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LEADING WARTIME ITEM OF THE DAY: BUCK HERZOG FAILED TO REPORT TO JOHN M'GRAW

CHICAGO CLAIMS DISTINCTION OF HAVING ABLEST RECEIVERS IN THE BASEBALL BUSINESS

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Discussion Over Merits of Killefer and Schalk Counterpart of Kling-Sullivan Controversy. Archer and Moran Other Stars

BUFFALO may have produced the greatest number of big league catchers of any minor club of late years, but Chicago claims the distinction of having harbored more of them after getting into the big ring than any other city. And the honor in question is jointly shared by the two big league representatives, both of which have boasted of a long line of receivers of great luster. In fast, the real monopoly in the backstopping line is claimed at present since Big Bill Killefer landed upon the scene. A general review of the situation at least is entertaining

Beginning at the present and starting backward, hdmirers of Killefer and Schalk are free to charge that the Cubs and White Sox now have the game's two greatest much and mitt artists. Certainly the records sustain this contention, for each was at the very top of his organization last season and previous years' catching records well warrant their consideration as the game's best of the present time.

Last season's records of the two show an interesting comparison. Bchalk led in number of games played-139 against 126-and naturally in put-outs and assists. Killefer had the better fielding average, however, with a mark of 285, Schulk made three more errors, having fifteen mis cues. Killefer in his 120 manes had the unusually low mark of only eight passed balls, and as American League records do not include this feature, It cannot be said which excelled in knocking down the wild ones.

In one department of play Killefer far excelled Schalk, and on that ground is given the preference by many in figuring on who is the game's best catching bet. The former Philly star is a much beffier swatsman. His clouting average last season was .274 and was excelled by only one other regular receiver, the highest mark being that of Fischer, Pittsburgh, who slammed the pill at a 286 gan. Schalk hit only 227 and many American League receivers topped him.

The catching controversy had a like counterpart when Johnny Kling and Billy Sullivan were holding the center of the big loague slage as Cub and White Sox backstops. This controversy will end probably as soon as the debate over the relative merits of Killefer and Schalk.

. . . A ND don't forget Pat Moran and Jimmie Archer. These two swell old-timers were recognized for their all-avound efficiency and each had many champions for the title of bring the "best of his day in the business."

Cards and Pirates Will Have Spectacled Hurlers

T LEAST two players have announced their intention of sporting the A nifty little mustachies this season, Catchers Henry, of the Braves, and Gharrity, of the Senators, while Wally Schung has not been heard from, Gharrity doubtless feit it necessary to supply a successor to John Henry. as the latter had made the hp himate a settled specialty in Washington baseball society.

Last season Pitcher Lee Meadows; of the Cards, held the center of the ring alone as a big league spectacled boxman. The high-browed heaver received a good deal of publicity and also much popular curiosity as to just when somebody was going to smash a line drive into his countenance, thus violating good social usage as well as the law against maiming a gent with his glasses on. Meadows got by, however, and this season he will have competition.

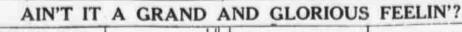
The new tortoise-shell rival is also a pitcher, Garman Hill, of the Birmingham team of the Southern last season. Hill has given the binocular test a good workout in the minors and will try to wrest the title as the hest eyeglass heaver in all baseball from Meadows this year. It is altogether likely that the two will meet during the season, when the public may decide the bout for itself.

Regardless of the delicate type of physique that is suggested by an athlete arrayed in the dangerous equipment of cycglasses, Hill was the iron man of the Dixie circuit last year. He pitched in forty-two games, of which he won twenty-six and lost ten. Hill had a record of pitching 1.009 against the Giants last season, for in the only game he hurled against the McGrawmen after coming up he got away with the decision. Hill was up three years ago as a Pirate and will have an incentive to list; the Cards aside from outpitching Meadows, for a lambasting given him by that feam upon his first appearance caused him to be shunted back to the smaller lengues, where he has since labored.

MEADOWS before breaking into big league ball was a North Carolina schoolteacher, while Hill registers from the big northern burg, Minneapolis

Stecher-Lewis Bout to Be Shock Test

WRESTLING has long since become a test of punishment endurance



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WHEN YOUR SOLDIER BOY WHO IS ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR FRANCE AND LICK THE GERMANS SINGLE HANDED PROMISES TO WRITE EVERY DAY

- AND THEN YOU REALIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS

BECOMING ENAMOURED WITH ONE OF THOSE FRENCH BEAUTIES

AND FINALLY AS YOU ARE TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER TO GE ON LIVING OR



