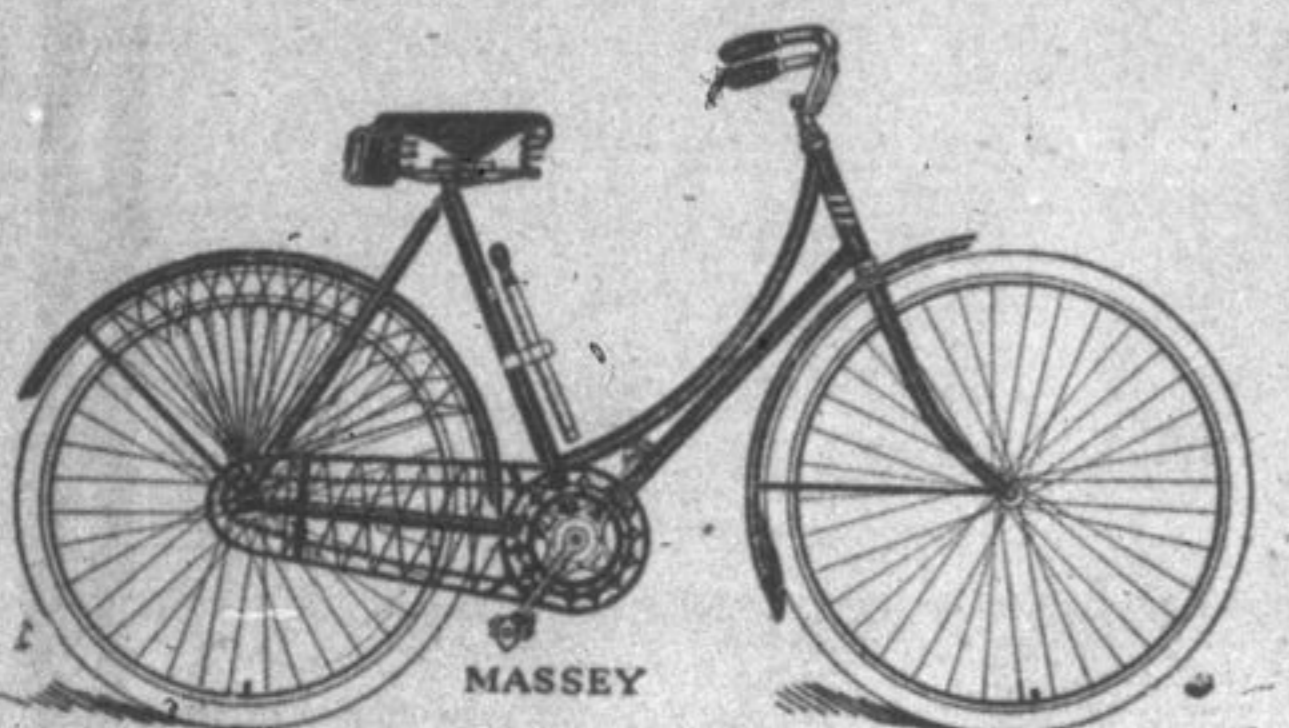


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And He's Only 77. Dan O'Leary, veteran champion walker, will not attempt his 1,100-mile hike to Mineral Wells, Texas, until next fall. O'Leary had planned to start this month, but decided to postpone the trip to escape the blazing heat of the south. He is 77 years old. Wings of riches may enable a man to fly from his poor relations.

# In The World Of Sport

## Baseball Briefs

Eddie Collins makes few home runs, but he has cracked out two hits for the circuit within the past week.

Baker is on his way to another century hit before any other player in either league reaches the hundred mark.

Considering the fact that he has lost Jackson, Folsch, Faber and Williams, Rowland is getting many a victory with his team.

If Faber and Williams still were with the Sox, Benz probably would not start many games. Now opportunity is knocking at Joe's door, and it finds Joseph at home.

The Cubs have lost only two series this season. The Reds won the first from them and the Braves accomplished the feat on the occasion of their last visit to Chicago.

Toronto is again the best city in the International League. The attendance here has been much greater than in any of the other cities. Several of the clubs have been losing money since the day the season opened.

Although the Western, Pacific Coast, International, Texas and Southern Leagues have collapsed and others are tottering, some of the circuits will probably contrive to finish the season unless the result of the appeals from the "Work or Fight" order is unfavorable.

The wallops taken at one another by John K. Tener and Ban Johnson through the medium of "statements" concerning the resignation of Tener from the National Commission indicate that the gutting organization of the game is badly disrupted. Internal hostilities at a time when baseball is fighting for its life do not augur well for the future.

There isn't fighting enough in Europe. The National and the American Baseball Leagues have started a private war to make it interesting. If these ball people are such good fighters, why not put them in the trenches? Give Ban and Governor Tener a couple of bayonets and a netful of hand grenades, and turn 'em loose. Only trouble with this bright idea is that Ban wouldn't have a chance with the athletic president of the old league. It would be as one-sided as a scrap between a fighting airplane and a "sausage."

### Cobb Is Moving Ahead.

Tyrus Raymond Cobb continues to draw away from George Sisler and lengthen his lead as the leading batter of the American League. After Monday's game Cobb's average read .362, while that of Sisler registered .354.

### Irish Hurdler in Gotham.

John Purcell, of Kilkenny, the champion hurdler of the British Isles, who is in New York on a tour from the trenches in France, gave exhibitions at the Kilkenny men's games at Celtic Park, New York, on July 4th.

## URBAIN MOLMANS



Celebrated Belgian oarsman, now of Montreal, who was three times in the crew that won the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley and may become a U. S. university coach.

