

SPORT

Baseball—Football—Basketball—Bowling—Hockey—Curling—Boxing and Wrestling.

FRED WELSH LOSES A POINTS DECISION

United States Boxer Sails Into Welshman and Hammers Away With Both Hands.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Young Shugrue, the Jersey City lightweight, outpointed Freddie Welsh of England in a ten round bout at Madison Square Garden last night. Shugrue outboxed Welsh in 8 of the ten rounds. The third round was even, while Welsh had the better of the seventh.

By agreement, both boxers weighed in at 8 o'clock in the afternoon at 135 1-2 pounds. They were allowed 135 at that time. Last night at the ringside the English boxer weighed 134 3/4, while the American tipped the beam at 137 1/2.

It was the story of the fighter against the boxer, with the fighter having the better of it. Shugrue was aggressive throughout the bout, tearing into Welsh's body with both hands. Welsh used jabbing tactics and at times held on, while Shugrue, when both arms were free, sent in short arm jolts to the face and body, and at the end of the second had cut Welsh's right eye. The third was even, Welsh sending hard lefts and rights to the face.

Shugrue forced the fighting in the next three rounds. In the fourth he punished Welsh on the body and he

sent the Englishman's head back with a hard straight left in the seventh. Welsh jabbed and side-stepped in the sixth, but Shugrue was on top of him continually, tearing in with both hands.

Welsh's best work came in the seventh, when he landed a stinging left to the face and followed with a hard right. Shugrue had the better of the exchanges in the last three rounds landing hard drives on the head and body.

Both fought viciously in the tenth, Shugrue forcing Welsh to a corner, and Welsh doing likewise. They were in a stiff mix-up at the bell.

INTERNATIONAL READY TO WAGE WAR ON "FEDS"

Will Co-operate With National League at Meeting in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Plans to continue the fight against the Federal League, among others the proposal to transfer the Jersey City club to Brooklyn, will be discussed at the annual meetings here next week of National and International Leagues. Advance statements indicate that peace negotiations between organized baseball and the so-called outlaw Federals have been abandoned, and that the fight will be renewed next season.

The only obstacle in the way of

transferring the Jersey City club of the International League to Brooklyn lies in the ownership by Charles Ebbets and the McKeever brothers of the Brooklyn National League club of the Newark franchise, which they wish to sell before consenting to assuming the responsibility of directing two teams on Ebbets Field in a campaign against the Brooklyn Federals for patronage. It became known to-day that among the bidders for the Newark franchise is Arthur Irwin, scout for the New York American League team. Irwin is said to have the backing of an organization of Newark business men, who seek control of the franchise to insure baseball in that city.

WISHES PLANK BEST OF LUCK

Connie Mack Speaks of the Worth of His Veteran Pitcher.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—"I wish him the best of luck," said Connie Mack last night, when he told that Eddie Plank had signed a Federal League contract.

"Are you sorry to see him go?" Mack was asked. "Oh, no," he replied. "I was through with him. He was after the money and was quite willing to go to the Federals."

"He was a wonderful pitcher," Mack said in speaking of Plank's thirteen years' service with the Athletics, "and he is a good one yet."

"That Plank would jump to the Federals was not unexpected here. Manager Mack started the baseball world shortly after the conclusion of

the world's series by announcing that he had asked waivers on Plank, Chief Bender and Jack Coombs.

All the American League clubs did not waive on Plank and Bender and agents of several of them visited Plank at his home in Gettysburg in unsuccessful efforts to have him remain in the American League.

FEDERALS STEAL PITCHER PLANK

Connie Mack's Best Pitcher Signs Independent League Contract.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Dec. 3.—Eddie Plank, of the Philadelphia Athletics, yesterday signed a Federal League contract. Harry Goldman, treasurer of the Baltimore club, came here yesterday and obtained the star pitcher's signature, but it was not made known to which club in the Federal League Plank would be assigned. It is believed here that he will pitch for either St. Louis or Chicago.

