

BALLOON MEN PLAN CLASSY FOOT BALL GAMES FOR OMAHA

Stars of First Magnitude Are Included in Lineup of Khaki Eleven Gathered from North and South, East and West; Nebraska Boys Will Make Team

Service eleven promise to furnish the class of Missouri Valley foot ball this year. In this respect Omaha is extremely fortunate and indicates point to a series of extremely fast games to be played in this city.

Fort Omaha has a wealth of material from which to pick a team and will be coached by players knowing every detail of foot ball as taught by the leading university coaches not only of the east but of the entire United States.

Lieut. J. G. McKay, formerly a University of Pittsburgh player and later coach of the same team, will be head coach of the team. He will be assisted by Capt. F. DeP. Townsend, for two years a member of the Williams team and for three years a tackle on the Harvard team. He was picked as an All-American tackle.

Practice Starts Late. Lieut. Falk and Spang will also assist in whipping the squad into shape for the still games which have been scheduled. Falk jumped into a game as a teammate of the famous Dobbin, now head coach at Annapolis Naval academy, while playing on the undefeated University of Washington team. He will have charge of coaching the ends. Spang is another Harvard man having played two years on the varsity team. He later coached the freshman team of his Alma Mater with success.

The late start caused by the flying orders may prove a handicap in the early games, but they are working daily to whip the team in shape as rapidly as possible. Park commissioner has donated the use of Miller Park to the boys in khaki for practice purposes, as suitable grounds could not be found on the military reserve.

No team has been picked from the large group that turned out for practice, and it is not probable that a definite team will be selected until just before the Creighton game next Saturday. In addition to the coaches, who will play if necessary, the balloon boys have a galaxy of stars from which to pick the team.

Nebraskans Will Play. Sergeant Moore, former University of Nebraska player, is practically sure of a berth on the army team. Tracy, who appeared in a suit of Creighton molasses, is another likely candidate for the eleven. Reynolds of the University of California, is a western star who is showing class in the early playing, while the east is represented by Dreesen from the University of Georgia. Deeds and Whittier, ex-members of the East Haskell football team, have a number of wily tricks which they expect to prove troublesome to their opponents.

King, a former captain of the University of Virginia team, will prove one of the bulwarks about which the army team will be constructed. With the exception of the game Saturday, which will be played on the Creighton campus, all games scheduled for Omaha, will be played at Rourke park.

An extremely stiff schedule has been arranged and the balloonists will be forced to exert every energy to win. The schedule as arranged, will include the following teams:

- October 25—Creighton on Creighton field.
November 2—U. S. Naval Reserve at Omaha.
November 9—Camp Funston at Kansas City.
November 16—Camp Grant at Omaha.
November 23—Fort Harrison at Indianapolis.
November 30—Fort Riley at Omaha (tentative).
November 3—Camp Dodge at Omaha.

A. C. Members Anxious for Opening of New Club House. Members of the New Athletic club are beginning to practice up on all kinds of athletic stunts, in connection with the opening up of their new club rooms. As surely as you slip on one of them, you will find him going through the gyrations of the high dive or turning a handspring or some other acrobatic feat.

But it won't be long. The mechanical work is practically all done and the men out of the building. Only a few odd jobs, such as the completion of the elevator gears and placing of some of the fixtures remain. Just now they are busy unpacking the elegant electric fixtures and putting them in place. The kitchen furniture, including the large modern bakery, is all installed and ready for use.

The decorators will begin to ply their art upon the walls on Monday or Tuesday, and as soon as they are out of the building, the draperies will be put in place. They will come the big opening event, and who he misses it will miss one of the big events of the season. Have you secured your membership card? If not do not put it off. "Procrastination is the thief of time" and time is the essential element in being sure to obtain one.

- Football Results.
At Cleveland—Cleveland Naval Reserve, 29; Western Reserve, 6.
At Easton, Pa.—Unionville, 6; LaFayette, 27.
At Hanover, N. H.—Dartmouth, 20; Norwich, 6.
At Philadelphia—University of Pennsylvania, 27; Battellship Minnesota, 9.
At Washington—Washington and Jefferson, 24; Camp Sherman, 14.
At Minneapolis—Minnesota, 28; Soldiers from Mechanics School, 19.

WESTERN LOOP CLAIM PLAYERS FOR NEXT YEAR

Nine Minor League Organizations Reserve Players as Basis for Teams Next Season.

