

AMMY SCHIFF SHADED BY "O'KEEFE" AT BOXING BOUQUET; BASEBALL AT STEELTON IN 1919

Baseball Greater Than Ever Says Fielder Mann

As the tables are turned. Instead of his being a fool season for the national pastime, every previous year, baseball will see a revival. For one thing, as more action than any other sport, and thus reminds of war; instantaneous thought, the appealing move, the satisfying appeal; all make this the universal sport. It is informative to listen to one who knows, Leslie Mann, fielder for the Cubs, who in an interview yesterday assured that he would be back on the job. His wife told him to quit the game, but thought differently, because, as she explains: "I am only 26 years old and still young in baseball and in the best years are in front of me. I will not quit until I am 40, and think the experience I gain in the next few years will be a lot of good in my physical work. My studies in that profession continue and I am confident when I am ready to give up ball I will be able to obtain a position with some college, or practice in every kind of athletics."

**War Aids Game**—I honestly think baseball is greater than ever starting this year. While at Camp Logan I had a chance to observe the intense interest that took in baseball. When a new ball came into camp the first thing they sought was baseball. I saw them in every kind of athletics. Games were always played when the men were not busy. And take it from me, surely was some hot competition. The officers encouraged that and it was that which helped in the winning of the game. There is no doubt in my mind that baseball as a result of the war has won thousands and thousands of fans, and they are the kind that go to the games because they are glad to enjoy the sport. I am of the opinion that the war has not only baseball, but the other sports, as well. Take the men of major and minor leagues who into the service. They will re-

turn to their clubs with more courage than they ever possessed before because they have had it pounded into them. They will not know what it is to shirk a duty on the field. They will be trying all the time and there will be a greater desire on their part to win. "If I am not mistaken the game in the future will be fought with more vigor and enthusiasm than ever before. I look for that because of the punch the players put into their playing in the camps."

**Helps Umpires, Too**—Baseball not only received a great boost in this country. It also received it abroad. The soldiers were not permitted to forget it after they landed in England or France. It was the one sport with which they could amuse themselves in the camps. I have received numerous letters from officers whom I met at Camp Logan and they tell me baseball is all their men think about when they are preparing to go to the front. Grover Alexander has done the game a world of good on the other side. He has pitched in many exhibition games before many different regiments. The soldiers all know him because of his reputation and were glad of the chance to see him pitch.

"I do not think the umpires will have the trouble they have had before. The men in the service have learned what it means to take orders and to adhere to the strictest kind of discipline. That certainly will be a blessing to some of the umpires. I presume, too, the fans will like it better."

In the league that will be able to stop the Cubs with Alexander back on the pitching staff to assist Jim Vaughn, George Tyler, Phil Douglas, Claude Hendrix and possibly a few other effective men. He is eager to be back with the northside machine because he feels confident it will be a winner.

**NEW COTTON RATES**—Washington, Jan. 29.—New rates on high density cotton from South Atlantic ports to Liverpool and United Kingdom ports were fixed at \$1.20 per hundred pounds yesterday by the shipping board, effective immediately.



League Baseball Assured For Cottage Hill Fans

Whoopee! Baseball at Cottage Hill next year. That's the great news to-day and Steelton fans were shivering with glee at the good news. Word reached the mighty plant late last night and quickly spread, giving thousands of fans a thrill which acted like spring tonic. Manager George Cokill expressed the opinion a month ago that Steelton would stage the game in big league style but he had not authority to make the promise. However, he had been holding half a dozen of last year's veterans, expecting just such a decision. The information came directly from headquarters at Lebanon, through George Fonda, in charge of the Bethlehem Company's welfare department, Charles S. Kelchner, in charge of the Lebanon team, has been informed that, with possibly one exception, the circuit will be made up of the same clubs as during the two years of the league, viz.: Lebanon, Steelton, Sparrows Point, Bethlehem, Wilmington and Fore River.

As yet no decision has been reached with respect to the season's schedule. It is understood Saturday and holiday games will be played as heretofore, but there is a growing sentiment in favor of twilight games during the week more particularly in the event of the nation reverting to the daylight-saving movement of last year. With the exception of "Babe" Ruth and Rogers Hornsby, who have quit their employment here, Coach Kelchner expects to have practically the same team which finished the season. All of the men are filling responsible positions at the local Bethlehem Steel plants and are looked upon as reasonably sure of remaining. They include Catchers Sam Aenge and George Hale, Pitchers Jim Shaw, Bill Ritter and Norman Plitt, Infielders Del Pratt and Bobby Stowe, Outfielders Eddie Murphy, Joe Shulin, Babington, Holbey, Light, Claudner and Potteiger. Kelchner reports that he has good men in prospect for the vacant infield positions.

