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In The World Of Sport

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With Increased Activity In All Branches of Industry Beasts of Burden Will Be Needed at Home in Large Numbers.

The New York State Association of Horsemen is urging upon every breeder, farmer and horse owner of the state the importance of raising horses. Not only do armies in the field require vast numbers of horses, but the increased activity in all industries, especially agriculture, will bring about a demand for the horse unprecedented in recent years. It is also pointed out that the increased cost of automobile maintenance and the possibility of an ultimate restriction in the use of gasoline for pleasure purposes are reasons for the horse to his old-time popularity on the road.

The horsemen anticipate a brisk demand for animals from Europe when the nations resume peaceful pursuits after the carnage. There is an appalling shortage of horses in the Old World and this is a fact known through the shipment of over 1,000,000 animals from this country to the armies of France, England, Italy and Belgium. It applies likewise to Russia, where a general purpose horse now commands between \$400 and \$500.

The announcement that no provision would be made for cavalry in the first draft army, together with the absence of any recent extensive use of cavalry on the western front in Europe, has given rise to a belief that the horse is no longer an important factor in modern fighting. The impression is erroneous. While conditions on the west have not permitted the use of mounted troops, the armies are retaining their cavalry quotas. The little Belgian army has its two cavalry divisions ready to support its infantry. In the east cavalry is playing an important role and has done so from the first invasion. The success of the airplane for reconnaissance has not supplanted the value of the mounted scout.

Major General Sir David Henderson, commanding the Royal British Flying Corps in France says: "The importance of cavalry reconnaissance is impaired in no way by the introduction of the airplane." But laying aside the question of cavalry, there remains a sufficient task for horses with every army. They still haul the guns and munitions stores and provisions. The last stretch between the supply depots and the trenches must be covered by horses, for motor trucks cannot negotiate the shell torn terrain. The pack horse and mule bear the burden.

The war department has already authorized the purchase of 250,000 horses, of which nearly 100,000 have been secured. It is estimated that some 400,000 horses will be in service by the time the army has reached 1,000,000 men. At the opening of the war the British veterinary corps numbered 425 men. It now enrolls over 25,000, indicating the system devised for the care of animals at the front.

While it is admitted that the prices now offered by the government for army horses are ridiculously low, the State Horsemen urge every patriotic breeder to produce at least one colt the coming year.

War and Baseball. When the United States first determined to enter the lists on the side of the Allies there was a considerable drop in the attendance at the major league parks, and for a time it appeared as if the backers of the sport would be heavy losers on the season. But once the flurry had died down the fans again turned to the pastime which they have made the most popular in the world, and, as the races in both the National and American organizations are exceedingly close, there no longer remains a doubt that there will be sufficient excitement to sustain popular interest right through the world's series, and make the 1917 season a financial success.

In fact some of the teams, such as the Cincinnati Reds, the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cleveland Indians, give promise of making more money for their owners than in many moons, for instead of being trailers, as they have been too often in the past, they have been displaying unexpected "pep" for a con-

siderable time, and have been battling with the usual pennant contenders for high posts.

Another thing which contributed to a clearing of the atmosphere was the practical certainty that the teams would not be "shot to pieces" because of the draft, for few of those within the prescribed age limits are without dependents. In addition those players who intend to enlist will wait until the season is over to do so.—Ed. A. Goewey, in Leslie's.

Matty's Salary is \$12,000.

Salaries paid baseball stars was the subject of an examination of August Herrmann, owner of the Cincinnati team and chairman of the National Baseball Commission, in a suit of Vincent Campbell, a player, against the defunct Newark Federal League Club to recover \$8,258 for breach of contract.

Herrmann testified that the payroll for the Cincinnati team last year aggregated \$80,500, of which Christy Mathewson, manager of the team, got \$12,000; Herzog, whom he succeeded, \$10,000, and Hui Chase \$8,000.

"Lou" Woods, the St. Michael College boy, is pitching great ball for Carltons, having won his last four starts. He has won 5 and lost 2 this year, one of his defeats being a two-hit game against Osler, which he should have won. One feature of his work has been his control, having passed only ten in eight games.

Leon J. Cadore, a pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers and last season with Montreal, has passed the physical examination for the United States army. He waived exemption and is ready to quit baseball at once.

SUSPEND FOR HARVEST.

Irish Racing Will Not Clash With Needed Work on Farms.

The stewards of the Irish Turf Club have sanctioned further flat racing meetings up to August 25th, when the sport will be suspended for a month so as to have no interference made with the harvest.

The English Jockey Club has arranged a further meeting to be held at Brighton on October 6th, which completes the forty days' racing permitted by the Government.

Horse-racing in Germany is being continued with hardly any difference from the pre-war days. The German Derby, of the value of \$31,250, was recently run off and won by Landgraf, a brown colt by the English Louviers—Landora, by four lengths from Ecco and Frohsinn, who ran a dead heat for second place.

VETERAN PLANK RETIRES.

Strain Beginning to Tell on Once Great Outfielder.

Eddie Plank, the veteran left-hander, has retired permanently from baseball. Fielder Jones of the St. Louis Americans, made this known yesterday, when he announced that Plank had left the team last Saturday and gone to his home at Gettysburg, Pa. Plank informed him, Jones said, that his reason for retiring was that the strain of baseball was telling on him, causing trouble with his stomach.

Plank's last game was pitched in Washington a week ago Monday, when Walter Johnson defeated him, 1 to 0, in eleven innings.

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