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OLD COUNTRY CLASSIC TO BE DECIDED TO-DAY

Aston Villa and Newcastle United Meet at Wembley in Cup Final To-day.

Aston Villa or Newcastle United? Which will win the cup at Wembley to-day? Of course, the Villians will be strong favorites, especially as they defeated the "Geordies" by 6 to 1 on the Villa grounds last Monday.

The teams met in the final at Crystal Palace in 1905, when the Villa won by 2 goals.

It seems impossible to keep Aston Villa out of the final tie. Their eleven played in this match at Kennington Oval in 1887 and 1882, at the Crystal Palace in 1895, 1897, 1905, and 1912, and at Stamford Bridge in 1920. Thus their eighth appearance in the last scene of all which ends this fierce competition will be at Wembley.

They were participants in the first final ties at the Palace and Stamford Bridge. They wanted to "ouge" Wembley, but that ambition was denied them. As it happens, the event has merely been postponed for twelve months, as the Villa wish to celebrate their jubilee year by capturing the trophy for the seventh time.

Only once have the Villa been defeated in this match, and that in 1892, when West Bromwich Albion staggered humanity and set "the Throstles" in full song.

This year's antagonists present a striking contrast, for while Aston Villa have lost one final in seven the Newcastle players competed in 1905, 1906, 1908, 1910 and 1911—and won once—and that when they escaped from the haunted plain of Sydenham and were on such homely ground as that of Goodison Park at Everton.

But there is another aspect, in which Aston Villa and Newcastle United present a vivid contrast. In 1904-05, 1912-13, and 1913-20 Aston Villa carried off the trophy with three teams composed entirely of Englishmen. This year, owing to circumstances beyond human control, the eleven will not be quite all English, as Dr. V. E. Milne, the centre half-back, is a native of Aberdeen.

Then Newcastle United Club being next door to Scotland, so to speak, have generally had a majority of Caledonian footballers in their ranks.

Aston Villa have won their way to the final tie without replaying a match with such an overwhelming aggregation as 15 goals to one—that one goal standing to the credit of Ashington, for since then Swansea Town, Leeds United, West Bromwich Albion, and Burnley have been unable to penetrate the defense.

Newcastle United had to play eight matches to gain their place in the final tie. All their games have not been satisfactory, but they have fought hard and have come through by 19 goals to 11.

