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In the World of Sport

SPORTING NOTES.

The Connaught Park Jockey Club of Ottawa is taking a drastic step to encourage recruiting and to assist those who have done their bit at the front. Last year the local racing association decided to employ none but Canadians wherever possible, and carried out their rule to the letter. A member of the management committee stated that the board had decided to employ in the pari-mutuel plants none who were eligible for active service overseas. This means that all of the 100 positions in connection with the pari-mutuel pavilion will be given to returned soldiers, rejected recruits or those over military age. There will be no exceptions.

Lou Dillon, 2.01, the fastest of trotting mares, gave birth last week to a filly by The Harvester, 2.01, holder of the world's record for trotting stallions until last year. The royally bred youngster was foaled at C. K. G. Billings' Virginia stud farm, on the James River, near Richmond. Lou Dillon was barren in 1915, after having produced Lou Billings, 2.08 3-4; Expressive Lou, 2.08 1-4; Ben Billings, 2.17 1-4; and Mack Dillon, 2.22 1-4.

That size and weight are not important factors in trapshooting was proven in 1916 by Homer Clark, of Alton, Ill., when he broke 2,955 of 2,100 clay birds shot at in tournaments registered by the Interstate Association. This gives Clark an average of 98 per cent., the highest ever compiled by a trapshooter, amateur or professional. He is the smallest in point of stature of the present day professional trapshooters.

Reports from Australia show the strict censorship that prevails over all forms of mail matter. Recently a well known sporting authority desired to send a letter to boxer Les Darcy, now in this country, and entrusted the communication to a friend about to sail for the States. The letter was found in his possession just before the ship left the dock. As a result he was fined \$50 and the writer \$125, after a hearing which caused the bearer of the letter to lose his passage on the ship.

It is understood that inquiries are being made with regard to the alleged violations of the amateur rules of the E.C.H.A. in different parts of the district, and that matters will be straightened out at once. It is said that the 230th were obliged to use a couple of the Brockville City players to fill out their ranks Friday night. A protest has been entered on account of the fact that Bill Symonds and others played for the soldiers. In connection with the appearance of Styanan on the Arnprior team, an officer of the club states emphatically that it was young "Hank" and not Ernie who played.

Fight fans are manifesting an unusual degree of interest in the ability displayed by Roddy McDonald, the young Canadian and protégé of Bob Fitzsimmons, who just now is seeking a bout with Les Darcy. His first victory this year was on New Year's Day, when he knocked out Tom McDonald, of Roxbury, Mass., in the third round. He has also scored knockouts against Wild Bill Fleming, Johnny Howard, Joe Rivers and Mike (Twin) Sullivan.

Eddie Plank, the veteran southpaw with the St. Louis Browns last season, may wear a New York Yankee uniform in 1917. It is understood that the owners of the New York club are in a receptive mood as regards the acquisition of Plank, although they seem unwilling to trade any promising young material. Plank notified Manager Fielder Jones that he would retire from the game rather than play another season in St. Louis. He played two years there. Plank asked to be traded or sold to some eastern club. Plank's work last season ranked him among the bet in the league. He finished twelfth among the twirlers in regard to earned runs off his delivery, in thirty-seven games, pitching 235 2-3 innings, 857 batters opposed him. He was hit safely 202 times, and charged with sixty-one earned runs. He finished the season with an average of 2.23 earned runs per game. Plank is past 40 years old and still is said to possess plenty of his old-time speed.

BROWN TURNS PROMOTER.

Well-known Racing Man After Madison Square Garden.

Grant Hugh Brown, widely known in horse racing circles, confirms a report that he is among the field of boxing promoters who were endeavoring to secure a lease of Madison Square Garden. Brown added, however, that he did not have any definite information regarding the outcome of his negotiations, and did not expect anything of a positive nature for a couple of days. Brown also said that he had verbal agreements with both Les Darcy, the Australian boxer, and Fred Fulton, the Rochester, Minn., giant, that these two boxers would box for him if he was successful in his Garden venture.

Tex Rickard, the western promoter, did not seem at all concerned over the report of Brown's negotiations, and maintained his usual tranquility, saying that he had nothing new either in regard to Georges Carpentier, the French boxer, or the leasing of Madison Square Garden.

HIS WIFE WON'T LET HIM.

Real Reason Why "Packey" McFarland Quit Ring.

Packey McFarland, boxer and ring general extraordinary, is not going back into the game.

True Packey announced through Doc Krone that he was hot on the trail of Les Darcy and Mike Gibbons and would consent to perform for the paltry sum of \$25,000. However, Packey spoke without the consent of his manager.

"My real manager has vetoed the comeback thing," is the announcement from the McFarland chicken farm near Joliet. "She says we have enough at home to keep me busy without boxing again."

Which, say those who know Mrs. Packey, is sufficient proof that McFarland days in the ring are over.

LEAFS WILL SUSPEND IF FRATERNITY WINS

McCaffery States Positively Toronto Will Make No Further Concessions.

