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# In The World Of Sport

## Baseball Briefs

The New York National League club announced today that the sum of \$25,000 was taken in for the band concert and benefit baseball game between the New York and Cincinnati clubs last Sunday, for the 165th regiment.

Walter Traggesser, catcher for the Boston National Baseball Club, failed to pass the physical examination for the new national army. He has a stiff thumb which was broken five times while playing baseball.

Nine years ago, when the Red Sox were training in Texas, one of the youngsters who was trying to land a job as pitcher was A. B. Hoffman. When he was informed that he was not of big league ability he joined Uncle Sam's army. This summer, when the Red Sox asked for a drill master, the man who had failed to make good as a pitcher with the team was detailed by the War Department to instruct the club in military tactics.

Here's a further tribute to baseball as a civilizer: The Japanese government, it is reported, plans to send two college teams on a tour of its territory in Manchuria, partly to make the Japanese colonists there feel in touch with the home land, and further, to get the natives interested, so that they will have less time to grumble about Japanese governmental policies.

Merkle and Doyle are not hitting the old apple as they did when they played with the Giants and Chicago fans are demanding their scalps.

All eyes are on Jeff Teevan! The big spitball pitcher is due to win some games for McGraw.

The tip is out that Rube Bressler, former Mack southpaw, is to get another whirl in the big league. Since joining Atlanta, Bressler has been one of the leading curvers in the Southern Association.

### DURNAN IN TRAINING

Champion, Sculler Will Be Handled by Nat Scholes.  
"Nat" Scholes, who has developed many oarsmen, has charge of the training arrangements of Eddie Durnan, professional single sculling champion of America, for his match on the 31st inst. with John L. Hackett, of Beaudette, Minn., on Toronto Bay.

"Nat" Scholes has developed many good oarsmen, including "Bob" Dibble, who won distinction at the front. Dibble was Canadian and American amateur champion. The veteran coach of the Dons has directed Durnan's work for other matches. The champion has been working steadily for several weeks and is ready for the finishing touches. Hackett will arrive in Toronto on Friday or Saturday to finish up his preparation for the race which involves Durnan's title and stakes of \$500 each.

### About Hugh Jennings.

Hugh Jennings, leader of the Detroit Tigers, hasn't played a game of baseball for nearly twenty years, but when he practises at shortstop, to get some exercise, he reminds veteran fans of the days when he covered that position for the Old Orioles of Baltimore. This famous ball club, one of the best ever seen in fast company, still is represented in the game of modern times. McGraw, the Giants' manager, played third base. Wilbert Robinson, the leader of the Brooklyn, was the catcher. Kid Gleason, the assistant manager of the White Sox, pitched and played second base. Joe Kelley, the heavy-hitting outfielder, is the Yankees' chief scout, while Bill Clarke, another backstop, has been baseball coach at Princeton for many years. Dan Brotherton is employed by the New York National League club as scout and Jack Doyle is an umpire on the coast. Doyle succeeded Brotherton at first base.

Hugo Bezdek, the Pirates' manager, says that he released Joe Wilcox to the Giants because he did not "show the proper spirit." This is a new alibi.

## PROVEN CHAMPIONS OF THE BRITISH ARMY

### Jack Tait and Four Indians Defeat the Pick of Military Runners.

Winnipeg Free Press: The silver cup won by a team representing the First Division Canadians at the English Expeditionary Force horse show and sports in France is on exhibition here. This show was held in June on the Canadian front, well within range of shell fire. Every division in the army had an opportunity to send a team of five. There were 15 teams entered, and the Canadian Division was represented by four men from the 107th Winnipeg Battalion (Glen Campbell commanding), and one man from the Divisional Ammunition Column.

The contestants were taken out in motor lorries about four miles from the fair grounds, and the winning team of five finished as follows: 1. Pte. Tom Longboat (\$62,805), 107th Battalion; 4. Sergt. Jack Tait (\$8,772), 1st C.A.D.C.; 5. Capt. Joe Keeper (235,021), 107th Battalion; 6. Pte. Patoude (718,582), 107th Battalion; 7. Pte. S. McLeod (235,913), 107th Battalion.

All the 107th men are of Canadian Indian birth, Longboat being the celebrated "Six Nations" Indian from Brant, Ontario, the 15 miles world's champion. Keeper is of Cree blood, from Norway House, who represented Manitoba, at the Stockholm, Sweden, Olympic games and ran fourth there in the 10,000-metre race against world's champions. Patoude is a Saulteaux from Onion Lake, Saskatchewan, and is only beginning this year to run in good company. S. S. McLeod is a Hudson's Bay native from Cross Lake, also in his first year. Sergt. Tait of Toronto holds several Canadian records for distance running.

The representative teams were chosen by process of trials and elimination in each division in the whole British army in France, and it is a feat unparalleled that four out of the winning team of five should have come out of one battalion, more especially when one remembers that under the recruiting system in Britain, every able-bodied young sportsman is in the army.

