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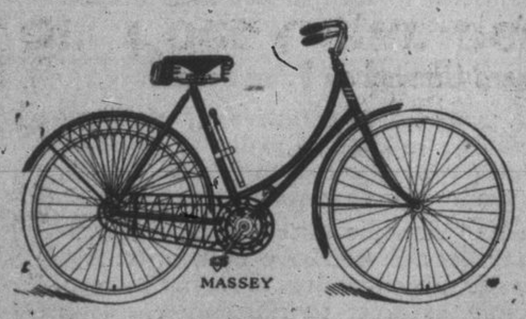

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In The World Of Sport

Baseball Briefs

Governor Tener, who has not seen an opening game in his league since he has been president of the National, will break the rule this year and be on hand when the Giants and Dodgers open the campaign.

Baseball interest doesn't seem to be dead, in the opinion of Brooklyn managing editors, for five newspaper men, from as many Brooklyn publications, accompanied the Dodgers on their training trip to Hot Springs.

Mike Hogan is the good Irish name of a pitching recruit who is at Marlin with the Giants. He comes from Cohoes, N.Y., where he has made some reputation as a semi-pro. Manager McGraw thinks he has great possibilities.

Manager Rowland of the Chicago White Sox has turned Brick Eldred over to Sacramento of the Coast League. Eldred had a trial with the White Sox last spring, and then was released to Newark of the International, being recalled in the fall.

The Brooklyn Club is giving a trial to a local semi-pro pitcher named Harry Heitman. Manager Robinson does not expect him to be of use this season, but will put him through the hurdles and then place him in some minor league for development.

Miller Huggins of the Yankees is preparing himself in case Wally Pipp get caught in the coming draft—and Wally's Class One A. Huggins is working out Bill Lamar, the young outfielder from the International League on first, and, so it is said, with pleasing results.

Two pitchers besides Grover Alexander were missing when the Cubs started from Chicago for California. Phil Douglas was one. He is still ill from his appendicitis operation. Paul Carter is the other. He is sick with the measles. Alexander's complaint, of course, was not physical.

The Cincinnati club rid itself of one of its numerous infielders last week by disposing of Bill McKechnie to Pittsburg. The Pirate management took McKechnie after becoming convinced that Norman Boekel really had enlisted in the military service and Bill will be started at third base.

Terry Turner finally was convinced that for a man of his years and doubtful worth to his club the contract offered him by president Jim Dunn of the Cleveland Indians was fair enough, so last week he quit his holdout tactics, signed and reported to Manager Fohl at New Orleans.

Fred Toney of the Cincinnati Reds, after announcing that he would serve in the army, following his arrest for an alleged attempt to evade the draft, last week asked for a rehearing on his exemption claim, setting up that his stepfather, his mother, a niece and a brother all are dependent on him.

Follow Connie's Lead.

Manager Edward Barrow of the Red Sox, may follow Connie Mack's method of dress while directing the playing of his club. Connie, it will be recalled, never wears a uniform or leaves the players' bench during a contest. Manager Barrow, who is whipping the Red Sox into shape at Hot Springs, Ark., does not wear a uniform while his team is going through their preliminary stunts at Majestic Park, for he prefers to supervise the work in his civilian clothes.

Favors Racing Renewal.

Deputy d'Arlac, of the Budget Committee on Agriculture, recently laid his report before the Chamber. He favors the renewal of horse-racing and the re-opening of race courses on the same conditions as before the war, with payment for admission, heavy war taxes, and betting. There is, however, very little chance of his proposal being accepted.

Bob Hart, the umpire, is one of the very few persons who is of the belief that the veteran Vean Gregg will do a come-back in the American League this season.

CONNIE MACK BUYING.

Purchases Pitcher in Effort to Strengthen Team.

Realizing that the Philadelphia Athletics must be stronger in the box, Connie Mack has just purchased Pitcher Scott Perry from the Atlanta club. Perry is a big, right-hander, and under Mack he may develop into Major league quality. At the close of the 1916 campaign Perry was bought from the Atlanta club by the Chicago Cubs and proceeded to win several games for them in September of that year. He went to the Cubs' training camp last spring, but Fred Mitchell sent him back to Atlanta. The Braves secured the big fellow in mid-season, but soon be became involved in a dispute with Stallings, with the result that he again returned to Atlanta. Perry, however, remained idle the rest of the year, but recently signed with the Atlanta club for 1918. He is a natural pitcher, but is said to be hard to handle. Mack, however, believes that Perry can be induced to attend to business.

SCARCITY OF RIDERS.

Owners Are Complaining and Forced to Experiment.

