

# Sporting News

## LIKE MANY FIGHTERS

Peter Maher, who has been in a New York hospital for a long time, has been discharged, and now the friends of the old-time slugger are trying to find a job for him. A recent benefit netted something like \$400 for Peter, and the amount is being handled for him by friends, as it has not been deemed advisable to turn over a lump sum to the ex-pugilist, as money slips easily through his fingers.

## U.S. BASEBALL AND THE WAR.

New York despatches about the baseball situation suggest that at least the U.S. sporting world will not be too proud to cheer or sing. They say that this year baseball will perform a national service by affording a distraction from the grim tension of war.

It is expected that the big baseball parks will be arenas for the outlet of popular enthusiasm awakened by the great conflict and that the crowds will sing battle songs and cheer good news from the front.

## THE SMITH FAMILY ON THE DIAMOND

Perhaps the most distinguished of the Smith boys—offspring of Old Man Smith—now exhorting on the diamond is J. Carlisle Smith, sometimes known as "Red." The third baseman of the Braves was born in Atlanta 27 years ago, says The World, and played with Anderson, S.C., and Nashville before he became a big leaguer with Brooklyn in 1911. "Red" has been with the Braves since August, 1914.

The Smiths were very prevalent in the National League last year, and this looks like another good year for the family. Six of the eight clubs of the old circuit had Smiths on the payroll at some time last season. Aside from J. Carlisle, however, Sherrod Smith, the Brooklyn twirler, was about the only one of the Smith boys to show very much.

The Smith boys have been prominent in big league circles since the early days of the game. Some of those who will be recalled by old-timers as stars were George ("Germany") Smith, a famous shortstop of Cincinnati and Brooklyn; Charley ("Pop") Smith, a stellar third baseman; Elmer ("King") Smith, a slugging outfielder, and Frank ("Iron Man") Smith, a White Sox pitcher who twirled for the Feds.

## NOW, IT'S ALL BASEBALL!

There has been very little jockeying of major league ball teams during the winter months, says The Toronto Star. Most of them will enter the conflict to-day in much the same shape as they quit last year, with the exception of the averages. First division teams are generally picked as follows: American League—Chicago, Boston, Detroit, and New York. National League—New York, Boston, Brooklyn, and Philadelphia. Philadelphia in the American League and Cincinnati in the National, have provided the fans with some tender morsels of argument during the winter. Under the tutelage of Christy Mathewson the Reds look nearer a baseball team than for several years. He has gathered some youngsters, has attempted to make over his pitching staff, and he has Hal Chase. If the Reds improve, everyone will be well satisfied. Connie Mack a long time ago mentioned in a casual conversation that he expected to have his team back in the fight for the 1917 pennant race. He has had a lot of ball players since that famous saying, but it really looks as if he would cut more of a figure this year than since he wielded the axe on his one-time steam roller. He has a fairly good infield, an average outfield and a coming pitching staff. In addition, he has three splendid catchers. His team will be one of the heaviest hitting organizations in the American League. If his pitchers prove equal to the task he'll make trouble.

Mr. Bury, C.P.R. official just returned to Canada, tells an interesting story of the Russian Revolution. He was in Russia before and after the uprising. He says it was due to hatred of the police, shortage of food, and the fear of German influence in high places. Mr. Bury claims that it is generally believed in Russia that the Russian Cabinet wanted to provoke the people to rebellion, then punish them severely, and use the incident as an excuse for making a separate peace with the Huns. The army, however, being of the people proved in the end to be with the people and these fiendish plans all miscarried. Mr. Bury thinks that a military reverse now would cement the Russians into a great nation, as all classes are desirous of fighting the war to a finish, but petty bickerings and differences of opinion are a present danger of disunion.

# World News in Brief

Austria has declared war against the United States.

The U.S. will loan allies in war three million dollars.

Germany has built a number of "tanks" for use on the battle line. They are expected to be put in action very soon.

The Germans are said to have a scheme under way by which some sort of an uprising among the negroes of the United States will be caused.

A number of the smaller South American republics are going to follow the U.S. into the war against the Huns.

Toronto has a special building boom, the busiest since the war began. Rents in the city have also advanced more than the advance on the western front.

At the Canadian victory of Vimy Ridge more than 4,000 German prisoners were taken, as well as considerable valuable war material. The Canadians covered themselves with glory.

There is general depression and melancholy in Germany, according to returned travellers. Suicides have become so common that newspapers are now forbidden to mention this form of death in any way.

The British Food Controller has issued order cutting down the sugar and bread rations, and another regulation requiring that in hotels, boarding houses, restaurants, etc., there shall be one "meatless" day each week.

More than 600 Canadians have joined the Royal Flying Corps since this branch of the service started recruiting in February.

