

Grid Fans May See Cornhuskers in Action Here This Fall

NEBRASKA MAY PLAY OKLAHOMA GAME IN OMAHA

Coach E. J. Stewart Urges Conference to Allow Game Here in Appreciation of Patronage.

Lincoln, Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The University of Nebraska and the University of Oklahoma will play in Omaha next October 26 if the Missouri Valley conference authorities consent to the plan, according to announcement here today by Coach E. J. Stewart.

WOMAN BOWLER HANGS UP NEW RECORDS IN CONTEST AT CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 4.—What is claimed to be a world's record for a woman bowler was made by Mrs. Goldie Greenwald. In three games as captain and anchor bowler of the Eagles' women's bowling team Mrs. Greenwald made 257, 210 and 265 for a grand total of 732.

In the final game she made 11 out of a possible 12 strikes and was only beaten out of a perfect score by a 6-7-10 split in the third frame. Her score of 732 is a record for the alleys, the previous high total, 682, being made by the proprietor with a loaded ball.

Hitting the High Spots on The Sporting Trail

By A. K. DONOVAN.

Barton Green, who will introduce the Melody boxing bill in the Nebraska legislature, is highly enthusiastic over the outcome of the measure. He has carefully considered the Melody measure and similar laws in other states and is emphatic in stating that it is the best of the bill. In speaking of the bill, he said: "With the possible exception of the good roads bill, I am satisfied that the boxing bill will be, perhaps, the most popular bill introduced in the legislature this session. For the past 60 days I have discussed this measure with a great many men, in many different occupations, and I have yet to hear the first objection."

"I find in talking around that there is no objection to boxing as such, but there is an objection to the sometimes brutal matches that are pulled off, wherein one man is very superior to the other and instead of a glove contest or a boxing match it becomes merely an exhibition of punishment; all men who are interested in boxing look down on unequal matches of this kind, and the Melody bill eliminates this brutal aspect from the sport and will make boxing one of the most popular of indoor amusements.

"I have talked the matter over with Y. M. C. A. men, the returned soldiers and officers, and business men and they are all of the opinion that boxing should have a leading place in the training of our young men of the country, not only on account of the physical benefit to be derived but also because it teaches self-control and manliness. "Boxing has been in bad company for many years, but through the efforts of that popular advocate of clean sport, Gene Melady, it will join the Y. M. C. A. and go to all Sunday school picnics and other genteel meetings.

"Jack Skelly now referee. The unusual has happened in New Jersey where boxing is legalized and the referee has been appointed to keep the game clean. The boxing commission in its endeavor to furnish none but the best of referees recently went to Yonkers and voluntarily presented "Jack" Skelly with a license to referee in Jersey.

Jack is sports writer on the Yonkers Herald and one of the most popular writers on ring battles in the United States. He has always been an advocate of clean sports and the Jersey commission could have looked farther without finding a better man.

He has many friends in Omaha, where he once battled the son of a millionaire packer and allowed his backers to carry home large bundles of the filthy lucre. He was out-weighted several pounds but out-gamed his opponent.

Lewis will back Holmes. "Jack" Lewis, sporting promoter, objects strenuously to reports circulating that he is going to follow a hunting expedition in the sand hills. Jack now tells some wonderful tales about the "snoring" abilities of Ernie.

Jacks backs his champion to the limit and now announces that he is willing to bet anything from a cambric necktie to a threshing machine, and carry the stakes to the winner on his back, that Holmes can "out-snore" any man on earth.

Single and double barreled snorers all look alike to Jack and he will back his champion against any of them.

Fighting Parson Comes Back. Rev. (Kid) Fred R. Wedge, formerly of Omaha, and later a pastor in Rhineland, Wis., has won another battle. His life has been one series of fight and he has usually come out the winner.

