Bring out your skates, your B. & B.'s;
Let's have them hollow-ground this year,
For news comes in this morning's breeze
That skating days are here!

A.E.F. PUGS GO TO ITALY TO DEMONSTRATE ART

We'll skate with Jeanne and Jacqueline
Oh silver Seine or bleak Moselle
As once, when winter winds were keen,
We did with blithesome Yankee belle!

CHANCE FOR ALL AT INTER-ALLIED MEET

Competing Nations to Have Equal Voice in Fixing Official Events

LIST OF SPORTS COMPILED

Each Country Will Choose Events in Which It Will Participate; Unique Plan Pleases

One of the fairest and most complete athletic programs ever devised for any Olympic games is being drawn up for the great Inter-Allied contests which will be held at Joinville-le-Pont, near Paris, in the spring.

The invitation basis for the meet gave the impression to many interested persons that the American Army would set forth a fixed program which might include events not generally practiced by other countries and might leave out many of Europe's most popular sports.

Inquiry at American Headquarters developed the fact that officers responsible for the task of drawing up the program are now busily engaged in making up a list of all major sports practiced in the various Allied countries, and that from this list the final program is to be arranged on a basis that will give each competing country, large or small, what amounts to an equal voice in fixing the official events.

New Program Will Be Arranged

A unique plan has been hit upon. The complete list of possible sports is to be sent to each country accepting General Pershing's invitation with the request that each nation make entry in as many of these sports as it desires. Any sport in which at least two countries enter automatically becomes an official event, and a championship contest in that event will be conducted as a part of the games.

Any sport which attracts only one entry will be termed an exhibition event, and that sport will be demonstrated during the games if the country concerned so desires and is prepared to put it on.

This splendid plan gives advantage to no single country, establishes an equal basis for the selection of events, insures a contest in any sport in which even so few as two nations may enter and gives every country an opportunity to demonstrate any of its national athletic sports even though no other nations may enter.

It also precludes the possibility of the dissatisfaction that has often marred the Olympic games in the past and is regarded as a distinct advance in arranging a program of international athletic contests.

LONG, LONG TRAIL FOR 1ST ARMY MEN

Road Race from Semur to Tonnerre Booked for February 8

A road race from Semur to Tonnerre, a distance of 60 kilometers, is an innovation to be introduced by Lt. Col. H. M. Nelly in the First Army Corps on Saturday, February 8. Four teams representing the Corps Troops and the 36th, 78th and 80th Divisions will take part.

The teams will be composed entirely of enlisted men, who will wear the regulation O.D. breeches, leggins and field shoes, and an O.D. shirt or sweater. The course from Semur will be through the towns of Montbard, Aisy, Nuits, Fulvy, Ancy-le-Franc and Lezinnes, to Tonnerre.

One man from each team will be started abreast at Semur, and one man from each team will be posted at each kilometer along the road. The starters will carry the insignia of their corps or division, which will be passed on to the next man. These insignia will be delivered to Maj. Gen. Wright at the finish.

The race will start at 7 o'clock in the morning, and the progress of the runners will be telephoned to the various units and posted on bulletin boards so that every man in the First Army Corps can follow the race. Pacing of the contestants by men, horses, motorcycles, automobiles or trucks is forbidden.

Should it become necessary to relieve any man before he runs his kilometer his team will be charged with the loss of five minutes as well as the distance lost. Ambulances with a Medical officer and attendants will follow the man to take care of any runner who finds the pace too swift.

TWO RING CIRCUS AT K. OF C. OPENING

Big Crowd Sees Novelty Show at Salle Wagram—Bouts Are Fast

Three thousand fight fans attended the opening of the new Knights of Columbus boxing pavilion in the Salle Wagram Monday evening and witnessed a mammoth entertainment p rovided for the big event. The new hall, situated midway between the Etoile and Ternes stations, is an ideal enclosure for the holding of athletic events, and the K. of C. management is to be congratulated upon the selection.

Matchmaker Carey promised a novelty for the opener and sprung a double ring system on the fans that kept every pair of eyes busily occupied throughout the night. Speed was the watchword, and the boxers were required to hustle as never before. If one man was knocked out, other battlers occupied the vacant ring, and in this way there was action every minute.

Weakness of Two Ring System

As a novelty, the plan was a success, although there were features connected with the new scheme that were not advantageous. For example, the two minute rest between rounds, made necessary while the alternating bout was in progress, robbed a boxer of his lead. It gave a man who was palpably "out" a chance to recuperate, which more than nullified the winning man's chances.

