

# Sporting News

## FORMER CANADIAN CHAMPION BOXER ENLISTS IN A.S.C.

Billy Allen, Ottawa's best known boxer, has enlisted in the Army Service Corps for active service in France, and will go overseas with the first draft of the Mechanical Transport Division. He is 29 years old, weighs 145 lbs, and formerly held the lightweight championship of Canada. He once fought a draw with Abe Attell at Syracuse.

## PASSPORTS FOR BALL PLAYERS

Each member of the Toronto and Montreal teams in the International Baseball League last week had his passport specially taken and the proper application made out for the necessary passport for the crossing and re-crossing of the boundary line for the big games. No difficulty is expected in the free travel back and forth of the members of these teams, as all the formalities have been carefully attended to. As a side-light on the matter, it may be mentioned that practically all the members of the Big League teams in Canada are United States citizens.

## NEW LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION BOXER TO ENLIST AT ONCE.

Freddie Welsh, the British lightweight champion boxer, (the first Britisher to hold the title), was defeated last week in the ninth round by Benny Leonard, who was born in New York in 1896. Welsh is said to have been "hitting the booze," so that his ability to hit the challenger was consequently lessened. Leonard was given the decision last week after repeatedly flooring Welsh, who seemed to avoid his own former defensive style of fighting. Welsh put up an unusually game battle, and won much popularity in his defeat. This was for two reasons. The crowd was, of course, practically all "United Statesers" and so very readily forgave Welsh for being defeated by one of their countrymen. There was, however, a more agreeable reason,—for Welsh not only fought like a real man and a good sport, but he was also the first to congratulate Leonard sincerely and intelligently on the victory. Leonard, who is a New York Hebrew, has announced his intention to immediately enlist in the U.S. army as a volunteer.

## GOLF CLUBS GIVE \$1000 WEEKLY TO RED CROSS

Members of the 28 golf clubs affiliated with the Chicago District Golf Association are said to have planned to give a voluntary contribution of 10 cents for each eighteen holes played during the season. Under the plans announced each player will have the ten cents charged against him on his house account, and all sums collected will be remitted to the Red Cross by the treasurers of the clubs every month. The total receipts from the plan would considerably exceed \$1000 a week judging by past years' playing, but figuring even on a reduced amount of golf "on account of the war," it is still expected that fully \$1000 per week will be realized for the U.S. Red Cross by the scheme.

## MORE FAMOUS BRITISH SPORTSMEN IN CASUALTIES

Again the names of many famous British sportsmen and athletes appear on the late casualty lists. There is a noticeable falling off in the number of these "good sports" now appearing as casualties, compared to earlier in the war, but as one old sportsman suggests this is largely due to the fact that "long ago the most of them have played their last great game." Among those recently wounded in France mention may be made of Capt. F. H. Knott. He was the famous Oxford cricketer and Rugby football player. His sport record was a noble one. The Scottish international Rugby footballer, Lieut. A. L. Wade, has been killed in action. J. Calder, the famous jockey, is in hospital recovering from wounds received at the front. Lieut. R. H. Brisby-Richards was noted as a great cross-country runner, but he has run his last race on earth,—the race to meet the Huns. Major A. H. N. Jackson, who won one of the events at the Olympic games at Stockholm in 1912, and had a more than national fame, is among the wounded. Lieut. R. E. H. Healey, who is also among the dead in France, was a well-known oarsman. Captain G. D. Mills, the well-known polo player, has been wounded. Lieut. Holt, a noted amateur boxer, is also among the wounded. The Casualty List is Great Britain's greatest honor roll for the athletes and sportsmen of all kinds in the "tight little islands."

# Around The North Land

Mr. John Nixon and Miss Bertha Lerouque were married at Haileybury on May 26th.

Mr. Roy Marten Bean, of Cobalt, and Miss Jessie Coutes, of Pearson's Landing, were married last week at the Methodist parsonage, Cobalt.

It is reported that the construction of a Catholic church building will be commenced very shortly on the new townsite at Kirkland Lake.

Elk Lake is planning the enlargement of its public school to accommodate the increasing number of children there.

The Town of Cobalt has ordered a carload of New Brunswick Delaware potatoes, which will be sold at \$4.50 per bag to the citizens of Cobalt, on the understanding that spuds be only used for seed.

Mr. C. M. Brown, formerly accountant in the C. G. Railway office at Cochrane, who has been on sick leave for some months, recently moved his household goods to his home at Moncton, N.B., according to the Northland Post.

New Liskeard Board of Trade held a "Potato Planting Bee" on Friday to plant 3 acres at the Fair Grounds. The Girl Guides gave very much appreciated assistance in the way of helping prepare the seed for planting.

The Cobalt Soldiers' Wives Club has taken up the Greater Production idea with energy and enthusiasm. They raised money enough recently to buy a potato planter, not so much to lighten the work as to make more useful work possible, and they are "digging in for fair," as one slangy young man reports.

Chief Constable F. W. Shelton, chief of police at Iroquois Falls since 1915, has accepted an appointment on the Provincial Police force in Alberta. He left last week for Edmonton to take up his new duties. Mr. Bob Sharp, a Returned Soldier, is the new chief of Police of Iroquois Falls.

Apparently the Ontario Government has a regular department, or staff, or whatever you may like to call it, for the taking of motion picture films. At any rate, Mr. Johnston, representing this branch of work, dropped off recently at New Liskeard to make official picture record of the beginning of work on the new creamery at New Liskeard,—the first creamery to be built in the North Land.

