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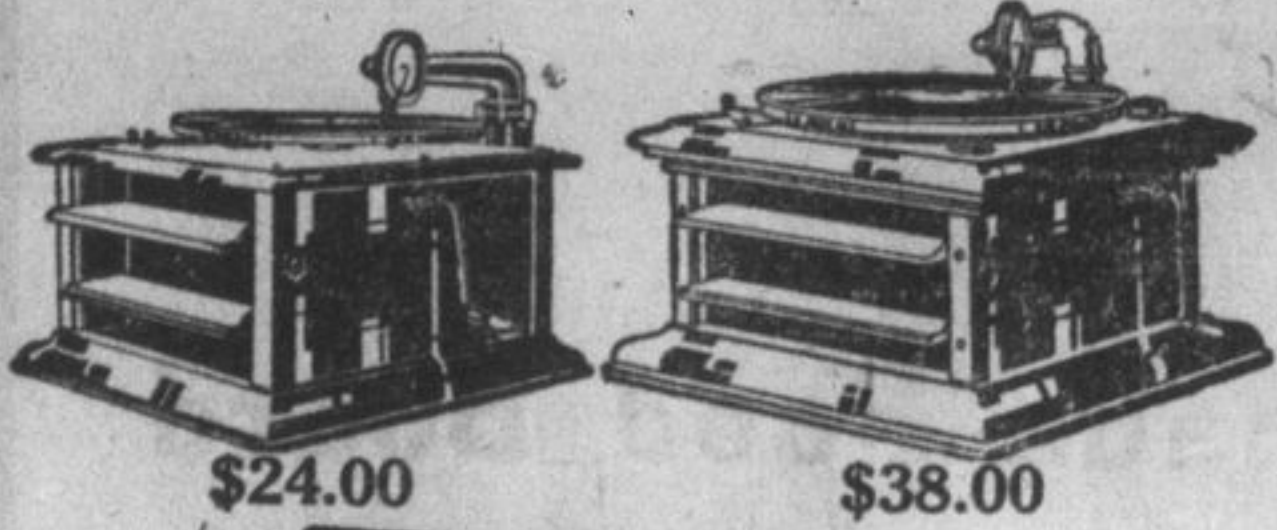
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Fight for Sunday Ball. Baseball lovers of New York went en masse to Albany, N.Y., to take up the outcries of oratory in favor of the Sunday Baseball Bill, now languishing in the State Legislature. They will point out, among other things, that golf and other games are permitted without restriction, but baseball is not. Judge Francis McQuade will be one of those present.

In The World Of Sport

Sporting Notes

Wilson Fawcett, last season infielder with the Baltimore Orioles and now the property of the New York Yankees, is ill at his home in Baltimore, and has been unable to report for spring training.

Walton Cruise, outfielder for the St. Louis Cardinals, has signed his 1918 contract.

Ban Johnson, president of the American League, advocates the starting of baseball games at four o'clock. He believes it would give business men a better chance to get to the games.

Willie and Art Spencer, the Toronto bicycle riders, expect to have a good season in Newark. They have been training in the south.

Binga Dismond, the negro athlete, of the University of Chicago, is now a first lieutenant in the colored Illinois infantry.

"Ty" Tyson, the former Canadian League player, now with Buffalo, is being sought by the Fresno, California, club.

Dennie Bush, Detroit shortstop, has been placed in class 1, but his number is so far down the list that he does not expect to be called before next fall. Bush has been supporting his widowed mother and sisters.

It is rumored that the New York Giants will move their training camp from Marlin, Texas, to Hot Springs, Ark., next spring. Those of the Giants who went to Hot Springs were tickled with conditions there.

Zack Wheat, star outfielder of the Brooklyn Superbas, is a holdout. There is understood to be a difference of \$1,500 between Wheat and the Brooklyn club owners.

Though Derrill Pratt is in camp with Mier Huggins' New York Yankees, he refuses to sign a contract and threatens to desert. The former St. Louis infielder thinks he is worth \$1,000 more than the Highlanders are prepared to fork over.

Al Mannaux, former Pittsburgh pitcher, released to Brooklyn last fall, has been reinstated by the National Baseball Commission. He will be with the Brooklyn for their opening game next month.

Announcement concerning the new International League will likely be made this week. Six clubs will comprise the circuit for this season.

Negro Athlete Army Officer. Binga Dismond, the negro short-distance runner, who several years ago represented the Loughlin Lyceum of Brooklyn and who recently attended the University of Chicago, is now first lieutenant in the colored Illinois infantry.

Dismond, at the 1916 conference championships, won the quarter-mile in the world's record time of 47 2-5 seconds. The race was run around one turn on a quarter-mile track. Ted Meredith, the week previous, made exactly the same time at the Eastern Intercollegiate. The mark of Dismond's made made over the 18-inch curb measurement, which, while official in the conference competitions, does not comply with the A.A.U. and the Eastern Intercollegiate Association rules, therefore it was not acceptable as a standard record and is not classified in the A. A. U. record book.

Boxing History May Repeat. Here's a chance for boxing history to repeat itself. On July 4th, 1910, Jack Johnson defeated James J. Jeffries and won the heavyweight championship of the world at Reno, Nev.

On July 4th, 1918, Jess Willard will defend the same title which he won from Jack Johnson against Fred Fulton. The championship may again change hands.

Making Owners Too Mark. Judge Frank Nelson, of Toronto, is making the owners to the mark at Hot Springs. He has made a number of rulings on inconsistent running, and just now an enquiry is under way into the acrobatic racing of Obulus, who was a beaten favorite a few days ago with Robinson up, while the owners of Kenhage and Blue Thistle are being asked to explain dull races.