The double ring system exposed one thing—a dearth of American boxers. The M.C. announced that several American boxers had failed to get travel orders. Anyway, the shortage of fighting material was such that the last five bouts were between French boxers and the resultant scrapping was tame.

Eighteen matches were staged and while American and French boxers were settling the question of supremacy, enthusiasm was at a high pitch. There were many notable events. Billy Kleck of the 32nd Division added to his laurels by walloping Avelin of France in a gruelling bout. Gene Turney, the Marine, had the best of Bob Martin, the 32nd Division giant, and won a popular victory. Martin tried to land a K.O. with his right but the Marine was too clever for him and jabbed the Ohioan's face for a farewelcwell.

MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE HOLDER

When Mike O'Dowd, the middle weight title holder, discards his pack and rifle for the padded mitts, he will be one of the most popular champions in the United States.

O'Dowd is one of the few pugs who actually served at the front in the present war, being a member of Co. F, 55th Engineers. He won his title in Brooklyn shortly before he entered the United States Army.

Unlike most champions, O'Dowd, because of his services overseas, has been unable to reap any financial returns from his title, but we feel sure the fans will not forget the doughty little St. Paul scrapper when he returns home. And we are glad to find a boxing champion who puts patriotism above dollars.

O'Dowd is anxious to box Georges Carpentier, the French battler, but as the Frenchman tops the scales around 175 pounds, he would be too heavy and would have other physical advantages that would make a bout with O'Dowd out of the question.

STAGE ALL SET FOR BIG S. O. S. BATTLE

Intersectional Basketball and Football Schedules Made Public

Basketball and football schedules for games to determine the championships of the S.O.S. have been arranged by Major General Harbord, and commencing February 9, when the first football contest will be staged and continuing until March 22, when the last basketball game will have been played, the S.O.S. will devote all its spare time and energy toward the task of developing winning teams.

All intersectional basketball games will take place on indoor courts.

The football schedule is as follows:

FEBRUARY 9.

B.S. No. 1 vs. B.S. No. 4—to be played at St. Nazaire.
Inter. Sec. vs. B.S. No. 5—to be played at Tours.
B.S. No. 6 vs. B.S. No 7—to be played at Marachles.
B.S. No. 2 vs. Adv. Sec.—to be played at Bordeaux.
B.S. No. 3 vs. Paris—to be played at Paris.

The semi-finals will be played on February 16 and the final game for the championship of the S.O.S., on February 23, at places to be designated later. The teams playing in the finals will immediately thereafter go into training for the A.E.F. championship games. Officials for each game will be selected by the athletic officers of the sections concerned.

Basketball Schedule

The schedule for the S.O.S. intersectional basketball championship is as follows:

Feb. 22—	B.S. No. 1 vs. B.S. No. 2	—at	B.S. No. 1
	B.S. No. 3 vs. Adv. Sec.	—at	Adv. Sec.
	B.S. No. 4 vs. Int. Sec.	—at	Int. Sec.
	B.S. No. 5 vs. B.S. No. 7	—at	B.S. No. 7
	B.S. No. 6 vs. Paris	—at	B.S. No. 6
Feb. 26—	B.S. No. 1 vs. B.S. No. 3	—at	B.S. No. 1
	B.S. No. 4 vs. Adv. Sec.	—at	B.S. No. 4
	B.S. No. 5 vs. Int. Sec.	—at	B.S. No. 5
	B.S. No. 6 vs. B.S. No. 7	—at	B.S. No. 6
	B.S. No. 2 vs. Paris	—at	B.S. No. 2
Mar. 1—	B.S. No. 1 vs. B.S. No. 4	—at	B.S. No. 4
	B.S. No. 3 vs. B.S. No. 2	—at	B.S. No. 2
	B.S. No. 5 vs. Adv. Sec.	—at	B.S. No. 5
	B.S. No. 6 vs. Int. Sec.	—at	B.S. No. 6
	B.S. No. 7 vs. Paris	—at	B.S. No. 7
Mar. 5—	B.S. No. 1 vs. B.S. No. 5	—at	B.S. No. 1
	B.S. No. 2 vs. B.S. No. 4	—at	B.S. No. 2
	B.S. No. 6 vs. Adv. Sec.	—at	Adv. Sec.
	B.S. No. 7 vs. Int. Sec.	—at	Int. Sec.
	B.S. No. 8 vs. Paris	—at	Paris
Mar. 8—	B.S. No. 1 vs. B.S. No. 6	—at	B.S. No. 6
	B.S. No. 2 vs. B.S. No. 5	—at	B.S. No. 2
	B.S. No. 3 vs. B.S. No. 4	—at	B.S. No. 3
	B.S. No. 7 vs. Adv. Sec.	—at	Adv. Sec.
	Int. Sec. vs. Paris	—at	Paris
Mar. 12—	B.S. No. 1 vs. B.S. No. 7	—at	B.S. No. 7
	B.S. No. 2 vs. B.S. No. 6	—at	B.S. No. 6
	B.S. No. 3 vs. B.S. No. 5	—at	B.S. No. 5
	Int. Sec. vs. Adv. Sec.	—at	Int. Sec.
	B.S. No. 4 vs. Paris	—at	Paris
Mar. 15—	B.S. No. 1 vs. Int. Sec.	—at	B.S. No. 1
	B.S. No. 2 vs. B.S. No. 7	—at	B.S. No. 7
	B.S. No. 3 vs. B.S. No. 6	—at	B.S. No. 6
	B.S. No. 4 vs. B.S. No. 5	—at	B.S. No. 5
	Adv. Sec. vs. Paris	—at	Adv. Sec.
Mar. 19—	B.S. No. 1 vs. Adv. Sec.	—at	Adv. Sec.
	B.S. No. 2 vs. Int. Sec.	—at	B.S. No. 2
	B.S. No. 3 vs. B.S. No. 7	—at	B.S. No. 7
	B.S. No. 4 vs. B.S. No. 6	—at	B.S. No. 6
	B.S. No. 5 vs. Paris	—at	Paris
Mar. 22—	B.S. No. 2 vs. Adv. Sec.	—at	Adv. Sec.
	B.S. No. 3 vs. Int. Sec.	—at	Int. Sec.
	B.S. No. 4 vs. B.S. No. 7	—at	B.S. No. 4
	B.S. No. 5 vs. B.S. No. 6	—at	B.S. No. 5
	B.S. No. 1 vs. Paris	—at	B.S. No. 1

