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**In The World Of Sport**

**SPORTING NOTES.**

Fred Merkle has made good with Chicago "fans". His heavy hitting won the first game he played in for Fred Mitchell's Cubs.

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Nemo Liebold is certainly making his way to the front. He has been holding down the right field position for the Chicago White Sox for some time now and all agree that he's doing mighty well.

The Philadelphia Athletics have almost the largest pitching staff in the Major Leagues. Besides the pitchers whose retention during the season was recently announced, there may be added to the list the name of Seibold.

The Boston Braves are again showing great superiority in the matter of pitching. This will very likely keep them among the top liners in the league standing, but they certainly need improvement in the matter of batting.

Sanders and Ring, two young pitchers who are being developed by Matty, are showing up very well. Ring is a New York boy who received a trial from the Yankees last year.

Though Grover Cleveland Alexander has received a mailing of late at the hands of National League sluggers, he declares that there is nothing the matter with his \$2,500 wing. Alexander hopes to do an immediate comeback and is out to win at least 30 games this season.

It is reported that the Chicago White Sox will sell Jules Fournier, the big French Canadian first anchor. Slow thinking is given as the cause.

Frankie Fuller continues to burn things up at Newark. Hughie Jennings has a string on the former Ottawa infielder and may recall him.

As a result of a conference at New York, National Baseball magnates decided not to raise the admission prices for the present. They will mark time.

Monday was celebrated in Boston as "Mitchell Day" in honor of the manager of the Cubs. On that date Boston fans showed the world how much they think of George Stallings' former right-hand man.

The Cincinnati Reds have Hal Chase's signature to a two-year contract covering the seasons of 1917 and 1918.

Fred Merkle and Larry Doyle are both playing good ball for the Cubs. Merkle is now batting in the clean-up position for Mitchell and hitting over .300.

Catcher Fred Wilder, of the Boston Americans, and last year with Buffalo, has been released to the Worcester Club of the Eastern league under an optional agreement.

George "No-Hit" Davis, pitcher has been released by the Boston Braves, "Larry" Chapelle, outfielder, has been transferred to Columbus. Chapelle was the player the Chicago White Sox paid \$18,000 for.

Second Baseman Derrill Pratt, of St. Louis Browns, will be out of the game for some time with a broken bone in his wrist.

Saturday was Mathewson Day at New York, when his friends presented him with a silver service before the game. During the presentation address Mathewson was referred to as the world's greatest pitcher.

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New York Americans have released Jules Olsen, a semi-pro catcher to the Columbus, Ga., club of the South Atlantic League.

The New York American League

club is arranging to give a band concert and a ball game at the Polo Ground on June 17th, which is a Sunday, for the benefit of the New York Engineer troops now being organized for duty in France. If the consent of Mayor Mitchell and the local National League club is had a game will be played with the St. Louis Browns on that day, which will be a championship game. The contest booked for Monday, the 18th will be moved forward.

Harry Wolter is finding the National League pitching far more difficult than that of the Pacific Coast league, where he was sent to bust fences for several seasons past. Wolter batted .205 for his first nineteen games, but he is expected to take a brace.

The Chicago White Sox for several years have found their greatest difficulty winning games at Detroit. For this reason they took especial delight in making a clean sweep on their first visit of 1917 to Navin Field. White Sox fans have charged that the weakness of their club against the Tigers has cost Royland two pennants.

**ENGLISH FOX HUNTING  
SEASON A POOR ONE**

**Britain's Ancient Field Sport  
Hard Hit by Conditions  
Arising From War.**

Fox hunting, as well as horse racing, in England has been hard hit by the great war, with the worst, apparently, yet to come. The London Field refers to the season just ended as the poorest ever known. Government restrictions, the drafting of hunt servants into the army and the scarcity of food for horses and hounds all contributed to injure the sport.

With some of the packs amateur women volunteered to take the places of hired help as whippers-in, while the masters very generally undertook huntmen's duties in addition to their own. At the height of the season, a few weeks ago, the Director of Food Economy, himself a racing and hunting man, had a conference with the masters, which resulted in cutting down the number of hounds about one-third at one fell swoop, the older and less useful ones being destroyed, as a general rule.

Just before the war began it was estimated that something like 20,000 hounds were in the two hundred and odd packs in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. At the close of the season last month the estimated number was 12,000, but since then the food crisis has become more serious, and no one knows how many there may be when the next hunting season opens in October.

