

# DOBSON FIVE TO MEET INDEPENDENTS; BIG LEAGUERS MAY GO ACROSS THE POND

## Big Boxing Tourne Abroad; Sport Being Cleaned Here

One of the biggest tournaments in the history of boxing is being arranged by the Knights of Columbus, and the contests for championships will take place in Paris for the entertainment of Uncle Sam's soldiers, sailors, marines and aviators. Belts awarded to the champion in each class. According to present plans, the tourney in the French capital will be of greater importance than any recently held in London. "Boxing is one of our best sports," declared William P. Larkin, Director of Knights of Columbus Overseas activities. "The United States is a nation of physical exercise for the students and for the entertainment of our fighting forces, and the teaching of the many boys who learn to win a thing to help set them in a trim that won the war in record time."

"The Knights of Columbus is strongly in favor of boxing, professionally or amateur, if conducted under the proper regulation, and it is to be hoped that before long laws will be passed permitting the sport to be played throughout the United States."

"Every good organization realizes the value of boxing as a means of planning out of our nation, we are planning our tourney in the new year. The belts, early in the service of the United States will compete and are titles in the various classes of weight, American will boast of some of the best fighters in the world, and we have shipped thousands of sets of gloves to the front these days. It is largely through these efforts that the sport has taken such a big hold with the lads who won the battle for us. At present, we are conducting boxing camps for the boys in various camps for the developing prospect, which are developing prospective winners of the coming tourney."

Boxing abroad has helped this sport at home, and it was in the time of the war that the government in the enforcement of the rules since 1910 is making the ruling of illustrated recently by the ruling of the third man in the ring at Cleveland when Matt Brock knocked down Frankie Britt after the bell had ended the round. The Cleveland Boxing Commission indefinitely suspended Brock and his manager and ordered the club to pay neither for their services.

Years ago this sort of inhuman rule was common, but it must stop now or the manly art is "cooked." On January 12, 1910, Kid McCoy deliberately struck Joe Choynski and knocked him out after the bell had ended a round. The records carry the statement that McCoy won by a knockout in the fourth round. The McCoy-Choynski incident was a flagrant violation of a fundamental rule of boxing that a blow struck after the end of a round shall be deemed foul and that the offender shall be disqualified.

These clever boxers were in the ring of the Broadway A. C. in New York, and Johnny White was the referee. Choynski was outboxing McCoy in a pronounced manner. In the fourth round Choynski dropped

### The Wonderful Career of Frank Gotch Who Passed Away Recently

T. Carlton of Murrodoc, Australia, not having heard that Frank Gotch had passed away, and wishing to ask some questions of the former wrestling champion, sent a letter addressed to his office at the latter's Sports Publishing Company. The communication is as follows:

"Mr. Frank Gotch, Dear Sir—I heard that if any one wrote to you and asked questions you would answer. I would like to have you answer these questions: How long did it take you to learn wrestling? How much did it cost you? What is the most money you won in a contest? Who did you find the best wrestler of all you met? Will you please tell me your height and weight?"

No doubt if Gotch were in the flesh he would have answered the questions, and therefore we will endeavor to give the desired information. Gotch was born April 27, 1878, at Humboldt, Ia., stood 5 feet 11 1/2 inches tall and in condition weighed 210 pounds. It is first noted that he began a career of victory never before equaled by a professional wrestler. Learning the art of wrestling did not cost Gotch anything, but he had to work hard. The American athlete has an excellent chance to learn by acting as an assistant to an expert. It is likely that George Hackenschmidt gave Gotch his hardest battle, as it lasted two hours before Hack surrendered. It is said that Gotch's share of the receipts of this match, which took place in Chicago, was nearly \$100,000.

McCoy with a right to the jaw and it looked though the Kid would remain down for the full count. The tolling of the seconds was come with no undue haste and at nine McCoy got on his feet.

