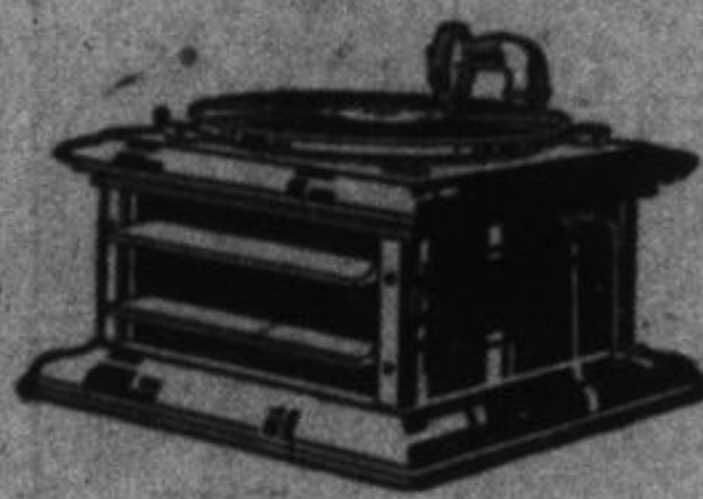


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SPORTING NOTES.

The major league baseball season will open on April 11th, according to announcement given out by the joint schedule committee of the National and American Leagues.

A New York writer figures that New York at the present time has 12 indoor skating rinks, with floor accommodations for 15,000 to 20,000 persons performing simultaneously, and patronized each by about 100,000 skaters and skates.

Smith's Falls and Brockville are on even terms in the Eastern Ontario Hockey Association. An extra game may be necessary to decide that championship.

Renfrew have a clear lead in the Ottawa Valley series and look unbeatable. They and the 24th Battalion play at the Creamery-Town Friday when real action may be filmed.

Hawkesbury appears to have a stronghold on the Eastern Section, Lower Ottawa honors. Their win over Vankeek Hill Monday makes it hard to overtake Bill McCree's speed boys.

The Alert Ladies Hockey Club of Ottawa has been invited to play at Pittsburgh this month. Montreal Westerns and the Westboro girls may also visit the Smoky City.

Mal Eason will not be a National League umpire during the coming season. He has been released to make room for "Kitty" Braundfield.

Before the war Herbery Rhodes refused \$31,500 for his great sprinter, Great Surprise, but he was recently sold at the war figure \$14,000, to Col. Davis, of Llandudno, to be utilized as a sire of hunters.

The New York Hockey League is in a weakened state as a result of the recent rough work, plus the squabbles about imported players. It may not complete the present season. There is much ill feeling between the teams.

It is a tough year for turfmen. One member would limit racing to fourteen days per year in each city, while another would close the tracks until the Allies have won the war. As for the trotters, they have evidently hoisted the white flag to surrender. At the local meeting the gate receipts were not sufficient to pay the Provincial tax for one day.

Recent statements of Georges Carpentier indicate that the French heavyweight champion is entertaining little hope of getting to his country until long after the war is over. He may not come even then. He expresses a desire to have a couple of ring engagements in his own country, and others in London.

before coming to America. Carpenter appreciates Tex Rickard's offer of \$25,000 to fight in America, but says he couldn't accept it even if he wanted to. The young Frenchman believes his services belong to his country while a German remains to be shot down. He would like to meet Willard of course, just to prove he is the best white pugilist in the world.

Who would have thought a few years ago that English breeders would enter horses in American stakes. While the fact that Walter S. Heather, of Rugby, Eng., has sent eleven nominations for the Futurity of 1919 is probably a speculation on his part, it nevertheless is an innovation, and shows distinctly that a closer connection is being brought about between European and American breeders of thoroughbreds.

Ezra Midkiff, while he was manager of the Louisville club of the American Association, suffered a broken leg, and will be given a chance to make good with the Richmond International league team. Midkiff was at one time with Baltimore.

AMATEUR SKI CHAMPION.

Nelsen Wins the Title and Breaks Record.

Nels Nelsen won the Canadian amateur and British Columbia amateur ski-jumping championship. He broke his British Columbia record of last year by one foot and his Canadian record by 11 feet. His longest jump was 147 feet. He also won the seven-mile ski race across Mount Revelstoke, Omtvedt, world's champion, made a number of exhibition jumps, his longest being 160 feet. Soft weather made it difficult to get the run to take off.

International Polo Match.

As a result of communications that have passed between polo players of the United States and South America, it was announced today, there is a strong possibility that a team from Argentina will come to the United States for a series of international polo matches. There is a remote possibility, it was said, that Spain also may send a team here.

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The Boston Braves are prepared and equipped to break the back of the threatened baseball strike. President Houghton, acting with Manager George Stallings, has secured options on the baseball services of eight or ten Class A.A. stars and within a few days expects to have that number increased to fifteen.

These hand-picked performers from the International League, American Association and Pacific Coast League will go south to Miami, Florida, with the Braves and will, if such a course is made necessary by strike of the bulk of the Braves, become regular members of the tribe and take their places in the line-up for the championship games. "We'll go south as scheduled," says Houghton, "and we'll have a good team. Of course, we hope that we will not be forced to go to extreme measures, but we cannot afford to be caught napping."

GIRLS ALMOST FIGHT

Cornwall Whirlwind and Montreal Lass Sassed Each Other.

Miss Lapensee, of Cornwall, and Miss Doloro of Westerns, came close to having a battle royal after a hockey match in Montreal. Miss Doloro was checking Miss Lapensee hard all evening, and after bumping the latter into the fence in the second period, Miss Lapensee told her, "To stop that or she would stop her." At the same time taking off her gloves, Miss Doloro told her that she was not afraid of Miss Lapensee even if the latter came from Cornwall, and it was finally decided that they would meet after the match and settle the matter once for all.

Kentucky Commission Upheld.

Authority of the Kentucky State Racing Commission to regulate purses was upheld by the Court of Appeals, which has affirmed the Jefferson Circuit Court decision in the suit of the Douglas Park Jockey against the Commission. The Jockey Club objected to the rule requiring tracks within cities with 200,000 population to offer a minimum purse of \$800 and other tracks not less than \$600 and sought an injunction to restrain an enforcement of the rule as discriminatory in favor of Lexington. The injunction was refused.

If the proposed rule that the nearest fence or obstacle in a major league baseball park shall be no less than 270 feet from the home plate goes into effect, home runs will become a curiosity.



WOMEN PLOWING IN THE OLD COUNTRY.
Women must work while their husbands must fight in old England. The picture shows a sturdy English farmwife guiding the harrows on the plowed field, while her two little daughters plod alongside her for company's sake. These are days of work and sacrifice in the Old Land.

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