

Sporting News

BOXING CHAMPION'S OPINIONS ON THE WAR

Georges Carpentier Has Won Military Medal at Front—May Come to New York.

Georges Carpentier, the heavy-weight boxing champion of Europe, who is now in Paris, on leave from war service, has written for a London newspaper a little story of his experiences and his prospects. He looks forward to re-entering the ring, and is convinced that it won't be long before he is free to put on the gloves for fighting of a different sort from that in which he has been sharing for months past. Expressing this confidence, he says:—

"Will I be glad to get out of this hell? A thousand times yes, but not before we have seen to it that the gates of hell have been shut so tight that they will never be flung open again.

"I shall always remember that when I fought your Bombardier Wells at Ghent, Belgian people screamed that boxing was cruel and ghastly and must be no more. Then they did not know. A squeamish Belgian can never be again. For Belgians have lived too long in a world of horror."

Carpentier has been 16 months on the firing line as a pilot. He has been in fights high in the air, and has suffered wounds. He has received the war cross and is recommended for the military medal. The latter was given for flying over the German lines at a height of only 200 yards, his bi-plane receiving no less than fifteen rifle bullets on that trip.

He says he never has any sense of danger when flying. "To fly as low as I did was risky, perilous," he says, "but the knowledge that it had to be done if I were to be of service to our artillery seemed to fill me with a sense of security. It was only when I got back into our lines and saw the holes that had been riddled in my machine that I realized that I was as near being knocked out as ever I have

been in my life." He was not supposed to hunt enemy flyers or even to engage them if avoidable. "It is my business," he says, "to assist in the direction of our artillery fire by means of wireless messages and signalling. I like my work ever so much, for it asks that I shall always have my wits about me, I will like the boxer, who, though he is winning by ever so many points, has always to be on the lookout."

TRIS SPEAKER LED TY. COBB BY 15 POINTS

Official batting averages of the American League, show that Tris Speaker of Cleveland led the batsmen of the Ban Johnson circuit in the 1916 season by just fifteen points. The former Bostonian hammered the ball for a count of .386 to .371 for Ty Cobb. It was the first time Cobb had missed the top of the ladder in eleven years.

Joe Jackson really stood third on the list, but Tub Spencer of Detroit was a notch ahead. The Tiger took part in nineteen games and had an average of .370, while Jackson's average was .341 for 155 games.

Ramler, of St. Louis, Strunk of Philadelphia, Eddie Collins, Chicago; Gardner, Boston; Veach, Detroit; Sisler, St. Louis, and Felsch, Chicago, were the others in the charmed circle. The White Sox had the edge in individual batting prowess for the year, with the sluggers over .300 for the whole season.

Cobb was the best run getter, scoring 113. Speaker had 211 hits, nine more than his nearest rival, Pipp, New York, with twelve, led the home run smashes, with Baker, 10, second.

The new O. H. A. rules give returned soldiers the privilege of playing where they locate and honorably discharged soldiers of playing in their home town.

Seven-man hockey was maintained by the annual meeting of the O. H. A., though there was much discussion and many clubs wanted a reduction to six men, on account of the size of the

228TH BATTALION WON FROM ALL-STARS

H. R. H. the Duke of Devonshire Witnessed Last Period.

The Toronto newspapers have much praise for the 228th Battalion Hockey team. A recent issue of the Mail & Empire says:—

The 228th Battalion bunch of stalwarts who will be represented in the N. H. A. this season demonstrated at the Arena at the carnival what might be expected of them the coming season, when they administered a 10-to-0 beating to the selection of All-Stars from the different other battalions. The winners led by 4 to 0 at the end of the first period and by 6 to 0 at the end of the second period.

The puck was faced by Mr. A. E. Donovan, M.P.P., at the start, while before the third period opened his Royal Highness the Duke of Devonshire arrived, and he faced the puck starting the third period, after shaking hands with a few of the players.

Nobody expected that the All-Stars would cut very much figure against the more seasoned and experienced players, but at that they surprised the critics by their good showing. They trotted out quite a few players unknown to local fans, and who are slated to play in the O. H. A. this season, and there is no doubt but that they will make good with a vengeance. Donnelly and Adams showed themselves to be a clever defence, while Green, Wight and Briekenden are classy forwards. They lacked weight against the 228th, and, while good around centre, hadn't the punch when it came to getting goals.