DOYLE STARTS ELEVENTH YEAR **RELAY TRIALS** AS GIANT; HOLDS TWO RECORDS AT PENN TODAY

Most Popular Player

Has Club's Best Decade Coach Robertson to Pick Hitting Average and Quartet for Freshman One-Mile Team

RODGERS SURE OF PLACE TAUGHING LARRY DOVLE has

La started upon his cleventh season in Candidates for the Penn freshman a Glant uniform after a year and a mile relay team gather at Franklin half's membership with the Cubs, and he Field this afternoon for the final try- has the double satisfaction of knowing outs under the eye and watch of thank that he holds two Glant records. One of Lawson Robertson. The test for the these is the best hitting average over :

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FOR PLANT TEAMS Baseball to Have Important Part in Munition Workers' Recreation

SCOUTS SEEK RECRUITS

PLAYERS SOUGHT

Easthand will play a big part in fur-nishing anusement to workers at Uncle Kid Who Is Skilled at Marbles Regular Midweek Sport Listed Sam's chipyards this summer. Squads of dismond performers are to be organized at every yard under the jurisdiction of the United States Government, Games

Chicago, April 17 .- The American League

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thed here yesterday with a fi-to-t

JIMMY CURRAN MAY USE SWEDE AND BEATTIE ON MERCERSBURG'S ONE-MILE TEAM AT PENN RELAYS

Lack of Star Quarter-Milers May Cause Coach Extraordinary to Draft Star Distance Men in Annual Carnival

By PAUL PREP

Scholastic Games Today

and Yesterday's Results

TODAY'S GAMES TODAY'S GAMES Ambler High at Norristman High Germantown High at Genra School, Darbs at P. J. D. Swarthmore Prep at Episconal Academy VESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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TENNIS

According to unofficial reports bill cravis, the former Central High Sched,

IT is more than likely that Jimmy Curran, the track and field coach extraordinary, will be forced to use two of his star distance men on the one-mile elay team which will represent Mercers

relay team which will represent Mercers-burg Academy in the annual relay car-nival of the University of Fernsylvania scheduled for April 26 and 27. Only two members of the squad, which is drilling daily on the Mercersburg track, are veterang from last scason-Lloyd Fillman and Atlen Woodring. These two are aloucing improved form and will have little dimently in winning varsity berths. arsity berths

During the last indeer season Curran was handicapped by the lack of first-clars quarter-nillers. To overcome this be drafted Allen Swede, the mitional scholastic cross-country champion, and Reattie, and developed them into fair the cond man. It was a fast from and 140-yard men. It was a fast team and they won prizes in several indoor carni-

West Philadelphia High, 18; German, Inwa, 5; 8; South Philadelphia, 4, Prankford, 6; Central Him, 4, Prankford, 6; Central Him, 4, Cheltenham, 9; Hadden Heizhts, 7, Penn Freshmen, 10; Penn Charter, 4, Germantown Friends' 6; Friends' 8, Ject, 5, Enlscores, 6 (ren Imings), Steats, 6 (ren Imings), Palmsra High, 6; Swarthuarz, 5, St, Luke's, 6; Friends' Central, 5, TENNIS Training daily for the quarter-mile Haverford School, 3: Germantown llich, 2 Fenn Charter, 6; Friends' Central, 6,

Training daily for the quarter-mile event is sugge to binder the work of Swede and Beattie in Inder faverite dis-tances. To prevent this, Curran is try-ing to develop Tebo, a new candidate, and Spackman, a Coale-seille High prod-uct, bato varsity material. Neither Tebo nor Spackenun has had much track experience, and if they fail to come up to expectations it will be necessary for Swede and Beattle to run an the one-mile relay can. Mercersburg will make their rivals hush bush on the one-mile relay team. Mercersburg will make their rivals hustle to win the hanner. championship race with Exeter and Hull. Professional Ball for Cravis According to motivat

According to unofficial reports full cravits, the former Central High Science star athlete, has been offered contract to play professional ball by several major longue clubs. Cravis is nor a student at Brown Prep, and if he de-cluses to sign with a big league cas will path for the Browness. While attending Central Cravis was and the students are entimised over the sport. At the present time Episcopia courage boxing as a scholarstic sport. Track prospects at La Salle are anti-thing but bright. As a result of its view for past year in the Penn relaxs, the schore tax stars as Tuffy Com, now of the Esnaes, and Mills. Conditions are different now, and according to one stu-

SPORTS OF SPRING FIFTY-TARGET EVENT ARE ON THE WING AT ACADEMY GROUNDS

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and the bout between Strangier Lewis and Joe Stecher seems certain to be a record affair, considered from a shock-absorbing angle. It will be the "scissors hold" against the "head hold," and it looks as if the first man to get his hold will win, for both are well-nigh irresistible when properly applied.

