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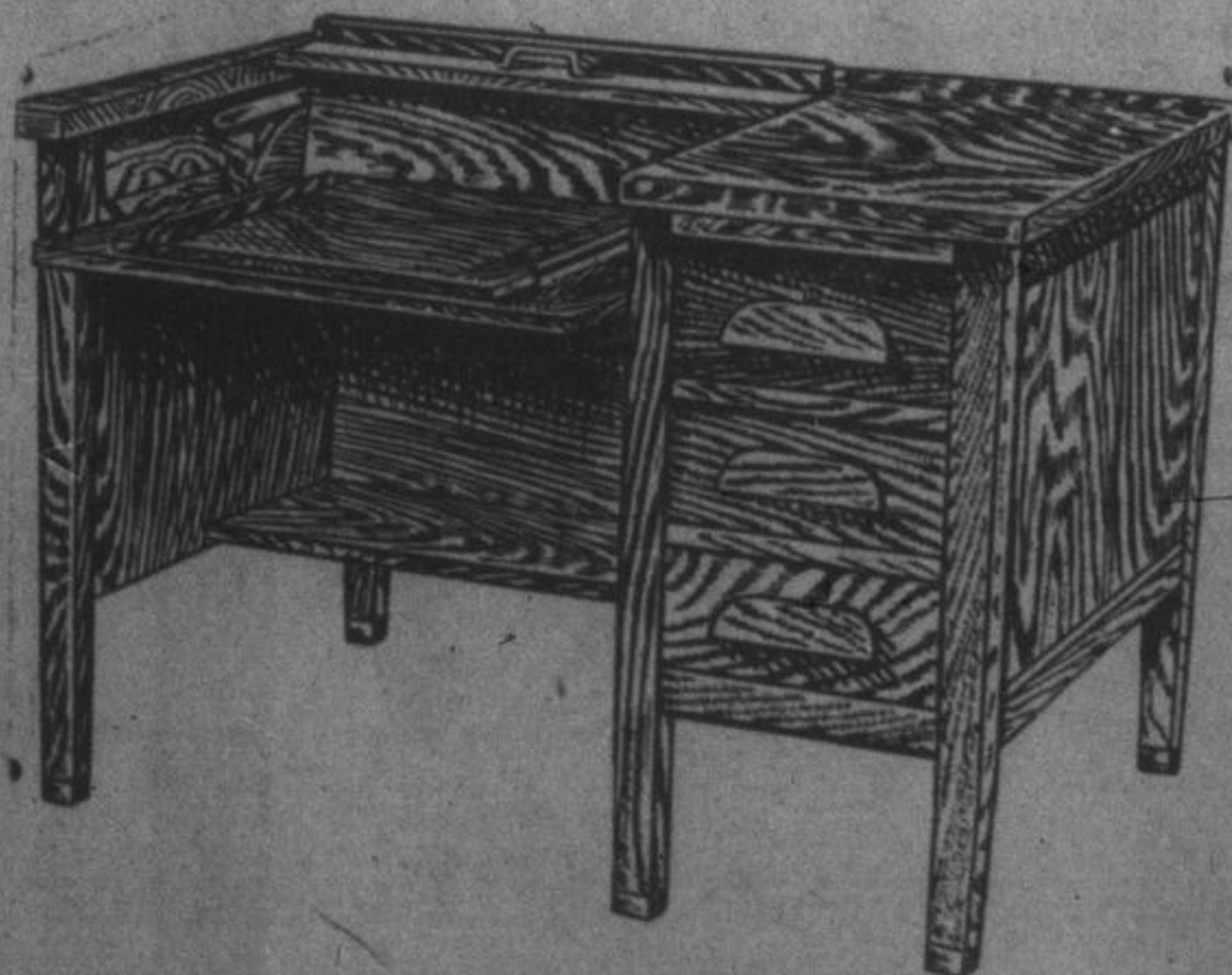
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"Hobby" in Dental Corps. Richard Hobbs, first lieutenant and captain of the Boston American League baseball team, has been nominated by President Wilson to be a first lieutenant in the army dental corps.

Hobbs has been anxious to get into the service and recently underwent a major surgical operation to remove a physical disability which was a bar to his entering the army.

In The World Of Sport

Sporting Notes

It is to be assumed from an article in London Golfing that Harry Vardon, six times British open champion, recently had a close call from death at the agency of a German bomb.