The Western league was numbered among the nine minor league organizations that made claims of reservation of players for next year. The International league was the only organization to complete the schedule, but the others played finished more than half of the season, which entitles them to recognition.

The men reserved by Western league teams were: St. Joseph—Gaspard, Curtis, Bizejak, Mueller, Conroy, Brubaker, Watson, Kirkham, Bonagret, Murphy, Bachant, Gensch, suspended; Pittsburg—Gump, Schardt (suspended), Grover (suspended), Melanichin (suspended), U. S. Service—Brennan, Cramer, Connolly, Bell, Bader, Ross, Lueben, Thigman, Sutherland, Innan.

Des Moines—John F. Coffey, William Hunter, R. Manley, H. F. Green, William Lowell, Lee Dreesen, A. B. Phillips, Fred Deburn, W. F. Cozer, Ed Wright, George Yelpho, A. A. Hays, Louis Hagen, Trainer, R. L. Hasbrook, W. J. Kerwin, R. B. Shanley (suspended), Paul Mehan (suspended), Dan Mosler (suspended), Fred Shacht (suspended), E. S. Stevens, A. L. Ewald, Paul Mosser, Bruce Hartford, G. C. Higgins, George Payne, D. J. Case.

Wichita—Everett Yargan, Al Wallin, George Carey, Joe Berger, C. A. Mare, Roy C. Wolff, E. M. Davis, Clyde McFriede, R. E. Carey, Ben Harris, W. B. Jones, E. C. Hoylik, Harry Williams (suspended), R. Martell (suspended), George Dobbin (suspended), W. Baker (suspended), William Conroy (suspended), E. J. Black (suspended), U. S. Service—William Fox, C. W. Goodwin, L. M. Davis, Louis Koller, George Layton, R. M. Clemmons, Elmer Miller, Roy Washburn, Arthur Oller.

Joplin—Collins, Monroe, Burg, Lamb, Moran, Lindamors, Burwell, Mabel, Peck, Kline, Brandt, Thompson. Hutchinson—John W. Mason, C. E. Manion, George Block, B. W. Cleveland, John Wurfel, Albert Nolt, Yank Davis, Ned Grogg, E. E. Johnson, Louis Koller, Benny Meyers, Jesse Haines, S. L. Salisbury, A. Sparks, Jim Lambrecht, Lona Jaynes, John Kline, Leon Serwinski, Richard Art, Vernon Manser, Floyd Keop.

Sioux City—W. H. Baber, Sam O'Connor, Mack Allison, Arthur Fischer, A. Hinkley, Tony Smith, Cotton Jones, Ed Reiche, Charles Stewart, E. A. Meyer (suspended), Elmer Stiles, George Dick Bagley (suspended), Paul Effert (suspended), United States Service—P. L. Lyle, Carl East, Howard Gregory, Elmer O'Leary.

Omaha—P. W. Mason, Edwin Lingbe, Oscar Fuhr, Charles Knapp, Brooks Hale, Otto Merz, Pete McGuire, James H. Ardis, A. E. Sankle, W. R. Jackson, Dave Williams, Otto Nye, Marty Krag, Harry O'Connor, Phil Conroy, J. A. Thompson, J. W. Holdeman, Al Bushong, C. H. Callahan, Marty O'Leary.
St. Paul—Glen Meadows, John Taber, Frank Newman, Walter Briebek, Elmer Benson, Stewart Dittis, Joe Robinson, E. J. Conner, R. G. Sommers, R. E. Sommer, Frank Goetz, J. Daubert, Albert North, Wells Tedeschi, P. O'Connor, United States Service—George Sheppard, Robert Wright, Frank Graham, R. E. McCoolough, John Williams, Ray Falk, Ben Smith, H. McElroy, Albert Hartzell, Cecil Hammond.

Otto Merz, Former Omaha Player, Building Ships

Otto Merz, former Omaha pitcher, who is now working in the shipyards at Duluth, Minn., writes to friends in Omaha, telling some interesting news of the shipyard team on which he played this season.

One other Omaha player, C. H. Callahan, also played on the same team. Merz writes that in the games for the championship this fall, which his team won, he pitched four games and won three of them. During the other games of the series he played outfield, but says that he batted about 400. Their season closed three weeks ago.

Exhibition Golf Matches Net Large Sum for Red Cross. Chicago, Oct. 19.—Exhibition matches in aid of the Red Cross under the auspices of the Western Golf association have netted \$303,775 this season, according to the report of President Charles F. Thompson, made public today.