Plank last night admitted he had signed the contract, but would not divulge the terms of the agreement or with what club he expected to be identified.

The New York Americans and other clubs had made tempting offers to the Athletics for the pitcher. He is now 39 years of age, but played sensationally in the recent world's series, and was by far the best of Connie Mack's twirlers.

GILMORE SAYS ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—Edward Plank of the Philadelphia Athletics left here yesterday to play with the St. Louis Federal League club. A telegram to this effect was received here from President James A. Gilmore of the Federal League, by Phil Ball, Vice-President of the local club. Ball would not divulge the salary figure under which Plank is signed.

The Anti-Liquor League, a new temperance organization for the Province of Quebec has been formed with headquarters in Montreal.

MISSED BY THE CABLES

Graphic Incidents of the War, Told in Soldiers' Letters and by Wounded Men From the Front.

Writing to a friend in Edinburgh from an Aberdeen hospital, Corporal Robert Brown, 3rd (K.O.) Hussars, a son of Police-Sergeant Brown, Stockbridge, Edinburgh, who was wounded at the fighting at Flers, says—

I was wounded on the 17th at a place called Plaisy. It was our sixth day at the same place, and had been raining every day. I was along with the regiment when we were sent out to reinforce the firing line. We were not required at once, so we were held in reserve, but as an observation post was wanted, I was sent out with four men to watch the corner of a wood and see no Germans came that way. The German artillery spotted us, and thinking no doubt that the main body was in the wood they started shelling it, and the twenty minutes I spent there I shall never forget as long as I live, as I expected every moment to be my last. One of my men got hit in the thigh, so I came in for another man in his place, and had just started back when a shell exploded in front of me and my horse stopped, turned about, and dropped dead.

It was then I felt a pain in my left side. When I got up I found the blood coming out of my boot, so I being ordered to—followed suit, so we look far more respectable than most battalions.

A HEROIC CAPTAIN

A driver of the Royal Field Artillery tells of a thrilling incident at Compiègne. He says—

"Most of the boys were at the bottom of a hill, when looking up we saw the enemy in the top getting their guns into line. They commenced banging away, and fifty of our men were picked off before you could look around. We dashed under a hay stack for cover, but we had not been long when our captain, who was a hero—shouted, 'Now you men who are not wounded, let us give them some of this before we go.' 'This' was a British gun lying seven or eight yards away from a haystack. Every man who was in a position to field, left the shelter of the haystack and worked hard at the gun. I had not handed more than three or four shells across before I was hit by a bullet from a bursting shell and had to get back to the haystack.

"A wounded lieutenant was there, and although he was dying he insisted on bandaging my arm. As soon as he had put me right, he turned over and died. The sergeant, who had been very good to me, was torn to pieces by a shell a few minutes later. The captain and sergeant-major were now firing the gun. Suddenly a shell cut the captain's legs clean off, and one of the bravest men who ever stepped left us. We were just giving up all hope when a squadron of our cavalry came along and charged the Germans. Many of the poor chaps were killed, and the horses were simply mowed down. What was left of our cavalry cut the German guns to pieces. It was a magnificent, if terrible, charge, and there is not a man of the squadron but deserves the Victoria Cross."

AWFUL VALLEY

In a letter from the front Sergeant T. Sims, 4th Dragoon Guards writes: "I am still alive, but how I got through has been little short of miraculous. We have been in a great many engagements, and a couple of particularly heavy ones. In our second one our brigade suffered severely. We charged in front of too of the German heavy guns, and thousands of their infantry kept up a terrific fire on us the whole time. "Talk about hell, it can be nothing in comparison. The bullets and bursting shells were like rain, and men fell in dozens on all sides. My squadron went into action 180 strong. After our gallip across that awful valley we numbered seventy horses and men! Great praise was bestowed on the troops by Major-General Sir Charles Ferguson, who thanked me personally. We were told that the charge was practically a sacrifice to find out the strength and disposition of the enemy; but at what a cost! Everyone who went through could thank God for surviving such an ordeal. Our infantry here also suffered badly, but of course we have wiped thousands of Germans off the map."

