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## CHAMPAGNE AT RHEIMS n a Hurry to Attack in 1914, and Pressed For Time on Their Retreat. RHEIMS, Dec. 29. - Labyrinths

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with wine cellars beneath the cities of Rheims and Epernay are being rapidly put in order by the big champagne firms of the two cities. These cellars, which would form a subterranean gallery sixty miles in length hold hundreds of millions of bottles of precious vintages, and, nothwithstanding the fact that this region was for four years under fire from German or allied guns, they suffered comparatively little damage. Losses incurred by the wine usually, while they will place a heavy burden on firms for a while, will be recouped in a short time, according to statements made to the Assoc:ated Press correspondent, who is visiting the former battle zone under special permission from the Frenca Government.

HOW GERMANS MISSED

Germans Too Confident. German soldiers took very little wine from the cellars when they swept southward over this district in 1914. Probably their confidence that their advance meant permanent occupation of Champagne saved the cellars from pillage, at that time, and when the reaction came, they were forced to retreat so rapidly they had little opportunity to invade the underground stores of wines. Four years of bombardment destroyed the greater part of the handsome build

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ings ereted by the wine companies. but the most of the damage done to clares that the Filipino holds the made a personal attack on Ernest the stocks is attributed to French and bantamweight, featherweight, and the Charles, a dramatic critic, Christmas allied soldiers. Fighting men made lightweight titles in the Orient That's night at the Variete Theatre. The unoffiial requisitions termed "ran- all right, but does he know anything two men have for some time been soms," and these cost the cellars of the "welterweight" light weights bitter enemies and when the theatre about 325,000 bottles, including many we have here? "reserved vintages." Frequently ir- F Or has he heard of that other for-

responsible soldiers would bore holes eigner, Jimmy Wilde, who was such in huge casks of unbottled wine, and a wonder beating all the Britishers after filling a bucket, would leave he met with ten pounds or more of and permit the remainder in the cask his weight? Jimmy came over here, intervened. to run away and be wasted. It is signed to fight at the new Interna

believed 1,000,000 bottles were lost in | tional Sporting Club in the late win this way. ter under a nice contract. But he took himself to the middle west and

A FILIPINO WONDER AFTER made such an unfavorable impression BENNY LEONARD'S CROWN in a bout with young Jack Sharkey, NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- A report who weighed under 116 pounds at 7 rom the Philippine Islands says that o'clock, that he will probably lose 'Kid" Denicio a native Filipino, will his bout at the big New York club.

soon come to the United States to These American boys know how to try to take Benny Leonard's crown fight. Look out, Mr. Filipino. up everybody he has met except Lew THEATRE MANAGER champion. in the set that att

PARIS, Dec. 29 .- AlphonseFranck, a professional cook, he had prepared

manager saw the critic he went up to him and knocked off his hat .saving: "Perhaps you will fight at last." Charles though taken by surprise, made a rush at Franck, but friends

> KNEW WHAT HE COOKED Soldier Prisoner Does Not at Once Accept Amnesty.

QUEBEC, Dec. 29 .- A soldier from Hamilton, named Piard, imprisoned here on a charge of desertion and entitled to be freed under the amnesty, preferred to stay over Christmas in jail in order to partake AND CRITIC GLASH of the Christmas dinner which, as



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