Born in a lumber camp in Wisconsin he graduated in his early teens to a saloon "hangout" where tuberculosis proved a dangerous and untimely fighter in the woods. In addition to being one of the toughest fighters he was one of the hardest drinkers. He won his first big battle with the Demon Rum.

He went to the prize ring and later studied and was admitted to the ministry, where he battled with some of the toughest sinners. He expended the same energy as brought him success in the ring. He started in to clean up the Barbary Coast in Frisco in the days when such a proceeding was considered sure death. He was allowed to continue his "clean up" after two prize fighters who had been sent to hospital with broken jaws and ribs.

Tuberculosis proved a tough opponent but he took his family and hurried to a small ranch in New Mexico where, aided by an outdoor life, he landed the "kayo" punch. When Uncle Sam entered his big fight he volunteered his services and did his bit as a boxing instructor in Texas training camps. He is now a candidate for the welterweight championship of the border.

K. O. C. ARRANGES BIGGEST GLOVE CARD EVER HELD

Knights of Columbus Strongly Favor Boxing and Will Stage Big Tournament for the Soldiers in Paris.

One of the biggest tournaments in the history of boxing is being arranged by the Knights of Columbus, and the contests for championships will take place in Paris for the entertainment of Uncle Sam's soldiers, sailors, marines and aviators. Belts will be awarded by the Knights of Columbus to the champion in each class. According to present plans, the tourney in the French capital will be of greater importance than that recently held in London.

"Boxing is one of our best sports," declared William P. Larkin, director of Knights of Columbus overseas activities. "The United States was quick to see the value of boxing as a medium of physical exercise for the contestants and for the entertainment of our fighting forces, and the teaching of the manly art to all the boys in the service did as much as any one thing to help get them in the trim that won the war in record time.

Strongly Favor Boxing. "The Knights of Columbus is strongly in favor of boxing, professional or amateur, if conducted under proper regulation, and it is to be hoped that before long laws will be passed permitting the sport in every state in the union.

"Because our organization realizes the good that boxing does for the youth of our nation we are planning this tourney in Paris, for championship belts, early in the new year. The best men in the service of the United States will compete, and when the titles in the various classes are decided America will boast of some champions with any world's title holders.

"The gloves shipped thousands of sets of gloves to the boys 'over there,' and it is largely through these efforts that the sport has taken such a big hold with the lads who won the battle for us. At present we are conducting numerous weekly shows in various camps for the boys abroad, which are developing prospective winners of the coming titular bouts."

Troeh and Clark Win Trap Shooting Honors for 1918. New York, Jan. 4.—F. M. Troeh of Vancouver and Homer Clark of Alton, Ill., are respectively high average amateur and professional trap shooters for 1918, according to the official figures of the interstate association. Troeh broke 6,655 targets out of 6,845 for an average of .9722, while Clark shattered 3,228 out of 3,310, giving him an average of .9752 for the season.

Among the first 10 amateurs following Troeh are: H. Lorenzen, 9659; H. Pendergast, 9635; F. S. Wright, 9627; George Fisher, 9626; O. N. Ford, 9503; C. M. Powers, 9599; L. F. Curtis, 9583; C. L. Newcomb, 9574, and H. L. P. Merrim, 9569.

The professionals holding places among the first 10 after Clark, include: R. Rush, 9700; L. S. German, 9664; P. Miller, 9661; F. H. Huseman, 9629; C. J. Spencer, 9594; R. O. Heikes, 9583; B. Lewis, 9580; C. E. Goodrich, 9579; J. R. Haylor, 9563.

