INDIANS PLAY HASSETT FIVE TONIGHT ON CATHEDRAL HALL FLOOR CARLISLE

HASSETT READY FOR BIG GAME

Meet Carlisle Indian School Team Tonight; Girls Have Game

A holiday basketball attraction will be staged at Cathedral Hall tonight when the Hassett school team This will be the Indian's first

Between the halves the Wiconisco High school girl's team will meet the Hassett girl's five. This game was to have been played several weeks ago but was postponed on account of bad weather which made it impossible for the Wiconisco girls to get to this city.

Hassett is exceptionally fortunate to have included in their lineup this evening, one of the year's shining lights, M. Gerdes, who plays a flawless game at guard. Just what berth will be assigned to Gerdes has not yet been decided, however, the regular players will be in uniform. Immediately after the game a special Yuletide dance program will be rendered. Arrangements have been made by the management to make this affair a banner one.

Wild Bill' Donovan, for the last three years manager of the Yankees, will marshal the hosts of Branch lickey's Cardinals in 1918, according to late reports. He has not yet signed up his contract, but the general belief prevails that he will do it.

Mrs. Frank Mellon Again

Wins Championship Title

Wartime Basketball Is

Two new rules were adopted. One lls for the league to purchase ree basketballs, with each referee wing charge of one. Under the law plan a league ball will be used each game. The other rule imposes a fine of \$10 on any player ho goes to the referee's dressing-tom to continue an argument, and fine of \$5 for any player who loots more than five fouls during the preliminary practice.

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"Smike" McIntyre is the first
player to kick on the new salary arrangement. He has been getting
\$200 a month from Carbondale, and
has declined to work for \$150. He

Dodgers Again Choose

March 18,

A spring tour with the Boston
Red Sox has been arranged, the first
game to be played at Hot Springs
on March 31. Other games will be
played at Little Rock, Memphis, Atlanta, Chattanoga, Knoxville, Bris-

series of games will be p the New York Americans

Bowie, Md., Dec. 26.—A fire, the origin of which is unknown, and the second to visit the Bowie racetrack since its construction destroyed. econd to visit the Bowie racetrack since its construction, destroyed dable A of forty-eight stalls at 6.30 o'clock last night. There was no loss of life or thoroughbred horses, The total loss of property is esti-nated at \$4,200.

"Wild Bill" Donovan Is Seeking New Berth



"WILD BILL" DONOVAN.

Mellon, of this city, and a mem-Plan of State League ber of the Herron Hill Gun-Club, according to the averages compiled

Scranton, Dec. 25.—A "war" reduction in the salaries being paid players in the Penn State Basketball League was put through yesterday at a special meeting of the managers, the latter concluding that, unless a radical retrenchment policy is put into effect, the circuit will land on financial rocks long before the second half is finished.

Under the new scale of salaries no player in the league is to receive more than \$150 a month. Players who have been getting \$200 or over have been cut to \$150. The other reductions are as follows: From \$175 to \$140 a month; from \$165 to \$125 a month; from \$150 to \$125 a month; from \$150 to \$125 a month; from \$150 to \$125 a month. Players whose salaries have been \$112.50 or less are not to suffer through the new scale of prices. Neither will the referees suffer, the owners having decided to retain Herman Baetzel as chief official at a salary of \$75 a week, the referee paying his own expenses.

It was denied at the meeting that applications had been received from Reading and Allentown for franchises.

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Leads in Short Bout

Lancaster, Dec. 26.—The Christmas show at Frankie Erne's attracted a good-sized crowd, who were well entertained by some lively boxing. In the final bout, between Leo Houck, of thie city, and George ("Kid") Ashe, of Philadelphia, the local lad had the better of the milling throughout and outpointed his rival the whole six rounds, although he did not fight up to the form he displayed in his recent bouts. Neither boy weighed.

