

NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

K. O. PUNCHES MISS MARK

Gunboat Smith and Jim Coffey Fight Stiff Bout—No Real Advantage

New York, Dec. 16.—Knockout punches filled the air at Madison Square Garden last night, but neither Gunboat Smith or Jim Coffey could connect with one. It was a stiff fight, with the honors about even.

Smith lost a lot of ground because of Coffey's aggressiveness, but he evened the score every time he landed, and he did that twice to Coffey's one.

The Dublin Giant fought a better fight than he has put up before. He took all of the Gunner's wallops and never wined. Smith got into disfavor early in the fight because of his habit of sneaking over an uppercut when ordered to step back by the referee.

Coffey seemed anxious to be in close, and he beat a merry tune on the Gunner's ribs every time they came together. It was Jim's rushes that upset all of the Gunner's plans for a K. O. He didn't get many chances to set. When the end came the Gunner was going strong for the pace had told on Coffey. The official weights with both in ring costume were: Smith, 180, and Coffey, 188.

Wiltse Is Released

New York, Dec. 16.—George Wiltse, the Giants' veteran southpaw, was given his unconditional release by Manager McGraw yesterday. This was done to allow Wiltse to negotiate without restraint for the position of manager of the Syracuse International League club, if either the Jersey City or Baltimore franchise is transferred to that city.

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JOHNSON WAS HARDEST WORKER IN THE AMERICAN

Senators' Star Hurdled 51 Games, in Which He Whiffed 225 Men—Bressler Was Fourth, Fanning 96 in 29 Games

Walter Johnson, now outside the pale of organized baseball, labored in more games and struck out more batsmen than any other twirler in the American League last season, according to the official pitching averages out to-day. The rangy Kansas farmer is credited with working in 51 games during the 1914 season for the pennant, in which he struck out 225 men. Johnson finished third in the ratings, two young Boston Red Sox hurlers topping him. Dutch Leonard, the California southpaw, led the pitchers with a 1.01 average for 35 games, while Foster, his teammate, was second with 1.65. Johnson's mark was 1.71. While Johnson fanned the most men and worked more often than did any other twirler, he lacked his deadly accuracy which featured his pitching in other years. Last summer he made 14 wild pitches and had one balk called upon him, while 74 times he passed a batter, besides hitting 11 with an unruly heave. Once upon a time it was thought that Johnson's arm delivered a man-killing projectile, but no one of the 11 pinged last summer had to be carried to the hospital.

Rube Bressler was the best Mack working percentage pitcher. The sturdy left-hander earned fourth place in the table with a 1.76 average for 29 games of effort and endeavorment. Rube was real nifty in these battles, fanning 96 and deadheading 56. Bender, runnerup among the champions to Bressler, finished twelfth in the standing, with Shawkey twenty-ninth and Pennock thirtieth. Plank brought up at the thirty-fifth mark, Wycokoff forty-first and Bush forty-fourth.

Shaw of Washington, was the most liberal young man in the league, for in his 48 contests he transferred 137 men to first.

WANT LONE-STAR FOR COACH

Assistant Art Instructor at Carlisle Indian School Named for Warner's Place

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 16.—The retirement of Glenn S. Warner as physical director at the Carlisle Indian School has caused many trainers of athletes to apply for his position, which covers the coaching of the Indian football team. Warner himself will reside here until February, although he is at present making plans for a southern gunning tour.

Although William Lone-Star Dietz, assistant art instructor at the Carlisle school, is not a candidate in any sense to succeed Warner, whom he has assisted as a football coach for a number of years, the artist is the most prominently mentioned for the position.

Dietz, or Lone-Star, which is his pen name, has had wide experience as a football player, having played mostly on the line at tackle, and frequently in the backfield. Weighing 200 pounds, he is as fast as a streak of lightning, and performed brilliant feats on the Indian teams of a few years ago. Lone-Star played in the West before coming to Carlisle, on a reservation school team of quality. The Warner methods are second nature to Dietz, who has been invaluable to the great coach. There is a disposition on the part of the authorities of the Interior Department to select an Indian, or one who has had wide experience with Indians, to take charge of Carlisle's athletes.

Superintendent Lipps, of the Carlisle school, is now traveling in the West, and it is thought when he returns that

Useful Gifts

HOT WATER BOTTLES FOUNTAIN SYRINGES RUBBER GLOVES AT Golden Seal Drug Store, 11 S. Market Square.