Choynski was in readiness to give his opponent another jolt, but as soon as the Kid got into perpendicular position the bell quit singularly sounded the end of the round. The men had been boxing two minutes at the time McCoy was floored.

When Choynski heard the bell he dropped his hands and wheeled about to go to his corner. Like a flash McCoy's right shot out and hit Choynski's back of the ear. Choynski fell like a log and was dragged to his corner. "Protests from his handlers were ignored, as his helpers devoted themselves to his revival. Choynski recovered consciousness, but when the bell sounded for the fifth round and he attempted to rise from his chair he doubled under him and he sank back. Being unable to respond to the bell he was declared the loser. Under the rules of the sport, the winner should have been declared the winner and McCoy richly deserved to have lost any part of the purse.

These incidents show that boxing officials are enforcing the rules and thus tending to raise the standard of the sport.

### COAL ADMINISTRATION MAY CONTINUE 6 MONTHS

Coal dealers in the city have expressed the hope that the activities of the local fuel administration will continue until April 1 at least, when the coal card orders of householders become null. As long as the orders taken for the year ending April 1 remain in effect, it is felt by the dealers that the aid of the coal commission is needed.

The coal situation remains promising, with a surplus in the dealers' yards, and householders ordering moderately.

### JOHN F. SATTLER DIES IN FRANCE

John F. Sattler, 32 years old, one of the first drafted to leave Harrisburg, died in France from pneumonia on December 11 while serving with the 31st Field Artillery, according to word just received by his brother, George F. Sattler, 1507 Derry street. He was employed at the Rutherford roundhouse before entering the military service.

### NEW NURSE HOME OPENS

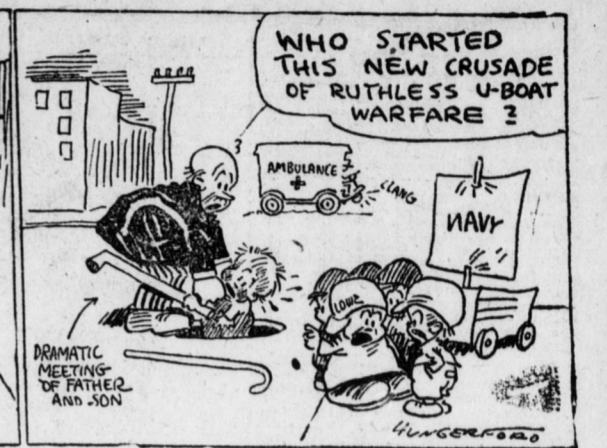
The new nurse home, designed to accommodate about forty nurses, formerly the W. O. Hickok home at 115 South Front street, is ready for occupancy, according to the announcement made at the meeting of the board of the Harrisburg Hospital yesterday. The large drawing room was furnished by Judge John J. McPherson, Philadelphia, in honor of his daughter, Mrs. William Bergner.

## SNOODLES



Bing! Into the Waste Basket Goes the Resolution

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### MISS BJURSTEDT TO LEAVE SOON

#### Famous Norwegian Tennis Champion to Play in England for British Title

Miss Molla Bjurstedt, the wonderful Norwegian tennis player who has held the women's championship of the United States since 1915, is planning to return to Norway next summer. The trip taken on a decidedly interesting aspect because of her present intention to compete in the English championship, which probably will be held at Wimbledon in June.

Restoration of that historic tournament which was abandoned during the war, not only will attract the best of the English players but other European experts as well, for the London Field says that France and Belgium certainly will be represented. The entry of Miss Lenglen, the French girl whose sensational before the war, is anticipated.

Miss Bjurstedt's career in this country has been remarkable, for she won the title of the matches with Miss Mary K. Browne of Los Angeles, won from her in 1917 when they were playing for the Red Cross. She has rarely been defeated. Her record in sanctioned tournaments during the war shows the loss of only about half a dozen sets, and she won the following tournaments: Pelham, Ardley, Metropolitan, Longwood, New Jersey States, Heights Casino (indoor) and the national championships, both indoor and outdoor.

