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In The World Of Sport

DROP OF BANTAMS IS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD

Herman, Ertle, Williams and Other Little Fellows Reach High Standard.

The heavyweight scrappers just now—because Jess Willard is going to come out of his hole and fight—are basking in the cheering rays of however, seems to have overlooked the fact that the little fellows—the bantams—are doing a lot of fighting, according to "Ringsider."

Right now, exclusive of the champion, Pete Herman, who is in the navy, there are a bunch of sprightly bantams who are active. Johnny Ertle, Kid Williams, the former champion; Jack Wolf of Cleveland, Pal Moore of Memphis, Joe Burrum, the Chicago lad; George Thompson from California, Joe Lynch of New York, and several others are dinging away at the mitt game and keeping the bantam division well stirred up.

Now comes another bantam to make a bid for fame. He is Mike Dundee, a swarthy little scrapper from Rock Island, Ill., who gave the clever and shifty Pal Moore all the fight he could handle in a round struggle last week.

Dundee believes he is headed straight for the title and his confidence is not entirely without justification. Dundee is a cool little chap with a lot of cleverness to back him up. He is a good defensive fighter and can hit hard enough to make his punches dangerous. When he develops a little more hitting power and offensive ability he will make a tough tussle for any man in the bantam-weight class.

The Rock Island lad is young and ambitious. His name yet may adorn the top of the bantam-weight list but he has quite a field ahead of him. Under the management of "Peasie" Sheberl, Dundee has set out to clean up the field and all Rock Island is back of him.

Boxers and the Army. The Toronto Star says: If "tin" cars would keep men out of the Canadian army like it does out of the American army, the Canucks would be minus many good fighting men already on the firing line. When war broke out over 75 per cent. of the pro, and amateur boxers in Canada jumped at the chance to exchange their boxing gloves for bayonets and get into a finish fight where everything roes, including brass knuckles, and no one kicks about the weight or texture of bandages. Lots of them had cauliflower ears, but that didn't stop them like it did Pte. G. A. Steffens—better known as Willie Ritchie—ex-lightweight champion last night, and Jess Willard had headed back to the cows and chickens or the alfalfa or whatever he grows on that Kansas plot of his.

Putting Crimp in Sports. The re-examination of men in the first draft called last fall is putting a crimp in sports of all sorts. Young men who were placed in category C, D and E on the first examination last fall are being re-examined and this time physical defects which gave them a lower classification last fall are being disregarded and the boys are being placed in category "A-2" with alarming frequency. Half a dozen boys who played hockey last winter have been raised to class "A" this week, while the baseball camps are being raised right and left.

The Majors Climb Down. The major baseball leagues plan to play Sunday baseball at Harrison, N.J., in the territory claimed by the Newark club of the International League, is abandoned pending endeavors to have the National Commission reach a working agreement with the International League. It was announced at National League headquarters.

Another Comes East. Garnet Glover, the newly elected secretary of the Winnipeg Amateur Lacrosse Association, is now in Toronto. He has joined the Tank Battalion. Glover tried three times to get in the army, but was unsuccessful until his last examination. Glover was one of the best junior players in the Winnipeg League.

The Cincinnati fans are turning out in large numbers to see Matty's Reds in action. Gas trusts would be unable to declare dividends if people didn't have money to burn.

BREEDERS TO MAKE EFFORT.

To Have Horse Racing Resumed in Canada.

With a view to having racing revived in Canada, but on a limited scale and with certain restrictions, a deputation from Canadian Standard-bred and Thoroughbred Associations will shortly visit Ottawa to wait upon the Cabinet. It is the members of these two associations who were hit the hardest last fall when racing was annulled, as they, being breeders, have now practically no open market to dispose of their stock, nor have they any opportunity to try out their animals and separate the culls in order to improve their breeding.

Instead of being able to do this the coming season, the thoroughbred have become a drag on their owners, as the latter have to feed and care for them still, without being able to get any remuneration. Incidentally, these breeders are living in the only country in the world where racing, with betting privileges, is barred.

The horsemen that will meet the Cabinet will ask that racing be again revived under the same conditions that existed prior to August 1 last year, with the exception that each track be only allowed six days' racing for the summer during the year and that the Government take over all the receipts and allow the clubs only the actual running expenses.

The receipts from the different tracks would amount to a considerable item for the Dominion Government, who have never derived any revenue from racing, it being always the provinces. Had the proposed plan been in vogue two years ago, the Government would have realized a sum running well up over the hundred thousand mark, and this would help considerably in these days when our 'tea is taxed.