EASY FOR HASSETT CLUB

Spring Grove Y. M. C. A. Falls by the Score of 52 to 19

The Hasset Club had little trouble winning from the Spring Grove Y. M. C. A. in Cathedral hall last evening. Taking the lead from the start, the locals easily kept ahead and topped the visitors by the score of 52 to 19.

Weitzel by a star pass into the basket opened the game. McCurdy and Ed. Sourbier played splendid games. The Olivet team of Reading, will play the Hasset Club in Cathedral hall December 22. The lineup:

Hasset Club. Spring Grove. Elwood Sourbier F. Senft McCurdy F. Hershey Ed. Sourbier C. Kopp Hennenkamp G. Hartman Weitzel G. Myers Field goals, Ed. Sourbier, 9; McCurdy, 6; Elwood Sourbier, 4; Weitzel, 4; Hershey, 4; Hennenkamp, 2; Senft. Foul goals, Hershey, 9; Weitzel, 2. Referee, Hilton. Timer, Delone. Periods, 29 minutes.

WIN AT LANCASTER

Harrisburg Five Takes Roses Into Camp, Score 57 to 49

The Harrisburg five won from Lancaster at Lancaster last evening by the score of 57 to 49. It was a fast aggressive game and scoring was frequent. The Harrisburg team had a seven-point lead at the first half station and remained ahead until the close of play. Krout and Atticks played splendid offensive games. Baumbach played a splendid game at guard. Manager Taggart was in the game for the first time this season. The lineup:

Lancaster. Harrisburg. Brown P. Krout Housk P. Taggart Rank C. Atticks Shaub G. Boyles Jones G. Baumbach Field goals, Brown, Houck, Rank, 3; Jones, 5; Shaub, 2; Evans, 3; Mellinger, 3; Krout, 5; Taggart, Atticks, 9; Boyles, 4; Baumbach, 5. Referee, Stein.

INDEPENDENTS WILL PLAY

Wilkes-Barre Will Be Attraction at Chestnut Street Hall

The Harrisburg Independent basketball team, which was prevented from playing last Saturday night on account of the poultry show which occupied Chestnut street auditorium, will resume its schedule this Saturday, with the Wilkes-Barre Independents as the attraction. The management must pay a large guarantee to get this team here, but this booking is in line with the policy announced, to secure only the best teams.

Captain McCord will have his team practice every night this week, for he realizes that the locals will be compelled to play their best to even hope for a victory. The Wilkes-Barre team has the reputation of being the fastest team in the coal region, and has defeated most of the other coal region teams, including the Wilkes-Barre city team. They are accustomed to playing the national rules, which will be the rules used at Chestnut street during the rest of the season.

MATTY FOR YANKS

Big Six Has Been Talked About for Chance's Job

New York, Dec. 16.—Christy Mathewson as manager of the New York Americans in 1915 is not beyond the realm of probability if Messrs. Ruppert and Huston purchase the club. This tip was furnished yesterday by a man high in the councils of organized baseball and one whose advice is esteemed by both parties to the negotiations now pending.

"I do not know," said this informant, "what new angle may have developed to bring forth the name of Hugh Jennings. But I do know that up to late last week Matty was considered most favorably by the prospective purchasers. More than that I am not at liberty to say."

Manager John J. McGraw, of the Giants, who had been in very close touch with Messrs. Ruppert and Huston throughout their dealings, would not commit himself upon the possibility of Big Six going over to his rival in this city.

GOUGLER GETS HIS 'C'

Among Football Players Honored at Conway Hall

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 16.—Frederick C. Forsythe, of Portage, Pa., has been elected as Conway Hall's football captain for the 1915 team, and C's have been awarded to George Bacon, Laurel, Del.; David Ake, Portage, Pa.; George B. Field, Lake Mahopac, N. J.; Roscoe Gougler, Harrisburg; Frank Martin, Easton, Pa.; Lewis McGregor, Carlisle, Pa.; Roy Dickson, Belwood, Pa.; Norwood Swab, Elizabethtown, Pa.; Leon A. Speck, Carlisle, Pa.; Mark and Gordon Walkinshaw, Williamstown, Pa.; Fred Forsythe, Portage; Evans Hanby, Chester, Pa., and Ernest Kemp, Nanticoke, Pa.

