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# In the World of Sport

### BASEBALL BRIEFS

The Detroit Tigers are, as usual, lacking in expert boxmen.

Bill Donovan intends to carry nine pitchers with the Highlanders this season.

Cy Pieh, the former New York American pitcher, claims to have curved himself out of the big leagues. He says he had so many bedders that his arm cracked under the strain.

Edison says that overeating is responsible for sluggish minds. After seeing a ball player eat, and then watching him play, you are convinced that the wizard is right.

The manager who has the least to say and the greatest task before him for the 1917 baseball season in the American League is Connie Mack, of the once-famous Athletics.

Walter Johnson may change his style of delivery this season, but information to that effect will not console American Leaguers much. They figure that Walter will be the same old Walter until he gets too old to pitch and that he will retire when that time arrives.

Chief Bender is coaching the pitching candidates for the Penn ball team these days. The famous Indian twirler has not signed up with any club, but thought he might just as well keep in condition and also help out at the same time. Bender and fra Thomas, Penn's baseball coach, were team mates on the Athletics.

### UNITED STATES AT WAR

Means Death to All Collegiate Sports This Year.

A declaration of war by congress next week will mean the death of all U.S. collegiate athletics for 1917.

Other sports, such as golf and tennis, will also be affected, but baseball, boxing and probably racing will continue, at least, for a time.

Practically every big college and university in the country stands ready now to cancel track and field meets and the annual rowing regattas will be called off also, according to sentiment expressed by authorities at the universities where rowing is looked upon as a major sport. Spring football practice has already been stopped at a number of schools.

On account of the large preparations made for the opening of the baseball season both major leagues will go ahead with their plans. Nothing may arise to interfere with the completion of the schedule, but in case this country becomes heavily involved a waning interest in baseball might force the magnates to close their gates.

Horse racing and boxing will continue as usual. Both of these sports have been kept going in Europe despite the war.

### PITCHER BADER TRADED

Buffalo Twirler Goes to the Boston Red Sox.

A trade has been arranged between the Boston Americans and the Buffalo club of the International League by which Albert Bader, a pitcher, will join the Boston team, and Vean Gregg, a pitcher, and one other player will be turned over to Buffalo, according to advices from Oklahoma City, Okla., where the world champions played an exhibition game. Gregg has not reported as yet, and the deal is contingent on his consent. It was said that Manager Barry had asked waivers on seven players now with the locals.

### Jack Flynn's New Club.

Sale of the Lynn baseball franchise in the Eastern Association to Robert W. Emmons, yachtsman and formerly Harvard football captain, was approved at a league meeting in Boston. The team will be transferred to Lawrence, whose franchise was forfeited last year. Jack Flynn, the former Leaf, and formerly manager of the Springfield team, will manage the club.

### Girls' Hurdle Record.

Miss Josephine Holmes, a Northwestern University co-ed, holds the world's record for the girl's fifty yard low hurdles. She got over the sticks in 7 3-5 seconds at the indoor meet at Chicago.

### MAY SWITCH TY. COBB

To Right Field—Jennings is Thinking of It.

Hugh Jennings' present plan is to play Harry-Hellman in right or centre field. If he decides on centre he will switch Tyrus Cobb back to right, where the Georgian pulled off some of his most wonderful fielding. There has been a hunch with several people that Ty would be more valuable in right than in centre. His favorite stunt used to be cutting off runners at first on clean drives into right and well do a lot of Detroiters remember the day he twice threw out Harry Wolter on smashes into right field. His work in centre has been sensational, but not quite as damaging to the opposition as his efforts in right.

Of course it is not settled that Cobb will be switched into right, simply the present plan of the Detroit manager. Hellman does not care for outfield work, but is the best man Jennings could pick for the vacancy if Hughie goes through with his intention of keeping Sam Crawford out of the line-up, unless he hits above .300.

### BIG BASEBALL JUDGMENT

A Suit Against Chas. P. Taft For \$55,555 Successful.

Charles Schmalstieg of Cincinnati was awarded full judgment in his suit against Charles P. Taft and others to recover \$55,555.55 and interest alleged to be due him through the sale by Taft of 100 shares of stock of the Chicago National League Baseball Club. Taft claimed that only \$6,255.59 was coming to Schmalstieg. During the trial details of enormous profits that were made by the Chicago Nationals during the period from 1905 to 1913 were shown, as well as the large drop in the earnings during the seasons of 1914 and 1915. It was brought out that the club between 1905 and 1913 paid dividends amounting to \$10 per cent.

### THEY WILL NOT DROP

Ottawa and Cornwall Are Certain to Be in N.L.U. This Season.

Secretary Brown, of the National Lacrosse Union, announces that the annual convention of the Union, has been postponed till April 14th, because some out-of-town clubs have not yet managed to hold their annual meetings. He positively affirms that there is no intention on the part of either the Cornwall or Ottawa clubs to drop out of the union.

King Alfonso, of Spain, has made many additions to his thoroughbred stable for the Spanish racing season, which opens at San Sebastian on July 8th. Racing will continue there from July 8th to August 9th.

### DON'T BUNT ENOUGH SAYS JOHN MCGRAW

Even Big Leaguers Pay Too Little Attention to This Department.

Major league baseball players, who spoil the chances for victory in championship games through failure to bunt correctly can blame themselves in nine cases out of ten, thus saith a wise manager like John McGraw.

A month in the south ought to suffice to turn a doubtful bunter into a sure man if the player takes advantage of his opportunities, but the average player fails to show a disposition to correct the fault during the training period and bunting practice is considered a hardship by most athletes.

One would think that a player would be sufficiently interested in his own welfare to practice bunting for ten or fifteen minutes every day, but as a rule the average player wants to get up to the plate and see how far and how hard he can hit.

John McGraw remarked one day that the members of the famous Oriole team practiced all kinds of hitting four hours every day. The aggressive members of that team were not satisfied with the regular game, they went to the park every morning and became skillful through excessive practice. Willis Keeler, the noted bunter, was among this crowd, and to these sessions he owed part of his skill. The team batting averaged for one season was over the .300 mark.

Ball players think they are becoming proficient in hitting with 20 minutes' practice each day," said McGraw. "They surely have the mistaken idea. The Baltimore club members used up the energies of every kid around the park for pitching duty, and when they tired the groundkeepers sent out for more. If there is one department of the game that requires consistent practice it is batting, whether it be free swinging or the scientific form."

### Red Sox Get Bader.

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If the Ottawas continue in the N. L.U., they will oppose Charlie Querie's application for a franchise for

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Tcumiehs. Travelling expenses would be too high. Boxers used to be such because they liked to fight, but now they take up the game because they don't like to work. A New York ladies hockey team manager insists on the players limiting their meals before games to milk and toast. No one has yet been ungallant enough to refer to the fair purchasers as Milk Fed Chickens.

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WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH THE CHAUFFEUR RUNNING OVER HIMSELF?

WELL THE KID CAME BACK AND SAID THEY WOULDN'T SELL HIM ANY AS HE WAS TOO YOUNG.

SO THE CHAUFFEUR HAD TO RUN OVER HIMSELF!