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BASEBALL UNLIKELY TO OUST CRICKET IN BRITAIN

Natives of the British Isles Admit Game is Snappy and Noisy.

On the editorial page, The Cleveland Plain-Dealer discusses baseball in England as follows: "In London two famous football grounds, the Chelsea and the Army have been secured for an indefinite period for the use of the American and Canadian baseball players and every pleasant day the natives gather around and shake their heads and gravely declare that it isn't cricket. It's a brisk game," one British observer admits. "It's gingery and continuous. The ball is snapped around in a manner quite baffling. There's a lot of noise about it, too, and much confusion, and it's rather intense. Still, it doesn't seem at all likely to oust cricket from the British traditional affections." Yet stranger things have happened since the Kaiser laid his desk ruler across the map of Belgium. Other British traditions have been loosened up. Roast beef has been topped from the culinary throne, and the plug-glug of ale and porter is heard at rarer intervals.

"It is quite wonderful," says the British observer, "what a hold baseball has on the American masses. One of the big American publications recalls how in 1888-'89 the Spalding Chicago-All American combination visited England in its world tour, and gave the nation a taste of its expert quality. Then the writer tells of the hopeless effort made by a London music hall manager to popularize the sport in the early '90's. He also remembers that in 1913 another world tour of the leading American players was made, and that the 'takings' in London amounted to the amazing sum of \$3,500. The game, however, added nothing to its previous impression.

"But times and men and manners. This changed—then why not sports? This is a fighting era. Baseball is the fastest and most perfect of fighting games. Traditions are but cobwebs. Why can't we expect that the All-American nine will meet the All-British nine in the international struggle for the world's championship at some early post bellum date?"

Every Heat a Race.

A new and novel plan of dividing the purses for the speed trials in the harness horse events in front of the grand stand at the Western Fair, London, Ont., and at the same time provided a much more satisfactory attraction for the patrons, as many as seven and eight were rewarded in each of the two events.

Instead of declaring the winners in a best three in five heats, each heat constituted a race, and the horsemen were given their share of the purse in the order they finished in each of the three heats. Instead of four owners getting the purses, as many as seven and eight were rewarded in each of the two events.

Secretary Baker was not thinking of the ball players when he decided to let the world's series be played, according to one sport writer. Baker knew that the war funds would benefit more by the series than the mention would if the players were made to work.

SARNIA READY FOR RUGBY.

Collegiate Will Again Have a Team in Junior O.R.F.U.

James C. Paterson, captain of the Sarnia Collegiate Institute Football Club, has written to O.R.F.U. headquarters stating that it is again the intention of the Sarnia C.I. to go after the junior championship. Last season Sarnia reached the final, but lost to University Schools. They are determined to go the entire route this season. Practice began yesterday and they will not lack for condition in the first game. Though half a dozen players of last year's team are missing, Captain Paterson states that there is plenty of material available to fill the vacancies. Exhibition games have already been arranged for September 21st and Thanksgiving Day.

Talking Hockey.

The Toronto World says: One thing is certain, and that is that Toronto will have four senior hockey teams and four in the junior ranks.

The western Ontario circuit of last year will hardly go through this season. Only two cities are sure starters. Kitchener, O.H.A. champions, and holders of the Allan Cup, have not been hit by the draft, and every man is available for the coming season. This classy outfit has been strengthened by the addition of Doc Merrick, the sterling defence man, late of the Crescents and Riverides. Merrick is working in a tire factory in Kitchener and has already announced himself as ready for the fray this winter. This gives Kitchener a wonderful team, and it behooves the rest to hurry and get a club to beat the champions.

Hamilton are also ready for the bell. They want to play senior, and claim to have the material. London, Sarnia and Preston will not start in the top series, if Toronto digs up four teams, it looks as if the senior series will be composed of six teams, with Kitchener in one group with two Toronto teams, and Hamilton in the other section, with the other Toronto clubs.

Hockeyist Loses Leg.

