

WHEN WORLD SERIES DREW SMALL CROWDS

Providence And Metropolitans Received \$3,000 For Series Played in 1884--Series of 1887 Amazed Fans With Attendance of 50,000.

Nothing shows the growth of baseball more than a comparison of gate receipts taken in during the different series played for the baseball championship of the world. The series of 1912 between Boston Americans and the New York Giants leads all series for cash receipts and attendance. In the year 1884 about 300 people attended the first game between the Providence team and the Metropolitan Club, champions of their respective leagues, and the total attendance at all three games was less than \$100. The amount of paid admissions at a dollar each would hardly pay the umpires of the present series. Radbourne and Keefe, the opposing hurlers, were at the height of their respective careers, but they failed to draw the throngs. However, the players did not worry, as there was nothing in it for them except glory.

In the season of 1885 the series was a failure from all standpoints. Only 8,000 saw the six contests between the men of Anson and the Browns led by Charles Comiskey. The series was marked by continual scrapping and at times real fighting. It ended or broke up with honors in games won and verbal scraps "fifty and fifty." In 1886 the first real series for the world championship was pulled off in a successful manner. The six games drew out 40,000, and the net receipts were \$14,000, which was handed over to the St. Louis Browns as per agreement. Anson and his merry men did not get even a pleasant smile out of the encounter.

A Wonderful Affair.

The series of 1887 was considered a wonderful affair at that period, with an attendance of 50,000, and gate receipts amounting to \$42,000, which amount caused unusual amazement in baseball circles at that time. The teams travelled in special cars, and the whole affair was carried forward on a scale of magnificence never before attempted in baseball. Fifteen games were played and ten cities got the privilege of witnessing the two best teams battle. Chicago had a "grunch," and when the Detroit and St. Louis played that city it sent out 365 spectators. Brooklyn turned out the largest crowd, 6,746. Detroit won hands down, with ten contests to their credit.

In 1888 the New York Giants and the St. Louis Browns were the contenders, ten games were played to an attendance of 35,000 people. Twenty-four thousand dollars was taken in and divided 60 and 40 per cent. between the owners, and players were promised \$200 each. The hitherto grand organization under Comiskey made a sorry showing, and Owner Von der Ahe was so thoroughly disgusted that he refused to pay his men the promised \$200. Arlie Latham got wise and drew his \$200 before the series was half over. The other fellows had to wait many days before they received their share.

The best series of all early world's championship games was in 1889, between Brooklyn and the Giants. Forty-seven thousand fans saw the nine games and paid \$45,000 for the privilege. New York won in easy fashion.

Another Failure.

The season of 1890 was a failure as a world series year. One was played between the Brooklyn Club and the Louisville team, champions of the National and American Associations. The winners of the Play-

ers' League, the Boston, were by long odds the best club in the land that season, but they were regarded as out-laws, so that the other law-abiding organizations ignored them entirely. The two above-named contenders played seven games of the series agreed upon, and the struggle ended in a tie, and the balance of games for the supremacy of the baseball world were postponed until the next spring, but no record can be found of where they met and settled their argument, and it is probable that it isn't settled yet. Seven games were played, one being a tie, and 13,500 people attended the entire series.

From the year 1892 until 1897 no real world series games took place. Tills were held between the winners of the first and second seasons of the big twelve club National League, but they lacked the intense rivalry which exists to-day. For six years the fans of the country had to be satisfied with watching the annual struggle between the first and second contenders for the first in their respective leagues. In the year 1903 the first big battle was staged for world championship honors in baseball, and from that date the growing event in the great national game has grown steadily, and to-day it is regarded as the greatest event in the athletic world.

Sporting Notes.

"Ernie" Lavigne, the crack rover of the Midland hockey team, is the latest of the puck chasers to join the colors, Wednesday Lavigne joined the artillery at Kingston.

Five of last year's Port Hope's O. H. A. Juniors have answered the call of King and Country. They are "Jack" Edmonds, R. Bennett, Lorne Emmerson, P. Dorch, and Cyril Brown.

"Eddie" O'Leary, the Ottawa player, who was out with T.R. and A.A. last week, but who did not go to Hamilton with the team Saturday, is again out with the Black and White. He will add much strength to the line at inside wing.

