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COLLEGES GET TOGETHER IN BIG **WARTIME CONFAB**

Facing Most Momentous Situation of History, Delegates Will Talk Relations of Athletics to National Service.

New York, Dec. 27 .- College athtion, which will face probably the and Camp Funston. most momentous situation of its his-

Reports from all sections of country will be presented and the prospects for a continuation of intercollegiate sport discussed. The atti-tude of the association will be influenced to a considerable degree, it is pression of how certain men will act

"Athletics For the Service of the Nation," W. H. Faunce, p resident of Brown university; "Athletics and Gen-eral Efficiency," G. E. Vincent, president of general education board; Recreative Games and Competitive Athletics in Military Training Camps," Dr. J. E. Raycroft, member War department commission on training camp activities.

These addresses will be followed by discussions on "What more can the colleges do to win the war" and "Reconstruction of athletics after the

South High Will Battle

Alumni on Floor Tonight night will clash with the school's alumni five at the South high gym-

This is the annual contest with which the packertown cage players always start the season.

A number of former stars are the alumni team, including Irving Graham, now captain of the Tarkio college team; Lyman Corr, said by some to be the best basket ball player they ever had, and captain last year, W. Graham, a forward of exceptional ability. The varsity will be put to it to win. The lineups:

Cornell Checkmates Penna In Annual Chess Tourney

New York, Dec. 27.-Cornell won from Pennsylvania the first game compleated in the second round here today of the nineteenth annual tournaof the Pennsylvaniia team, after 19

President Wants Filipinos

Washington, Dec. 27.—President oped. Wilson has advised Chairman Dent of the house military committee that Conner, "our men have already used he desires bills to provide for the entrance of the Philippine national rugby, foot balls, 80 association foot the two committees today, will be guard and the Philippine scouts into the national army become a law at this session of congress. Mr. Dent announced today that he proposes to press this legislation with a view to enactment. It is estimated that the organiza-

tions total approximately 25,000 men.

Parents Wage Bitter Court Fight Over Little Daughter

Margery Lewis, 4-year-old daughter of Marshall and Nellie Lewis, who have taken their troubles into divorce court, will have to remain at the Child's Saving institute, where she was secreted by her father. Mrs. Lewis alleges, when he "kidnaped her" in El Paso, Tex., and brought her to Omaha December 8, Judge Leslie ruled that Margery should remain where she was at her father's ex-

Pouch Holding \$50,000

Stolen During Transit Richmond, Va., Dec. 27.-A pouch containing \$50,000 sent by the federal reserve bank of Richmond to a bank in Columbia, S. C., disappeared in transit last Saturday and is believed to have been stolen. Detectives are now at work in several cities.

Today's Sport Calendar

Athletics: Annual convention of National Collegiate Athletic association, at New York. Golf: Opening of fifteenth annual

mi vinter tournament at Pinchurst, Boxing: Charley Weinert / against Gunboat Smith, 15 rounds, at Provilence. Kild Wolfe against Brown, 12 rounds, at Toledo.

ATHLETICS AID IN BUILDING RATES NOT TO BE

Y. M. C. A. Supervised Recreation in Cantonments and Posts Creates Esprit d'Corps in Men

MORALE IN THE BIG ARMY CAMPS

Men's Christian association supervised athletics and recreation has tion of the possibilities in creating and stone throwing or tugs of war, morale, esprit d'corps and the spirit because the nature of their work calls of "up-and-go-get-'em.'

given the order to "go over the top" letic conditions in view of the war the physical training and discipline filled, are developed all-around physwill be considered at the twelfth annual meeting here tomorrow of the National Collegiate Athletic association at Fort Omaha, Fort Crook

Of course, one big purpose of athletics in the army is to build men physically, but very often this is the least it does for them. Athletic activities are enabling officers to view and gauge their men from a new angle, aiding them to secure an imenced to a considerable degree, it is expected, by advice fro mhigh government officials on the erlation of college athletics to war service.

Among the addrsses to be delivered are: athletic field.

Brings Men Together.

Athletic competition in the camps is bringing officers and men together under new circumstances and is tendman above and the man below. Offi- sued this evening. cers have taken a surpisingly hearty interest in the new work. They have designated an "athletic officer"

Few of the regulars have indulged South high basket ball quintet to- in athletics before. Those who have participated in college or high school activities have not a great advantage. as the sports now in vogue are different from those generally used by schools and colleges. Running relays in uniform, hurdling with rifles, and carrying a fellow soldier 35 yards are not sports prevalent on American campuses.

Boxing has been found so vantageous from the standpoint of developing limbs and muscles most used in trench fighting or bayoneting that what amounts to a military order has been issued, in some stances, requiring the entire division to learn to box. There is an instructor for boxing teachers in each company and the company men in turn teach the boxers at the head of each platoon.

