

CHAMPAGNE FIELD HAS BEEN FAMOUS

Washington, D. C., April 25.—The Champagne district, where the French are pressing their offensive while the English are making magnificent gains against Von Hindenburg's line in the Arras region, is the subject of the following geographical bulletin from the National Geographic Society:

"While Champagne no longer exists as a province or department of France, its independent existence under its own counts having come to an end at the beginning of the fourteenth century, the name is generally applied to that territory which now includes the departments of Ardennes, Aube, Haute Marne, Marne, and parts of the Seine-et-Marne, Aisne, Yonne, and Meuse— an area some 180 miles long and 150 miles broad, embracing more than 5,000 square miles.

"Champagne derives its name from the Latin 'campus,' meaning a country of plains, and referring to the extensive stretches of land in the vicinity of the three important cities of Rheims, Chalon, and Troyes, the last named having been the capital of the ancient province.

"During the twelfth and thirteenth centuries the Champagne country was famous throughout western Europe for the fairs held in four of its cities. These fairs, six in number, were held successively so that merchants might travel from town to town throughout the year, thus being provided with continuous markets for their wares.

"Of course, the produce which has made the name Champagne so familiar to all the world is the famous wine made here. This industry dates back to Roman times, the vine being extensively cultivated in this region as early as the reign of the Emperor Probus in the third century of the Christian era. It was not until the last decade of the 17th century, however, that the distinctive sparkling or effervescent wine was discovered or 'invented' by a monk, Dom Perignon, who was in charge of the cellars of the abbey of Haut Villers for nearly half a century.

"Perignon is also credited with being the first man to use corks as stoppers for wine bottles. 'Like most inventors and discoverers, Perignon had his trials for there were many people who believed that the new beverage was 'poisoned' and that it was the spirit of the Evil One which made the wine seem alive. In those days from 25 to 30 per cent of the wine was lost owing to the breakage of bottles. Now, however, with the use of a finer quality of glass, the loss is not more than 5 per cent, even though the pressure on the retainers often amounts to seven or eight atmospheres—from 110 to 120 pounds to the square inch.

"Champagne, unlike some of the other expensive French wines, is not the product of special vineyards, but is made from the grapes grown by numerous peasant processes of manufacture is both tedious and expensive, requiring the services of skillful hands in the laborious task of gradually shaking the sediment from the sides of the bottles to the cork—a process extending over several weeks, requiring daily manipulation of the bottles.

"When the sediment has collected on the cork the bottle is opened and the cork and sediment are blown out, also a part of the contents. This method has been somewhat improved in recent years and a saving effected by freezing the wine in the neck of the bottle, after which the sediment removed and the cork replaced without the waste of a drop of the precious beverage.

"Before the outbreak of the war the Marne district alone produced about 9,000,000 gallons of this wine annually, and the output during some extraordinary years amounted to 9,000,000 gallons of this wine.

MICHIGAN TO USE DRAFT

Bill Which Gives Governor Authority Was Signed Today

Lansing, Mich., April 25.—It became generally known today that the Governor Military Bill, which passed the state legislature last week, contained a provision authorizing the governor to draft men for the Michigan National Guard when sufficient volunteers cannot be obtained. The bill, passed during the closing hours of the legislature, has been signed by Governor Sleeper.

Austin, Tex., April 25.—By a vote of 19 to 2 the Texas Senate today adopted a resolution endorsing the President's plan of selective conscription.

HAVRE DE GRACE RACING RESULTS

Havre de Grace, Md., April 25.—Results today were as follows:

FIRST RACE — Claiming, for 3-year-olds and up. Five furlongs. Sleepy Sam, Obert, 5.30; 3.20, 2.70; Lohengrin, Parrington, 4.80, 3.50; Poppo, Johnson, 3.70.

SECOND RACE — Selling; 4-year-olds and up. Mile and sixteenth. Sand Hill, Rowan, 3.30, 2.80, 2.50; Lone Star, Petz, 60.60, 11.20; Gainer, Collins, 3.00.