John S. Weichel, of Elmira, received a message that his son, Corp. Oscar J. (Mike) Weichel, had been shot in the leg, and amputation at the knee had been found necessary. Corp. Weichel enlisted with the 118th Battalion and has been overseas about two years. He was one of the speediest hockey players in western Ontario, and was a member of the 118th Battalion team at London camp. Since he has been overseas he was identified with the baseball team of his unit. He is a nephew of W. G. Weichel, ex-M.P., of Waterloo.

Auction Horses For Red Cross.

W. T. Trenholm, owner of Dix Rogers, entered in the King's Plate to be run at Blue Bonnets as the feature of the Red Cross benefit next week, will, if he wins the plate, offer the horse at auction for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Owner, Trenholm will ask only the training expenses and rider's fees be paid out of the amount received for the horse by the sale.

After it is earned, many men abuse the purchasing price, of the dollar.

COLUMBIA TO HAVE ELEVEN

New Regulations Assure Unusual Sport Activities.

Despite the fact that Columbia University will be transformed this year into a virtual military academy, inter-collegiate athletic sports will be continued on Morningside Heights, according to an announcement made in official circles at the university. Whether it will be practicable to continue sports on the plan that has been followed in the past or whether it will be necessary to work out an entirely new programme is a question that will not be settled until the university opens.

The University Committee on Athletics is to have a meeting shortly to work out various aspects of the problem, but it can be said on authority that the Varsity football eleven will take the field as planned; that a freshman football team will be organized, if that is possible, and that Varsity and freshman cross-country squads will also be formed, either directly before or at the opening of the university.

Squads will be formed for other sports in the usual and regular manner. These sports will be basketball, wrestling swimming, water polo, and fencing for the winter months and baseball in the spring. It is a matter of extreme doubt whether there will be a Varsity crew, but rowing will be encouraged whether a crew for intercollegiate competition is organized or not.

ANOTHER TROPHY GIVEN

Lord Shaughnessy Donates Cup For Golf Championship.

The Canadian Sailors' Golf Association is certainly off to a splendid start as regards trophies. Word has just been received that the honorary president, Lord Shaughnessy, has donated a most handsome cup for the championship of the association. The winners of this beautiful trophy will have his name inscribed upon it, and will also be given a silver replica. Lord Shaughnessy left on Monday with a number of his directors on an official tour of the C.P.R. system. Before leaving he very kindly forwarded to Mr. Ralph H. Neville, the honorary secretary of the sailors, his cheque for the entrance fees to the tournament (which will be devoted to patriotic purposes), adding, "I shall be absent from the city, but wish to subscribe to this excellent object."

Drag-Race Is Latest Sport.

The chariot or drag race is the latest sport to make its appearance in the naval training stations.

The race was originated and introduced in the stations of the first naval district of New York, by George V. Brown, District Athletic Director of the Navy Commission on Training Camp, head of the athletic division of the training camp commission.

One distinct advantage of the chariot race is that any number of men can participate. Then, too, the apparatus required is simple, and consists merely of two round poles about two inches in diameter and a sled or chariot, which contains one man, and the game consists of dragging the chariot and its rider over a given course. When the race starts every team runs a stated distance, which covers the lap. At this point another set of teams take up the race and covers the second lap, and the race continues as long as there are sets of relays. The winner is determined the same as in an ordinary relay race.

