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In The World Of Sport

Sporting Notes

Now they talk of holding the Willard-Fulton brawl on Labor Day. Well, it would be hard to pick a better day on which to work the dear old gullible public.

Toronto Leafs are beginning to show some of their old time pep. They have several new players on the way, and will probably be factors in the championship race.

Frankie Bull, of Toronto, who weighs 133 pounds, ringside, has issued a sweeping challenge. He offers to fight any man in Canada at that weight.

It was Chief Meyers' Day at Buffalo Saturday, and Jacob Stein, former president of the Bisons, presented the catcher with a loving cup.

Washington lost Earl Yingling in the draft on Saturday, and Manager Griffith has now only four pitchers, in Johnson, Avers, Harper and Shaw.

Catcher Bill Kelly, last year with the Toronto Leafs, has been secured by the St. Louis Browns by the Omaha club. Bill joins Marty O'Toole, his former battery mate, the pair having been sold some years ago to the Pittsburgh club for the rounded price of \$28,500.

Eddie Cloutte, Benz and John Collins are the only players on the Chicago White Sox who are over the draft age, while Pitcher Scheibach is the only one under the draft age.

To avoid legal complications, an American League baseball game, scheduled to be played at Boston Sunday for the benefit of the Red Cross, was postponed until Monday.

It is expected that by the middle of this week that the fate of professional baseball, now in the hands of the U.S. Government, will be known.

President Ban Johnson, of the American League, is of the opinion that every baseball park in America should be closed up.

Outfielder Merwin Kopp, the former St. Thomas and Buffalo baseball player, now with Connie Mack's Athletics, has been ordered to report to his home draft board at Toledo, Ohio.

A baseball was auctioned at Washington and \$3,500 was realized. It was autographed by President Wilson, who attended the game. A collection for the Red Cross realized about \$10,000.

In a boxing carnival at Madison

Square Garden, New York, for the benefit of the Red Cross many well known boxers took part. The auctioning of cartoons and the Kaiser's cup totalled \$19,000, and this with the box office receipts, brought the total up to \$52,225.

Joe Schultz, last year with the Leafs, is playing second base for Kansas City.

"CLOSE 'EM UP." Bancroft B. Johnson, president of the American League, in discussing the new draft regulations, said: "I do not believe the Government has an intention of wiping out baseball altogether, but if I had my way I would close every theatre, ball park and other places of recreation in the country and make the people realize that they are in the most terrible war in the history of the world."

CLASSES IN BOXING

Have Been Arranged For the Columbia Students.

Boxing—the sport that best teaches the embryo soldier how to use the bayonet—will be inaugurated at Columbia University, beginning with the next college term. This announcement was made by Dr. E. Elliott of the physical educational department of the university.

Fred Dawson, lately of Union and Princeton, but now coach of the baseball, football and basketball squads at the Morningside Heights institution, will drill the students in the many art of self-defence.

The faculty at Columbia for a long time has been considering about boxing classes at the university, but it was not until last week that they reached a decision.

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Doing nothing on the bench is never as good as doing something on the field.

Asks \$200,000 For Racer.

Wilfrid Viau has put a price of \$200,000 on Omar Khayyam in the next few days. This developed at Jamaica track. This week, when Abe Hollow, who was acting for a well-known horseman, told of Mr. Viau refusing \$75,000 for the son of Marco. The fact that \$75,000 was offered and refused gives some idea in what high esteem Omar Khayyam is held for racing and breeding purposes, but nobody accepted.

Baseball at Cobourg. In a game of baseball played at Cobourg, which strongly resembled cricket, the Town won from the Military Hospital by a score of 26 to 25.

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BASEBALL IS NOT A USEFUL OCCUPATION

Provost Marshal Crowder's Recent Mandate Requires Players to Work or Fight.

The most recent official mandate of Provost-Marshal-General Crowder, stating that the new draft amendment will require professional baseball players to engage in some "useful" occupation by July 1st or go to war, will practically riddle the major leagues of first class talent if the new ruling becomes effective.

From a desultory glance at the long roster of major league players only thirty-six are above the draft age, and, therefore, exempt from military service. Inspection of the records reveals that if the Government intends to raid the major leagues under the "useful occupation or fight" draft amendment, 127 of the best players in both leagues will be lost to baseball.

Some of the players affected under this rule, together with their respective ages, are as follows:

- Giants—George Burns, 29; Walter Holke, 25; Lew McCarty, 30; Bill Rariden, 30; Jos. Wilhoit, 28; Rube Benton, 28; Pat. Ferris, 26; Ferd. Schupp, 26; Jeff Tesreau, 29. Yankees—Ping Bodie, 31; Hugh High, 28; Roger Peckinpaugh, 27; Wally Pipp, 25; Derrill Pratt, 28; Al. Walters, 25; Ray Caldwell, 30; George Mogridge, 28. Athletics—George Burns, 25; Fort-estead Cady, 30; Clarence Walker, 30; Vean Gregg, 31; Elmer Meyer, 24. Philadelphia—Dave Bancroft, 26; Eddie Burns, 31; Milt Sock, 26; Fred. Williams, 30; Erskine Mayer, 28; Mike Prendergast, 28; Eppa Rixey, 28.

May Not Affect Sport.

Whether the new "work or fight" United States army draft regulation announced shall apply to professional baseball players, and thereby probably put organized baseball out of business for the period of the war, will not be decided until the point is raised on appeal to the Provost-Marshal General's office after the regulation becomes effective July 1st.

The War Department was bombarded with queries on the subject soon after the new regulation was made public. At first it was indicated that ball players certainly would be classed among those in non-useful occupations who must seek new jobs or go into the army.

Secretary Baker explained that the status of baseball players had been discussed before the regulation was approved, and it was agreed that the question could not be disposed of until all the facts relating to the effect upon the baseball business had been brought out through the hearing of a case appealed from a local board.

The Secretary did not profess to know how seriously application of the rule to professional baseball players would affect the leagues. He did not know that a large majority of the major league players were of draft age and were exempted only because of presidents, but, on the contrary, was under the impression that most of them were outside the draft lines.

The paragraph of the new regulation which may touch the ball players is a sub-division of the enumeration of classes affected, and says: "Persons, including ushers and other attendants, engaged in and occupied in and in connection with games, sports and amusements, excepting actual performers in legitimate concerts, operas or theatrical performances."

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