There are many who contend that Stecher's "sciesors" is the m dangerous, because once Stecher winds his legs around an oppenent's body he becomes helpless; while, on the other hand, a strong and crafty grappler like the farmer boy of Dodge, Nets, could wrighte loose from the head lock Just as others have done in matches against Lewis.

But to combat this contention the supporters of Lewis say that it isn't one head hold that forces an oppquent to succumb. He continues to apply this hold at every opportunity, and in this way weakens his man until he is virtually helpless

Stecher maintains that he has held Lewis even in two previous matches, but he has not overlooked the fact that Lewis has improved greatly on his head lock since; besides, he is now able to apply a great deal more pressure. But all that Stecher asks is that Lewis go to the mat with him and give him a chance to surely throw him this time.

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IT is said that the junker element in wrestling circles favor a wide-open game, nothing being barred except poison gas and hand grenades. The game is said to be considered by this faction too effeminate as played at present.

Big League Battery Now Fighting the Hun

SHERROD M. SMITH, southpaw of the Brooklyn Robins, is over there in the thick of the fight for liberty and humanity. Smith's regiment moved out of a southern cantonment without the roll of the drums and the blare of trumpets. In fact, no one knew that he was in the fighting forces until Jack Coombs received a cable from him, which stated merely that he had arrived safely, was in good health and expected to go into nction soon

The United States army now boasts of a full-fledged major league battery in active service. Hank Gowdy, of the Braves, has already won notice for bravery in action.

Kittem, New Modified Form of Baseball

THE effort is being made to introduce "kittem," a modified form of base-L ball, into New York playgrounds. The extra sunlight is expected to greatly augment interest in the sport, the scheme of which is as follows:

Kittem is played with a large twelve-inch ball, the clenched fist being used as a bat. The game has been very successful in Detroit, where it originated; Minneapolls, St. Paul and other large cities where daylightsaving laws have been in existence for some time.

Will Sell Liberty Bonds at Ball Park

FIEUTENANT MARTY MCHALE, former big league ball player and now 11 with the Twenty-second New York Engineers, is seeking to enlist ball players as bomb throwers and also is staging a Liberty Bond sale at the crounds of the two New York clubs and the Brooklyn Dodgers. Bond hooths have been installed near the players' benches and the players of all teams appearing in New York will take part in the daily campaign to dispose of Kalser slips. That player running up the biggest total will be awarded a prize.

Every \$50 bond sold will give one point to the player actually making er heing credited with the sale; a \$100 bond will count two points, and so on. Stars of the stage and scheen have, volunteered their services to explain to the fans how to purchase the bonds and to see that each player nats the proper credit for the sale.

Holdout Jack Smith May-Enlist

ATEST advices from Los Angeles indicate that Jack Smith, the apt Froung outfielder of the St. Louis Cardinals, will enlist at the Los m naval training station. Smith and Manager Jack Hendricks, of the as club, have engaged in a telegraphic controversy over the salary and the latter has told his friends that he is digusted with his of the of Louis club and that he is "through with baseball

ALEX MUST SERVE

the chance for Grover Cleveland Alexan-der, twirier for the Chicago National Annex Broad and Spruce streets, Fri-League baseball team, to enter the navy day night. Many of the best ring per-Instead of going with the April draft formers in this city have volunteered

Instead of going with the April draft quota from Howard County, Neh, the pitcher's home, according to a statement made here yesterday by Capitain Walter L Anderson, representative in Nebraska of Provest Marshall General Crowder Unless Alexander is able to secure ter-mission to Join the navy from military matherities at Washington, he will have to go with his contingent from St. Paul, Neb, to Camp Funston, Capitain Ander-son said. "Alexander had all winter to join the

son said. "Alexander had all winter to join the navy if he wanted to," asserted Capitain Anderson, "Our general orders are to release no registrants to the navy after they have been called for duty in the army and there is no reason why Alex-ander should be taken out of his present outor."

The secretary of Alexander's draft board called State beadquarters for the adjective service draft for advice in con-metion with Alexander's request for per-mission to join the mavy. The secretary said that Alexander stood in the April quota as the tenth man in a list of twelve to go. He was told that unless Alexander was able to induce the higher authori-ties at Washington to grant his request, he would have to go to Camp Funston.

Bill Killefer May Catch for Alexander in Army

Kalamazoo, Mich., April 17. William Killefer, battery mate of Grover Cleveland Alexander, of the Chicago Cubs, who was drafted recently, was placed in Class 1-A. subject to immediate call by the district draft board here late yesterday. Killefer was originally placed in Class 4-A by the local board at Paw Paw. 'The Government appealed the case, and upon investigation the board found that Kille-

fer was a man of property, that he had been employed for at least ten years as a baseball star at \$5000 per year, and that his wife was able to care for herself. Killefer was married last October.

