INTERESTING FRENCH SOLDIERS IN THE POPULAR AMERICAN GAME OF BASEBALL



American Soldiers With an Automobile Load of Y. M. C. A. Sporting Goods for Men on Duty at the Front.

The birth of baseball on one section | man, having found a friend, renounced of the French line where the game had all interest at a critical moment with never been seen before, is described in two on base and a line drive toward an interesting report by a Y. M. C. A. second, to engage in a conversation secretary in charge of a foyer du that lasted for at least three minutes. soldat.

"The paraphernalia at my command," he writes in telling of how the great American game became popular, "consisted of a backstop, an indoor baseball and two bats. The bases were improvised by sawing a plank into four squares. As I walked out of the foyer one evening with that equipment under my arm, the lounging groups of French soldiers cast sidelong glances of curiosity and scorn. It was evident they were not optimistic in regard to the success of the innovation.

"After I had established the home base, there were only two Pollus audacious enough to show that they entertained some degree of listless interest in what was going on. I began batting the ball at the backstop, knocking out a few base hits into the wire netting. Then suddenly wheeling about, I threw the ball at one of the spectators. He dodged it, but another Pollu went after It and threw it back at me.

Becoming Interested.

"I swung at the ball, but it passed me, and the Pollus laughed to see me carried around by the momentum of the swing bat. Others had been attracted by that time, and it was evident that interest was beginning to grow. The man who had thrown the ball back volunteered to pitch, and after a while he was able to land the ball near enough to the bat to enable me to give It a wallop that sent it way out into the field.

"There were some who by this time had become sufficiently interested to accept an invitation to do outfielder work, and after 15 minutes of batting I yielded the bat to another.

Some of the Pollus got onto

Interest Kept Up. back retaining their old-time efficien-"By this time, an audience of at least cy, there will be dozens of players in a hundred had gathered around and all classes of leagues who will be unthe blatant indifference of this second able to return to the game. Others baseman compelled him to retire from will not return to it because of the the game before the hoots and jeers of fact that baseball will have lost its the crowd and particularly of his team- glamour for them. mates. At the end of an hour and a The big stars-the boys like Cobb, half the game was well en route and Collins, Speaker and Alexander-who the crowd kept up the interest for an- have been paid enormous salaries, other hour-in fact, they played until have laid by enough of this world's it began to get dark. goods to keep them for the rest of their days, and they are not coming "They agreed, at the end, that it was

'interesting,' once one knew the game, back to labor on the diamond for and they yolunteered to come around greatly reduced salaries, which are the next evening. They held good to bound to follow the war. their promise, too. The next night they For the same reason a goodly per started in in earnest, needing but little cent of the players who up to a year direction, and playing with the keenest or so ago wer the coming eligibles for Interest. After two or three nights big league jobs will pass up their basethey developed into lovers of the game, ball aspirations for other lines, and and as long as those troops were in the incentive for the youngsters will

strong as ever, of course, but it will MATHEWSON IS NOW CAPTAIN take time. The powers that be hung on as long as they possibly could for

Idol of Baseball Fans for Many Years Has Been Given a Commission in the Army.

town we were sure of having a ball

g me every clear evening from 6 to 8."

so many times. There is nothing that Most recent picture of Capt. Christy could have happened to the baseball Mathewson, one of the greatest ball business which could have hurt it players the national game has promore, duced, who was given a commission in During the reconstruction period, the chemical warfare service of the which is going to involve nearly every



CAN BASEBALL GAME REGAIN OLD PLACE? YANKS SMASH THE HINDENBURG LINE Will National Pastime Be as Popular After the War? Brieulles and Romagne Are Magnates Will Have Tough Time In Rebuilding Teams When Great **Carried By Americans** Struggle Is Ended-Big Stars Are Not Coming Back.

Unless peace is declared before an-

other summer rolls around baseball is

Under the ruling of Secretary Baker,

not to mention the change of draft

oncoming generation engaging in base-

It is reasonable to figure that a

certain per cent of the players who

have their John Hancocks on con-

tracts now will return to the game

when peace returns to the world. Yet,

compared with the few who will come

Baseball will finally come back as

this very reason. They foresaw that

a cessation of operations would be a

terrific body blow. They have said

country on the globe, baseball will

have to go through a reconstruction

period of its own, and baseball will

weather the tough days ahead because

the public will realize what it is up

No game is more red-blooded than

against and will be tolerant.

long years of operation.

able to pad a crutch.

not be as great.

