

With March come thoughts of yesteryear, When we, with grins of expectation, Packed up our rod and pipe and beer To start the Spring vacation.

A pass came o'er the top today, And now our soulless socks we're sewing; Who said vacation's far away? To Aix-les-Bains we're going.

# MARCH NOW BATTING, SPRING ON DECK

## RALLY IN EIGHTH SAVES ENGINEERS

### Remount Depot on Short End of Game That Opens Base Port's Season

## THREE BAGGERS COME EASY

### Two Swatters Each Get Pair—Contest Well Played Despite Weather Not Meant for Baseball

The Engineers stationed at a base port recently defeated the Remount Depot there in the opening game of their baseball season by the score of 8 to 4.

It was an exciting match with lots of rooting on both sides, and taking into consideration the cold weather, was very well played. The score was equal until the eighth inning, when the Engineers scored three up by batting in five runs.

One of the features was the heavy batting of the eighth Engineers. Five three baggers were made by Aderholt, Pearson and Parkinson. Harris of the Engineers pitched a fine game considering that it was the first of the season.

Excepting for the eighth inning delinquency of the Remount Depot pitched cleverly, getting well out of a few bad holes. With the score 4 to 3 up to the eighth inning, it looked like Remount's game, but the Engineers jumped right in and cleaned up by heavy batting and a little inside team work.

This game was the first played by the eighth Engineers, in fact it was the first time that all the men had gotten together. As this team only represented one company and as there will be ten companies in the eighth shortly, it is expected that the citizens of this port will see some very good exhibitions of baseball this summer. The summary:

ENGINEERS	R. H. O. A. E.
Baumbach, ss.	1 2 2 2 0
Richardson, 2nd, rf.	0 0 2 0 0
Aderholt, 1st.	0 0 2 0 0
Parkinson, 2nd, rf.	0 2 1 3 0
Pearson, cf.	1 2 1 0 0
Sipes, lf.	1 0 0 0 0
Pendergast, 3rd.	1 0 1 2 1
Steinkraus, c.	1 1 2 1 0
Harris, p.	1 2 0 1 0
Total	8 11 27 11 3

REMOUNT	R. H. O. A. E.
Long, 3rd.	0 0 2 1 0
Blake, ss.	1 0 2 3 1
Day, 1st.	0 0 0 0 0
Skelton, c.	0 0 0 0 0
Delaney, 2nd.	1 2 1 1 0
Boles, 2nd.	1 2 1 1 1
Koch, cf.	0 0 0 0 0
Allen, rf.	0 0 0 0 1
Caravati, lf.	0 1 1 1 1
Total	1 5 27 10 4

Stolen bases, Allen, Caravati. Three base hits, Aderholt 2, Pearson 2, Parkinson 1. Sacrifice hit, Richardson. Base on balls, Harris 2, Delaney 1. Struck out, Harris 11, Delaney 11, Wild pitch, Harris 5, Delaney 1. Double play, Baumach to Pendergast. Time, 1 hour 30 minutes.

## WITH THE MITT WIELDERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Benny Valgar, claimant to the French heavyweight title, defeated Joe Lynch in six rounds at Philadelphia. Lynch was unable to land the famous knockout with which he stopped Kid Williams recently. Valgar used a left jab to advantage, and in the fourth round he had Lynch covered with blood.

Ted Lewis, welterweight champion, knocked out Jimmy Duffy, of Lockport, in the first round of a 15 round go at Toledo. Duffy was sent to the mat early in the first round, and Lewis battered him down the instant he arose. This is the second time Lewis has stopped Duffy in a round.

Gunboat Smith defeated Kid Wagner in eight rounds at Wilkes-Barre. Wagner put up a wicked fight for four rounds, but after that Smith fished him at will.

Harry Greb, the Pittsburgh bear cat, outfought Bob Moha, the Milwaukee covenant, in ten rounds at Cincinnati. The bout was a fast one throughout, with Greb forcing the fighting in each round.