The termination of the world's baseball series in Philadelphia makes necessary the return of \$70,000 to seat-holders by the management of the Boston club. This sum had been paid in for reservations for a possible third game here.

The proposed trip to the Pacific coast of the world's champion Red Sox and the Philadelphia National League pennant winners was declared off by Robert B. McRoy, representing the National Baseball Commission.

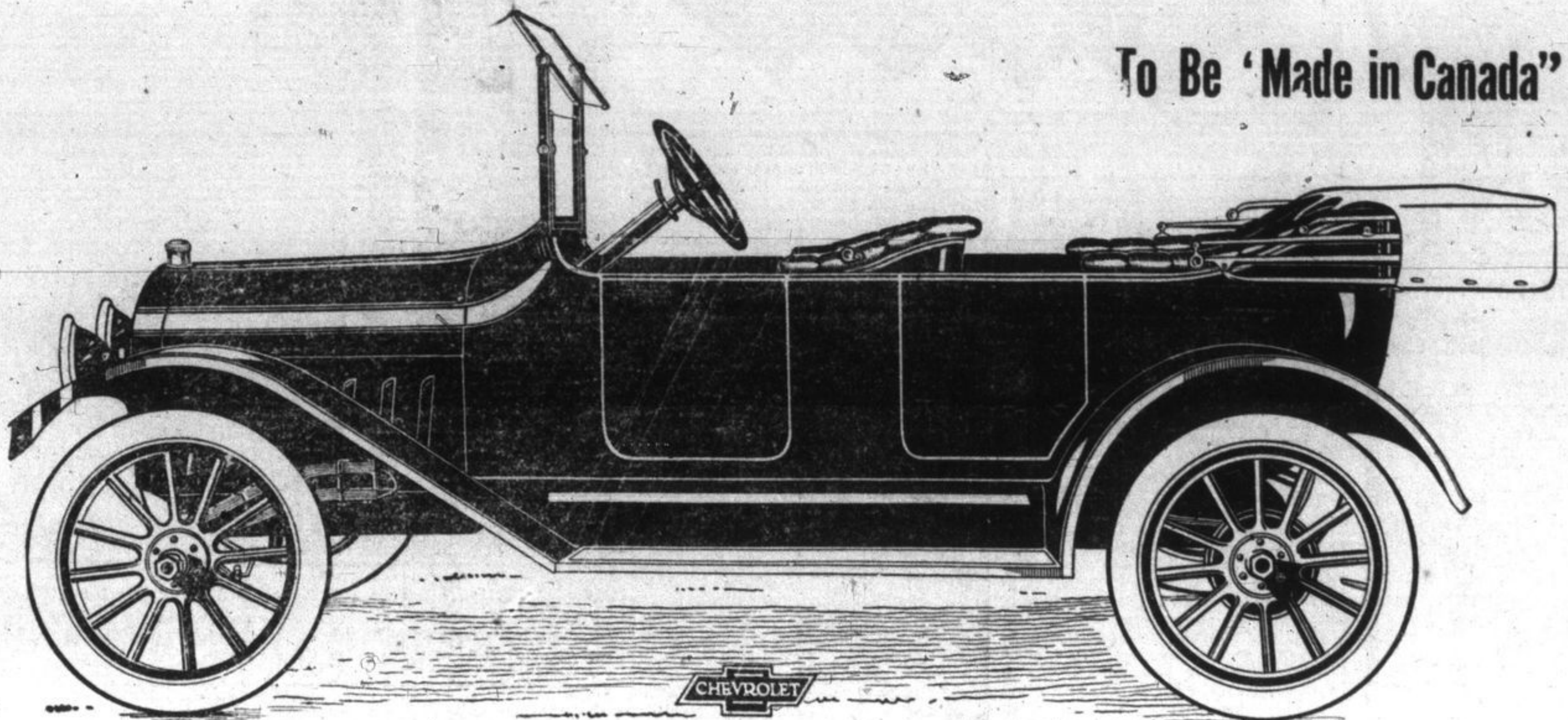
Toronto Telegram.—The decision of the Interprovincial Rugby Union to continue its schedule was expected. They have incurred the usual heavy expenses in training and travelling, and it would be scarcely fair to ask them to drop the series.

