

Sporting News

Boxing Notes

Ever Hammer has been matched to box Benny Leonard, the New York lightweight, before a Kansas City club in the big convention hall, Oct. 18. The contest will be for fifteen rounds and a referee's decision will be awarded. The lightweights have agreed to scale 135 pounds at 3 a.m. each on the afternoon of the contest. Each has been credited with a popular decision over Freddie Welsh, the titleholder.

Johnny Kilbane has now gone mad with ambition. He has the notion that it is just as easy to be lightweight champion as it is to be featherweight champion, and at this moment has his ear close to the ground to hear from the promoter who will offer the best terms for a Welsh-Kilbane battle.

The State Athletic Commission has notified the Show Association, which conducts the boxing shows at Madison Square Garden, that it will have to stage the ten-round bout between Charley Weinert and Bob Moha on Oct. 12. This will necessitate the postponement of the Frank Moran-Fred Fulton bout until Oct. 25.

Mike Gibbons and Jack Dillon are nearer now to being signed up for a battle than they have been at any time since negotiations were first opened. The only thing that stands in the way of the contest being consummated is the difference of half a pound. Gibbons wants the weight to be 161 pounds, while Dillon is demanding an additional half pound.

Fighting Jack Munro

Miner, Boxer and ex-Mayor Now in English Hospital.

The "punch" of Private John Munro, of the Princess Pats—big "Jack" Munro, B. C. miner, Ontario prospector, and heavyweight boxer; ex-mayor of Elk City, and the man who fought Sharkey, Jim Jeffries and Johnson, respectively, in June and August,

months at the front has gone for ever. Over a year ago Munro was wounded at Armentieres, and has been undergoing hospital treatment ever since. At the present time he is a patient at the Granville Canadian special hospital, Ramsgate.

The bullet which struck him in the upper right chest would have killed an average man. That he survived was entirely due to his enormous shoulder muscles, but ever since he was wounded his arm has been partially paralyzed. Whether he will ever again regain its complete use cannot yet be said.

It was Jack Munro, about 18 months ago, who one night wandered back to the reserve trenches to put in a complaint.

"What's the matter, Jack?" asked the sergeant. "What have you come back here for?"

"Matter enough," said Munro, "those Germans make me tired. Why won't they come out in the open and fight fair? This sort of thing ain't fighting." However, he was pacified, and went back to his job.

Munro was the first private with a Canadian fighting battalion to set foot on French soil. To attain that honor he made a great jump from the ship to the landing stage as the trooper pulled into the wharf.

Tough Old Soldier

Warrior of 3,000 Years Ago Found in England.

While troops were digging practice trenches on the Wiltshire Downs in England, they found the remains of a very tough old fighter of 3,000 years ago. This man, writes Lieut. Lionel F. West, an army physician, in a medical journal, received a blow from a stone battleaxe on the forehead with such force that the axe sunk clean within the skull, leaving a sharp edged hole about three-quarters by a half-inch in size. The horrible injury was not immediately fatal. Lieut. West says, for there are signs of repair all around the wound. The warrior lingered on for months, although he was a slight man of five feet two inches in height.

Dodgers Are Not Young

Average Age of Wilbert Robinson's Team is 28 Years.

The impression exists that the Dodger team is "very young." Those who consult the family Bibles of the players find that, as baseballers go, the Dodger team is not extremely youthful. Its average is 28. Here are the figures:—

| Player | Age |
|----------------|-----|
| Daubert, 1b. | 31 |
| Cutshaw, 2b. | 28 |
| Olson, s.s. | 30 |
| O'Mara, 3b. | 24 |
| Mowrey, 3b. | 30 |
| Stengel, o.f. | 25 |
| Wheat, o.f. | 28 |
| Johnston, d.f. | 24 |
| Myers, o.f. | 27 |
| Meyers, c. | 33 |
| Miller, c. | 27 |
| McCarthy, c. | 28 |
| Dell, p. | 24 |
| Rucker, p. | 31 |
| Cheney, p. | 30 |
| Marquard, p. | 27 |
| Pfeffer, p. | 27 |
| Combs, p. | 32 |
| Smith, p. | 27 |

First Prohibition Act

Put Into Force in England by King Edgar.

