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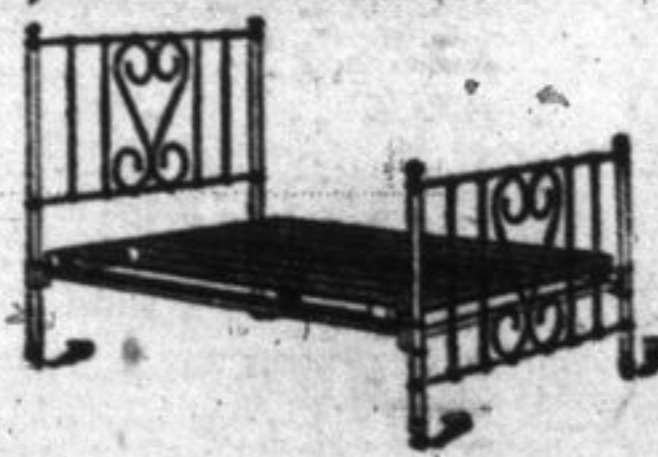
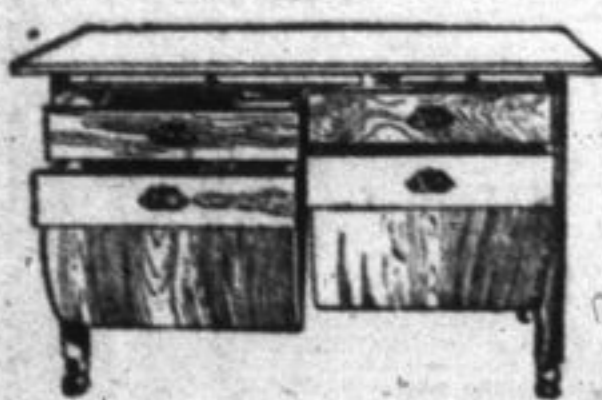
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In the World of Sport

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Here are three stars whose playing has helped keep the Giants at the top of the list. No. 1 is Walter Bishop, who is playing a great game at first base; No. 2 is an action picture of Herzog safe at first base; No. 3 is Benny Kauff, the famous hitter, who is still making good with the old stick.

BASEBALL BRIEFS

McGraw's team is scheduled to play 28 straight games at home before the first western trip.

The majority of umpires are too old to enlist, but would regard a session in the benches as a holiday.

Fitcher Lynch of the Leafs, the southpaw secured from the Chicago Nationals, has been released to Portland of the Eastern Association.

Cleveland tried out Guy Morton last week, but he was driven from the rifle pit. What will happen to Joe Wood when he makes his first start?

Gleason, who is playing second base for the Pirates, was purchased from the Tigers club of the Eastern Association. He batted .274 in 123 games and stole 12 bases last year.

Mack's pitchers have been told to keep the balls low and wide. When they face Frank Baker, Bush obeyed these instructions to the letter in Saturday's game. Baker got no hits.

Toronto's proud record of out-drawing the other teams of the league, even under the conditions, ought to be duplicated this season. The major leagues are keeping a watchful eye on this city.

Ty Cobb is getting a poor start in his base-running this season. The fleet-footed Georgian, who ran away with the base-running honors during the 1915 and 1916 campaigns, stole only one base in his first twelve games this year.

Montreal has secured Romanach, a Cuban shortstop from the Cincinnati club. The power performed against the Leafs at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on the spring training trip last season. Poughkeepsie imported a whole team of Cubans to play independent ball in 1916.

Joe Jackson has served notice on Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker that he expects to be crowned batting king of the American League this season.

Joe has had that ambition for several years and he has always been able to make the leader hustle. So far Cobb has managed to beat him out. Last season Tris and Ty both beat Jackson.

New York Sun—Since Ruppert and Huston secured control of the Highlanders, American League popularity in New York has steadily increased. When they moved into metropolitan territory, the Highlanders were called "invaders." For many years, the National League held the upper hand at the Polo Grounds because McGraw won pennants, while the American Leaguers trailed in the dust. But the present supremacy of the American League gradually established by the winning of world's championships by the Athletics in 1911 and 1913 and by the Red Sox in 1912, 1915 and 1916, has been recognized, with the result that New York fans, still loyal to the popular Giants, are equally interested in the achievements of the Highlanders.

LALONDE DENIES STORY.

That He Has Dealing With Two Clubs at Same Time.

Newsy Lalonde stated that there was no truth in the story that he was dealing with both Cornwall and Nationals, without letting the other know of it. According to his story he was told by one of the directors of the Nationals that he would have no trouble in securing his release from the French club and was advised to go to Cornwall and take charge of the team for the good of the game. On his return he was told that he could not get his release, which killed the Cornwall deal.