Turfmen are complaining of the scarcity of competent jockeys. For some unknown reason the quality of the riders on the American tracks has been deteriorating for some time. Yet high salaries still prevail and turf men are constantly experimenting with stable boys. Looking over the list of present day jockeys, it is impossible to select one who would have been in the same class with Walter Miller, Willie Shaw, George Odom, Herman Radtke, Jack Martin, Winnie O'Connor, Patsy McCue, Johnny Reiff and, last but not least, the famous Tod Sloan.

CHAMPIONS TITLE BOUT.

Effort to Stage It In Baltimore on July 4th Next.

Jess Williard and Col. J. C. Miller, his manager, conferred with the Baltimore police authorities to-day regarding the possibility of holding the champion's proposed title bout with Fred Fulton on July 4th next in Baltimore. The president of the Police Board, Gen. Lawrason Riggs, read the law governing boxing matches to his visitors and told them that it was his opinion that the attitude of the general public would oppose such a fight as contemplated.

Athletes Win War Honors.

The story of how Flight-Lieutenants George R. Hodgson, of Montreal, the Canadian Olympic and world's champion swimmer, and J. Lindsay Gordon, also a well-known Montreal athlete, earned the London Board of Trade silver medal for saving life at sea, was modestly related by the latter in a letter to his father. They were patrolling in a seaplane off the Hook of Holland, when they encountered fog and turned back. On the road home they saw, forty miles off the Dutch coast, two British airmen adrift on a five-foot float. They had been there for five and a half days, and were all in. Hodgson and Gordon ascended, wirelessed home the situation and reported their determination to attempt a rescue and then descending, took the half-unconscious men aboard. A rough sea was rolling and the seaplane with its extra burden was unable to rise, so Hodgson and Gordon "taxied" her out into the shipping channel, where a drifter, after four hours' manoeuvring, took the rescued men aboard. Hodgson and Gordon stuck to the seaplane and landed on an English beach half full of water. The rescued men recovered, but it was touch and go for some days.

Cicotte and Schalk Injured.

Eddie Cicotte, the crack pitcher of the Chicago White Sox, may be unable to put on a uniform for some time. Cicotte and his catcher, Ray Schalk, were thrown out of an automobile at Mineral Springs, Tex., the other day. The shine ball expert was taken to a hospital, suffering from shock and a badly wrenched back. Schalk, too, was seriously hurt and had to be carried to the hotel.

Grover Hartley, catcher, who was traded to Columbus by the St. Louis Browns, once declared he couldn't play in St. Louis and do himself justice. Now he says he won't go to Columbus, and that he will play ball in St. Louis or nowhere. Ball players are so changeable.

FAVORS FORWARD PASS

Patrick Believes It Would Speed Up The Game.

Acting on the request of the officials of the Ottawa club in the National Hockey League, who were unable to attend the conference between the N.H.L. and Pacific Coast League officials, nothing definite was decided upon with regard to fixing one code of rules to apply in both organizations. It was decided that another meeting be held in Montreal after the Stanley Cup series was concluded at which some definite understanding with regard to uniform rules would be reached.

President Frank Calder of the N. H. L.; President Frank Patrick of the Coast League; George Kennedy, Manager of the Canadiens of Montreal, and Charles Querrie, manager of the Toronto team, held an informal meeting, at which various suggestions were advanced. Mr. Patrick ventured the suggestion that the six-man hockey as played in the East, might be improved by adding the forward pass which prevails on the coast and extending the present area in centre ice several feet. The suggestion was not received with unanimous approval by the others present and will be discussed later. Mr. Kennedy of the Canadiens stated that he believed in allowing the players to kick the puck while in a certain section of the centre ice, but declared he could not see how the forward pass would make the game any faster.

After some general talk with reference to conditions existing in both leagues, it was decided to resume the conference in Montreal at a later date.

Six-Man Hockey Best.

The world's series hockey has severd one good purpose, says the Toronto News. The results in the three days' illustrate to a nicety of the adoption of a uniform playing code. There will always be dissatisfaction over the Stanley Cup contests, while the competition is played under two different and distinct cades. There are good points in both games. The penalty rule in force in the coast league is worthy of adoption, and the kicking of the puck in a limited area possesses an appeal. It speeds up the game. The other features of the western style, however, are objectionable to the local fans accustomed to the rapid fire skating and clean accurate passing which obtains under the six man system. With fourteen men on the ice, including two officials, the playing surface is overcrowded. The lacrosse passing rule in centre ice is farcial in eastern eyes. It is a return to first principles when "Shinny" was the vogue. The old N. H. L. game is good enough for anybody. It is to be hoped that Patrick can be induced to see it that way.

Fine Bonus For Hockeyists.

It is probable that the Stanley Cup players will split in the neighborhood of $8,000 between them after all expenses have been deducted, which means that the winners will receive about $350 each and the losers $250. Last year at Seattle the winners got $108 as their share.

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