President Thompson said that 82 games were played and that the expense had been confined to a minimum, only traveling and hotel bills being taken from the receipts.

A match at Lake Shore Country club here which netted \$30,100, cost the Red Cross fund only \$2.50.

Former University Coach Dies in Ottawa, Canada

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 19.—Jack "Cabby" Grimes, who coached the Lehigh University lacrosse team to the American championship in 1917 died at his home here Thursday after a brief illness. Grimes, who is 42 years old, was famous in his younger days as a lacrosse player, starting for several seasons with Orangeville and the Toronto Tecumseh.

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Fort Omaha Balloon School Foot Ball Players



Front row standing (reading from left to right): Knox, Anderson, Lieutenant Falk, coach; Lieutenant Spang, coach; King, Philpot, Smith, Froelich. Second row: Capps, Marshall, Tracy, Kohontik, Evans, Walton, Littleton, Gordon. Third row (seated): Watkins, Hughes, Noe, Reynolds, Eudaly.

Hitting the High Spots on The Sporting Trail

By A. K. DONOVAN.

Last Monday was the birthday anniversary of the American league as a full-fledged major league circuit. The magnates of Ban Johnson's infant organization held a meeting October 14, 1900 in Chicago and decided to expand by placing clubs in the big eastern cities.

Johnson, the eastern magnate, launched his ambitious scheme to change the Western league to a major organization in 1900 and the name decided upon still remains. The first year the league of near major proportions, fell short of the ambitions of Ban and his fellow conspirators and at the memorable meeting new cards were dealt and the affairs of the league settled.

Mack to Philadelphia. Connie Mack's new hand called for the disposal of the Milwaukee club and in its place he was awarded a franchise in Philadelphia, Jim Manning drew the Senators in Washington. When it became evident that the National league considered a war in progress Indianapolis, Minneapolis and Kansas City were dropped to make room for eastern cities. The Buffalo team was also transferred, finding a home in Boston.

The war raged merrily through the season of 1901, much to the disgust of the fans and the financial profit of the players. Several jump-back and forth between the two organizations several times during the playing season.

Invade New York. At the close of the season it was evident that Milwaukee could not support a team during war times such as were in progress and a second team was planned in St. Louis. Baltimore was also proving a losing proposition and Ban settled a personal grudge when the team was transferred and became the New York Yankees. McGraw and Johnson had fought constantly and finally Jawns jumped to the Giants and took several players with him. With this addition the league was composed of the same clubs as it is today.

The league really dates still farther back to 1879, when the Northwestern league was launched. At that time the circuit included Omaha, Dubuque and Rockford teams.

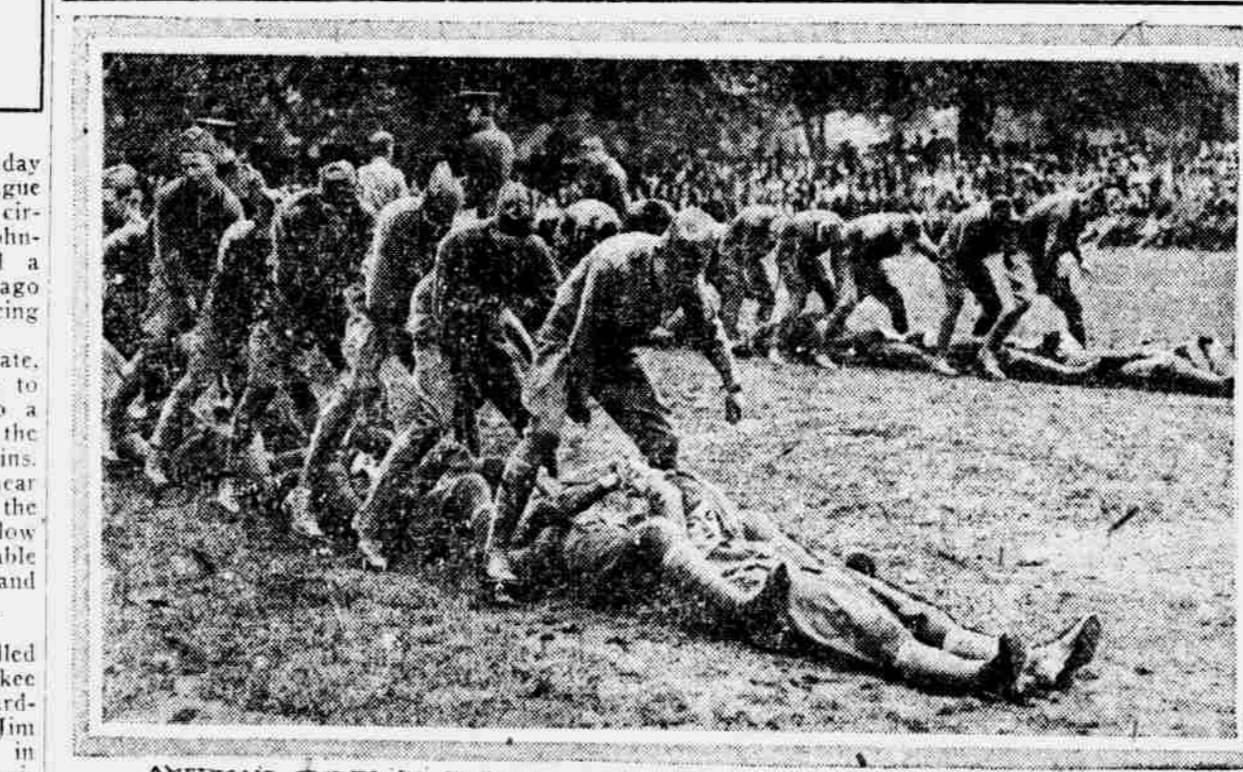
Boy! Page Willie Hoppe. Charlie Ellis, Milwaukee billiard star, finds that his cue training has proved beneficial in the army. He states that "eye accuracy" has won him a sharpshooters medal and he is soon to be transferred to a machine gun company as the result of his newly acquired expert marksmanship. The draft board may reverse their recent decision on Hoppe now. With his skill on the green tables, he should be able to pick the medals from the Clown Quince's uniform "somewhere in Germany (not the firing line).