The first prohibitive measure in Britain was that of the Saxon King Edgar, who nearly a thousand years ago, on the advice of Dunstan, put down many alehouses, only allowing one to exist in any village or small town, and at the same time limiting the draughts of the drinkers. The common drinking cup of that day held about two quarts, and Edgar had eight pegs placed at stated distances in each cup, heavy penalties being imposed on those who drank from one peg to another at each time. Neither the working nor the result of the Act encouraged Edgar's successors to further action, and the next prohibitive legislation on the sale of liquor is due to Henry VII, who, by an Act against vagabonds and beggars in the year 1495, gave power to any two justices of the peace to stop the common selling of strong ale in towns and any other places they thought necessary.

It is said that the streets of London, if laid end to end, would stretch from New York to San Francisco.

New Names Grow Out of the War

Canadians Have Originated Many and Revolutionized Others—Barbed Wire Fence Building a Sport.

The Germans call the British mad because of their passion for sports. But it was a Canadian division which chose to have its movable kitchens cooking a real meal as it passed Minister of War, Lloyd George in review, that later held the first field and track meet in which only war games were contested. Since then these field days have become popular all through the British forces.

The old-time war game, a sort of chess played by senior commanders, is not of much use in this "war of position." In its stead many other games have been invented. One favorite is a gas helmet race. The spectacle of a line of men wearing their helmets and looking like bipeds with elephants' heads racing over a hundred yard course makes one who sees it for the first time burst into laughter.

"DIGGING IN." "Digging in under fire," another favorite sport, bears a strong resemblance to hard work. Each competitor has an entrenching tool and ten minutes in which to show what a fine cover for himself against a hostile "Jack Johnson" he can make in that time.

Bomb throwing matches are sometimes played from practice trenches, but usually on a smooth surface. The bombs by the rules must be bowled, and not thrown. The target is thirty of forty yards away. It resembles in shape a gigantic "hot cross bun," and the maximum in points is awarded for missiles dropped in a circle at the centre of the cross.

FENCE BUILDING AS SPORT

The Canadians were the first to establish barbed wire fence building as a sport. Nine coils of barbed wire and twenty posts are the material. The competitors must build an "apron fence," and the team first completing its work in a satisfactory manner wins.

One curious rule in this game is that no talking may be done. In the field these fences are built at night close to the enemy, who would be much interested in the work if he knew about it.

The old stretcher bearer competition consisted in four men carrying a bandaged "patient" on a stretcher for a hundred yards. Sometimes a glass of water was placed on the stretcher, and the spilling of a drop eliminated the team.

IMPROVED BY CANUCKS.

The Canadians have improved this sport by abolishing the stretcher—it must now be improvised out of the nearest available material.

The weavers of the maple leaf have also improved what is called the "Victoria Cross race." The old way mounted men galloped from one end of the arena to the other, snatched up a straw-stuffed figure supposed to be a fallen comrade, threw it across the saddle, and rode back through a storm of blank cartridges. The Canadians laughed at the dummies. They use real men, weighing twenty times as much.

The war has changed bayonet fighting methods. In the old bayonet game the wire-helmeted fencer, swaddled in pads and wielding a knob-headed weapon, parried and thrust at his antagonist, both standing their ground.

NEW METHODS.

"The bayonet fighter of the old school," said an instructor in the new practice, "would be killed while he was feinting, dodging, giving ground and looking for an opening."

The new bayonet contest is a kind of obstacle race, in which the competitor stabs, jabs and bludgeons as he runs, using the point of a naked bayonet, and the butt of a service rifle, always going forward, never feinting or giving ground an inch.

Hints To Housewives

Men knitted underwear with a crocheted needle.

Sweet oil will remove finger marks from furniture.

For peach stains, wet the stain, spread it with cream of tartar, and place in the sun. Then wash as usual.

At the remnant counter bits of lace insertion can be found. These will be good for binding the seams of this fabric.

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