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MONUMENTS

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Down East they have an Inter-City Ladies' Hockey League. Ottawa and Montreal are in the league and they have three teams, the Maisonneuves, Westerns and Alerts, with two more

In The World Of Sport

TAKES TWELVE YEARS TO BUILD UP WINNER

And Takes About Ten Minutes to Break Up the Combination.

"It takes twelve years to build up a championship ball club." That's the way Charley Comiskey figures it out, and Comiskey ought to know, as he has built up several of them.

It takes about ten minutes to break up a winning organization, if the man who owns it can make a deal that quickly.

William F. Baker pulled the foundation from under his "block house" with the stroke of a pen the other day. Baker had a near champion ball club in the Phillies, a pennant-winner in 1915, and a runner-up in 1916 and 1917.

The chief reason Baker had a pennant-winner and contender was Grover Cleveland Alexander, the greatest pitcher in baseball, and Bill Killefer, one of the greatest catchers. Alexander's ability to win more than thirty games a season and Killefer's ability to catch more games than any other receiver in the National League — he lost the winning confidence of the rest of his players, and without that his club should finish somewhere between sixth and eighth.

There's a lot of psychology in baseball. Imagine if you will, the confidence of a ball club going into the field with Alexander, in top form, in the box, and Killefer behind the bat.

Figures do not lie, and they show that Alexander wins three games out of four he pitches. These ballplayers know that they have only one chance in four of losing with him, and play up to the confidence that knowledge breeds.

So aside from losing a pitcher who would add in the neighborhood of thirty victories to the club's season totals, Baker has taken away a confidence that would bring other victories.

This fact is one of baseball's first axioms. In 1914 Connie Mack stripped his American League champions of half a dozen stars. Since then the Athletics have finished a poor last.

The great Cub machine was broken into a pitiful selling plater after winning a pennant.

The loss of one star, Bill Carrigan, cost the Red Sox a pennant. And now Baker will have twelve years to build up what he tore down in a few minutes.

Sporting Notes

"Bill" Killefer has now changed his mind about not playing next season. He has announced that he is quite pleased at the prospect of playing under the management of Fred Mitchell.

"Dug" Drew, one of the best known skaters in Montreal, returned home from France recently. He was wounded about a year ago and since then has been convalescing in England.

Rowing at Harvard next spring may be "informal," but in the event of a capsized shell the ducking will be the real thing.

James Cox Brady, one of the biggest owners of show-horses in the country, sold his stock at New York Dec. 27th.

"Cupid" Black's Newport Middles football team was coached this fall by Dr. Bull, otherwise Billy Bull, Yale's most famous "drop kicker."

There will be no intercollegiate rowing out on the Pacific coast next year. California, Stanford and Washington have made an agreement to have no regatta.

The American Roller Polo League has inaugurated the indoor sport season to a good start. The league embraces teams in Worcester, Providence, Taunton, Lowell, Brockton and Lawrence.

♦ "LADIES" ARE BARRED FOR ROUGH PLAY. ♦

Even the fair sex do not leave their madness at home when they indulge in sport. In a ladies' hockey game at Montreal recently there was considerable rough play. A meeting of the league was called to discuss the situation, and four members who took part in the game were banished from playing in the league in fut- ure, and one got off with a warning. The information is not given as to the extent of the rough play. Whether it was "tongue slashing" or "stick slashing" remains a mystery.

AUSTRALIA ADOPTS TEN-ROUND BOUTS

War Measure Apt to Be Continued After Cessation of Hostilities.

One more twenty-round stronghold has adopted the ten-round system of boxing bouts. Owing to the smaller attendance at the bouts, due to the war and the consequent smaller purses, the Australian promoters have cut down the bouts from twenty to ten rounds.

According to Promoter Snowy Baker, the innovation has proved to be a success and will be continued even after the war. Baker says the spectators are much better pleased with the shorter bouts, as they make for more action and less stalling.

Sunday's Battle With Hun.