Manager Donovan, of Syracuse, was counting on securing Amby McConnell, the former Leaf second baseman, but Amby will play independent ball this season.

Joe Dugan, of the Athletics, has not been in the majors a year, but he already has established himself as one of the best fielders of the Johnson circuit.

Mack has three fast men in his outfield. Kopp and Jamieson are particularly fast and Walker can cover plenty of ground.

Connie Mack seems to have picked up a sure enough star in Scott Perry. He has pitched some fine ball for the Mackmen this spring.

Manager Fildes, Jones, of the Browns, is greatly disappointed in his pitching staff. Gallia, Lowdermilk and Davenport are all being hit hard.

The Lindsay Baseball League has been formed with the following teams: Washington of the World, Independent Order of Oddfellows, Arsenal and Shell Works. The officers are: President, F. A. Martin; Treasurer, M. J. DeLan; Secretary, Ford W. Moynes. It is expected that the first exhibition game will be played on May 24th against the O'Neill B.B.C., Toronto.

There is some likelihood that Pitcher "Snipe" Conley of the Cincinnati Reds will not report to the Leafs. He is a Texan and wants to get back to the Lone Star State in the event of his being released by Mathewson. He appears to be under the misapprehension that Toronto is only two blocks from the Arctic circle. The Toronto club has asked "Lena" Blackburne to say something to the boy about the climatic conditions in this part of the continent.

The death of the first "pro" ball player has been announced, and it is found that he was with Toronto in 1914. When Urban Shocker was sold to New York, Cliff Markle was sent here to fill the gap. Markle was the first of the "buddies" to answer the call and his death in France is now recorded. The Toronto club will now be entitled to fly a service flag alongside the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes on the Island flag pole.

Washington Has Sunday Baseball. The tremendous increase in the population of Washington as a result of the war and the enormous volume of war business which must be transacted on six days of the week has caused the Board of Commissioners to rescind the prohibitory law with regard to Sunday baseball. The first Sunday game will be played in the capital on Sunday next. The American League now has five Sunday towns, viz.: Washington, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and St. Louis.

Unless there is a rapid return to normal conditions after the war, attended by another prohibitory measure governing Sunday games in Washington, there is very little chance that the Senator franchise will be brought to Toronto, as has been frequently proposed of late. In any event, the Washington club will not become a Toronto club for a number of seasons. The American League will not consent to the removal of a franchise of the present value of that at Washington.

Winning Bee May Ease Don't get all excited over the huge lead the Giants have gained in the National League race, because "there's a reason." And that is the Giant opposition during the first three weeks of the campaign.

The Dodgers haven't shown up as well as might a classy semi-pro team; the Braves have played weird baseball, and the Phillies are only so-so. And these teams constitute the Giant opposition through April and early in May.

It is any wonder that the New Yorkers "blew" themselves to a fine winning streak? A different story, perhaps, will appear in the "Standing of Clubs" column after the Giants grapple a few times with the strong clubs in the western end of the circuit.

Markle Among Missing. Cliff Markle, the former Toronto pitcher, is the first professional ball player to have "gone west." Hugh S. Fullerton, the baseball critic on the New York World, being the authority for the statement that this player was listed among the missing in General Pershing's casualties on Monday, and there has been no further hint of his fate. Markle came to the Leafs in 1915, along with Brady, when Shocker was recalled by the Yankees. He was out of baseball in 1916, but last year was with Toronto in the American Association. He was slight of stature but the year before he joined the Yankees, while pitching in the Southern League, he entered the hall of fame by pitching a no-hit, no-run game.

Toronto Yachtsman Decorated. Capt. Gordon Moffat, a well-known Toronto sportsman, who sailed the Verberna of the C.Y.C. fleet, has been awarded a Military Cross for attending wounded under fire. He has been in command of a company of a working battalion for a year and after the Vimy Ridge show did good work leading troops and guns on the road to Lens.

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LONGEST GAME SINCE 1913.

Washington-Chicago Battle Wednesday Longest 1-0 Game.