29TH DIVISION PUGS WIN ALL THEIR FIGHTS

The pick of the 29th Division's mitt wielders came to Paris Friday night, and gave an exhibition of boxing that has not been equaled at the K. of C. hall since they inaugurated their weekly shows. The boys went into the ring full of confidence and in the pink of condition as the result of the training they received under the tutelage of Sgt. "Spike" Webb.

Fifteen boxers were brought to the Cinema des Arts by Capt. J. E. Hodge, V.C., and Tom McNally, K. of C. secretary, and they carried off every fight, although pitted against some of the best boxers of France in their respective weights.

YANK FIGHTERS OFF ON ITALIAN TOUR

Best A.E.F. Ring Material Selected for Trip to Land of Caesars

REAL CHAMP HEADS GROUP

Mike O'Dowd, Al Norton, Bud Clancy, Gene Payo and Gene Delmont With Party

Nine of the best boxers in the A.E.F., in three different weights, left yesterday for Italy where they will demonstrate the fine points of the ring game in Milan, Florence and Rome. Jimmy Bronson, Y.M.C.A. athletic director, selected the men and is accompanying them on the trip.

As was to be expected, Mike O'Dowd, middleweight champion of the world, of Co. F, 55th Engineers, heads the list. The others are Al Norton, light-heavyweight champion of the Pacific coast, Base Hospital 95; Bud Clancy, light-heavyweight champion of the Middle West, Headquarters Troop, 35th Division; Gene Delmont, of Memphis, contender for the lightweight title, 148 Aero Squadron; Gene Payo, of El Paso, lightweight champion of Mexico, Senior Chaplain's Detachment, Le Mans; Joe Tierney, formerly assistant boxing instructor at Camp Dix, N. J., now with the Postal Express Service; Jimmy Foley, of St. Louis, contender for the featherweight title, G.H.Q.; Kid Dayton, of Dayton, Ohio, contender for the featherweight title, 20th Air Depot, and Johnnie Buchin, of Philadelphia, also contender for featherweight honors, Headquarters Company, First Army.

Battle Under Assumed Names

It is an odd coincidence that of this entire party, only three are boxing under their own names. Norton's right name is A. E. Breaux, Clancy's is John R. Bolger, Payo's is Eugene Ortegon, Delmont's is Ernest Barasso, Dayton's is Frank Reisinger, Foley's is Herbert Green, and Jimmy Bronson, himself, in civil life, is James Doughérty.

All of the men are private except Foley and Clancy and one—Gene Delmont—speaks or understands Italian.

In making his selections, Bronson took into consideration every available boxer in the A.E.F. regardless of where he was stationed and he believes he picked the nine best men at the weights.

The first series of bouts will take place in Milan February 7 when many prominent officials of the Italian government, Army and Navy will be present by invitation.

