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The Stratford horseman, C. Murphy, made a good purchase at the Chicago sale when he secured Boy Voyage, b. s., 2.08 1/2, at \$475. Esther Bells, 2.08 1/2, the property of Hillandale Farm, is the mother of a bay colt by Peter the Great, 2.07 1/2.

In the World of Sport

BASEBALL BRIEFS

This Speaker's gone to the front of the American League batting race.

It is understood that the Brooklyn are trying to make a separate peace with the Giants.

Brooklyn wanted only \$25,000 for Jake Dauber when the Cubs asked them to set a price. Someone should shoot a poem on the high cost of first sackers.

After a game Manager McGraw seldom speaks to an umpire, and during a game Heinie Zimmerman seldom speaks to anybody else.

"Pie" Way of Rochester has retired from professional baseball, and is going to enter the steel business at Bethlehem. He started too late to be a big-league pitcher, he says.

The Baltimore team went farther south on its training trip and stayed longer than any other International League outfit. Dunn's flock of Orioles are in good condition and reaping the full benefit.

A United States recruiting station has been established at Ebbett's Field, Brooklyn, and others will probably be opened at the other major league parks.

Manager Mitchell of the Chicago Cubs, expects great things of Pitcher Vaughn this summer. The Chicago leader goes so far as to say that he will be the leading left-handed pitcher of the National League.

The Sunday games at Baltimore are played at Gentlemen's Driving Park, a small enclosure on the outskirts of the city. Hence the ground rules in force yesterday.

"Old" Markle, former Leaf pitcher, has written to President J. J. McCafferty stating that he has "lost his arm," and not wishing to be a bill of expense has retired from baseball. If he recovers the use of his arm he will report to the Leafs if needed.

President Tener of the National League has ordered the game of April 17th between the Phillies and Braves to be re-played. Philadelphia protested the game on the ground that Umpire Bransfield called away from second base under the impression that he was out, and then made third before the ball reached that base.

INDIANS MUST PAY

The Capitals Demand \$100 to Go to Toronto. The directors of the National Lacrosse Union decided to admit the Tecumseh of Toronto to the union, provided that the Tecumseh will pay the Ottawa club \$100 for each game played by Ottawa in Toronto. They also decided not to release Lalonde from the Nationals, so Cornwall will have to forego Lalonde's services this season, notwithstanding the Factory Town's plans to secure the star player. The directors will meet here again Tuesday night, when the Tecumseh's answer as to the payment to Ottawa for games played in Toronto, Cornwall's reply to the decision regarding Lalonde, and the drafting of the season's schedule, will be dealt with.

TO BOX IN TORONTO

Arrangements have been concluded for a 12-round bout for the welterweight boxing championship of the world between Jack Britton of Chicago, the best man in America at his weight, and Ted Lewis of England, who is the most persistent claimant for the championship. The bout will be staged at Toronto, by the Canadian military authorities and the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association in connection with their soldier bouts. The articles of agreement call for a bout of twelve rounds at 142 pounds.

No Race Track Excursion Trains

The Dominion Railway Commission will not permit the railways to give holiday of excursion trains or run special passenger trains except for military purposes.

This will have a serious effect on the Hamilton and Fort Erie and Windsor jockey clubs, which have always had a large patronage from Toronto. At least one special train has run from Toronto direct to the Hamilton and Fort Erie tracks.

RATING THE TEAMS IN THE AMERICAN

Race Between Red Sox, Highlanders, White Sox and Cleveland Likely.

While the season is hardly under full headway, it is possible to obtain a fair sort of a line on the different teams in the American League. The Chicago White Sox undoubtedly are playing better ball than last season. They have improved their infield with Gandil at firstbase and Risberg at shortstop. Gandil outclasses by a wide margin both Fournier and Ness, who alternated at the bag in 1916, while Risberg is a vast improvement over Terry, and has made it possible to keep Weaver at thirdbase regularly. The pitching staff of the White Sox is all-powerful, and if the hurdlers are properly handled by Manager Rowland the team will be fighting for the leadership all the way.

Up to date the Red Sox and Highlanders appear to be well matched in the pitching department, also behind the bat. The Bostonians have an advantage at secondbase, as Barry is more experienced than Maisel. Peckinpaugh and Baker seem to be stronger batsmen than Hobitzell, Scott and Gardner, while the Boston outfielders haven't much of an edge on Donovan's trio. The success of Cleveland, and Detroit largely depends on their boxmen. If Wood and Morton come through with old-time effectiveness, Cleveland, already equipped with other first-class pitchers, including Stanley Coveleskie, Coumbe, Bagby, Klepper and Gould, will prove very dangerous. But Detroit, unusually weak in the box, must depend almost entirely on heavy hitting and air-tight fielding to keep out of the second division.

