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## In The World Of Sport

### THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF THE PUGILISTS

#### An Old Sport Longs For the Heroes of Other Times.

"Yes, them was the good old days." He took another stiff pull at the old cornob, and spat on the floor reminiscently, he gazed at the ceiling. "Weren't they, Bill?" "I should say so, Jim. Them was the good old days." It was during one of the numerous lulls between bouts at the Manhattan Sporting Club, New York. Present day boxers and boxing did not seem to please either of the veterans. "Here's this here now Benny Leonard. Goes right home to me after a fight. Mike Gibbons hands out spiefs about the terrible demon rum. What's the game come to? These sissie fighters woulda got somewhere in the days of John L., wouldn't they?" "I should say not, Jim. Then was the good old days."

some time in 1892. They was raising the devil about Jack drinking so much and what does he do but take into the ring with him a bucket of iced stuff, and none of it soft, mind ye. Didn't Maxey Moore say he licked Griffo? And Jack didn't run right home to ma, did he?" "I should say not, Jim. Them was the good old days." "Sno use—ye can't beat that old gang. George La Blanche, George Lavigne, Jim Hall, Peter Jackson, Jack Dempsey, the old old Nonpariel—all them was men's fighters. Always good for a drink, and always ready to take one themselves. They never had nothin' in the bank, but they was regular fellers. Yes, them was the good old days." "I should say, Jim. They sure was the good old days."

### Sporting Notes

Charles Comiskey is thinking of sending his champion White Sox on a tour around the world.

George Daus, of the Detroit Tigers, and Walter Johnson were the best of the three hits pitchers in the American League.

Stallings is looking for a new first baseman for the Boston Braves, as big Ed. Konetchy is nearly through.

The annual meeting of the National Association of Minor Leagues will convene at Louisville next Monday.

Roush and Eller, of the Reds, are playing in exhibition games out west in violation of the National Commission's "barnstorming" rule.

A total of 1,540 entries have been received in the 65 classes to be judged at the national horse show at Madison Square Garden, New York, Nov. 12th to 17th.

Clark Griffith says that the Washington club will vote to reduce the American League's playing schedule to 140 games.

While comparatively few O.H.A. clubs have yet been organized in Western Ontario for the coming season, there is plenty of evidence that quite a number have not been asleep since the winter resorts last locked doors.

Pitching records just compiled show that Eddie Cicotte was the only pitcher in the major leagues during the past season to pitch a no hit, a one hit, a two hit and a three hit game.

Men around town are of the opinion that there will be horse racing on a limited scale in Canada next year. That remains to be seen, but in the meantime an agitation is going on in England for a winter programme of racing.

The best performance of air-tight pitching in a short space of time was made by Tom Seaton of the Cubs, who pitched three hit games against Pittsburgh, Brooklyn and Boston between May 7 and May 17.

New York Giants were not victims of no hit or one hit pitching during the season. McGraw's men were held to two hits by Rixey, Vaughn and Ponder and to three hits in a game against Boston in which both Nehf and Ragan pitched.

Montreal Arena Company's threat to freeze out the pro-hockey clubs may be taken with a smile. No sane man is throwing away his meal ticket in these strenuous times.

Miller Huggins, new manager of the New York Highlanders, plans drastic changes but announces that he will retain Pitcher Urban Shocker for next season. Several of the Yankee stars may be sold or traded.

They are having troubles of their own in the Amateur Athletic Union of British Columbia. H. F. Boyd, a member of the registration committee, has resigned over it. He did not approve the plan to cut away from the Dominion body.

Five no hit games were pitched in the American League during the past season, but the Yankees escaped the treatment. They were held to one hit by Coveleskie of Cleveland and Boland of Detroit, to two hits by Walter Johnson, Cicotte and Lambeth, and to three hits by Ruth, Mays, Daus and Walter Johnson.

President Frank Patrick, of the Pacific Coast Hockey League, is alive in every sense of the word when it comes to speeding up the game and making it more attractive for the spectators. This year the centre ice surface, where off-sides are eliminated, will be increased and a rule inserted which provides for a more generous interpretation of what is a foul when the puck lodges against the boot or skate of the player in centre ice.

### BOXING PROMOTERS TO TEST THE LAW

#### Lid Goes on Next Week—Constitutionality of Club System Questioned.

As the doom of professional boxing in New York State approaches, fistic promoters are devising ways and means to circumvent the law which after November 15th makes boxing illegal.

It is certain that a number of boxing promoters will attempt to hold bouts under the old club system in vogue before the Frazer law was enacted. At least two well-known local fistic impresarios will make a test of the constitutionality of the club system. It is the intention of the promoters to attempt to hold at least one and possibly more important matches shortly after November 15th.

One well-known promoter said: "We'll go right ahead and hold bouts under the club system and if the authorities interfere we'll test the law to the limit." None of the promoters is so pessimistic as to believe the authorities will put the pastime entirely out of commission. They figure that if there is apparent a deep-seated public demand for boxing they will be permitted to hold contests unmolested.

### CORNER-LOT BATTLE AFTER THE WAR

#### National Federation Plans For Continuation of Semi-Pro Leagues' Activities.

The Executive Committee of the National Baseball Federation, which has to do with the promotion and supervision of amateur and semi-professional baseball in this country, is to meet at the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, Sunday, November 17th, for the purpose of closing up all business for the past season, and to plan for the immediate future.

The officers of the Federation look for a continuation of the present unusual activity in "sand lot" baseball on account of the war, and for record-breaking activities when the soldier boys return to the farms, shops and mills after the war with acquired tastes for the outdoors and sport competitors, especially baseball.

### SPRINTER WALKER WOUNDED.

#### Considered Fast Runner of His Time—Defeated Kerr.

Reggie Walker, the great South African sprinter, who won the 100 metre run for England in the Olympic games of 1908 at London, and William Pocock, who was a member of the victorious water polo team representing England at the Olympic games in Stockholm in 1912, have both been wounded on the French battle front, according to the latest reports reaching this country. Walker was considered the faster sprinter of his time, having defeated Bobby Kerr, of Hamilton, and John A. Rector, of the University of Virginia, in the final of the Golden Gate at San Francisco. In defeating Kerr, Walker upset predictions, and also established himself as the premier sprinter of that time.

### Girl Swims Golden Gate.

For the first time in the swimming history of the Pacific coast a woman swam a round trip course across the Golden Gate at San Francisco. She was Miss Hazel Cunningham, an eighteen-year-old nurse. Her time was 1:35.24. The course each way was seven-eighths of a mile. The swim was unofficial, but had the sanction of the Pacific Coast Athletic Association.

### Noted German Cyclist Killed.

According to reports from overseas, Walter Rutt, the famous German bicyclist, well known in America, is among the victims of the great war. A noted German aviator, known to the French as Fantomas, he acquired unique fame as a pilot by flying low over the French lines, shooting up trenches, sentinel posts, and supply trains, and sometimes even aviation camps. Fantomas was recently shot down, and when his body was recovered it was identified as Walter Rutt.

Portland, after being a losing proposition to the Pacific Coast Baseball League for three or four years, has been dropped by that association, and Sacramento will be substituted. Portland will be shifted over to the North-Western League, taking the place of either Great Falls or Butte.

Jess Willard will not defend his title again unless he is lassoed and dragged into the ring. Take it from Tom Jones, Willard's former manager, who is in Chicago this week, and Tom says he knows.

President Dunn, of the Cleveland club, recently tried to purchase the release of Pitcher Joe Bush from the Athletics, but Connie Mack wouldn't talk business.

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