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Sporting Notes

The Pittsburg Nationals have purchased Pitcher Earl Hamilton from the Columbus club. Hamilton was with the St. Louis Americans for seven years.

"Hank" O'Day, the veteran umpire of the National League, will shortly leave for New Orleans to go into training for the summer.

The fund being raised in Australia to erect a memorial tablet for the late Anthony Wilding, the tennis player, has reached the \$500 mark.

"Billy" Smith, former manager of the Richmond club, of the International League, is to be road secretary and business manager of the Atlanta team next season.

Old-time ball fans will regret to learn that John J. McCloskey, former National League manager, will be crippled for life as a result of being hit by an army auto truck at El Paso.

Jack Britton, the New York boxer, has recovered from his recent illness, and is again performing in the ring.

As both Joe Stecher and Earl Caddock are in Uncle Sam's service it appears unlikely that either will meet Wladek Zbyszko, claimant of the world's wrestling title, at a very early date.

Frank Erne, the former light-weight champion, is the latest ring expert to declare that Patric Cline is the coming king of the lighties.

Martin Lawler, for many years physical trainer for the St. Louis Americans, has been engaged to look after the Boston Red Sox next season.

Got What They Deserved.

The Toronto News says: Pitiful in the extreme is George Kennedy's alibi for his defeat here at the hands of the Toronto. The Montreal manager attributes his team's downfall to the fact that the players were intimidated by the police and that they were afraid to check hard for fear of being "pinched." What an utter fabrication! Kennedy's statement is a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end. Courtesy of the Canadians, it is true, ran foul of the authorities for his brutal attack upon Randall, whom he deliberately struck upon the face while the latter was sprawling upon the ice, but he was openly warned just as all the other players were, Toronto and Canadians alike. The assault was so brutal that the police would have been justified if they had removed the "bad man" of the French team from the rink. As for Lalonde and Hall, they got only what was coming to them and no more. They had chips on their shoulders at all stages and that they didn't cut anybody down was no fault of theirs. Noble is accused of brushing Lalonde early in the fray, when as a matter of fact, it was Hall who did the trick in a mix-up in the Canadian nets. Mr. Kennedy, as has been before remarked, is a poor loser.

Batting Eye for Alexander.

Pat Moran, manager of the Phillies, knew what he was about when he traded Paskert for Fred Williams of the Cubs, as in "Cy" he obtained a player who was able to tag Grover Cleveland Alexander, Pat's departed pitching prince, for seven straight hits last year.

Williams, who comes from the same place as Otis Crandall, one of the Giants (Wadena, Ind.), made his seven safeties in a row off Aleck in the games of July 13 and August 3, five being singles, one being a double and one being a triple.

Only one of the hits was of the infield persuasion, the rest whistled to right.

Consecutive single No. 4, procured in the first inning of the controversy of August 3, drove in Leslie Mann and was the deciding blow of the game, as "Shuffling Phil" Douglas Alexander's pitching vis-a-vis, hurried shut-out ball.

In his eighteen times at bat against Alexander in 1917, Williams grounded out three times, reached first on an error once, struck out five times and made seven singles, one double and one triple for a batting percentage of .500.

ENCOURAGE BOXING.

One of Finest Sports in Making of Soldier.

Making the presentation of the medals to the winners in a boxing competition at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, England, Col. A. P. Paley, D.S.O., the assistant commandant, spoke of the value of boxing in the army and why those whose principal reason was to teach the cadets how to run boxing tournaments, so that when they went to their regiments they would be able to run similar tournaments in their battalions.

He believed that it was a very important thing that officers, and particularly platoon commanders, should run boxing tournaments, for it enabled them to get to know their men better, and if they could show the men something of boxing and were able to put up a good fight with them, their names would be made.

Then, again, the tournaments gave them an encouragement for boxing. That was a tremendous thing, because boxing was one of the finest sports in the world. It encouraged a fighting spirit; that was one great thing. To his mind there were five really good sports—football, polo, hunting, pig-sticking, and boxing—and boxing was not the least of them.

The inter-company competitions of No. 5 Officer Cadet Battalion were decided in the Debating Hall of the Union Society at Cambridge. The feature of the boxing was the success of the IColontals, every one of whom competing went into the semi-finals, and finally all the cups were won by boys from overseas. Two notable exhibitions were given by young Mooris, Amohanga, and Fikamu. Neither was a winner, though each got into the finals in his class, and Amohanga was awarded a prize as the best boxer among the losers.

Assail O.H.A. Regulation.

Clause three of the O.H.A. regulations is being assailed by the junior clubs, as it is claimed that it is contradictory in one sense, and that it fails to designate properly the question of residence. According to clause three and exception (b) amended at the annual meeting all "players residing in a town where there is no O.H.A. team may play with the club in the nearest O.H.A. town or village which has a population of 5,000 or less," but in the main portion of the clause it states, "In case of a player residing in a rural district, village or police village he must play with the O.H.A. club in the near town to his residence, it being understood that a junior player has the privilege of playing in the nearest town to his residence, which has a junior O.H.A. team." It will be noticed that these rules are slightly at cross purposes, for the first one does not single out any of the players as therefore an exception must control all, while the second one single out the junior, which is not consistent with the (b) war measure.

Rough Female Hockeyists.

According to Montreal advices, Toronto is not the only city where hockey of the rough-and-ready variety is indulged in. Messrs. Joseph Matte and Frank McCarty, who officiated at a ladies' game in Montreal recently, have sent in a report to the officials of the league advising that several of the "fair" players be severely dealt with. The report states that one of the young women refused to leave the ice when she had been penalized, holding up the game for ten minutes before she was finally induced to leave the ice. Two of the others of the "gentle sex" interfered with the officials to such an extent that they were unable to watch the game. The names of the players and a full report of their actions will probably result in them being disciplined.

Trustees Back Up League.

The trustees of the Art Ross Trophy will not countenance the playing by the Royal Canadians, of Ottawa, of any players barred by the Ottawa City League Commission. The game between Royal Canadians and Sons of Ireland is fixed for Jan. 16th at Quebec, and must be played on that date, or it will not be played at all, Art Ross says.

Roller Skating Hockey League.

A roller skating hockey league has been formed at Maidenhead, Eng., to play at the local rink, the teams concerned being the Canadian Army Medical Corps (Cliveden), the Home Counties Royal Engineers, and Maidenhead. Last year the Canadians won the championship.

Hockey Notes

Amateur hockey is enjoying a boom in Seattle. A league has been formed among four of the large shipbuilding plants in that city and a nine-weeks' schedule adopted. The game will be played on the artificial ice on which the Seattle Coast League professionals hold forth.

The Toronto club will not enter any action to collect the Wanderers' bond for \$3,000 to complete the season. "There ain't no such thing." The bond story was just part of the camouflage that seems inseparable from professional hockey as it is known in Canada.

The 77th Battery team at Regina is going strong in the senior Military League there this winter. It includes Wilson, Barger, Farquhar, Mastell, Hammond and Mollisley of last year's winners and Forbes of Prince Albert. Out there they think this is Allan Cup material.

Capt. "Jerry" Laflamme stated that his Dentals, O. H. A. senior champions and Allan Cup holders, are all in readiness for a strenuous season. Willard Box has returned after an extended holiday, and appears to be in good form. "Mac" Sheldon, the clever defence man, is the only player who will not be at the top of his form. Sheldon injured his hip in practice and it has been bothering him slightly.

Eppa Rixey, the Philadelphia National pitcher, has been commissioned as a first-lieutenant in Uncle Sam's army.

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