Dad Is From Old Eli. Doc Williams, veteran coach of Minnesota athletic teams, is like the waiter in the restaurant who went out for his meals. He has enrolled his son in Yale university this year.

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Doughboys "Skin the Snake" in London



A big demonstration of American games was held recently in Hyde Park, London, under the auspices of the American Y. M. C. A.

More than 100 American soldiers elected from the training camps in England took part. The photo shows the Yanks playing the game of "skinning the snake," a form of exercise which is very popular with the boys over there.

A Little Bird Told Me

BY JOHN H. KEARNES

Corey Resists Temptation. Clarence E. Corey of Corey & McKenzie, who lost his automobile temporarily to a would-be auto bandit, last week, had a near settlement with the company with whom the machine was insured.

His car had been gone long enough for him to bid it a fond farewell and try to find surcease of sorrow in the insurance money that was due him so he notified the agents of his loss and they promised a prompt adjustment.

Bright and early Monday morning he was notified by the police the car had been recovered and to come and get it. Before he could get ready to go to the station two insurance adjusters appeared with a check for \$985 to pay the loss on the machine.

With an air of contrition Clarence waved the check away, saying to the bearers, who were strangers to him: "Remove the temptation, gentlemen. My conscience has gotten the better of me and I have cold feet. In my present state of mind I cannot rob an insurance company."

The men were mystified, but made their get away before Clarence could change his mind or explain the situation.

It is possible they feel that one of Omaha's good business men conspired against their company, but suddenly discovered he had a real conscience and quit.

Take Away of Othah Snakes. "Colored troops at Camp Dodge, when they are at drill are a joy to see," says Lee Smith, formerly of The Bee advertising department, and now in Uncle Sam's service. "The boys are snappy and when they march to the music of the regimental band it is just one big cake walk—they sure have a sense of music in their feet."

"There is a patch of drill ground at the cantonment which is covered with a tropical growth of weeds. It is a veritable jungle and is fairly alive with little garter and big bull snakes."

"One day recently a battalion of the colored boys, full of pep, and marching like one huge machine, so fine was their rhythm, were taken into the patch for a drill. "All went well until some of them discovered a wriggling, squirming army of reptiles fleeing from the Ethiopian advance. A big sergeant major was the first to identify the crawling creatures as snakes. "He at once lost all sense of authority and jumped up into the air with a yell. Other colored soldiers followed suit and for a moment

CENTRAL HIGH BALL SCHEDULE WRECKED BY FLU LONDON TIMES TELLS OF YANK GAMES IN PARK

Post Season Games Are Possible Unless Ban on Meetings Is Rescinded by Health Commissioner. American Games Amuse Londoners Who Are Initiated to "Down in Front;" Play Base Ball.