### R. K. Fortna Wins Prize as the Best Salesman of Baby Bonds During War

After leading throughout practically the entire contest, R. K. Fortna has emerged the winner in the William M. Donaldson letter-carriers' War Savings Stamp sales contest. Mr. Fortna sold throughout the year a total of \$32,132.97 worth of stamps and was awarded the first prize of twenty-four War Savings Stamps.

Other winners were: J. A. Geiger, second, twenty stamps; G. A. Hollinger, third, eight stamps; and R. W. Gault, fourth, five stamps, and C. W. Cless, fifth, three stamps.

The letter carriers sold a total of \$47,775.52 worth of Thrift and War Savings Stamps.

The complete list of sales follows: R. K. Fortna, \$32,132.97; J. A. Geiger, \$25,791.73; G. A. Hollinger, \$25,627.90; E. R. Gault, \$13,540.34; C. W. Cless, \$16,799.74; G. L. Eberhart, \$16,591.89; C. A. Fortna, \$15,723.45; C. E. Rea, \$12,881.07; G. R. Pritchard, \$12,882.58; W. R. Manly, \$12,194.59; T. J. Carpenter, \$12,136.44; W. W. Dunn, \$12,088; G. L. Ehler, \$11,363.61; J. A. Snyder, \$10,167.79; R. H. Weaver, \$9,692.43; D. Weistling, \$8,233.93; H. C. Jordan, \$8,169.26; H. C. Young, \$8,083.09; J. A. Elias, \$7,433.35; G. P. Satchell, \$7,064.77; W. B. Berry, \$6,747.61; E. W. Walton, \$6,588.02; H. H. Bond, Jr., \$6,580.67; A. H. Stover, \$6,443.59; H. C. Brady, \$6,070.65; A. W. Wagner, \$6,057.39; J. H. Kurtz, \$5,363.08; J. W. Naylor, \$5,344.47; D. P. Dougherty, \$5,174.45; F. M. Reen, \$4,982.69; J. G. Laverty, \$4,981.97; W. E. Smiler, \$4,906.72; G. W. Warden, \$4,263.91; C. B. Buffington, \$4,132.15; T. B. Stouffer, \$3,363.26; J. E. Beatty, \$3,449.19; J. A. Christman, R. D. 2, \$2,056.35; R. L. Ringer, \$1,792.05; A. N. Ulrich, R. D. 2, \$2,157.57; G. L. T. Hoenschmidt, \$457.22; H. G. Dyblie, \$426.13; J. G. Popel, \$309.36; J. T. Long, \$262.50; F. D. Kerschner, \$178.41; W. J. Stoner, R. D. 5, \$133.60; L. T. Herman, R. D. 1, \$100.49; J. B. Bates, \$80.03; H. G. Dyblie, \$56.93; total, \$375,775.52.

### Annapolis Middies Setting Pace Come-back in the Big Sports

#### The United States Naval Academy is setting a pace for the nation in reviving sports rapidly as possible.

It is doubtful whether the baseball game with West Point will be played this spring, though highly probable that the football game will be played next fall, the date of November 29 being reserved on both schedules for that contest. There is only one class at West Point at present, the others having been graduated ahead of time, and should the athletic authorities there feel that a representative nine could not be secured this spring, the Naval Academy would at once recognize their position as perfectly proper.

The situation will be changed when football comes on the boards. Another class, a specially large one, will have been admitted to the military academy and there is reason to believe that at least one of the classes which was graduated prematurely will be ordered back for further training. This would put the army school on an even basis with the naval, as the latter is still one class short, also due to early graduations.

It is also possible that the private

### STRONG CREW FOR HARVARD IN 1919

#### Coach Haines Predicts Great Season With Plenty of Candidates Out Now

Old John Harvard, who was tied tighter than any other big school in its war activities, is going to bust loose with some noise in rowing, at least. She intends to have a faster crew than the winner over Princeton to hand Yale last spring.

