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Pitcher Fred Beebe, transferred his farm next summer. Beebe pulled from the Cleveland club to Portland, ed the same stuff on Indianapolis of the Pacific Coast League, has last spring, but changed his mind inimated to Portland that he may when Cleveland secured his con- not report, but will give his time to tract.

In the World of Sport

SPORTING NOTES.

President Johnson of the American League signed Harry McCormick, a veteran major league star, as a member of the 1917 umpiring staff. McCormick officiated in the American Association last season.

Grouchy Gus says: I see that Turkish college professors have recommended the German Kaiser for the Nobel Peace Prize. Now, somebody ought to nominate Heine, Zimmerman, Johnny Evers and Joe Hall.

Ottawa Aberdeens will likely visit New York, New Haven and Boston immediately after the close of the present season.

Pitcher Herb Shocker hands out the first baseball tip of the season. Recalls New York Yankees to annex the championship.

The N.H.A. intends to demand its pound of flesh from the 228th Battalion. We all know the fate of the original Shylock.

Another record went down at New York for Jolie Ray, the remarkable distance runner of the Chicago Athletic club, running in the New York Athletic club's annual indoor meet. Ray set a new indoor record for two miles, covering the distance in nine minutes, 11 2-5 seconds, within two seconds of the outdoor record.

The itinerary of the Chicago Cubs on the return trip from California is by no means decided. One proposition under consideration is to have the team stop over at Tucson, Ariz., a couple of weeks on the way back. It depends a good deal on the number of exhibitions that can be booked for the return journey.

Sherwood Magee has undoubtedly outlived his usefulness as a big leaguer. It has been rumored that George Stallings is going to turn the veteran outfielder loose and replace him with Joe Kelly, the player secured from the Cubs in exchange for Fred Mitchell.

Eight valuable steeplechase horses in the lot trained by Silas Veitch were burned last night in a fire which destroyed the stable in which they were quartered at Belmont Park.

The "stakes" announced for the spring meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club at Pimlico are lacking in the essential qualifications of sweepstakes, since there is no entrance fee to any of them.

"Pete" Herman, the new bantam-weight champion, and Johnny Ertle, the St. Paul bantam, have been matched to meet in a ten-round bout at St. Paul the early part of March.

Tut Spencer, catcher of the Detroit Americans, has signed to coach the baseball team of Santa Clara College. Santa Clara has produced many stars, including Hal Chase.

Carl Sawyer, the utility infielder of the Washington Senators, who elicited a furor of mirth by his comical actions on the coaching line on the opening day at the Polo Grounds this season, has become a movie star. If Sawyer can appear as funny on the screen as he can on a baseball field, he will draw many a laugh from the thousands of movie lovers.

Boxing License to Sunday School. The first boxing license issued to a Sunday school class in Wisconsin was today forwarded by the boxing commission to the Rhinelander Athletic Association, the fighting name of the young men's Sunday school class in the First Baptist Church at Rhinelander.

Rev. Mr. Wedge, ex-pugilist, the only person in the United States holding a boxing license, is the promoter of the club.

Jack Dougherty, old-time boxer, also of Rhinelander, was given a referee's license by the commission.

"Jack" Johnson Would Fight. "Jack" Johnson has been heard from again. The expatriated champion at present is conducting a bureau of information for English speaking travelers at Barcelona. Apparently he is not prospering to any great extent, as he has written to George Lawrence, manager of Sam McVey, asking him to bring that left hook expert to Spain for a battle. Johnson says he is sure he can find a backer to finance the match and that it would draw well.

BOSTON IS STIRRED

By Charges of Professionalism Against Hockey Club

The charge that the Boston Arena Hockey Club players are professionals for having competed in games with Pittsburgh A.A., has roused the wrath of the hockey committee of the Arena Club, and while no retaliatory measures will be taken against the Irish-American A.C. of New York, there is likely to be a general house cleaning of New York hockey players before the matter is cleared up.

The charge against the Boston Club is that the men are professionals because they played in Pittsburgh. Dartmouth played in Pittsburgh a week before the Arena team journeyed there. Dartmouth played Yale last Monday. McGill played in Pittsburgh three weeks ago, and last Saturday opposed Harvard. The Montreal Stars have played in Pittsburgh and Cleveland, yet the St. Nicholas team of a year ago, with Hobe Baker in the line up, saw fit to play the Canadians in a series for the Art Ross Cup.

ALEXANDER A HOLDOUT

Demands a Salary of \$15,000 This Season.

Grover Cleveland Alexander, premier pitcher of the National Baseball League has returned to Philadelphia with the message that unless the management of the Phillies met his demand for a salary of \$15,000 he would forsake the big league and return to independent ranks.

Incidentally, the Philadelphia Inquirer declared emphatically that he and Bill Killifer, his battery mate, had not banded together in a two-man "hold-out league" to get the increase. He also said both he and Killifer had received offers from the Delaware County League, and would probably cast their lots in some circuit like that if they failed to sign with the Phillies.

N. H. A. Standing.

The following is the standing of the N. H. A. clubs with the goal percentage taken from the commencement of the revised schedule:

Club	W	O	F	A	P.C.	Goal Game
Ottawa	4	1	4	1	.800	800
Quebec	4	1	7	3	.700	800
Canadiens	2	3	1	3	.200	400
Wanderers	1	4	3	7	.290	250



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National Baseball Commission Turns Down International League's Request.

The National Baseball Commission ratified the resolution of the National League abrogating the agreement with the baseball players' fraternity. This agreement formally recognized the fraternity and its right to be represented in a body before organized baseball.

The action following the recall of President David Fultz's strike call apparently leaves the fraternity purely a social and fraternal organization and strips it of its bargaining and labor union powers.

Commission members left the impression that their O.K. of the National League action defines the position of all organized baseball.

The commission made a number of rulings and recommendations on minor league questions. Re-arrangements of territorial rights, and of membership of certain minor leagues was recommended, but the entire question was turned over to the National Association, the minor league organization.

The commission declined to eliminate drafts from class AA clubs, recommended that decision be by lot when clubs of opposite major league draft the same player, and upheld the protection of the minors against optional agreements which permit majors to recall players in mid-season.

A movement among the minors for draft every three years, or for a ruling that a player not be drafted until he has three years in the minor, met with no favor. The commission contended this would hold rapidly developing young players back.

The commission also ruled against raising the draft price. Opening of the class AA draft season Sept. 25th was recommended, and the commission upheld the minors' protest against the practice of requiring drafted players to report to major league clubs immediately upon draft.

Windsor Jockey Club Set Pace.

The purse offerings of the Windsor Jockey Club for the coming season have been greatly increased over last year. To the Frontier Handicap, \$10,000 will be added, just double the amount hung up last year. This is the largest stake given in Canada and should attract the majority of the best handicap horses in training in America. In all, eight stakes have been announced, with \$27,000 in added money. The Windsor Jockey Club Handicap has \$5,000 added, while the others are of \$2,000 value. The N. J. C. Handicap is a new event, as is also the Martmas Stake. The latter is named in honor of the only Canadian winner of the Futurity, the greatest event of the year for 2-year-olds.

Rudolph Signs. Dick Rudolph, one of the mainstays of the Boston Braves' pitching force, has signed a year's contract. The salary figure is not announced, but is understood to be \$7,500.

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