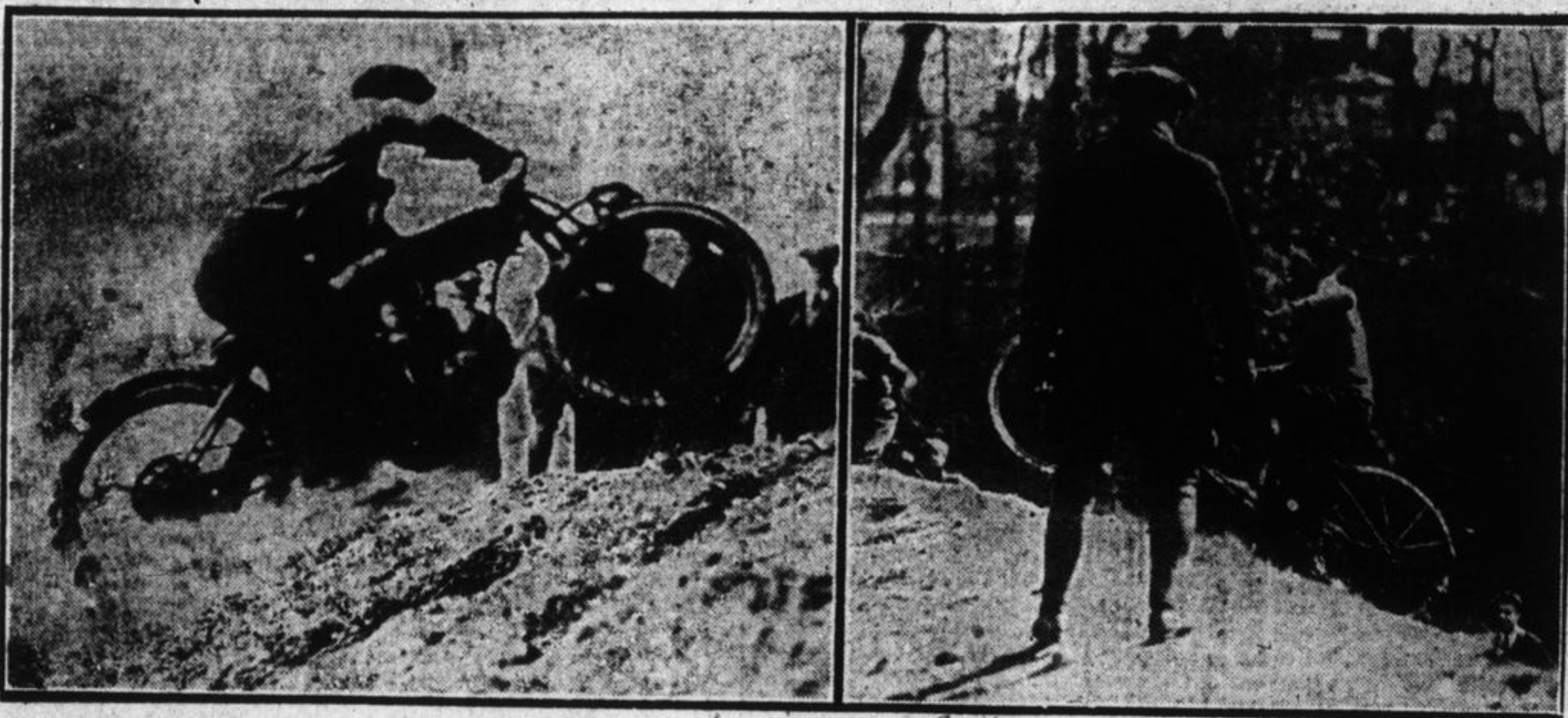
The Association Cup was first contested in the 1871-2 season, when Wanderers won it from the Royal Engineers. In those days it was an amateur affair, and continued so for the first dozen years of its career, when the professional clubs stepped in. From the time Blackburn Rovers won it in the 1883-84 season it has always been won by a professional club. Only two clubs have accomplished the double feat of heading the league table and capturing the cup in the same season. These were Preston North End in 1888-89 and Aston Villa in 1896-97. Another

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Steamer Moffatt, (right), the Canadian champion motorcycle rider, made a new record of 89-10 seconds over the top of the hill climb put on by the Toronto Motorcycle Club recently in the 80 cubic inch open contest. Harry Lemon, (left), made it 107-10 seconds in the 61 cubic inch open. The spectacular climbs were all the more remarkable considering the condition of the hill, which was very slippery due to the heavy rains.

cup the fact with which Aston are associated was the stealing of the cup from a shop window in Birmingham in 1895 when that team were holders.

The final was played for the first time at Wembley Stadium last year, when the crowd was so great that the management could not handle it and there were scenes approaching riotous. The crowd stormed the stadium walls and gates, and it is estimated the 200,000 persons saw the match. The official number of those who paid or were ticketholders was 126,047, which established a record. Better arrangements for dealing with the crowds this year have been promised.

BASEBALL SCORES

FRIDAY'S SCORES.

International League.

Buffalo 13, Jersey City 11. Reading 9, Toronto 7. Baltimore 9, Rochester 7. Newark 5, Syracuse 3.

National League.

Brooklyn 3, New York 2. Cincinnati 10, Pittsburgh 4. Chicago 7, St. Louis 5. Philadelphia-Boston rain.

American League.

New York 5, Boston 2. Cleveland 10, Detroit 2. Chicago 6, St. Louis 3. Philadelphia 6, Washington 5.

UNUSUAL TACTICS ARE SHOWN BY CORINTHIANS

Famous English Soccer Team Reported Strong.

