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In the World of Sport

SPORTING NOTES.

Sam Agnew, catcher for the Boston Red Sox, is already in training at the Spa. Several other members of the Boston team are expected to report in a few days, although the team is not scheduled to report until March 7th.

George Stallings offered Firstbase-man Schmidt, who quit the Braves a few years ago, a big salary to return to Boston this year, but Schmidt refused to return to the game.

"Rube" Marquard has signed with Brooklyn for next season. Generally he has a war of his own at this time of the year, but when holdouts became common he decided to get in line at once.

If Bruce Hartford, leading shortstop of the Western League, speaks good with the Chicago White Sox next season, George Weaver will be shifted to third base.

Cleveland critics say that the most improved player on the Indian team last year was Wambogans. Lee Fhol is thinking of keeping him at short and shifting Chapman elsewhere. "Wamby" would never have received a real chance had not Chapman broke his leg.

President Frazee, of the Red Sox, is adopting a new plan to get his players in line. He will invite the wives of all players to Hot Springs as his guests providing hubby signs a contract at once.

No less than 715 five-man teams have entered the seventh annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress which opens on March 3rd at Grand Rapids, Mich. Of this large total Canada is represented by but three, and these will be from Toronto.

It is reported that the Providence club has sold Outfielder Powell to Cincinnati and that the St. Louis Cardinals are trying to make a deal for Firstbase-man Ed. Onslow.

Capt. Edward B. Cassatt has come out in favor of barring the entry of geldings for important stake features, thereby copying the rule regulating the Epsom Derby.

After being twice delayed by inclement weather, the horses belonging to Andrew Miller, which will race at Churchill Downs, have been shipped to Louisville. Ticket, a Kentucky Derby candidate, and Roamer were in the lot.

These Juarez stables have been provided for at Hot Springs: J. C. Ferris, Weir & Applegate, I. E. Clark, McLemore Stable, Quinlan & Higel, F. Stowe, A. C. McCafferty, Wallhouse Brothers, William Cain and Tom Parker.

Paris Sports says: In Italy "Sir Rholand" (Count Tcheibler) headed the list of winning owners last year with a total of about £17,000. The two chief winning stallions (who were out by themselves) were Signorino, £14,260, and Galeazzo, over £13,000.

Leafs Sell Player Layden. Outfielder Eugene Layden has been sold by the Toronto club to the Mobile club of the Southern Association. Layden was secured by Toronto from the Highlanders last spring. He met with an accident to his right leg at the training camp and was suspended shortly after the opening of the season. Layden is a fast, young fellow, a left-handed batter and thrower, and should be successful in the Southern Association.

Same Old Rules. After all the winter chatter concerning the changes in the rules to increase the batting, not a single change was made. The majority of wise baseball men believe in letting well enough alone, and that is just what they did. The game as it is played at present suits the fans, and it is only during the off season that you hear people growling about the lack of hitting. In the good old summer time, when they see the boys in action, the fans are well satisfied with the performances.



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BASEBALL WILL SUFFER

If U. S. Enters the War, With Accent on "If."

Baseball writers who are trying to minimize the effect that America's possible entrance into the European war will have on baseball will have to go slow, says the Philadelphia North American. There has been a disposition on the part of certain figures in the two big leagues to say that hostilities will have no effect on baseball, but in this case the wish is father to the thought. For that matter, the feelings of the major league owners will not be regarded by Uncle Sam in case of a conflict. Neither can public opinion be opposed. If the authorities think that a ball park will make a good drilling ground, you can lay a big bet that the place will be a drilling ground very soon. It also must not be forgotten if there is a call for volunteers, hundreds of ball players, including the big league stars, will come forward and enlist. The Spanish-American war is not a parallel, for in site of some of the astonishing feats of the American army and navy, America had its opponents out-classed and never had a chance of losing. Fighting the Central Powers of Europe is a tougher assignment and will tax the stamina of the nation to a far greater degree. In fighting Germany, America will need 100 men where it needed one in combating Spain. At the present time very little sport is being played in any of the countries involved in the war. England is still making a brave attempt to keep its soccer engine in motion, but the class of players in the field is not what it was before the war, as many of the best soccer stars enlisted. Soccer is about the only professional sport played to any extent just now in England, although there is some horse racing. One writer who says horse racing still flourishes in Germany and Russia, must have some exclusive information. If there is any racing in Germany the jockeys are above the 65-age mark and the mounts have seen service on the Somme and have more than one or two legs. It will take only a few months of such a conflict to show the stern realities of war, and nothing will suffer more than professional sport.

SHOULD MAKE PROFESSIONAL

Take the "Sporting Chance" for Good of the Game.