## WHY GIVE ACTORS PREFERENCE

### Baseball As Essential As Theatres in Matter of Entertainment.

The Toronto Telegram says: Baseball is torn with conflicting conceptions of the applicability of the "work or fight" order to the professional player. One draft board holds that the player is engaged in a non-useful occupation, a second plays a neutral role while a third is open in its recognition of the right of the player to equal consideration with the actor. The threat of this state has created more havoc in the ranks than any actual orders to players to get out of the game. Of course baseball will continue, no matter how many players are forced to leave their work, but the fan is rather riled that his favorite sport should not be accorded the same treatment as is given to the theatre in the ruling issued by Gen. Crowder. At least at this season America leans toward the vaudeville theatre for its entertainment, and the actor is not one whit better than the ball player.

The fact remains that a comparison between the major leagues and the big line in theatricals does not water carnivals for which she had been entered. This action on the part of a club fostering amateur athletics is most regrettable. It savors too much of an attempt to exploit sport for gain. But it is not the first incident showing the growing tendency among some men's organizations to commercialize competitive swimming, and women prominent in aquatics are already taking steps to guard their own branch of the game against it.

### TROUBLE FOR FANNIE

#### Australian Lady Swimmer Being Sued For Non-Appearance.

The directors of the Centre Club, says a press report from San Francisco, "have empowered Attorney Oscar Lewis to file suit against Miss Fannie Durack, the Australian swimmer, and William Unimack, as her failure to start in one of the club's water carnivals for which she had been entered." This action on the part of a club fostering amateur athletics is most regrettable. It savors too much of an attempt to exploit sport for gain. But it is not the first incident showing the growing tendency among some men's organizations to commercialize competitive swimming, and women prominent in aquatics are already taking steps to guard their own branch of the game against it.

### Can You Select Winner?

The American League pennant race is still boiling. Three different teams—New York, Cleveland and Boston—have been out in front at one time or other within the last six days, and Washington may take a turn at setting the pace before another six days slip by. Now is the time for some prophet to gain honor in his own land by picking a winner. It is beyond mere dope or even the "figures" of Hughie Fullerton.

### Racing at Blue Bonnets.

Although no official announcement has yet been made, it is now understood that the date for Montreal's single-day race meet has been set for Saturday, Sept. 14th. The race meet, which will be held on the Blue Bonnets course, will be entirely for the benefit of the Red Cross, and expenses will be cut down to a minimum. In addition to the King's Plate event and the Nursery Stakes, there will be other attractions.

## Sporting Notes

British sportsmen declare that the Hun will be banished from the Olympic games after the war. Why not let Teuton athletes be the "African Dodgers" in the rotten egg contest?

The war has made so many soldiers flat-footed that it is quite likely one of the events on the Olympic programme will be "the flat-footed man's flop."

It's great to be the pitching "ace" of an American team. Scott Perry, who has lost his last seventeen games, is touted as Mack's highest card.

Ray Caldwell says he has discovered "Babe" Ruth's weakness. "Babe" cannot hit a high ball. That's nothing. There are lots of Kingstonsians who have not been able to hit a high ball since the fatal 16th.

Hoppe, the billiard champion, says he became a ball artist after watching Mrs. Hoppe poke the cherries from the family tree with a broomstick. In words of one syllable, he took his cue from mother.

### THIRTY YEARS IN BASEBALL

#### And Hank O'Day Is Still Going Quite Strong.

Henry O'Day, whose name is familiar wherever baseball is played, has been connected with the great American pastime as pitcher, umpire and manager for more than thirty years. It was thirty years ago that Hank broke into the big league as a twirler for Washington. He had previously pitched for some clubs in Toledo and Savannah, and he had been playing ball in Chicago, his native city, even before that. In fact, Hank's diamond experience commenced before the National League was launched in 1876.

O'Day, as has been said, made his debut in the big leagues with the Washingtons, then owned by the Hewitts, but in 1889 he joined John B. Day's New York aggregation of performers. Hank's most celebrated performance was pulled off that year.

The Giants won the National League championship that year and played a post-season series with the hated Brooklynians. Hank pitched the first game and won it. New York lost the second contest, and Hank went back in the third and fourth games and copped both of them. The New York club of that year was managed by Jim Mutrie. The pitching staff, in addition to Hank, included Tommy Keefe, Welch and Crane. Hank didn't long remain in the limelight as a pitcher, and after spending a year or two in Nebraska, and Iowa, he returned to the National pastime as an umpire. For about a score of years he was one of the most distinguished of the diamond arbiters. He gave up the job of umpiring to assume the management of the Cincinnati Reds—a case of jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. In 1914 Hank tried his hand at piloting the Cubs, and under his management the club made a surprising race, only to slump in the home stretch.

### Markle a Prisoner in Germany

Cliff Markle, former New York Yankee pitcher, who volunteered for service with Uncle Sam last summer, is now interned as a German prisoner at Limbourg, according to official advices to Texas relatives. Markle was a star in the Texas League when the Yankees bought him along with Catcher Walters. Later Markle went to the Toronto club of the International League, where he was playing when he enlisted.

### Shocker Must Shoulder Gun.

Urban Shocker, former Ottawa pitcher, must report at one for military duty, according to Sporting News. Shocker, who has four brothers in the army, had been granted an extension, but it was cancelled last week by one of the Detroit boards. Shocker's departure will be a heavy blow to the St. Louis Browns, for whom he has been pitching great ball.

### He Called Merkle Out.

In his long experience as an umpire Hank has had many narrow escapes from pop bottles and from other forms of sudden death. It was Hank who called Merkle out when he failed to touch second base in the famous decisive game between the Giants and the Cubs in 1908. On that occasion Hank escaped before the mob knew what he had done.

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