The Newell boathouse is alive now with candidates for the Freshman and varsity, and the quarters are being rapidly brought back to pre-war state.

"I expect to see a great number of men report for crew the coming season," said Coach Haines. "Rowing has always been a popular form of sport at Harvard, and proved that itself last spring. We were able to boat sixteen crews without soliciting the men, whereas other college athletics in some cases had hardly enough men to form one crew."

At the present time it is understood that Harvard will lose only two members of its 1918 eight. Francis Parkman, who rowed at No. 5, graduated in three years, and D. B. Withington, No. 1, R. S. Emmet, the captain, was due in this country from England, where he was engaged in Red Cross work. Two days ago, but he hasn't sent any word to Harvard, although it is known that he completes returning. Emmet stroked last year varsity with all the skillfulness of a seasoned oarsman, although he never had previous upper-class experience.

F. B. Whitman will receive his discharge papers within a few days, and will be back at Cambridge after New Year's. His position was No. 7. J. F. Linder Jr., R. B. Batchelder and R. R. Bowen are expected to return, and J. S. Coleman is already in college.

J. N. Dorland II, captain of the victorious '21 eight, will return to college after receiving an army commission at an officers training camp. R. M. Sedgwick, D. H. Morris Jr., Sherman Damon and M. E. Oldsted, also members of a last year's freshman crew, are intending to return to Harvard again. Lieutenant Moseley Taylor, of the Naval Aviation, and J. M. Franklin, oarsman with some experience, may also be available. Taylor made his letter in 1916, and has at least one more year in college.

### Big League Teams May Go Over to Europe Soon

#### A series of games in Europe after the close of the baseball season here next fall is planned for the pennant winners in the National and American Leagues, says a Chicago dispatch to the Christian Science Monitor.

While plans so far are tentative, B. B. Johnson, president of the American League has had the project under consideration for some time and delegated William Lange, star National League player of twenty years ago, who is in France engaged in Y. M. C. A. work to look over the field and report on the feasibility of taking the two major league teams across the Atlantic.

"I just thought it would be a great thing for American soldiers, provided there are a lot of them over there next fall to have two major league champions go over and play a series of games for their benefit," said Johnson. "Now, whether the two champion teams go over depends entirely on the report of conditions by Lange. If he thinks such a venture would be cold and uninteresting, it will not be carried out."

### FIRE PREVENTION URGED

#### An appeal for the prevention of fires is contained in the December report issued by Howard E. Butz, state fire marshal, yesterday.

Butz points out that manufacturers and other property owners are responsible for heavy losses caused by fires starting through carelessness and lack of precautions.

"The Secrets of the Mormon Temple" was the subject of the lecture of Miss Lulu Loveland Shepard, of Salt Lake City, in the Fourth Street Church of God. In the evening she will speak in the New Cumberland United Brethren Church.

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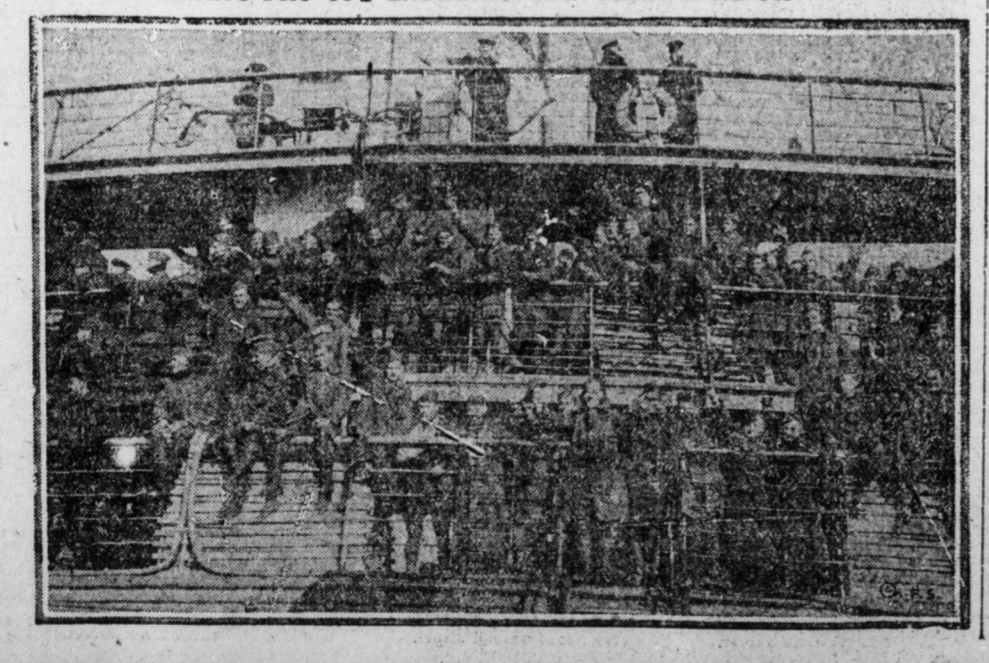
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### RETURNING TRO OPS ENTERING NEW YORK HARBOR



