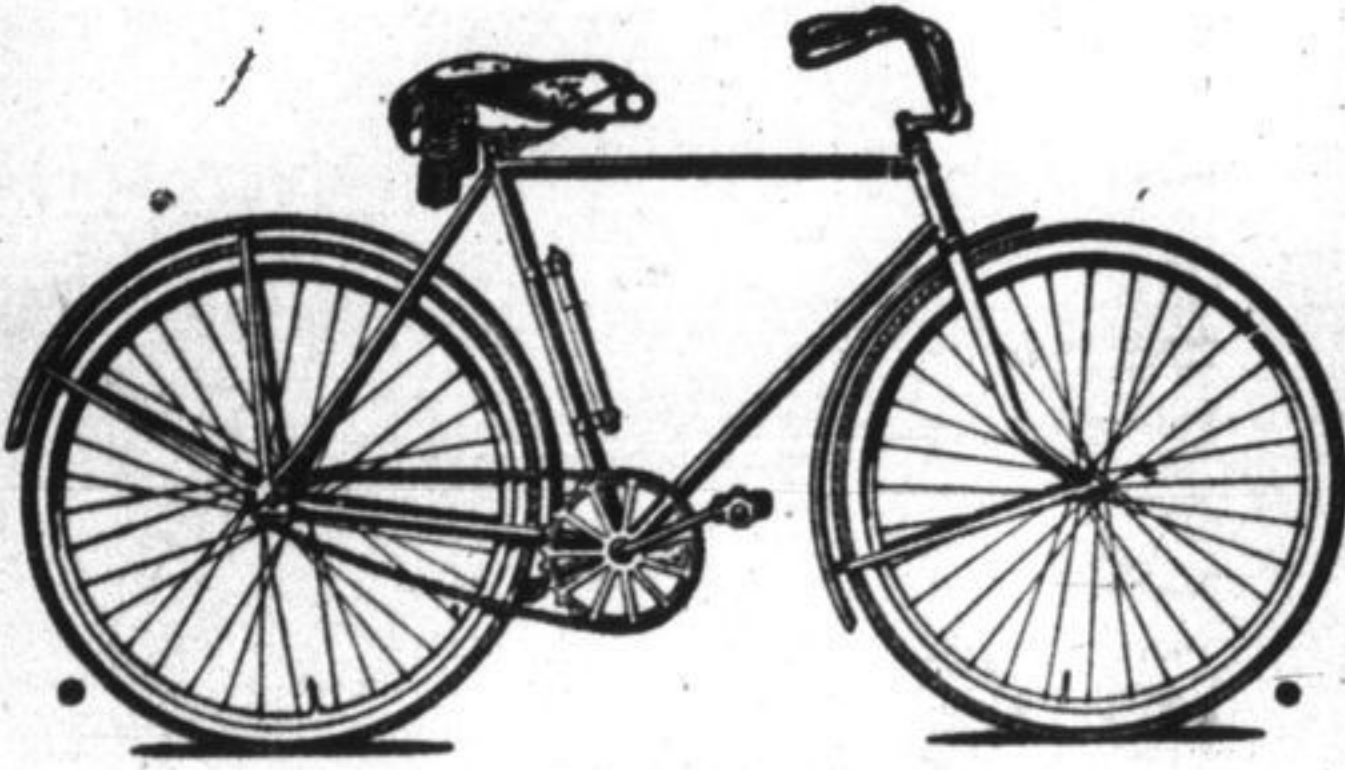


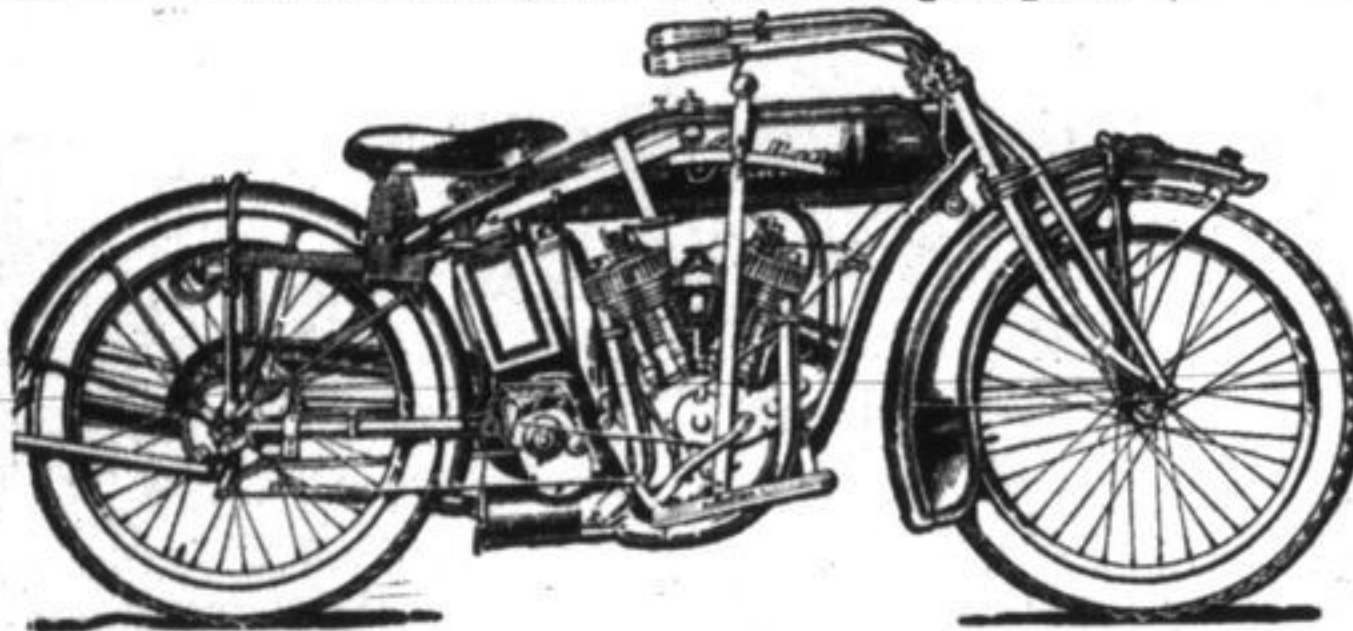
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BASEBALL SEASON OPENED

MAYOR HUGHES, W. R. GIVENS AND N. C. POLSON, OFFICIATED

Victorias Won in a 12-Innings Feature by 6-5—Three Returned Soldiers on Their Line-up.

The opening game of the City Amateur Baseball League on Saturday afternoon was a regular hummer and has set a standard that will be hard to beat in the games to come. Victorias and C.L.C. clashed in the opening fixture, and only after twelve innings of hard playing did the veteran of the City League, Nicholson, bring in the winning run for the Vics, making the score 6-5.

The opening ceremonies were performed by Mayor Hughes as catcher, W. R. Givens at bat and N. C. Polson in the box. Each had an opportunity of showing his baseball prowess, which wasn't much to brag about. Instead of sending over a strike, the pitcher allowed the batter to touch the ball. The batter, however, instead of sending out a fair ball made a foul and instead of catching the foul the mayor pulled off a muff. However, due regard must be had for their lack of practice and each should take consolation, the pitcher in knowing that a hit was not registered against him, the batter in knowing that he was able to at least touch the ball and the catcher in realizing that a foul is a very hard ball to catch sometimes.

Both teams showed consistent playing throughout and a noticeable feature was the good will displayed. It is to be hoped this will be continued throughout the season. There were no annoying breaks for "scraps", and George Sullivan handled the game very fairly. Cherry in the box for C.L.C. was a surprise, but he showed himself to be in fettle. Three returned soldiers were on the line-up for Victorias, Urie, Skitz and Rutledge, while C.L.C. also had some new men out.

