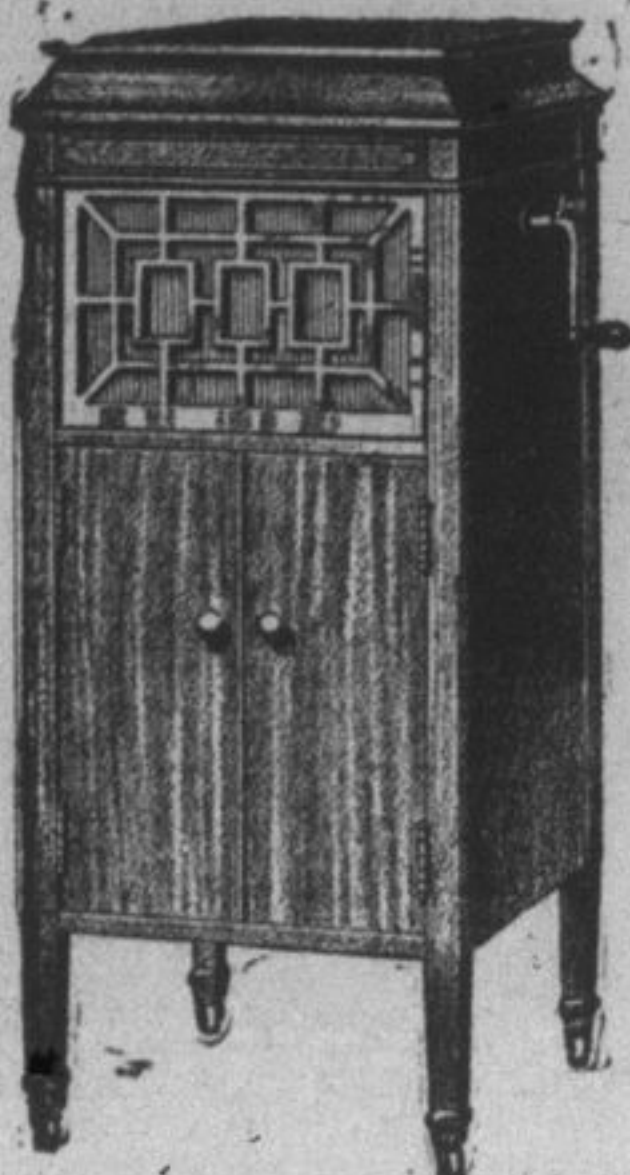


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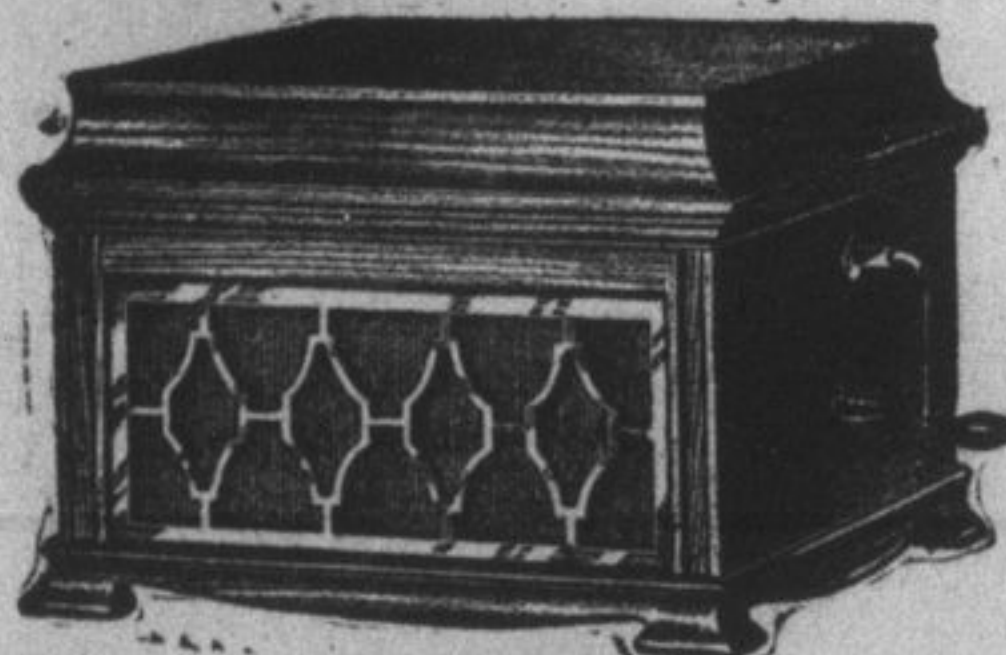
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THE NEW CIRCUIT APPEARS HOPELESS