"Ringer" of Mystery At Boxing Show Jolts Sammy Schiff

Fighter Under Name of O'Keefe Bangs Local Boy Against the Ropes at His Will; Dundee Puts It Over on Larry Hanson

When the Motive Power boxing show reached the point in its program last night where Sammy Schiff was to meet Russell, of Lancaster, no one appeared to enter the ring with him. Frank Earns, the Lancaster veteran, had come to see the bouts and offered to go on just to make the program good. He is nearly 35 years old and not in especially good training, but Sammy did not care for this. After about five minutes' wait, a light-haired lad, with steel-blue eyes and a confident air mounted the platform, and was announced as "O'Keefe" by Referee Charley Solters, who, incidentally, got an ovation on his return from Army service, for he was the real founder of the Motive Power Club. The referee was said to be in Alientown, but after the fight the truth came out that O'Keefe is not the name, and the stranger was so shrewd that his real moniker never was exposed. As a mystery "pug" made good, for Sammy Schiff would have been all in after a couple more rounds hanging on to the ropes. He had his right hand working all right, but the foe ducked it every time and in course of time he gave Sammy a cauliflower ear and claret spattered over the arena in gobs. The first two rounds were rather tame, but in the third O'Keefe landed frequently and was jarring Sammy around the ropes. The fourth found O'Keefe with much the better of it and in the fifth he savagely uppeared, bringing more blood. In the sixth Sammy at last landed his favorite right lead, but there was little power to it, and O'Keefe started in to finish the Harrisburg boy. He did not succeed in this, although he did manage to separate Sammy from the bulk of his attire, namely, one frazzled pair of tights. Time was called for Samuel to resume certain fragments of his raiment, but they barely held together until the final of the round, which was all in O'Keefe's favor. Great sentiment was expressed by the crowd, which filled the arena to its brim, for Sammy, being the native Pettigall, and told the referee that the fight was a disgrace. He called the referee, who he challenged, through the referee, any man of 125 pounds, and particularly mentioned Solters, so that if Schiff has aspirations to be a champion, he must go. Larry Hanson, 125 pounds, and Eddie Dundee, 131, one from Brooklyn, the other from Alientown. They were well matched and the fight was one of the best frays seen here this season.

Mammoth Athletic Meet For Yanks and Allies Planned

Guard duty among the soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces in occupied Germany and in the rest camps of France is to have its compensations. The Allies of the United States through their representative athletes in the respective armies, have been invited to compete with America's brawn and skill in a mammoth meet that will rival in intensity and process, the periodic Olympic games. Although the date and place have not been agreed upon, the contests are an assured fact and already the doughboys are training down with the same thoroughness and desire to win that broke the Hun's winning streak. American Expeditionary force championships, comprising elimination contests in track and field events, boxing and wrestling, baseball, tennis, football have been scheduled in a training bulletin from G. H. 2, A. E. F. The events have been so arranged that divisions, corps and army troops as well as the S. O. S. (Service of Supply), will be allowed fair and equal representation. Lieutenant Colonel Joseph H. Thompson 110th infantry, 28th Division, has been ordered to take over the training of the Second Army for these events. Colonel Thompson is well known among sport followers as a former football player and coach of the University of Pittsburgh.

Daniels Commends Boys From This State For Courage on Minnesota

Washington, Jan. 29.—Secretary Daniels has commended twenty-seven men of the crew of the battleship Minnesota for courage and efficiency displayed when the ship struck a mine September 29, 1917, off the Delaware breaker. The ship made port under her own power. Those commended included Charles K. Honing, Camden, N. J.; Charles F. Bowman, Somerset, Pa.; James P. Coyne, Philadelphia; Edmund J. Reed, Perkasie, Pa.; and Oscar Leidy, Souderton, Pa.

Oppose More Laws to Regulate Packing Industry

Washington, Jan. 29.—Presidents of two big packing companies yesterday advised Senate and House committees against enactment of any additional legislation to regulate the meat packing industry. Louis F. Swift, of Swift & Company, told the Senate Agriculture committee present laws were adequate to deal with any abuses charged, and Edward S. Morris, of Morris & Company, testified before the House Interstate Commerce committee, that any further legislation "would just muddle things up." Some limitation of capitalization of packing companies was suggested by Senator Gronna, of North Dakota, after Francis J. Hejny had cross-examined Mr. Swift concerning a series of increases of his company's capital stock. Mr. Hejny said that separating the Swift concern into three organizations recently the market value of the original stock had been increased more than \$100,000,000. Mr. Swift denied this and agreed to inform the committee as to the transactions dealing with the separation of the one company into Swift & Company, Swift International, and Libby, McNeal & Libby.



