

ARMY CAMP RING SHARKS COOK UP BOXING CARNIVAL; CUSTER AND GRANT TO MIX

Danny Goodman and Charley White to Lead Charges in Huge Tournament; Chicago Fans Surprised at Jess Willard's Condition; Bryan Downey Moves to Chicago.

By RINGSIDER.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—What probably is entitled to rank as the greatest intercontinent boxing carnival in the history of the United States is being cooked up by boxing instructors at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., and Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich. No dates for the tournament have been fixed, but it probably will take place early in the present year.

WHITE AND GOODMAN.

At Camp Grant Top Sergeant Danny Goodman, a middle-weight light-weight, is the boxing instructor under Lewis Omer, director of athletics at the cantonment. At Camp Custer Charley White, Chicago's best light-weight, is teaching the soldiers the gentle art of self-defense.

There is a lot of rivalry between White and Goodman. White originally was assigned to Camp Grant, but jealousy developed between the rival instructors and Dr. Raycroft, director of cantonment athletics, transferred White to Camp Custer to avoid trouble. Charley did not want to go, but now that he is at Camp Custer he is anxious to put together a boxing squad that will be able to take the measure of the Camp Grant warriors.

So far as Sergeant Danny Goodman is concerned, there is ample disposition on the part of Camp Grant scrap-appers to accommodate the Custer battlers. The whole thing is in the hands of Major Taylor of division headquarters at Camp Grant. The major is judge advocate of the Rockford cantonment and is in entire charge of athletics. Since he is an ardent boxing fan, it is anticipated the proposed tourney will soon begin to take definite and tangible form.

Not Schooling Pros.

"Mind you, we are not trying to make box fighters out of the soldiers," said Top Sergeant Goodman, in speaking of the proposed tournament. "Nothing of that sort at all. What we want to do is to teach the men something about defending themselves in the hand-to-hand struggles they will encounter on the battlefield and to get them into a perfect physical condition as possible. With that will come all kinds of confidence. General Kennon, commanding the camp, is a great lover of sports and a big booster for everything we are doing. I believe he has Camp Grant three months ahead of all other camps in athletic activities. He is heartily in accord with everything Major Taylor does, so if an inter-camp tournament is arranged he undoubtedly will give it his hearty support.

"We have some good men at our camp and I would not be a bit afraid to have them tackle the best men of any other camp. I have a great bantam named Roth. Walter Jacobson could attend to the 125-pound class, Spike Kelly could handle the light-weights and we have an unknown middleweight who will be a star. Being a Chicago boy, could give a good account of himself among the heavies."

Incidentally, Goodman declared he was entirely sincere in his recent challenge to Benny Leonard. Goodman says he is willing and anxious to take on the champion in a six-round bout, the Red Cross or the cantonment athletic fund to be the beneficiary.

Jess Looks Good.

Boxing fans who got a glimpse of Jess Willard in a few short workouts with sparring partners here shortly before Christmas were astonished at the condition of the heavyweight champion.

The coy Kansas sunflower who has been dodging ring engagements ever since he defeated Frank Moran in his only fight since he won the title, stepped through practice bouts with Andre Anderson and Walter Monahan with all the agility of a lightweight. He looks to be in condition right now to meet any man in his class in a 10-round bout. In his work, it was evident, would put big Jess in shape to defend his title over the duration route.

It was generally supposed that Willard's inactivity in the ring for more than a year had caused him to grow enormously fat and heavy. There were many fans who believed that Willard had grown so heavy that he would find it impossible to get in shape again for effective work in the ring.

When Willard stripped for his workouts here his arms and legs were as sleek and muscular as they ever were. They were not carrying a pound of fat around the waist, but nothing that would not come off with two weeks' hard training. Jess' boxing also showed no deterioration and he had every bit of ring cleverness that he owned when he won the title from Jack Johnson at Havana.

Willard did not get on the scales for the benefit of the public, but he declared he did not weigh more than 260 pounds. His appearance justified his statement. As Jess weighed better than 250 when he fought Johnson, it is easy to see that he is very near down to fighting weight.

Illinois to Hold Spring

Relay Carnival on March 2
The second annual athletic carnival to be staged by the University of Illinois will be held on March 2, according to the announcement of George Huff, director of athletics at the university. Five schools already entered the big carnival—Chicago, Wisconsin, Michigan, Notre Dame and Minnesota.