The Chicago White Sox, world's champions, have left for the training camp at Mineral Wells, Texas.

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The largest shipment of baseball bats in sporting history has been started from Louisville, Ky., for the Lorraine sector of the western fighting front in Europe. There are 144,000 bats in the lot, according to officers of the Y.M.C.A., who are arranging the details for transportation.

The bats are part of an order placed in January, when hundreds of thousands of baseballs, mitts, fielders' gloves, chest protectors, masks, etc., were called for by the Y.M.C.A. for use in the camps and cantonments of the United States and in France.

For weeks the Y.M.C.A. has been forwarding equipment. It placed at the disposal of the Government the comprehensive system for the distribution of things to men in the trenches. Since the Government made the Y.M.C.A. the official clearing house, the association has been gradually absorbing the activities of some of the volunteer organizations working to the same end without the knowledge of conditions or efficient organization.

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YACHT BUILDER DEAD.

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The death took place on Sunday at Oakville of Captain John Andrew, Canada's most famous builder of racing yachts. He was also a designer of note, his best-known original being the Aggie, which was his own creation, from the plans to the hewing of the timber, the assembling and completion of the boat. It was Captain Andrew who assembled the Canada, that beat the Volunteer of Chicago at Toledo in 1896. He also built many other large racing craft that contested for this cup, including Invader, that beat Cadillac of Detroit in 1901, and Beaver, that lost to Kenesee of Rochester in 1899. He also built the Fisher Cup winners, Zoraya and Patricia.

SOUTHPAWS SCARCE.

About Two Dozen Who Could be Called High-Class.

A dearth of left-handed pitching material will prevail in the major leagues this year. In the American League the best southpaws are Ruth, Leonard, Harper, Thormahlen, Mogridge, Coumbe, Plank, Tex Russell, Claude Williams, Mitchell, Danforth and Cullip.

The National League has about the same number in Nehf, Marquard, Chapp, Sallee, Benton, Tyler, Vaughn, Cooper, Paokard, Reuther and Fittery. All of the big league managers are on the alert for new left-handers, but the supply is smaller than in former years. The Giants have a big advantage in this respect, as Schupp, Sallee and Benton have few superiors.

Mordecai Brown a Manager. Mordecai Brown, famous pitcher of the old Chicago Cubs, will manage the club that Terre Haute will play in the Central League. Brown expects to obtain his release from Columbus.

George Bothner, a wrestler, had his leg broken at Atlantic City in a bout with Frank Rice, of Boston.



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John Lobert, better known as Hans, erstwhile utility infielder for the Giants, and now baseball coach at West-Point, holds the record for circling the bases—13 4-5 seconds, made in 1910.

Although he is 35 years old, Hans still retains his speed, as a thrilling description of a freak race at the Oriental track, Havana, ten days ago, given by John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, testifies.

It was a contest of many horse, automobile and motorcycle, and Lobert was the man to beat. The speedy infielder was placed on the 535-yard mark. Two thoroughbreds, Little Nephew and Cuddle Up, with their jockeys and full racing outfit, started three-quarters of a mile from the tape. Behind them, seven-eighths of a mile from the finish, were two automobiles. The "scratch" men were two motorcyclists, who were to drive one and one-sixteenth miles, with a flying start. The other contestants had a standing start.

"The race was most exciting," said McGraw. "Forty yards from the tape Lobert looked rather winded but the motorcyclists were away up at the head of the stretch, and he seemed safe. Fast as he came, they simply ate up the track, and he only won by making a baseball slide across the tape. The judges gave him the race by two feet. He won about \$400 for his stunt."

MADE MONEY FOR LEAFS.

Lajoie Thinks He Should Have Unconditional Release.

Napoleon Lajoie believes that when the International League votes to suspend on March 23rd, he should be declared a free agent by the Toronto club, so that he can accept the management of the Indianapolis team. "I went to Toronto as a free agent," says the famous Frenchman, "and I think I should leave under the same conditions. It did not cost the Toronto club a cent to get me. As a drawing card I made money for Toronto, and I will not stand to be sold. I want my unconditional release, otherwise I will quit the game forever."

Minister's Golf Reply.

A minister had been putting in some raking drives of the golf course which he frequently visited, and on his journey to the clubhouse met a fellow-member, with whom he had long been anxious to arrange a match. He chided him for a pleasure long delayed, and received the unexpected reply that it seemed impossible to arrange a meeting in this world. "Oh, very well," returned the minister, "let us make it the very first engagement when we meet on the plains of heaven." "I am afraid not," came the ready rejoinder. "You would have the advantage of me from your better knowledge of the course." To which the minister made the reply: "In that case, perhaps, we could arrange home and home matches."

French Poor at Baseball.

Heywood Brown, "just back from France," doesn't think the French will amount to much as baseball players. "They don't know how to throw," complains Brown, "and when it comes to catching, I saw several of them let the ball go through their hands and hit them in the face. They play association football much better than baseball. One of their young artistrymen almost wrecked all the boxing 'hopes' around the American camp, knocking them out as fast as they faced him. It was discovered he was a professional while General Pershing's young men were only simon pures."

Curling at Picton.

A large number of curlers were interested spectators of the final match in a series of games for the club shield at Picton. The twelve rinks had been divided into two groups, and the final contest came between M. E. Knox's rink and Dr. Currie's rink. The contest was a keen one, and was closely followed by an interested crowd of curlers. Knox's rink got away to a good lead, which his opponent could not overcome, and won out by a score of 12 to 9.

Christy to Pitch.

Christopher Mathewson has aroused Cincinnati fans by warming up in practice at the Red's training camp down south. Big Six says that he doesn't intend to pitch regularly this year, but that in cases of emergency he wants to be in condition to enter the box.

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