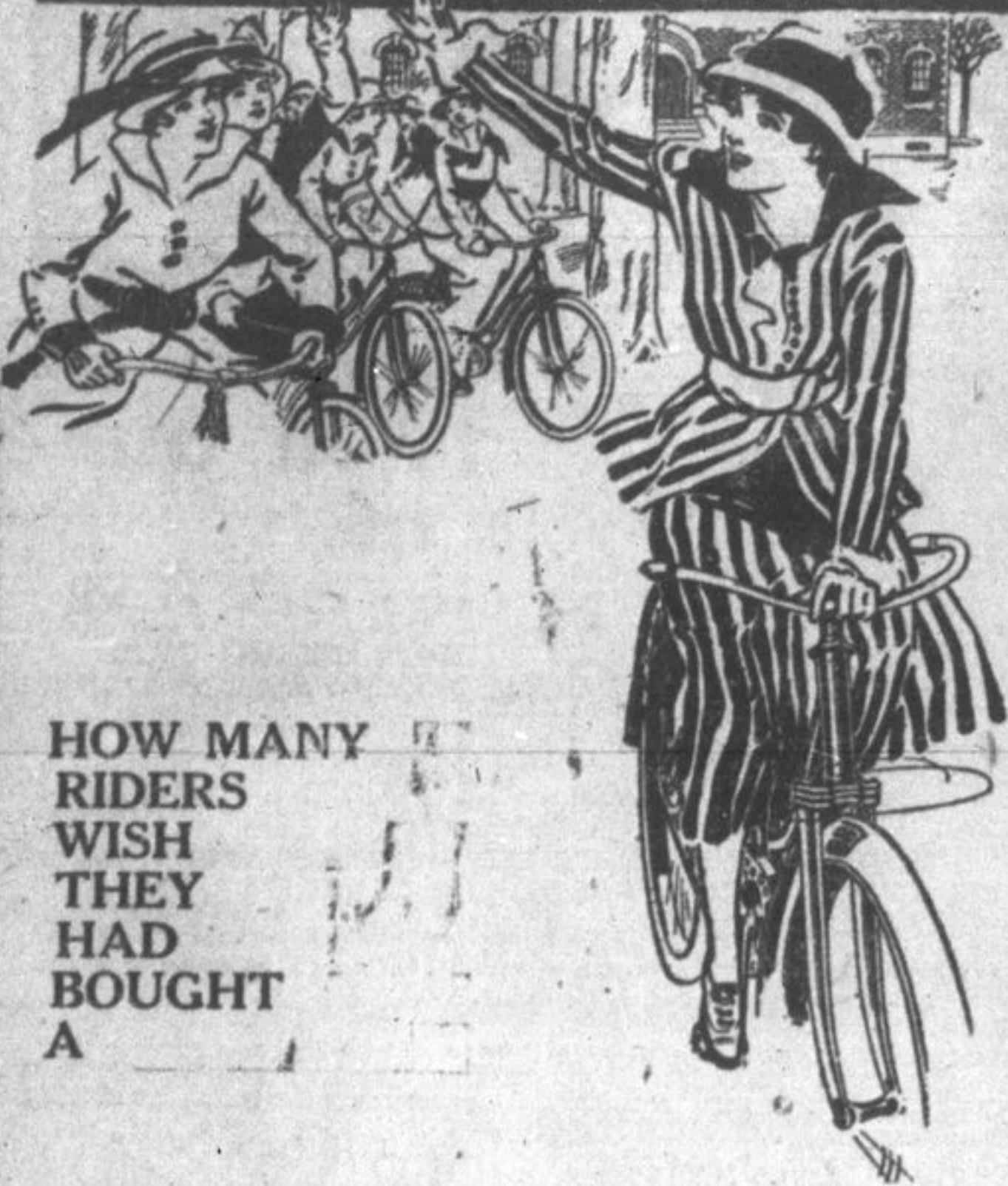


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Four Boston Players May Play in World's Series.

Four members of the Boston American League baseball team, leaders in the pennant race, have received permission from their exemption boards to take part in the world series. President Harry Frazee, of the club, announces the players are Capt. Harry Hooper, Amos Strunk,

Everett Scott and John McInnis, who had asked their local draft boards if they would be permitted to take part in the post-season series. They were told they would be allowed to play until Sept. 15th. The Boston Club's chances for figuring in a world series, if one can be arranged, have been greatly improved by winning the first two games in the present series with Cleveland, its nearest rival.

In the Field of Sport

GROH HAS RECORD OF SHORTEST HIT

Peculiar Play in Saturday's Giant-Red Sox Game in Cincinnati Park.