THE SOLDIER AT HIS "BEST"

A solution of the dress problem in war time is given by a staff sergeant-major of the Army Service Corps. Writing in the early days of the campaign he states: "For the last forty-eight hours we have been waiting on, and here we are at the moment having a giddy time on straw, with our arms piled, our kits for pillows, in a darned, big, damp, smelly, fly-sticken shed. "I've solved the dress problem for my chaps on my own. We've yanked off the legs of our trousers and made shorts of them like the Boy Scouts, as it's no joke sleeping in your togs night after night to be stewed up with no ventilation at all. "The troops are wonderfully popular, and I think a lot of it is due to their kindness to the kiddies and animals, and also to their unbounded

"Some of the experiences I have had are really too horrible to think about. Let alone tell you of them in a letter. We are now with the French cavalry on a sweeping movement and hope to crush the Germans."

A LIUT-COLE'S LETTER

Lieutenant-Colonel Lowther, commanding 1st Bn. Scots Guards, who has been invalided home from the front, wounded in the chest with shrapnel, has sent a letter to the regimental Adjutant, Capt. A. C. Douglas, from which we take the following extracts—

"We were only two days in Belgium, and then—owing to the tremendous pressure of the Germans on our left army near Mons—had to start our historic retreat. This began about August 23rd and continued for a couple of weeks. The battalion was never seriously engaged, but all the work was hard. But all the time the men were very cheerful, though dog-tired; what helped them to be merry was that we always had full rations with a lot of extras, such as bacon, cheese, jam, tobacco and rum. What they felt most was the lack of opportunity to wash. I made all the officers shave, and the rank and file—without being ordered to—followed suit, so we look far more respectable than most battalions.

The long retreat had depressed no one, and we turned north with much zest, obliging the Germans to drop a number of guns, wagons, motors, ammunition and men. In fact after three days the German retreat became a rout. We had some awful rain at this time, and one night when I could get no billets for three companies, the men stood up all night before the fires trying to keep dry. But the rain did not damp their spirits in the least.

I have tried to keep discipline stricter than any other battalion, and though it is not as strict as I could wish, we are better than any other battalion I have seen, both on the march and in steadiness under shell fire. Discipline is what will win this war, and that's what we have to aim at, and I'm perfectly certain the men understand the necessity.

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PLAY FOOTBALL

There was a comparative lull along a large portion of the front from Sunday afternoon until Sunday morning. The French soldiers were astonished to see their British comrades take advantage of the few hours of calm after coming from the long journey in the trenches to indulge in the favorite British Saturday afternoon sport.

While an artillery dull was still progressing the "Commissaires" who had been brought back for a rest to some distance behind the advanced firing line, inflated several footballs, and started to kick them about. Soon after a battalion in the vicinity charged them to a game, and an exciting match followed. Both battalions had in the recent fighting lost heavily, but their zest for the sport appeared to be undimmed.

WILL THEY BACK UP OR ADHERE TO PROMISE?

Organized Ball Threatened to Keep Jumpers Out in the Cold.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—The fate of the surplus Federal League ball players left out of the game by the decision of the league to carry only twenty men for each club, probably will be decided at a meeting of the National Baseball Commission in New York next Monday.

Several ball players who were on Federal pay rolls last year, but who have been notified that they will not be needed in 1915, have applied to clubs in organized baseball. The commission, it was said, would consider whether to welcome these players back to the fold or whether to discipline them for deserting a year ago.

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Just think of buying an up-to-date Overcoat for \$8.50. Materials include Meltons, Cheviots, Tweed Cloths, in brown, grey and fancy mixtures, shawl or hinge collar, belted backs, in all sizes for men and young men.

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If you have been planning to spend \$25 for an Overcoat, see these Overcoats at \$20 in our Overcoat department. The most luxurious fabrics, fine wool chinchillas, in greys, browns and blues, shawl or hinge collar, the very best of linings and trimmings, belted backs, snug fitting or loose back coats.

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