The eighteen innings played between Washington and the White Sox Wednesday was the longest extra inning affair pulled off in the American League since September 27, 1913. On that date Washington won in 19 innings over Philadelphia, by a 5 to 4 score. Washington also won yesterday, 1 to 0. The longest game ever played in the American League took place September 1st, 1906. It was played between the Athletics and Boston, and went 24 innings. Philadelphia won, 4 to 1. The longest game in the National League was played in 1917, between Brooklyn and Pittsburg. It went 22 innings and was won by the Dodgers, 6 to 5.

Canada and Horse Racing.

Phelps Nelson writes: Nowhere in the United States does the idea prevail among horsemen and informed men that the country's welfare is served by the suppression, or curtailment, of racing. At no time in the history of the turf in America have the purses offered formed such a liberal and generous encouragement to breeders and owners, and never since the first winner of the Epsom Derby was imposed to America for the improvement of the breed has there been so many men of wealth, influence and prominence in the respective communities actively interested, and owners of horses, as is the case to-day. The spirit of the country was accurately represented by the enthusiasm of thirty thousand people from all parts of the country patronizing the test of speed and stamina and enjoying the most spectacular of trials. Canada is the only country in all the world whose statesmen have come to the conclusion that the cessation of racing was a desirable condition during the war.

A Correct Decision.

The decision of President Tener, of the National League, in over-ruling Empire Hank O'Day, who refused to allow a runner to score from third while an outfielder was juggling the ball, was absolutely correct, and according to the rules made and provided. The facts are as follows: Outfielder Rousch stumbled as he tried for a long fly, but eventually caught the ball while lying on the ground. Niehoff, on third, left his base while the batter's glove, and Empire O'Day allowed a double play and refused to permit Niehoff's run to count. The umpire was in error in refusing to allow Niehoff to score. Years ago the outfielders used to juggle the ball in all the way from the deep outer-gardens to hold the runners on the bases, retaining the catch until they got inside the diamond. The rule was then changed and base runners given the privilege of starting the moment the ball hit the fielder's glove.

Cobourg Bowlers Elect Officers.

At the adjourned annual meeting of the Cobourg Bowling Club the following officers were elected: President, Mr. W. L. Sportman; Vice-President, Mr. W. H. Hopper; Secretary, Mr. W. DeLong; Treasurer, Mr. Harry Roberts. Games committee—Messrs. D. Exart, J. Davidson, W. DeLong, F. Richardson, and Hugh McCullough. The club is looking forward to a successful season.

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SUN-BAKED GOLF COURSE

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Golfers accustomed to the dry, sun-baked, flint-like courses in Southern California, where a coyote has nothing on a golf ball in the matter of legs, smile at the eastern accounts of long drives. The difference between these sections in the distances show the difficulty of establishing world's records in driving. Mike Brady, the Massachusetts open champion, after a winter at Brentwood, near Los Angeles, laughs when they talk of record drives down in Boston, where he now is. Drives in Southern California are not measured by 300 or 400 yards, but by the 500. Edward Martin, the California professional, drove a winter to the edge of the green on a hole measuring 500 yards. Brady had a putt for two on the eleventh hole at Brentwood, the hole measuring 470 yards. He overdrove the first green, 426 yards, as did his assistant. Few professionals can out-drive Brady when he is meeting the ball right, but in the early days of his stay in California he was outdistanced frequently. He was driving a high ball, with a long carry, so that his ball often landed yards and yards ahead of an opponent. But a half-topped drive would run indeterminably on the hard ground and finish ahead of his much better played tee shot.

BACK TO THE FARM.

Champion Willard Feels the Loss of Friends.

Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion pugilist, has given up his Chicago home. The champion left by motor for his farm near Lawrence, Kansas, where he said he intends to spend the rest of his life. "The public does not want to see me defend the championship during the war," the champion declared before he departed. "The Fred Fulton match is off and there may never be another. I am making no definite statement about retiring, but that seems the probable outcome of the present situation."

Hard to Get Jockeys

The question of securing jockeys for the various eligibles in the King's Plate at Toronto is a troublesome one for the different owners. With racing in full swing here in former years there was no dearth of riding material with there being an odd case of importation such as Frankie Robinson last year by the Seagraves stable, although Frankie, the fall prophet, had been engaged to ride in the Plate, but his sale to H. P. Whitney found him absent from the Canadian circuit. Conditions are checked for this year's Plate and the jockeys are well aware of the fact, the result being that some of them are asking between \$700 and \$800 if they come here and ride the winner.

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