Pal Moore, of Memphis, got the decision over Jack Sharkey, of New York, in ten rounds at Baltimore. George Chancey, Baltimore, outpointed Eddie Wallace in ten rounds at the same show.

Willie Jackson, New York, and "Rocky" Kansas, Buffalo, fought a ten-round draw at Buffalo.

Barney Williams, featherweight Army champion, was given the decision over Big Ferrill in ten rounds at Camp Shelby. Sergeant Bob Martin, a West Virginia member of the Camp Shelby Military Police, knocked out Cellucci, heavy-weight champion of Camp Wadsworth, in the fourth round of a scheduled ten-round bout at Camp Shelby, Miss.

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## CAN'T EXPECT BOXERS TO KNOW ALL THINGS

Maxey Blumenthal met Harry Greb recently and was introduced as the best known horseman in America. Greb was impressed. They talked of betting, too.

"I'll send you a horse tomorrow," said Blumenthal as he parted company. "All-r-right, Mister Blumenthal. I'll appreciate it," stammered Greb. And then he turned to his manager.

"Don't let him do that. Don't let him send me a horse. I've got no place to keep it." Jimmy Johnston heard the story and repeated it to Ted Lewis.

"Maybe he didn't have a place," said Lewis quietly. "Then Jimmy has to tell Lewis that 'sending a horse' was a race track expression for sending a tip."

## STAR SHELLS

When March comes in as lambskins Ye baseball fan is merry; He hides his fur-lined winter hood And celebrates with sherry.

But when March blows as lions do, Ye fan is not so frisky; He waxes wroth, his color's blue, And naught will help but whiskey.

"The war must go," squeaked the I.W.W. leader from his perch upon a soapbox. "And we must keep it going," thundered the broad shouldered doughboy, as he pushed the speaker into the gutter.

Maybe you, too, have observed that cross nurses often are encircled as Red Crosses.

THE "SOUS" SOLILOQUY  
I used to be a common sou.  
A piece of copper kade,  
With not a thing on earth to do  
But change at every sale.

A soldier got me yesterday  
And said, "I'll bet my Lou,  
Who lives three thousand miles away,  
Has never seen a sou."

He had me dipped in melted gold,  
Which I began to fear,  
Until he said, "Aw, shut your head,  
That's only sou-venier."

REGIMENT OF IMMORTALS, A.E.F.  
France has its Academy of Immortals; the A.E.F. should have at least a regiment of them. "Star Shells" starts the ball rolling by electing Private Camel A. Trotter, Signal Corps, as the Colonel's orderly. Nominations are in order.

THE KAISER'S VERSION  
Lives of great men all remind me  
That I, too, should be sublime.  
So, when hanged, I'll leave behind me  
Blood-prints on the sands of time.

"CAN YOU EAT A CHERRY PIE, HILLY BOY?"  
I wasn't a klicker at college,  
Though profs tried as hard as they could  
To draw extra rations in knowledge  
For issue in under my hood.  
I don't crab at all in the service,  
Though some things have given me pain.  
But this much I'll say: "You can take  
all my joy,  
But give me home cooking again."

I leave with a militant yearning  
For cookies and pies as of yore,  
And under my belt is a burning  
"That can't be put out at a store;  
The hand plays a tune in the moon-  
light.  
But this is the only refrain  
That I, sitting there, hear the instru-  
ments here:  
"Oh, give me home cooking again."

But maybe you think I am silly,  
And maybe you think I am not  
But, sir, if you've lived on Corn Willie  
And eaten it cold, warm and hot,  
And had it before you at chow-time  
In sunshine and snowfall and rain,  
Perhaps you'll agree that a popular pie  
is, "Give me home cooking again."

FULTON KNOCKS OUT MORAN  
Fred Fulton climbed one rung nearer a battle with Jess Willard for the title when he stopped Frank Moran in three rounds at New Orleans Tuesday night. Jack Dempsey beat Bill Brennan in six rounds at Milwaukee and has challenged Fred Fulton for a bout.