This is the time of the year when the Nuts, in his various forms, comes forth with suggestions for the improvement of the baseball rules, says W. O. McGeehan, in the New York Tribune. The giddy intellectuals of the Winter League find space and opportunity to air their views. Usually the suggestions are typewritten on one side of the paper for the purpose of looking well in their ultimate destination—the ash can. Alfredo de Oro, the cue wizard, comes forth with one that is worth looking over. It will have considerable backing from the fans. In fact, it is a suggestion that has been advanced before. It is the proposal for a rule to penalize the side whose pitcher intentionally passes a batter. The rule would give the batter the option of taking his base or refusing to do so. Each time the legitimate fourth ball was called the base runners should move up one station. The passage and enforcement of this rule would meet with universal favor and would do much to improve the game. Certainly the intentional passing of a batter is inimical to the spirit of real sportsmanship. If pitchers are unwilling to take the sporting chance they should be made to suffer. The passing of a Cob, a Speaker or a Baker in a critical point is looked upon as a matter of good judgment, but it is not real sportsmanship, and it often deprives the fans of a chance to see some real melodrama. The amateur who would "play safe" in a crisis would lose taste with his fellows. Amateurs realize that playing safe would destroy the spirit of the sport. For the good of the game the professional should be made to take the "sporting chance" by means of a ruling, if it is not in him otherwise.

Clubs Are Fined For Failure

Race course betting is legal in Australia, as in all other parts of the British Empire, but some of the States of the Commonwealth permit only the use of the "tote" or mutual system. In New South Wales book-making and mutuels are on equal legal footing, but the Government aims at the encouragement of the latter method, and one clause of legislation enacted last month reads: "If any racing club fails to use the totalizer when so directed as aforesaid it shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £100 for every day on which such failure has occurred."

Sire of Hindoo a Plough Horse

Virgil, son of Vandal and grandson of Glencoe, was not familiar with a double shovel plow thirty odd years ago, before he was finally put in the stud to get the immortal Hindoo, he the sire of the celebrated Hanover and the founder of the strongest line of American thoroughbreds the country saw before Commando's time. And Virgil was an amiable and efficient plow horse. He could, in fact, perform any domestic task, not above the weight of a 1,100 pound horse, considerably better than could any other farm horse of his in Kentucky.

Some Jinx on Cincinnati

Cincinnati remains the wonder of major league baseball. Although the Reds have probably had more stars in their line-up than any other club in the league and have possessed great managers, they have yet to win their first pennant. Witness, please, these players who have been with the Reds since 1900: Beckley, Steinfield, Crawford, Amos Rusie, Bay Hoy, Cy Seymour, Donlin, Huggins, Sebring, Overall, Phelps, Bridwell, Lobert, Paskert, Mitchell, Welmer, Dugas, Hobbz, Bescher, Froome, Covaleski, Burns, Benton and Doak. These are only a few of the stars, but it looks like a goodly assortment.

Both Boston shortstops are holding out. Maranville, of the Braves, and Scott, of the Red Sox, seek father pay envelopes.

Albert (Ty) Tyson, the former Hamilton Canadian League player, who has been working in a munitions plant at Hamilton all winter, has forwarded his signed contract to the Boston Red Sox.

FOUR ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ALLAN CUP

O. H. A. Saskatchewan and Thunder Bay Champions

Games at Winnipeg.

Secretary W. A. Hewitt of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association stated yesterday that the Allan Cup games for the amateur hockey championship of Canada will be held this year at Winnipeg, as usual. The champions of the Manitoba Hockey Association will be the defending team, as the 61st Battalion team of Winnipeg successfully defended the trophy last year.

The challenging teams will be the champions of the Ontario Hockey Association, the Saskatchewan Hockey Association, and the Thunder Bay Hockey Association. The 41st Battalion team of Port Arthur are champions of Thunder Bay, and have already sent out their challenge through Secretary J. F. Hodder. They want to get early dates, as they expect to go overseas shortly.

The Sons of Ireland team of the Quebec City League also put in a challenge, but it was not considered, as the Quebec City League is not a member of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, and has competing with clubs of questionable standing.

Claude Robinson of Winnipeg will have complete charge of the cup games at Winnipeg, both as the representative of the C.A.H.A. and the Allan Cup trustees of which William Northey of Montreal is the secretary.

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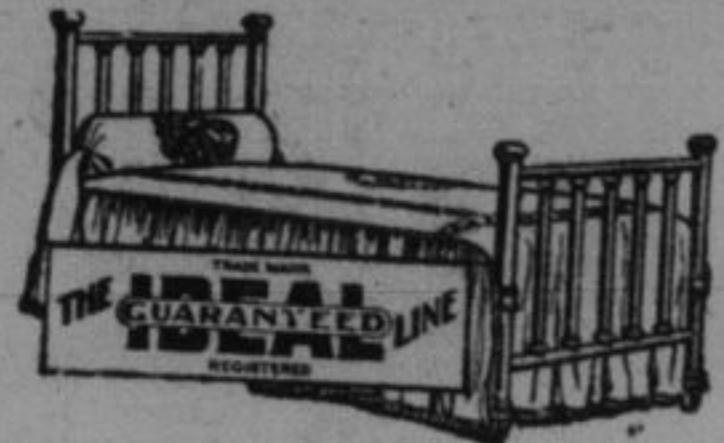
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