

# Sporting News

## VETERAN POP ANSON

### BASEBALL'S BATTING STAR

Pat Tebeau, old-timer in baseball, insists that Pop Anson was the greatest hitter the game ever knew. Here is part of the argument for the affirmative:

"Anson was in baseball 22 years. He lived thru the 45-foot speed ball period, and the 55-foot speed ball curve-ball era and then was able to stick it out five years longer when the 60-foot rule became effective. And over that sweep of years he hit for a grand average close to .340!"

"If Anson were in his prime today—in the same form displayed from 1876 until 1890—I doubt if any man in the game could approach him in the hitting line. The 60-foot pitching distance would be pie for him. He averaged .340 batting under that rule from 1893 to 1897, and during those years you must remember the old boy had taken on a lot of weight, his muscles had become hardened and he wasn't even half as fast as when he was a youngster."

"Anson broke into the game in 1876. That was the era when swift pitching and the 45-foot distance was in vogue. Yet Anson hit for a .352 average from 1876 until 1881, in which year the pitching distance was lengthened to 55 feet. In 1879 he hit .407."

"The very first season that the then new pitching distance of 55 feet was in vogue, Anson hit for .391, showing how much he was helped by

the change. In 1893, the first season the 60-foot distance was in force, he hit for .332. In 1894 he totalled .394 following with .338 in 1895, .335 in 1896, and .302 in 1897—his last year in the majors."

Many tales of Jim Thorpe's improved hitting have come out of the American Association, where the great Indian athlete is pastime for Milwaukee's sake. As a matter of fact, Thorpe is hitting .287 in a league where Ray Deneault, well known to Montreal fans a couple of years ago, is hitting better than .300. This indicates a real improvement in Thorpe, however. He hit for an average of .287 in the National League the three years he was in it. It is a record which run the red-skin up to the Giants cost the club \$500,000 of his money, however, as a box office attraction the first year.

Perce Houghton has contributed the baseball idea of making it three balls instead of four for a pass to first. The Club thinks this would mean the advent of the .500 hitter. Tris Speaker says that while this scheme would likely make for more runs and considerably handicap the pitcher, the .500 hitter is like the nine-second 100 yard dash sprinter. "He may be coming but is a long way off." It is not likely that the Houghton idea will be realized much before the nine-second man.

## THE MOVIES DEPICT CANADIAN 'MENACE' IN UNITED STATES

A New York paper has the following editorial:

"The Japanese Menace" and the "German Menace" we have been hearing about so long that we have got quite used to them. The "Mexican Menace" has materialized, so we need no longer shiver at it. But the idea that we must prepare without delay to repel an invasion from the north brings a new terror into our peaceful life. It has been a hundred years since we tried to conquer Canada and we had not expected that Canada would try to conquer us for at least a hundred more to come. In fact we had hoped that the mutual invasion of each other's territory by armed armies that is going on all over the world would prevent any armed aggression for all time.

But it appears not. According to the "preparedness" people we have got to get some guns right away and get them at our Canadian cousins. The Phot Film Corporation is presenting at the Lyceum Theatre, New York, an object lesson in preparedness, "The United States" in which the fortifying of the Canadian frontiers, as well as other frontiers, is shown in a very striking motion map of the border is shown bristling with guns all the way from Quebec to Vancouver, 42-centimeter calibre or bigger and enough of them to blow every hauck to the North Pole or beyond. Of course, thus to erect defenses on our northern border would connect the Anglo-American agreement of 1817 into "a scrap of paper."

What is worse, this plea for the violation of our pledged word to Eng-

land by fortifying our northern boundary is backed up by a series of films showing that Great Britain has now a "vast and efficient army" of five million. These pictures showing "How Britain Prepared" were, it is stated, "photographed by authority of Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty; Earl Kitchener, Minister of War, and Hon. Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions." If so, to use these really fine films as an argument for arming America against Britain seems to us a bit discourteous, besides being very foolish and wicked.

## So. Porcupine News Items of Interest

The Township of Tisdale have now inaugurated a milk test of different dairies in the township, and it is tested every week or ten days at unexpected intervals.

Petitions seem to be the order of the day in South Porcupine, two being taken around by different gentlemen of the municipality, to put Wednesday half holiday into effect, but each one has a different clause attached. One reads, Wednesday half holiday and no Sunday baseball, and the other, Wednesday half holiday and Sunday baseball. From what we can learn the latter seemed more in favor with the Southend merchants.

Mrs. Ralph E. Sullivan returned on Saturday from Toronto where she underwent an operation on her ear. Miss Sullivan also made the return journey.

Harold Hall of the Dome Mines left on the National on Monday to attend the funeral of the late Private Harry Pottinger, formerly of the Dome Mines, and a close friend of Mr. Hall. The funeral took place on Tuesday.