Lalonde also states that he may not play at all this season, as his wife has been ill for some time and he may move away from Montreal.

Britain's Charity Football.

Though last Saturday marked the closing of the official football schedule in Britain, an extension has been granted in England until Saturday next on condition that the gate proceeds go to war charity purposes. In Scotland clubs are permitted to play for charity up till May 15. After that date all will be closed down until August 15 in Scotland and September 1 in England.

WILL CONSCRIPTION INJURE

Baseball in The U. S.—Managers Are Speculating.

Ball players, managers and magnates are beginning to speculate with no little concern on what will happen to their ranks when the United States selective draft system of soldiers becomes a law. The word "selective" permits of considerable latitude on the part of the military authorities, but the pastimers are confronted with the fact that a big percentage of the younger athletes will be subject to call. If they happen to be among those selected the national game will become a very much emaciated affair.

At the same time, it is said, the authorities are so pleased with the progress of the clubs that have taken up military drill that many of them are in favor of allowing the ball players to continue their preparation in that way instead of being drafted into military camps. In the fall the American league especially will be able to furnish pretty close to a whole battalion of well-drilled men.

In an informal discussion yesterday was the opinion of several ball players that out of every 25 members of a team ten are married, and, of course, will be exempt. But if the other 15 or even 10 of them had to join the colors the game would suffer. In the American league that would mean 80 men, and there would be an equal number from the National, to say nothing of the minor leagues.

Just what attitude the government will take toward the National league players who are doing little or nothing toward military preparedness is awaited with considerable interest.

We are perfectly willing to cooperate with the government in anything that it deems proper," said Ben Johnson, of the American league, yesterday, "and when the time comes nobody will be found more willing to fight for his country than the professional ball player. Moreover, I don't believe that you could find a better drilled lot of men in any organization out side of the regular army. That fact will be thoroughly demonstrated to Toronto fans when the New York club plays an exhibition game in Toronto on May 9th.

Mr. Johnson added that if the government needed all the well-drilled ball players in October the American league would close up next year, if necessary. The American league president, by the way, is intensely patriotic and has been made a member of a board in Chicago similar to the advisory board committee here.

"RUFUS" RYAN HURT IN AEROPLANE FALL

Football and Canoeing Star Wounded and Dangerously Ill.

"Jack" Ryan, who was formerly famed as the outside wing of the Ottawa football team in the Interprovincial Football Union, is lying dangerously ill and wounded in France, according to a cablegram received in Ottawa by his sister, Mrs. J. H. McElroy. Ryan has been in the Royal Flying Corps for nearly two years. He was injured in a crash on the Somme last summer, but recovered and was for a time squadron commander at one of the English camps. Recently he was transferred back to the western front, and it is evident that he received his injuries in a fall.

Ryan was a member of the Ottawa Football Club when it won the Interprovincial Union championship in 1906. He paddled with the New Edinburghs when they held many war canoe championships, and was also a hockeyist of note. Football was his forte, however, and it is doubtful if the Big Four ever produced a more spectacular player. He has done great work in the Royal Flying Corps, making good from the start as a birdman.

No New Boxing Board.

Gov. Whitman, of New York State, declared yesterday that he is still confident that the Fawley Boxing Law will be repealed.

He added that he has no intention of filling the vacancy in the Boxing Commission, and intimated that there will be no commission after July 1st.

The appropriation for the salaries of the commissioners expires at that time, and the Governor said he did not believe that the present incumbents would care to serve without pay.

Trotters And Pacers.

Hal B. Jr., is entered in the 2.06 pace at Detroit.

Battle, 2.13 1/4, is in the stud at Cruikton Park Farm, Galt.

Dick McMahon is going to try Hal Boy, p. 2.01 1/4 on the Big Ring.

George T. Haag, of General H., 2.04 1/4 fame, has deserted the sulky and is ranching in the Canadian Northwest.

Mabel Trask, 2.03 1/4, and Mary Putney, 2.04 1/4, will both be raced this season by Cox.

Young Miss, the dam of Bingen, 2.06 1/4, died recently at Castleton, aged 28. Her last foal was a colt, now two years old, by The Northern Man, 2.06 1/2, a son of Todd, 2.14 1/4.

Day Spring, 2.09 1/4, has been entered in the B. of C. at Detroit by S. F. T. L.

The Goodison stables of Sarnia have entered Peter G., 2.06 1/4, in the B. of C.

No Racing in England.

The stewards of the English Jockey Club at the instance of the Government, have cancelled all the 1917 racing fixtures which were to have been run after the first spring meeting. The step was taken with a view to saving foodstuffs, which are now diverted to the racing stables.

The cancellation of the summer racing dates will prevent the running of such classic events as the Derby, the Oaks, the Ascot Derby, the Eclipse, the Jockey Club and the St. Leger stakes.

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