George W. Owens, athletic director of the Y.M.C.A. in Milan, came to Paris early in the week to arrange details of the tour.

AVIATOR'S HEADGEAR FOR FOOTBALL TEAM

Pigskin Warriors of 88th Division Improvise Gridiron Togs

Aviation and football have but little in common except that both have "beaucoup" downs but aviation will play a prominent part in the football season of the 88th Division which opens February 8 when the Hunhuskers clash with the 5th Division near Gondrecourt.

Failure to obtain football suits had the pigskin warriors of the 88th worried for awhile but they were not to be thwarted by such a small obstacle and got busy and improvised their togs.

They got aviation caps for their heads, Red Cross sweaters in place of jerseys, and padded their blue denim fatigue pants for use as football breeches. They went to Nancy and bought woolen stockings and for shoes they added cleats to their old Army kicks.

For the past week the 88th eleven has been having daily mud practice—the French weather man being very unaccommodating about drying off the field. When the hangars are fixed up ashes and straw may make footing secure.

The 5th Division team will come all the way from Germany to play at Gondrecourt.

NINTH ARMY CORPS TO HOLD BIG RIFLE MATCH

The first A.E.F. rifle match to be held on the upper Meuse this winter will be an inter-divisional shoot between troops in the Ninth Army Corps, commencing February 15.

Try-outs for divisional teams in preparation for the coming contest were inaugurated last Friday at Gondrecourt.

The elimination process is going to be a thorough one. Company matches are being held to pick men for regimental contests; the winners will shoot to select brigade winners and they in turn will shoot to determine those who will take part in the final matches when teams will be selected to represent the various divisions.

FULTZ NAMED HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Lieut. David Fultz, U.S. Aviation Service, and former star football and baseball player of Brown University, has succeeded John H. Farrell as president of the International Baseball League.

Following his career at college, Fultz took up professional baseball, playing with the Baltimore Nationals and the New York and Philadelphia American League teams.

In 1912 he organized the Baseball Players' Fraternity and ran it successfully until 1917 when it went on the rocks following a "strike" of the players.

SKATERS WHO ANSWERED RUPING'S CHALLENGE

NAME	UNIT	RECORD HELD
Pvt. Edmund A. Lamy	2nd Anti-Aircraft M. G. Bat.	World's Amateur Champion 1,320 yards and 5 miles.
Corp. George Pickering	Battery E, 308th F. A.	One Mile Metropolitan Outdoor Champion.
Pvt. Frank P. Dannahy	Hq. Hosp. Center, Commercy	One and 3 Mile New England Champion.
Pvt. Carl Lyle	Co. A, 307th Engineers	Amateur Champion of Michigan.
Corp. Joseph A. Kott	First Air Depot	Polish Champion of Chicago.
Pvt. Stephen Eddy	Hq. Co., 6th Inf.	One Mile Champ. of Connecticut.
Pvt. Gordon E. Kienzle	U. S. Hospital Train No. 66	Junior National Figure Skating Champion, Fancy Skating Champion of Syracuse.
Pvt. Floyd M. Davis	M. S. T. U. No. 2	Amateur Champion of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.
Pvt. William M. Beck	Advance Med. Sup. Depot No. 1	
Pvt. E. H. Nordgen	Hd. Co., 343rd Inf.	
Pvt. Clarence Burke	Co. D, Central Records Office	
Sgt. Charles J. Mathews	Co. A, 2nd Anti-Aircraft M. G. Bat.	
Corp. A. E. Aston	Hq. Base Section No. 2	

NEW ENGLAND SPEED KING

The whole A.E.F. is interested in the outcome of the challenge issued by Jack Ruping, two-mile New England ice skating champion, to meet any man in the world in a series of eight races, judging by the response all over France.

The races would be 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, three-quarter mile, one mile, two mile, three mile and 220 yard hurdle, with point scoring to pick the winner, 30 points for first, 20 points for second, and ten points for third.

Mathieson, the European champion, is at present in the United States, and Robert McLean, present world's title holder, is in the Navy, so that it is impossible to bring these three together, but an A.E.F. championship tournament may be arranged.

BOXING COMMISSION PLANNED FOR U. S.

Contests in A.E.F. Give New Impetus to Fistic Sport in States

Revival of boxing in the A.E.F., coupled with announcement of the Army plans to stage elimination contests with a view to deciding A.E.F. championships in all classes from bantam to heavyweights, has given an impetus to fisticuffs in the United States and plans are now under way to draw up national laws governing the manly art, in order that boxing may be accorded its legitimate place in the realm of sports over there.

