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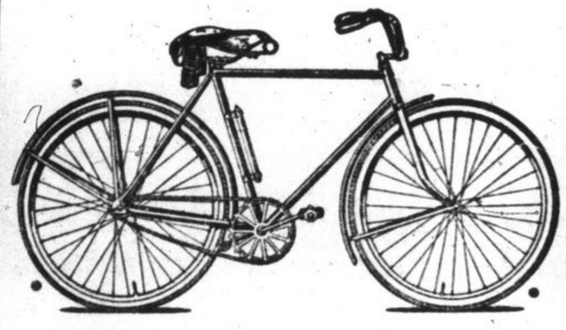

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HAMILTON NOT READY FOR INTERNATIONAL

Would Welcome Chance to Supplant Toronto, But Not During War.

The guessers are at work again, says the Hamilton Times. Hamilton is slated for the International League. It makes good reading to have this city in line for the Barrow League, but the Ambitious City is far away from such a jump. In the first place, Toronto is by no means in the American League yet, and, even if the Queen City did manage to secure the Washington franchise, Hamilton would not be favored with the vacant berth in the International.

Hamilton is in no position to stand International League baseball during war times. The battle between the Hun and Allies is what wrecked the Canadian League.

Hamiltonians will welcome a revival of this International League chatter when the war is over. Any city that could boast of an average attendance of 1,153 for half a season with a club far down in the race is sure to prove a paying proposition in normal times.

GOWDY QUITS BRAVES.

Is the First Ball Player to Join U.S. Army as a Private.

"Hank" Gowdy, Boston National catcher, and hero of the 1914 world series, yesterday gained the distinction of being the first ball player to relinquish voluntarily the luxurious life of a big league ball player to carry a gun as private in the army. Gowdy yesterday left for his home at Columbus, Ohio, to enlist in the Ohio National Guard. The catcher will report for military duty July 15th, playing ball up to that date. His team mates were infected with the military fever by his decisive step and a day off, and Stallings fears others will follow suit.

CANADIAN BALL TEAM

Beats an American Nine in Game in England.

The American doctors and nurses who comprise the United States ambulance unit en route to France were royally entertained in England this week.

One of the star attractions for the visitors was a baseball game on the estate at Cliveden of Waldorf Astor, M.P., at which the American doctors suffered a defeat at the hands of the more skilled Canadians. The game ended at the close of the sixth inning, when the Canadians had piled up fourteen runs. The Canadians gave the game a touch of the real thing in baseball by wearing regulation uniforms.

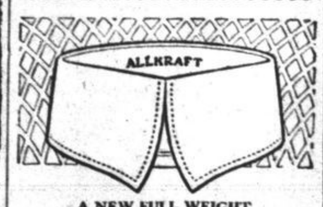
Baseball to Continue.

"Will the war stop baseball next year?" a New York reporter asked of Ban Johnson yesterday.

"We shall have to wait developments," replied the American League president, "but I think baseball will go on. The chances are that there will be no break in the yearly campaigns of our big leagues. Patronage during the past few weeks has been far greater than we expected. If the weather continues good all the clubs will prosper.

Will Resume Athletics.

Brown University will continue all forms of athletics when the fall term opens, according to an announcement made this week. Though the Varsity teams have been sadly depleted through enlistment, it is expected that there will be sufficient new material to make a creditable showing.



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OF OTHER COUNTRIES REGARDING HORSE RACING.

France, England, Austria and Germany Hold Meets—Jockey Club Blamed For Ban on Racing.

In stopping racing until after the war, the Canadian Government has not followed the example of other countries participating in the great war. Race meetings have been held regularly in Germany and Austria, and the sport of kings was recently revived in France, the military authorities realizing that without racing the thoroughbred industry would gradually wane, and it has been proven time and again that the thoroughbred is the best horse for the army. Even in England the Government has sanctioned meetings this year that were not held since the war started. It looks as though a wiser step on the part of the Government would have been to take over the mile tracks and conduct meetings, allowing the shareholders of the various clubs ten per cent. on their investment, and using the profits for various military purposes.