Jack Wolpert, 113, shaded Charley Petrone, 125, in the semi-final Young Russell, 131, sickened in the Hird round with Al Winters, 140, and had to quit. The referee stopped the bout between Mickey Williams, 100 and Kid Wagner, 110, to save the latter. Tommy Morgan, of Mount Joy, dislocated his shoulder in the first round with Speedy Campbell and had to stop. The latter then boxed Whitey King four rounds, and did the better work.

Fred Fulton Loses Bout

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Facing the year which waits just over the crest, the two major leagues are up, against the greatest uncertainty they have ever known.

Just what effect the draft will have on their talent and just what effect the first big casualty lists will have on public interest are things not to be figured until the actual test is made.

But there is one thing fairly evident—that is, the strength of Chicago in the coming campaign.

The Outlook

In the two major leagues there are now three clubs that stand out above In the two major leagues there are now three clubs that stand out above the mass. Thely are the Chicago White Sox, in the American League, and the Chicago Cubs with the New York Giants, in the National.

As the evidence stands to-day there is no great chance that the White Sox will be supplanted, so far as copy paper figuring goes. They retain most of their 1917 squad, and this squad was robust enough to win a world's title. In the National League the Cubs, with the addition of Grover Cleveland Alexander, have risen up to challenge the Giants.

Owner Weeghman and his aids are quite evidently out to win at every and any cost. They have adjusted their sights on the pennant pole and are

and any cost. They have adjusted their sights on the pennant pole and are now in shape to give McGraw's tea ma healthy debate, unless Alexander is nipped in the draft and removed to the greater game. There seems to be very little chance to figure any one else in, although Cincinnati and Boston may yet surprise the talent by a rebound.

Th 1917 Harvest

Nineteen hundred and seventeen, in the big harvest, collected many a fighting man. But in taking Bob Fitzsimmons and Frank Gotch the closing year lifted two of the greatest entities the boxing and wrestling game has ever known.

Fitz was far and away the best fighting man, pound for pound, the game ever produced. Pound for pound he never had his equal. He was the first to hear the mystic trumpeter.

Gotch passed out only a few days ago. The Iowa wonder was probably the greatest wrestler ever developed—certainly the best that America ever knew.

Whether he could have ever thrown the best of the big Turks who used to infest these shores, is a matter of debate. But no Turk was ever big enough or terrible enough to throw Gotch.

Gotch had amazing speed, great stamina, unusual strength and all the courage there is. He knew every angle of his game and he had no compunctions against cruelty when the time arrived to apply the torture. Fitz and Gotch together formed a combination that will hardly be beaten. No decade will ever produce any two such men at the same time. With their physiques they might have lived for ninety years, Yet both "went West" at comparatively early ages. It's a queer 'thing, this arrangement called existence. It is far beyond the range of any dope.

BIG CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE GAME

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Hunters' License Funds to Be Used For Propagation and Protection

Plans for next year's extensive of the game propagation and protection work will be outlined at the mid-win-

criticisms of it and the commissioner has received letters proffering co-operation. The "planting" of trout, which ended when the snows began, was the most extensive ever done. Sportsmen here are interested in the plans for the new dog license. A general tag for the whole state has been recommended. Kennel tags will be authorized, but when dogs are taken out for any purpose they must have a county tag. The kennel tag will be a four leafed clover.

Ohio Chief in Charge of Coal Situation



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Ice Tennis Is Fast



Day; All Live Bird Events

Berwick Pastor Near

Becoming Popular Sport ST. ELIZABETH IS

Take Game From Harrisburg Independents; Rosewood Five Plays Saturday

The St. Elizabeth basketball team hard a nut for the local Independlast night on the Chestnut street floor. The Quakers came out vic-torious, 49 to 38. The Independents were without the services of "Ike" McCord, his place being filled by

McCord, his place being filled by Wallower.
Fouls on the part of the locals were responsible for a number of the opponents' points. Referee White imposed a number of fouls on the locals which were fully justified, and as a whole his officiating was very good. The Independents lacked the necessary team work and punch at critical times during the fray.

