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In The World Of Sport

Baseball Briefs

The Pirates do not expect to use Bill Hinchman this year. The veteran broke his leg early last season and had to spend many weeks in a hospital.

Cy Williams, who was traded to the Phillies by the Cubs for Paskert, has retired, and President Baker demands another outfielder from the Chicago club.

Williams will take turns at trying to fill Joe Harris' shoes at first for Cleveland.

George Stallings, who is hard up for pitchers, is trying out Canavan, of Worcester, and Hearne, of Toronto. He is after Fillingim, of Indianapolis.

Old Man Tommy Leach, who spent eighteen years in the National League, has signed with the Chattanooga club of the Southern Association.

The Memphis club, of the Southern Association, has two gigantic pitchers. One is Bill Thwait, who is 6 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 315 pounds, while the other is Ed. Wilson, 6 feet 2 inches in height, who tips the beam at 205.

Though many baseball fans pick the Athletics to finish last again this year in the American League pennant race, Connie Mack may fool them. Connie isn't saying much these days, but is sawing wood instead.

Fred Luderus, the Phillies' clever first baseman, is on the job as usual, doing his best to help Pat Moran. Luderus is one of the players who never make trouble for their employers.

The Cubs are arranging a Jack Hendricks day for April 24, when the Cardinals play their first game in Chicago.

Richard Durning, a former Montreal pitcher, will join the coast patrol section of the U.S. army.

BREAKS THREE RECORDS

San Francisco Swimming Marvel Lowers World's Times.

Norman Ross, of the Olympic Athletic Club, San Francisco, established four indoor world's swimming records at the National A. A. U. meet in Chicago.

Ross won the 300-yard open race in 3 min. 3.5 sec., breaking the old record of 3 min. 21.5 sec. held by Perry McGilivray, of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Ross finished first in the 200-yard event in 2 min. 6.4 sec., beating the former record by one second. In the 250 yard swim he made the distance in 2 min. 20.2 sec., which is three-fifths of a second better than the previous mark. A few moments later he came in ahead in the 250 yard event in 2 min. 41.1 sec. The best previous time was 2 min. 48.4 sec.

Canadian Foals.

Although there has been no racing in Canada since the first of August, 1917, there apparently has been no curtailment in the breeding of thoroughbreds in the province of Quebec or in Ontario, as the mares who have foaled have been bred back again. A good list of foals has already been reported in Montreal this season, and more are due this month. In Ontario there have been more foals reported this season than a year ago, and these youngsters will be developed and broken in preparation for the return of the sport on the Canadian tracks.

Sunday Baseball.

The passing of the Lawton bill means that there will be Sunday ball in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Binghamton, Jersey City and Newark, leaving only Toronto and Baltimore as members of the New League without games on the first day of the week. With strict adherence to a reasonable player and salary limit, the success of the International's successor seems certain.

The American and National Leagues will also be permitted to play on Sunday, the New York Nationals, New York Americans, and Brooklyn Nationals being benefited thereby.

DEATH'S TOLL OF CHAMPIONS

Famous Boxers Cross Great Divide During Past Few Months.

Death has taken a severe toll of famous ring champions during the past few months. Charley Mitchell, whose death was announced last Wednesday, was the seventh to go in less than a year's time. The long list of fatalities began when Lee Darcy answered the call last May. Unfortunately Darcy never received a chance to show his form in this country.

Bob Fitzsimmons was the next to cross the Great Divide. Fitz was the holder of three championships—the middleweight, light-heavyweight and heavyweight. He was rated as the greatest fighter that ever drew on a glove.

John L. Sullivan, who died in February, was the greatest public idol of prize ring ever had. He held the heavyweight championship for ten years and never was defeated in a bare knuckle contest.

Terry McGovern, classed as the greatest featherweight boxer of all time, died one day later than Sullivan. "Terrible Terry" was a small, quick fighter, who battered his opponents down by the terrific speed and fury of his attack.

Mike Donovan, who died last week was one of the early middleweight champions. He won the title from George Rooke in 1874 and held it until 1882, when he retired undefeated.

Dick Burge, one-time light champion of England, succumbed to pneumonia last week. Burge was known in this country principally through his defeat by Kid Lavigne, who went to England in 1896 and knocked him out after seventeen fierce rounds.

Of the famous old-time champions still living Jim Corbett probably is the most prominent. Corbett, who succeeded Sullivan, was the second heavyweight to hold the championship of that class under Marquis of Queensbury rules.

