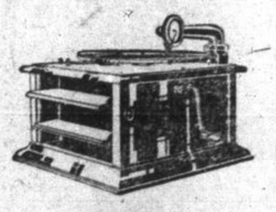

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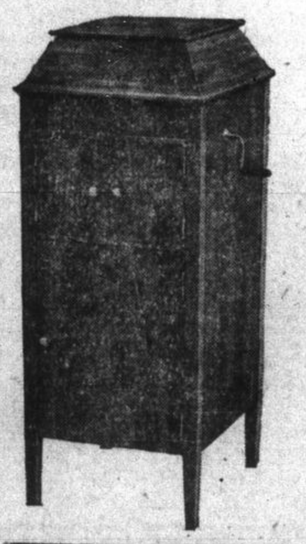

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Sporting Notes

Donald McLeod, the famous Scottish international soccer player, has been killed in action in France. He first made his reputation with the great Glasgow Celtic club and was transferred to Middlesborough at a big fee.

Another bloodless, war may be launched to-day. It will be between the new Union Baseball League and the clubs opposing it.

The Hamilton hockey team has had another workout and the players should be in pretty fair condition before the other teams in the district have ice. The locals will have nearly two months' strat on the other teams, and will have no excuses to offer if not in the best of condition.

According to reports they will have all of last year's players intact but Goodmanson. It is altogether likely that Billy Kean will lead the Monarchs as president. Steamer Maxwell, who is always there or thereabouts in sport doings, will probably be manager and coach. With Kean and Maxwell handing the reins the Monarchs will be heard from.

Up to the present Toronto Dentals and St. Patricks are the only two entries in the senior O.H.A. series.

Members of the Monarch hockey team of Winnipeg have been advised of a reorganization meeting. The former Allan Cup holders, who have had a creditable record on the ice for years, are desirous of journeying to Toronto in quest of the cup and the championship next Spring.

Importing Lady Players.

Two new lady hockey stars are expected to diffuse exceptional brilliancy to the Montreal ladies' hockey firmament this coming season.

One is from Haileybury in the Silver Country and the other from Boston.

The Boston lady, Miss Lena Doucette, a member of last year's Boston ladies' hockey team, is in the city now, and the other lady, Miss Palestine Lessard, is highly commended by Miss Jones, captain of the Haileybury ladies' hockey team, and is expected to be here shortly.

Len Porteous, of the Western ladies' Club, has his trawls out for both of them.

The westerns will play independent hockey this winter.

All Depends on Quebec.

The whole pro. hockey situation depends upon Quebec. Quebec, it is understood, has received permission to take a week to decide whether or not it will operate its franchise this coming season. If its decision is in the affirmative, it will be one of a four-club league, including Montreal and Ottawa. If not, Toronto will get a chance.

BLINDED CANADIANS

Lose Four-oared Race to Australian Crew.

In the closing regatta of the season of St. Dunstan's Hostel, held from the Vesta Rowing Club, whose quarters have been turned over to wounded men from the front, a feature was a four-oared race between blinded soldiers from Canada, England and Australia.

The Canadians, who had not undergone a course of training, were beaten in their heat by the Australians, who were in turn defeated by England in the final by two feet. The Dominion four was composed of the following men from the Middlesex Station. Robinson, Gamblin, Giles and McDonald.

The only Canadian entrant in the single sculls was Rhodes who was beaten in the second heat by Vaughn-Russell of the London Irish and Collier of the Royal Scots. Robertson of the famous Black Watch won the final.

Abolish the Spit Ball.

President Johnson of the American League and President John K. Tener of the National League have spoken against the spit ball.

There is a certain following among club owners for abolishing the insanitary features of big league baseball. Within a few years, probably during the coming winter, the spitball is going to be shoved out of the national pastime.

Hughey Jennings and a few managers have come out strongly against this discarding of an invention that has come to be recognized as a part of the game. Some of them have men on their clubs who are stars with the moist delivery and some of them have not. Their efforts to keep the practice in the game, however, are not going to have much effect. The wishes of the heads of the two leagues more than likely will be granted by the voting powers.

