch of the national service so it is with the older men. It has been years for men to realize that the greatest joy is doing things, and the biggest asset in the world is health and the only way to preserve health is to exercise. Golf has done things for a million men in this country that no other sport could do. It has taken them out into the open and once a man gets the open air idea into his system he is no longer content to remain indoors. There is more fun and health playing golf than watching other play. Boys have realized this. It is rare to see the boy as a spectator. He prefers to play, and for him to see other boys play is a bore.

What the National Camps Are Doing RAYCROFT, of Princeton, member of the War Department's athletic commission, spoke on athletics at training camps. He referred to the need of diversion among the men at the front, as well as in the rear of the country, and told how athletic instructors had been sent to every station.

It has been taken hold on a wholesale scale was indicated by several examples Doctor Raycroft furnished. In one training camp a part in a cross-country run, more than 850 of them took part in the contest of the winner. At another camp 400 basketball games were organized, and at still another he saw 5000 men go through a series of western cantonment, and another afternoon 2,000 men in all participated in boxing.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



EVANS SELECTS ALL-AMERICA AMATEUR GOLF TEAM AND NAMES ROBERT GARDNER FIRST CHOICE

Francis Ouimet, Jerome Travers, W. C. Fownes, Jr., Jesse Guilford, Nelson Whitney and Douglas Grant His Other Selections

NATIONAL AMATEUR AND OPEN GOLF CHAMPION'S NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

THAT the new year may, in spite of war clouds, bring much happiness and all the skill they covet to Philadelphia golfers is the sincere and grateful wish of one who has often shared the privileges and pleasures of their wonderful courses.

By CHARLES (Chick) EVANS, JR. SELECTING All-American athletic teams is a favorite American pastime, and I have been asked to join it by giving my choice of men for an All-American amateur golf team.

By PAUL PREP THE fond boys which La Salle College had of putting a creditable team on the basketball floor this season were given another setback when Captain Downey announced that owing to parental objection it would be necessary for him to resign from the squad.

NEW JERSEY ANXIOUS TO HOLD REAL BOUTS

Three Bills Will Be Offered for the Approval of the Legislature

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Whether the proposed drive to legalize professional boxing in this State meets with success or not, it seems the fans of this city will have to travel very far for their entertainment in the near future. A determined effort to legalize the sport in New Jersey is being made, and according to the latest official communications from Trenton there is every reason to believe the effort will be crowned with success.

GRANTLAND RICE EVERY OTHER DAY AFTER NEW YEAR'S

READERS of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER who have followed Grantland Rice's striking pen pictures of sports as portrayed in lyric and prose poetry for several years will be pleased to be reminded that the soul of the poet has risen to the poetic heights of patriotic action. Somewhere Mr. Rice is bivouacked with his company, preparing for the sterner game that lies beyond the great waters. He is with the field artillery of the United States army.

INDUSTRIAL FIVES IN A TRIPLE TIE

Dobson, Butterworth and Barrett Share First Place in Close Race OLIVET-COVENANT WINS

The race for first place in the Industrial Basketball League is becoming decidedly interesting and three clubs are now in the throes of a deadlock for the pinnacle position. They are Butterworth, Barrett and Dobson. By a turn of good fortune neither of the leaders is scheduled to combat each other during the week, so the probability of the tie being broken are not so bright.

JACK HENDRICKS WILL LEAD ST. LOUIS CARDS

Former Manager of Indianapolis Team Signed, Today by President Rickey

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Jack Hendricks, for four years, manager of the Indianapolis (American Association) baseball club, today signed a contract to manage the St. Louis Cardinals. President Branch Hickey refused to name the length of the contract. All that Rickey would state was "He received his release from McMillan and accepted our terms."

By CHARLES (Chick) EVANS, JR. year. His specialties are fine long iron shots and marvelous putting.

