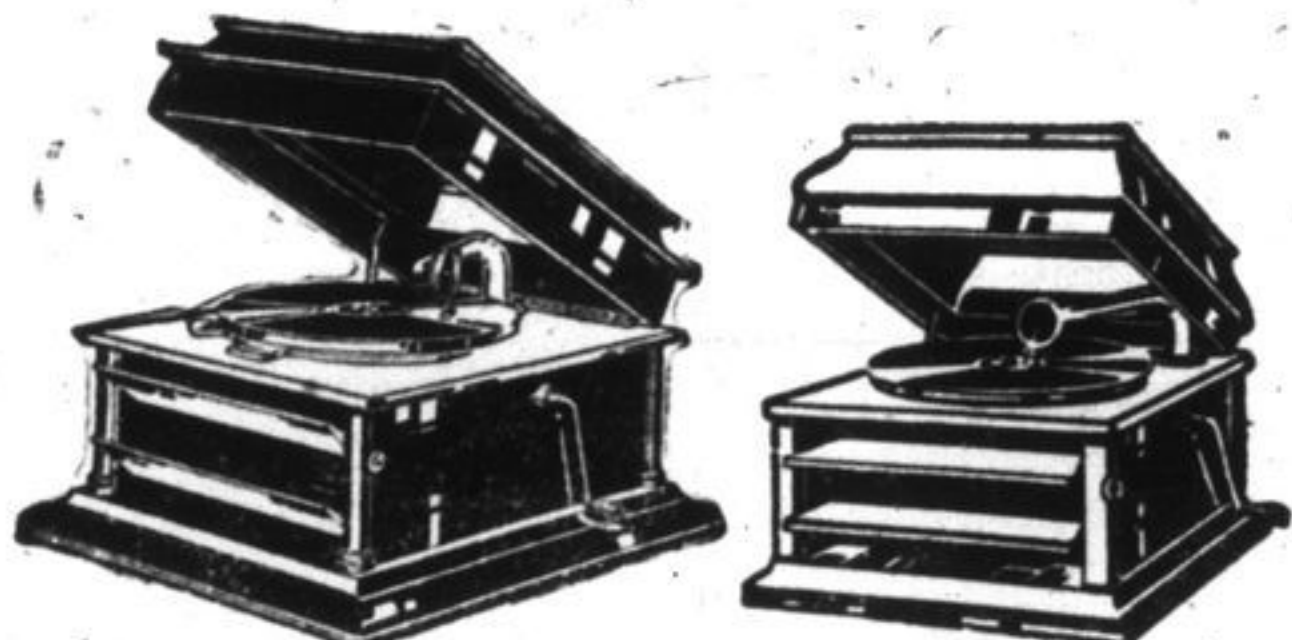


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Report has it that the Cleveland club has made Boston an offer for Catcher Forrest Cady, who is wanted, so the story goes, as a battery mate for Joe Wood. Cleveland would pay cash, but the Boston end of it is that only a trade for Steve O'Neill would be considered.

In the World of Sport

BASEBALL BRIEFS

Manager Donovan was tickled with Herb Shocker's fine uphill work against the Washington Senators. He says Shocker will take his regular turn with star flingers on the Yankee payroll.

President James J. McCaffery, returned from New York, states that Outfielder Whitman will report to the Leafs at Richmond.

"Shorty" McConnell, Lajoie's new infielder, is a little man, but this should not militate against his effectiveness. Many of the best shortstops in the game have been in the Milpitan class. "Good goods come in small packages."

Whitman, outfielder, has been secured by the Toronto Leafs from Louisville, and will report without delay. Last year he played in 125 games, and had a batting average of .273. His fielding average was .944. He will be remembered as having played with Montreal two years ago, when he jumped to the Federals.

Pitcher Dave Davenport, who was not figured on by the St. Louis Browns for a month yet, reported to the club the day before the season opened in St. Louis. He is still suffering from the gunshot wounds received in a hunting accident, however, and it is doubtful if he will be used for some time to come.

The St. Louis Browns, which had arranged to transfer Pitcher Dick Kerr back to Memphis, found their plans blocked when Milwaukee put in a claim, alleging its rights as a higher class club. Kerr, therefore, was turned over to the Brewers.

Bill Abstein, former Pittsburgh first baseman, who was engaged as manager of the Hartford Eastern League team during the winter, has lost out on his job in result of getting busy building up a ball club he departed for Idaho on a mining venture. This displeased President Clark, of the Hartford club, and he gave Abstein his release. Report now has it that Louie Pieper will handle the Hartford entry.

Bert Tooley and Ray Miller are two players of experience who will attempt "come-backs" with the Newark International this year. Tooley was out of the game last year with rheumatism. Miller quit in 1905 to finish his studies as a physician. The lure of the game has overcome each of them.

Jack Dunn will have a hard row to hoe at Baltimore this season. The town is very apathetic. The 2,500 crowd on opening day was a great disappointment to "Dunnie." Or Sunday a league game with Rochester attracted 300 people, about half of whom paid.

"Peewee" McConnell was secured from Baltimore just in time to take the place of Trout when the latter was injured. The little fellow got into the game the first day he was with the Leafs.

