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# In the World of Sport

## YES, KEEP SPORT ALIVE

DURING WAR PERIOD—IN BEST INTERESTS OF ALL

Former Football President, Now at Front, Says Yes—It is Good for the Potential Soldier.

In a recent letter to Craig Campbell, of Toronto, Serjt. Fred A. Bartler, first president of the Dominion Football Association, writing from France, says:—"As far as the supply of papers has permitted, I have been following the story of the international game, Canada v. United States, and am much interested in your efforts to pick a representative team. I cannot see that your methods can be improved on in the prevailing circumstances. May the best of luck attend the efforts of yourself and the executive, and may this game prove to be the first of a series that will last for all time and bring about a cementing of the sporting interests of the States and Canada.

"Remember the criticisms levelled at the first 'Montreal v. Toronto' game, and let them be your incentive to persevere with your present project. The results of the inter-city games have more than justified their inception and to them the success of the D.F.A. is largely attributable.

### Keep the Game Going.

"You ask my opinion on the continuation of sport in Canada while the war is on. Now, this is a big question, and my idea on the subject cannot be given in the course of a letter such as this, but briefly, I am in favor of keeping the games going as far as is consistent with the real interests of the country. For instance, I believe that if sport is interfering with recruiting (and I am not in a position to determine this), then sport should be stopped, but viewed in the sense of the good that it does to the potential soldier, I am sure that it is in the best interest of all that sport should continue. I cannot believe that men are making their duty to their King and country subservient to their love of sport. That is not compatible with the ethics of sport, and I would hesitate to pass

## WILL HAMILTON BE IN INTERNATIONAL?

Said That There is a Chance For the Ambitious City.

There is more truth than fiction in the annual story to the effect that Hamilton is to be represented in the International League, says the Hamilton Herald. It is a fact that President Edward Barrow is casting longing eyes this way, and that he is seeking information about the Ambitious City with a view to including it in the circuit. A Hamiltonian, well known to Barrow, was in New York for a few days, and was quite surprised when the league charge de affaires shot several questions at him regarding this city. He wanted to know the exact population and the nearby towns from which it could help swell its attendance figures. He stated to the local man that it is the intention to forget there is such a city as Montreal, because every club in the league has lost money there, and that Hamilton is the city he wants to land. Syracuse wants to get in again, but Barrow favors Hamilton because of the fact that with Montreal out, Toronto will be the only Canadian city represented in a league that is supposed to bear an international favor. The annual meeting of the International League will be held in November, and it will be interesting to watch developments.

## BARRY MAY PLAY IN BIG SERIES

The Boston Red Sox Captain is Now Rounding Into Shape.

Reservations in the world series games to be played in Boston if the Red Sox retain their league leadership will be allotted on a basis of superior mail applications, acknowledgements of which will be forwarded by mail. Not more than four tickets will be allowed to one applicant.

Heine Wagner and Jack Barry, who, with Manager Carrigan, have formed the team's "board of strategy," have been assigned to observe the Brooklyn Nationals in coming games with a view to learning the styles of play of the possible rival contenders. Barry is understood to be ready to leave his home in Worcester, where he has been under treatment for a broken hand. Splints have been removed, and the hand is healing well, but the question whether he can take his place at second base in the world's series is still an open one.

## FORM RACING COMMISSION

TO KEEP THE TRACK SPORT FROM BEING KILLED.

By the Increase of Race Tracks—The Professional Promoters Must Be Shut Out of Canada.

The opposition to the new Devonshire Park race course, which has developed in Ontario, coupled with the agitation which has been apparent in Montreal for some time against the predominance of Americans employed on Canadian racecourses, seems to indicate, just as straws show which way the wind blows, that the time is fast approaching when more absolute control than at present exists over turf matters in Canada must come into force, or the sport must cease to exist.

The action of the Ontario clubs in blacklisting the horses and the people connected with the proposed new track at Windsor, is largely a measure of self-preservation, and these measures of self-preservation will unquestionably be forced on existing clubs in the Province of Quebec. The solution of the difficulty seems to lie in the establishment of a Racing Commission for Canada composed of Canadians and free as possible from political influences. The establishment of a State Racing Commission in Kentucky did much to rehabilitate the sport there. This commission takes full charge of the running of race meetings and insists among other things that employment at race tracks under its jurisdiction shall be given to none but Kentuckians.

## THE WORLD'S SERIES TO BEGIN OCT. 7

The Head of National Commission Making Preparation For Series.

The world's baseball series will open on Saturday, October 7, according to President B. B. Johnson, of the American League, who as a member of the National Commission is ready to begin preparations for the series. With the race as uncertain as it is, no final action has been taken yet by the National Commission, Mr. Johnson said. "I am certain that the world's series will start on October 7," said Johnson. The contestants might be willing to begin October 6, but I hardly think so. The American League race closes one day earlier than the National, so I do not think that would be fair to the National League winner. It looks as if the opening game will be played a week from next Saturday."

## GIANTS' FIRST BASEMAN

Looks Like One of the Big Finds of the Season.

Walter Holke, the blonde giant who has filled Fred Merkle's shoes on the McGraw club, looks like one of the big finds of the season. The stalwart first baseman is only twenty-two, and if he keeps on improving like he has for the last year or two he will certainly be one of the finest first sackers the game has ever had. It was with Davenport, in the Three-I, that Holke got his baseball start in 1913. He swatted the leather 296 in the Iowa city, and in 1914 he hit 315 for Spokane in the North-western League, and stood second in fielding among the first basemen of that fast circuit. McGraw bought him from Spokane, but turned him over to Rochester for further seasoning, and he was batting .341 for the Hustlers up to the first of this month, when McGraw recalled him.

## Military Team for N.H.A.

It can be stated upon the best of authority that at the annual meeting of the National Hockey Association of Canada to be held next Saturday a representative of an Ontario soldier team will apply for a franchise. The question of a president is still unsettled, so says a Montreal despatch.

Davenport, of the St. Louis Browns, has figured in the pitching box in no less than fifty-six games. He is the general relief pitcher of the Browns.

Walter Johnson has been used in the pitching box by Washington in 45 games. He won 25 and lost 13.

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