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N. Ford performed credibly both
on field playing and foul shooting.
Out of twenty-five attempts he succeeded in caging twenty-three onepoints. The individual star on the

CLASSIC SHOOT

CLASSI of 25. St. Elizabeth scoring, field goals, Dunleavey, 7; Moorehead, 5; Die-trich, 2; Moore, 2. Foul goals, Dun-leavey, 16 out of 20.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 26.—The classic livebird handicap shoot of the Spring Valley Shooting Association, of Reading, Scheduled here over the Day, Tuesday, January 1, 1918, is Creating great enthusiasm among the leavetees of wing shooting and promises to attract the largest entry that has faced the traps in the East in years.

This blue ribbon event of trapdom will start promptly at 10 a. m. with the "Spring Valley introductory" at 10 birds, \$5 entrance as the curtain riser. The classic New Year's Day handicap, the feature event, will start at 11.30 a. m., the conditions calling for twenty birds, \$12 entrance, handicap rise 27 to 30 yards, Interstate rules governing. The purse in both the introductory and the big handicap will be divided percentage system.

Fresh Country Birds

The management have contracted for \$3,000 fresh country birds that are guaranteed will furnish excellent sport for those behind the gun. Three sets of traps have been installed to accommodate the large entry so as to furnish the events early, affording the out-of-town shooters to leave in good time for their homes. The spacious clubhouse erected back of the score will be well heated, and reserved for the shooters. The shoot will be held, rain or shine, and is open to all devotees of the livebird shooting game. Competent referees, authorities of pigeon shooting, have been selected to officiate and will be assisted by a corps of trained help.

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Interest in basketball to-night will center in the game at Cathedral

center in the game at Cathedral Hall. Hassett five is scheduled to play the Carlisle Indian team. This game is in keeping with the policy of the Hassett management to give local fans the best than can be had.

Indians are good scalpers, but in the game to-night, they will have to do some hard fighting and even at that may lose their feathers. Everybody will do a dance after the battle.

So far as the figures of averages

The management of the Harrisburg Independents is moving in the right direction. Games like that last night are always a big attraction and of special interest. White, as a reference, is as good as you make them. For some reason some spectators do not appreciate his efforts to have clean games.

If the management of the Harrisburg Independents would have their announcer eliminate his reference to alleged "pikers," regarding dance tickets and insist on having the few fans who mar the games by their

Garnets to Play Strong SCRANTON HAS St. Joseph's Club Here

The Garnets will journey to Laneaster Thursday where the ywill clash goals.

On Saturday night the locals will line up against the strong Rosewood team of the city. This game is the first of the local series between the two quintets for the city championship. The line of and summary follows:

strongest aggregation in many years, in the line of the city championship. The line of the city championship is the city championship. The line of the city championship is the city champion in the city champion in the city champion is the city champion in the city ch

The Garnets have been going a fast clip also, and hope to stop the winning streak of the Lancaster quintet. The following Wednesday they will again journey to Lancaster when they will play the Lancaster Big Five, which has beaten two loads. The work of the Garnets is receiving much favorable comment from all around, for the strong cleancut game which it puts up to all comers. Their schedule is almost complete, but a few open dates remain. Managers wishing to arrange a game should communicate with this manager at once. Ernest K. Shoeman, 2624 North Sixth street, Harrisburg, Pa.

BASEBALL PLAN Will Play Semi-Professional Team; Binghamton

to Follow

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Willard Willing to Meet
Georges Carpentier Abroad

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Jess Willard added a real grin to his famous Red Cross offer, when he said that he was willing to go to France and fight Georges Carpentier.

There is no possible chance for Carpentier to obtain a furlough long enough to train for such a bout, and, besides, he has been out of the ring for three years, being a member of the French Army Aviation Corps. Furthermore, the French champion is about 100 pounds lighter than Willard.

It's hard sledding getting advertisement for a circus in winter time.

TWO MILLION LOANED BELGIUM

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Washington, Dec. 24.—Two million
dollars loaned to Belgium this week
brought the total of American credits to that country to \$69,000,000.
Credits to all the Allied countries
now aggregate \$3,887,000,000. It is believed that the Scranton

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