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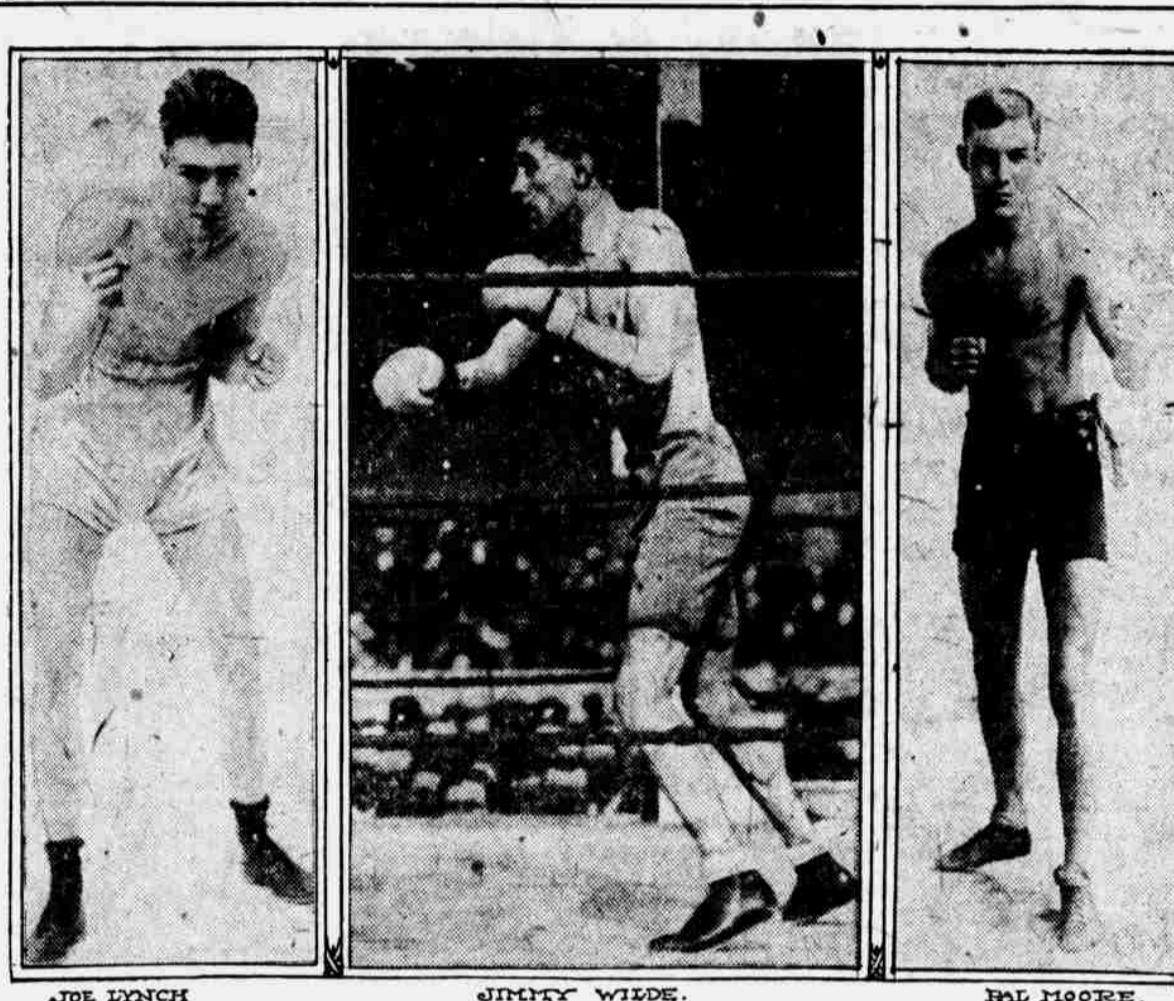
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Famous Bantams May Fight for Title



The results of the recent international boxing tournament held in London were gratifying to some American boxers and just the reverse to others. Take the case of Joe Lynch, of New York. Lynch, before entering the service of Uncle Sam, had made quite a reputation in the bantam ranks. In fact, he was just about to be matched with Pete

Herman for a title bout. Then came the call to arms and Joe promptly answered. While at the front he received word that he had been selected to represent the United States army in the tournament at London and meet the British marvel, Jimmy Wilde. With only a few days' training Lynch entered the ring with Wilde and was defeated in three

rounds. Then Pal Moore, the Memphis bantam, surprised everybody by defeating Wilde in the finals. Wilde is reported to be planning a trip here to meet the best American bantams. His first bouts will probably be with Lynch and Moore in order to settle the question of supremacy which cropped up between the three at the international tournament.

