

# Sporting News

## BASEBALL PLAYERS TO LEARN TRENCH DIGGING, ETC.

### American League May Introduce Military Features in National Game.

Ban. Johnson, President of the American Baseball League, has announced that baseball players who desire to enlist in the event of the United States going to war will not only be promptly released from their league contracts, but the League will also look after their dependents. Further, President Johnson, and Messrs. Weeghman and Comiskey of the "Cubs" and "White Sox," approve the "preparedness plan" of Capt. Houston, part owner of the "Yankees." Capt. Houston, who saw service in the Spanish-American War, and who really won his title, plans for an hour or more each day to be devoted to military training in the camps. Trench digging and other military manoeuvres, under the direction of an army officer, would be used for "conditioning" the men according to Capt. Houston's scheme. This would not only help to put the athletes in first-class physical condition for ball-playing, but it would also, perhaps, furnish a body of partly trained men, many of whom might serve in case of war.

President Johnson, however, says that the League would not suspend even in case of war, referring in this connection to the fact that the National League continued its schedule during the Spanish-American War.

## OWEN SOUND A CURLING CENTRE

Owen Sound, winner of this year's Tankard, is one of the most prosperous curling clubs in Ontario. It has a membership of 215. The big membership and the prosperity may alike be due to the proportion of Scotch in the population. This year they have not only the Tankard—of which, of course, they are justly proud—but also a new rink completed last year. This rink is about ideal for curling, having six sheets of ice for curlers with no posts between. A big observation parlor eighty feet wide is another feature.

## A WORD FOR THE NORTHERN FUSILIERS' HOCKEY TEAM

Speaking of the departure of the 228th Battalion from Toronto on their way overseas, The Toronto World says:—

"The soldiers were big favorites with the fans. They always played clean hockey, and always put their best foot forward. One can hardly say more than this. Doing one's best is all that can be asked of mortals in this world of sadness.

"Col. Earehman was the most popular officer ever connected with a hockey club, and he drilled it into his men to play that game. They carried this out at all times. The best wishes of every player, fan and citizen go with the battalion."

## SPORT AND WAR

"War," advises a contemporary, "is quite a different game from sport. There is absolutely no connection between the two. To be efficient in sport means no part of efficiency in war. A small weakling, with no rifle, is the equal of the greatest athlete that ever lived. And shrapnel is no respecter of speed or strength or athletic skill."

This is true enough—and interesting enough, as far as it goes—but the trouble is that it does not go far enough. For there is more than a thin connection between sport and war.

Tennis, golf, baseball, football and track work all develop a certain physical stamina needed in long marches. The man who plays thirty-six holes of golf twice a week is soon able to walk fifteen or eighteen miles a day without the slightest fatigue. He will therefore have a big advantage over the man lifted from some indoor occupation who would need considerable training to walk ten or twelve miles without being worn down. And competition in sport tends to develop a certain coolness and craft, linked with a certain amount of confidence.

One weakling with a rifle might be the equal of a Wilding. But 100,000 weaklings, with 1,000,000 rifles, would not be the equals of 100,000 Wildings

when the last test came at the end of a long, hard march or in some charge where courage and stamina were essentials.

## BOXING LICENSE ISSUED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN U.S.

The first boxing license issued to a Sunday school class in Wisconsin was last week forwarded by the Boxing Commission to the Rhinelander Athletic Association, the fighting name of the young men's Sunday school class in the First Baptist church at Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

Rev. Mr. Wedge, ex-pugilist, the only person in the United States holding a boxing license, is the promoter of the club.

Jack Dougherty, old-time boxer, also of Rhinelander, was given a referee's license by the commission.

Specimens of almost every precious mineral have been found in Spitzbergen, but there are no signs, according to geologists, that precious minerals exist in paying quantities.

# Around The North Land

His Honor Judge Hartman is on the sick list.

Short measure wood sold in the town is disturbing the Cobalt Council.

A box social at Jacksonboro recently raised over \$600 for patriotic purposes.

There were four births all in one day in Cochrane last week. The Stork doesn't mind the cold.

Cobalt Presbyterians are conducting a campaign to wipe the debt off their church.

Mr. E. G. Poole was elected president and Mr. E. C. Ward secretary-treasurer of Cochrane Conservative Association last week.

The Bank of Ottawa at Cochrane is now back in a fine new building on the site occupied before the fire last year.

John Dickson, one of the North Land pioneers, died at Haileybury on Feb. 8th from dropsy, aged 71 years. He was unmarried, and had lived for many years in Harley Township.

Mr. Geo. Barber, who for several years has been accountant for the Northern Ontario Light & Power Co., has gone to Toronto to take a position with the Excelsior Life Insurance Co. as accountant.