## COLLEGES TO DROP COACHING SYSTEM

### Sports For Sports' Sake Likely to Be Adopted For War Motto

## MORE STARS JOIN COLORS

### Yale Fencers Yield to Columbia M.I.T. Swimmers Win Wesleyans Meet 31 to 22

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Harvard authorities have decided not to award the varsity letter to members of the college teams this year and it is believed that Yale and Princeton will follow this first move towards elimination of the professional coaching system.

College athletics are getting down to the simple foundation, sports for sports' sake. There is some opposition to this plan on the ground that it will result in diminished enthusiasm, but the faculties and a majority of the students apparently approve the new method and expect satisfactory results in the various events.

Harvard reports good prospects for a strong crew, and is now negotiating with Yale and Princeton for two mile races. Indications point to the dropping of the four mile races and other spectacular events and they may be things of the past, especially during the war.

Cornell baseball candidates started their spring practice this week. Columbia is trying to unite the eastern colleges and revive the intercollegiate golf championship tournaments.

Many Stars Enlist  
All colleges continue to lose star athletes to the Army and Navy. Halstead, Dunn, and Fargen, three Williams stars, enlisted last week. Stanley Kiek, Princeton's football tackle, and Joseph Lynch, another promising athlete, have joined a hospital unit.

Columbia University fencers defeated the Yale team in five bouts to four, the Columbia star, Iorocastis, winning every bout in which he participated. Massachusetts Tech. defeated Wesleyan 31 to 22 in a swimming meet.

Annapolis has five teams out rowing daily, having over 100 promising candidates at practice. The middies expect to meet Princeton and Pennsylvania this spring.

Joseph O'Brien has added another metropolitan association A.A.U. championship to his already long list by winning the 500 yard run by a yard after a heart-breaking finish with Jack Sellers, of the New York A.C. His time was 1:18.

## TUILERIES SEES ITS FIRST BALL GAME

### Gendarmes Form Lines to Keep Spectators Off Improvised Diamond

There may have been some trace of skepticism, but there isn't any now. Paris, or a goodly part of it at least, is convinced that Americans "have the stuff." It remained for four American privates equipped with nothing else than two first basemen's mitts and one baseball to clinch the argument.

In the absence of a Ban Johnson and a Ty Cobb, there are no baseball diamonds in the capital of France, and no conventional place, therefore, for the spring "limbering up" which is part of every young American's life. But spring was in the air and the quartet, undaunted, started out. Owing to the consistency with which French taxi-drivers dispute the right to the streets with who enter thereon, and the absence of a convenient vacant lot, the four repaired to the nearest available spot, the Tuileries Gardens.

A Game of Catch  
The Tuileries have seen many demonstrations of various kinds through their historic centuries, but never this ultra-modern of sports. The soldiers began a four-cornered game of catch in a secluded corner. Messieurs and mesdames, out for a Sunday promenade with the family, stopped; polius hurrying home on "permission" tarried; impenetrable French officers lingered. In 20 minutes the crowd had edged the enthusiasts out of their corner and into the open. Then they began throwing them high.

The ball soared and came down, landing with a plop in one of the gloves. The audience exclaimed. More French came, and a couple of agitated gendarmes finally formed a line and kept the crowd back.

Once the ball bounded over the side

## MOLLWITZ AND SAIER AGAIN ARE RIVALS

Again Vic Saier and Fred Mollwitz are rivals. In 1914 they were on the Cub payroll together and Vic was going so good that Mollwitz was crowded off the team, being given to the Reds in a trade for Claude Oberg.

Later Mollwitz found his way to the minors and stayed there until the latter part of 1917, when the Pirates took him from Kansas City. A few years ago the services of Saier were awarded to the Pirates and in the springtime Vic and Fred will be at it again, but this time Saier will find the job of beating Mollwitz to it a tougher proposition.

lines and into the crowd. Before it was recovered a dozen curious hands had felt of it. It was hard! Zounds! The word went through the crowd and the interest intensified.

That was one of the errors of the day. There was only one other. The ball flew out of the field, landed on the pavement and bounced into the air. An American major, an onlooker in the outskirts of the crowd, jumped and made a fast one-handed catch.

