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SPORT IS IN BIG DEMAND

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Colleges Showing Way—Amateur and Professional Amusements in Open Air Attract Large Crowds.

The great demand for outdoor sport was again exemplified last Saturday when, it is estimated, more than one million persons attended sporting events in the various cities throughout the United States.

The Harkness Cup handicap at the Sheephead Bay Speedway, won by Ralph De Palma, who drove his motor car 100 miles in 58 minutes and 21 seconds, attracted 50,000 spectators, according to the promoters of the big automobile race. Racing at Belmont Park, N.Y., and Douglas Park, Louisville, drew a total of 40,000 persons, usually divided.

Major and minor league baseball games were liberally patronized. The National League battles attracted 20,000 to the Polo Grounds, 10,000 to the Phillies Park, and 7,500 each to Ebbets Field and the home of the Boston Braves.

In the American League the Kitties played to more than 10,000 fans at White Sox Park, the Athletics drew 15,000 in St. Louis, while the Red Sox in Detroit and the Washingtons in Cleveland each received payment for 10,000 admissions—the total major league attendance, therefore, being slightly under the 100,000 mark.

Games played by the leading minors—the New League, American Association, Pacific Coast League, and the Southern Association—recorded about 55,000 in attendance. The college baseball arena also was active, with 10,000 fans watching Yale defeat Harvard at New Haven and half a dozen other fairly important contests on eastern college diamonds attracting at least 20,000 more.

Perhaps 10,000 Harvard and Yale men saw the Crimson Varsity crew outrun Old Ell over a two-mile course on the Housatonic River, at Derby, Conn. The intercollegiate track and field championships at Philadelphia, won by Cornell, were seen by nearly 10,000 spectators. "Kid" Williams defeated George Chaney in an open air boxing bout at Baltimore in the presence of 15,000 fans.

There is no way to compute the attendance at other professional and amateur ball games, track meets, rowing regattas, golf and tennis matches throughout the United States, but it is believed that the figures greatly exceeded those specified above. Briefly, the American public still favors sport as a necessary recreation.

APPROVE OF THE TOUR.

Australian Authorities Give Consent to Lady Swimmers.

According to a cablegram received at the national headquarters of the Amateur Athletic Union, New York, the Misses Durack and Wylie, who have arrived from Australia at San Francisco, are eligible to compete in this country. The cablegram, signed by W. W. Hill, of the Amateur Swimming Union of Austria, reads as follows: "Tour approved. Girls carry credentials."

This was in answer to a cable which stated that the Australian Union must approve of the tour in accordance with its affiliation with the A.A.U. and the International Swimming Federation before the swimmers would be permitted to compete in the United States. Earlier cables from the New South Wales Ladies' Swimming Association, a minor organization, indicated that the tour of the Misses Durack and Wylie was unopposed.

TRIPLE PLAYS RARE.

Miller Huggins Has Seen Only Two in Fifteen Years.

An idea of the rarity of the triple play in baseball may be gained from the experience of Miller Huggins. It was about twenty years ago that Huggins began his baseball career and this is his fifteenth season in the major leagues. After the Yankees roled off a triple play a few days ago in a game against the White Sox, Huggins remarked that it was the second such play he had seen since he put on his first baseball uniform. The other occurred when he was a member of the Cincinnati Reds and Huggins played a hand in this performance. When it is recalled that Huggins has been player or manager in close to 2,500 major games, it becomes evident that the triple play is indeed a rarity.

British Sporting Instinct.

The determination of the British soldier to get sport in all circumstances is exemplified by a communication which has just reached us from East Africa. Part of our forces found a temporary resting-place at a coastal spot where the only draw-back to bathing was the presence of sharks. A swimming gala was organized, and to clear the waters of sharks so as to make the conditions practically safe for the competitors bombs were exploded in the sea over a defined area, and the gala was triumphantly carried through without any casualties.

Young Pitcher for Giants.

John Ogden, a right-handed pitcher who gained considerable fame while hurling for Swarthmore, has been signed by the Giants. Ogden is regarded by many competent critics as one of the best college pitchers produced in recent years and the Giants were not alone in seeking the services of the youngster. At Swarthmore he was coached by Charlie Bettger, former major leaguer, who has instilled into him a fair amount of baseball logic and who believes his protégé will make good in the company. Ogden is only 20 years of age and probably will not be called to the colors for at least two years.

In The World Of Sport

TRIBUTE TO MERLIN KOPP.

St. Louis News.—Connie Mack lost a player who was destined to become one of the great stars of baseball in a legitimate way last week. He is Outfielder Merlin Kopp, who quit the team Friday night by orders of the draft board at Toledo, O., who ordered him to a cantonment. Kopp played wonderful ball for the Athletics. It batting, fielding, base running and throwing he was high grade. Shortly before being called to the colors, he won a game by making a clean steal of home. Kopp will be greatly missed by the fans here.



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HEARNE MAY RETURN TO TORONTO LEAFS

The Boston Club Fails to Make Promised Payments For Pitcher.

"Bunny" Hearne may soon be back with the Toronto club. The Leafs have made a claim for the play, the necessary evidence in the matter having been forwarded to the National Commission.

When the Boston Nationals bought Hearne from the Toronto club they agreed to pay the sum of \$1,500 for him. The first payment, one of \$1,000, was to have been made on the 1st of March, and the remainder on the 1st of May. Neither payment has been made. Yesterday the Boston management learned of the action the Leafs had taken, and endeavored to settle the whole matter by forwarding the long overdue payments.

The Toronto club declined to take the case out of the hands of the National Commission. As one of the clauses of the agreement to purchase Hearne was that the payments would be made or the player returned to Toronto, it is altogether likely that the big left-hander will be ordered to rejoin the Leafs. President McCaffrey said last night that he would rather have the player than the money at this juncture.

There is another matter between the Braves and the Leafs that will not help the Boston case. Outfielder Bailey was sold to the Leafs on a \$500 optional agreement on the representation that the player was in good physical condition. As a matter of fact Bailey hurt his leg while with the Boston club, and reported to Toronto a cripple. His usefulness here was very much minimized thereby, and he was returned to the Braves. Stallings thereupon disclaimed any title to the player, and maintained that he is the property of the Toronto club, endeavoring to collect the \$500 stipulated in the optional agreement. This matter has also been turned over to the Commission for its decision.

Manager Arthur Irwin of the Rochester club has laid claim to Outfielder Whitehouse, secured by Toronto from the Boston Red Sox. Irwin claims that the player accepted terms with Rochester, but he played with the Leafs at Syracuse, and the Toronto club will make a fight to retain his services.



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