Fielder Jones' Browns excel the other American League teams in speed on the bases. Jones had them in winning form for a while last summer, but when the pinch came their pitchers went stale. He is using the same line-up this spring, but the absence of Pitcher Davenport may be a big handicap.

If anything should happen to Walter Johnson the light-hitting Washingtons would have a hard time keeping out of the cellar. Griff's team needs Southpaw Hepper, but nobody seems to know when the latter will join the "Old Fox."

It is a triple early to size the Athletics up properly, but on what they have shown since April 11th Mack appears to have a team that is 50 per cent. stronger than the one that finished last in 1915 and 1916. The conclusion is that the Highlanders and Red Sox will be the ones to fight it out with the White Sox and Cleveland for the championship.

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TORONTO AND MONTREAL SCORES IN THE ENGLISH PAPERS

Through the efforts of President McCafferty, of the Toronto Ball Club, the baseball scores of the Toronto and Montreal Ball Clubs will be published in the Daily Mail of London, England, and also in the other daily publications of Lord Northcliffe for the benefit of the Canadian soldiers in the trenches.

Directum, 1.156%, will race again this year, being staked in the free-for-all.

He locks horns with Napoleon Direct, 1.59%, at Detroit. The Horse Review Futurity for foals of 1917, received 1134 nominations.

SPORTING NOTES.

Cleveland, because of the death of a pugilist there last week, may prohibit boxing.

Is bicycling dead? Hardly. Two hundred riders took part in the Pelham Bay race last week.

King George of Greece demands security for his throne. Some of the baseball magnates wouldn't give more than thirty cents just now for all the "monarchical" benches in Europe.

Harvard will save \$50,000 by cutting our rowing and other sports this summer. And will lose \$100,000 by dropping football and hockey.

No fewer than sixty horse shows despite the war, are booked for the United States this year.

GOING AT TOP SPEED

Jack Barry's World's Champions Playing in Midseason Form.

Last year the Red Sox held first position during the opening week of the American League campaign but they soon dropped back because their pitchers could not stand the strain. Jack Barry, who has succeeded Bill Carrigan, apparently has remedied this fault. He has conditioned his boxmen so carefully that they are showing midseason form again as leading the race with an excellent chance to remain in front for some time. The world's champions, under Barry's leadership, are playing at top speed right now. They are hitting well and fielding brilliantly. But when they visit the western cities they will encounter many obstacles thrown in their way by the White Sox, Tigers, Browns and Cleveland. By the time the four western teams visit Boston, the followers of the Red Sox will have obtained a better line on their chances to win another championship. Barring the Washingtons and Athletics, it looks like an open race in the American League.

PITCHER FOR THE LEAFS

David Keefe, Young Right-Hander Comes From the Athletics.

"Larry" Lajoie's connection with Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Athletics, has resulted in the securing by the Leafs of Pitcher David Keefe, of the Mackmen. Keefe is a right-hander and has a splendid record. He is a second edition of the famous "Three-fingered" Brown of the great Chicago Cubs of 1905. Keefe is a big youngster with only three fingers on his flinging hand (the index digit having been severed in an accident when he was a mere lad). He bats left-handed by preference, but turns around against left-handed pitching. For two years he was a star at Goddard Seminary, and last winter enrolled at Tufts College in the engineering school. Several clubs made offers to him, but Connie Mack had been given first call.

Title Not In Danger.

Competent judges of pugilism, who have witnessed the various bouts of recent months in which Fred Fulton, Jim Coffey, Carl Morris and Frank Moran have participated, appear to be of the opinion that Champion Willard's title is not in danger. None of the quartet has shown boxing skill equal to that possessed by the champion. With the possible exception of Morris, Willard is easily superior in physical strength and has demonstrated ability to stand punishment with less discomfort and confusion of purpose, than any of the four leading contenders for a chance at the heavyweight honors.

Snodgrass Released.

Fred C. Snodgrass, outfielder of the Boston National League Club, has been given his unconditional release. Snodgrass went to the Boston Braves from the New York National League team in 1915. His contract, which called for \$6,000 a year, it is said, expired this year, and rather than sign at a lower figure he decided to go into business in Los Angeles.

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