Victorias	R.	H.	E.
Nicholson, cf.	1	1	0
G. Dick, 3b.	1	0	1
McCulla, 2b.	0	2	1
H. Dick, ss.	0	0	3
Laird, lf.	2	2	0
Skitz, rf.	0	1	0
Urie, lb.	1	1	1
Burke, c.	0	1	0
Gillespie, p.	2	1	0
	6	9	5

C. L. C.	R.	H.	E.
C. Stewart, 3b.	1	0	0
Walsh, 2b.	1	1	0
Mitton, ss.	1	2	0
Carrins, c.	2	1	0
Daley, lf.	0	0	0
Swain, cf.	0	3	1
Cherry, p.	0	1	0
Fowler, 2b.	0	0	0
Sargent, rf.	0	2	1
	5	10	2

The score by innings:
Victorias . . . 010100201001—6
C. L. C. . . . 200000030000—5
Summary: Two base hits, Nicholson, McCulla, Carrins, Swain; one base hit, McCulla, Laird (2), Skitz, Urie, Burke, Gillespie, Walsh, Mitton (2), Swain (2), Cherry, Sargent, (2); struck out, by Gillespie, 9, by Urie, 3, by Cherry, 5; umpire George Sullivan, time of game, 2.25.

Y.L.C.B.A. vs C.L.C.

In the opening game of the junior series of the City Amateur Baseball League at the Cricket Field on Saturday afternoon Y.L.C.B.A., defeated the junior C.L.C., aggregation by 12-5. Some real hot stuff was handed out by the youngsters, and the performance was witnessed by a large number of fans.

The line-up:
Y.L.C.B.A.: Fitzgerald, ss.; H. Cummings, c.; Gourdier, 1b.; McNeill, lf.; Fowler, cf.; Koen, 3b.; McQuade, cf.; Logue, 2b.; Donoghue, p.
C.L.C.: Scrutton, c.; Matthews, p.; Fowler, lf.; Leslie, 2b.; Cherry, 3b.; Hughes, ss.; Dixon, rf.; Abbot, cf.; Sherman, 2b. "Jimmie" Stewart umpired the game.

Monday Afternoon's Game.

A very large crowd turned out on Monday afternoon to witness the exhibition baseball match between Victorias and Athletics at the Cricket Field. It was an ideal day for the game and an interesting time was provided. Both teams played up

well but Athletics pulled a win by a score of 9 to 7.

Urie pitched a consistent game for the Vics and showed good form. At times, however, he was very poorly supported by the rest of the team. Teddy Gallagher pitched the latter part of the game for the Vics and after he got fairly started hurled well. Spectacular plays were lacking.

The line-up:
Athletics—Decobean, 3b; Spoor, lf; Spencer, cf; Saunders, 2b; Gallagher, 1b and p; Hall, c; Hughes, rf; Thompson, ss; Callaghan, p and 1b.

Victorias—Nicholson, cf and rf; Stewart, 3b; H. Dick, ss; Sommerville, 2b; McCulla, 2b; Laird, lf; Urie, p; Burke, c; Skitz, rf and cf.

Score by Innings:
R. H. E.
Athletics — 202040001 9 12 4
Victorias — 200112000 7 11 4

ONCE A CHAMPION, NOW AN OUTCAST

Strong Drink the Undoing of Peter Maher, Former Heavyweight.

Groggy from too much whiskey, Peter Maher, the former heavyweight pugilist, was led from Harlem Police Court in New York to serve a sentence of one month in the workhouse. As he was led away Peter wept and rubbed his sleeve across his beary eyes. He didn't mind going to jail as much, he said, but he hated not to have any of the gang see him off. He didn't like to start all alone.

The former fighter was a physical wreck when he came into court. Only the big, broad shoulders recalled his once magnificent frame. His legs wobbled and his hands trembled. Dirt covered his clothes. He had been picked up last night at Ninety-seventh street and Lexington avenue by a policeman, who found him lying on the pavement.

Old Roman Sends Cheque.
Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago American Baseball Club, has sent a cheque to the Red Cross for \$2,339.54, representing 10 per cent of the receipts of nineteen games in which the White Sox participated recently. Comiskey previously had sent \$2,109.11 to the Red Cross.

SPORTING NOTES.

First prominent baseball stars to enlist are Eddie Grant and Harry McCormick, both former Giants. They are in training at Plattsburg.