KREIMHILD LINE BROKEN

THE FULTON COUNTY NEWS, McCONNELLSBURG, PA.

Pershing's Sweep Is Great Menace-General Hun Retirement To Belgian Border Believed Inevitable.

Washington .- Continued and increasing pressing by Marshal Foch along virtually the whole western front from Verdun to the North Sea has brought the Germans face to face with a critical situation, in the opinion of observers here. With the enemy main defense position, the Hindenburg line, shattered in several places, his secondary line to the east, the Kriembild position, punctured and his own official reports admitting withdrawals on all fronts, there is a growing possibility, it is thought, of a serious disaster.

French troops are over the Chemindes-Dames barrier on a wide front, and as they now are pressing on the flank of the retreating Germans to the south and west the situation in the center of the great German defensive arch appeared to observers as most critical. The collapse of the whole Laon bastion on which the vast Hindenburg line hangs for support was believed to be foreshadowed.

Farther north, British, Belgian and American troops are smashing through interwoven trench systems and across canals and other naturally strong positions at a rate that showed the desperate straits of the enemy to find men to meet the drive. No help for Laon can be looked for from that direction.

To the west, General Pershing's first army apparently has broken the new Kreimhild line, with the capture of Remagne. The Hindenburg position already is behind the Americans on their whole front, and to the left the French also have swept over the enemy defeness on a wide sector.

The Hindenburg line has been smashed in at least six different places. There seemed no possibility that the enemy could cling to the fragments that remained for more than a matter of hours. Cambral, St. Quentin, La Fere, St. Gobain forest, it seemed, might be engulfed by the tide of Allied and American soldiers at any moment, although it may prove necessary to pass them for latter occupation as it has been German practice

to fill evacuated towns full of gas. While the center of immediate at tention was the French sweep toward Laon, now in plain sight of General Mangin's men, who have cleared the wide plateau on the western end of the

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How a Hero Died.

He was smiling but pale, when they wheeled him in-a black-haired youth of twenty-and he was still smiling when they tenderly transferred him to a cot after the doctors had counted seven machine-gun bullet wounds, one in his ankle, three in his side and three in his chest. When a Y. M. C. A. man brought writing paper through the ward he took a piece and asked for a pencil. An attendant found him dead

half an hour later with this beginning of a letter in his hand: "Dear Mother: We made an attack

on the Germans today and drove them five mlles. I am in a hospital tonight. I am slightly wounded in the

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couldn't stoop to her

years I was in this helpless condition and

didn't do a tap of

work and no one thought I would ever

be able to work again.

In fact, I was told I

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"Where there is so much smoke is

the house there is bound to be a good

deal of ire," observed the almost crale as he bit down on a wartime butter

bean, causing his new false teeth to

Something of the Sort.

It's a poor baseball field that has no

list heavily to port.

Get Doan's at Any Store, 60c a Boz

my shoes. For tw

C. T. Clayton, 78 N. Broad St. Woodbury, N. J., says: "I had about the worst case of kidney complaint a man could have. My peace with peaceful neighbors. "The kniser started the world war in a different spirit. Four years ago the kniser thought himself a very kidneys were in terrible shape. bold, bad man-a world destroyed. Yes, had sharp, knifelike pains in the the kalser thought he was a second small of my back 1 Redface Leary. and my back often gave out entirely.

"A preacher interrupted an altercation that Redface was conducting one afternoon in front of the Tin Can saloon.

Thought He Was.

fourth anniversary of the war," said Senator Myers of Montana, "declares

that Germany's sole aim is to live at

"'My dear Redface,' said the preacher, 'don't you know that you should love your enemies?'

"Redface, twirling his six-shooter round his thumb carelessly replied: "That's a thing I can't do, parson."

"'Why not, my dear Redface; why not?' said the parson, warmly.

"'I ain't got no enemies to love,' snid Redface. 'I shot the last one be-fore dinner.'"

How It is.

"And what are these poor fellows doing?" asked the would-be social worker who was being shown through the prison by an attendant.

"Oh, they are making a break for liberty," answered the guard. "Why, they seem perfectly docile, sitting around with their hammers and cracking rocks. How can you say they are breaking for liberty?" "Well, you see, ma'am, they know

they gotta break these stones up or we won't let 'em out."

