

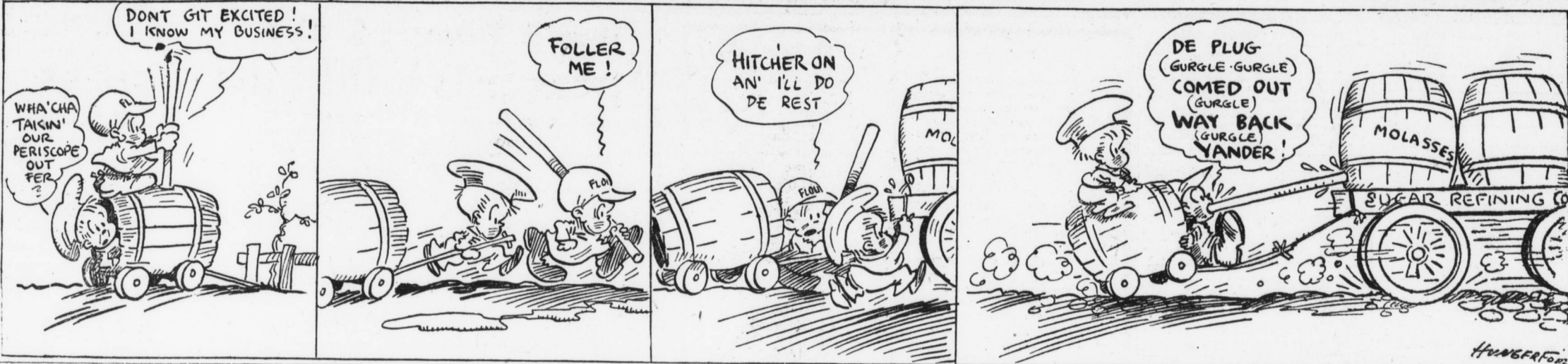
BETHLEHEM STEEL LEAGUE STRENGTHENS BY SIGNING JOE JACKSON, FAMOUS HITTER

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By Hungerford

Boston's Red Sox Leader to Be an Army Dentist



JOE JACKSON IN THE STEEL LEAGUE

The Sockless Phenom Will Work For Schwab if the Draft Does Not Prevent



Good night, Steelton! Is this true that Joe Jackson, sockless Joe, the champion fence buster of fast company, is coming to put a nail in George Cockill's coffin? Think of it! Just when Cockill had gathered a fifty bunch of scappers, sprinkled plentifully with ex-product of the big leagues, a company good enough to win the flag, why, along comes Sockless Joe Jackson to block the schedule. The word this morning was that Jackson, one of the greatest hitters and fielders the game ever saw, notified Manager Rowland, of the Chicago Americans, that he had "accepted a position with the Harlan and Hollingsworth Shipbuilding Company, Wilmington, Delaware, one of the plants that supports a ball team in the Bethlehem Steel League. That was all. "I will not play with the White Sox any longer," was his final word, which nearly caused Rowland to pass out. Down at Steelton the ball bunch had heard nothing of the news but, believe us, there was some excitement. If Jackson stays at the shipyard he will certainly be eligible to play in the Bethlehem League as a

member of the Wilmington team. The other points that maintain a club are Bethlehem, Steelton, Lebanon, Fore River, Mass., and Sparrows Point, Md. In a few months it has suddenly grown into a powerful league, entirely exempt from all organized baseball laws so that the big leagues nor the National Commission can do anything to stop it. No court would intervene and with the acquisition of Jackson there is no telling what may happen next. If Cockill sees that the other teams have the better of him in skilled talent he is likely to reach out for Larry Doyle or Ty Cobb. Jackson played his last game at Chicago on Saturday. A couple days before that he received word that he had been placed in Class A-1 by the draft board at Greenville, S. C., his native town. He was notified to appear before the nearest draft board for examination, the order stating that he would likely be called between May 25 and June 1. Jackson said to-day that he would start work at the shipbuilding plant to-morrow, but declined to state whether he would seek exemption on the ground that he is employed in a war industry.

Central High to Take Part in Tennis Tournament

Arrangements are at present being made for a triangular series of tennis matches among Tech, Academy and Central, to be played before the closing of the present school year. The election of a captain and manager will be held within the next several days and tryouts will be held within the near future. An elimination contest will be used in the choosing of the representative team.

