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In the World of Sport

TO "SPEED UP" CRICKET

LAUNCHED BY AMERICANS; LORD HAWKE GIVES VIEWS.

Invaders From This Side of Atlantic Believe Introduction of Baseball "Pep" Would Brighten Great English Game.

American sport writers are having lots of fun these days pulling the grand old game of cricket to pieces and have already "reformed" the game to meet with their ideas. While of course there are a few things to be said against cricket, baseball, or, in fact, any other game, sport in this country has a long way to go before the true sporting feeling as it exists in England is reached.

Cricket is somewhat on a par with curling in this country, played solely for the sport that there is in it, and not simply to win at any cost. Here are the predictions of an American writer, who brings Lord Hawke into print as favoring changes in the cricket rules.

Reformation Coming. One of the international resolutions resulting from the war is almost sure to be a reformation in cricket, and it will be due largely to the results of disseminating baseball among the British.

A full fledged cricket match lasts three days, to say nothing of time taken out for tea. A three-day game may naturally be expected to take more time than the average man making a living can spare. Even a three-day poker game becomes a sore trial to the nerves before the end, no matter if a fellow be winning.

The talk in England seems to be along the lines first, of hurrying the action in cricket; second, to shorten the length of the games.

Most Americans are familiar with the tale credited to the late Tim Hirst, the most erratic and likeable of all baseball umpires, and, being referees, Tim went abroad some years before his death and returned with this yarn. He said he was in Dublin on Thursday when he met one of England's most famous cricketers. Tim knew there was a big match on and that this man belonged to one of the teams.

"I asked him," said Tim, "if the match had been cancelled."

"Of course the match is on, dear old chap, and I am in it," he replied, "but I don't go to bat until Saturday."

Lord Hawke is Awake.

One of those who recognize that cricket may undergo radical modification, although he is naturally extremely conservative and a supporter of the old order, is Lord Hawke, five times president of the Marlborough Cricket Club, which was founded in 1737, and captain of the Yorkshire County Club, a great player and a great authority.

In a recent interview, Lord Hawke admitted that he thought the game would "need a little brightening up." He said in part:

"It may be some of the players were growing a little tedious—just a little dull—and that the game will need a little brightening, but that need not mean panic legislation. The plodding, self-made batsman—like some self-made man—is inclined sometimes to bore one terribly, and I must say there are one or two players of prominence who are so painfully slow that you could not persuade me to pay to see them at the wickets."

Baseball Lacks Subtlety?

That Lord Hawke does not realize the extraordinary complexities of which baseball is capable, and the unlimited variations of team work

and quick thinking which makes the game one of almost daily surprises to men who have played or written for twenty or forty years, is proved by the following of his remarks comparing cricket and the American sport:

"I have seen baseball in its native land. It is a good game, but the English crowd is not the stuff of which your baseball fan is made. Somehow baseball seems to lack the charm and the fascinating subtleties which go to make cricket the incomparable sport it is. The ball players throw with great accuracy, and the catching is wonderfully spectacular, but it is lacking in the fine art of, say, a well-judged piece of fielding on the cricket field. The pitcher may have something to teach us in the matter of 'curves' and swerving, but there is not much in it."

Former Champion Dies.

The death is announced at Montreal of Archie Mason, former international, amateur backward skating champion, after a brief attack of typhoid fever.

Mason was a popular member of the M.A.A.A., a wonderful backward skater and a noted long distance swimmer.

It was only on Labor Day that he swam over a mile in Lake St. Louis, and it is thought that the great exertion on a cold day had something to do with his attack of the illness which laid him low.

The Lanston Golf and Country Club, a Toronto institution, held a patriotic day and fees for matches, contributions, sales of refreshments, etc., realized the splendid total of \$6,850 for the prisoners-of-war fund and other patriotic purposes. This brings the club's patriotic gifts in money for the year to just over ten thousand dollars.

CAPT. HON. W. J. SHAUGHNESSY IN THE TRENCHES



Lord Shaughnessy's soldier son snapped while pumping the bad air from his dug-out with the aid of a captured machine, made for this purpose.—British Official Photo. Copyright.

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AND CIGARS ARE SO SCARCE IN ENGLAND

Comic strip by Bud Fisher. Panel 1: A man says "IT'S MIGHTY INTERESTING TO BE HERE IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY. MAYBE OLD BILL SHAKESPEARE STOOD ON THIS VERY SPOT. I'M STANDING ON IT. I THINK I'LL TAKE A PEER AT THE PLACE WHERE THE MONKS USED TO DO PENANCE!" Panel 2: A man says "LISTEN, SILLY! WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT SIGN'S THERE FOR? CAN'T YOU READ?" Panel 3: A sign says "NO SMOKING HERE!" Panel 4: A man says "YES, BUT THERE IS SMOKING HERE BECAUSE I'M SMOKING!" Panel 5: A sign says "NO SMOKING HERE!" Panel 6: A man says "YOU MEAN YOU WERE SMOKING?"