**EX-GIANTS MAKING  
GOOD AS MANAGERS**

**Mathewson, Bresnahan, Donlin  
and Others All Under  
McGraw Once.**

Many of the men who have played with the Giants under the leadership of John J. McGraw within the last ten years or so, are now managing ball clubs themselves. Only one, however, is in the big leagues. This individual is the once famous Christy Mathewson, who is at the head of the Cincinnati Reds.

Roger Bresnahan, once Matty's catcher, is part owner and manager of the Toledo team of the American Association. Roger's team this year is composed mostly of former Yankees. Joe McGinnity, the real iron man of baseball, is leading the League. Incidentally, Joe is still pitching.

Mike Donlin is in charge of the Memphis team of the Southern Association and making good. Arthur Devlin, the once famous third baseman, is managing the Norfolk team of the Virginia Association; Hooks Wiltse, the left-hander, the Reading Club of the New York State League, and Mickey Doolan, the Rochester Club of the International League.

Manager "Billy" Murray has announced June 27th to July 4th as the dates for the first meeting of the Mainesque track at Montreal. Jockey Hayes will ride for J. B. Tyres on the Canadian circuit this season, while Jockey Collins will ride for J. K. L. Ross.

**NO OPPONENTS FOR  
WILLARD IN SIGHT**

**But Jess Says He is Ready to  
Fight Whenever He  
is Wanted.**

Champion Jess Willard, who is now in New York admits that there isn't a first-class challenger in the heavyweight class. For a time it was believed that Fred Fulton, the Minnesota giant, would prove a suitable opponent for the conqueror of Jack Johnson. But Fulton's sorry performance in a recent bout with Carl Morris here put him out of the running. The fact that Morris, in a subsequent scrap, was unable to dispose of the glass-jawed Coffey, also eliminated the former. Frank Morris was so easily beaten by Willard in Madison Square Garden last year that a return match would not prove attractive. As for the other alleged heavyweight boxers, there isn't one who would stand a ghost of a chance with Willard, so that the champion's retirement from the prize ring appears to be a foregone conclusion. Incidentally, Willard isn't a bit sorry for the reason that he cares little or nothing for the manly art.

**SISLER IS LEADING  
The Heavy Batters of the American  
Baseball League.**

George Sisler, handy man of the St. Louis Browns, tops the batters of the American league. With a mark of .405 for twenty-two games, he stands 23 points ahead of Stuffy McInnis, Philadelphia, and thirty-two points ahead of Tris Speaker.

George Burns, New York, is the real leader among the National leaguers, although J. Smith, St. Louis, has his name at the top, and Eddie Rousch, Cincinnati, is in second place. Burns is busting 'em at a .373 clip for sixteen games. Smith has been in twelve games, and has amassed in that time the terrific average of .524. Rousch is hitting .429.

Cactus Cravath, Phillies; Cruise, Cardinals; Kauf, New York; Elliott, Cubs; Gowdy, Braves; Zimmerman, Giants; Fischer, Pirates; Baird, Pirates; Groh, Cincinnati; Reuther, Cubs; and Niehoff, Phillies, are others in the 300 class. Hal Chase is hitting .269 while Jake Daubert is standing at .263. Following the three leaders in the American league's select class of hitters are Johnson, Browns; Danforth, White Sox; Wambegans, Indians; Judge, Senators; W. Miller, Browns; Milan, Senators; Cobb, Tigers; Jacobson, Browns; E. Foster, Senators.

Cobb is hitting only .309. Joe Jackson is pinned down to .253, while Eddie Collins has a mark of .224.

**Outlook is Better.**  
Thomas J. Hickey, president of the American Association, declared on his return to Minneapolis from a tour of the circuit that the proposed special meeting of club owners to discuss means of meeting present conditions probably would not be held in the immediate future. He said he found most of the club owners hopeful of a successful season, financially, despite the present discouraging outlook.

**Canadians Were Fourth.**  
In an eight-mile relay race at Epson Downs on Saturday a Canadian infantry team was fourth. Included in the team was Private A. Decoteau, who was a member of a Canadian Olympic team some years ago. At cricket the Merchant Taylors School defeated the Canadian Army pay office 150 runs to 68.

**World Record For Hurdles.**  
At Lawrence, Kas., Robert Simpson of the University of Missouri, set a new world's record for the 220-yard hurdles on a circular track by going the distance in 24 2-5 seconds, according to officials of the Kansas-Missouri dual meet, in which he was competing.

The Western Racing Association, which controls the Devonshire Park plant at Windsor, received the first racing license of the 1917 season last week. The application was accompanied by a cheque for \$8,750 to cover the license fee, which is at the rate of \$1,250 a day. Trainer Joe Edwards is shipping the Mirasol steeple from Baltimore to the Woodbine Wednesday.

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