Steelton Will Play Strong Railroad Team Tomorrow

The Steelton Bethlehem League team will battle with a hustling, fast club to-morrow afternoon when it tackles the P. & R. R. R. representatives from Philadelphia. This club is headed by Pete Childs; with Joe Ward, of Tri-State, captain, and a number of veterans of other fields who have been putting up high-class play this year. The game starts at 3 p. m. Plank worked out yesterday and to-day, and his tried and powerful swing responded quickly. This is likely to be a very hard battle, for the Philadelphia aggregation has been winning right along and they will all their best to put one over on the big leaguers.

Eddie Plank May Pitch in Tomorrow's Steelton Game

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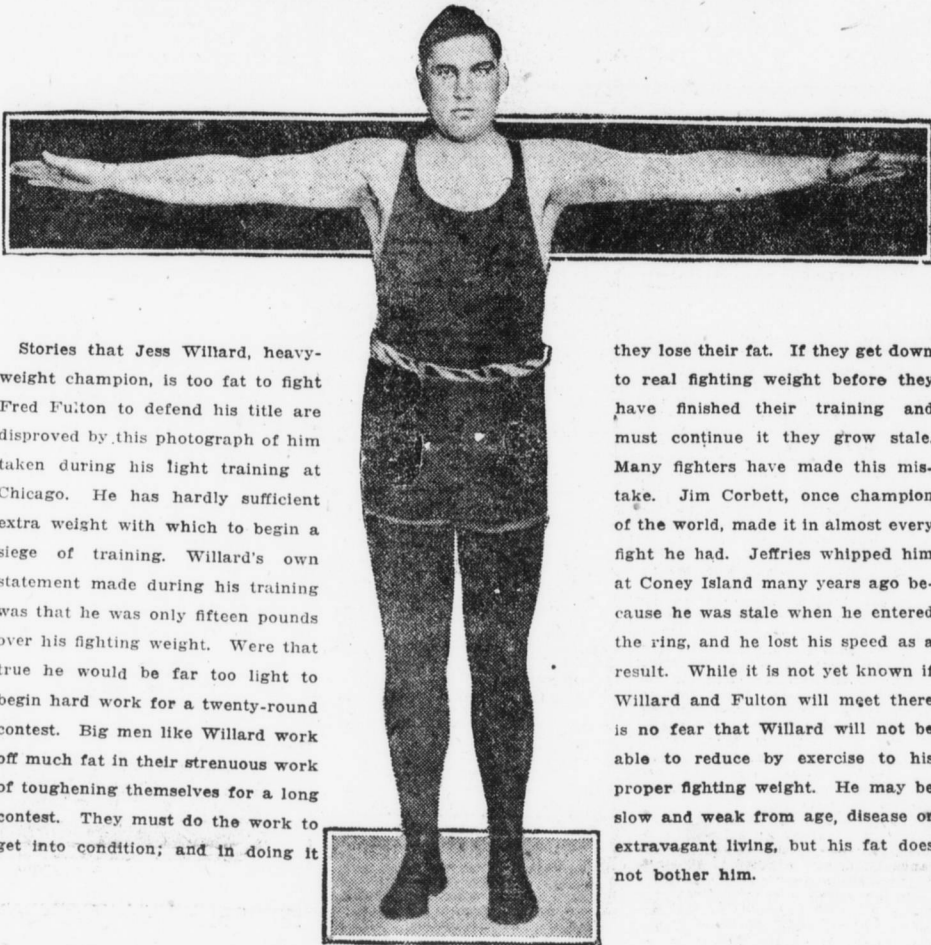
Weiser Will Leave Steelton

St. Louis, May 14.—Outfielder Harry Weiser has been purchased by the St. Louis Nationals from the Philadelphia National League club, it was announced to-day. Weiser is at present on a holdout, playing with the Steelton, Pa., team, and will have to be reinstated before he will be allowed to play.

College Pitcher Enlists

Chicago, May 14.—Paul Crissman, star pitcher with the Northwestern University baseball team, enlisted at the Great Lakes naval training station to-day. His home is in Punsukawney, Pa.

Photos of Heavyweight Champion Prove He Is Not Too Fat



Stories that Jess Willard, heavyweight champion, is too fat to fight Fred Fulton to defend his title are disproved by this photograph of him taken during his light training at Chicago. He has hardly sufficient extra weight with which to begin a siege of training. Willard's own statement made during his training was that he was only fifteen pounds over his fighting weight. Were that true he would be far too light to begin hard work for a twenty-round contest. Big men like Willard work off much fat in their strenuous work of toughening themselves for a long contest. They must do the work to get into condition; and in doing it

they lose their fat. If they get down to real fighting weight before they have finished their training and must continue it they grow stale. Many fighters have made this mistake. Jim Corbett, once champion of the world, made it in almost every fight he had. Jeffries whipped him at Coney Island many years ago because he was stale when he entered the ring, and he lost his speed as a result. While it is not yet known if Willard and Fulton will meet there is no fear that Willard will not be able to reduce by exercise to his proper fighting weight. He may be slow and weak from age, disease or extravagant living, but his fat does not bother him.

