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In the World of Sport

HAMILTON HAD THEM, BUT THEY WENT AWAY Hockey Players Take Their Departure—Amalgamated Military Team Probable.

Chances of the Hamilton Hockey Club securing the speedy team they counted on for this season's campaign in the intermediate series of the O.H.A. are not as bright as they were a month or so ago. It was discovered during the summer months that at least half a dozen stars from other towns had made Hamilton their home, but now it develops that the majority of them have gone back to their family hearths. One of them, Hainsworth, the Kitchener-goalie, is in Toronto, and will probably be with one of the senior clubs there, Jimmy Freeman, the Brantford wing, who made a fine showing in the game played here last winter, was also in this city in the warm weather, but he, too, has departed.

The wholesale departure of these men who were counted on to round out one of the fastest intermediate teams in the O.H.A. and Andy Mordey's decision to pass up the manager's duties dampen the enthusiasm that was promised. There are still a number of members of last year's team available, but several of them say that they will not play at all. The military team being formed by Sergt. Russell E. Smith of the Tigers will be a strong outfit, if he succeeds in getting the 227th, 164th and Tigers to amalgamate. The 227th Battalion boasts of some of Ontario's best puck-chasers, practically the entire Sunbury team now being members of that battalion. None but soldiers or those who can show rejection buttons will be permitted to play with the amalgamated club, says Sergt. Smith.

CONNIE MACK HAS NUCLEUS Of Another Winning Baseball Club In American.

Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Americans, believes he has the nucleus of another winning baseball club in the outfit he possesses now. There is no question that the tailenders showed a lot of class, even though they finished last by many a lap.

In the youngsters he picked up this year the veteran manager has collected a bunch of real players who will improve with experience. They have not been together long enough to get going right.

In Grover, Manager Mack thinks he has a real star. The youngster played the second bag like a veteran. He is also a hitter after the Mack style. Pick and Witt who have been holding down the far side of the infield all season, are two men who would fit well on most any team in the league. The real advantage Connie Mack has is that he is getting youngsters who will be able to play the game for many years to come. He is getting them in the rough and doing the polishing himself.

With Melnes on first he now has an infield that looks good enough to go through next year without a hitch. In the outfield, Strunk Brown and Schang are covering the ground in fine shape. Strunk has been one of the best fielders of the league for several seasons and he is still young. In the pitching department Bush, Nabors and Myers are three good pitchers.

Mack is an expert in picking out youngsters with ability. He can teach them the game after he gets

them if he finds players who have natural ability and are willing to learn. Connie Mack has had the nerve to do what no other baseball manager has ever done: he tore a great machine to pieces and sent his stars to all corners of the league. Then he deliberately set out to build from the ground up. The only reservation he made was to hang on to some of his young players of the championship machine for his nucleus for the other great machine he is making.

WANTS MORE MONEY. Freddie Welsh Asks \$18,000 to Meet Johnnie Dundee.

Just when Dominick Tortorich thought he was sure of Freddie Welsh and Johnnie Dundee meeting at New Orleans New Year's Day in twenty rounds for the lightweight title, Harry Pollok, manager of Welsh, wrote Tortorich that Freddie could not see his way clear to accept \$15,000 before he stepped into the ring for a twenty-round match, and asking the local promoter to raise the guarantee for the Brits. Tortorich wrote back that he was considering the offer of Pollok. Tortorich announced, however, that he expected Pollok to accept the \$15,000, as Dundee wanted something for his end, and he thought \$3,000 fair enough.

The total purse is \$18,000. Johnny Eric also asked for \$3,000 for a chance against Kid Herman, Frankie Burns or Kid Williams in twenty rounds.

FOR PRESIDENT OF N.H.A. Major Frank Robinson Likely to be the Choice.

Latest advices from Quebec state that it is more than probable now that Major Frank Robinson, former owner of the Toronto Hockey Club, will be chosen as president of the National Hockey Association this season, honorary president in fact. This in a measure would be carrying out the idea of having a person who is sufficiently interested in hockey to take the position with remuneration and has experience in the professional game, and who at the same time has experience in ruling men. It is understood that Quebec, the two Toronto clubs, and the Canadiens, are heartily in favor of trying to get him to accept the post.