CURLERS START CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS TODAY

Individual Pairings Made for Malcolm Trophy; Second Round of Team Play at Miller Park.

The second round of play for the John L. Kennedy curling trophy will be played this afternoon on the ice at Miller park by the Clan Gordon Athletic association. The play will start promptly at 2 o'clock.

The Bobbie Burns team is matched against the Balmorals and the Heathers against the Ailsa Craigs. The personnel of the team will be the same as played New Year's day with the exception of Lieutenant Hislop of the Heather team, who has returned to camp. The teams are evenly matched and the play is expected to be close.

The pairings were drawn for the Robert Malcolm trophy, emblematic of the individual championship. At present it is held by John McTaggart. The feature match of the initial round will be the game between Robert and Alex Melvin, both of whom have won previous pairings.

Will Play Nine Ends. The pairings for the initial round are: J. K. Finlayson vs. R. G. Watson, Joseph Polak vs. M. M. Latson, W. D. Brydon vs. W. J. Hiplop, Peter Lowden vs. E. M. Tracy, W. G. Watson vs. C. M. Johnston, Robert Galt vs. William Rennie, George Entrikin vs. John W. Muir, Alex Melvin vs. R. S. Melvin, E. A. Dunn vs. W. W. P. Horne, John McTeargatt vs. H. E. Fernandez, E. A. Higgins vs. C. J. Fernandez, George Heacock vs. William Layson, D. B. Porter vs. W. M. Scott, J. H. Husula vs. E. S. Dadds, G. H. Wilson vs. A. N. Featherstone, John Syme vs. C. G. Sadler.

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Kieckhefer Defends Title in Chicago Monday Night

Chicago, Jan. 4.—For the seventh consecutive time Augie Kieckhefer, champion three-cushion billiard player, will defend his title here Monday night, when he meets Pierre Maupome in a 150-point three-night match.

It was only last month that the champion suffered a defeat at the hands of Maupome in an exhibition game here. But that is one of "Augie's" specialties—to let the other fellow do the work when there is little or nothing at stake, and to knuckle down to work and bring home the bacon regular like when he's in a championship match.

There is a purse of \$500 at stake, as well as the title, and friends of Augie say he is already counting the money. He last defeated Bob Canfax of St. Louis the second time Bob tried to take the championship away from him. Bob himself and Maupome have both held the honor, but seen unable to pry it loose from Kieckhefer.

As a usual thing, the champion plays a happy-go-lucky game for the first block, and his opponent has often won this from him. Then by the second night he settles down to make the balls get acquainted and friendly and begins tearing off run after run to the confusion and defeat of his antagonist, whoever that may be.

WILL GUIDE DESTINIES OF WHITE SOX IN 1919

St. Joseph, Jan. 4.—After being in session for seven hours the Western league magnates adjourned their meeting this evening with very little determined regarding the coming base ball season. There is no doubt about the opening of the season next spring—the owners were unanimous in this. The circuit, however, is causing some trouble, and it may be some time before this is ironed out.

The Joplin franchise was sold by John Savage to a group of business men, headed by Fred Liebhart, at the meeting here today. The business men guaranteed the league that Joplin would hold up their attendance record this year. The Hutchinson franchise at present is scheduled to go to Tulsa, but Lincoln is putting in a strong bid for it. With that exception, the circuit is expected to remain as it is. C. N. Moon and J. E. Beltzer of Lincoln urged a franchise for that city and submitted guarantees from business men against any financial loss.