Bankrupt!

tion.'

"Everything she had went at auc-"Public sale?" "No; bridge."

When Baby is Teething GROVES BABY BOWEL MEDICINE will correct the Stomach and Bowel troubles. Perfectly harm issa, See directions on the bottle. He-"He has the earmarks of t great musician." She-"Are all mp sicians marked on the ears?

Lots of men spend half their time complaining of life's brevity and the other half in trying to kill time.



That Makes Millions Sick and Suffer

Life is dark-not worth much to the man or woman with an achi-stomach. Achi-stomach kills liope, Ambilion, Energy, Courage. It says the strength of the strongest body-linpoverishes the blood-causes untold suffering — makes millions week, unlit and brings on pre-mature old age.

and keep strong. Ordinary medicina won't do any lasting good. The last they can do is to spur up your appetite for awhile. for awhile. A modern remedy makes it possible to remove excess acid without the slight-est disconfort. It is called EATO 10, in the form of pleasant tasting tablets. Their action in the stomach is a good deal like a piece of blotting paper taking up a drop of ink--they literally absorb the injurious excess acid and carry it away through the intestines.

knack of batting very quickly and this, of course, engendered an ambition to surpass one another in sending the ball to a great distance.

"I had taken a position in the field and chased the ball with a far greater liveliness than would have sufficed under ordinary circumstances and always took care to pull off some sensational or amusing acrobatic stunt to win as many laughs as possible. Recruits came flocking to us by this time and in a short while there were enough Pollus in the game to constitute two teams, So, taking the ball on the next fly, I walked into the home base and called the other players about me.

"Then I proceeded to give explanations for a corner-lot championship contest, with drawings on the ground, and everybody lending an open ear and eye, but nearly all of them scouting the possibility of making a 'go' of it. Then we began to choose sides and place the players.

Forgot to Run.

"The first batter to hit the ball forgot to run. The fielder who should have fielded the ball, yielded to his impulses at football and kicked the ball as far as he could, and the first baseman started to run around all the bases to home plate. A country circus clown could not have wanted a better combination to amuse an American audience. But after five minutes of explanations I had succeeded in pushing the batter to first base; in convincing the first baseman that it wasn't his turn to run, and in filling the fielder with chagrin that he had lost a good chance to hurl the ball against the moving physiognomy of the batter.

"After this, some of the players becomrades much better than I, for their down on that form of evading real

Captain Christy Mathewson.

United States army. For years Matty's prowess as a pitcher for the New York Giants, his late managership of the Cincinnati Reds, and his genial personality both on and off the diamond had won for him a soft spot in the heart of every ball fan throughout the country.

NO SOFT SNAP IN SHIPYARDS

Government Objects to Inducements Offered to Ball Players-Real War Work Evaded.

Ball players are not receiving the gan to grasp the principle of the play, inducements from shipyards and steel Having one or two allies was a great plants that were offered a few weeks help. They were able to cuss out their ago. The government has put its foot mistekes and it enabled me to save my war work and now it is a case of acvoice for the important crises in the tually working for so much a day and play, when a third baseman might playing ball on the side simply for America's best flyers. He enlisted at start to run home, or the second base- glory and exercise if they so desire.

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GEO. KRICK GOING TO ITALY ONE RECORD FOR SCHALK

Ray Schalk, the star maskman of the White Sox, established a new world's big league record for continuous service when he caught the first game at Shibe park on August 24.

This game was the one hundredth of the season in which he had been behind the bat and made the sixth straight year he. has caught 100 or more games a season. He started in the century class in 1913, and in 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917 and this year duplicated the feat. The previous record was held by George Gibson, then with the Pirates, who caught 100 games or more a season for five consecutive years.

Gilhooley Joins Shipbuilders. Frank Gilhooley, outfielder, late of the New York Americans, has signed a ment, would be authorized under a bill contract to play with the baseball club introduced in the house by Representaof the Toledo Shipbuilding company. | tive Siegel of New York,

Texan Sporting Writer to Take Up Duties as Physical Director for Y. M. C. A.

George Krick, well-known in the South as a baseball player, manager ball activities. Krick was an organfirst secretary.

MONEY FOR ATHLETIC GOODS Bill Introduced in Congress Authoriz-

ing Purchase of Equipment for-Soldler Boys.