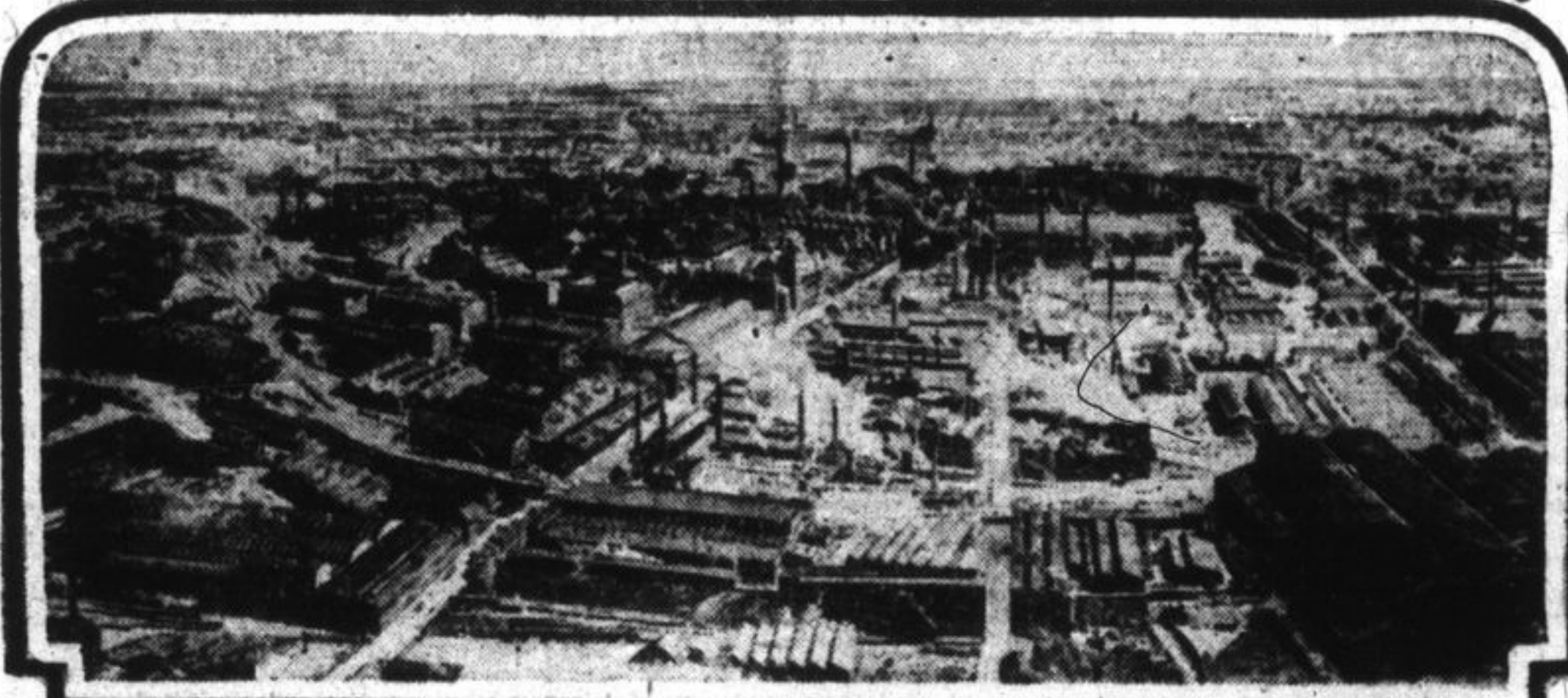
Billy Sunday can draw upon the lingo of the prize ring as well as that of the baseball diamond—as proved by his description of his recent battle in Atlanta with a German sympathizer. "The man had been up to the house and tried to beat us," the evangelist declared. "He lunged at me as I turned and I poked my right to his stomach just over the belt. Then he swung a haymaker and it looked like a piledriver coming down over my head. I ducked and aimed a left hook at his jaw. This landed, but a little too high, and knocked my little finger out of joint. He shot one across and grazed the side of my face. Then I sent an uppercut to his chin and we clinched."

To Play Canadian Teams.

The Wanderers' Hockey Club of the St. Nicholas rink, New York City, have arranged four games with Canadian teams and they have a team that will take some beating. Moose, Hefferman, the former T.R. and A.A. and Victoria star; Roach, Mitchell and McCarty, of last year's great Crescent A.C. team; Duke Wellington, a sensational player from Western Canada; Ernie Dufresne, Turk Smith and Lamy Crovat compose the team. Queen's University play the Wanderers Saturday night; St. Patrick's of Toronto on Jan. 5th, Knights of Columbus of Montreal on Jan. 12th, and the Munitions Hockey Club of Ottawa on Jan. 19th.

A number of Toronto horsemen will take their charges to Mount Clemens for the ice races to be held starting January 28th.

KRUPP WORKS AT ESSEN AFIRE—HOUSED 90,000 GUNMAKERS.