Montreal, April 25.—The Corinthians have a splendid team and will no doubt be very popular during their tour through Canada this summer, they stated Col. F. S. Meighen, on his return from a trip to England. While in London a couple of weeks ago he saw the famous amateur soccer team defeat Chelsea, the English League First Division Club, in an exhibition match. "They certainly have a first class team," he added, "as out of eight titles with leading professional clubs they only lost in their game with West Bromwich Albion in the English Cup."

"There is an individuality about their play that is most interesting, as they do the most unexpected things, but were unusually successful in carrying out their unusual tactics. Howard Carter, the goalkeeper, was extremely unorthodox in his manner. The champion high jumper, however, had little use for his ability in jumping to save high shots as he stands over six feet. His long kicking was a feature—frequently sending the ball more than three-quarters of the length of the field."

"Creek, the centre forward, who has already secured international honors this season, was an extremely dangerous man. Although slight of build he had a way of squirming through between the opposing backs, and was a deadly shot. He accounted for both the goals against Chelsea in the exhibition match."

The match in question was the one at which it was first suggested to try out the proposed amendment to the off-side rule, marking lines forty yards from each goal, but the Football Association would not permit the match being played except in accordance with the present code of rules. Speaking personally on the agitation to change laws of the game, Colonel Meighen expressed the opinion that tampering with the rules should be discouraged as adding additional lines to the field would only complicate matters and make the game less interesting for spectators. Andy Wilson, the famous centre forward, seems to have gone completely off-form, he stated. Wilson appeared for Chelsea against the Corinthians, but the man that scored so many goals in the tour of the Scottish players through Canada two seasons ago was seldom in the picture in the exhibition game against the Corinthians. The Colonel was reticent about ex-

OSHAWA'S GRANDSTAND TO BE READY MAY 24

Seats for 1,500 and Standing Room for 2,000—Boxes Along the Front.

Oshawa, April 26.—By May 24th the official opening date for baseball in Oshawa, possibly before, the new grand stand, built by the Parks Board, at Alexandra Park, will be ready for occupancy and will provide seating accommodation for over 1,500 of the fans who will, no doubt, throng the park on the Victoria Day. The contractor, W. J. Holland, said that the stand would possibly handle a greater number than 1,500 and with standing room would maybe reach 2,000. The seats have not been numbered so that actual figures are not available.

Situated on what might be called the side line of first base the stand provides for 18 boxes about 6 feet from the ground, one of which, it is expected, will be fitted for press purposes, and rising behind these are 15 tiers of seats, the first being about 7-1/2 feet from the base with a steady rise that will permit full view of all play in the inner and out field, seven aisles with entrances to the stand in front of each and from the front of the stand will provide for the rapid filling and discharge of the crowds.

The structure is to be painted a stone color and will give an improved appearance to the athletic field, as well as provide a long felt want. The stand is an epoch in the history of sports in the city and those responsible for the erection of this steel structure are to be complimented.

THREE AMERICAN GOLFERS TO PLAY IN BRITISH OPEN.

New York, April 25.—Three United States professional golf stars will sail June 11th for England to seek honors in the British open championship. They are Walter Hagen, former holder of the British title, who finished second in last year's tourney; MacDonald Smith, who was third in the 1923 British event, and Gene Sarazen, professional golfers' association champion. Sarazen and Hagen plan an English exhibition tour before starting in the open championship, beginning June 23rd. The former intends later to visit the continent and participate in the French open title tournament.

Canadian Baseball Guide.

The old reliable publication presents a very attractive appearance and contains in addition to the major league and world series details all the data and information of baseball in Canada, amateur and professional, including pictures of the leading teams. The base ball rules, together with the instructive "knotty problems" addenda, are published in a separate detachable section, a most desirable feature.

CITY LEAGUE.