"Aha," murmured the crowd. At noon the practice ended and the crowd wonderingly dispersed. If the Americans could do this with a hard unyielding ball, what could they do with grenades?

"I've had only had a bat," said one of the four, to whom goes the distinction of staging the first baseball practice toss in Paris. "we would have had that crowd yelling on its hind legs. They would make great baseball fans."

## HEADQUARTERS BOYS IN SIX TEAM LEAGUE

### Several Transatlantic Stars Prepare to Shine This Spring on Mound

With the coming of spring, ball players, fans and "bugs" at G.H.Q.A.E.F. are beginning activities that point to the development of a highly interesting baseball season.

At a recent meeting of those interested in baseball, a committee was appointed to investigate the question of securing equipment, and to secure data with the view of making recommendations for the preliminary organization of a G.H.Q. league. Messrs. Dreyfus and Barnhart of this committee took the question of equipment up with John Baird, physical director of the Y.M.C.A. at G.H.Q., and were promised a sufficient amount of equipment to outfit three or four teams at once, and that an effort would be made to obtain more as it was needed.

When the league is organized, it will be made up of teams representing the Intelligence Section, Headquarters Corps, Training Section, Headquarters Troop, A.G.O., and the Marines. There is plenty of good timber in the field, and many veterans are to be found among the personnel of the various organizations.

Sgt. Bodine, a star of the old "Engineer Border Team," will be found fighting for honors on the mound. The Wisconsin State league will be represented by "Twirling" Bender, who is anxiously awaiting the time when he can shoot 'em over the pan again. C.A.C. men (two first basemen's mitts and one baseball) are beginning to see "Dixie" Clark exhibit his wares for the A.G.O. Brenner, a former Princeton star, will be found doing his bit for the Intelligence Section in an effort to keep down the batting averages of opposing aspirants for slugging glory.

Practice is beginning in earnest, and each organization is sending out the word, "Come one, come all, and make your scalp." Meanwhile, the "bugs" have brought out their anvils and are beginning to rave and hand out the word, "GOODBYE TO THE SPITBALL."

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—President John Toner of the National League says the spit ball and other freak deliveries must go soon. President Toner, Barney Dreyfuss and Secretary John Heydler have been named as a committee to decide whether or not the spit ball will be eliminated.

The National League has started separating itself painfully from large hunches of cash for the Federal League independents. They gave the Federal League representatives their first check for \$55,000 last week, giving the Wards their first \$20,000, Harry Sinclair of Newark, N. J., his first \$10,000, and the Pittsburgh club its full \$25,000.

## BILLY MADDEN DEAD; ONCE RULED JOHN L.

### Famous Manager's Name Added to Year's List of Departed Celebrities

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Another prominent sporting figure was removed from the limelight this week, when Billy Madden, John L. Sullivan's famous manager, died at White Plains, N. Y., from stomach trouble at the age of 65 years.

Madden managed Sullivan for his fight with Paddy Ryan for the American title in the famous battle at Mississippi City in 1882. Madden also managed Jack McAuliffe and Nonpariel Jack Dempsey.

Terry McGovern, known as "Terrible Terry," died in a Brooklyn hospital at the age of 37 years.

McGovern was one of the most sensational little champions that ever won a title in an American prize ring.

In 1900 he knocked out the famous colored featherweight champion, George Dixon, in eight rounds. Six months later he knocked out Frank Erne, the lightweight champion, in the third round of their bout at Madison Square Garden. In December of the same year he knocked out Joe Gans in the second round at Chicago.

Nothing seemed to be able to stop him; but his career was short owing to dissipation. On Thanksgiving Day of 1901 he met Young Corbett at Hartford, Conn. Although the betting was 5 to 1 against him, Corbett knocked Terry out in the second round.

This adds two more deaths of prominent sporting celebrities within the year, the others being Bob Fitzsimmons, John L. Sullivan, Les Darcy, Referee Charley White, Dick Roche, famous backer of John L. Sullivan; Frank Gotch, and Bob Vernon, the stake holders.

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