"Benny" Meyer is determined not to be shunted off the Leafs as soon as was expected. The peppery one is in great condition and showing the speed which made him a valuable man for the Toronto team in 1912. He hit the ball very hard in the Baltimore series, ran bases in sensational form, and fielded well. He stole home at Richmond Saturday. Meyer's arm is not any too good, and if runners commence to take liberties with it he may have to go in spite of his determination to become a regular.

At the Polo Grounds in New York on Saturday Umpire Quigley called a ball which appeared to everybody else, including the Giant rooters, to be unquestionably fair. The decision cost the Braves a couple of runs and perhaps the game. Eddie Fitzpatrick, former Leaf, protested so vehemently that Quigley ordered him out of the grounds. Fitz walked down the foul line to left field, then across the infield again, holding conversation with each player meanwhile, and wound up by climbing into the centre field bleachers and making faces at Quigley. He will hear from Tener.

CHURCHMEN DISAPPROVE

Of Sunday Baseball in Baltimore and Want It Stopped.

The Rochester Oriole game at Baltimore on Sunday met with disapproval by the Men's Bible class of the McKendree Methodist Episcopal Church. All of the Birds' previous Sunday games have been played at Back River Park, but Chicago contest was scheduled and played at the Gentlemen's Driving Park, located in a thickly populated part of the city.

The Rev. A. P. McKinley, with a delegation of the Bible class of the McKendree Methodist Episcopal Church, protested to the marshal of police to have the game stopped. The would be permitted to be charged, marshal said that no admission and that he could not have his men break up a peaceful, orderly game. No admission was charged, but as has been the custom at previous Sunday games, those wishing to purchase score cards at the entrance of the park or on the grounds had the same privilege. Those who did not do so were permitted to see the game free of charge. About 200 attended the game, but it is said that over half of this number had purchased a score card.

LIEUT. DONALD MASSON

An Ottawa Athlete Killed on Western Front.

An Ottawa despatch says: His father learned yesterday of the death in France of Flight Lieutenant Donald Masson, a son of Robert Masson, the well-known Sparks street merchant. No details were received, but it was presumed that Lieut. Masson was killed in one of the many recent aerial duels on the west front.

The late Lieut. Masson was prominent for the past six or seven years in sport. He graduated from the Ottawa Collegiate Institute and played both football and hockey there, after which he entered McGill University and became well known as one of its football and hockey stars. He captained the McGill hockey team for one season when they made a great showing in the Intercollegiate Union and was also a brilliant football backfield player.

Lieut. Masson was also one of Ottawa's leading swimmers and divers, winning many honors at the championships held under the auspices of the Britannia and Ottawa clubs. Lieut. Masson was the fourth young Ottawa member of the Flying corps to lose his life recently. Lieut. Don Brophy, Lieut. Edward Bourne and Lieut. Leggo having given up their lives within the past few months. Lieut. Masson took his course at the Stinson Aviation School in San Antonio, Texas.

Giant Veterans as Coaches.

John McGraw always likes to carry one or more veterans who can act as coaches. At present he has four—Murray, Hans Lobert, George Gibson and Gerny Schaefer. Lobert will be used as a pinch hitter and infield substitute. Gibson will handle the pitchers and is ready to catch in case McCarty and Rariden are hurt. Schaefer, who was let out by the Yankees last fall, will attend to the base runners and also will play the role of all around good fellow. Murray will be used as an extra outfielder, inasmuch as he has not entirely lost his former skill. But when they twenty-two player limit goes into effect next month, some of these old timers probably will have to go.

Death of Cooney Snyder.

Cooney Snyder, one of the greatest baseball catchers that the game ever knew, is dead. Cooney, who had been ailing for some time, passed away on Saturday at his home in Toronto. As a member of the Leafs several years ago, when Arthur Irwin was managing the team, Cooney was acknowledged to be the greatest receiver in the game. He was both a good thrower and a good hitter. It was at the bat that he stood out, and to this day old-time fans will tell you that the hit Cooney made one day at the Island has never been surpassed. He was sold to Louisville, then in the majors. It will be a long time before the Leafs have a catcher his equal.

Gilbert Sinclair, University of Minnesota football star, has sailed from New York to become an ambulance driver in France.

Jess Willard is no slacker. He appeared before a crowd of 500 at Philadelphia and dared anyone to repeat the charge.

SPORTING NOTES.

Docking hackney's tails will be frowned upon at British horse shows, of the Prince of Wales' thoroughbreds appeared undocked and made a big hit.

Compulsory training has been put in effect at the Pittsburg University. All the athletes turn out daily for two hours' military drill.

Rather than go to the races with 13 horses the Thorncliffe Stable left the two-year-old Lord Kitchener at the farm. Lord Kitchener is a growing colt, and it will give him a better chance to develop before receiving his training, which should be a benefit to him later in the season.

Jack Tait, of Toronto, whose prowess as a middle-distance runner is known not only in Canada and the United States, but in Europe as well, and who enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war with the Field Artillery, is now in England taking a commission. He has been appointed to supervise the physical training at Bramshoj.

Directum L. 1564, is Thomas W. Murphy's entry in the free-for-all pacing race at Detroit's Grand Circuit meeting. The champion pacer, now 19 years old, has not raced in the open class since 1914. His turf career began in 1911, and he is credited with earnings of \$33,225 in 28 races. He is owned by M. E. Sturgis, of New York.

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