It is hoped that several of the games which appeared on the Central High foot ball schedule and which were cancelled on account of the closing order may be played later in the season. It is the plan of the Central High officials to rearrange these games providing the weather permits. By playing its full schedule of games the Omaha boys see the possibility of retaining the state championship which they won last year. Post season games may be played.

York High, by its defeat of South Omaha Saturday by a 7 to 0 score, looms up as a most likely contender for state honors. York has no game scheduled with Omaha this year, but both York and Omaha are to play Beatrice, and should the former lose, and Omaha win the Beatrice and Lincoln games, they would have a good claim to the state championship, in spite of the fact that they lost to South High early in the season.

It is not thought probable that the game scheduled for this week with the North Des Moines High team will be played even though the Omaha school is open, as the closing order is even more stringent in Des Moines and a state-wide quarantine has just been imposed on Iowa.

Sioux City Next Game. The cancellation of the game with North Des Moines High is a great disappointment to the Omaha students. The game was to have been played in Omaha, and as the Des Moines school triumphed over all opponents last year, and have most of their 1917 players on the team this year, there was a great deal of speculation as to the relative merits of their team compared with the Missouri Valley champions represented by the Omaha team. However, the Omaha team has played only one game this year which would prove a serious handicap in a contest with a team of the North Des Moines caliber.

Omaha at Sioux City is the next possible game on the Omaha schedule. The postponement of so many of the home games has proven quite a strain on the athletic treasury at Central High, but according to best information, this will not interfere in the least with the bringing of the St. Joseph team here for the Thanksgiving day game.

Muny Athletic Park Planned by Towl for South Side Contests

A South Side "dum" is about to be converted into an athletic park with a stadium for the use of the public. City Commissioner Towl will introduce an ordinance at the city council meeting next Tuesday providing for this work.

"dum" is the tract between L and M streets, between Twentieth and Twenty-third streets.

It contains ravines 60 feet deep. Most of the property is delinquent in taxation and can be secured at trifling cost. A road has been constructed to the bottom of the ravines and city rubbish is now being dumped there.

The two spent several hours on the job and could not locate a garage in the city, answering the description given by the man, who persisted in giving minute detail.

Finally "Cap" became impatient and exclaimed: "Say, friend, you got your lunch from a fortune teller, didn't you?" "Why, how did you find out," asked the countryman in amazement. "I sure did, and she charged me \$10 for giving me a straight tip."

It is needless to say the two men never found the car or the garage, although the countryman still suspects his neighbors.

Another Mother-in-Law Story. Thousands of persons in Omaha know Mickey Mullen, erstwhile purveyor of liquid cheer, and who now keeps himself occupied dishing out soft drinks at the old stand on North Sixteenth street.

Thousands, too, are familiar with his pet expression; "That's good! That's good!" Mickey says it rather absentmindedly, and thereby lings a talent. One of the habits of Mickey's place failed to show up at his favorite resort for several weeks and Mickey missed him. On the return of the habitue Mickey asked: "Where have you been for the past three weeks?" "Back at my old home at Peru, Ill.," was the answer.

Loss of Fingers Bars Crowley from Foot Ball. Denver, Colo., Oct. 19.—Clifford Crowley, for three years All-Northwestern interscholastic tackle, is barred from playing foot ball in the Rocky Mountain conference this season through the loss of three fingers.

Several years ago the explosion of a dynamite cap tore the fingers from Crowley's left hand and because of this he was unable to enter the students' army training corps when he enrolled at Colorado Agricultural college this fall. As the freshmen rule was suspended only for members of the corps, he can't play this season.

Crowley formerly captained the Butte, Mont., high school team. He is also a crack basket ball forward.

Former Rowing Instructor Now Training Soldiers. Jim Rice, former Detroit Boat club instructor, who resigned as coach of the Columbia University crews last June, has been promised an appointment as a physical instructor with the students' army training corps.

"Rowing is done until the end of the war," he said "and I want to get into the work of teaching the soldiers how to keep their bodies in condition."

Rice spent the summer at Lonely Lake, half mile from Saratoga Lake. He rowed daily against Jim Riley, the old amateur champion, and is hard as a rock.

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American Games Amuse Londoners Who Are Initiated to "Down in Front;" Play Base Ball.

The following account of an American athletic meet in Hyde park, London, was printed in the London Times on September 23:

"Several thousands of people gathered on Saturday afternoon round that part of Hyde park which has been devoted to American baseball. But other American games and not base ball were the chief attractions. They were those which have been adopted, adapted, or invented for the amusement of the men in rest and other camps. A hundred selected American soldiers, including 20 negroes, came to demonstrate them to a British audience.