THIRD RACE — Three-year-olds and upwards; five and one-half furlongs. Owaga, A. Collins, 6.20, 4.10, 4.40; Encore, W. Collins, 10.40, 7.10; Luzzi, Williams, 45.30.

FOURTH RACE — Handicap; 3-year-old and up; six furlongs. Kawassa, Butwell, 8.40; 4.30, 2.50; Wiseman, Ambrose, 3.70, 2.30; Fruit Cake, Taplin, 2.10.

FIFTH RACE — Three-year-olds and upwards; five and one-half furlongs. Polly J. McGraw, 49.90, 19.20, 8.40; Fruscan, Taplin, 6.10, 3.30; Imperator, A. Collins, 4.00.

SIXTH RACE — Four-year-olds and upwards; mile and one-sixteenth. Thesieres, A. Collins, 4.30, 3.20, 2.30; Ed. Bond, Ambrose, 20.00, 8.50; Pierrot, Ball, 3.40.

SEVENTH RACE — For 3-year-olds and up; six furlongs. Sea Gull, Haynes, 17, 6.50, 2.90; Star Finch, A. Carroll, 12.40, 4.50; Courtship, Williams, 2.90.

Scratches: Kiliis, Kink Baggot, Ina Kay, King Tuscan, Prohibition, Time, 1.57.

Scratches: Rustling Brass, Song of the Valley, Chilton King. Time, 1.49 2-5.

Scratches: Nashville.

Dear Mr. Newman:—Evidently you read my report covering the activities of the Citizens' League of Louisiana very hurriedly or else you would have seen that I stated my figures regarding the lottery violations were based on the same period in 1916 as the Citizens' League had been working in 1917—that is from January 21st to April 15th.

What I said was that during those thirteen weeks in 1916 there had been 30 arrests—that during that same period in 1917 there had been 92 or over three times as many.

As I made my calculations in your office from the police reports you very kindly put at my service, I cannot possibly be 'misinformed,' and if you will count the number of arrests during those thirteen weeks you will find my figures are correct.

Had you read further in my report you would have seen that I said, in my effort to place the responsibility for the situation on the right parties, 'in the past few months the police department made 187 arrests and 68 raids, wherein the entire paraphernalia was confiscated and held as evidence,' but 'there was less than 10 per cent of convictions.' Certainly there is something wrong somewhere in our judicial system if the lottery law provides 'that the mere possession of lottery paraphernalia would be considered by the courts prima facie evidence of guilt' and then the police department only obtains 10 per cent of convictions! And I asked in my report 'what is the matter with our courts?'

Knowing that anyone connected with the Citizens' League is persona non grata to the City Administration you may rest assured any statement from it will stand the acid test of reliability.

Very truly,
(Signed) JEAN M. GORDON.

NEWMAN HAS NOTE FROM MISS GORDON

Miss Jean Gordon, secretary of the Citizens' League, has written the following to Commissioner Newman: Hon. Harold Newman, Commissioner of Public Safety, City Hall.

PELICANS LOSE TO GULLS AT MOBILE

Mobile, April 25.—Mobile took the lead early in today's game and won easily. There were no brilliant performances in either side. None of the players seemed to be trying to set the world afire.

The score follows:
SOUTHERN LEAGUE
At Mobile— R H E
N. O. 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 5 2
Mobile 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 x—3 6 3

At Atlanta— R H E
Bum. 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—2 5 3
Atlanta 2 0 4 0 1 0 0 0 x—7 7 2

At Nashville— R H E
Memphis 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—2 8 0
Nash. 0 2 0 1 3 0 0 1 x—7 12 0

At Chicago— R H E
Cleve. 1 0 0 0 3 0 0 0—1 10 2
Chicago 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 5 0

At St. Louis— R H E
Pitts. 4 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 3—10 13 2
St. Louis 1 1 0 3 0 0 2 0 1—8 14 6

At Cincinnati— R H E
Chicago 1 0 0 0 0 2 1 0—4 7 2
Cincinnati 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0—2 11 2

At Brooklyn— R H E
Boston 0 0 2 0 1 2 0 1 0 0—6 11 3
Brooklyn 0 0 0 0 0 4 2 0 0 0—6 13 3

At Philadelphia— R H E
N. York 0 0 3 1 0 0 1 4—9 43 2
Phila. 0 1 2 3 0 0 0 0—8 11 2

At Columbus— R H E
Milwaukee-Columbus, no game, rain.
St. Paul-Toledo, no game, rain, cold weather.