Chief of Police Collins, of Haileybury, who was confined in the hospital for some days, was able to come out again last week, and is well on the way to complete recovery.

Cobalt is trying to induce former Fire Chief Brady, now of Brockville, to return to the North and take the place vacated by Fire Chief Borland.

Despite the difficulties due to the frozen ground and other drawbacks of the season, work is progressing favorably in the excavation for the new addition to the paper mill at Iroquois Falls.

Harvey Warke, a Haileybury fireman, had several fingers and toes and both ears frostbitten while fire-fighting at a blaze in the Nipissing Laundry. The building was saved, and the damage is estimated by the laundry people at \$200.

Mrs. A. Flintoff, of Haileybury, passed away last week after a week's illness from pneumonia. She had lived in Haileybury for several years and was much respected. Her husband survives.

From correspondents all over the North Land comes the same report—that the communities are all lessened in population by enlistments in the forces fighting for the world's liberty and decency. The North Land has given generously of its good men to the great fight.

An Iroquois Falls correspondent to The Nugget last week writes: "An incident at the moving picture show at the 'Y,' near Iroquois Falls, was the collapsing of some seven persons in that theatre on Monday night, shortly after the opening of same. The cause, it is surmised, was the collection of carbon monoxide. How this occurred has not yet been explained, but an investigation was started immediately by the authorities with the assistance of the management of the theatre. Dr. Dorsey and his assistant, Dr. Wood, were rushed to the scene, and in a short time revived the sufferers."

Mr. W. E. McCready is the new president of Haileybury Horticultural Society.

The home of Mr. Walter Jenkins, Haileybury, was destroyed by fire last week, most of the household effects also being lost. The cause of the fire is unknown. Owing to poor water pressure on account of the high elevation in that part of the town the firemen were greatly handicapped in fighting the fire. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

The Haileyburian in a recent issue explains the matter this way:—"The T. & N.O. trains have now got the habit of coming in late and it's now only a question of 'how late?'" The most plausible explanation of its tardiness is that the engines are given too much to pull. This is a very reasonable excuse—for even a man, when he is over-loaded, comes in late."

The great need for better rural school facilities in the Cochrane district is engaging the attention of the citizens. A special public meeting to discuss the matter has been called for the Town Hall, Cochrane, Feb. 22nd, to discuss the question. The Agricultural Societies, Women's Institutes, and other public-spirited bodies are taking an interest, and with unity of aim and purpose something is sure to be accomplished.

The Cobalt Nugget says:—"The arrival of the afternoon train still provides the leisured classes of the town with considerable interest. The attraction is the shipments of booze which are unloaded from the cars and consigned to sundry thirsty citizens. As each package has to be addressed in full this provides one with the opportunity to suggest that the lookers-on were getting pointers for their evening visits."

## Schumacher Red Cross Society

The regular business meeting of the Schumacher Red Cross was held in the rooms over the bank February 8. Mrs. Richardson presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, also the Treasurer's report. Both were approved and accepted.

It was decided to send a cheque for \$100 from the balance on hand, to headquarters at Toronto.

The shipment to Toronto for January consisted of seven cases containing the following articles: 22 dozen towels, 22 pairs of pyjamas, 12 day shirts, 8 pairs of socks, 36 housewives, 8 comfort bags.

Work turned in for the month:—Mrs. Richardson, 5 suits pyjamas, 1 shirt, 1 comfort bag, 5 housewives; Mrs. J. Muskett, 1 day shirt, 1 pair pyjamas, 1 doz. towels; Mrs. Cookburn, 2 day shirts, 6 trench caps; Mrs. Thompson, 1 dozen towels; Mrs. Stuart Smith, 3 pairs pyjamas, 17 towels, 13 housewives, 2 comfort bags, 8 wash cloths; Mrs. J. V. Angrignon, 7 housewives, 2 suits pyjamas, 1 day shirt, 2 comfort bags; Mrs. G. Ray Hicks, 11 towels, 5 pairs of socks; Mrs. Geo. Elliott, 3 suits pyjamas, 21 day shirts; Mrs. Geo. Murphy, 21 towels, 1 comfort bag, 2 suits pyjamas; Mrs. Chas. Archambault, 1 suit pyjamas; Mrs. Barron, 24 towels, 8 wash cloths; Mrs. S. M. Beach, 25 towels, 2 comfort bags; Mrs. Geo. Leggett, 1 doz. towels, 4 housewives, 2 suits pyjamas; Mrs. Lytle, 2 pairs socks; Mrs. Joyner, 1 pair socks.

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