HOSKINS MAY SUCCEED ADEE AS PRESIDENT

Torry and Myrick Are Also Candidates for Tennis Leadership

Apparently a stormy session is in store when the United States National Lawn Tennis Association meets at the Waldorf-Astoria in February. In the early reckoning it was generally agreed that E. J. Myrick would succeed Major George T. Adee as president of the association, but it now develops that two other candidates are in the field, Edwin F. Torrey, of Clinton, N. Y., now secretary, and Albert H. Hoskins, of this city, vice president of the tennis association in 1916.

FULTON TO MEET MORAN AT NEW ORLEANS, JAN. 28

Bout Will Be Twenty Rounds or Less to a Decision

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Frank Moran, the Pittsburgh heavyweight, was yesterday matched with Fred Fulton, for a twenty-round bout, to be a decision at New Orleans on January 28. The Douglas clinched matters for Moran upon the receipt of a telegram from Dominick Torricelli, who will conduct the bout at the Athletic Club of the Southern city.

Herrmann to Confer With Johnson

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—August Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, here to confer with President R. Johnson of the American League, the main favor including the money. Herrmann is here to discuss the first seven clubs of the league in the cut-up of the receipts.

FLORIDA AND CUBA A Winter Paradise

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DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 31.—Detroit is after the 1918 American bowling championship and tournament. A meeting of the city association has been held to discuss the details of the championship.

FOUR RING CHAMPS CROWNED DURING 1917; LES DARCY DIES A SOLDIER AND FITZ PASSES AWAY

Herman Won From Kid Williams in January, Leonard Tossed Welsh in May, Lewis Beat Britton in June, O'Dowd Won in November

By BILL BELL FATHER TIME is standing in the background and 1917 soon will be filed away for future reference. The year 1918 no doubt will bring its fights. Uncle Sam has a wind-up to complete, and here's hoping it's over before the new year is a year old. The boxing business has enjoyed a most prosperous year and the outlook is in keeping with the future success of our war venture. It looks very promising.

Philly Has a Champion A boxer who was not appreciated at his true worth here seems to be the logical champion in the light-heavyweight class. There really isn't any necessity for such a division, but it was one of the weights agreed upon by the American Boxing Association, and it does no harm. Battling Levinsky boxed around Philly for many years and all he got was his money. He hooked up with Danny Morgan and fought the best boys his weight. He is boxing instructor at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., and spent the Christmas holidays with his family here.

Scraps About Scrappers

New Year will be ushered in tomorrow with boxing matches at the Olympia. The place at the Olympia Club. Six bouts will be fought, including a twelve-round affair that the other two are running at holiday speed.

Frankie Callahan—real name Samuel Holzman—will take a run down camp tomorrow at the Olympia. He has been selected to fight with Johnny Dundee. He should have fought Johnny before. The latter was forced to postpone the bout through illness.

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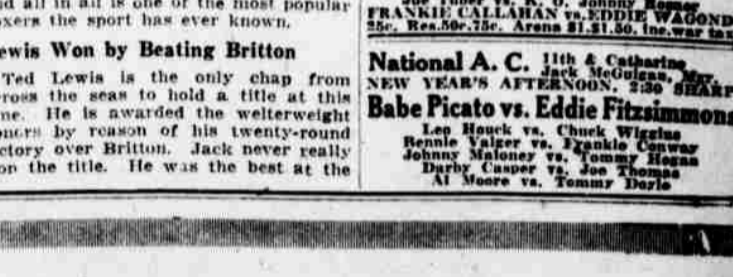
Lewis Won by Beating Britton

Ted Lewis is the only chap from around here to hold a title at this time. He is awarded the welterweight victory over Britton. Jack never really won the title. He was the best at the

Olympia A. A. Broad and Balmain

NEW YEAR'S AFTERNOON, JAN. 28, 1918. Babe Picato vs. Eddie Fitzsimmons. Leo Houck vs. Chuck Wiggins. Johnny Maloney vs. Johnny Burns. Darryl Casper vs. Joe Thomas. Al Moore vs. Tommy Davis.

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