The 228th will without doubt be the biggest team playing in the N. H. A. this season, and it is doubtful if there was ever a team of brawn, muscle and science got together to equal that of the local N. H. A. aggregation. The two McNamara, Producers, Dunean and Beaudro are all big fellows, while Arbour, Keats and Oatman are no weaklings.

Both the McNamara boys showed they had plenty of speed this season, while Producers shows no ill effects of a broken ankle, and in Dunean and Oatman the 228th look to have secured as clever a pair as are in the N. H. A., with the possible exception of the two Cleghorn boys. The team cannot be judged on their showing against weaker opposition than they will have in the N. H. A., but they shaped up like an aggregation that

once they develop team play will be a mighty hard nut to crack. Neither Lockart nor Brown, their goalkeepers, were given anything hard to handle, but they did not give any promise of being up to the N. H. A. standard, which means that another net guardian will have to be secured. On the other hand, the work of Dug Addison in goal for the All-Stars was one of the features of the match. The teams: 228th Battalion—Goal, Lockart; defence, H. McNamara, Producers; centre, Keats; left, Arbour; right, Dunean; spares, Brown, Oatman, Geo. McNamara.

All-Stars—Goal, Addison; defence, Donnelly, Adams; centre, Birmingham; left, Ridpath; right, Green; spares, Holmes, Meyers, Wight, McGinnis; Briekenden.

Referee—Harvey Sproule.

ORGANIZE BASEBALL LEAGUE UP IN HEAVEN

The story is told of a tiny miss who accompanies her parents to ball games, and is greatly interested in the pastime. She knows the game as well as any fan of forty, and knows the rules better than Babe Wadell knew how to break them.

"Is baseball played in Heaven?" she asked her father one day.

"Father" thought the game had not yet reached that attitude, as umpires were necessary evils in the game, and no umpire could ever be allowed above.

"Well, papa," the little girl replied, "when I get to Heaven, I'll tell you what I intend to do,—I'm going to do everything possible to get them to organize a good baseball league up there."

The 228th Battalion has secured twenty new recruits in the Iroquois Falls district. All are of unusually fine physique. Four of the recruits have seen service at Gallipoli or on the western front. Seven of them are from Newfoundland. They were practically all secured from the pulp and paper mills staffs.

The Mail and Empire of Wednesday, says: "The 228th Battalion trotted out two likely-looking players yesterday morning in Corp. A. Jackson and Pte. Roy Ellis. Both these boys played for Timmins last season, and considering that it was their first appearance on skates this season they shaped up like a pair that will bear watching."

RELEASED THROUGH WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

Chicago Man Charged With Murder Proves Innocence Through Advt.

Through the agency of advertisements, Daniel Farrell, under arrest in Chicago, charged with the murder of John Tiefenthaler, a saloonkeeper, walked out a free man.

Farrell was arrested on Oct. 30th, shortly after the murder. He had registered at the Y. M. C. A. hotel a little while before. Upon the time of his registration rested his proof that he could not have been at the saloon where Tiefenthaler was killed. His story convinced his attorneys, O'Shaughnessy & O'Shaughnessy, that he was innocent.

They advertised for persons who had registered at the hotel about the hour that Farrell claimed to have taken a room. More than thirty answers were received, with the result that the police were convinced that Farrell was telling a true story, and the grand jury failed to find an indictment against him.

"It does pay to advertise," said Farrell as he left the lockup, cleared of the charge.

HOW THE WAR STARTED

The following amusing explanation as to how the war started is given in the British American.

"The Crown Prince was having a nice little chat with his father, and, apropos of nothing, said: 'Father, who started this war?'

"I know," said the father fully, 'but I won't tel.'

"Did Cousin George start it?" persisted the youth.

"No," said father.

"Did cousin Nicholas?"

"No," said papa.

"Did Francis Joseph?"

"No," said the old man.

"Well, who did then?"

"I tell you, son. You remember Teddy Roosevelt came out of Central Africa and called on us several years ago, and I showed him our magnificent army; I showed him our great and glorious navy; I showed him the Zeps, and the submarines and the gas bags; and Teddy, greatly impressed, slapped me on the back and said: 'Bill, my boy, you can lick the world.'"

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