Boxing Popular Sport.

Much of this boxing takes place out of doors and becomes a form of recreative sport for the participants as well as a pleasure for the specnow being taught to box.

The all-around Young Men's Chrisment of the Triangular College Chess tian association recreative and ath-Adelsberg, who checkmated R. Kohen, also such games as soccer and rugby, playground ball, dodge ball, bull-in-the-ring, swat tag, three-deep, prisoners' base, chariot race, catch-andpull and many others. There are also In the Federal Army kind of competition is usually devel-

> "At Camp Sherman," says Coach up 1,600 indoor base balls, 1,100 boxing gloves. This indicates, I think, that our men are fairly active in play. Certain it is that they would lead a lonesome life-not to say a dangerous one-willout this one feature of Young Men's Christian association war work.

The experience at Camp Sherman on and Dodge.

Thousands at Play.

Under the direction of the Young Men's Christian association physical directors, series of competitive and recreational games have been developed until it is no uncommon thing to see as many as 32,000 soldiers at play in different parts of the camp every day for an hour, both mornng and afternoon.

Early in the encampment discovery was made that among the non-English speaking men of the camps there were thousands who could not make two consecutive broad jumps. These men required a type of recreation that brought big, slow muscles into play so they were taught to throw the medicine ball, put the shot, use the heavy weights and dumbbells, wrestle and grapple. Many of these slow weight-testing games they had nown to an extent in their native countries. Boxing was much too fast for them. But with a style of play which they could understand and participate in they soon learned how to amuse themselves and at the same

time hardened and livened their mus-Develop Quick Action.

Among the infantry enlistments the ecreational program aims to develop quick action of muscles combined with cool head. This end is being accomplished by means of basket ball boxing, base ball and other games that require more or less quick action

Building men physically in the new | and bodily contact, Agility of move-National army by means of the Young ment and courage to take punishment are two soldierly qualities which these games develop.

Artillerymen are given muscle given military officials a new realiza- building games such as weight-lifting f "up-and-go-get-'em." for just such muscular or bodily When these men are eventually movement. Men at the depot stations, from which other units are

WEMYSS BRITISH FIRST SEA LORD

Jellico Relegated to Seat in House of Lords "in Recognition of His Very Distinguished Services."

London, Dec. 27 .- Vice Admiral Sir Roselyn Wemyss has been ap- his authority will be supreme. pointed first sea lord in succession to Admiral Sir Joh., R. Jellicoe, according to narrow the line between the ing to an official announcement is-

licoe to the honorable eclipse of a and various ramifications of the westin each regiment. He, in turn, ap- seat in the house of lords and the ern inter-mountain cases. points an athletic head in each company to handle details of the great program of inter-company athletics which has been mapped out by letics which has been mapped out by the Young Men's Christian associa- vey but one interpretation to the tion and approved by the commandmind of the general public in view of the appurtenances thereof." This the strong criticisms for a long time was generally interpreted as includculminated in deep disappointment and dissatisfaction at the impunity with which German raiders recently again sank a British convoy. There is also a suggestion that the new policy may mean an active offensive against U-boats and their bases.

The official announcement says nothing of Admiral Jellicoe having for any reason desired to resign his appointment; but merely announces his replacement by Vice Admiral Wemyss and the bestowal of a peerage, "in recognition of his very dis

U. S. BUYS THREE MILLION TONS

New Work, Dec. 26.-Negotiations for the purchase of a large part of might look with favor on higher rates, tators. Officers and men alike are the Cuban sugar crop pow being har vested and amounting to an estimated 3,600,000 tons, for the use of league. The success was scored by H. letic program at the camps includes the United States and its allies have been virtually completed by the international committee and the Cuban committee, appointed by President Menocal of Cuba, it was announced track meets in which the strongest here today. The price was said to be \$4.60 a hundred pounds, f. o. b. Cuba.

> The formalities of the agreement it was said after a joint session of balls, 100 basket balls and 200 sets of completed within ten days or two weeks on the return here of Sir Joseph White Todd and J. Ramsey Drake, the British members of the international committee. They have been making a tour of the Cuban sugar fields as a result of negotiations which were started some time ago. Meanwhile, it was announced, Cus typical of the use of Young Men's | ban producers will make every effort Christian association athletics at to forward their new crop of sugar Camps Grant, Custer, Taylor, Funs- as fast as ships can be obtained. The stringency also will be further relieved, it was stated, by the release for

British Bombs Narrowly

sugar for Swedish shipment which is

Miss German Emperor Geneva, Dec. 27 .- The German emperor, returning with his staff from the Verdun front, had a narrow escape during the reprisal raid of a British air squadron on Manneheim on Christmas, according to a dispatch from Basel.

