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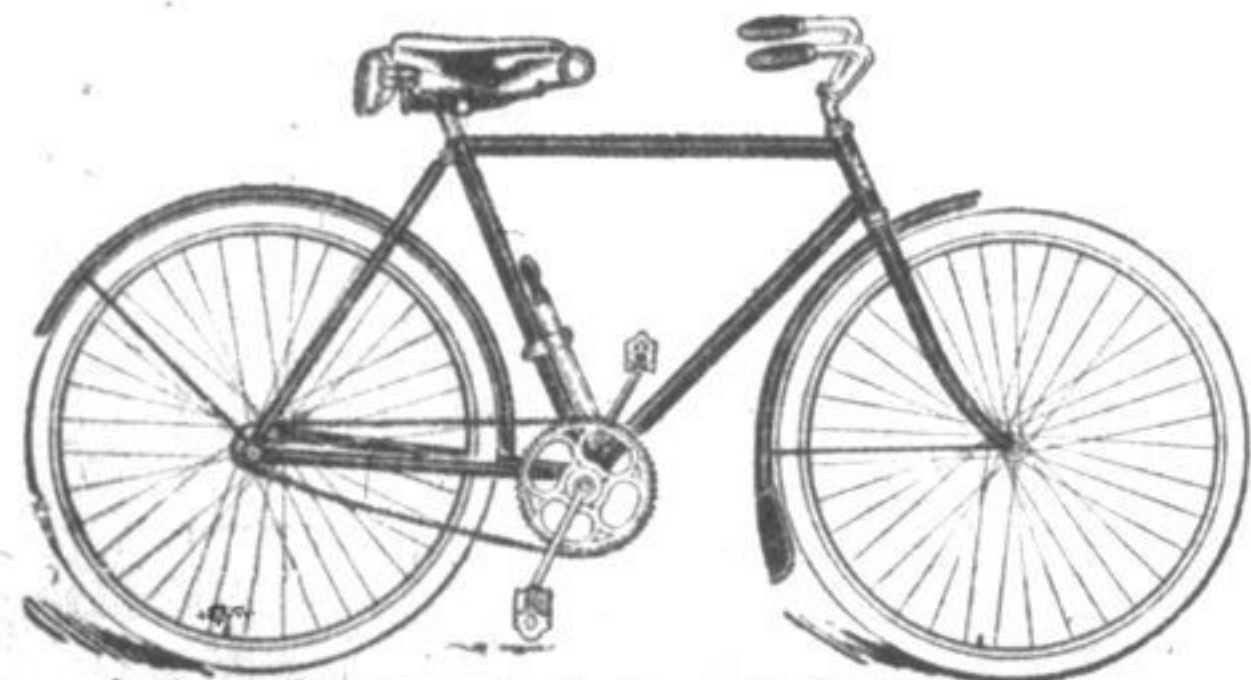
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TWO OFFERS FROM CANADA.

Halifax and Quebec Bid for Willard-Dempsey Battle.

Tex Rickard, promoter of the Willard-Dempsey heavyweight championship bout, has returned to New York after a tour of the West without any definite idea of where the ring battle will be staged. He found waiting him here as many telegrams offering sites for the contest as he had received on his trip.

He stated that he had not decided upon any particular place as yet, and did not expect to make any announcement for several weeks at least. He was fully decided to hold the bout on July 4th, and under the contract is not obliged officially to fix the date before May 4. He intimated, however, that he would prefer staging the contest in the East.

His offers include one of \$160,000 from Pocatello, Idaho, and another of \$165,000 from Idaho Falls, Idaho. Other sections or States which offered sites included Halifax, N.S.; Quebec, Que.; Globe, Ariz.; Pennsylvania, Connecticut; Rhode Island, Mass.; Nevada, Ohio; Louisville and Texas.

Rickard said that under no circumstances would he sell the rights to the bout, for he expected to stage the contest in the States which offered for \$50,000 upon each of the principles and one of twice that amount upon Rickard will be signed. They cover illness, accident or death up to the time the bout actually begins.

According to Rickard, Willard has already begun training, and reports a reduction in weight of eleven pounds at the end of the first week. The champion's training activities include a complete change of dieting. It will be some time before he begins active work against sparring partners, who will be selected within the next two weeks.