An added feature will be a series of relay races for soldiers and sailors of camps and cantonments in the middle west. Invitations to participate in the meet are being forwarded to all camps. They were not carrying a pound of fat around the waist, but nothing that would not come off with two weeks' hard training. Jess' boxing also showed no deterioration and he had every bit of ring cleverness that he owned when he won the title from Jack Johnson at Havana.

GRAND CIRCUIT MAY ELIMINATE FIVE-HEAT RACE

Three-Heat Rule Instead of Three-in-Five is Proposed; Kalamazoo Rival of North Randall.

Columbus, O., Jan. 5.—Radical changes in the methods of conducting Grand Circuit races will go into effect next season if the stewards who hold their annual meeting here next Tuesday act favorably on a proposal of adopting a three-heat plan instead of the three-in-five rule which has been the practice for years.

Several other measures that have been thoroughly discussed since the closing of the 1917 racing season also will come up for settlement. The three-heat plan probably will meet with strong opposition from the "old guard" members of the organization. The system has been in force at North Randall course at Cleveland for several years, and its sponsors believe its adoption would be beneficial to the entire circuit. Horsemen and owners back of the movement say it will insure a spirited, hard fought contest every heat, and will save their horses many extra miles.

There probably will be a bitter fight waged for the opening dates of the 1918 season. William P. Engleman, secretary of the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Driving club, desires the opening, which for the last few years has been awarded to North Randall. The fact that Kalamazoo will apply for the inaugural dates came as a surprise to horsemen, as it was not generally believed that any Michigan track would be a member of the circuit next season because of the 1917 fiasco at Detroit and Grand Rapids.

Randall Has Edge.
Horsemen favor keeping Kalamazoo in the circuit, but there is some question about granting the Celery City the opening date unless such action can be taken and still allow ample time for two meetings at North Randall. For two seasons North Randall has twice entertained the Grand Circuit flyers, and horsemen have rated them as two of the best meetings of each year. It is probable that Kalamazoo will be offered the second week of the season with the opening going to North Randall.

Toledo will be in line for the third week of the season. Work on the new Grand Circuit plant there is being pushed. The foundation for the grand stand has been laid and four of the seven barns for housing the speeders are finished. Toledo proposes to make its bow in the circuit an impressive one. The financial condition of the new organization has exceeded expectations, the capital stock having been oversubscribed.

The south is expected to make a strong bid for early dates. Atlanta wants the season to open there during the week of July 8 and then have the car-van move on to Lexington. There have been reports that Louisville, Ky., and Redville, Mass., will apply for dates.

Joshua Crane, Old Tennis Champion, Now a Golfer

When a person does well in one line of sport he generally can be depended upon to acquire himself creditably in others. Joshua Crane, a national court tennis champion some 20 years ago, is playing golf now with equal enthusiasm as a member of the Dedham Country and Polo club in New York, and only the other day Crane, paired with William Ogg, the professional, won a four-ball tournament from quite a field at the Belmont Spring Country club.

These two had rounds of 77 and 75 for a total of 152, a stroke better than the score credited to F. C. Adams, the French professional from Brookline.

Crane, who is a member of the Racquet and Tennis club in New York City, still is active in court tennis and racquets. In fact, he is now regarded as the equal of any amateur court tennis player in the country. Jay Gould accepted.

More Woe for Phil Fans; Eppa Rixey Will Enlist

Right on the heels of the sale of Alexander comes the cheerful announcement for Philadelphia fans that Eppa Rixey has decided to go to war. He is an expert in chemistry, with a couple of college degrees and expects to be assigned to special work by the government in the way of perfecting defenses against gas attacks and such. He already has filed his application, properly endorsed by college authorities and chemical experts who have put him through the necessary examination.

Pirate Rookie Jumps.

Marcus Milligan, pitcher, recalled by the Pittsburgh Pirates from Birmingham, and from whom much was expected next season, has gone and done it. He has joined the army aviation corps and is learning to fly. Birmingham, which had some hopes of getting Milligan back, already has lost two players through the war, in Perryman and Sheehan.

