

SOL METZGER CLAIMS FOOTBALL BEST FOR SOLDIERS; BOGGING NOT ELIMINATED IN WAR

Vaccinate and Inoculate Lafayette Players For Penn Game Saturday

Enston, Pa., Nov. 5.—Formal announcement that the Lafayette-Penn game, originally scheduled for last Saturday, but called off by order of the Acting State Commissioner of Health, would be played this coming Saturday on Franklin Field, was made last evening by Head Coach Lieutenant Lewis A. Cobbett, after telephone communication with Graduate Manager Bushnell, of the Penn team. The news was received with intense satisfaction here, for not only does it dispose of the one vacancy that had been left on the Maroon and White schedule, but it means also that both of the games to which the Lafayette student body looks forward to each year, the Penn and Lehigh games, will be played.

BOXING WILL NOT BE BARRED

National Sports Chairman Says That Manly Art Is to Help Fund Largely

Herbert L. Pratt, chairman of the national sports committee, authoritatively denies the report that the boxing division of United War Work must be abandoned because of opposition from John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Dr. John R. Mott. "The account of the meeting is entirely misleading," says he, "and gives a very regrettable impression concerning the attitude of the committee on two important points. Let me make it clear, first of all, that neither John D. Rockefeller Jr. nor Dr. John R. Mott was present at the meeting or had any part in the action there taken."

Berks County Makes Rabbit Hunting Record With Total of 30,000

Up-to-date, the county of Berks is leading in the declaration of Friends Enemy, for it is estimated that 30,000 rabbits have so far perished, at the hands of 8,977 hunters. The county fairly teems with sharpshooters, notably among them Franklin H. Gross, who has won several marksmanship records in the United States Army as a sharpshooter. He bagged nineteen in two days.

They who have traveled the happy hunting grounds the last few days have noticed the apparent lack of birds, regardless that the last two years, Hunarian and Virginia quail, were liberated in great numbers for breeding purposes. Few of these have been seen by the hunters. This is said to be due to the severe winter and to the cleaning up of a number of farms, which years ago, were surrounded by fences and underbrush, where coveys of quail found good cover during severe snowstorms and were well protected. Since these have been removed, the birds have had no place to seek shelter during these severe storms. For such reasons they were either frozen to death or migrated to other counties, where conditions for their welfare are better.

As regards athletic contests on Sunday it was voted that the promotion of such contests should be left entirely to the judgment and wisdom of individual communities, but that the committee, as such, would not promote Sunday contests. The members of the committee voted on the subject, and feeling that no contests be arranged in the cantonments to be conducted, like the Liberty Loan campaigns, in the military cantonments and naval stations as well as in the cities and towns. Secretaries Daniels and Secretary Baker have given their approval to this, and it is expected that more than one million men in the cantonments and stations will have a large share in the success of the campaign, which is for the benefit of their fellows overseas as well as themselves.

With this in mind the sports committee voted that the boxing contests be arranged in the cantonments, where boxing is a recognized part of the military program. Since the boys are to be asked to contribute, the committee feels they should have a generous part in the plans for the sports program.

Every man connected officially with the campaign appreciates the wonderful response of the athletic interests of the country to the United War Work campaign. Practically every amateur and professional athlete has volunteered to help with compensation. There is every reason to believe that the sports program will be one of the most attractive and profitable features of the drive.

Center Rush, Garlow, Carlisle school; left guard, Bee, University of Nebraska; right guard, Gardner, University of Chicago; left tackle, Newcomb, Bucknell University; left end, McLaughlin, Villa Nova; right end, Wilson, Pennsylvania Military Academy; quarterback, Goldstein, Dickinson College; full back, Dougherty, University of Pennsylvania, and halfbacks, Taylor, of Minnesota Agricultural College and Nuhn, of University of Wisconsin.

Bob Peck, formerly of the University of Pittsburgh, and Cornog, of Swarthmore, are expected to be transferred from Paris Island to Philadelphia, where they will join the League Island Station team.

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Football Best Training For Soldiers, Says Athletic Director At Camp Dix

Qualities Which Make a Grid-iron Star Those Needed to Make a Plucky, Resourceful Fighting Man, Declares Sol Metzger, Famous as End on U. of P. Eleven and Then as Coach.



When one who hasn't been to the front lines is asked why football fits a man for the job he has to do 'Over There,' he has to get down to facts to prove the point. There are two outstanding facts to prove the cause of football in this war.

"First, the wholesale voluntary enlistment of varsity players the country over.

"Second, the splendid record of these same men as officers and fighting men. Of course, there is the third fact, that the Government approves of football, but this is due more to the record of football men at the front than to a theory that football is O. K.