At Indianapolis— R H E
Minneapolis 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 3 4
Indianapolis 0 0 4 3 0 0 0 0 x—7 12 0

At Louisville— R H E
Kans. City 1 0 2 0 2 0 0 0—5 8 3
Louisville 2 4 0 1 0 0 0 0 x—7 10 3

At Louisville— R H E
Kans. City 1 0 2 0 2 0 0 0—5 8 3
Louisville 2 4 0 1 0 0 0 0 x—7 10 3

At Louisville— R H E
Kans. City 1 0 2 0 2 0 0 0—5 8 3
Louisville 2 4 0 1 0 0 0 0 x—7 10 3

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Louisville 2 4 0 1 0 0 0 0 x—7 10 3

PITCHERS WILL WIN BASEBALL FLAGS

New York, April 25.—With at least four clubs figured to stage a hot battle on the home stretch in the American League this year, pitching is sure to be a big factor before the race is over.

The work of the hurlers in the early games always counts of course, but later on, when the teams settle down to the steady grind and pitchers are fighting it out for a victory in close ball games, the gentle art of twirling the apple is going to double in importance.

The wonderful pitching staff of the Boston Red Sox, which has been a household word in the American League for several seasons, will be heard from again this year. There is no doubt of it, for in Ruth, Shore, Leonard and Foster the Bostoners have a hurling corps that can pitch its head off when there is honor and money in sight.

The Boston staff has a reputation as the greatest collection of money pitchers in the business, but the critics are playing a hunch this year that the same old punch will not be back of that pitching staff in so far as the ability of the Sox to manufacture runs is concerned. This early in the season such a question cannot be answered. It can only be guessed at.

The Detroit Tigers have always stood out as a club with powerful offensive ability, but the pitching of Tiger hurlers did not show much improvement over last season in the early series this year, and it appears that Jennings will find the pitching problem just as big as ever when the race gets hot.

Bill Donovan's Yankees, a good-looking club all around, started off the season at an uncertain pace. At times they have shown a flash and then again they were outpitched and outplayed. Weak against good left-hand pitching, the Yankees are still a question mark.

The White Sox figured from the first as hot contenders throughout the season, are banking on their pitchers this year, and from early exhibitions Comiskey's hurlers appear to be pointed for a long and hard campaign. Comany's boys started off with a rush this spring. They swept the Browns and Tigers aside, and wonderful pitching was the answer. The surprising feature was the punch back of that pitching, which gave the White Sox hurlers a few runs to work on. With Scott, Faber, Russell, Benz, Cicotte, Williams and Wolfgang all going good, White Sox rooters have a reason to look ahead to a rattling finish by the South Siders. And if they go through, don't forget that an old veteran named Kid Gleason will come in for a big share of the credit. Gleason is to the White Sox what Walter Robinson was to the Giant pitching staff several years ago—a sort of guardian angel and an unmatchable coach.

The hurling of the Browns' and Indians' staffs, coupled with occasional pitchers' battles in which such stars as Walter Johnson, Joe Bush and Bert Gallia will figure, is certain to keep the importance of crack pitching to the fore until the season ends.

Charley Ebbets has been pictured as a magnate with a taking way at the box office by a good many scribes, and though he has a failing for the coin of the realm, he is no more susceptible to the music of the turnstiles than the average man who runs a ball club.

But when Ebbets came out recently with a loud protest against the early opening of the season in the National League he had at least two reasons for his stand. Every magnate must look after the business end of his ball club with an eagle eye, for the basis upon which business is built is the dollar. But the foundation of the baseball business, though dependent on the dollar, is even more dependent on the man who brings that dollar bill to the gate.