The admittance of an Ottawa club to the Ontario Hockey Association and the formation of an Eastern Section of the big amateur league are the suggestions embodied in an application to be filed shortly by Reg. Sims, manager of the Aberdeens.

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ENGLISH OBSERVATION OFFICERS DETERMINING THE RANGE.



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artillery school at Kingston, and are at present attached to the 12th Battery C.F.A. stationed at Guelph.

"Jim" Corkery, winner of the Hamilton race on Thanksgiving day, and Edward Fabre, the Montreal Frenchman, will likely meet shortly in a matched race.

The individual star in the world's baseball game was Duffy Lewis, who batted .444 in five games, held his position perfectly, having eleven chances, many of them almost impossible ones.

Charlie Gage, the Varsity star Rugby player and boxer, is in the "yard" fighting. In a letter to a friend he winds up with: "I see a lot of these young boys are still at home. I knew these fellows with the handkerchiefs up their sleeves would not be at the front."

Boston's pitchers deserve a lot of credit. But take an ordinary outfield and stick them in the places of Hooper, Lewis and Speaker, and Boston's pitchers would have lost every game with the exception of last Saturday's, which little George Foster won single-handed.

Eighty thousand dollars were rolled up in the ball that Harry Hooper drove into the centre field bleachers and won the world's championship for the Boston Red Sox. The drive cost Hooper's employer, "Joe" Lannin, \$40,000, and William F. Baker, Philly owner, \$40,000. The money represents the receipts of what would have been Thursday's game in Boston, in which the slugger would have got all except the ten per cent. for the National Commission.

By winning this year's world series the Boston Red Sox gives the American League the edge in the num-

ber of world series won by the two major leagues since 1903. The Braves' notable victory that year evened up the count at five to five. The American League win this year leaves the records six to five for Johnson's circuit.

ENGLAND'S SEA POWER.

Her Task is Far Greater Than That Of Mr. Tirpitz.

"Old Sea Dog" in Ohio State Journal. There appears to be a growing belief among Americans that the so-called "blockade" of England by German submarines has seriously jeopardized the former's sea power and her ocean trade. This is a mistake, notwithstanding the occasional sinking of large vessels.

I have just received an official analysis of the overseas trade of Great Britain for the first year of the war. Submarining this analysis, it appears that the British Government requisitioned for transporting troops and ammunition 20 per cent. of English steamers, and that in one way or another 244 British ships of all kinds had been destroyed by the enemy. Yet the extraordinary fact remains that at the end of the first year of the war England's overseas trade is practically as large as it was in the preceding year—and that was a record year. To some extent this is accounted for by the fact that the destruction of the British ships has been partially offset by the capture at sea or seizure in port of over 100 German ships, each of 3,000 tons or over, but principally by the fact that since the war the tendency has been to use larger ships for freight and to carry heavier cargoes—thus making up for the decrease of tonnage available for freight by the transferring of 20 per cent. to the needs of the Government. Many of the big passenger ships are now using most of the space for cargo.

The German submarine "blockade" was declared last February, and yet ever since then the stream of cargoes pouring into Great Britain has been larger than ever before in history. In the ocean trade only vessels of 1,000 tons or upward count. Of these, up to July, only 124 out of a total of 3,000 had been destroyed by the Germans, and against this loss must be set the 100 vessels of this size taken from the Germans, not counting new vessels built. So that, after all the sensational raids by German submarines against the British navy and mercantile marine, the importations of foodstuffs and everything else are now greater than ever before, and the British flag is seen flying on every sea except only German waters.

Contrast this condition with Germany's plight. Not a single German ship, war or mercantile, sails on any ocean or any sea except under the protection of German land guns within the restricted German coast area, and German overseas trade is absolutely non-existent. Furthermore, under the protection of its navy, England has transported to France and is now transporting hundreds of thousands of soldiers, while at the same time moving large armies to Egypt, to Turkey and from India, Canada, Australia and New Zealand—the most stupendous feat of its kind in the world's history.

It is just beginning to be appreciated by students of the terrible drama now unfolding in Europe that, contrary to general understanding, Great Britain is playing a part which is far greater than even that played by Germany, notwithstanding the latter's vast preparations dating back forty years.