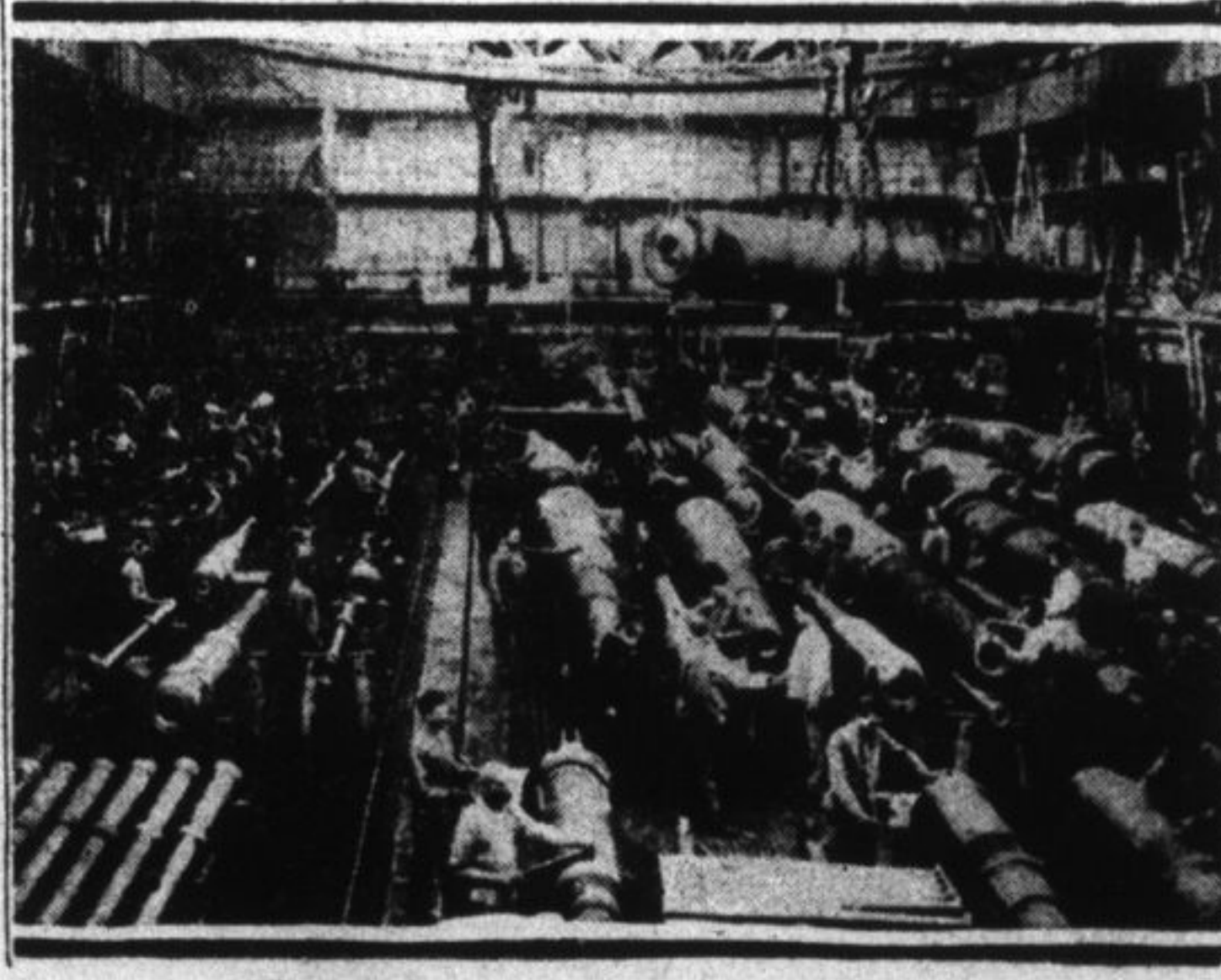


INTERIOR VIEW OF A KRUPP GUNSHOP.

The plant at Essen, which foreign advisers say is in flames, is the main establishment of the Krupp, the largest manufacturers in Germany of arms and munitions, and employed about 30,000 men before the war. It has since been greatly expanded. Facts relating to its present size and the number of workmen are kept secret by the German government.

It was reported unofficially in October of last year that about 70,000 persons, including several thousand women, were at work there and that 20,000 were to be added to the force. Early this year there was a strike at the Krupp works, said to have been due to lack of food. Some 40,000 workers were said to have been involved, and the authorities were reported to have combated it by sending many of the men to the front.

Essen is in Rhenish Prussia, about forty miles from the Dutch border. Few places in Germany are guarded more carefully. No persons unknown to the German authorities are permitted to go to the town.



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