Newark Pessimistic Over Outlook For Successor to Late International.

Referring to the situation in the defunct International League, the Newark Star-Eagle of Newark, New Jersey, caustically comments on the secrecy of the club-owners in withholding information from the league's supporters. "Maybe," continues the paper, "it is because magnates consider that gambler methods must be employed if baseball is to be promoted according to Hoyle. "Fans can't find any evidence that the erstwhile International League owners have any idea of operating in 1918. On the face of things, there is every reason to believe that the magnates regard the situation as hopeless. "Inasmuch as there has been a scramble by International League owners to dispose of players, fans naturally have concluded that the real reason for postponing action until March 25 was the desire of the magnates to dispose of the services of their players at the highest possible prices. "It was necessary to decide to send out contracts by March 1, this being in accordance with the rules of organized baseball. Having done that, owners would, under baseball law, control their players. With no contracts sent out players would become free agents. "Should the league suspend and should any owner find himself with players on his hands, with whom contracts had been made, providing for the payment of salaries during the season of 1918, the magnate could relieve himself of the financial obligation by abrogating the contract and handing the player his unconditional release. "The News says: "It is beginning to look like a good ten-to-one bet that the league will not open this year. The signs are accumulating. In fact, they have accumulated so fast during the last two or three days that there is a growing impression Charles T. Chapin and John A. Gammons are strictly trying to get some kind of an assurance from the National Commission that their territory will be protected. "From Chicago comes the report that President Hickey of the American Association has hired Umpire Robert H. for the 1918 season, after Hart had shown him a letter from former President Edward G. Barrow of the International League, releasing all of the International umpires. This looks conclusive enough. Instead of making plans for a resumption, it is apparent that the league has done just the opposite. "There is a surprisingly good demand for all of the best International League players, especially those who have had major league experience. The American and National clubs find themselves in danger of some hard knocks if some of their athletes are called into the army, and they are eagerly grabbing for all the talent that looks as though it might become available. "Under the circumstances it is hard to see why the National Commission should be especially anxious to help the new league to get under way.

Buffalo For New Circuit. Club \$40,000 "in the Hole," but Sees Good Way Out. The financial affairs of the Buffalo Baseball Club are now in the hands of the Bankruptcy Court, and there is no one in authority here to speak for the future of the club. Majority stockholder "Joe" Lanning is in New York, but it may be said that if a new league of six clubs is attempted Buffalo will be one of the clubs in the circuit. Lanning knows Buffalo is a good baseball city in ordinary times and occupies a place in baseball territory wealthy and can afford to carry a team through to hold the value of his franchise, with a chance of getting his money back, whereas, if he should "lay down" now he would lose close to \$40,000 which he paid for his stock and in later advances to the club, a share of which the other stockholders do not care to pay and which is the cause of the present bankruptcy proceedings. It is likely that when the assets of the club are offered for sale Lanning will buy at his own price and advance to the Toronto owners a sum of \$40,000, obnoxious to stockholders. Whatever the outcome will be, the fans here are "pulling for" some kind of a league to take the place of the old International, and are hoping that the efforts of the Baltimore and Toronto owners to interest enough new capital for a six-club league will meet with success.