The emperor's special train left the station an hour before the station was partly destroyed by several bombs. A section of the tracks was torn up, cutting communication

In fact the emperor's train was the last to leave Manneheim, and no train's arrived at Basel yesterday from that city. Two bombs fell on the palace, and one on the suspension bridge across the Neckar river, structures being badly dam-

An ammunition factory in a northern suburb was blown up. Few persons were killed at the factory, however, as the employes were having a holiday. A considerable number of persons were killed or injured the town and several were blown into the Rhine.

CHANGED NOW. BUT RAISE IS HINTED

Railway Commissions Will Act as Before, Both Interstate and State; Question About Express Companies.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 27.-Rate questions, including the pending 15 per cent advance case, before the Interstate Commerce commission will not be affected immediately by President ernment operation for railroads.

An early decision of the eastern and western railroads' application for 15 per cent higher rates is now ex-

Railroads will continue to apply to the commission for increases or modifications of rates and practices, unless the director general issues specific orders otherwise, and in that case

Express Companies Also.

The principal rate questions now under consideration by the commission in addition to the 15 per cent case, are the express companies' ap-The translation of Sir John R. Jel- plication for a 10 per cent increase

Some doubt was felt tonight is so closely interlocked with that of the railroads.

State railroad and public utilities commissions also will be left with full powers to supervise intrastate rates and gransportation rules.

Hint at Higher Rates.

It is presumed that railroads will apply direct to the Interstate Commerce commission or to the state commissions as in the past, without to the director general, although the

by Mr. McAdoo. In the 15 per cent cases, the rail roads presented figures showing marked declines in net earnings this year, and explained that even the increase in carnings resulting from a many terminals were choked and con-OF CUBAN SUGAR crease in carnings resulting from a many terminals were choked and connot suffice to check the decline. This led officials to sugrest that the government railroad administration since they would tend to reduce the amount which government operation will cost the public under the plan

of guaranteeing pre-war earnings. Government to Back Roads. Government backing will be given o new issues of railroad securities that a ready market may be found. The president's move, although forecast for weeks, came at this time as a great surprise to nearly every body in Washington, including rail road officials. It had been generally believed he would await the re-assembling of congress before taking any step. He acted through Secre-tary of War Baker, under authority conferred in the army appropriation

Direct management of the roads will remain in the hands of railroad officials and the railroads' war board, composed of five railroad heads, will continue to direct actual operation under Secretary McAdoo's general supervision.

The chief practical effect of government operation will be to permit a complete unification of all rail systems, impossible under private operation because of statutes prohibiting pooling of rail traffic and earnings domestic consumption of 4,000 tons of The roads themselves had gone as far as they dared in this direction and it became known only today that they had been warned by Attorney General Gregory that a violation of anti-pooling laws could not be per-

This situation was fully realized by President Wilson, who in his statement declared the railroads had gone as far as they could and that already some systems were endangering their earnings in attempting unification.

Russo-German Peace Meet To Be Held Again in Sweden

London, Dec. 27.-The socialist revolutionary majority in the constituent assembly has decided to conroke that body January 2, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Times, although the Bolsheviki government has said it was determined to prevent the meeting of the assembly independent of its sanction.

M. Borovsky, the Bolsheviki representative in Stockholm, a dispatch to the Morning Post from the Swedish capital says, confirms reports that stockholm will be the scene of the continuation of the Russo-German peace negotiations. He says that the sessions in Stockholm will begin early in January, when all the delegates now at Brest-Litovsk are expected in the Swedish capital.

9-Cent Sugar in Two

Weeks, Says Rolph New York, Dec. 27.-Within two weeks virtually every sugar refinery in the country will be in operation, according to George M. Rolph, head of the sugar division of the food administration, who returned here from Washington today.

By the end of January, he asserted, 50,000 tons of sugar will have been brought in and the consumer then should get sugar at 9 cents instead of the present price of 10 cents. He added that about 25,000 tons of raw sugar either are being loaded at Porto Rico and Cuba, or are on the way here.

MOVE BY WILSON LONG SEEN COMING

Wilson's proclamation directing gov- Congestion of Traffic and Other Problems Brought on by War Have Made It Inevitable.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 27.-The railroad greatest problems that have arisen to and all the rest of the ordinary souve puzzle those who are directing for nirs," said the officer. the United States the prosecution of the war. Government control, now assumed by President Wilson, although not offering an entire solution lieving many transportation ills.

War's demands on railroad facilities deep. vere foreseen early by railroad officials and five days afte war was decontinental system. The five men stern as that against the boche."

To begin with there are only a board.

schnitt of the Southern Pacific.

eration that the roads are said to be other obstacles levelled carrying 25 per cent more traffic than he and his men had laid a track. they ever moved before. As war preparations increased, taffic became concommittee for eastern rail lines and procedure will depend largely on the announced that it would pool all track-scheme of control to be worked out age and facilities, including cars and locomotives.