Jockey Clubs Blamed.

The jockey clubs throughout the country are in no small measure to blame for the ban on racing, says the Hamilton Spectator. At the time the Miller Bill was brought up at Ottawa, representatives of the various clubs made a strong plea for the continuing of racing, pointing out what the thoroughbred meant to the army, and how it was absolutely necessary to have betting in order to have racing. Since the outbreak of the war the jockey clubs have done practically nothing to help secure horses for the army. It was an opportunity to practice what they preached a few years ago, and had they done so it is not likely that such a drastic measure would have been taken to-day.

LEWIS MEETS BRITTON.

Britisher and American Welterweight to Clash Again.

Announcement is made at the St. Nicholas A.C., New York, of the completion of arrangements for two promising ten-round bouts to be held at that club within the next two weeks. The first will be staged next Thursday night, and will bring together in a return bout Jack Britton, the welterweight champion, and Ted Lewis, the English boxer.

One week later Johnny Dundee, the Italian lightweight, and Willie Jackson are scheduled to appear in a return bout. It was Jackson who recently knocked out Dundee for the first time that the Italian has been knocked out in his career.

HOCKEY PLAYER QUITS

$6,000 Position to Enlist as a Private.

Louis Steffens, assistant traffic manager for a Detroit firm of auto manufacturers, and who draws a salary of $6,000 a year, walked into the Detroit Armory and asked to be enlisted as a private. He said he believed in starting at the bottom. He passed the physical examination and was signed at once.

Mr. Steffens has a reputation as a hockey player, having been a member of Canadian teams before going to Detroit.

Third Masson Killed.

Lieut. Robert Geoffrey Masson, R.F.C., of Ottawa, a former St. Andrew's College athlete, is now reported killed in action. He was previously reported missing. This makes the second member of the Masson family to give up his young life in defence of the Empire, "Donnie," the former McGill University hockey and football star, having made the sacrifice last month. Grey, the third and only surviving member of the family, is now doing aviation work in France.

"Mac" Sheldon Enlists.

"Mac" Sheldon, of Chatham, graduate of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, and member of the world champion Dental hockey team, and who was the prime factor in the lifting of the Allan Cup, playing a prominent part in the defeat of the Victorias of Winnipeg, has enlisted in the Canadian Army Dental Corps with the rank of lieutenant.

HONUS WAGNER SIGNS WITH THE PIRATES

Veteran Infielder is Slated to Play First Base for Pittsburg Club.

John Henry (Honus) Wagner, star shortstop, who failed to report to the Pittsburg Nationals at the beginning of the season, after 20 years as a player in the National League has now signed a contract with President Barney Dreyfuss of the Pittsburg club.

No statement was made as to the salary Wagner will receive under the new contract. For the past two years, it is said, he has been receiving a salary of $10,000, and, according to some reports, it was because of a reduction that the veteran shortstop failed to report this spring. After signing a contract Wagner sent the following telegram to August Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission:

"Finding the call of baseball too strong to resist, I desire to continue to play the game I love and to which I owe all I possess, and I hereby petition the National Commission to grant my request for reinstatement so that I may play with my old club to-morrow."

HIGHLANDER MAGNATE

Joins the U. S. Engineers For Service Overseas.

Capt. T. L. Huston, part owner of the New York Americans, and one of the most popular magnates in baseball, probably saw his team play Tuesday for the last time until the war is over.

Capt. Huston left for Detroit to join a regiment of engineers which will go to France in the near future.

He gained much experience in building railroads and bridges in Cuba during the Spanish-American war, and he will devote his time to this line of work at the front. The Captain's only son is at Plattsburg Camp, having severed his connection with the Royal Bank of Canada at Toronto to take a course of military training.

Gilmore Quits Ring.