"In football the team is successful because the individual who arrives at the given point at the given

time disposes of his opponent by a mastery of the rudiments of the game. He is a fine man in the interference, if he is on attack, or he is a fine man at breaking interference and tackling, if he is on defense. In war the individual who arrives at a given point at a given time disposes of his opponent by a mastery of the bayonet or of marksmanship.

"All these points are not entirely matters of physical training. Courage-morale which is nothing more than the spirit which permits one to carry on because of the necessity of love for the job in hand are just as necessary.

"One thing that distinguishes our army from that of the Boche is the spirit of the Yanks in this fighting. This spirit is nothing if not patriotism. It is a belief that the cause is just and that one should willingly give his all to it. Now our Amer-

ican game of football teaches us nothing if it does not build up our spirit. College spirit, bred of football, is close kin to patriotism. And this spirit of the American forces is nothing more than college spirit of a high and nobler order.

"Football teaches courage, control, quickness and to a small degree the ability to use one's brain in every emergency. A football player is not a good soldier, but a football player has that within him from which may be moulded the finest of soldiers. He understands and appreciates what loyalty, teamwork, courage, skill, spirit and timely execution mean.

"He knows discipline and training as he believes in his ability to withstand reverses and to keep everlastingly at it whatever his own condition may be or however overwhelming the odds are against him.

"Ideal War Material "In short he is ideal war material for the game of war, for with all these qualities he possesses strength and endurance. That he is successful in war is a well known fact.

"All of these points combined make me firm in the belief that football is the best physical training for the soldier. It beats boxing for the reason that boxing is one opponent. In football and in war the odds are often greater.

"I have organized a team for gridiron play under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. I believe I will have one of the finest eleven in the business. The 'Y' like the K. of C., the Jewish Welfare Board, and other similar war work organizations, is ever ready to help the boys enjoy the various sports. This is only one of the many good things these organizations, as well as the Y. W. C. A., the Salvation Army, the United War Work Campaign, and the American Library Association, now pulling together in the United War Work Campaign for \$170,500,000 to enable them to extend their activities, are doing for us."

BAG OF POTATOES DROPPED ON BOYS

Harrisburg Lad Humorously Describes Bombing of Keystone Division

Mrs. Anna Simonetti, of 423 Walnut street, has just received an interesting letter from her nephew, J. Ross Simonetti, who is serving in the Medical Detachment of the One Hundred and Third Ammunition Train, Keystone Division, A. E. F. His brother, Sergeant Francis Simonetti, is also with the Pennsylvania Division, a member of the One Hundred and Twelfth Infantry. Although in different sections of the Division the Simonetti boys have met on frequent occasions when off duty. The young soldier, while very modest in telling of his own experience, is enthusiastic in his praise of the way Harrisburg people are backing up war activities such as Red Cross, Liberty Loans, Y. M. C. A. Knights of Columbus, recruiting, etc. Extracts from the letter follow:

"Dear Aunt Anna—I guess you are wondering why you have not heard from me recently. I did send a postcard and hope you received it. I am still very well. The weather over here is starting to get very cool and at present it certainly is raining, which makes things very disagreeable, but we are getting used to it for we have to move in all kinds of weather. I guess you have read in the papers of the good work our boys are doing, especially the Pennsylvania lads. Our division is now called 'General Pershing's Iron Men,' so you can imagine the good work we are doing. We have had the Germans on the run since the 14th of July and they are still on the run. We are off of French soil—and then for Germany! I have now been on the front for three months. I have been on two different sectors and it always seems that our division is placed where the fighting is the hardest. But they are always out on the top. I certainly, in a few instances, had some 'ducking' but, but luckily I was a good 'ducker.' Old 'Jerry' gets over our line in his airplane and starts to drop his 'bag of potatoes.' And, believe me, the way he lets 'em drop, you would think they were cheap. It sure does require some running and hiding and they do make a noise. 'Jerry' is a name we give for a Hun plane that drops 'potatoes' or the bombs that he drops. I get to see Brother Francis often. He is very well and is now Mess Sergeant of his company. He really ought to be promoted to eat, don't you think? I see by the home papers that Harrisburg is still standing right out in front in present day activities. Red Cross, Liberty Loans, recruiting and the production of war essentials, not forgetting Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus. Our home people are certainly backing up the boys up and they highly appreciate it. The government is furnishing us with plenty of good warm clothing, so I know we will be very comfortable this winter. ROSS.

Pneumonia Claims Two Employees of the Penny

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NEWS OF THE RAILROADS

W. BROOKE MOORE IS 70 YEARS OLD

Trainmaster of Middle Division Will Takke Up Home in Camp Hill

W. Brooke Moore, trainmaster of the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who left here in 1903 when the headquarters of the division were moved to Altoona, will return to the section of the state next month. He will move from Altoona to Camp Hill. On Sunday Mr. Moore became 70 years old, the age the Pennsylvania retires its employees, but it is his purpose to remain in the service until December 1. Mr. Moore spent a portion of his birthday in his office and was greeted upon entering by a magnificent bouquet, the gift of attaches.