Ebbets says there is no use of opening the season when raw winds and cold rains are liable to give his patrons everything from pneumonia to distemper, and Ebbets is right in two ways.

In the first place, cold weather and baseball don't mix from a sporting standpoint. In the second place the magnate must count on a certain income average per day to go by. He isn't making fans out of the populace when he opens the gate to winter weather, and he isn't breaking even on his investment either. So no one can blame him for omitting a howl now and then, and as Ebbets contends, baseball in Indian summer is far better than baseball in a raw, unfriendly spring when a magnate is gambling every time he opens his work.

Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Jess Willard declared that, while he was the world's champion heavyweight pugilist, he had no desire to annex another title as America's champion featherweight patriot.

Mr. Willard's principal business— he is now showing with a Wild West show—is to present crosses, right and left, and not iron, but he denies any intention to give the double-cross to Uncle Sam.

Any time that the chin-whiskered gentleman with the white beaver tie and the red, white and blue raiment wants Jess to sign articles for a finish fight with the German gun-fighters, the battling behemoth says that he will be there with both hands.

Willard is willing to shoulder a musket in the ranks; but if he has the choice of warfare, he would ask for the widely known code of the late Marquis of Queensbury, rather than the later and not so lamented Field Marshal Hindenburg.

"If they bring on the German army, one at a time," he said, "I'll end the war myself."

JESS WILLARD READY TO ENLIST

Several days ago the word was flashed from the West that Willard had wired to the President and offered to enlist as a private. Later, when his name did not appear, it was officially announced, by his press agent, that he was too big and had been turned down.

The recruit officer at Chicago was then reported as saying that Willard's bulk wouldn't have anything to do with it, and that if he wanted to become a boy in khaki to step up and say the word.

"Not so, not so," quoth Jess, referring to the alleged slacker episode in Chicago. "If any man says I'm afraid to enlist and fight for my country, tell him for me that he is a liar."

His audience, which comprised boys, small boys and smaller boys, together with other onlookers, all looked as if Jess could carry out that plan to the letter without effort of reprisal. They kept a discreet silence.

"This is the true state of affairs," he continued. "I was going downtown in my motor car (business) Manager Tom Jones of murmuring, 'It cost \$5,000' when I saw a sign asking men to recruit. I thought that I was big enough for that job and offered to enlist. The fellow looked at me. He didn't know me anyway, and said, 'Nothing doing, you're too big.'"

"Then, when I told him who I was, he admitted that I ought to make a good fighter, but that because I was married they couldn't take me. He said they were taking no married men. Then I came away. Any time this country asks the married men to shoulder a musket and get into a trench they will find me ready."

Six years have made a big change in the champion pugilist. Formerly he was employed as a hostler and a horse wrangler, but under the eagle eye of Tom Jones, the Belasco of the boxers, he travels in his own private car, has his own chauffeur and his own chef.

Four years ago the champion was an awkward, ungainly chap, who was nothing but a big boy. Rubbing elbows with the great world he has acquired a polish that can even withstand rapid fire questions. Now he is suave and blase, but unsoiled, too.

"How did your wife like the idea of your enlisting?" he was asked. "Oh, she didn't mind," was the answer. "I'm the boss and do as I please," with striking emphasis on the "boss."

FAILS TO DELIVER AUTO.
Alleged to have obtained \$105 from Joseph Rosengarten, 4623 Dryades street, for an automobile he is said to have failed to deliver, Geo. Antley, a clerk, having no home here, was arrested yesterday by Patrolman Fred Michler.

SOLDIERS' HOME
At the next meeting of Camp Beauvoir No. 130, S. C. V., Mr. W. O. Hart, past commandant thereof, will present resolutions of thanks to all who assisted the camp in entertaining the veterans from the Mississippi Beauvoir Soldiers' Home on their recent visit to New Orleans, same including Messrs. Josiah Pearce and son, who gave the veterans free admission during their entire stay in this city to their six theatres; Mr. H. Fichtenberg, who did the same for his four theatres; Mr. Lew Rose, who gave them free admission to the Lyric Theatre, and the New Orleans Railway and Light Company, through Mr. D. D. Curran president, who furnished a special car and gave the veterans thereof a tour of New Orleans.