At the Battle of the Somme alone more than 400 British doctors were killed or wounded, and at the present time there is great need for more medical men in the British army service.

William Jennings Bryan, Pacifist, Pro-German and Publicity Man, chiefly Publicity Man, has publicly volunteered to serve in the United States army as a private. He would do it too if there were no other way of keeping in the limelight.

While mentally deranged, Miss Ethel Chambers escaped from a Toronto hospital practically unclothed, stole some clothing from a Gore Vale residence, and wound up by taking carbolic acid in a tea room. She died in St. Michael's hospital on Thursday morning last.

Canadian officers will be sent across the line to train United States soldiers in modern warfare methods. Among those volunteering for this work has been Sir Sam Hughes, formerly Canadian Minister of Militia, but whether his services will be utilized or not is unknown at present.

On the western front the British and the French continue to make steady progress against the foe, the Canadians on one occasion covering themselves with added glory by their great work which won the special praise of General Haig and a message of appreciation and thanks from the King.

## THE HUMAN STORY OF PORCUPINE

History of the District "That a Layman Would Like to Read."

(By Mark Harris)

The other day a man from Key West, Florida, wrote to me to give him a little history of Porcupine—such as a layman would like to read. He said he had seen government geological reports of the district and had read stray items which appeared from time to time on the financial page of the Jacksonville Times-Union but he had never been able to get a human story of Porcupine.

The request of this man impressed me. I could understand and appreciate his yearning for knowledge about the greatest gold camp which has been put on the map in the past 10 or 20 years, and I made up my mind I would call in my stenographer and dictate a few "high spots" about Porcupine, which would give this man a better idea of the camp than he had gained from much more learned and pretentious sources.

The outstanding mine of Porcupine is the Hollinger. The Hollinger was named after its discoverer, Ben Hollinger, who is still prospecting and operating in the north with a good mine showing at Boston Creek. The discoveries on Pearl Lake by Alec McIntyre developed into the McIntyre mine, which adjoins the Aene property of the Hollinger Consolidated. Jack Wilson discovered in the southern part of Tisdale Township the Dome, now the second producer of Porcupine. The Dome is a remarkable mine, with its big "glory hole" and open cut mining, together with underground work.

Porcupine is about 100 miles northwest of Cobalt, which was the "big noise," so to speak, a little over 10 years ago, and which is now very much alive on account of the high prices of silver. Both Porcupine and Cobalt are about 1000 feet above the sea level. But Porcupine is on the Hudson Bay slope of Northern Ontario and the waters drain to the north, while Cobalt is to the south of the divide and the waters drain into the St. Lawrence River. The watershed between the Hudson Bay and St. Lawrence waters is not prominent

in that section, being usually less than 1300 feet above sea level.

Porcupine lies along the southern boundary of the great clay belt of Northern Ontario. It adjoins a prospective farming country. When the war in Europe is over there will be thousands of acres of farm lands opened for soldiers and others to settle upon and the growth of Porcupine will attract a great many agriculturists into that country. It is well adapted to both farming and mining, and farmers never have any better customers than miners. In the clay belt of Northern Ontario many townships, which have been laid out in six or nine mile squares, are subdivided into sections and lots. In the gold area itself and in the adjoining country to the north there are many half lots, containing 160 acres each, which have been granted to veterans as homesteads. These are known as "veteran claims."

Not to be too technical, I may tell my correspondent that the rocks of Porcupine are largely "igneous." The greater part of them belong to what is called the Keewatin formation. There are very few, however, of the specimens of these old igneous rocks which are at all well preserved. Geologists believe now that the big ledges of Porcupine "go to the deep"—that Porcupine will produce gold bullion as deep as mining can be done anywhere in the world. As a matter of fact, the McIntyre is operating to 1000 feet depth and is exploring the country to the east toward the Newray on that level. Diamond drills have been put down to 2200 feet, and the information is that the ore values persist to that depth.

About a year ago the Hollinger Aene and Millerton claims were consolidated on a basis of a \$25,000,000 capital. These are the most productive properties of Porcupine, although it may yet result that the Dome mine may equal the Hollinger. Another merger has recently been formed of the McIntyre properties and the Jupiter, with the possibility that the Penaurum mines may be added in a year or so.

The following properties are the producers in Porcupine: Hollinger, Dome, McIntyre, Porcupine Crown, Schumacher, Jupiter and Porcupine Vipond. The production from these mines last year was in the order I have just given. Hollinger produces a little over half of the total output of the camp.

If I knew you and you knew me,  
The seldom we would disagree;  
But never having yet clasped hands,  
Both often fall to understand  
That each intends to do what's right,  
And treat each other "honor bright"  
How little to complain there'd be,  
If I knew you and you knew me.

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Or in your bill some error make;  
From irritation you'd be free,  
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