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Chief Meyers Enlists With "Devil Hounds"

New York, Nov. 4.—What do you think of the old Indian, Chief Meyers, entering the service of the "Devil Hounds," the United States Marines? The former backstop of the Giants, back in the old championship days when he had and Christy Mathewson, now serving his country on the other side, were the winning battery, took the oath at the recruiting station at 24 East Twenty-third street and started for the most famous training camp at Paris Island, S. C.

Just as soon as he had heard that his friend and old partner, the matchless "Big Six," had entered the service of Uncle Sam in the chemical warfare division, Meyers made up his mind to take a hand in the fighting that is going on across the sea.

The chief is one of the most interesting figures in baseball. He has always been a big favorite with local fans, particularly because of the many games he won for Manager McGraw by his deadly wielding of the big slugger. His timely hitting was a big factor in winning several titles for the champions.

To Confer on Proposed Aerial Route For Mail

The first step towards putting Harrisburg on the New York-Chicago aerial mail route to be introduced soon by Uncle Sam will be taken next Thursday when Otto Bruegel, Second Assistant Postmaster General comes here for a conference with Postmaster Sites and Forest Conklin to discuss the establishment of an emergency landing place on state forest land in the vicinity of Bellefonte. Such a landing place on state forest land is on a level space atop a hill or plateau and is pointed out by Department vans mountainous land adjacent to Bellefonte, it is landing through Commissioner Conklin. The aid it can to the Federal Government.

The possibility of stops at Harrisburg is good. Postmaster Sites said last night, "although there is nothing definite yet decided upon, I am doing all I can to bring this city into a line with the Air Mail service. This is an important mail center and eventually when the service is working in the emergency, landing points in other emergency will have to be selected and surveyed before it is possible to put the system in operation."

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Our new fireproof garage is now ready for storage. We have a few spaces for rent for immediate occupancy.

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Advertisement for Arrow Collars, featuring the text 'MARLEY 24 IN. DEVON 24 IN. ARROW COLLARS' and 'LUETT, PEABODY & CO., INC. MAKERS'.

Advertisement for King Oscar Cigars, featuring the text 'Play Safe--- Stick to KING OSCAR CIGARS' and 'JOHN C. HERMAN & CO. Makers'.

Fire Destroys Factory in Lebanon Co. Town

Lebanon, Pa., Nov. 5.—Fire yesterday caused the complete destruction of fire broom and mop factory of I. C. Imboden, at Cleona, two miles west of here, causing a loss of \$20,000. The town is without fire protection and Lebanon firemen were summoned to the place. They checked the flames.

Uncle Sam Differs With Rockefeller on Art of Boxing

Although John D. Rockefeller, Jr., believes that boxing should be eliminated from the war fund entertainments because Uncle Sam appears to hold it in high favor. Down at Camp Travis, E. D. Goss, athletic director of the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities athletic director, has inaugurated a brand new plan to further popularize boxing among the troops. With the co-operation of Brigadier General Ryan, Mr. Goodwin has set aside Tuesday evenings as "Fite Nites," when all the boxers of reputation in the camp, and those who are aspiring to stellar supremacy, abandon thoughts of military routine for a two-hours' sweatfest.

Another Telegraph Man Is Wounded in Action

Private T. Powell Wightman, who was formerly a member of the Telegraph's circulation department, was seriously wounded in action in France. Private Wightman, who was formerly a member of the Telegraph's circulation department, entered the service in September, 1917, and was sent overseas almost immediately. His regiment is part of the 79th division which has been in the thick of the American drive. Young Wightman was wounded in the back and side September 28. He is now in Base Hospital No. 59, France.

Mummers Abandon Plans For New Year's Pageant Because of War Activities

There will be no "mummers" demonstration under the auspices of the local association New Year's day. The pageants have been popular, but abandonment of the parade has virtually been decided upon by those who have heretofore been active in making the demonstration a success, and the Chamber of Commerce will not be asked this year to make an appropriation as in former years, the greater portion of which was distributed in cash prizes to the clubs and individual participants.

Two Youthful Hunters Severely Wounded When Gun Explodes in Faces

Two Royaltown boys, Harry Hamaker and Frank Fronk, were injured while on a hunting trip yesterday as the result of the accidental discharge of the gun of Ralph Sipe, the third youth, who composed the party. The discharge struck Hamaker in the face, while some of the shots entered Fronk's throat. Both of the injured youths are in the Harrisburg Hospital in a serious condition, while young Sipe is confined to his home suffering from shock as a result of the accident.

Italians Smashed Big Austrian Army Before Armistice Was Enforced

Rome, Nov. 5.—Before the armistice went into effect at 11 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Italian army had captured 80,000 Austrians and at least 5,000 guns, an official statement issued by the war office last night announced.