Jim Jeffries, Jack Johnson, and the present champion, Jess Willard, are the only other heavyweight champions still living.

Tommy Ryan is the most famous of the middleweight champions now living. Ryan claimed the title after Bob Fitzsimmons ceased to defend it.

Billy Papke, who is now living in Illinois, was a genuine champion, although he did not hold the honors very long.

Joe Walcott, who held the welterweight title from 1901 to 1904, is now a stoker on one of the transports. Walcott was one of the most remarkable of the old-time boxers. He was a freak in build, with powerful arms, short neck and bulging muscles.

Jack McAuliffe, first of the lightweight champions under Queensbury rules, is a well-known figure in this city. He ruled from 1895 to 1898, when he retired undefeated. Kid Lavigne, who claimed the title when McAuliffe retired, and Frank Erne, who succeeded Lavigne, are both in the land of the living.

SOMETHING NEW IN HOCKEY.

Patrick Doesn't Like Toronto, Montreal or Ottawa Methods.

According to the Montreal Star, there is something new brewing in professional hockey for next season.

Exactly what it is cannot be stated, but it is understood that Frank Patrick, when he went to New York, went there with the avowed intention of having a conference with S. E. Lichtenhelm, the owner of the Montreal Hockey Club of Montreal, which did not exercise its franchise after the Montreal Arena fire.

There is a hint of an offensive and defensive alliance between these two for the coming season, as neither of them is said to be very well satisfied with the way in which professional hockey was conducted in either Montreal, Ottawa or Toronto.

The possible rebuilding of the Montreal Arena by next winter is looked upon as a good omen, and there is just a possibility of some new blood being introduced into the management of the game through new capitalists coming into the total or partnership of some of the clubs now existing or through the formation of an entirely new Eastern league.

Few American Association players will receive more than \$300 a month this year, yet it will not be surprising if the circuit goes under.

Pitcher Carmen Hill, of the Pittsburghers, recently "disjointed his back" during a practice game and has been ordered to rest for a month.

New Baseball Lingo.

In the past baseball has been compared with everything from a one-arm quilting bee to something forged by a cat. This year, with thousands of fans on the firing line, "the grand old game" will be affected by the war, according to the musings of Connie Mack. Fans who have prided themselves on the synonymous vocabulary of baseball will have to beg all over again. Here's a few suggestive buzzers:

Players will go "over the top" unless strapped in Pullman upper berths.

"No man's land" will be the territory bounded on all sides by the Texas League.

The "Blighty" role will depend largely on the number of wild pitches.

Players disagreeing with the umpire will join the "Aviation Corps" under Flight-Captain John L. Evers.

Any player who swings three bats at once will be guilty of "camouflage."

Pitchers will be subjected, as usual, to "barrage fire" from the coaching boxes.

In spite of war economy, "billets" will be maintained at the best hotels.

"Night attacks" will result whenever the managers retire early.

"Trench feet" will prevail every time vapor arises from Walt Johnson's fast ones.

The "Croix de Guerre" will be bestowed upon all players who won't look into the stands on ladies' days.

A "shell hole" will mark the spot where Ping Bodie hits the dirt.

"Poison gas" will taint the breeze every time the umpire misses a close one.

Players who pay their fraternity dues will be classed with the "Bolsheviks."

"Listening posts" will be installed for the purpose of learning the opinion of the fans about boots and wild pitches.

Articles of the Athletics will be charged to "U-hat" atrocities.

Detroit, Cleveland and the White Sox will employ their "tanks" in centre field, respectively.

"Base raids" will be perpetrated with due respect to who's catching.

PINS FAITH ON RUBE

Marquard Will be the Mainstay of Dodgers in the Box.

Uncle Wilbert Robinson is depending on Rube Marquard to keep the Brooklyn in the hunt. Marquard didn't begin to show winning form last season until the race was two months old. But the big left-hander, it seems, is starting off like a whirlwind and will be ready to take a regular turn as soon as the championship season begins. If Pfeffer can equal the Rube's effectiveness, Uncle Robbie will wear a broad smile. Then, if Cheney and Mamaux come through, the rotund manager's delight will spread all over Flatbush.

Bob Harmon, who has returned to the Pirates after spending last year on his Louisiana plantation, pitched great ball in 1916, but became disgusted when the Pirates dropped into the cellar.

Franklin Britt, of New Bedford, Mass., defeated "Jimmy" Duffy, of New York, last night at Boston.

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