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In the World of Sport

Sporting Notes

Both the Chicago National and Boston American League clubs are in favor of closing the major league pennant races at once. There's a reason.

During a recent game at Washington Clarke Griffith tossed out five hundred baseball bats, for which five thousand soldiers clamored. Is baseball popular?

Time was when Montreal Nationals or Shamrocks would bring up five hundred supporters for a lacrosse game against Ottawa. Last Saturday the famous Frenchmen could only muster nine players.

General Crowder seems to be more effective against the Athletics than Walter Johnson or Ty Cobb. War has shot Connie Mack's team to pieces again.

British soccer clubs are preparing to carry on as usual this fall. The various league races will open early in September.

War does not appear to have affected interest in the Grand Circuit harness races. Great crowds have attended the various meetings on the American side.

Ty Cobb says he has already found a job, into which he will step after September 1st. He intends going back to his farm in Georgia.

John McGraw has signed Bill Clymer as assistant manager of the Giants, which causes a New York writer to suggest that they enlarge the Polo Grounds bench.

In 1910 baseball writers were mourning the fact that Napoleon Lajoie was all in. In 1918 the champion Giants are hot after the same old 'Polon.

Binghamton writers say the Toronto Leafs may overtake the Bluejays if John Farrell extends his season until December 15th.

Hans Lobert, veteran third baseman of the Reds, Phillies and Giants, is playing for the Hog Island team in the Delaware League.

Jack Curley dropped \$20,000 on the Fulton-Dempsey fight, but says he isn't kicking because it convinced him the people wanted boxing. Funny, isn't it? These promoters always lose.

Walter Holte, former first sacker for the New York Giants, has played his first game in the Bethlehem Steel League.

Heavyweight Jack Dempsey is some finisher. He has put his rivals to sleep in the following short order: Homer Smith, 1 round; Jim Flynn, 1 round; Bob Devere, 1 round; Porky Flynn, 1 round; Al

Norton, 1 round; Carl Morris, 1 round; Fred Fulton, 23 seconds.

Benny Kauff has made a big hit as manager of the 12th Company ball team at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Two knockouts have taken place on the Harrison Ball Field, New Jersey. The first was the Federal League, and the second was Fred Fulton.

Detroit critics like to predict that Ty Cobb will go hitless next month. And Walter Johnson may not get a strikeout to his credit.

National Hockey League managers evidently believe in making ice while the sun shines. They're going to meet this month to arrange their plans for next season.

Georges Carpentier, heavyweight champion of Britain and France, has been honorably discharged from the French Flying Corps, in which he served for three years.

One difficulty in the Ship Yard League is said to arise from the fact that rooters throw bolts at umpires. Next thing they'll be tossing gliders in the Steel League.

Anyway Jack Dempsey is the U-boat of the American prize ring. He soaked Fred Fulton without warning.

Philadelphia man got in late for the Dempsey-Fulton fight. He didn't see the scrappers then and hasn't seen them yet.

The Toronto Leafs could win the International League pennant if Louis Paterson could pitch every game for them.

STANDING OF LEAGUES.

Table with columns: National, Won, Lost, P.C. Rows include Chicago, New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Boston, St. Louis.

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Baseball And The Great War

(From the Kickerbocker Press.)

The crowning atrocity of the war has apparently reached full fruition. Who could have supposed that the shots fired by a crack brained student in the streets of Sarajevo on that day in June four years ago would have ricocheted around the world until they found lodgment in the tender bosom of American baseball? Yet so it is. Once set in motion, the chain of events has proceeded with inexorable directness. Hope for the victim has practically been abandoned. The mighty hero, once gigantic in his strength, the idol of millions and the source of extraordinary incomes to numerous healthy young fellows of an athletic type, has all but given up the ghost.

This is awful. What are we going to do about it? How will the population exist without the big league schedules? How can we eat breakfast without knowing who is going to pitch to-day? How can we dine without the score? How will the ball players get along without a chance to throw their bats on the ground to indicate their opinion of the umpire? Will some of these husky invalids have to go to work, or even to war? What of the umpires' years spent in accumulating record breaking reputations for stupidity? Who can the migrales quarrel with now? How will the United States keep itself from bursting with curiosity as to the size of Christy Mathewson's hat or the condition of a hangnail on Johnnie Evers' thumb? What will become of all the lies that have been told in order to get away from work when the Giants were in town? Will thrift stamps provide excitement of baseball pools? How will the newspapers get to press without the mug of Muggsy McGraw? The problems raised by this tragic event are infinite in number. If that Serbian youth had known what he was doing he might well have hesitated. No baseball! Pop and peanuts may be the next to go. The world is upside down.