BANCROFT COMES HIGH

Phillies Hand Over Four Players for Their New Short Stop

New York, Dec. 16.—If value in the number of players it took to get him mean anything then the Phillies next year will have the prize package in short stop Dave Bancroft, the Portland, Ore., wonder. It became known yesterday that the Phillies to land this wizard of the Pacific Coast they had to surrender title to Shortstop Milton Reed and Herbert Murphy, who finished up the year with Jersey City, and later turn over two more youngsters which Pat Moran will turn loose. The latter will likely be hurlers.

KILBANE'S TALK IS WARLIKE

Says He Can Beat Welsh at 133 and Williams at 122

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Hand me Freddie Welsh at 133 pounds ringside and I'll beat him, and clap my hands on the lightweight title. A week later I'll take Kid Williams into the ring at 122 pounds and if I don't beat him to a frazzle I'll hand back the lightweight title to Welsh. That's my program. Johnny Kilbane, champion featherweight of the world, made the above remarks yesterday. Kilbane didn't speak in any spirit of braggadochio. He says he feels sublimely confident that he can beat both Welsh and Williams.

Last Night's Bowling

The Giants won from the Federals in a P. R. Y. M. C. A. League match last evening by 34 pins. The Federals

THE STRUGGLE IN THE INUNDATED AREA OF BELGIUM



British CAVALRYMEN CLEANING MUD OFF ACCOUTREMENTS DURING A RAINSTORM.



THE METAL SHIELDS USED IN GUARDING THE INUNDATED AREA.

These photographs give a very fair idea of the dreadful and uncomfortable conditions which have been existing in the trenches owing both a melting of the snow and to downpours of rain. Woodwork and tarpaulin shelters have been erected whenever it has been possible to obtain material for such structures. But in spite of all endeavors the conditions have been uncomfortable and the men have gladly welcomed a moment of sunshine such as occurred when the lower picture was being taken. The inundation area stretches southeast from Nieupoort in front of Pervyse to a little beyond Dixmude, a distance of some ten miles.

town and Royalton. The country schools will also be visited.

Mrs. Clayton Bausman and daughter are visiting relatives at Hummelstown. J. G. Peters is having new electric lights installed in his place of business. Ed Ware is doing the work.

Hamilton Scrubs Win

The Hamilton scrubs easily won at basketball from the Reily team on the Tech floor last evening by the score of 19 to 11. Liddick proved to be the best scorer.

Middletown League

In the Middletown Basketball League games last evening the Rescue five won from the Wincroft team by the score of 22 to 13 and the Tennis Club won from the Liberty team by the score of 22 to 17. Kramer and McCreary played good games.

SUBURBAN

MECHANICSBURG

Volunteers Clear Snow From Site of Proposed Tabernacle

Mechanicsburg, Dec. 16.—The cold wave caught some of our people unawares and there is work for the plumber in consequence on account of burst-water pipes and faucets.

The cottage prayer meetings held last evening were all well attended. To-day volunteers are clearing the snow from the ground where the evangelist tabernacle will be erected. The building of the tabernacle will be started on Friday by volunteer workmen.

John Hanson, of Carlisle, visited friends in this place yesterday. Mrs. S. E. Bashore is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. J. S. Weaver spent yesterday in Harrisburg.

Mrs. A. G. Richwine of Harrisburg, was the guest yesterday of Mrs. J. L. Young, West Main street.

Miss Martha Schafhirt spent Monday with Harrisburg friends.

Coasting is now very good on the hills at the west and south ends of town and is being extensively engaged in by the children as well as some older people of the town.

Automobiles have not entirely taken the place of sleighs in this vicinity. The jingle of sleigh bells is heard almost constantly on our streets now.

MIDDLETOWN

Drug Store Robbers Overlook Forty-five Dollars in Cash

Special Correspondence: Middletown, Dec. 16.—Robert Robson will move from the Baschore property on Catherine street to the Hantzberger property on Spring street.

Mrs. Ed Nuskey spent yesterday at Harrisburg.

The robbers who entered the Mayes drug store on Monday night overlooked \$25 in cash from the sale of Mr. Schaeffer and \$20 in cash that Mr. Schaeffer had in a glass jar which he had taken in as justice fees. Thus far no clue has been obtained to the robbers.