There will be a general meeting of the Kingston Amateur Baseball League in the Whig building on Monday evening at eight o'clock. This meeting is for entry of teams in both junior and intermediate sections and is important to all those clubs wishing to join and to all persons interested in the league. Attendance, if only as a spectator, will help along the cause of good baseball. Kingston will in a year or two be the centre of one of the strongest baseball organizations in the country. Monday evening will see some of its foundations laid. Everybody out.

FROM THE OUTSIDE—LOOKING IN.

The City Baseball League's meeting on Monday night should straighten that body away definitely for another successful season. There is much gossip concerning what team will make the third in the intermediate series.

So far nothing definite has been decided regarding a Napanee junior team to play in the Kingston junior league. Vice-president Derry should have some interesting information for the meeting.

The Soo Greyhounds have been turning everything from Pros' to senior O.H.A. men for the last few weeks. The only rumor not circulated is that they will quit altogether.

Luis Firpo looks as if he might at last come out of his retirement. He has said that money is not his object, but, with the cartoonist Ripley we can only answer his name "Wild Bull."

Too good a word cannot be said for the Canadian edition of Spalding's official baseball rules which has just reached us. It not only gives the rules in convenient form but solves many problems in a special section and gives a good review of baseball in Canada. It is invaluable for league or team officers and a handy thing for the enthusiastic fan.

SOO ADMING AT TEAM IN SENIOR O.H.A. RACE.

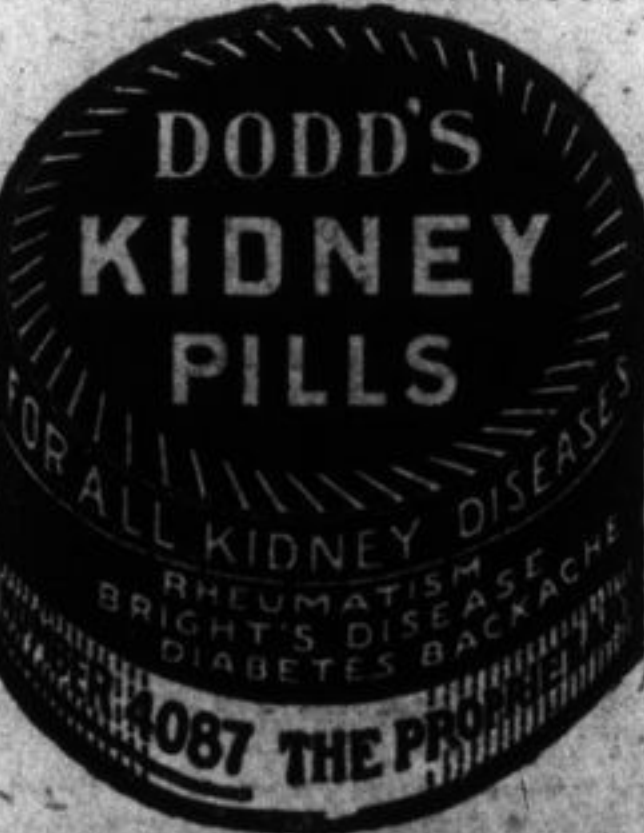
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., April 26.—Sault Greyhounds are going to make a mighty big bid for grouping in the O.H.A. senior series if, as expected, the Allan Cup holders are the only senior team in the North next winter. The locals believe that they have demonstrated that they are entitled to recognition and do not think that the O.H.A. officials will leave the team out in the cold if other northern teams are unable to operate.

The objection has been raised in discussing the suggestion of an O. H. A. grouping for the Sault that the jump from here to Toronto is too long, but the trip is not nearly so troublesome or so expensive as that from here to Iroquois Falls.

The Greyhounds could leave here at 3:20 p.m. and be in Toronto at 8 a.m. the following day. On the trip to Iroquois Falls, on the other hand, the Sault team had to leave here at noon, spend one night at North Bay, and reach Iroquois Falls at 6 p.m. the next day, a long, tiresome journey.

On a trip to Toronto a series of two or three games could be played against Toronto and Hamilton teams and the trip could be financed quite nicely.

On the other hand, a Toronto team could leave the Queen City on Sunday night, play two games in the Sault, and be back in Toronto on Thursday morning.