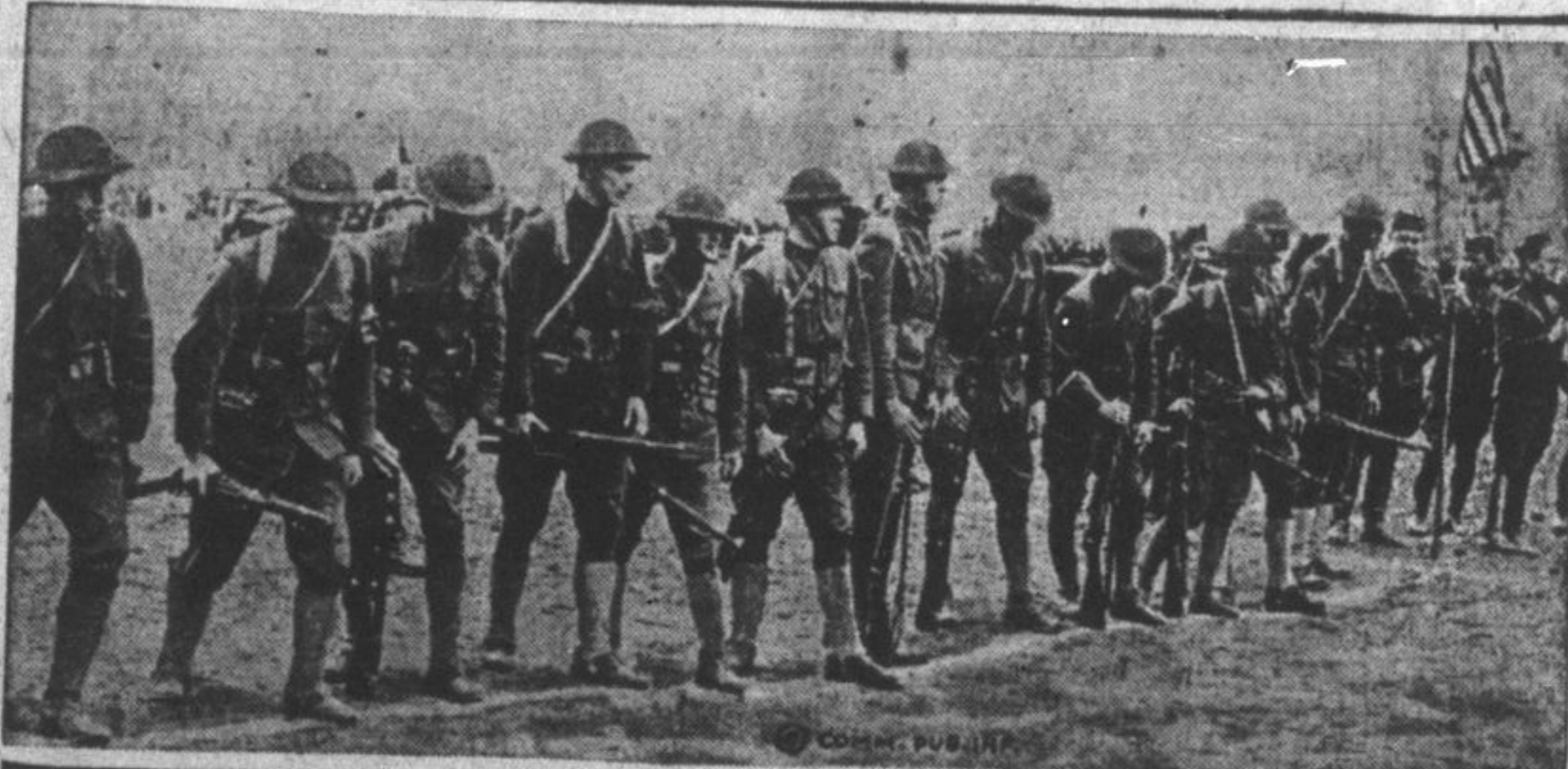
LONGBOAT WANTS \$500

Tom Langboat, the famous Indian Marathon runner, now with a construction battalion in France, has written to Toronto asking that the \$500 voted him in 1907, following his victory in the Boston Marathon, be paid him in order that he may take a correspondence course in civil engineering.

As the money has not been provided in the estimates of this year, the matter was laid over until the Indian's return.

By defeating Fred Fulton, Jack Dempsey earned the right to be avoided by Jess Willard.

SOLDIERS FIND LOTS OF AMUSEMENT IN Y. M. C. A. GAMES



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