Heavyweight Pugs Hit the Toboggan



The heavyweight class is fast losing some of its best boxers—1917 has seen the passing of "Gunboat" Smith, Frank Moran, Carl Morris, who does not admit he is a has-been, and Jim Coffy, as heavyweight contenders. Fred Fulton, the Minnesota player, is responsible for pushing back Smith and Morris. In the battle with Smith he stopped the Gunner in seven rounds, and shortly after defeated Big Carl Morris in a ten-round bout. Frank Moran was soundly pummeled by little Jack Dillon of Indianapolis, and his performance in this bout proved that he was fast losing his speed, and also the kick of famous "Mary Ann." Jim Coffy, after showing promise in several bouts, was knocked out by a comparatively unheard-of boxer, Bartly Madden, in a few rounds.

WLADEK ZBYSZKO INHERITS HIS DESIRE FOR WRESTLING

It's in His Blood and That's the Reason Why "the Mighty Son of Poland" Today Stands at Head of the Game—Thrown Only a Few Times.

Gentle reader, should you perchance be a sculptor, a eugenic maiden fair, or an artist in quest for a live model of a Hercules, a perfect man, or a Samson, just take our advice and some evening go to see a wrestling bout in which Wladek Zbyszko performs.

SCOTS ACQUIRE LARGE PEEVE AS ICE DISAPPEARS

Curling Program is Shot to Pieces and Devotees of Game Chaff Under En- forced Idleness.

Omaha curlers are chafing under the irritation that attends enforced idleness. The local wielders of stone and broom have several important jousts to stage. Rivals are itching to get at each other. But no one can move a hand, for the weather man refuses to yield from his position and provide decent weather for the ice sharks. In the game of curling good ice is necessary. It must be hard and it must be smooth. For the hurling of a 40-pound curling stone needs hard, solid ice, and to curl it accurately the surface must be smooth and even.

But the ice at Miller park today is anything but solid and anything but smooth. And curling is out of the question. The Scots are in the midst of two competitions. The second round of the John L. Kennedy trophy is yet to be played. The Balmorals, last year's champs, are slated to meet the Clan Gordons and the Thistles carded to wrangle with the Tam o' Shanter. The Scots are anxious to get these clashes out of the way so that the winners may have ample time to battle for the city championship.

Also, it is high time the individual events for the Robert Malcolm trophy and the city title are getting started. Pairings have been made and it was the original hope of the Scots to get the first round matches out of the way by today.

But not a match has been played, and there are a score of competitors entered. Unless the weather becomes colder and the ice hardens the curlers may have trouble in playing all their matches. Mr. Welsh is advised to relent unless he wants to incur the enmity of all the Scots in Omaha.

BULLETIN—At a late hour last night the weather man began to cross us on this story, and Alec Melvin came to bat with an announcement that the second round of the Kennedy cup race would be played this afternoon unless the weather moderated today, so all competing curlers are advised to be on hand.

Canadian Sports Bodies Invest in Victory Bonds

The Ontario Hockey association will invest \$5,000 in Victory bonds. The Quebec Foot Ball association and the Vancouver Amateur Swimming club will also subscribe for some of the bonds, which are similar in object to the Liberty bonds of the United States.

Logan Bowlers Beaten.

Freemont, Neb., Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—A team of Freemont bowlers defeated a five from Logan, Ia., on the local alleys, 2,575 to 2,439. A return match at Logan will be played in the near future. The Logan team lined up: Snyder, Roadifer, Reed, Springler and Hubbard. Freemont: Verbin, Kelly, Sampter Colley and Taylor.

Hope Mr. Baker invests some of the \$60,000 in thrift stamps. Anthracite was discovered in 1766, but precious little of it can be discovered nowadays.

MOST VALUABLE OUTFIELDER IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE? RECORDS SHOW CAREY IS MAN

Snap Judgment Suggests Roush or Burns or Kauff, But the Cold Figures Proclaim Max Carey of Pirates As Man Deserving of the Crown.

By JACK VEIOCK.

New York, Jan. 5.—The most valuable outfielder in the National league?

DOPE IS UPSET IN FLOOR PLAY AS NAKENS WIN

Prophets Lose a Bet When They Pick Townsends to Triumph Over Clothiers in Big Fray.