Syndicate Boxing Harmful. Syndicate boxing is beginning to loom up as a new menace to the sport. The reason that wrestling is in bad odor is that most of the mat artists are under the control of one manager, and now three objectionable methods are being employed more and more in the ring game. The trust seems to be specifying in brawls and heavyweights. Recently the men forming the syndicate acquired Pal Moore and Joe Burman, two promising midgets, who were weaned away from the men who had brought them to the front. Jack Dempsey, the promising young heavyweight, is the latest acquisition of the trust, which is anxious to gain control of all the men who might possibly win the title. Until the Dempsey-Morris fight at Buffalo recently, Morris was the trust's hope, but now Dempsey looks more promising and he will get most of the spoils in the future. If New York ever gets another boxing commission, the first rule to go on the books should be one that prohibits any manager from directing the fistic destiny of more than one boxer in the same class. In the meantime it would be well for the commissions still operating to take action in the matter before boxing reaches the same deplorable condition that prevails in wrestling.

Old Time Argument. Here and there around the country folks are arguing over whether or not the late John L. Sullivan was ever heavyweight champion of the world. This question was argued over again during the lifetime of the great fighter. It will probably be argued as long as his name is remembered. Sullivan's claim to the world's title was based upon his defeat of Paddy Ryan at Mississippi City in 1882. Two years previous Ryan had defeated Jos Goss, who claimed the heavyweight championship of England. Except for his thirty-nine round draw with Charlie Mitchell, fought at Chantilly, France, in 1888, Sullivan was victorious in every fight he engaged in until he met his Waterloo at the hands of James J. Corbett at New Orleans.

Dibble Will Row Again. Lieut. "Bob" Dibble, Canadian rowing champion, now chief assistant to Capt. "Tom" Flanagan in rounding up defaulters, will row again, despite the severe injuries he received in France. Dibble expects to go into training this spring, and if he recovers his old time form will challenge John B. Kelly, of Philadelphia, the United States champion single sculler. Montreal Athlete Decorated. George Kelly, one of the best known athletes in Montreal and champion senior single paddler of Canada, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in Flanders. He joined a local Irish regiment.

Compulsory Sport For Harvard. A required course in physical culture for refreshing at Harvard University was urged as the greatest need in athletics by William F. Garcelon, former Graduate Treasurer of Athletics, in a letter to the Harvard Alumni Bulletin. "Give boys instruction in running, swimming, boxing, burbling, and light gymnastics, and they will naturally play games and, further, they have the fundamental requirements upon which good soldiers are built," he said. "Harvard should have a required course of physical training for freshmen, not in callisthenics and dumb-bells, but a course such as I have suggested above."

Boston Marathon Winner. Henri Renaud, the Nashua mill hand, who surprised the athletic world by winning the Boston Marathon of 1909, in another noted athlete who is wearing the khaki. Henri is with a detachment of the Signal Corps now stationed at Waco, Texas.