Cline is under the draft age. Despite

thorithes that he is one of the best boys

of his weight in the world. His tarilling six-round battle with Benny Leon

These who sign up will do so with he knowledge that they must do their bare of work in building Uncle Sam's mergency liket. However, a reasonable mount of time will be allowed at the nd of each day's labor for the players

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

-By BILL BELL-

IN ARMY, SAYS BOARD Medin, Neb., April 17.—There is lit-soldiers and sallors at the Union League will present a soldiers and sallors at the Union League will present a the Opmpia next Mindiay against Johnny Griffiths, of Akron, who makes his initial soldiers and sallors at the Union League Lincoln, Neb., April 17 .- There is hit- I banner card for the benefit of the

O'Malley, recently crowned 135-pound

WORLD'S CHAMPIONS

LOSE TO ST. LOUIS Phil Ball, Delighted Over Good Start, Hands Out \$50 Gold Pieces.

PENN FRESHMEN FIND victory for St. Louis over Calcage. The vis-nors pounded the world's enamissions' pitchhis youth he has convinced the ring au-PENN CHARTER EASY ers freely to all parts of the field. Gedeon

bedding at attack with four hits which included a double and a triple. After the range Owner Phil Hall gave each of the players 150 as a reward for their good start.

of his weight in the world. His turiling six-round battle with Benny Leon-ard here last December and his fast bout with Lew Tendler at the National a few weeks ago were notable exhibitions. Eddle O'Keefe also will appear. The veteran featherweight, who again is on the way to the top, never fails to try to help entertain the service boys. He lost no time in volunteering fils serv-ices. Gus Lewis, another headliner, will show. Basiling Murrar and Jos Tuber will furning, when they put three runs over by bunching hits.

LOSE TANK CONTEST

Swarthmore, Pa., April 17 .-- In the first swimming meet that the women of

will show. Haiting Murray and Joe Tuber will fur-rish the freworks in the main bout to classy card at the Cambria A. C. Friday wreming. Murray was stopped by Tuber some time sao, and he has been angling. The semifical will show the first appear-more of the fast Milwauke Hightweight Frankle Rowan, pitted against Presion Brown, the colored mullist. Herman Jacobs, manager of Young Tier-ney sid feety Matching to stack tiernoy against Batting Teomard or Little Bear and Haulon unshint Joe Mendell. Joe Wright er Hughey Hitchingson. Swarthmore College have ever held with an outside delegation, the natators of Temple University secured a two-point Fillman, the Minneepolis welter. margin over the Garnet girls in the management of Horman Swarthmore pool score 34 0.32

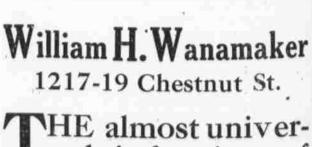
Pineharst, N. C., Anril 17.—Thurs were fifty-serven starters in the cishizen-hele gual-fity for round vesterday of the tenth annual mid-Arril soit tournament pie tenth annual championship No. 2 course. Evaluation of the there was a the st 78 between HC, Fowmen Oakmont, and W. M. Crooks, Mount Ever-sition, M. W. Crooks, Mount Ever-ett, Ninsty-two marked the end the first on 80, but withdrew from match piez. C. P. Cont, Merion Cricket, qualified in the third with 107.

HAVERFORD DEFEATS

GERMANTOWN AT TENNIS

NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK 15th and Huntington Streets PRILLIES V. ROSTON Game at 3:30 P. M. Seats on Sale at Gimbels' and Spalifi Haverford, Pa., Auril 17. - Haverford ensor spended its tennis senson with a vie-ry, 3 to 2, over Germanitown High School i Enterscholastic League matches here ves. rday.

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sal infection of high prices "on account of the war"has not yet inoculated the New Store. A man can buy a mighty fine new Spring Suit at 1217-19ChestnutStreet for \$20 or \$25.

trish Patsy Cline, the Bulttweight, became Philadelphian when he made his allodo in his city. Cline has started training in Jack 'Refers's gymnasium for several bouts he ma in view.

Ans in view.
Quite an interesting program of bosing builts has been arranged for the weekly entercainment at the United Service Child builtorrow and the Anone these who have one of the the Anone these who have the Monte Cross Batting Learners With Hannon, Batting Murra, Without McCann and a number of others. Com-mander Parne will have as his curset on this preasion Mayor Gabel, of Rockledge and Serrif James Curies. Counclinas Histon and E. T. Stolesbury.