No Opposition Shown.

Meanwhile traffic had grown to such proportions that the roads could not handle it and in the east in particular las declared that the only way to meet the situation, either under government or private operation is to deny transportation to non-essential products. The war board, it is said, does not

ppose government operation. Nor, it is said, do the brotherhood chiefs, who with the brotherhood executive agents have an engagement to see President Wilson tomorrow. At this conference, it is understood the brotherhood leaders will ask that no measures be taken which will set aside safeguards for workers obtained by the brotherhoods in many states and from congress.

Boston Telephone Girls Vote to Strike for Raise

Boston, Dec. 27.-Balloting conducted by operators of the New England Telephone company today on the Leaders asserted that plans had al-

question of striking to enforce their wage demands, was declared tonight to have resulfed in a vote to strike ready been made for official notice to that effect to the management. Nearly 2,800 of the 3,400 members

MUD GREATEST FOE OF U. S. ENGINEERS

Men Working Behind British age Lines Declare Almost Superhuman Difficulties in Terrain Overcome Daily.

(By Associated Press.)

Behind British Lines in France, Dec. 27 .- The most desolate pictures that the illustrated papers have printed of mud in and behind the British lines on the west front fail to do justice to the ground that the Ameri can railway engineers have laid tracks across since they arrived on French soil. Flanders mud is something that must be experienced to be appreciated; it cannot be adequately described

or photographed.

It is impossible to dig to any depth even in the driest spot, without water seeping into the hole. An officer who came back for a few days' rest after two weeks in the mud brought with him only one souvenir-a photo-graph of a piece of ground over which Sick of Helmets.

"I am sick of the sight of German ituation has presented one of the helmets and pistols and shell caps,

for transportation preplexities, many tween these shell holes and craters is officials believe will go far towards re- a treacherous quicksand, into which a man would sink immediately knee

Typical of Conditions.

"The spot photographed is typical clared the heads of the principal sys- of hundreds of pieces of ground over tems met in Washington and formed which we have to lay tracks," cona committee of five rail chiefs to direct tinued the officer. "The fight against the roads as nearly as possible as one the morass is just as real and just as To begin with there are only a few

hours a day in which the engineers They were: Fairfax Harrison of can work with safety immediately beard Elliott of the New Haven, Samuel one place to another and the Rea of the Pennsylvania, Hale Holden officer decides how it shall run, so that obstacles will be avoided. If ard Elliott of the New Haven, Samuel one place to another and the engineer there is great urgency, the track is The war board has sat continuously thrown down in the quickest way in Washington since its organization possible, and straightened out later. and has so co-ordinated railroad op- as shell craters can be filled in and

The work is divided into sections with a working party for each secstantly heavier and a month ago the tion. Each party vies in setting a referring questions of rate increases war board named a general operating record for quick work, so far as this can be combined with the requisite solidity of construction,

One party of engineers in an ex posed position laid 180 feet of track in what was virtually record time and then had to stop as dawn came on When they came back the next night to complete the remaining 180 feet tracks across this exposed spo they found not only that their half graded part had been riddled with shell holes, but that the track already finished had eight shell holes along its length. In a period of time exactly equal to their performances of the previous night they graded and laid the remaining 180 feet and repaired the broken track as well, There is not a little courage of the cold blood sort required of the men who carry out this very necessary work. They are constantly being shelled and sniped, and without the satisfaction of being able to bit back

German Children Beg In Streets Xmas Day

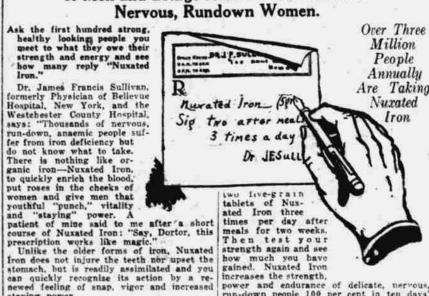
Geneva, Dec. 27 .- Accounts of the German Christmas, according to news from across the frontier, state women and children openly begged in the snow covered streets for food to appease their hunger, and riots took place in some of the towns. Only the rich enjoyed a good, but ordinary dinner and for this

Most of the churches in Germany were closed, owing to lack of coal.

they paid high prices, as much as

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Fire Starts in Ham House At Armour Packing Plant

Fire which broke out in the ham house at Armour's packing plant on the South Side this afternoon was extinguished before it did much dam-

The entire fire fighting equipment in the packing house district was called out. The blaze was caused by hot

greasc. Thousands of dollars' worth of meats for the soldiers in this country and overseas were stored in the building threatened by the fire.

AMUSEMENTS.

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