A Royal Sportsman.

It is stated on good authority says a London, England, paper, that the King of Spain, who is taking an ever-increasing interest in the sport of horse-racing, proposes to be present at the Ascot Meeting this year, and it is not improbable that his own colors may be carried. As His Majesty's visit will be a private one, he will doubtless come as the Duke of Toledo, under which title he races in Spain. He may also take advantage of this private visit to England to go to Newmarket, the headquarters of the British Turf, to have a look round some of the leading stables there. King Alfonso has throughout his life shown himself to be so keen and enthusiastic a sportsman of the highest type that this visit to England for the purpose of getting a closer insight into the way horse-racing is carried on in this country will be welcomed by everybody.

New International Schedule.

The New International League schedule has been published, but some changes are likely to be made at the meeting in New York. The Toronto Leafs have fared very well in the matter of holiday dates. They open the season at Newark on April 30th, while Jersey City will be the opening day attraction in Toronto on May 15th. Baltimore will be in Toronto on Victoria Day, while Rochester will be there on Dominion Day and Civic Holiday, which time was taken for Labor Day, and also June 3rd, the King's Birthday. There will be two games on each holiday.

Death of S. H. Baker.

By the recent death of Sydney Herbert Baker, England loses one of her famous running men. He will be remembered as the member of the London Athletic Club who won the half mile amateur championship in 1881 in the fast time of 2 minutes 2 1/2 seconds, which time was beaten the following year by W. G. George, who won in 1 minute 53 1/2 seconds. Mr. Baker captured many challenge cups and upwards of 100 handicaps. In his young days besides running he was a Rugby player on the old Kensington team, and he was also a skilful boxer.

Donald Smith Breaks Arm.

Word has been received in Montreal that Donald Smith, the former Canadian and Wanderer hockey star, overseas for three years, had broken his arm in an English camp. It was said that Smith had been kicked by a mule, breaking two bones in his wrist.

Smith was on his way home to Canada when the accident happened. It is expected that he will be invalided home at an early date.

This Was Some Finish.

With the score 3 to 6 against them, nearly half of the third and final period of the game over, and substitutes on the ice working for their two regular defence men, who were resting up for the play-off game with Seattle, Vancouver Millionaires kept 5,000 persons in a continual uproar at Vancouver as they ran five scores Monday night before the whistle blew. Final score was Vancouver 11, Victoria 8.

Stratford Girls Won.

Stratford Collegiate girls quite handily defeated Guelph C. I. 19 to 3 and thus won the John Whyte Trophy, emblematic of the intercollegiate basketball honors for Western Ontario. Had Guelph won the trophy this year they would have kept it, as they have had it the last two years.

Kilbane Can't Come Back.

At Philadelphia, Frankie Brown, of New York, gained the popular decision over Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion in their six-round fight. In the third round Brown knocked the champion down with a left to the jaw.

HIGH PRICES ASKED.

It is Almost Impossible to Purchase Race Horses.

Rody Patterson, trainer and manager of the Robert L. Gerry string, has just returned from a trip which embraced Kentucky and Virginia, where he went in quest of thoroughbreds. He states that it is almost impossible to look at a horse for which five figures are not asked. The present condition of the market in the land of the blue grass is such that horses which in ordinary times would bring hundreds are held at four and five times the figures of a couple of years ago. He was particularly desirous to garner several steepschasers, but up to date has been unsuccessful.

Exbridge Women to Build Rink.

The women of Exbridge are impressed with the fact that sport is a necessity in this community as in any other. Husbands, sons, brothers and lovers must be provided with the means of clean amateur competition, and, so far as winter sports are concerned, they will have it.

The local chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, together with other women's organizations, were represented at the meeting of the Town Council by Mesdames Gould and Hepburn, who stated that the women of the town would undertake to build a suitable hockey and curling rink at a cost of \$7,000. The rink will be built on the municipally-owned athletic grounds, the council having agreed to remit the taxes and give free use of the building for concerts, etc. It is proposed to have the place ready for use next winter.

No Salary Limit in American.

