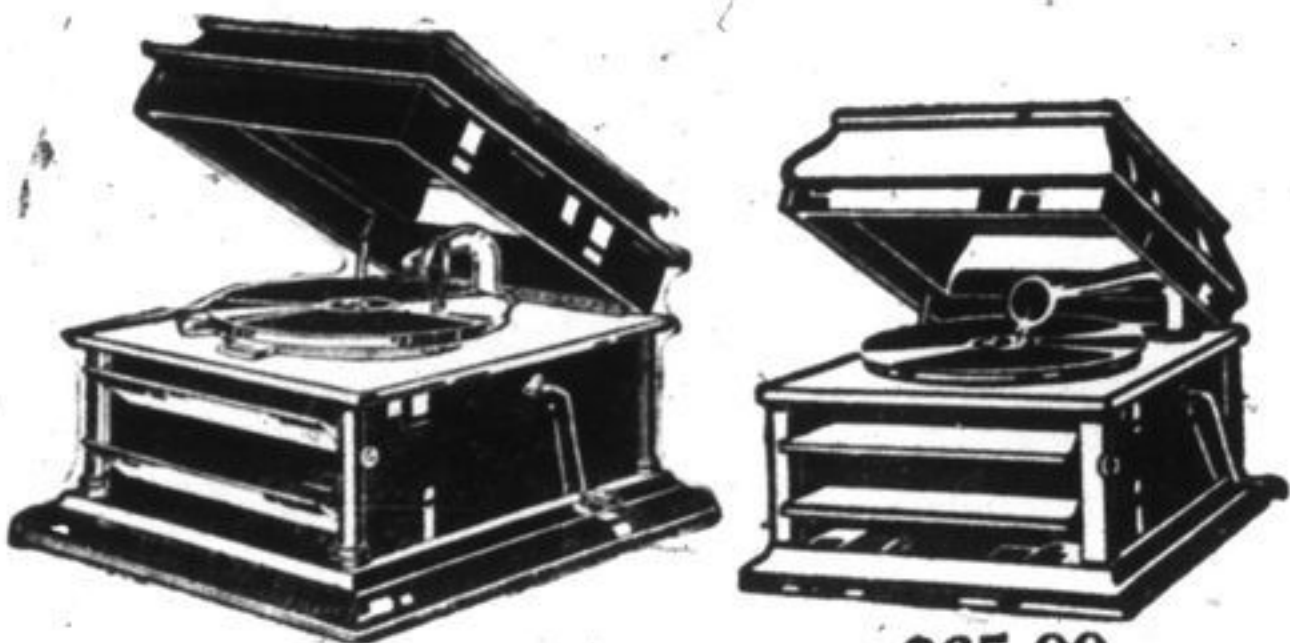


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BASEBALL BRIEFS

The New York Yankees have released Pitchers Sam Ross and Robert McGraw to Newark. Both are subject to recall.

Pitcher Wagner, who was released by the Leafs at Petersburg, is at Norfolk trying out with the Norfolk Club. Pitcher Labate was still in Petersburg when the team pulled out.

Pitcher Ed Gerner has been sold by Cincinnati to the Montreal Club.

"Bob" Gill, a pitcher, and Willard McGraw, a catcher, have been released by the Boston National League Club to the Utica Club of the New York State League.

It is likely that Emil Meusel, the former star outfielder of the Elmira team of the New York State League, will get under Manager Wid Conroy, will get a thorough trial with the Cincinnati Reds. Meusel was secured in the draft by the Cubs, and last week when they asked for waivers on him, Manager Mathewson put in a bid for him.

Manager Callahan, of the Pirates, has admitted that Warren Adams, the rookie he fought so hard to get, won't do as a first baseman, and the talk is that Catcher Ben Shaw, another rookie, will be tried out on first base. Ward is doing nice work at short, but not hitting. Here at two jobs on the Pittsburgh infield, that Hans Warner could fill one at a time, of course.