The Army, Navy and Civilian Boxing Board is the name of the new organization which seeks to elevate the game in the States. It is being backed by many notable Americans, including former President William H. Taft, Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, Provost General Crowder and others. Many radical changes are planned in the system of handling bouts. The board seeks the abolition of faults which have marred boxing exhibitions in the past and hopes, by the acquisition of reputable and influential sportsmen as charter members of the organization, to bring about an improvement.

Laws to Legalize Bouts

The program includes the drawing up of national laws to legalize boxing. Prominent among the proposed features are the establishment of State championships, the winners to be contenders for national championships in all classes—this apparently along the lines of the A.E.F. championships; the reclassification of boxers with rigid rules for bouts, action looking toward the repeal of all State laws prohibiting boxing and the general upbuilding of the sport so as to enable it to occupy an honored place in the sphere of athletics.

Officers and men of the A.E.F., actively identified with recreative sports over here, have long recognized the need of better boxing laws in the United States, and in letters back home have expressed their opinions in vigorous terms. Ex-President Taft, it is said, has undertaken the task of drawing up the new national boxing laws and anything which may be done along the lines indicated will have the unqualified approval of fight fans in the A.E.F.

CADDOCK'S DREAM IS RUDELY SHATTERED

Ready to Sail When Order Arrives Restoring Him to Old Outfit

Plucked from a port of embarkation for the United States just two days before he was scheduled to sail, Sgt. Earl Caddock, champion heavyweight wrestler of the world, has rejoined his old outfit, Headquarters Troop, 88th Division, at Gondrecourt.

Caddock was top sergeant when he left the division a few days before the armistice was signed to attend the Army Candidates' School at Langres. When the fighting terminated he went to the Holding Camp near Le Mans, where casual companies were made up. He was booked to sail on Wednesday and, as the day drew near, entertained visions of the New York skyline, juicy steaks and a comfortable chair beside the old hearth. A telegram ordering him back to his company shattered all this, and the only consolation Caddock has is that now he will be able to participate in the A.E.F. wrestling championships.

HUSTON TO RETAIN HIS BASEBALL STOCK

Reports that Col. T. H. Huston, half owner of the New York American League baseball team, would dispose of his interest in the club, are denied by the Colonel who has just returned to the United States after serving with the 16th Engineers.

CHARLES DILLINGHAM
Sends
Greetings to the Boys
"OVER THERE"
From the New York;
HIPPODROME
"OVER HERE"

SKATER'S CHALLENGE FINDS MANY TAKERS

Pickering and Lamy With Those Who Would Race Against Ruping

BOTH ARE RECORD HOLDERS

Tournament May Be Arranged If Skates Can Be Procured—Others Heard From

When Jack Ruping, the Watervliet, N. Y., boy, holder of the tri-county and New England two-mile ice skating championships, issued his challenge to skaters in the A.E.F., he started something. Skaters of known ability are coming to the front with offers to take him on and every mail adds to the list.

George Pickering, the New York Athletic Club's ice king, now a member of Battery E, 308th Field Artillery, and holder of the one mile Metropolitan Outdoor championship, sends word he will race Ruping any distance. Frank P. Dannahy, New England one and three mile champion, of the Headquarters Hospital Center, Commercy, also accepts the challenge.

Edward Lamy, the Saranac Lake speed marvel, veteran skater, and former world's champion, emerged from his dug-out long enough to read Ruping's challenge, then grabbed a pen and scribbled off an answer "tout de suite."

Ready to Go Home

"It is almost impossible for me to meet Ruping," wrote Lamy, "owing to the fact that my outfit is getting ready to return home, but if either he or any of his friends wish to post a good side bet in order to make it worth while, I will be willing to stay in France for a race, providing the matter can be arranged with the military authorities."

The champion of the Nutmeg State, old rock-ribbed Connecticut, was also heard from, in the person of Stephen Eddy, Headquarters Company, 6th Infantry. Other men with records anxious to pit their skill against that of the New Yorker are Joseph A. Kott, First Air Depot, Polish champion of Chicago; Carl Lyle, Company A, 307th Engineers, amateur champion of Michigan; Floyd M. Davis, M.S.T.U. 2, amateur champion of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota; Gordon E. Kienzle, U.S. Hospital Train 66, junior National figure skating champion of the United States and fancy skating champion of Syracuse, N. Y.

And, in the meantime, steps are under way to stage an A.E.F. tournament, if possible. The main difficulty is the question of skates. Col. Wait C. Johnson, chief athletic officer of the A.E.F., is endeavoring to get around this obstacle. When he reaches a decision announcement will be made in THE STARS AND STRIPES.

Joseph S. Wright has been re-engaged as coach of the Univ. of Pennsylvania crews.

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