Word was received on Monday of the sad drowning accident in which Pte. Harry Pottinger lost his life at North Bay on Sunday last. He was attached to the 159th Battalion and has been in Haileybury since his enlistment in February, but went to North Bay about three weeks ago. The deceased was well known in the camp, having been employed at the Dome Mines. He was a member of Porcupine Lodge I.O.O.F., and was in his 29th year.

It was reported in last week's casualty list that Dan McLellan was wounded. Dan will be remembered as having been a pioneer of the camp. He was employed at Reamsbottom & Edwards before leaving for Overseas.

Mr. Parr has been in camp selling charts of the different lodges and they may be framed neatly by John T. Easton.

There is quite a lot of uneasiness owing to the disappearance of Chief Jim Perkins from Southend on Wednesday night last. The last seen of him was at the bridge on Railroad street that evening, and although a search has been made nothing has been seen or heard of him to date. Up to the time of his disappearance he was employed at the Connaught Hotel.

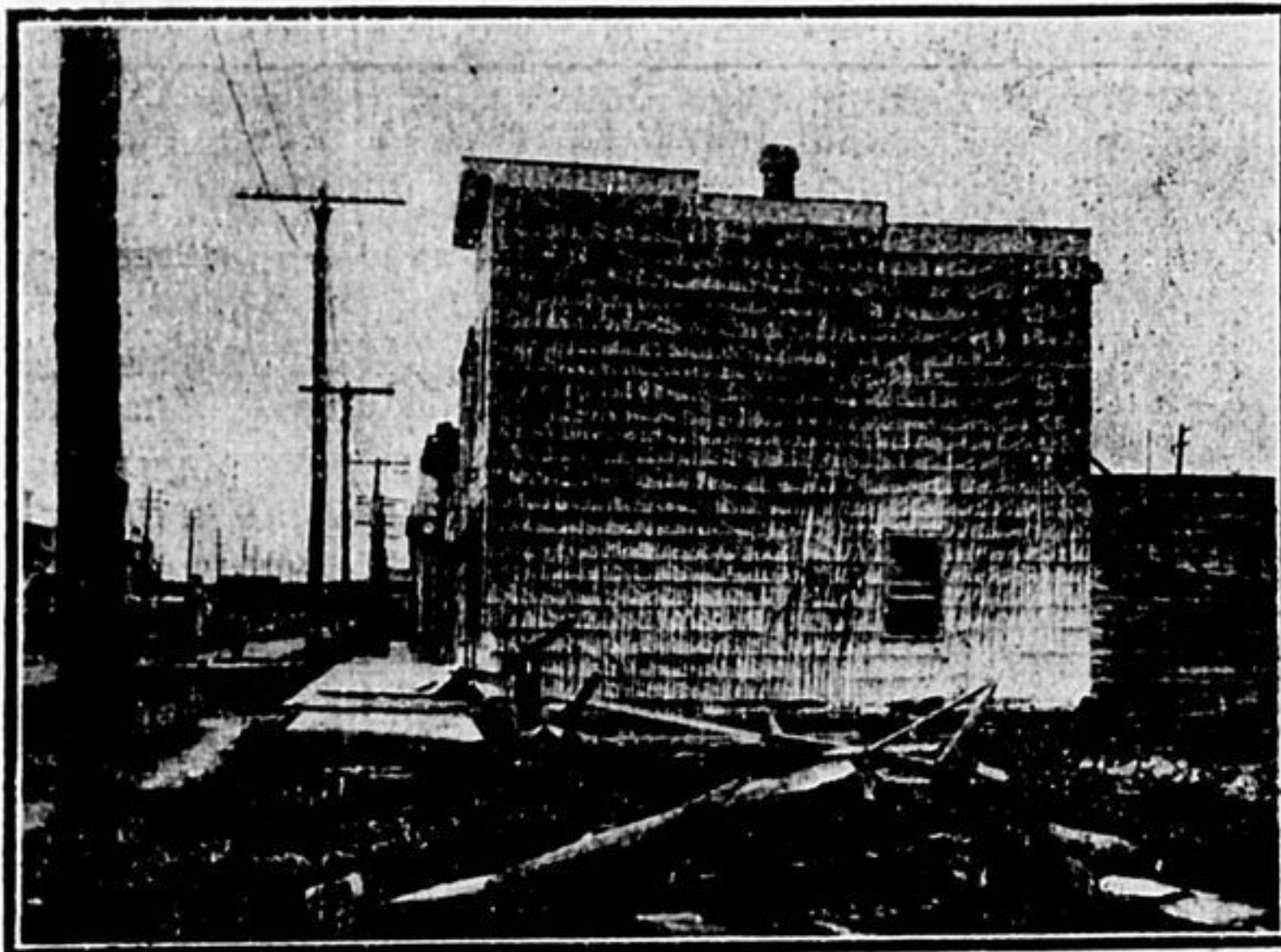
The Township of Tisdale have commenced to fix up the road to the station, which was badly in need of repair. Possibly it seemed worse to Reeve Dickson since he got his car.