No President Selected. The magnates were unable to select a president for the league to succeed E. W. Dickerson, now in France in war service with the Knights of Columbus. John Wunderlich, commissioner of the Commerce club here, was asked to take the place, but refused. John Savage, who is now without connection with the Western league, and Tom Fairweather, owner of the Des Moines franchise, have been mentioned and may be named.

It was decided to hold the player salary limit at \$2,600, and the player limit on each league at 14. The magnates named May 1 as the date for the opening of the league schedule, and decided to play a schedule of 140 games. No umpires were named at the present session.

Meet Again Next Month. The magnates will hold their scheduled meeting in St. Joseph, February 8, at which time the circuit will be completed and all other details will be worked out.

A circuit committee will be named by Ed Hanlon, acting president of the league, to investigate Tulsa and Lincoln, to determine where the Hutchinson franchise, which goes back to Hugh Jones, after being leased for a year by Spencer Abbott, will be placed.

The magnates decided to oppose the present draft proposition of major leagues, and attempt to put through a new plan at the meeting of the minor leagues at Chicago, January 14, whereby the major leagues can draft from only class AA and A, leaving those two minor leagues to draft from the class B, C, and D.

Miss Detroit III May Race for International Trophy. Detroit, Jan. 4.—Miss Detroit III., the speedy hydroplane that won the gold cup of the American Powerboat association here last September, may be a contender in the race next year for the International Motor Boat association's trophy in London.

The International cup event has not been contested during the last four years because of the war, but will be renewed in 1919.

Miss Detroit III., is entered in the race, she probably would be piloted by Gar Wood, gold cup winner at Minneapolis a year ago, and victor again in Detroit this autumn.

COL. ROOSEVELT TELLS BENEFIT OF BOXING LAW

Former President Endorses Melady Bill and Tells How He Improved Physical Condition.

In a letter to Gene Melady, stockman and sports promoter, endorsing the Melady boxing bill which will be introduced in the Nebraska legislature, Col. Theodore Roosevelt said that he could best express his high regard for boxing by quoting from his autobiography what boxing had accomplished for him personally. In it he said:

"Having been a sickly boy, with no natural bodily prowess, and having lived much at home, I was at first quite unable to hold my own when thrown into contact with other boys of rougher antecedents. I was nervous and timid. Yet from reading of the people I admired—ranging from the soldiers of Valley Forge, and Morgan's riflemen, to the heroes of my favorite stories—and from hearing of the feats performed by my southern forefathers and kinsfolk, and from knowing my father, I felt a great admiration for men who were fearless and who could hold their own in the world, and I had a great desire to be like them. Until I was nearly 14 I let this desire take no more definite shape than day-dreams. Then an incident happened that did me real good.

Loses First Fight. "Having an attack of asthma, I was sent off by myself to Moccasin Head Lake. One time a stage coach driver thither I encountered a couple of other boys who were about my own age, but very much more competent and also more mischievous. I have no doubt they were good-hearted boys, but they were boys! They found that I was a fore-dreaded and predestined victim, and industriously proceeded to make life miserable for me. The worst feature was that when I finally tried to fight them I discovered that either one, singly, could not only handle me so as to contend, but handle me so as not to hurt me much and yet to prevent my doing any damage whatever in return.

"The experience taught me what probably no amount of good advice could have taught me. I made up my mind that I must try to learn so that I would not again be put in such a helpless position, and having become quickly and bitterly conscious that I did not have the natural prowess to hold my own, I decided that I would try to supply its place by training. Accordingly, with my father's hearty approval, I started to learn to box. I was a painfully slow and awkward pupil, and certainly worked two or three years before I made any perceptible improvement whatever.

Wins Pewter Mug. "My first boxing master was John Long, an ex-prize fighter. I can see his rooms now, with colored pictures of the fights between Tom Hiceman and Yankee Sullivan and Hiceman and Yank, and other great events in the annals of the squared circle. On one occasion, to excite interest among his patrons, he held a series of 'championship' matches for the different weights, the prizes being, at least in my own class, pewter mugs of a value, I should suppose, approaching 50 cents.