Baseball At Brantford. Brantford will have a city amateur league this summer and will likely join forces with the Ontario Baseball Commission, which meets in Hamilton next Saturday. Alderman Jack Kelly of Brantford, was selected president of the league, and four teams will start out, including Motor Trucks, Brantford Cordage, Veritys and Pratt & Litchworth.

All the teams were represented at a league meeting last night, when it was decided to open the season on the Saturday preceding May 24th, and to play morning and afternoon games on the holiday.

Negotiations are pending for home-and-home games later in the season with the Hamilton teams, and it is hoped that similar arrangements can be made with London, provided the City League there affiliates with the O.A.B.A.

Old-time Fighter Dead. George Lablanche, a native of Montreal, an old-time fighter, is dead at Lawrence, Mass.

Although Lablanche, known in sporting circles as "The Marine," weighed but 150 pounds when in his prime, he met and defeated some of the best pugilists of his day. His most historic contest was fought in San Francisco in 1889, when he knocked out Jack Dempsey in a thirty-two-round battle, winning largely through his command of the "pivot" blow. This blow has since been barred.

Couldn't Convince 'Em. Rube Marquard's plea for deferred draft classification on the ground that Blossom Seelye and their child are dependent upon him was denied, and he was put in Class 2A. Marquard stated that his wife had not been following her profession of actress lately and, therefore, should be classified as dependent, but the draft board ruled otherwise.

Gus Williams, the former Leaf, is playing left field for Indianapolis this season.

Sam Crawford continues to hit all at great pace in the Pacific Coast League.

IT IS ONLY GOSSIP.

Nothing in Story About Commission to Govern Racing After War.

A despatch from Lexington, Kentucky, stating that racing circles there had been given to understand that while there will be no resumption of racing in Canada during the war, the tracks will open afterwards under the supervision and regulation of a racing commission is news to the Government.

The attention of one of the Ministers at Ottawa who would know of anything of the kind was in the wind was directed to the report. "It is certainly the first I have heard of it," he said. "And I think I would know if anything were even possible." He added with a touch of sarcasm: "I doubt very much if the Government has any time to consider now such questions as to racing after the war. There are some things a little more pressing to engage our consideration."

The story is evidently a case of the wish being father to the thought. All winter it was reiterated in certain racing circles that the tracks would re-open sure this year and details at Ottawa failed to quiet the report. Time, however, has done it. The latest story that there will be no racing while the war lasts, but that it will re-open under Government supervision afterwards, may be put in the same category.

NEWSPAPERS TO FIGHT MAJORS

The New Baseball League Will Not Lack For Support.

The newspapers of New York and New Jersey are standing solidly behind the New League in its fight for protection from the National Commission. A New York paper, after reviewing at length several recent arbitrary decisions by the commission, including its incomprehensible attitude toward J. J. McCaffrey's protest against the action of James C. McGill, of the Indianapolis club, in interfering with New League affairs, voices the sentiment of the sporting writers when he says:

"Organized baseball's enunciation of the doctrine of divine right proves conclusively that a good housecleaning in the National Commission would help baseball greatly. If John H. Farrell and his associates are willing to go the length of rebellion in a fight for their just rights, they will not lack for newspaper support."

LEAD MAJOR LEAGUES.

Giants Top National Batting and Fielding Records.

Tris Speaker has a comfortable lead in the race for the 1918 batting honors of the American League. Averages released Monday show him blazing the trail with a mark of .526 for eleven games. Speaker also leads the base-stealers with seven. Ty Cobb, the 1917 batting champion, does not appear in the averages issued owing to illness, and the Detroit club was idle several days, due to weather conditions.

Members of the championship New York club are in possession of virtually all of the early season honors in the National League, with Lew McCarty, the catcher, showing the way to the batters with an average of .500 for eight games. New York is leading in club-batting with an average of .320, and St. Louis in club fielding with .970.

Would Meet Carpenter. "Battling" Schroeder of Pittsburgh, on service at an American base hospital in France, has asked for a chance to meet Georges Carpenter, the French champion heavyweight pugilist, in the ring. Schroeder is said to be the star boxer of the American expeditionary force thus far and is arranging bouts at the base hospital twice a month.

Carpenter is recovering from injuries to his head suffered recently in a fall in an airplane. During his convalescence he is teaching physical culture and boxing at the Normal Gymnastic School in Joinville.

Willard Quite Training. Jess Willard has broken training for that homeless championship match with Fred Fulton. He busily packed his household goods for removal to his farm in Kansas. "I think there will be a bout," he said. "It won't be at St. Paul, they say, but Miller knows other places. I'm going to stay on my farm until I hear what is coming."

Joe Bush has made a fine start with the Red Sox and should win more games than in any season since he first became a star with the Mackmen.

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