HAVRE DE GRACE RACING ENTRIES

Havre de Grace, Md., April 25.—Entries for Thursday are:

FIRST RACE — Maidens, 4-year-olds; four furlongs.
Ind. Horses— Wgt.
566 Charlie Leykeker 115
611 Piebra 115
— Pussy Boots 113
566 Onward 115
616 Martial Music 112
579 Miss San Fara 112
— Jim Mcffering 115
518 African Arrow 115
531 Payment 112
— Bon Tromp 115
607 Will Soon 115
— Game Cock 115
Trophy 115

SECOND RACE — Four-year-olds and upward, maidens, steeplechase; two miles.
Ind. Horses— Wgt.
587 Kilix 145
— Distant Shore 145
— Saunders Foot 137
608 Runway 145
— Maitre Corbeau 145
587 Juliette 143
— Cheyron 145
— Maltinata 145
— Monkie 145
601 The Carmel 145
587 Tudor King 145
— Reddest 145
587 Duke of Norfolk 145

THIRD RACE — Three-year-olds and upward; 5 1-2 furlongs.
Ind. Horses— Wgt.
603 Kilix 106
589 Swift Fox 116
596 None Such 106
605 Capt. Ray 115
609 xMaddling Miss 102
609 xAtheryn Gray 106
620 xPerseus 103
567 xBrobeck 101
513 Olds and Ends 101
FOURTH RACE — Two-year-olds; four and one half furlongs.
Ind. Horses— Wgt.
572 xTit for Tat 98
583 xDorothy Sullivan 98
593 Sweet Sullivan 98
616 xGreen Gold 96
611 Edith F. 99
593 xLittle Sweeper 100
611 Umattilla 101
600 Producer 104
611 xVirginia Yell 98

FIFTH RACE — Four-year-olds; four furlongs.
Ind. Horses— Wgt.
609 Cherry Ripe 100
572 Preston Lynn 108
595 Bond 101
584 Prohibition 107
584 Bac 119
584 Cannon Bridge 105
494 King Tuscan 112
609 King Baggot 111

SIXTH RACE — Four-year-olds and upwards; mile and 70 yards.
Ind. Horses— Wgt.
585 Mary Warren 102
578 Supreme 111
609 xGainer 106
618 xAlsten 102
597 xStar Pearl 102
592 Harry Lauder 107
585 xMinda 105
620 Carlton G. 111
283 xNannie McDee 97
602 High Horse 106
534 Royal Meteor 115
581 River King 111
618 Richard Langdon 115
596 Slumbering 107
578 Song of the Valley 109
— Seamluck 111
578 Pin Money 115
583 xRepton 114

SEVENTH RACE — Three-year-olds and upwards; mile and 70 yards.
619 Napoleon 105
534 Christie 121
609 xBatwa 108
609 Wood Fair 116
561 Goldcrest Boy 116
443 Albena 108
— Hayden 116
(509) xNight Stick 112
— Apprentice allowance.
Clear weather, fast track.

VITAL STATISTICS
Births
Mrs. Daniel Harrigan, 2359 Annunciation street, a girl.
Mrs. Joseph Welsh, 685 Jourdan street, a girl.
Mrs. Edward Armand, 428 S. Dupre street, a girl.
Mrs. Oser Williams, 2620 Orleans street, a boy.

Marriages
William Dennis and Miss Gertrude Schultz.
Emile Lotz and Miss Angele Letteller.

Deaths
Justina Gitzinger, 73 years.
Peter Williams, 73 years, 119 Poydras street.
Toussie Kitchens, 15 years, Charity Hospital.
Joseph Rouig, 65 years, Charity Hospital.
Jane Doyle, 72 years, Charity Hospital.
Elizabeth Briggs, 59 years, 1360 Magazine street.
Henry Richardson, Jr., 35 years, 3212 S. Rampart street.