Pitcher Nichols, of the St. Louis Nationals, has been released to the St. Paul club of the American Association.

Outfielder Frank Gilhooley has made a great start with the New York Americans. He was unfortunate last season, being out of the game for some time on account of injuries.

Outfielder Costello and Pitchers Markle and Herbert are under suspension for failure to report for duty with Toronto.

The Toronto club has refused to waive on Bradley Kocher, catcher, who went from the Leafs to New York.

BOXING CIRCLES DELIGHTED

Over the Defeat of the Bill in New York State.

Promoters and friends of boxing were both surprised and delighted by the news that the bill to repeal the State boxing law and kill the pugilistic game in New York had failed in the State Assembly. The measure had Governor Whitman's approval and the legislative leaders were so sure it would pass that they had failed to provide in the annual appropriation bill for the maintenance of the boxing commission which regulated bouts under the present law.

Claims Lightweight Championship

Benny Leonard, New York lightweight, claimed the American championship as a result of his decisive defeat of Ritchie Mitchell, the Milwaukee claimant. Leonard has issued a challenge to Freddie Welsh to meet him for the world's title. The eastern fighter took the Milwaukee idol as complete a trimmer as the most rabid partisan could desire, scoring two clean knockdowns before administering the finishing touches in the seventh. A stiff right to the jaw won for Leonard.

Chemung Holds His Own.

Horses bred in Canada, the United States, England, Ireland, France and Belgium were among the runners in the seven races in Maryland yesterday. The only "foreigner" to win, though, was the single Canadian representative, Mr. H. McDonald's black colt, Chemung. The three-year-old son of Basselaw and Brynwood scored his second victory in his last two starts when he won the fifth race on the program from Obolus and Lady Innocence.

Noted Polo Player Killed.

Capt. H. Herbert Wilson, who was a member of the British polo team which played against the American team, the Meadowbank, in 1911, has been killed in action.

HAD A HOUSECLEANING

Kaiser and 300 Members "Canned" By N.Y. Yacht Club.

The German Emperor and his brother, Prince Henry of Prussia, were dropped from honorary membership in the New York Yacht Club. Three hundred members and fifty yachts also were eliminated from the rolls of the organization.

It was announced at a resolution passed unanimously at a special meeting of the club, declared that it was "not fitting that representatives of the Imperial German Government, with which the United States is at war, should continue to be borne upon the roll of honorary members of the New York Yacht Club."

A member of the organization, who made the announcement, said he would not discuss the reasons for the action in dropping the 300 members and 30 yachts from the rolls.

BAN JOHNSON LEADS

In Fight Against War-Tax Against Baseball Parks.

Club owners in the American League will be forced to close their parks if the war tax on baseball, suggested in the administration revenue program, is demanded from them instead of from the patrons of sport. President Johnson of the American League said:

"I have figured that the tax would amount to about \$250,000 for the season. That would more than wipe out our profits. We would have to close our gates. Because of the danger facing the game, half a dozen minor league presidents plan to go to Washington to oppose the legislation, which, they say, would drive the smaller leagues out of business."

DARCY WILL ENLIST

Australian Champion Tries to Make Terms With America.

Les Darcy, the Australian pugilist whom the American authorities have barred from engaging in fights on the ground that he was a deserter, sent word to Chicago from Memphis that he would enlist under the American colors if permission was given him by the military authorities to engage in several fights booked for next June and July.

"Tell Les Darcy that if he will enlist first we'll promise him no end of fighting afterwards," Capt. F. Kenny, in charge of recruiting in Chicago, replied when informed of the proposal.

Kentucky's Race Track Tax.

The Kentucky senate has passed a house bill fixing a license tax of \$500 a day for race meetings at Kentucky tracks within twenty miles of cities of 200,000, and \$200 a day for all others except those of state and county fairs.