Expenditure by the secretary of war up to \$50,000 during the fiscal year for athletic goods, including base balls and bats, footballs and boxing gloves, as a

part of the equipment of each regi-

baseball as a sport or pastime in peaceful days, and people will want plenty of red-blooded amusement after the war is over. So the magnates need not go about hanging crepe on each other. The future of the game is bright enough, and it will be much betward of the river. ter off for having gone through the fire. This view of the baseball situation is of course contingent only upon a lengthy continuation of the war.

FAMOUS RUNNER IS HONORED

"Ted" Meredith Has Been Promoted to Commander of Flying Squadron

in France.

"Ted" Meredith, University of Pennsylvania's great miler, has been promoted to commander of a flying squadron in France. Meredith has dis-



"Ted" Meredith

tinguished himself in air battles with the Boche and is recognized as one of the outbreak of the war.

CHINESE TAKE TO BASEBALL

Thousands of Chinks Playing American Game-Want in on Any International Series.

While we have been hearing so much and league organizer and now a sport- about the advance of baseball in Enging editor of Fort Worth, Tex., will land, France and Italy, don't forget leave for Italy soon to take up his that another one of the allied counduties as Y. M. C. A. physical direc- tries also is booming it. A newspator, giving particular attention to base- per man recently arrived in this country from China says thousands of izer of the Texas league and was its Chinese are playing the game and that the contests put on in Shanghai often draw more than 5,000 persons. If there's ever to be an international world's series this newspaper man, whose name is Graham Barrow, says

China wants in on it.

Mark for Stanley Covaleskie.

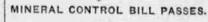
Stanley Covaleskie holds the best American league records for consecutive games, winning eight in a row. from July 11 to August 8. He lost the chance to create a season's major record, nine straight wins, by bowing to defeat to Eddle Cicotte.

Chemin-des-Dames and hurled the enemy down through the valley beyond, of even deeper significance is the continued swift progress of Pershing's forces along the heights of the Meuse and on a wide front to west-

THE HAGUE FOR PEACE TALK.

Holland Gives Ready Acquiescence To Austrian Inquiry.

The Hague-The Austro-Hungarian Government, according to an official statement issued here, has suggested to Holland that it would appreciate if any conferences of the belligerents arising out of the recent Austrian peace note could be conducted at The Hague. The Dutch Government replied that it would be happy to extend the hospitality of the royal residence for that purpose.



Provides \$50,000,000 Fund To Aid Min ing And Distribution.

Washington .- With the adoption by the Senate of the conference report. enactment of the Mineral Control bill providing for Government stimulation of production and distribution of certain minerals needed in connection with the war was completed. The measure now goes to the President. Under its provisions, a revolving fund of \$50,000,000 is provided and the President given authority to create one or more corporations to develop or aid in mining and distribution.

TWO AVIATORS KILLED.

Lieutenants Killorin and Buck, of Aerial Gunnery School.

Fort Worth, Tex .- Second Lieutenants George W. Killorin, Jr., of Wakefield, Mass., aged 22, and Herbert Huck of Wadesville, Ind., aged 24, were killed when their plane fell near Tallaferro Field. Both men were attached to the school of aerial gunnery,

HUN BASES BOMBARDED.

Entente Warships Shell Ostend And Zeebrugge.

London .- Ostend and Zeebrugge, German naval bases on the Belgian Coast, were heavily bombarded by Entente warships, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency. The German batteries on the Belgian coast replied vigorously.

GOVERNMENT FOR PALESTINE.

France Charged With Preparation Of Plan,

Paris .-- Liberated territory in Palestine will be administered under the ggreement reached between the British, French and Russian governments in 1916, it is learned here. England and France will carry out the agreement under which France is charged with the preparation of a scheme of self-government for the people of Palestine.

government to help it win the war.

Big Washing. A Minneapolis laundress, a negro woman, patriotic supporter of the Red Cross, was among the thousands who witnessed a recent Red Cross parade in the Mill city, in which 15,000 whiteclad women participated. In telling a Red Cross worker how she liked it she said:

"Lawdy, missus, it certainly was a gran' spectacle. Nevah in mah whole life did I see so much washin' at one time."-Everybody's Magazine.

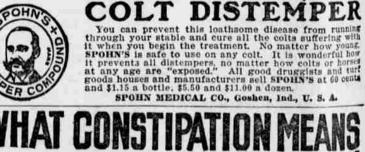
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