AROUND THE BASES

Paul Cobb, brother of Ty Cobb, the sensational Detroit outfielder, and at one time a big league player himself, has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and is now on his way to the Marine training camp at Parris Island, S. C. Cobb makes the third ballplayer of note to join the Marines. Dots Miller, captain of the St. Louis Cardinals, and Nig Clarke, Cleveland catcher, being already at Parris Island. This service appears to attract athletes. Eddie Mahan, former Harvard football captain is a Marine Corps sergeant.

Boxing is about to have a great revival, owing partly to its great popularity in the Army. It is believed that other states will follow New Jersey's example and make good boxing possible. There will be probably little done this summer, but next fall it is proposed to establish several clubs within easy reach of New York. It was thought that Atlantic City would be a Mecca for the fight fans and fighters during the warm months, but there are several obstacles to be overcome down at the city by the sea before the game will get along. The lack of a suitable building is the chief one, and what is more, because of the war, there is not enough available material down there with which to build a desirable structure. As bouts may not be held on piers or Boardwalk, the promoters are having their troubles.

The home-run drive by Burns in Friday's game has caused a lot of discussion. There is no accurate way of measuring the length of a hit, but as Burns is the only player who has been able to hit the ball over the left-field fence at Shibe Park in eleven years it is pretty safe to say that his hit was one of the longest if not the longest ever made. We have seen Delehanty, Cravath and a lot of others make long and wonderful hits, but it is doubtful if their best could measure up to that made by Burns in the first inning of Friday's game. Burns may not be considered the greatest hitter in the game, but he has always done pretty well when batting at Shibe Park. Hitting two home runs one day and hitting in the winning run and only run of the game the next day is some performance.

Terry McGovern, formerly feather-weight champion, left \$10,000 in personal property and no realty. This was disclosed when letters of administration were granted to his widow Mrs. Grace McGovern, of Brooklyn.

Harrisburg athletes who contemplate taking a flyer at relay running should read how Frank Shea, University of Pittsburgh, the great quarter mile runner who won the honors at the U. of P. carnival, recently gets his start after receiving the baton: "With one arm stretched

backward, palm up, ready to receive the baton, and the other stretched forward, and on his toes, Shea was ready for instant action and when he did get the baton, he shot forward as if projected from a cannon. In each of his three races, the Pittsburgh star gained from three to half a dozen yards on his opponents by this apparently correct style of starting his relay. Not once was it necessary for him, after getting the baton, to swing around into position before breaking into his stride. From the moment the stick touched his fingers, he was in position and he made good use of this initial advantage."

Leon Ames is the oldest pitcher to-day in fast company in length of service; thirteen years being his period. From the day he stepped into McGraw's office at the Polo Grounds with high water pants and a queer grin he has been a hard luck pitcher, and yet he is a valuable man. Here's his receipt for keeping young in the pitcher's box: "Don't try to strike out every batter. Master control in preference to some new snoot. In the control don't cut the heart of the plate with every pitch, but get the ball around the corner or where the batter will not have a full swing. A change of pace, which means a fast one, a curve and a slow ball, is all you need. Practice for a free motion, one which will not strain the arm with every pitch. Ames has pitched in 462 games, won 165 and lost 140, his percentage being .535. He has 1453 strikeouts to his credit and has allowed 908 bases on balls. His earned run record per nine-inning game is 2.72 for 13 years.

The league of baseball teams made up from the various branches of the American service in France has become so large that it has been divided into five sections of six clubs each. All but two of the thirty teams are composed of men of the American Expeditionary Forces. An official schedule has been prepared and the season will begin on Sunday. The winners of each section will play a series for the pennant.

Larry Lajoie has been 20 years in the big league and never witnessed a world's series game. He says "In 1908, when I was managing the Cleveland club, we lost the championship by half a game. I almost saw a world's series then, but didn't."