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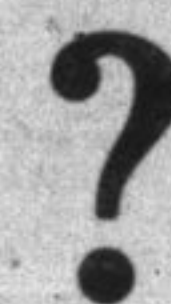
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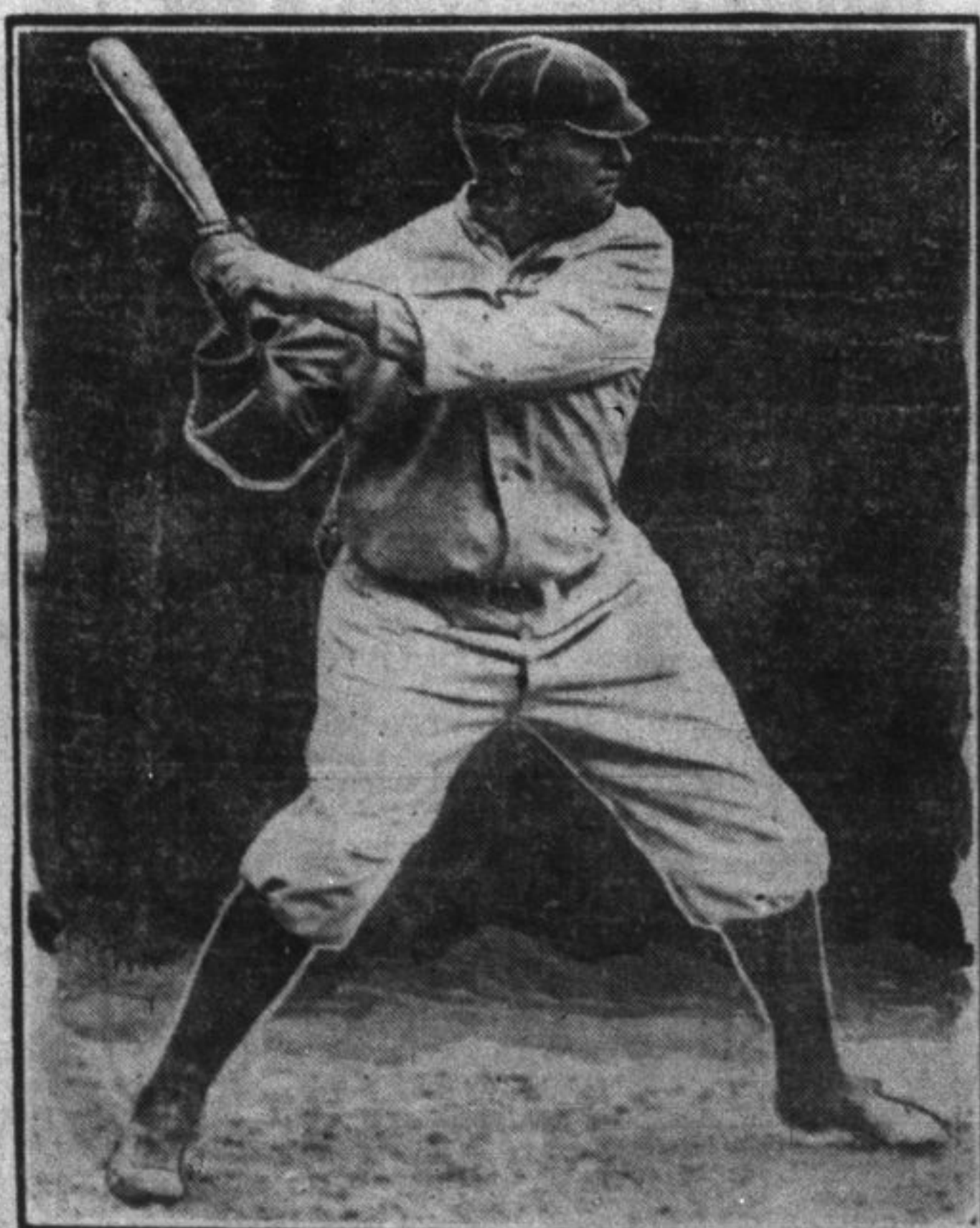
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