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BASEBALL INTEREST IN PHILIPPINES SPREADS

Manila, March 25.—The national baseball championship under the supervision of the bureau of education was won recently by the team representing the Manila North High School, last year's champions. Eight teams contested, seven representing provinces or districts outside Manila. The teams in the national championship won the right to play by capturing the championship in their respective athletic associations.

Officials of the bureau of education say that these national contests have increased interest in baseball to such an extent that every public school of any size is now represented by a team.

TENNIS SHARPS SKEPTICAL OF TILDEN-WIENER TEAM.

Brookline, Mass., April 24.—Lawn tennis followers look upon the recent announcement of William T. Tilden, 2nd, that he will pair with Alexander L. Wiener, his youthful protege, in the national doubles championship at the Longwood Cricket Club this summer, as an indication that he is willing to hazard his chances of retaining his share of the title.

After winning the championship three times with Vincent Richards, Tilden entered the 1923 championship event with Wiener but at the last minute switched to B. I. C. Norton, the South African star. The new team captured the title. While Tilden has said he believes that Wiener has improved sufficiently to be capable of giving real help in

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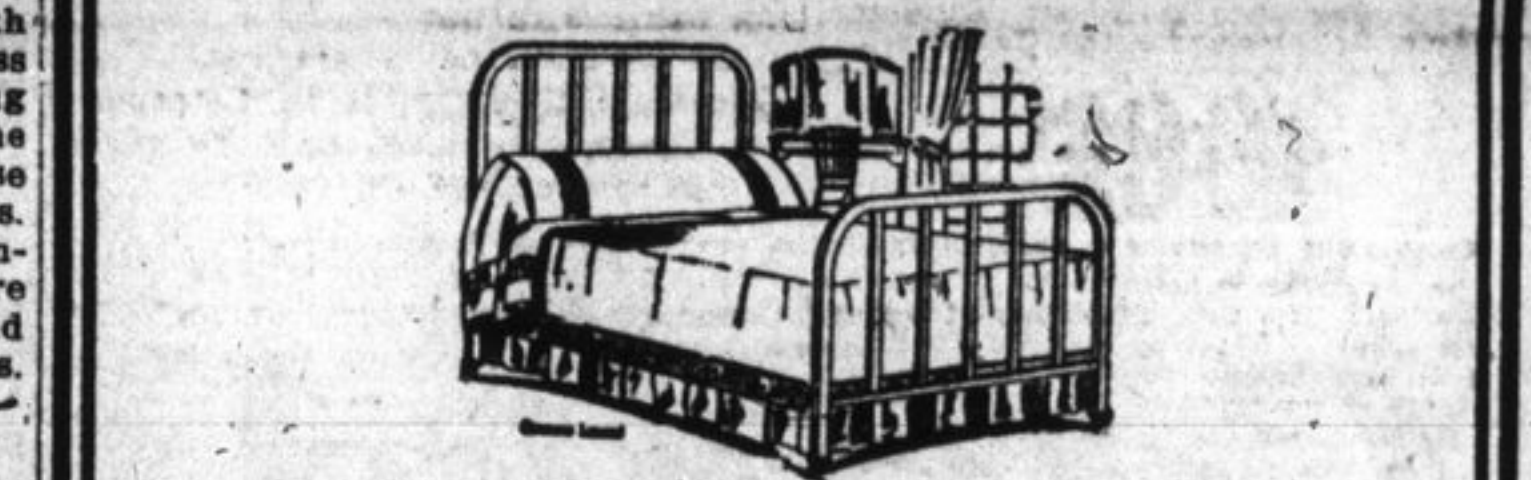
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the national doubles, many tennis sharps are skeptical. Tilden and Wiener made their first appearance as partners in a national event in the national clay court doubles at Indianapolis last July. They were eliminated in the semi-final round by the Kinsey brothers, Robert and Howard, of San Francisco, in straight sets, and observers said that Tilden was forced to do most of the work.

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