BALL-AND-BAT DAY TOMORROW All the Western cities of the National League will celebrate "Ball-and-Bat" day to-morrow for the fund by that name which supplies American soldiers with baseball equipment. Nothing has been found to rival baseball as a diversion for men at the front and in camp. Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati will make to-morrow a gala day with many thousands turning out just to furnish Uncle Sam fighters with bat, ball, glove and uniforms.

Baseball Summary; Where They Play Today

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
American League
New York, 3; Detroit, 2.
Athletics, 6; Chicago, 4.
Boston, 7; St. Louis, 5.
Washington-Cleveland, rain.
National League
Chicago, 10; Boston, 2.
St. Louis, 3; Phillies, 3, (10 innings, rain).
Cincinnati, 7; Brooklyn, 5.
Pittsburgh-New York, rain.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

League	W.	L.	Pct.
American League			
Boston	14	10	.583
New York	13	10	.565
Cleveland	12	10	.545
Chicago	10	9	.528
Washington	10	11	.476
St. Louis	9	11	.450
Philadelphia	8	12	.429
Detroit	7	11	.389
National League			
New York	14	2	.857
Chicago	14	6	.700
Pittsburgh	11	9	.550
Cincinnati	12	12	.500
Phillies	8	12	.421
Brooklyn	7	13	.350
St. Louis	7	14	.333
Boston	6	15	.286

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY
American League
Chicago at Philadelphia.
St. Louis at Boston.
Detroit at New York.
Cleveland at Washington.
National League
Boston at Chicago.
Phillies at St. Louis.
New York at Pittsburgh.
Brooklyn at Cincinnati.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Jersey City, 3; Syracuse, 1.
Newark, 4; Rochester, 0.
Baltimore, 6; Toronto, 1, (7 innings, rain).
Binghamton-Buffalo, rain.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY
Toronto at Jersey City.
Buffalo at Newark.
Rochester at Baltimore.
Syracuse at Binghamton.

Al McCoy No Match For Grebs, Who Goes to Army

Cincinnati, May 13.—Harry Greb, of Pittsburgh, received the decision over Al McCoy, of New York, after ten rounds of boxing here to-night. Greb had the better of every round. McCoy displayed extraordinary capacity for taking punishment. Greb will shortly go into the Naval Reserve, having enrolled in New York nearly a month ago. He was given leave of absence by the federal government to fulfill his boxing contracts with Soldier Bartfield and McCoy.
THOMAS GETS DECISION
Chelsea, Mass., May 13.—Charley (Kid) Thomas, of Philadelphia, was awarded the decision over Terry Brooks, of Boston, at the end of a 12-round boxing bout here to-night. The fighting was close throughout.

TRACK MEETING SET FOR MAY 25

Little Doubt but That Harrisburg's Star Athletes Will Win Bulk of Contests

Well, we are to have a spring track meet at the Island, after all, this year, the date being set for May 25. Short notice? Rather, but as for who is to blame, space forbids long discussion. George W. Hill referred the point to Dr. Charles B. Fager, chairman of the Harrisburg Track Athletic Association and Dr. Fager said that owing to war and also to the fact that last year's meet was not a monumental success the committee hesitated about holding one this year. Friction among the active men interested in this splendid association had something to do with the delay in arranging a meet for 1918, but the fact stands out that Harrisburg is so everlasting successful in these competitions that the whole state is practically scared away. A recent order forbids that Pittsburgh or Philadelphia should come here to compete and that elimi-

notes the strongest competition. Last year Harrisburg won more events than the whole state put together. It would be the same this year with Carl Beck, Wilsbach and half a dozen more of nearly the same caliber. To-day V. Grant Forrer sent entry blanks to all schools which have been represented in meets of bygone years and everything will be done to make a success of this year's meet, but the entries are not likely to be overcrowded. A date for the grammar school meet was also selected at this meeting and June 6 was unanimously chosen. This meet will far outshine any previous attempts in the grammar school circles and will undoubtedly be the greatest track and field demonstration slated to be held in this city during this year. Many of the grammar schools throughout the city have already begun work on the selection of their teams for this event and many preliminary meets are scheduled. Last evening's meeting being the annual get together of the association, the following elections were held: Dr. Charles B. Fager, chairman; V. Grant Forrer, secretary, and A. Reeder Ferriday, treasurer.
TENDLER BESTS BLOOM
Philadelphia, May 14.—Low Tandler, the Philadelphia lightweight, had the better of a slow six-round bout with Phil Bloom, of Brooklyn, here to-night. Bloom took the count in the fourth round but in the sixth he forced the fighting.

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