HOW THEY STAND.
COMMERCIAL LEAGUE. P. W. L. Pct. Nakens 4 0 1.000 Townsends 2 2 500 Commerce High 2 2 500 M. E. Smiths 2 2 500 Central Furniture 1 2 350 Y. M. H. A. 0 4 000
CHURCH LEAGUE. P. W. L. Pct. Hanscom Parks 2 2 500 Pearl Memorials 2 2 500 First 2 1 667 Wops 2 1 500 Benson 2 0 000 Walnut Hill 2 0 000
THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE. Commercial League: Central Furniture vs. M. E. Smiths, 7:30. Commerce High vs. Townsends, 8:10. Nakens vs. Y. M. H. A., 8:50. Church League: First M. E. vs. Walnut Hill, 7:30. Hanscom Parks vs. Pearl Memorials, 8:00. Benson vs. Wops, 8:30.

The grand old dope received another jolt last week when the sheet writer on the Commercial basket ball league missed a bet on the Nakens. In a fast and furious conflict, which was about as mild as a good rough foot ball game, the Nakens squeezed out a victory over the Townsends by the narrow margin of 20 to 19.

The gunners were ruling easy favorites although a few staunch supporters of the clothiers declared the game really should have been a fifty-fifty gamble. That they were right was proved when the Nakens nosed out the victory.

That old "come-back" which has won so many sport events gave that victory to the Nakens. At one point it looked like an easy Townsend victory. That is, it looked that way to the fans, not the Nakens. They refused to quit until it was all over and their success proves the worth of that theory.

No games were staged in the Church league last week owing to the New Year's program so the teams stand as they were. Several good conflicts are carded for this week in both Commercial and Church leagues and the local fans are looking forward to some thrills.

Everybody Climbs Aboard To Claim the Credit Due

Now the plan for a division of world's series receipts by which other clubs besides the championship teams shall share has met with favor a lot of people are claiming credit for the idea. President Tener is said to have first suggested it and Garry Herrmann is said to have been the originator, while from Pittsburgh comes the statement that Barney Dreyfuss made such a proposal three or four years ago.

Ed Reulbach Quits Diamond To Become Builder of Boats

Ed Reulbach's announcement that he had retired from base ball caused no great commotion, as he was of little service to the Boston Braves last season. He has taken a position with a boat building concern in New Jersey. Of late years Reulbach was more active in the Players' fraternity than he was on the diamond.

Where State Title Shoots Are to Be Staged This Year

Sportsmen's associations in 37 states have chosen the cities in which the 1918 trapshooting championships will be held. Here they are: State, City. Arizona, Phoenix. Arkansas, Texarkana. Alabama, Birmingham. North Carolina, Raleigh. California, San Jose. Colorado, Colorado Springs. Connecticut, Not selected. Delaware, Wilmington. District of Columbia, Baltimore, Md. Florida, Jacksonville. Georgia, Not selected. Illinois, Peoria. Iowa, Mason City. Indiana, Indianapolis. Idaho, Boise. Kansas, Dodge City. Kentucky, Lexington. Louisiana, Not selected. Mississippi, Gulfport. Maine, Not selected. Maryland, Not selected. Massachusetts, Not selected. Missouri, Not selected. Michigan, Not selected. Minnesota, Minneapolis. Montana, Bozeman. North Dakota, Grand Forks. North Carolina, Charlotte. New Jersey, Lakewood. New York, Rochester. New Mexico, Colorado Springs. New Hampshire, Not selected. New York, San Jose, Cal. Nevada, Not selected. Nebraska, Fremont. Ohio, Chillicothe. Oklahoma, Sapulpa. Oregon, Not selected. Pennsylvania, Erie. Rhode Island, Not selected. South Carolina, Spartanburg. South Dakota, Deadwood. Tennessee, Memphis. Texas, Houston. Utah, Salt Lake City. Vermont, Rutland. Virginia, City Point. West Virginia, Fairmont. Wyoming, Cheyenne.

Beals Becker Is Leading Batter in the Association

Beals Becker, a former Giant, and now with the Kansas City club, is king of the American association batters, according to official averages. Becker's mark for the season is .323. Dave Altizer, of Minneapolis, gave Becker a run for his money and pulled up one point behind the Kansas City slugger.

Miller Huggins Takes Card Trainer to New York Yanks

Dan Woods, who has been trainer and conditioner of the St. Louis Cardinals for several years, has resigned to go with Miller Huggins to New York. It is understood his place will be taken by Dr. Leslie Clough, who has been trainer and director of athletic teams at Washington State college, Pullman, Wash.