Any doubting Thomas who questions the value of Hans Wagner to the Pirates for the past thousand years, just cast a wicked glance at their standing today.

Speaking of thrift, Eddie Fitzpatrick of the Boston Braves says when he was suspended for five days by Empire Quigley in New York he went home and planted 75 bushels of potatoes to offset the \$50 fine imposed by President Tener.

By way of filling every position possible with Canadians the Hamilton Jockey Club have appointed C. J. (Chris) Fitzgerald of London, Ont., presiding steward at the meeting which opens on June 26th.

The directors of the Hamilton Jockey Club have decided to admit all returned soldiers free at their coming meeting and to pay the war tax on all admission tickets. The members' lawn will be turned over free of charge to the Red Cross girls, who will conduct a tea room there.

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WILL FINISH THE SEASON

DESPITE BIG DRAWBACKS SAYS E. G. BARROW

The International Baseball League Will Pull Through Without Any Trouble, Says The President.

"Judging from conditions in our own circuit, it is my opinion that the minor leagues will pull through the present season without any trouble," E. G. Barrow, president of the International league, says.

The International has probably received the hardest blow of any minor league in existence since 1912. Wrecked by the Federals, flooded by rains, it has struggled bravely along. This year, which promised to be a good one, rains has postponed many games, and war threatens to cause more trouble. Two of the International's clubs are in Canada, where the war spirit has made itself felt since 1914. These two clubs have suffered greatly.

Barrow's statement was made after hearing that the North Carolina league had disbanded.

"I know it is hard for some of the small leagues," Barrow said, "but they should go through if it is at all possible. We'll finish our season if it takes every dollar we have. We've gone through a lot of trouble. I guess we can stand a little more."

Barrow declared no one can say what the future of baseball is likely to bring. "Next year our ball players may be taken. It may be advisable to close our parks for a couple of seasons. In fact, some clubs would save money by doing that. We'll just have to wait for next season to see."

"PETE" PLETT HONORED.

Former Argonaut Half-back Now in Flying Corps, Given D.S.O.

Flight Sub-Lieut. Walter Ernest Plett ("Pete" Plett), of the Royal Naval Air Service, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for conspicuous gallantry during an air raid. He started out with a raiding party of twelve for Freiburg, being the only one of the fighters to return, as two of his chums, including the wing commander and Gus Edwards, a Canadian from St. John, were taken prisoners and Lieut. George Fleming was killed. Three gun layers were also killed in the raid, which was the British reprisal for the sinking of the Asturias.

Shortly after leaving the objective he was engaged with six enemy two-seaters. His gun-layer, air mechanic, and first grade, R. G. Kimberley, was slightly wounded in the raid, which number his hand. Notwithstanding this, he succeeded in bringing down two of the enemy machines, being again wounded by an explosive bullet in the ankle. The machine was riddled with bullets, and owing to the damage navigation was most difficult, and the return journey was very slow. Consequently he was again attacked, but, although the gun-layer was twice wounded, the enemy machine was driven off. Flight Sub-Lieut. Plett has been with the R.N.A.S. for over a year. He is thirty years of age, and is well known in the sporting world, being captain of the Upper Canada Rugby team and also half-back for the Argonaut seniors for several years.

PLANS TO SELL DIRECTUM

Holds Record of 1.58—Fastest Time Made in Race.

In addition to the trotting stars announced for sale by C. K. G. Billings at Madison Square Garden, New York, on June 6th, it has been announced that Directum I, which has been campaigned by Thomas W. Murphy for three years, would be put on the block at the same time to be sold to the highest bidder.

Directum I has a record of 1.56 2/3, and is the world's fastest harness horse, as was known by James Butler and was sold three years ago by M. E. Sturge for \$35,000.

His record of 1.58, made in 1914, is the fastest ever made in a race and he also holds the world's record for a half-mile track of 2.02 1/2.

Billiard Champion Called to Colors.

Melbourne Inman, English billiard champion, has been called up to join the British army, and has been granted fourteen days in which to arrange his affairs. The call notice was received while the champion was in the midst of a close match with a local expert.

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