RIVERS KNOCKED OUT BY HARVEY

New York, April 25.—Johnny Harvey knocked out Joe Rivers, of California, in the seventh round at the Pioneer Sporting club here last night in a bout that was nip and tuck all the way until the sudden ending in the seventh. Rivers was floored twice. After the second knockdown he was unable to get up. He sat on the floor trying to lift himself up.

Patsy Haley, the referee, seeing that Rivers could not continue, stopped counting and reached down and lifted the Mexican to his feet, sending Harvey to his corner the victor.

It was a bitter contest from start to finish with Rivers having a little the better of it. The end was as unlooked for as it was sudden.

A right to the chin dropped Joe for the count of nine. He got up rather bedraggled and tried to cover up as he backed away against the ropes. Harvey drove rights and lefts at Rivers' jaw and finally floored him again for the final count.

Ed Smith, the "millionaire" heavy who came here to show us what Jess Willard could expect of him in one round, was knocked out in the fourth round by Tim Logan, after being floored three times.

Smith, wealthy, since his dad owns a mine in Joplin, Mo., went along nicely until Logan finally dropped him with a wild right. The boxes at the ringside were filled with Smith's Wall street friends, who yelled themselves hoarse while wealthy Edward was going good.

Scranton, Pa.—Chick Simler beat Freddie Welsh in ten rounds.
St. Paul, Minn.—Charley McCarthy beat Kid Thomas in ten rounds.
Johnny McCarthy and Jack Malone drew in ten rounds. Billy Whalen beat Charlie Motrie in ten rounds.
Pittsburg—Joe Haley beat Al Palzer in six rounds.
St. Louis—Jack Moran won from Tony Caponi on a foul in the seventh.

Boston—Joe Morgan beat Battling Reddy in 12 rounds.

DUNDEE DEFEATS THE "PRIDE OF PATTERSON"
New York, April 25.—Johnny Dundee defeated Tommy Tucey, the "pride of Patterson, N. J.," in ten rounds here last night. Dundee tried hard to score a knockout but Tucey gamely stood through the bout. In the eighth round Dundee dropped his opponent for the count of eight, but he was up on his feet and survived the round.

Tucey was groggy when he walked to his corner at the end of the eighth, but came back strong in the last two rounds.

U. S. DAILY WEATHER REPORT
Thursday, April 26, 1917.
Forecast till 7 p. m. Thursday.
For New Orleans and vicinity:
Fair, warmer, light variable winds.
For Louisiana: Thursday and Friday, fair.

LOCAL METEOROLOGICAL RECORD
Temperature Record
Yesterday's temperature record at New Orleans, as shown by the thermometer of the U. S. Weather Bureau, on the roof of the Postoffice building, was as follows:

Time Temperature
7 a. m. 69
9 a. m. 71
11 a. m. 76
1 p. m. 76
3 p. m. 80
5 p. m. 80

Weather Record
The following is the weather data for April 25, 1917, at New Orleans:
Temperature .. 68
Rel. Humidity .. 74
Wind .. NW, 1
Weather .. Clear

RIVER FORECAST
The Mississippi River, below Vicksburg, and the Atchafalaya, will change very little for a few days. Stages of 11.8 feet at Simmesport and 39.5 feet at Melville are indicated by April 28th. The Red River, below Shreveport, and the Ouachita will rise during the next 10 hours.

APPLICANTS FOR CITIZENSHIP FROM FOREIGN LANDS
Of the seven applicants for citizenship in the United States District Court yesterday two were Russians, four Italian and one English. They were:
Leolucua Russo, 31, Morgan City, La.; Italian; Maurice Cohen, 28, 1523 Camp street, Russian; Dave Cohen, 31, 1526 Camp street, Russian; Frank Frank Lima, 23, 1032 Esplanade Avenue, Italian; Anthony Sain, 23, 3021 Royal street, Italian, and Harrison Tait, 42, 2522 Cambourne street.