Freddie Gilmore, who was Les Darcy's closest companion from the time Darcy landed in New York to the day he died, has quit the fight game. Freddie asserts Darcy died as much of a broken heart as of the complications to which the physicians attributed his demise. Gilmore holds the harrying of his friend was instigated by men prominent in the boxing game, and the tactics employed have sickened him of the sport.

Honors For Pete Flett.

Pete Flett, former centre half and captain of the Argonaut Football team in the Interprovincial Union, latterly Flight Sub-Lieut. Flett, of the Royal Naval Air Service, has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for conspicuous gallantry during an air raid. Flett was one of the British birdmen who raided Friesburg and did great damage to enemy works there.

Harvard Overtook Blue.

There is very little chance of football being resumed at Harvard this year, say latest advices from Cambridge. Though the schedule, as arranged, is still intact, it may be necessary to cancel it altogether. Eddie Casey is the only member of last year's team who is not in khaki. He enlisted, but was turned down at Plattsburg.

Baseball Barred to Aliens.

Alien enemies can't go to baseball games in San Francisco after June 9th without a special permit from the Government. The baseball park is within a half-mile radius of the National Guard Armory, which is a barred zone for Germans.

President Ban Johnson, of the American League says that the Washington club is losing money. But he refused to confirm the report that the American League might abandon the national capital.

Brooklyn will have a light harness race meet at the Parkway half-mile track in that city in July. It will last three days.

American Amateur Trapshooters' Association has 1,300 odd branch organizations throughout this country.

Champion Benny Leonard easily defeated Joe Welsh, of Philadelphia, at the latter city in a six-round bout.

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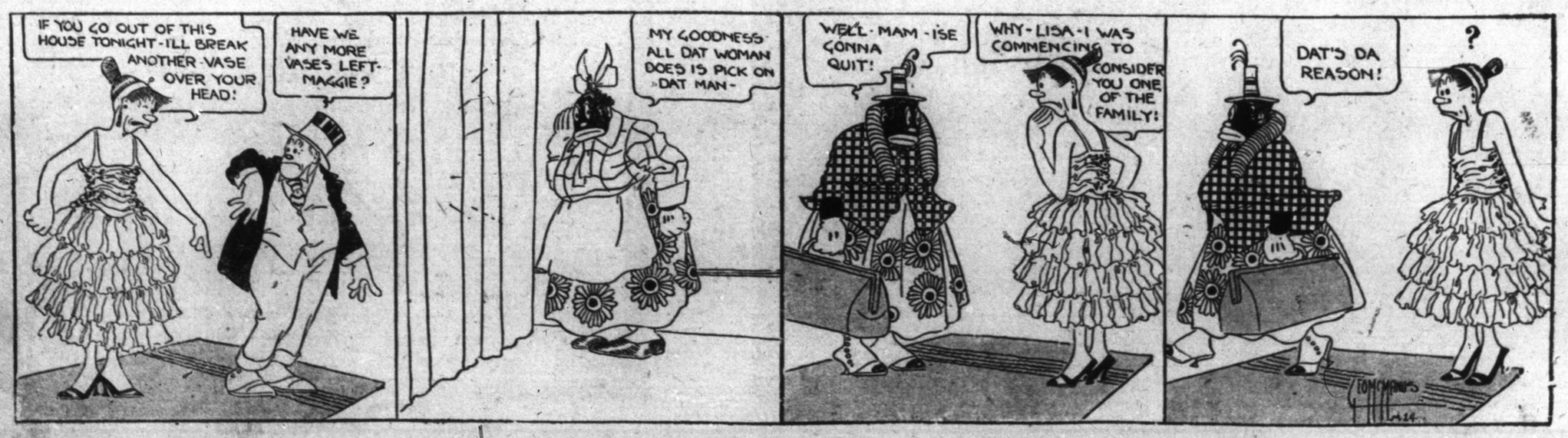
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