"Neither he nor I had any idea that I could do anything, but I was entered in the lightweight contest, in which it happened that I was pitted in succession against a couple of reedy striplings who were even worse than I was. Equally to their surprise and to my own, and to John Long's, I won, and the pewter mug became one of my most prized possessions. I kept it and alluded to it, and I fear bragged about it, for a number of years, and I only wish I knew where it is now.

Secures Champ Trainer. "When obliged to live in cities I for a long time found that boxing and wrestling enticed me to get a good deal of exercise in condensed and attractive form. I was reluctantly obliged to abandon both as I grew older. I dropped the wrestling earliest. When I became governor the champion middleweight wrestler of America happened to be in Albany, and I got him to come around three or four afternoons a week.

Incidentally I may mention that his presence caused me a difficulty with the comptroller, who refused to audit a bill I put in for a wrestling mat, explaining that I could have a billiard table, billiards being recognized as a proper governing material amusement, but that a wrestling mat symbolized something unusual and unheard-of and could not be permitted. The middle-weight champion was of course so much better than I was that he could not only take care of himself; but of me, too, and so that I was not hurt—nor wrestling is a more violent amusement than boxing.

Evil of Inexperience. "But after a couple of months he had to go away and he left as a substitute a good-humored, stalwart professional oarsman. The oarsman turned out to know very little about wrestling. He could not even take care of himself, not to speak of me. By the end of our second afternoon one of his long ribs had been caved in and two of my short ribs had been damaged, and my left shoulder blade so nearly shoved out of place that it cracked. He was nearly as pleased as I was when I told him that I thought we would 'vote the war a failure' and abandon wrestling.

"After that I took up boxing again. While president I used to box with some of the aides, as well as play single-stick with General Wood. After a few years I had to abandon boxing as well as wrestling, for in one bout a young captain of artillery cross-counter on me on the eye, and the blow smashed the little blood vessels. Fortunately it was my left eye, but the sight has been dim ever since, and if it had been the right eye I should have been entirely unable to shoot. Accordingly I thought it better to acknowledge that I had become an elderly man and have to stop boxing. I then took up jiu-jitsu for a year or two."

TWO OMAHANS BUY HORSES AT CHICAGO SALE

F. B. Kirkpatrick and O. M. Smith Get Finetta Pointer and Captain Eugene; High Prices for Pacers.

Omaha Men Buy. F. B. Kirkpatrick of Omaha purchased Finetta Pointer, 2:13 3/4, bay mare, (9), Elastic Pointer, dam Barbara, Wilkes by Sycamore, for \$305, and Ots M. Smith, secretary of the Missouri Valley Elevator company of Omaha, got Captain Eugene, a yearling gelding by The Captain, dam Eugenia DeForest, by The DeForest. Mr. Smith was formerly secretary of the June meetings held in Benson.

Bradley Direct, 2:01 1/4, by Baron Direct, dam Braden Lass, by Brown Hal, one of the crack side-wheelers of a few years ago, to Max Kennedy of Fredonia, Kan., at \$1,200. Like Hal Boy, Braden Direct is getting along in years, but it took a good one to beat him a couple of years ago, and he should be good for several more campaigns over the half-mile track.

Beezley Sells Tip Top. Earl Beezley, the "trailing horse man" of Nebraska City, recently sold the fast wiggler, Tip Top, 2:09 1/4, to Starting Judge A. H. Pendleton of East St. Louis, Ill. It is understood that Pendleton was acting for a Wisconsin patron, who had a whirlwind in Beezley's hands last year, and was separately timed in 2:08 at Aurora, Ill. He will probably go into the Gold Bit stable and be prepared for his 1919 campaign by Carl Rothenheber.