"If the Players' Fraternity wins its threatened strike the Toronto club will close up shop for the season of 1917," said President McCaffery upon his return from New York. "We have conceded the players all we can afford to. The team will be ordered to report at the training camp and if within five days it is not found possible to proceed we will order the paraphernalia shipped home. A band will meet it at the Union Depot and play the Dead March back to the storeroom."

President McCaffery was highly complimented by baseball men generally upon the signing of Napoleon Lajoie as manager. It is believed that he will be a great favorite not only in Toronto, but throughout the circuit. In New York Mr. McCaffery met "Lena" Blackburn, who positively refused to have anything to do with the managerial job. Blackburn, says he will be more than pleased to play for Lajoie, and considers the Frenchman a great manager.

Lajoie will be in Toronto on Saturday or Sunday.

Addison Leaves Sunday.

"Dug" Addison, the well-known and popular net guardian of the Toronto Riverside O.H.A. senior team, has received instructions to leave for England on Sunday to join the Royal Air Service, for which he qualified some time ago.

He enlisted with the 234th Battalion last summer, but decided to take a crack at the flying game and has been awaiting orders to proceed overseas. Addison made his reputation with the Simcoe juniors and the St. Michael and T.R. and A.A. seniors. His place in goal for Riversides will be taken by Ernie Collett, last year's regular.

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RECOGNITION GIVEN TO FRENCH

United States Formally Acknowledges Protectorate in Morocco.

Washington, Jan. 19.—France's protectorate over Morocco is recognized by the United States in a note handed Ambassador Jusserand today by Secretary of State Lansing. The note says the action is taken notwithstanding the present conflict in Europe, in order to meet the wishes of the French Government and people, for whom the Government and people of the United States entertain a traditional and sincere friendship.

Negotiations on this subject have been under way intermittently since France and Spain partitioned Morocco in 1912, but the United States has up to now withheld the recognition on the ground that she should not be the first nation to take such action in that part of the world, where her interests are very indirect.

The United States heretofore has uniformly declined to recognize territorial changes during the course of the war, but it is held that this change is entirely independent of the war and was initiated before hostilities broke out.

WELSH IS ILL.

And Bout For His Title Has Been Cancelled.

Freddie Welsh, champion lightweight, is a sick boy. After his bout with Ritchie Mitchell his doctor advised him to quit boxing and take care of himself, as he is threatened with la grippe.

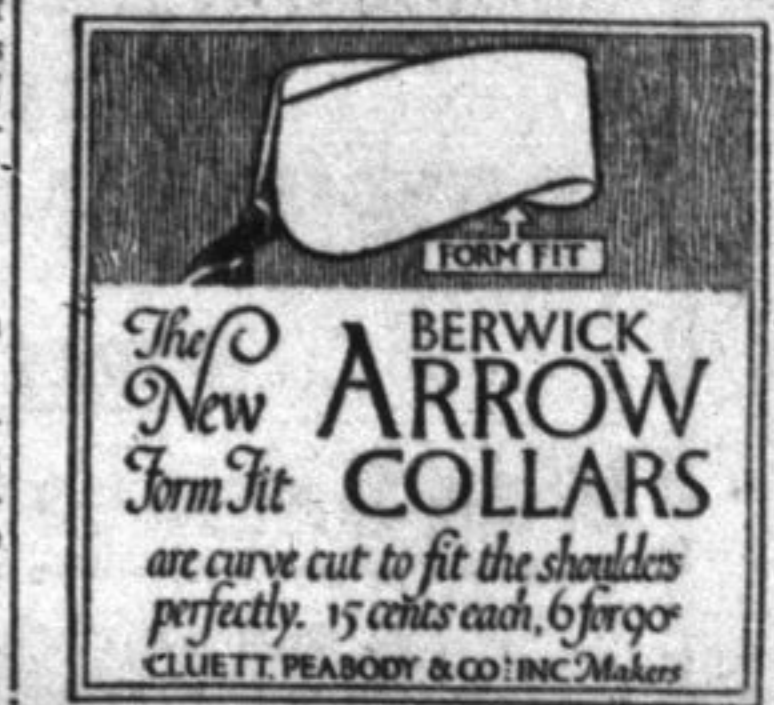
As a result his manager, Harry Pollock, cancelled two matches and

also the proposed twenty-round battle at New Orleans for the title, and will take him to Excelsior Springs for a few weeks. Pollock has promised Mitchell a match at New Orleans later for the championship.

The Stars Would Object.

Affiliation of the Baseball Players' Fraternity with the American Federation of Labor would end the present salary system in professional baseball by which the best players now receive thousands of dollars for their work, in the opinion of President Ban B. Johnson, of the American League, who discussed here yesterday the plan to unionize ball players.

He asserted the change would mean that a union scale of wages would be paid both to the star and the average player, in accordance with the amount of money his position called for. He doubted if the stars of the game would make such an agreement.



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