Various players had laid claim to the honor of making the longest hit in a championship ball game, yet there is no dispute as to who is entitled to the credit of making the shortest. Heinie Groh accomplished that feat in Saturday's game between the Giants and Reds at Cincinnati. The Reds' third-sacker lunged viciously at a ball delivered to him by Ferritt, but only "topped" the pellet and darted away toward first base. Bill Hariden, who was catching, looked in vain for the ball, as did every member of the Giant infield, until at last Groh, having reached first in safety, Empire Rigler pointed it out to Hariden. The pellet lay on fair territory not more than two inches in front of the plate, having struck in the depression in front of the rubber, where it hugged the earth, neither bounding nor rolling away.

FORESAW WHAT WAS COMING.

Baseball's Present Predicament Might Have Been Averted.

In view of the fact that players are deserting their teams, that attendance figures in all but two or three major league cities have dwindled to a few hundreds, and that the baseball pennant races are practically over, clubowners, critics and fans are beginning to realize that Ben Johnson, President of the American League, was right when he tried to end the regular season on August 20th, so that the World's series could be finished before the first of next month.

In a letter to baseball writers last November Johnson said: "Professional baseball confronts a serious situation and the matter of operating leagues next summer will be difficult problem to solve. Conditions such as the war has produced never existed before in the life of the game and they can be met only as they come to the surface."

"With the country involved in the most terrific conflict in the history of the world it behooves every man to give serious and profound thought to the nation's welfare. The American League is a unit in its desire to do the right thing—which fact was amply demonstrated by its work last summer. "With millions of men to be sent to France the man-power of the nation will be taxed to its full limit. The time does not seem opportune for play of recreation. With that thought in mind, it was suggested last summer that we close our gates and one and all should bend a shoulder to the wheel until the war was brought to a close."

"This declaration did not have the approval of the Administration, and did not strike a popular chord in other quarters. The president said he saw no reason for the curtailment of our schedules, and many of the leagues operated to the close of the season. The draft was not in full force and none of the clubs had felt its blighting effect."

"Fully ninety per cent. of the players in the major leagues will meet the tremendous demand for men; it can be readily understood how great will be the drain upon the profession. "In this trying period the Government can wait on the convenience of none, and men must go to the cantonment camps when notified. Such conditions will arise in 1918 and must result in endless confusion to the great baseball family. The matter of maintaining a contest of keen interest that would appeal to the public seems impossible of accomplishment."

Ty Cobb Still Supreme. Tyrus Cobb has clinched his batting supremacy for the eleventh time in the American League. The Georgian did not get going early in the year, being farther down in the batting list in July than ever before during the years he won the batting honors. But he overcame the lead of other league hitters, of whom Sisler and Speaker, the latter who beat him two years ago, stopping his long string of championships at nine consecutive, were setting the pace, with a remarkable hitting spree, and according to the weekly averages is thirty-five points ahead of the closest rival, George Burns, formerly of Detroit, whom Jennings released at the start of the season because he could not hit. That the Posch was hitting the skids this year was on the lips of many, but the southern marvel hushed any talk like that in rapid-fire order. When Ty will be through as the champion hitter is voiced annually and the "I told you so" fans have worn themselves out in Tyrus' case.

RECEIPTS MAY NOT REACH LAST YEAR'S

Baseball Public Likely to Balk at Increased Prices For World's Series.

New York Times. If the world's baseball series is played with the approval of the Government, how much money will the battles between the Red Sox and the Cubs draw? Last year the gross receipts were \$425,878, the players dividing \$152,888 and the share of the Chicago and New York club owners being \$239,401. With the war now demanding heavy financial sacrifices, there is some doubt whether the baseball public in Boston and the Windy City will pay the increased admission prices to see the big games. It is understood that \$3 and \$5 tariffs for reserved grandstand box seats again will prevail, prices that were considered exorbitant in the golden days of the sport. As the proposed series, if played, will be another extravaganza, therefore it will not be surprising if the gate money does not come up to the figures of former years.

To Pay \$700,000. Although there will be no major league baseball next year, the magnates must keep on paying rent and debts. The former Federal League backers have claims of nearly \$60,000 that must be settled in 1919. The owners of the Giants will have to pay \$50,000 for the Polo Grounds in rent and taxes, together with overhead charges on the plant. The Brooklyn club has some big notes to meet, also the interest on several mortgages. The Phillies will be required to pay a year's rent to Charles Webb Murphy.

The owners of the Red Sox, Braves, Browns and Cardinals also, will be compelled to settle heavy obligations. All of the other clubs will be pursued by cold-blooded landlords. It is estimated that within the next twelve months the big leagues will hand over nearly \$700,000 to their creditors, with nothing coming in at the box offices.

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