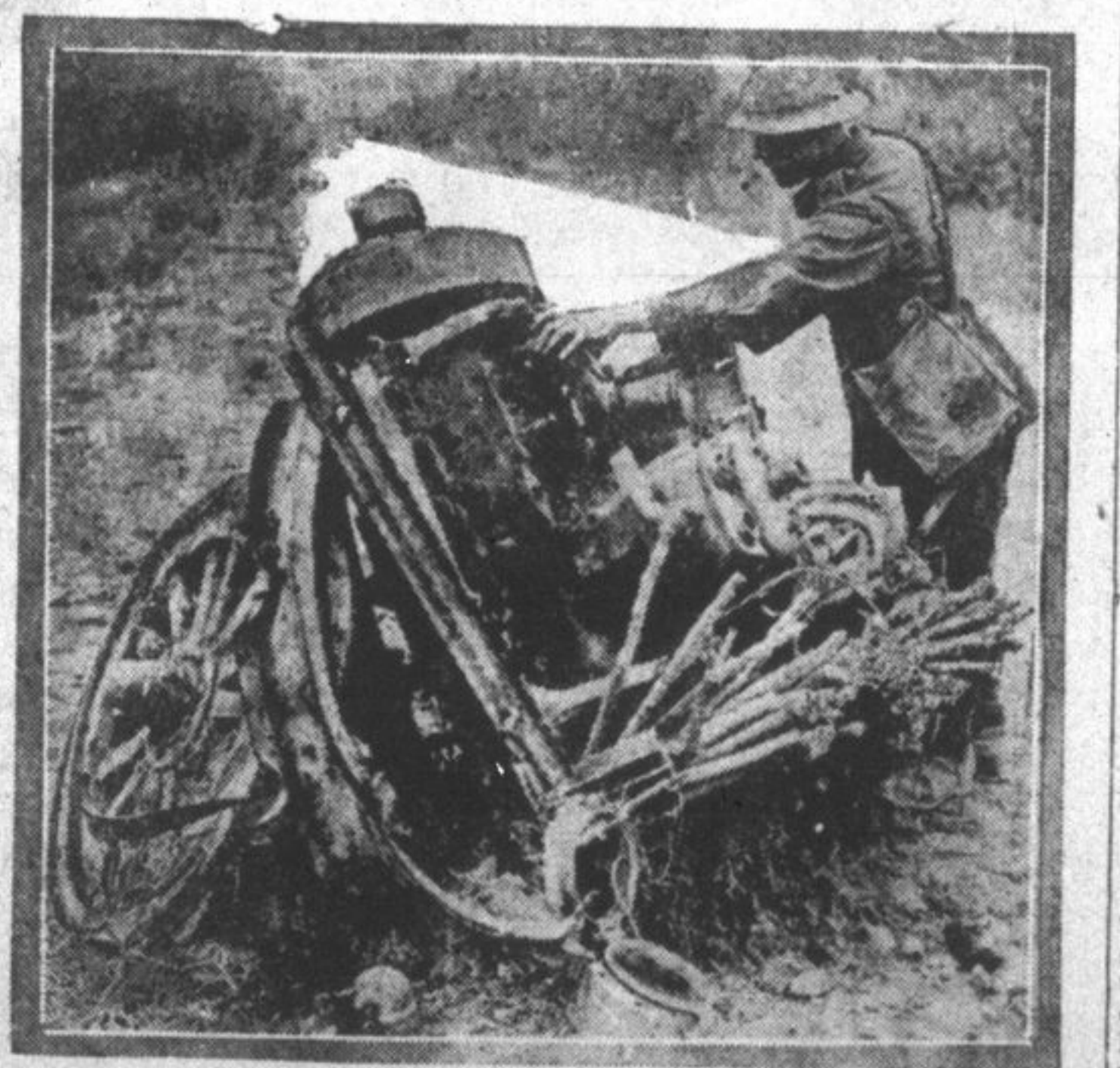
Old Sam Langford.

What is the matter with Sam Langford? Every time some one decides to retire the old Tar Baby of Boston, than comes out and shows that he still is among those present by knocking out the fellow who was being groomed to put him on the shelf. Sam is not the Langford, nor is he as much of a terror of the heavyweights as he used to be, but he still has the old punch and gets it over too. Langford has been offered a bout with his old sidekick, Joe Jeannette, to be fought at Tulsa, Okla, some time this month. Langford is also thinking seriously of accepting an appointment as civilian boxing instructor at one of the negro soldier cantonments.

Jack Maynard Wounded.

Capt. Jack Maynard the famous Toronto Varsity Rugby captain and star has at last humped into something harder than the Hamilton Tiger line. His name appears on the list of those slightly wounded in the recent big offensive in France. Maynard is the medical officer of the 92nd Battalion.

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