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# In the World of Sport

## Baseball Briefs

Although world's champions, the Red Sox are playing to empty benches just now.

It developed that on Sept. 3 Umpire Tom Connolly wrote President Ban Johnson a letter saying that he was going to take a vacation for an indefinite period. He said that he had no idea when he would cease an indicator again.

Clark Griffith, of the Washington team, will insist that the Nationals have a chance for the 1918 pennant.

### Still Formidable Wrestler.

At Cedar Rapids, Ia., Farmer Burns, aged 47 years, trainer of Frank Gotch, and a former champion of the world, on Friday night defeated "Dad" Clark of West Branch, aged 55 years, for the championship of the world for men over 55 years of age. Burns won the first fall in four minutes and eleven seconds and the second in three minutes and two seconds.

### FRENCH YOUTHS ARE STRONG FOR SOCCER

Baseball Has Not Yet Found Its Way Into Hearts of Republican Soldiers.

A prominent major league baseball player who recently returned from France to carry on certain work for the Y.M.C.A., says that baseball is not taking so readily with the French soldiers as many in this country believe. The Frenchman still adheres strongly to soccer, which they picked up from their English friends early in the war. According to this man, baseball is rather a puzzle to the Frenchman, who conceives of it as a wild, dangerous game and difficult to master, whereas soccer is played with the feet and does not require nearly so much fitness.

Of course, the American soldiers are spreading the game rapidly and making converts in unlimited quantities, and the fact that the French do not have soccer as a national game, but merely as an adopted recreation, may hasten the drive for baseball in that country.

This American says that the time will come when it will be seen that major league baseball teams, or teams of that calibre, will have to be sent to France to amuse the soldiers. It will have to be worked much on the scale that the theatricals are produced.

The reason is plain, according to this athlete. After days of wearying struggle and strain in the trenches, the soldier is hardly in the physical or mental humor to essay a game of baseball. He wants to be amused and have his mind distracted from fighting. So he would welcome a chance to sit in the bleachers and root to his heart's content for some of his old favorites of the diamond.

### Coffrath Picks Dempsey.

If Willard is a slouch to wager money on the result of a bout with Dempsey, he will be accommodated by Jim Coffrath, the Californian promoter, who says he will bet \$5,000 on Dempsey to win the title.

As Coffrath has had long experience in pugilism and is rated a good judge of fighters, his offer will carry considerable weight. Coffrath declares that Dempsey will be the next champion if he gets a chance at Willard. The coast promoter says that Dempsey has all the qualities that go to make a great fighter, including a stout heart.

### Race Likely to be Switched.

It is now likely that the much-talked-about special race among Billy Kelly, Eboral and Purchase will take place at the Laurel track. Colonel Matt Winn, manager of the Maryland course, announced at the Aqueduct track that he is willing to hang up a purse of \$10,000 for the race.

Winn declared, however, that the race must be a sweepstake affair of \$5,000, which would mean \$25,000 to the owner of the lucky horse. Winn's proposition will be discussed by three owners.

Play Under Inter-Collegiate Rules. In the event of the proposed games between the Ottawa and McGill Football Clubs taking place, and Ottawa also playing the Royal Military College fourteen proposed, inter-collegiate rules will be in vogue. This request was made by the McGill representatives at Saturday's conference, and has been consented to by the Ottawas. There is very little difference, and most of the Ottawa players, who were schooled under former inter-collegiate coaches, are familiar with the code.

### Gallant Sportsman.

London Sportsman: Sec. Lieut. James Maxwell Adair Hannan of the Tank Corps, who has been killed in action, wrote in his last letter to his parents, who reside at Golders Green: "Keep up your hearts; I'd take nothing on earth to be anywhere else just now, and I only wish I was doing something more. Nothing can beat soldiers with the spirit of our men. For oneself, I don't think anybody has any right to mind being killed, any more than one has to getting out at cricket."