Should he allow his name to be proposed for the honorary position it is hoped that Harvey Pulford can be prevailed upon to again accept the position of principal referee.

A NEW RINK FOR DETROIT. An Artificial Ice Plant Is to be Installed.

That Detroit is becoming a red-hot hockey town is demonstrated by the fact that the General Ice Company is building one of the largest and finest rinks on the continent, with special attention paid to the seating capacity. The new rink will be located on Woodward avenue at Hendrie, the ice dimensions being 250 by 90 feet. The rink will have an artificial surface and will hold 2,500 spectators.

Just when hockey practice will be started is not definitely known at the present time, it depending on the completion of the rink, but just as soon as it is ready the call for players will be issued. The Detroit Hockey Club having been granted the rink privileges the same as last season. The D. H. C. now is in search of a good man to manage and coach it.

JOHNSON IS OBSTINATE. American League President Insists That Players Will Be Fined.

Despite the protest of David L. Fultz, president of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, against fining members for playing exhibition games after the close of the season. It was declared by B. B. Johnson, president of the American League, that the guilty players probably would have to contribute to the treasury of the National Commission.

"I do not care to enter into any lengthy debate with Mr. Fultz," said Mr. Johnson, "but as the players know they were not permitted to play exhibition games, they must expect to be punished. Their contracts explicitly state that they shall not engage in any games outside of the regular schedule after the season closes, and a fine is provided by the rules of the commission."

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Advantages of Universal Scale of Weights and Organization of Boxing.

One of the chief advantages of a national association in control of boxing is the authority such an organization would have over the champions of the different classes.

Under the rules as enforced in England by the National Sporting Club of London, the French Federation of Boxing of Paris and the Australian Boxing Association of Australia, champions must defend their titles once every six months or forfeit to bona fide challengers.

These foreign boxing associations also set the weights at which the championship bouts in the various classes shall be contested, and also make the rules under which the bouts are fought.

As the weights in the three countries named are uniform and the rules practically the same, there is uniformity, and international matches are easy to arrange. The weights are officially adopted and strictly enforced in England, France and Australia are: Flyweight, 112 pounds; bantam, 118; feather, 125; light, 135; welter, 147; middle, 160, and all above heavy.

Jennings Tells About Giants. One of the reasons why Manager Hugh Jennings of the Detroit Americans arranged for a spring tour with the New York National League Baseball Club was the poor opposition furnished the Detroit team last spring on its trip north from its training camp. The tour will begin at Dallas, Texas, April 1, and end at Kansas City.

When Jennings reached Detroit with his club he was quoted as declaring that practically all the real workouts his men received were at their camp at Waxahachie, Texas, and in exhibition games with the New York Nationals.

For several years Manager Jennings has been considering the advisability of shortening the stay at a training camp, and then hardening his men by playing a pre-season series of games with major league clubs.