TENER'S "TIP-OFF" ON THE SPITBALL

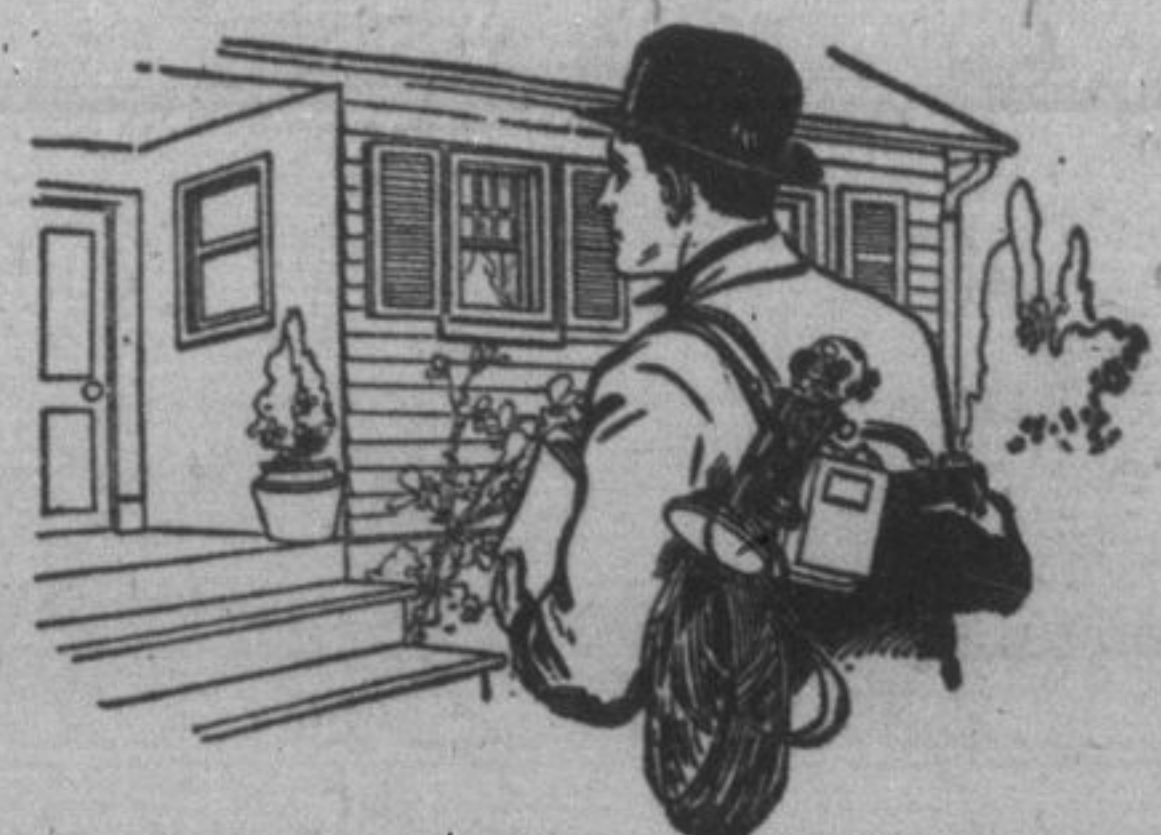
Abolition in National League is Ling and Unsanitary. Foreshadowed—"Disgust—"

The end of the spit-ball is coming. John K. Tener, President of the National League, has issued a warning to young pitchers, advising them not to cultivate the use of the spit-ball, and indicating that it was only a matter of a short time when it would be abolished. "Young pitchers starting to play professionally will find it to their advantage not to cultivate the use of the spit-ball," said Mr. Tener. "It will also be advantageous to National League pitchers using this form of delivery to experiment as much as possible with some other style of pitching during the coming season. The spit-ball is a disgusting, unsanitary delivery, not likely to endure more than a few more seasons at the most. All the members of the National League Board of Directors, Dreyfus, Heydler and myself, are strongly opposed to it, and favor its abolition." Mr. Tener said a majority of National League players still were unopinionated, but asserted that the club-owners would remain firm in their present position, as baseball conditions did not warrant the payment of larger salaries to players.

TO CURB "GOAT GETTERS." Rule Passed Prohibiting the Hiding of Players. One of the rules passed by the National Baseball League club owners at their meeting last week was designated to put a curb on the practices of certain players who delight in "riding" players of opposing clubs during close games. The club owners classed these talkers as "goat-getters," and went on record as favoring very drastic action by umpires whenever any player sets out to get an opponent excited in this way. "Though no players were mentioned in the report of the meeting at which the rule was passed, certain talkers were picked out as the ones at whom the new law was aimed. Johnny Evers, caustic in his wit, was frequently mentioned. As a "goat-getter" Evers ranks second to nobody in the big leagues. The following day, John Oined the Boston Red Sox, thereby going out of the National League. A few minutes after transferring his allegiance Evers met Barney Dreyfuss at the Waldorf. "Ha, ha," chuckled Johnny to Barney, "you passed a rule yesterday to keep me quiet, and now I hop right out of your league."

Ex-Pres. Taft Boxing Referee. William H. Taft, former President, officiated as referee of a boxing contest at the Grand Lakes Training Station between Student Seaman Lemaro and Bouche, 142 pounders. The bout was witnessed by several thousand sailors and civilians. Mr. Taft awarded the decision to Lemaro. "I used to box at college," he said afterward, "but I have been out of the game for a long time—longer than I like to think about sometimes. I still like to see a good bout however."

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10:12 A.M. WELL, WHAT BRANCH OF THE SERVICE DID YOU ENLIST IN?

I'M NOT SURE, BUT IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE NAVY.