ROUGH OR BURNS?

Snap judgment suggests the names of Eddie Roush, George Burns, Benny Kauff or Walton Cruise.

But a perusal of the batting and fielding averages, suggested by one of the "deans," shows that Max Carey of the Pirates, ranks higher than any of the rest as an all-around fielder. Carey, in the first place, is the best base runner in the National league. He has topped the list of cushion burglars for several years, and there is no outfielder in the circuit who has anything on him in the all-around use of speed.

Four Points Below 300.

Roush, Cruise and others topped Carey in batting, but at that the Pittsburgh flash batted only four points below 300, finishing the season with a swatting mark of 296. And Carey bats both right and left-handed. The figures show also that he stood fifth in runmaking, though they do not show how many times he batted in runs or how many he worked at the bat in conjunction with the runners on the bases, an art in which he is highly proficient.

Leads in Field.

In fielding Carey topped all his rivals with a total of 440 putouts, and he had two less assists than Casey Stengel of the Dodgers, who led his league, with 30. This proves that Carey's throwing arm cannot be rated second to any in the league, for two assists more or less do not matter.

Carey's temperament has been pointed to as a fault several times, yet under average conditions he would probably show no more signs of nerves than any other player. He may not be the most valuable man playing the outfield, but he demands consideration from anyone who attempts to pick the man for the place.

Should Hold Big Regatta.

The recent announcement by Charles H. Mapes, chairman of the stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing association, to the effect that there is much doubt regarding the chances of reviving the Poughkeepsie regatta on the Hudson next spring, was received with regret by followers of rowing throughout the country. Mr. Mapes indicated that in his belief the various eastern colleges would have crews on the water, but that they would not include in the historical events which have been the backbone of rowing in the United States for many years.

Rather than "take a chance on the water" with crews of uncertain skill and stamina, it appears that the rowing mentors are in favor of following the lead set by Yale, Harvard and Princeton in foot ball last fall. In other words, there will be "informal rowing."

If the colleges which cater to rowing are going to have crews on the aqua pura they ought to go in for the limit, revive all of the big water carnivals and do what they can to keep rowing up to the standard it attained in 1916, rather than to throw it into the "informal" class of sports.

Home Runs Are Not Plentiful in Big Series

Out of a total of 80 world series games played since the beginning of the modern world series in 1903, there have been but 28 circuit clouts poked by the sluggers in the annual October classic.

Three of these homers were garnered this year, one being by Happy Felsch, at Chicago, and two by Bennie Kauff in the fourth game of the series at the Polo grounds, New York.

In 1903 Sebring of the Pirates got a homer off Young of the Red Sox, and Pat Dougherty gleaned circuit swat off Loeffer and Vail. The next home run came in 1908. It was made by Joe Tinker of the Cubs off Bill Donovan, then pitching for Detroit.

The 1909 series between Pittsburgh and Detroit was featured by four homers. Fred Clarke touched up Summers and Mullin for four-base wallops, and Jones and Crawford each got a homer off Babe Adams. In 1910 Murphy of the Athletics made a homer off McIntyre of the Cubs. Baker's homers off Matty and Marquard, and Oldring's clean-up drive off the Rubie marked the series of 1911, while in 1912 Larry Gardner of the Red Sox hit Terauta for a homer and Doyle got a home run off Hall.

Zbyszko Claims World's Title on Wrestling Mat

Wladek Zbyszko, the Polish wrestler who won the championship wrestling belt in a match with Strangler Lewis, has issued the following statement: "I won the first prize in the tournament which to me means the championship of the world. Caddock has no just claim to the title. John Olin defeated Stecher, and Lewis in turn defeated Olin. That made Lewis champion. When Caddock defeated Joe Stecher the latter had no title to lose. I will gladly give Caddock first choice to dispute my claim and Joe Stecher can come next. I am also any time that Lewis feels I am not the champion he can have another crack at me."

Cleveland Pitcher Made Sergeant in U. S. Army

Clark Dickerson, young pitcher of the Cleveland Indians, now in the army, is advancing. He has been promoted to be a sergeant. When the drills were going through their drills last summer Dickerson was one of the most enthusiastic in the work and his reward is now coming.