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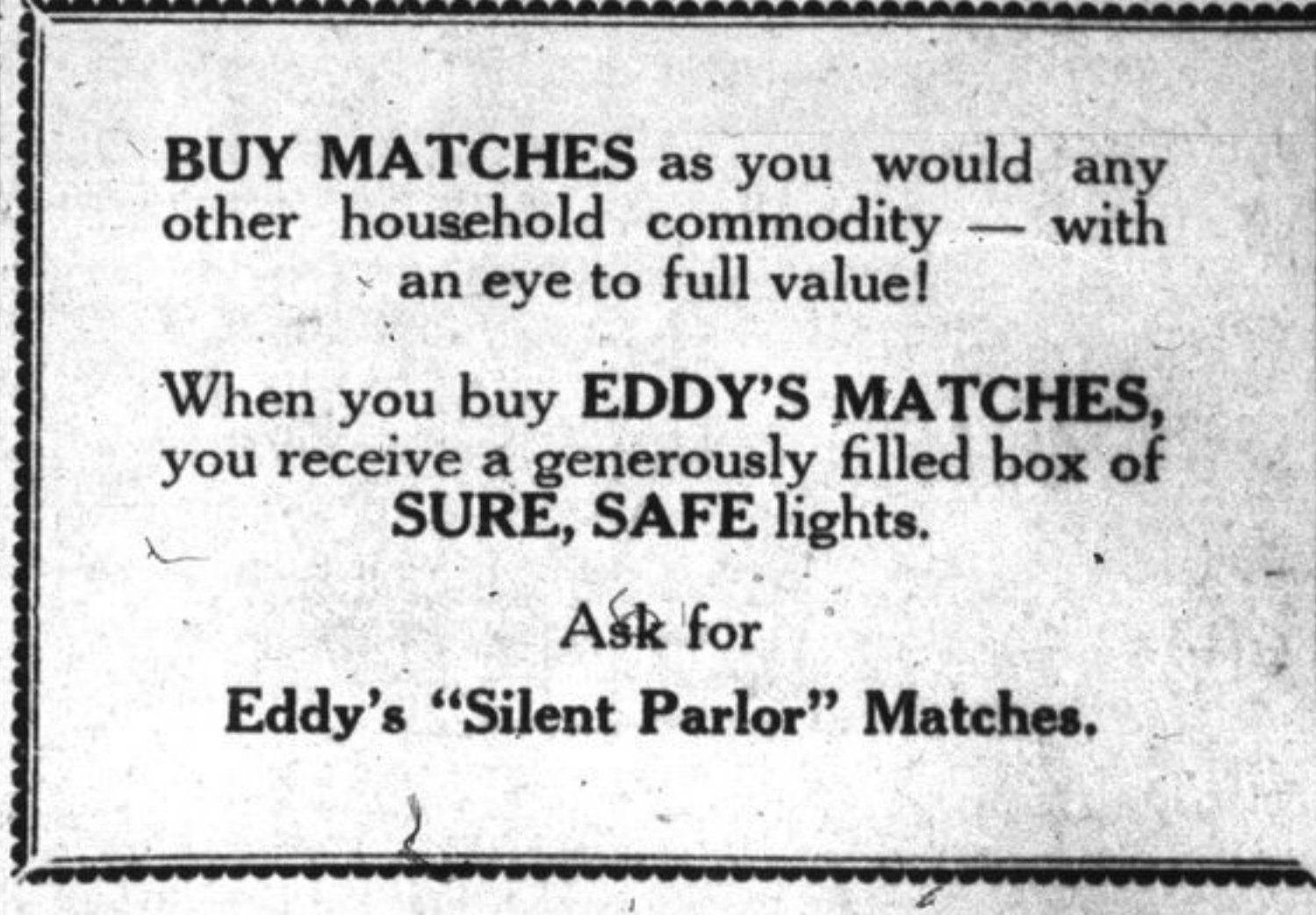
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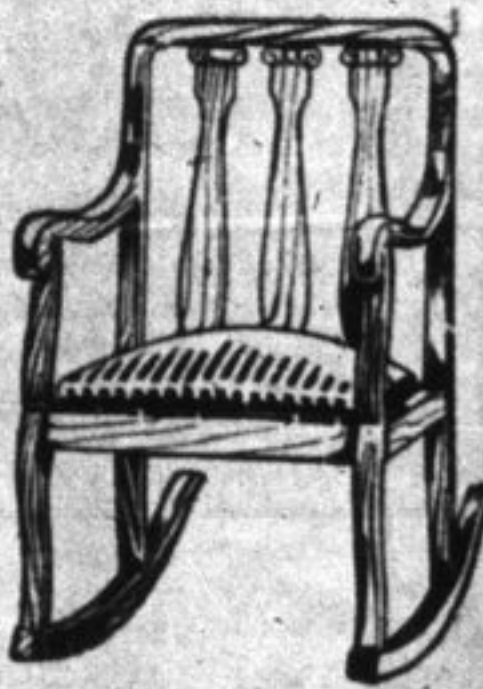
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