Discussing a recent interview of Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburgh Nationals, that the American League also had a salary limit, Colonel Huston, of the Yankees, said it was news to him. "I have been back in the United States now for some time and never heard of any American League salary limit," said Huston. "If they adopted one before I got back Colonel Ruppert certainly has kept it a secret from me."

This is in line with recent remarks by Ban Johnson, president of the American League, who said last week while in New York that there is no salary limit in his league.

Hamilton Wants Shaughnessy.

An emissary of the Hamilton club of the Michigan-Ontario League is in Ottawa endeavoring to secure the signature of Frank Shaughnessy as manager of the Hams. Negotiations are pending. The Hamilton club is intent on getting Shaughnessy to pilot the Ambassadors City team, having in mind the success which the baseball-football-hockey expert had with the Ottawa team in the Canadian League when this city had almost a monopoly of the pennant market. With "Knotty" Lee in Brantford and "Shag" in Hamilton the old rivalry between those cities would be renewed.

CONNIE MACK FAILED.

His Offer for Earl Smith Was Turned Down.

Connie Mack started out this year with an exposed bankroll and tried to land Earl Smith, the Rochester catcher, who now is one of the best holdouts on the Giants. He offered Arthur Irwin \$5,000 cash and four players for the kid phenom, but Arthur liked McGraw's offer better and accepted it. Smith, by the way, was a much sought for chap. Fred Mitchell offered \$10,000 for him and was turned down.

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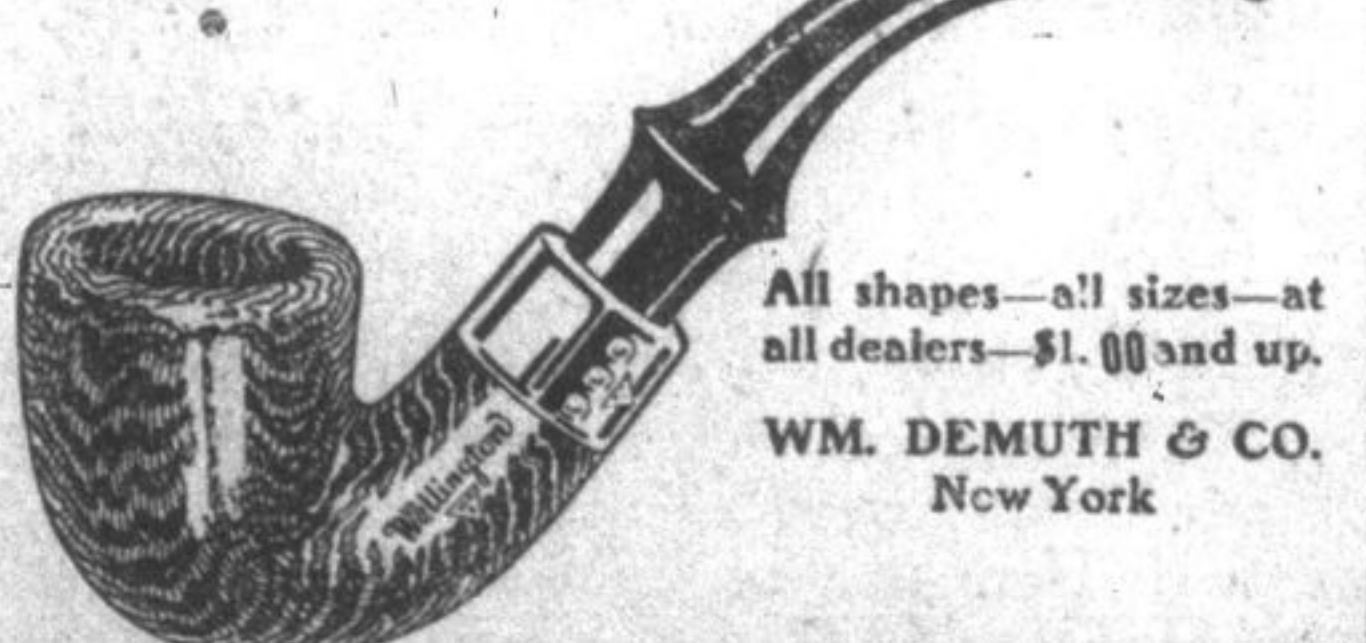
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