AROUND THE BASES

**BILLION A TEAR**—The world tells that Wilson wept over the victims' plight. It is an opinion that the war has not only baseball, but the other sports, as well. Take the men of major and minor leagues who into the service. They will re-

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Royal Fire Company Trims Salem, of Enhaut

The Royal Fire Company five defeated the Salem team of Enhaut by a score of 57 to 23. The shooting of Elkins featured the game. The Royal Five will go to Camp Hill Friday night and play at requested to be at the engine house at 6:30 to leave in auto. Score: Enhaut, 57; Royal Fire Co., 23. Elkins, f. Shickley, f. Janson, c. Brehm, c. Armstrong, g. Hamershay, g. Strine, g. Hoeker, g. Field goals—Bishop, 4; Janson, 6; Hoeker, 1; Shickley, 1; Elkins, 19; Dunke, 5; Armstrong, 1; Strine, 2. Foul goals—Janson, 1; Shickley, 1. Referee—Brough. Scorer—Geiger.

NEW CUMBERLAND

Table with 4 columns: Name, Points, Rebounds, Assists. Includes players like Morgan, Stettler, Shadow, Rocky, Spangler, etc.

WITH THE BOWLERS

The Captains who are leading the Academy League got a trimming from Privates last evening and the Generals crept up a notch by beating the Corporals.

On Casino Alleys

Table with 4 columns: Name, Points, Rebounds, Assists. Includes players like Troce, McWain, Evans, Montgomery, etc.

Piez Calls Off Work on Tons of American Ships

Washington, Jan. 29.—Orders to shipyarders to begin work on ships aggregating from 1,000,000 to 1,250,000 deadweight tons, the keels for which ordinarily would not have been laid before next August 1, are now being sent out by the shipyard board, Charles Piez, director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, said to-day that yards on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts were affected.

FEBRUARY HOG PRICES CONTINUE

Washington, Jan. 29.—A minimum base price of \$17.50 a hundred pounds for hogs for the month of February was unanimously agreed upon to-day by the hog committee meeting at the food administration.

PYTHIAN KNIGHTS IN STATE LIBERAL

Philadelphia, Jan. 29.—Pennsylvania's quota of \$60,000 in the Knights of Pythias drive for \$750,000 has been subscribed. It was announced yesterday during the convention at the Bellevue-Stratford of the Supreme Lodge of the Knights and representatives of lodges throughout this state.

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Stars of the West Will Invade Us Saturday to Meet Gordon Ford Team

Wilmerding of the West Penn league that appears here this coming Saturday night, will be the first basketball team that ever appeared in this city from the western part of the state. The Wilmerding Club have in their lineup three former stars of the eastern league Jackie Adams who was known to the local fans as the "Grayhead man of the Adams express team" will play one of the forward positions for the visitors. Roy Steele, one of the greatest scoring forwards in the cage game and a running mate to Adams on the Camden Eastern League team will play the other forward position. At center will be Eddie Dohn who was part owner of the Camden Eastern League team and who was considered one of the greatest centers in the cage game. The guard positions will be filled by Ross Steele, a brother to Roy, and McAvoy, who was formerly of the

RIOTING IN BELFAST STREETS

Belfast, Jan. 29.—There was much rioting in the dark streets here last night. Many plate glass windows in stores along prominent streets were smashed and some of their contents were stolen. The police frequently charged with their clubs upon the rioters. The interallied food council in Paris, he said, had recommended that Germany and other enemy countries be allowed 70,000 tons of pork monthly. Business with the Allies and neutrals will amount to 225,000,000 pounds of pork for the month of February, it was said. The packers may now seek at their own risk an independent market for hogs among the neutral and allied nations in excess of their regular allotment, Mr. Snyder said, and the food administration will co-operate to the extent of obtaining ships from the Shipping Board for the purpose. Mr. Snyder said that the food administration would insist upon a continuation of restrictions on exports just so long as a group, or co-ordinating nations in excess of their regular allotment. When independent purchasing was resumed in Europe, he said, the situation would take care of itself, and restrictions probably would be removed.

Butter and Eggs on Decline

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 29.—A drop of 10 cents in the wholesale price of butter and five cents a dozen in eggs has come in the local markets. At present butter is 40 cents wholesale and fresh country eggs 50 cents. Dealers report both more plentiful with large demands. Italian Embassy in Tokyo Destroyed by Fire. Tokyo, Jan. 29.—The Italian embassy was destroyed by fire Sunday. Marquis Cusani Confalonieri and the members of his family escaped without injury. Marquis Cusani was at one time ambassador at Washington.