Frank Risch has sold his property on Railroad street, realizing a pretty fair figure.

F. W. D. Wilkins left this week for Swift Current, where he will be united in matrimony. Inspector Stanton is in charge during Mr. Wilkins' absence.

A large number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whyte on Tuesday evening, to welcome them home. A very pleasant evening was spent and hearty congratulations were tendered by those present. The Italian orchestra enlivened the proceedings with a choice selection of music. The party broke up at midnight after singing God Save the King and Auld Lang Syne.

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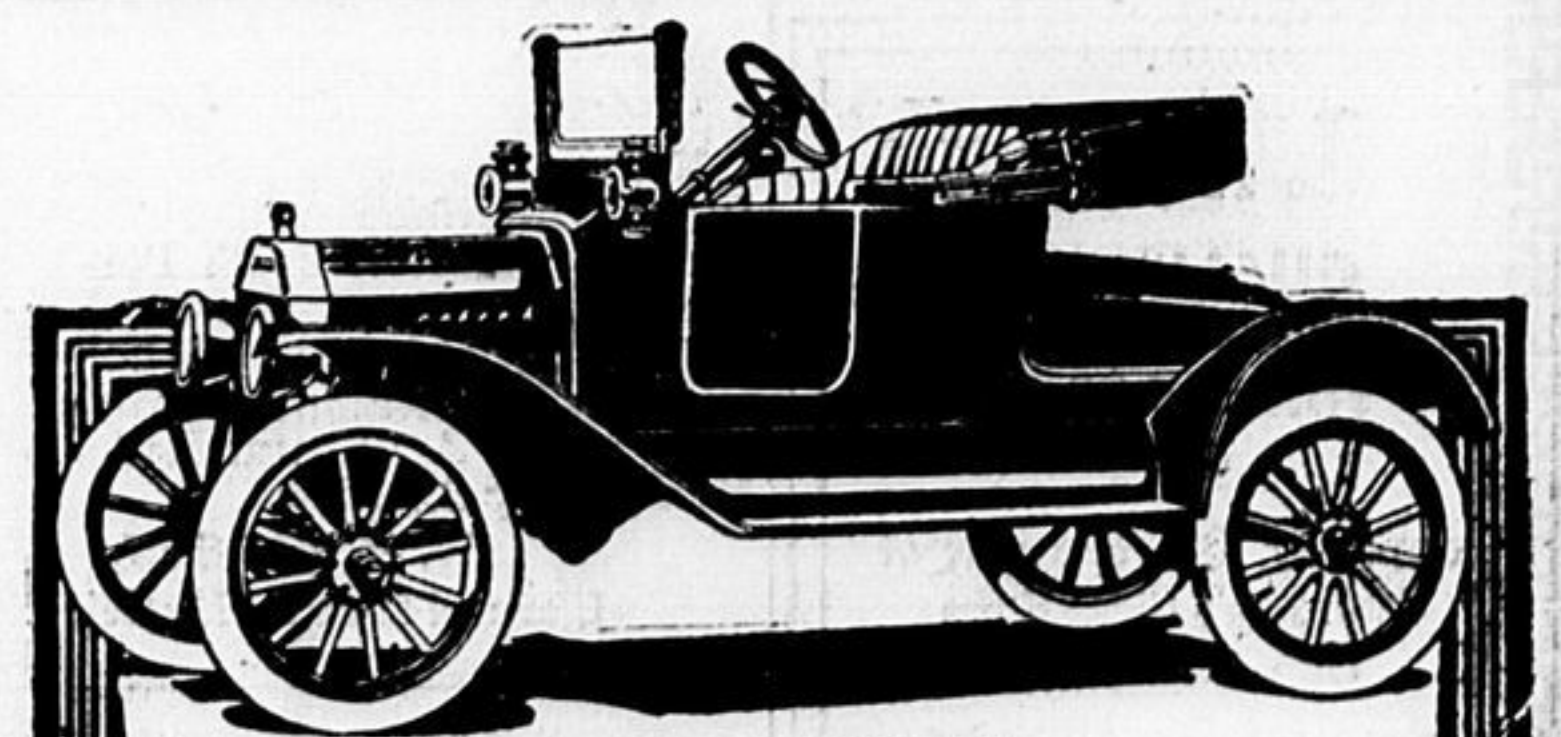
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