### Big Prices For Baseball Stars.

Ball players have brought fancy prices. Here are some of the high sales: Tris Speaker, Boston Americans, bought by Cleveland; price said to be more than \$50,000. Eddie Collins, Philadelphia Athletics, bought by Chicago White Sox, 1915; \$50,000. Frank Baker, Philadelphia Athletics, bought by New York Yankees, 1916, \$35,000. Joe Tinker, Cincinnati Nationals, bought by Brooklyn, 1913; never reported; \$25,000. Marty O'Toole, St. Paul American Association, bought by Pittsburgh, 1912; \$22,500. Larry Chappelle, Milwaukee American Association, bought by Chicago White Sox, 1913; \$18,000. Lefty Russell, Baltimore International League, bought by Philadelphia Athletics, 1913; \$12,000. Fritz Malsel, Baltimore International League, bought by New York Yankees, 1913; \$12,000. Rube Marquard, Indianapolis American Association, bought by New York Giants, \$11,000.

### Made Seventeen Fouls.

George ("Buck") Weaver made what probably is a world's record when he batted in a recent fifteen-inning game at Chicago. Weaver fouled off seventeen pitched balls. There were two others at which he didn't offer. On the twentieth pitch he sent a healthy fly to Walsh in centre field. During that workout Ruth showed what physical perfection means. The last pitch had as much on it as the first one, and there must have been a few gallons of perspiration scattered in "Babe's" flannel shirt.

At one time "Buck" stepped out of the box and sat down on the ground. He was exhausted. He also had to wait once for a new consignment of balls. He knocked all the available ones into the stand.

President Hickey of the American Association, recently discharged Umpire Johnstone because the latter was lame from overwork. Johnstone has appealed to the National Commission for redress. Western critics say that the Giants' infield is the strongest in the game.

## Sporting Notes

Matt. Hinkel, main prop of the fighting game in Ohio, is dangling a tempting bait before Champion Jess Willard's eyes, hoping to tempt him into a ring with Fred. Fulton.

Matt. Wells is anxious to show his boxing wares before a Toronto crowd.

George L. Allen, of Mount Forest, defeated E. A. Batchelor, of Owen Sound, in the final of the trophy event at the Grand Valley lawn bowling tournament.

There will be no outdoor boxing in New York this summer. Permits for such contests, one an application to hold bouts at Ebbets field have been refused.

In sports contribution to war funds there is the genial game of cricket, which only recently in the United States contributed over \$4,000 to the British Red Cross.

New York section of the Amateur Athletic Union consists of 182 clubs.

"Moon" Harris, the Cleveland's husky firstbaseman was tried by the Yankees for a few games in 1914. Frank Chance turned him back to the bushes because he couldn't hit.

If the White Sox do not win the American League pennant, Owner Comisky will stop paying fancy prices for fading stars.

Jimmy Walsh is covering centre-field finely and batting heavily for the Red Sox. When the Yankees had him several years ago he couldn't hit a tick.

Evers and Schulte, in Philadelphia uniforms remind the fans of the once famous Cub machine. Luderus also was a Cub under Frank Chance for a short time.

Secondbaseman Grover, of the Athletics, is steadily improving in batting and Connie Mack has moved him up next to the top.

Connie Mack seems to have developed Rube Schauer, the former Giant, into a pretty fair pitcher.

Ray Chapman of the Cleveland's, always a first-class shortstop, is having his year.

Ray Keating, who formerly pitched for the Yankees and now is with Toledo, shut out the Louisville last week, allowing three hits and fanning ten men.

Major league managers have no idea how many of their players will be called to the colors on the first of September.

George Stallins has experimented with more than thirty outfielders since taking hold of the Braves four years ago.

Guy Morton once the Cleveland's star pitcher is still with the team, but his arm is lame and recently he was fined for breaking the rules of discipline.

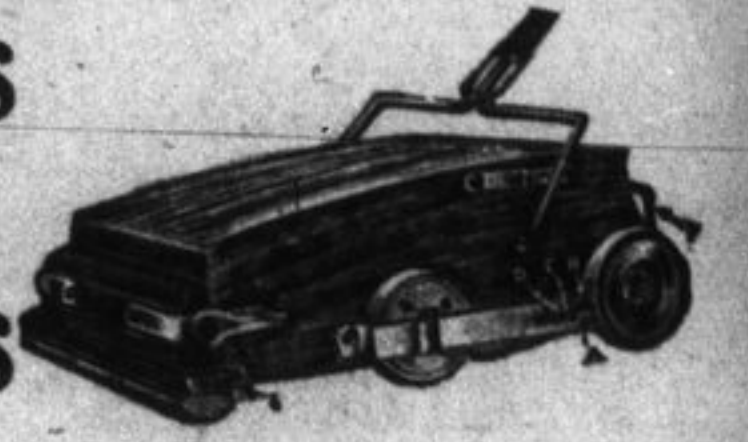
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