"When base ball was first played in the park it was considered an innovation worthy of emphatic remark. It was a more noisy, however, compared with the sight of big Americans (some of them very big indeed) behaving more like school-boys than school boys themselves. Most human boys assume with long trousers an air of dignity and decorum for which they keep some regard even in their play; whereas the United States soldier possesses a beautiful faculty for letting his fun deity his year. The negroes, too, with their wide grins, delighted chuckles, and gurgling incantations, helped manfully to make the whole assembly, performer and spectators alike, realize that, after all, folks are only as old as they feel.

Negroes Box Blindfolded. "The negroes passed from boxing blindfolded to chiding toy balloons; and it would be hard to say which was the more diverting to look on.

"Perhaps the boxing, since that had a somewhat clinical character, had been thinned out and the ring was held by one huge fellow alone, his white comrades baited him as bullfighters the bull. They tapped him on the shoulder, trailed their greatcoats against his knees and elbows; anything to make him suppose his rivals were still before or behind his blinded eyes. Finally one ingenious tormentor placed a boxing glove on the nose of the boxer and gently tapped the pugilist in the face with it. But the glove must have left empty, for the black man at last realized that, like Don Quixote, he was sparring at fictitious foes. But he may not have read "Don Quixote."

The white Americans played a larger variety of games than can be easily remembered. They ran, they entwined with one another much less comfortably than the Siamese twins. They gave capital imitations of the classic military tortoise, only, instead of bearing shields on their shoulders, they pushed a foot ball down the long line of their extended legs. They reminded one of the fate of the two blackguards in "Huckleberry Finn" when they were on a raft. They ran relay races with mutually clasped hands. They played a composite leapfrog by piling more on the frog's back than he could bear, and laughed with delight as both came to the ground together. And they did other intricate feats, rollicking and un-Parklike.

The U. S. Officer's Way. "The sole trouble of the spectators was to persuade men inside the square to sit or crouch down, in order that the view might not be obstructed. This they did by looking on with unconstrained interest. The American way with such people. It was an American officer, on a seat, who appealed to an English officer, standing up, to "have a heart" for those behind him, and, who, when his cry was unheeded or unheard, shouted, "Eh, King George, sit down!" which, of course, there was no resisting.

The games over, the game began. Two teams met in an exhibition match at base ball; and, to every body's surprise, these teams were not American, but English; soldiers from Knightsbridge Barracks, who had been instructed in the art and science of base ball by a member of the American Y. M. C. A.

In blue and red they looked like parts of the army playing; and they played admirably, considering that they never even saw base ball before last July. Their batting seemed especially good; the fielding not so good; and the pitching, though adequate, as critics say, was possibly undeserving of more than \$10,000 a year. So man on the ground can instruct, who considers that his pupils have made wonderful progress in a short time. An American sailor unimpeded; and another American sailor, with two wounded Canadian soldiers in the highest spirits, did all that was necessary in the way of advice and "roosting" for both sides impartially.

"An unheeded incident of the day, which might have had serious results, was the behaviour of a pony during an exhibition of roughriding. The animal got out of control, and dashed at the onlookers seated round the enclosure. Jumping right over the chairs, it got among the people standing behind and scattered them in all directions. A soldier was knocked down and badly bruised, and a boy was slightly injured."

Former Chicago American Catcher Killed in France. Ashtabula, O., Oct. 12.—John Cooper, former catcher for the Chicago Americans and the Cleveland Federal league teams, was accidentally killed in France September 2, according to word received here from his brother.

Cooper played with Duluth and Rockford, (Ill.) in 1909 and in 1910 was with the Canadian league. He was drafted at the close of the 1910 season by Chicago. At one time he was a member of the St. Joseph, Mo. and Dubuque, Ia., teams.

Former National League Pitcher Is Now a Banker. Joe Corbet, former well known National and Coast league pitcher, and brother of the former heavy-weight boxing champion, is now a member of the staff of the Bank of Italy in San Francisco and is learning the banking business. He resigned his job in the county clerk's office to take up his new line of work.

Joe's brother, Jim, was a clerk in a bank when he decided to take up boxing, so Joe is picking up where Jim left off years ago. Dr. A. H. Gianini, president of the Bank of Italy, was Joe's catcher when they were students at St. Mary's.