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# In the World of Sport

## Sporting Notes

Club owners in the big leagues are now worrying about the fifty odd ball players who are not of the draft age. Not about what the players are going to do, but about whether they are going to demand a full year's salary.

Johnny Evers, who has gone West, never realized his one ambition in life—to play just one game in a Giant uniform. The little second sacker was to have had a berth on the McGraw team, but when the Perry case came up, John thought matters would become worse if he used Evers on his team.

For the eleventh time a person named Tyrus Raymond Cobb has clinched the American league batting supremacy.

Toronto girls are going strong for baseball. The other day a fair maid pitched a most effective game and batted a home run with the bases full.

Now that so-called American sportsmen have chased Fanny Durack the Australian professional swimmer back home, we read where an expert says she was a marvel. He saw her in an exhibition event and says that her slow stroke proves her wonderful ability.

Johnny Dundee, of New York, added another to his string of victories the other night when he defeated Tommy Touhey, of Patterson, in an eight-round affair. Dundee had the edge of his opponent in all but one round.

A Detroit newspaperman made an exceptional golf shot at the Muskoka Lakes the other day when his ball dropped in the cup after travelling 70 yards. He insists that he was not in practice, either.

Big Tom Cowler, who not so long ago was exhibiting fistic wares in the roped arena, is now working for a living as a Pinkerton detective at the Saratoga race course. Cowler's brain capacity should make him a good policeman.

It looks as though Hal Chase's baseball days are over. Three Giants have accused him of betting on games and Matty Mathewson says he must get out.

Fred Moore, an ebony-hued bell hop, who made a hit with Manager Stallings of the Boston Braves when he visited the Queen City, will sign up with the Beaneaters for next season.

A Hamilton scribe says Toronto fans have no kick as a result of Binghamton feasting on Newark and the skeeters. He says that Toronto has been playing Hamilton and admits that the Tigers are the poorest team in the league.

### COLLINS IS SUPERIOR OF COBB IN ONE WAY

More Even in His Play and Preserves His Equilibrium Better.

While every intelligent student of baseball admits that Ty Cobb is the game's greatest player, most of them believe that Eddie Collins of the White Sox, who recently enlisted in the marines, runs him a close second.

With all his brilliant attainments as a fielder, it must be remembered that Cobb plays a position in the outfield, while Collins at second base has easily three times as much fielding responsibility resting upon his shoulders as has his opponent.

Collins was easily the life of the Chicago White Sox. He is scrappy and aggressive in every way, and is in the game every minute for all that it is worth. He is fully the equal of Cobb as an inside player, and he has as much baseball instinct and insight into the fine points of the game.

In the matter of base stealing there is little to choose between these two players.

As a batter, Cobb has far shown his superiority. Collins, however,

is in the very front rank. Collins has not been in the game so long as his great rival. He has not yet attained such fame.

In one particular Collins has Cobb beaten. He is more even in his play than his opponent, and no matter what happens he preserves his equilibrium better than Cobb. No matter what error he makes, Collins never lets up in his play, and an error in the field on his part is often followed with a corking hit that wins a game.

It has often been said that in a great series in which the greatest honors are at stake, Collins always plays his best, a thing that proves him a game, nery and most resourceful player.

Not long ago there were two men playing in the major leagues just as great rivals as are Cobb and Collins now, and both invaluable in their positions.

One was Nap Lajoie, who finished up his career with the American League playing at second base for Connie Mack's Athletics, and the other Hans Wagner, who has retired from the Pittsburgh club.

Just as in the case of Cobb and Collins, there was class to Wagner and Lajoie. These two were not only great players, but they were all-around men, great as batsmen, great as fielders and great as throwers and runners.

As a matter of fact, Wagner was for a long while considered the king player, the Ty Cobb of the National League. Compared to other stars he was the baseball marvel of his day.

### Boosting Baseball in London.

For certain the American training in England are determined that the conversion of the British to the merits of baseball shall not fail for lack of effort. In Hyde Park the crowd, in which there appeared to be more English than usual, were entertained with a novelty in the shape of a match between a negro nine and a white nine, the negroes being allowed a white pitcher and a white catcher, so that the sides should have, roughly, equal chances.

And the negroes acquitted themselves well. Honors were virtually even at the end of seven innings, after the lead had changed twice. It was nominally a practice game, for the conditions were not considered good enough for an out and out test.

What obviously amused the thousands of spectators on the ground was that in banter and "fanning" the negroes knew their part thoroughly well. They were soldiers of fine physique and inches, and their suppleness of limb and turn of speed were typical of the picked negro boxers and runners seen in England before the war.

### BASEBALL WILL SURVIVE.

Connie Mack Sees No Good Cause For Alarm.

While baseball magnates contemplate their dwindling coffers and, with September 1st in mind, look with apprehension toward the future, Connie Mack sees no cause for alarm.

Mack's conclusions may be summed up as follows:

First—Unless the war continues two years, baseball will feel no permanent effects.

Second—There will be no break in the relations between the American and National Leagues.

Third—The seeming unpleasantness developed at Cleveland will be forgotten and Ban Johnson's prestige will remain unimpaired.

Fourth—No reorganization of the National Commission with a view to the elimination of Garry Herrmann is contemplated.

Fifth—American soldiers and sailors will not permit baseball to die out.

Discussing baseball, Mack said: "Whether baseball will suffer permanently as a result of the war depends upon the war's duration.

"Unless it lasts several years, baseball will retain its popularity. Of course, the gates will be closed next year. It would be foolish to attempt to keep the game going with men outside the draft limits.

"When the war is over, the greatest reaction in the history of the game will result. The sport cannot be forgotten when it is being played in every post, camp and cantonment in the United States and overseas."

Regarding the set-to at Cleveland, during which several magnates opposed Ban Johnson's proposal to play the world's series before September 1st, Mack said:

"There is not the slightest chance that the American League will drop Ban Johnson, or limit his powers. I believe a majority of those who attended the Cleveland meeting which voted down Johnson's proposal to end the season August 29, favored Ban's plan.

"There were many who agreed with me that it would be better to complete the world's series prior to September 1st. But when we learned that the club-owners having chances to compete in the world's series were satisfied to keep on playing until September 1st and take a chance on the big games being stopped by the war department, that let us out. (We were satisfied if they were: However, a majority of us to-day believe Johnson was right.)"

Travers vs. Anderson. Definite arrangements have been completed by the Royal Montreal Golf Club to bring Jerome Travers and John G. Anderson there to play as a benefit for the Red Cross. Travers and Anderson will play a four-ball match against James Hill, captain of the Royal Montreal Golf Club, and J. H. Turpin, vice-captain of the club. The game will be played at Dixie on Saturday afternoon, August 31st.

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JEFF, I'M NOT SURE WHETHER WE TURN TO THE RIGHT OR LEFT UP HERE TO GET TO THAT OLD CASTLE THAT CHARLES THE FIRST USED TO VISIT.

MAYBE THAT SIGN POST WILL DIRECT US!

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ASK OVER THERE, EH?

BUT JEFF, DON'T YOU SEE HOW SILLY IT IS? IF YOU CAN'T READ, ASK THE BLACKSMITH. IT'S PERFECTLY KILLING. IMAGINE! IF YOU CAN'T READ, ASK THE BLACKSMITH. GET IT?

TEE HEE. QUITE SO. QUITE SO.

YES, QUITE SO! WHAT IF THE BLACKSMITH WAS OUT?