At a meeting of the Tennis Club held in the Union house on Monday evening the following officers were elected: President, E. C. Leber; vice president, Ivy Hoffman; secretary, Annie Eby; treasurer, H. Smith.

The officers and teachers of the Riverside chapel Sunday school will elect officers next Sunday afternoon. Leroy Baumbach played with the Harrisburg basketball team at Lancaster last evening.

L. H. Douthick will have Santa Claus appear in Middletown again this year. He will arrive in town Friday noon on the train and will be met as usual by a large crowd of children and a team and be taken to the various schools in

BRUNBAUGH WAS NOT THERE

Republican Leaders Did Not Invite Him to Conference of Legislation

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—When the Republican bosses, Penrose, McNichol and Vare, were framing a legislative program on Monday, Governor-elect Martin G. Brumbaugh was not called into the conference, nor did he know that any such conference was taking place. He was disregarded as much as the 48 other State Senators and the whole body of the State House of Representatives. He said yesterday he knew nothing of the conference until he read about it in the papers.

Dr. Brumbaugh refused to comment upon the agreements reached by the leaders. He said that his attitude upon all the proposed legislation was defined in his platform, and would be more definitely set forth in his inaugural address.

The Governor-elect received many callers yesterday, among them City Solicitor Michael J. Ryan, whose visit was regarded as significant until it was discovered that Mr. Ryan was simply one of a committee which asked Dr. Brumbaugh to be the guest of honor at the St. Patrick's Day banquet next March.

GRAFT CASES END IN COURT

Are Dropped as Impractical on Prosecutor's Suggestion

Reading, Dec. 16.—In court yesterday afternoon verdicts of not guilty were taken, by direction of the District Attorney, in the cases against Andrew J. Flemming and James M. Cummings, former Councilmen, and former City Clerk L. S. Ramsey, all charged with graft in connection with City Hall contracts over a year ago.

The trial of two previous graft cases had resulted in acquittal of accused officials.

A Trick of Oratory

Victor Murock says that the best advice he ever received in regard to public speaking was from a hack driver. After making one of his maiden speeches in Kansas he was being driven to the railway station by the polite livorman.

"Like the speech" asked Victor. "Yes," answered the driver, "only you'd get more hand claps if you'd always put the names at the last when you saw anything."

Victor didn't understand, so the driver explained: "You spoke of Henry Jay and Grant and James G. Blaine and then went on to tell about what they did. You ought to go over the things they did and then say, 'That's what was done by Jay and Grant and James G. Blaine.' Always put the names last, and the crowd'll take more interest."—New York Sun.

Names of Nations

The names of the great nations of Europe set many puzzles to the philologist. There is no doubt that France is the country of the Franks, the free men, or that Austria is the eastern empire. But one would not so easily guess that "Russians" means rowers or seafarers—a word of Swedish origin commemorating the Scandinavian vikings.

The Britons have been supposed to take their name from a word signifying variegated, in allusion to their staining their skins with woad. Most puzzling of all is "Germans," which is not the Latin "germanus," own brother, but of Celtic origin, and has been variously interpreted as meaning "the people" or "the shouters."—London Chronicle.

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"How's that budding genius son of yours?" "He's a blooming idiot now."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Millerstown

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NEW CUMBERLAND

Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brinton Dies

Special Correspondence: New Cumberland, Dec. 16.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brinton, Bridge street, was visited by death yesterday, when their only daughter, Mary Elizabeth, aged 9 months, passed away.

The baby took ill with pneumonia Saturday. All that medical skill could do was done to save the life of the child, but without avail. The parents and three brothers survive, Ross, Dewitt and Burnett. The funeral services will be held at the home at 1:30 Thursday afternoon and will be conducted by the Rev. J. V. Adams, pastor of the M. E. church. Interment will be made at Mr. Olivet cemetery.

E. Hale, of Camp Hill, was in New Cumberland on business yesterday.

Harvey Kaufman, a son of Mrs. Sophia Kaufman, Third street, is very ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. S. N. Prowell attended a recital given by the Music Club at Camp Hill on Monday evening.

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The small boy in this country will hail the European war as a great blessing if it makes the price of castor oil prohibitive.

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