An amendment yet to be acted upon by the house applies to license tax only to those tracks under the jurisdiction of the state racing commission. The effect would, it was stated, exempt tracks devoted to trotting races.

Could Fight in France.

E. J. Baxter, chairman of the Canadian and Red Cross Patriotic Funds, Windsor, makes an absolute denial of the statement attributed to Grant Hugh Browne that the latter's offer to have Les Darcy box under the auspices of the organization was being considered. "The proposition was never considered by the committee," says Mr. Baxter. "Browne was told if Darcy wanted to fight he could go to France, where he was needed."

Scientific Side of Baseball.

Before a Game—Baseball is a matter of management selection of players, knowledge of the game, experience, training and instructions. During the Playing of the Game—Baseball is a matter of the application of the knowledge gained by experience, system, team-play, common sense technique, following instructions, and taking, losing or falling to take natural advantages.

Fencer Threw His Bout.

There's a scandal among the fencers at New York. Two of the amateurs have been suspended because they figured in a suspicious match. In fact it is alleged that one of the duellists actually "threw" the bout. An investigation is in progress.

SPORTING NOTES.

Chicago paper suggests that the only logical opponent for Jess Willard would be a man with a spiked helmet.

Governor Whitman will bring the Davis anti-boxing bill up before the New York State Assembly again. He is determined to put all scrapers on the shelf or in the army.

The University of New York has decided to continue all sports during the war. The faculty announced, after consideration, that the situation was not "acute enough" to warrant the cessation of athletics.

Oliver Wilcox, sponsor of the race track amendments, may be unable to press his bill in the house of commons this week. Mr. Wilcox was ill and has been advised to rest up.

Soldiers are now guarding nearly all of the big American race tracks. Following suspicious fires at Hot Springs and Belmont Park, extra protection was given the big plants.

The Assembly which is the lower House of the California Legislature, defeated a drastic bill aimed at the publication of race track news by a vote of twenty-four ayes to fifty noes.

BASEBALL SIGNALS.

How a Western League Player Got Into Trouble.

The talk had turned to signs and signals in baseball, and the ability of certain players to catch signals and the lack of other players to keep them hidden from the opposition. Hit signals were under discussion. Tugging of caps, shifting of feet and various other ways were mentioned when up spoke Ping Bodie with a story of the best hit-and-run sign he ever engineered, but which, he admitted, didn't work.

"You see," says Ping, "out in the Coast League they always were trying to steal my hit-and-run sign, 'cause they knew I was a bear at it. One day I suspected they had copied my signal, so when a batter got on first and I am up, I switches. I tells him, see, that when I am going to hit I will spit over my right shoulder. Well, we cross them on the sign. I carry out my part to the letter.

"But when I spit over my shoulder a shower of tobacco juice went into the catcher's eye, and he thinks I am doing it a purpose, which I was in a way, and he stops the game and wants to fight me. Now I can fight, but this catcher was a big guy, and anyhow the umpire was on me. So I had to explain to him that I didn't mean to spit in his eye—that it was just my hit-and-run signal.

"Of course, that killed my signal dead, and we had to frame up a new one."

How League Blew Up.

Crazy attempts to outbid each other for ball-players have resulted in the blowing-up of the Inter-State League, at which Frank Shaughnessy and numerous other Canadian leaguers held forth last summer. Only a few of the club owners showed a willingness to come back for more this year, and it was decided to call everything quits.

The "Horse-and-Bug" League, as it is called, because of the close proximity of the towns represented, was a fine institution for the players, but not for those who financed the clubs. Frank Shaughnessy was able to win the Canadian league every year he started because he spent the most money. But even the spendthrift "Shag" couldn't spend enough to cope with the other managers in the interstate circuit.

Judge Was Old Lacrosse Player.

The late Judge Middlemiss, who died suddenly in Montreal, was a celebrated lacrosse player some forty years ago, and was a member of the team that went over to the Old Country and played before the late Queen Victoria.

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