Bud Latta of Tekamah, Neb., says he is going to get back in the game, and just to prove his statement has placed three prospects in the hands of William Parks. One is a 4-year-old named Indale, another a 2-year-old by the same sire, and the third a yearling by Dr. Wayo.

Horsemen Organize. The meeting called by Magnus Flans during the Chicago sale, to consider his famous "14 points" turned out better than expected. It was held on December 18, and E. J. Curtin, superintendent of speed of the Iowa state fair was appointed to act as chairman of the doings. Several well known drivers aired their opinions, including Ed Allen, Walter Cox, Hunter Moody and R. J. White of this state.

A membership fee of \$5 was agreed upon, and about 200 came forward with their five bucks each. Another meeting will be called in the near future to consider bylaws and other useless necessities of a parent association. No word has been received of either Gocher or Smollinger looking for other positions up to date, however.

Lee Fohl to Head Indians. With Powerful Lineup. New York, Jan. 4.—From American League sources comes word that Lee Fohl will remain in charge of the Cleveland Indians. President Dunn is preparing to make an announcement to this effect in a few days. Tris Speaker has sent word to the Cleveland newspapers that he never has received an offer of the management and wouldn't accept it at double his present salary. Fohl is making preparation for another campaign, and if all of the Cleveland stars return in the spring he will have a powerful ball club. Just look them over—Speaker, Joe Wood, Elmer Smith, Harris Wambach, Chapman, Evans, O'Neil, Cowleskie, Morton, Kiepper, Combe, Bagby and Lambeth.

"Human Polar Bear" Takes His Plunge in Icy Waters

Quantico, Va., Jan. 4.—Valentine J. Lisz, former light-weight boxer of Charloter, Pa., and now a United States marine, assigned to the barracks here, has won himself the title of "the human polar bear," because he insists on taking a plunge into the icy waters of the Potomac river every morning.

Lisz says that back home he used to go out and roll in the snow in his bathing suit or chop a hole in the ice covering the Susquehanna river and take a swim. The lack of snow in this part of the country is keeping Lisz worried. He is used to disporting himself in the nude when the thermometer registers 5 below zero.

Lisz used to fight at the Charloter rink under the name of "Bill" Lewis, because his father objected to him fighting. In a half round he defeated Bart Mignis, of his own home town, and cleaned up on some of the best boxers in and near Pittsburgh.

Lisz recently boxed "Toughie" Murray, also of Pittsburgh, at the st gymnasium here, and made an even break with the featherweight champion. He hopes to whip Murray in a coming bout.

Lisz, who trained under Rooster Fury and with Young Carman and Young Pincho, was known to boxing fans as the "Polish Fighting Tiger." His advice to fight fans is: "Join the devil dogs and be a real scrapper. Oh, boy, it's some life."

Jenkins "Number" Not on Sheil Landing on Trench

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Apprehension on the safety of Lt. Joe Jenkins, catcher with the Chicago club of the American league, has been relieved by definite information from France that he was not wounded, but escaped death by inches. The information was conveyed in a letter to Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the club.

"A high explosive shell missed me by about 10 feet," Lieutenant Jenkins wrote. "It struck on top of the trench. Had it landed in the trench it would not be writing you today."

The White Sox catcher hopes to be back in time to start on the spring training trip.

Griffith to Have Charge of Training Camp Activities

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 4.—Capt. John L. Griffith, former athletic director at Drake university here and since similarly engaged at Camp Dodge and Pike, has been selected to succeed Dr. Joseph E. Raycroft of Princeton, as chairman of the committee on training camp activities under the war recreation board, according to private advice received here tonight. Captain Griffith, it was said, will take up his duties in Washington when Dr. Raycroft goes to Europe soon to direct recreation work among the soldiers there.

Urbana Games Called Off

Urbana, Ill., Jan. 4.—A telegram was received at the University of Illinois this afternoon stating the University of Nebraska basketball team would be unable to come here January 10 and 11, for the games scheduled for those days.