Tener especially is against the use of the spitball. He considers it insanitary, dirty and disgusting to the spectators. He believes there isn't a catcher in baseball who feels perfectly at ease when receiving the saliva-moistened shoots of some pitcher.

Legislator-Boxer.

Martin McCue, who was re-elected to the New York State Assembly Tuesday, is framing a new boxing bill, which he will present at the next session of the Legislature, beginning January 1st.

McCue, who was a boxer from 1894 to 1900, is known as the best friend of boxing in the Legislature, and he believes the endorsement of boxing by the Government in military camps will insure the enactment of a measure to replace the Frawley law, which dies next Thursday at midnight.

It is now rumored that Lee Magee, former Federal League star, released by the New York Yankees, will figure next summer on Christy Mathewson's Cincinnati Reds.

A SECRET MEETING OF N.H.A. MOGULS

In Absence of Toronto Representative Other Clubs Plan New League.

That the new professional hockey circuit now hatching will be called the Eastern Canada Hockey League, and will be a four-club affair, is about the only news forthcoming concerning the tangled pro. situation.

Ottawa, Canadiens and Wanderers are certain to be members of the new series, and Toronto may be the fourth club. If Quebec gets a franchise in the new league the Ancient Capital club is expected not to operate, and the franchise will be turned over to the Toronto Arena Company, who are mostly Montreal men, and who will control the Toronto Hockey Club.

While, for the mere sake of making the thing look decent, the local magnates disclaim knowledge of the new league, these are the facts. The crux of the situation is Quebec. If Quebec comes in Toronto will be out. If Quebec retires, Toronto, with a team backed by the Arena Company, will get a franchise. That, in a nutshell, is the situation, according to the best of authority.

It is not generally known that after Saturday night's N.H.A. meeting had adjourned there was a private conference of the delegates, excepting the Toronto representative. Progress up to the point indicated above was made, it is said, at this gathering.

Fraternity Wins Out.

Under a decision rendered by the court of Appeals at Albany, N.Y., the Boston American League club will have to pay to the Baseball Players' Fraternity $1,480, the difference between the salary called for in the Red Sox contract of Pitcher Kury M. Hagerman in 1912 and what he actually received that season playing with the Jersey City team of the International League.

Hagerman was transferred to the Jersey City team against his will and an unsuccessful attempt subsequently was made to transfer him to the Denver team of the Western League. The pitcher then assigned his salary claim to the Baseball Players' Fraternity, which carried the case to the highest court of this State. The court, before which the case has been pending since May, 1915, did not pass upon the general question of transferring a baseball player against his will, but merely held that on the statement of facts shown Hageman was entitled to the salary fixed under the Red Sox contract.

Moving Picture, Says Star.

The sporting editor of the Montreal Star, commenting on Saturday night's hockey meeting, says in part:

"The meeting of the N.H.A. was a veritable moving picture that might have been named 'casting him out.'

"Whoever the stage manager was, he is to be congratulated, but it is doubtful if anyone will take the thing seriously.

"Anyone unfamiliar with the doings of promoters would have surely come to the conclusion that it was all up with pro-hockey for next winter.

"Yet, it seems a fair guess to make, that before long the club representatives will hold another meeting, will draw up a schedule for the coming season, and may even operate under a new name for a new association, to last for the duration of the war, an association, in fact, which it would not at all be surprising might have Frank Calder, the present secretary of the National Association, as its president."

Get Good Boxing Course.

Soldiers at Fort Sheridan are getting a pretty thorough course in boxing under the supervision of Martin A. Delaney, a Chicago physical director. Classes are held every day, and every one of the 4,000 men in camp puts in a session with the mittens.

This means that about 2,000 bouts are pulled off at Fort Sheridan every day. Camp officials assert boxing teaches the men the alertness and aggressiveness needed for success in bayonet fighting.

Two Coast League pitchers this year worked in more than 400 innings. They were Erickson, of San Francisco, and Krause, of Oakland. Quinn, of Vernon, missed the 400 mark by only a few innings. Martin is the leading pitcher in percentage of games won, but he was in less than 20 games, and the real honors go to Erickson.

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