### Will Stick to Cricket.

London Morning Post: As a nation we shall, of course, stick to cricket. Cricket is our game of games, a vital part of our national life and character. But we can be open-minded enough to admire the varied and vivacious pastime in which American personality playfully expresses itself.

**Ottawa Want Coaches.**  
It is understood that Tom Clancy and Eddie Gerard will be requested to coach the Ottawa Football Club this fall for its games in the Patriotic Series. The players will require points of the game, and none more capable than Clancy and Gerard could be secured. McGill will also have honorary coaches.

### ATHLETES TO ORGANIZE.

Enlisted Men Will Form Association to Govern Sport.

Army and navy competitions in which the stations and camps of Brooklyn participate, will in future be under an organized body, if the plans of a number of Brooklyn athletic followers materialize. These enthusiasts of sport among the enlisted men are negotiating for the organization of an army and navy posts athletic league, which will direct the competition of the enlisted men at the camps in and near Brooklyn.



Miss Edna Archer Crawford, (seated on pet camel "Brownie") and Paul Gilmore who both play the leading roles in the Liebler Co's beautiful wonderplay of the Great Sahara Desert, "The Garden of Allah" which comes to the Grand Opera House for two nights, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27th and 28th, with matinee Saturday.

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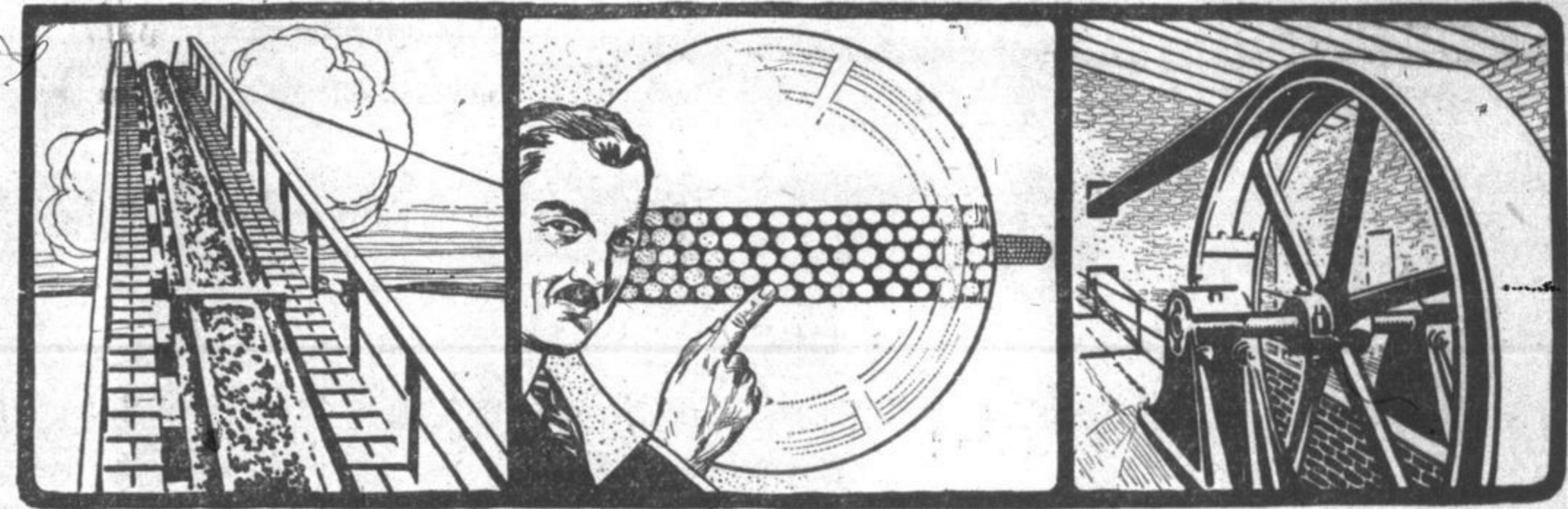
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