



It is mooted across the water that Herbert L. Pratt the noted sportsman and Chairman of the Y.M.C.A. Sports Committee, in New York, is behind a scheme to bring to America Georges Carpentier, Eugene Criqui, and the one and only Jimmy Wilde. It is further stated that feelers have been put out to try and obtain the consent of the French and English authorities to permit of this being done.

It would also be as well if they would ask the authorities to speed up demobilisation so that some of us could get back and see the boys in action "over there."

They are also arranging a big boxing tournament in the States to swell the funds of some patriotic endeavour or another, and Jess Willard has promised to appear. Jack Dempsey promptly offered to go with Willard any number of rounds up to 25, the whole proceeds to be devoted to the fund. It remains to be seen whether anything will eventuate, but it is very probable that Willard will select something a little easier, and save this tit-bit for an occasion when there is real money attached to it.

A Buffalo telegram of Monday's date, received in London yesterday, states that Jack Dempsey knocked out Gunboat Smith in the second round.

Dempsey is much the younger man of the two, and is aspiring to the heavy-weight championship, a title which Jess Willard feels indisposed to give up.

Morrison, the Canadian chess champion, won brilliantly against Janowski, of France, in the Master's Tournament held at New York recently, but was well beaten by Capablanca, the Cuban champion.

Tommy Burns is in the field again, and is out with a challenge to all and sundry. He is a member of the Canadian Army now, and although hardly likely to come to England at this particular stage of the war, he has been amusing himself by beating all and sundry in Canada. It is reported that he has beaten "the Canadian Army champion" and acquired the title for himself. It is to laugh. Who on earth is the "champion." What about Rolph and Borthwick, who have been over here some time, and both of whom have had the honour of winning the championships in England at different times. Also what about the winners of the championships in France. Then there is Bill Hanna, for several years amateur champion in Canada, who was over here with the Eaton Battery. As there has never been held any really definite championship it seems that "Tommy" is a bit premature in claiming even the Army championship of Canada. Not that he might not be able to maintain and hold such an honour, for it is more than probable that he could if he has anything at

all of his old form left, but an ex-world's champion should hardly need to claim something that exists not.

Eddie McGoorty wants to meet Bombardier or rather Sergt. Billy Wells, and failing him, he has an idea that he would enjoy himself in an encounter with Sergt. Rolph (Canadian Army).

The latter is quite willing subject to two conditions, first that Eddie will put up a little side bet of £100, and agree not to exceed 12 stone 7 lbs. We trust it will materialise as we should like to see Rolph in action again.

It is proposed to hold a big athletic carnival in France some time during the year, before all the athletes return to their homes. This carnival is to be on a scale exceeding the Olympic games in extent, and will substitute for the Olympic games which should have been held in Berlin in 1916. With the American, Canadian, English, French, and other nations' athletes easily available, a truly representative team could be got together in each case.

This sounds very interesting, and should be a great success, but it is to be hoped that the lesson of the Boxing Tournament will be well learned, and a few "real" judges obtained to decide the events.

No one succeeded in solving the first two Chess Problems, which seem to be a little too hard for the average player. The prize money therefore is accumulating and will be awarded to the first successful solution sent in the Chess and Draughts Competition.

Latest advices show that Jimmy Wilde has a little programme mapped out for him. He is to meet Charles Ledoux at an early date in this year. Ledoux is to be released from the French Army soon, and wants two months to get into shape, when he will be ready for Jimmy. Ledoux is a holy terror, but we fancy Jimmy is the better of the two. Pal Moore is to be accommodated soon after, and that little dispute will be arranged in proper fashion. Moore is to get a discharge from the American Fleet, and then the mix will take place. There is talk of a £5,000 purse for the Wilde-Moore fight.

Sportsmen are feeling pretty good just now over the General Election results. Most of the kill-joys and objectors to sports got their walking tickets last Saturday, and will no more be able to give voice to their sanctimonious views in the House of Commons. It looks as though the red corpuscles were a little more active these days, and we are looking forward to the same kind of dose being handed out in Canada before long. There are lots of kill-joys over there, and they didn't tumble into the ranks of the Army when men were needed, so we shall

hardly consent to allow them to decide what is good or ill for us, in the shape of sports and pastimes, and other things.

The 1st Canadian Tank Battalion at Bovington, Dorset, have organised a Rugby team, and want matches. Major W. Mavor, M.C., is in charge.

MY PACK.

O Loathsome Pack	And mak'st me tack
That sore dost rack	Along the track
My patient back!	As does a smack
Alas! Alack!	When skies are black.
To hang thee 'xact	But do not cack-
-t I fear I lack	-le, bloated Pack,
The happy knack.	When we attack
Thy grip-like wrack	You'll get the sack;
My bones doth crack,	With ready "jack"
Or else thou'rt slack	Thy strings I'll hack,
And then dost ac-	Accursed Pack!
-t the Jumping Jack,	

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