A soldier, formerly of Charlton, but now in France, has written home recently to say that he saw Pte. Frank Hermeston, of Uno Park, in an English hospital where he is seriously ill from shell shock. Pte. Hermeston was officially reported as wounded, but although every effort has been made to trace him since no track of him can be found anywhere in the records.

The three new cars purchased in St. Louis some months ago for the Nipissing Central Railway, to replace the street cars burned in the recent ear barn fire, arrived at North Bay last week. "They look as if they had been through Vimy Ridge battle," said Superintendent K. McDonald. Perhaps, he would have been nearer the idea if he had said they looked like a Belgian church after the Germans had visited it. Every bit of brass and copper has been taken off the cars and it will take weeks to get them into shape. It seems that the cars were lost in Chicago for a day or two, and it is thought that the copper and brass were taken off at that time. Perhaps the U. S. pacifists did it.

Pte. Joe Johnston, who has spent twenty-four months in Flanders, is home again to Cobalt, having been honorably discharged. He was given an official welcome home by the Cobalt Town Council and an informal reception by the citizens. He was one of the First Canadian Contingent and has been through all of the severe fighting. He was wounded at Loos last January, and has been in hospital in England most of the time since. Three of his brothers enlisted, one of whom, Sergt. H. Johnston won the D.C.M., and has since died from wounds. Pte. Johnston says that most of the old Cobalt boys going with the First Contingent have either been discharged because of serious wounds, or they have passed away in action. Among those still with the colors, however, he mentioned George Cadman, Charlie Boyce, Gordon Donaldson and Duncan McLeod.

Viola Sims and Florence Stimson, both daughters of soldiers, gave a little tea recently and raised \$4.00 for the Belgian Relief Fund. If every man was as anxious and as earnest in trying to do something for the great cause as the women and the children, the force of the united effort throughout the Empire would have won the war before now.

Claire Binkley who left New Liskeard with an infantry battalion, write home from France and tells about an unusual experience. He was among a company of soldiers going through a ruined building in a town in France when he noticed a newspaper on the floor of one of the rooms. Out of curiosity he picked up the paper,—to find it was a copy of The New Liskeard Speaker. It is a small world, and the press travels far.

Flight-Lieut.—J. Ed. Sharman, now with the Royal Naval Air Service overseas, was formerly an employee of the Nipissing mine at Cobalt. For some time he worked underground in the mine, and later after taking a course in mining engineering at Toronto University, he was engaged in the chemical laboratory at the Nipissing. He recently was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his good work in the air.

Farmers in the Matheson section who had their buildings destroyed in the big forest fires last year, are quite generous in their praise of the way Mr. Clemes of the Government farm has cared for their cattle during the winter. The farmers not having housing accommodation the Government agreed to care for the farmers' stock, and according to all reports they gave the stock the finest kind of care. When the farmers are so pleased about it, the feed and attention must have been specially good.

At a meeting of the New Liskeard School Board recently the secretary was instructed to write Miss M. Foster, one of the teachers who had asked for an increase in salary, expressing the highest appreciation of her services, but regretting that the financial circumstances of the town would not permit of any increase in salary. If the secretary does the job well, the teacher will be willing perhaps to work for such appreciative people at even a reduced salary.

Englehart Presbyterians and Methodists have united for church purposes under a special agreement. According to the agreement the united church is to be represented on both the Presbytery and the District Meeting of the district. The pastor is to be a Presbyterian selected by the superintendents of Missions of the two churches. He will live in the Methodist parsonage while the Manse is to be rented. Church services are to be held in the Presbyterian church building, while the present Methodist church is to be used as a Sunday school building by the united church.

A box social held at Kirkland Lake netted \$180 for the Catholic church building fund last week. The event was a great success in every way and those in charge of its management are to be congratulated and commended. The attendance was very large, and all enjoyed the evening. The prize winners were:—Miss Alberta Murphy, first euchre prize; Miss Kate Gillies, second prize; Mrs. Lintlop, consolation prize; Mr. Souvenir, Swastika, gentlemen's first euchre prize; Mr. Durand, Swastika, second; Mr. Levinsky, booby prize. Mr. Racicot won the guessing competition prize.

The Powassan News, perhaps in the interests of Greater Production, or Thrift, or something or other, publishes the following item:—Mr. H. C. Wilson, of Conquest, Sask., in renewing his subscription, says that Conquest is the busy place of the West. "Our editor here, Tom Gardner," he says, "drives a Ford, but we don't hold that against him." Harry quite modestly neglects to mention that he also drives a Ford. It is evident that Conquest people are conquering, and may our friend Harry continue to have a share in the conquest. That editor Gardner, too, is a fellow to envy. The Powassan man drives a Gendron perambulator."

The proposal to play Sunday baseball in the big league parks of the eastern U.S. cities for the benefit of the Red Cross is opposed by the Philadelphia and Boston authorities, who say special legislation would be necessary to legalize the playing and that it would be an unnecessary breach of the Sabbath.

If I knew you and you knew me,  
It seldom we would disagree;  
But never having yet clasped hands,  
Both often fail 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.

WHEN'RE we ship you by mistake,  
Or in your bill some error make;  
From irritation you'd be free,  
If I knew you and you knew me.  
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Of firm good faith on either side,  
Confidence to each other give;  
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But any time you come this way,  
That you will call we hope and pray;  
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