### Middletown Private A. J. Roderick Dies From Pneumonia

Private Albert J. Roderick, a member of the 610th Aero Squadron, of the Aviation Depot, died at the Hospital for the Sick, Middletown, on Wednesday night from pneumonia, the result of influenza, being ill for three days. His home was in Scranton. He is survived by his wife, who has at his bedside who has died. The body was taken to the undertaking establishment of H. S. Roth, from where it was sent to Cresson last evening, the home of his wife. Burial will be made at Spangler.

The Middletown Council, No. 156, O. of L. A., elected the following officers for 1919: Counselor, R. H. Schraedley; vice counselor, Clinton Luse; recording secretary, Fred Welsh; assistant recording secretary, John H. Goddard; conductor, M. B. Green; warden, Harry Hamaker; inside sentinel, W. H. Landis; outside sentinel, James Ulrich; chaplain, Ross E. Seltzer.

The Rev. O. M. Kraybill, pastor of the Church of God, has returned home from Enhart, where he was assisting the Rev. C. H. Groves, in the revival services being held there.

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The Rev. James B. McClure, of Paxtang, for some months satd supply of Olivet Presbyterian Church will be the preacher at the preparatory services at the Covenant Presbyterian Church to-night at 7.30.

### DOBSON FIVE TO PLAY SATURDAY

#### East Falls Team Will Battle With Independents on the Chestnut Street Floor

The Dobson Five of East Falls, will appear here Saturday night with several former eastern league stars in their lineup. Harry Frankel, a former Trenton League player, and who appeared here last week with the strong Rockwood Club will be at a forward position with Graft who was a former Vinco player. Moorehead, of the DeNeri, Eastern League Club, will be at center for the visitors. Kilpatrick, a guard of the DeNeri Eastern League Club, will be a runningmate with Miller, an independent star around Philadelphia.

The local independents look like town beaters with the giant Haggerty in their lineup and it will take a hustling club to down the locals. Haggerty will be in the local lineup for the balance of the season. Dancing will follow the game.

### DOBSON INDEPENDENTS

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### Miss Martha Gible Bride of Robert L. Cocklin

Mechanicburg, Pa., Jan. 3.—The marriage of Miss Martha Rebecca Gible, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Gible, of near Mechanicburg, and Robert L. Cocklin, of Mechanicburg, was an event of New Year's Day at the home of the bride, Elder Levi S. Mohler, of Elizabethtown, grandfather of the groom, performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. W. E. Cocklin, father of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Shank, of Mechanicburg, were the attendants. The bride is well known here. Mr. Cocklin, who is employed in the office of the Elliott-Fisher Company at Harrisburg, was formerly a student at Elizabethtown College, and the School of Commerce, Harrisburg. Mr. and Mrs. Cocklin will live with the bride's parents after their return from a honeymoon trip.

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