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ENDED THEIR CAREERS IN SAME PRIZE RING

Brennan and Miske Also Died Within Few Months of Each Other.

New York, June 27.—Fate plays many queer pranks! In November 1923, Billy Miske fought his last pugilistic battle. His opponent was "Big Bill" Brennan, heavyweight "trial horse." Miske won in the fourth round by a kayo. Coincidentally, it was also the final bout for Brennan.

Miske died January 1 and Brennan passed on the other morning, the victim of a gunman's bullet. Thus, the two combatants, who finished their ring careers at the same time, went to their final reward within a few months of each other.

In the ring, the efforts of Miske and Brennan ran along somewhat similar lines. Each was more or less of a stepping-stone for others, a rung on the pugilistic ladder. Both fought practically all the big fellows, but neither was able to hurdle the last obstacle to the championship.

Each battled Dempsey a couple of times. Back in 1918, when Dempsey started his stellar march to the top-most rung, Miske and Brennan were both hurled against the hard-hitting Jack—to test his mettle. And both were beaten.

Again, after Dempsey had won the crown by bowling over Willard at Toledo in 1919, Miske and Brennan were given another chance at Jack. Miske went down in short order at Benton Harbor while Brennan, after holding the champion fairly even for 11 rounds, succumbed in the 12th.

SPIKES AND SLIDES

By Billy Evans

A belated slide has, for the time being, robbed the New York Americans of the services of one of the greatest young players to break in to the majors in years.

I have reference to outfielder Earl Combs, for whom the Yankees paid something like \$50,000 last winter to the Louisville club of the American Association.

Recently in a game at Cleveland he started a late slide into the plate, his spikes caught, and his leg was so badly injured that it was necessary to carry him off the field.

The feet-first slide is a dangerous play unless perfectly executed. Done improperly, it invariably results in injury.

A majority of players find it necessary to slow up a bit prior to the slide, so they may properly position themselves before hitting the dirt.

Of all the great base runners I have ever seen in action, Cobb, I believe, is the only one to start his slide at full speed.

Most necessary of all, in order to get the full advantage of the slide, is to properly gauge the distance. It is imperative that the runner go into the bag at full speed, and yet be able to stop hook into the base that he will not overstride.

The late slide is the bugbear of baseball. It means that the player must hit the dirt without giving thought to distance and position. Usually the spikes catch in the turf and the player suffers a leg injury.

Combs could have scored standing up. In running to the plate he so judged the play that he did not believe it necessary to slide. One of his teammates, thinking Combs was to be thrown out, yelled slide as he was almost on the plate.

Seeking to obey orders, he slid into the plate late, didn't have time to rate his speed or distance and, as a result, will probably be out the rest of the season.

His loss, coming at a time when his services are badly needed, will be sorely felt by the New York club. A fine fielder, very fast, and a great hitter, Combs would have been a regular from the start on any club other than the Yankees.

Joining a club that had won a pennant and a world series, it was only natural that he didn't have much of a chance to break into the lineup, despite his admitted ability.

Baseball managers are superstitious. They follow precedent closely. Seldom will they tempt fate.

Working along these lines, Miller Huggins started the season with the lineup that had won for him a world's championship. That's mere-

ly common sense. The suspension of Bob Meusel gave Earle Combs his big chance. Had he not been injured he would have been rated a star by the close of the season.

Perhaps, some time, someone will invent a substitute for the spike, which although necessary to the game is the cause of many serious injuries.

Do you know Baseball?

by Billy Evans

If you want the final decision on any baseball dispute, write Billy Evans, NEA Service, 1200 W. Third Street, Cleveland, O.

QUESTIONS.

1. When a runner passes a preceding runner on the base lines, which player is out?—T. B.

2. Last half of the ninth, the visiting team is leading, 4 to 2. There are two out and runners on second and third. The umpire calls a balk on the pitcher as he delivers the ball to the batter who hits a home run. This drive apparently scores three runs and wins the game for the home team, 5 to 4. What is the proper ruling?—R. A. C.

3. With runner on third, two out and three balls and one strike on the batter, who is a weak hitter, the runner on third essays a steal of home on the next pitch. The batsman interferes with the catcher as he made the play on the runner from third, making it possible for the runner to avoid the touch. Does the run count? If not, who is declared out because of the interference?—W. A. C.

ANSWERS.

1. A base runner who passes a preceding runner is automatically out the moment he does so.

2. The calling of a balk by the umpire suspends play, making void the home run. Instead of three runs being scored, only one counted. The calling of the balk entitled all runners to advance one base, scoring the runner from third and advancing the other from second to third. The batsman, who hit the home run, must bat over.

3. With two out, interference by the batter with a play at the plate, results in the batsman being called out, making the third out and, of course, the run does not count.

BASEBALL SCORES

THURSDAY'S GAMES.

National League.
New York 8, Boston 1
Pittsburgh 2, Chicago 1
St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 1
Philadelphia 3, Brooklyn 2

American League.
Boston 5, New York 5
Washington 5, Philadelphia 0
Philadelphia 1, Washington 0
Cleveland 7, Chicago 4
Detroit-St. Louis, rain.

International League.
Rochester 19, Toronto 4
Buffalo 7, Syracuse 3
Baltimore 13, Newark 3
Reading 5, Jersey City 1

THE STANDING.

| National League. | | | |
|------------------|-----|------|------|
| | Won | Lost | P.C. |
| New York | 41 | 21 | .661 |
| Chicago | 36 | 23 | .610 |
| Brooklyn | 32 | 28 | .533 |
| Pittsburgh | 30 | 29 | .508 |
| Cincinnati | 29 | 34 | .460 |
| Boston | 25 | 34 | .424 |
| Philadelphia | 24 | 34 | .414 |
| St. Louis | 23 | 37 | .382 |

| American League. | | | |
|------------------|-----|------|------|
| | Won | Lost | P.C. |
| Washington | 34 | 27 | .557 |
| Detroit | 35 | 30 | .538 |
| Boston | 31 | 27 | .534 |
| New York | 30 | 28 | .517 |
| St. Louis | 30 | 29 | .508 |
| Cleveland | 30 | 31 | .492 |
| Chicago | 29 | 31 | .483 |
| Philadelphia | 22 | 38 | .367 |

| International League. | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|------|------|
| | Won | Lost | P.C. |
| Baltimore | 39 | 21 | .650 |
| Toronto | 38 | 26 | .594 |
| Newark | 36 | 26 | .581 |
| Rochester | 34 | 21 | .615 |
| Buffalo | 30 | 23 | .565 |
| Reading | 26 | 34 | .432 |
| Syracuse | 25 | 36 | .410 |
| Jersey City | 18 | 44 | .290 |

TIMELY TIPS TO AMATEURS

SAYS S. COVELESKIE.
Pitcher, Cleveland Indians.
Keep out of the hole. Try to have the edge on the batter instead of giving him the advantage.
If a pitcher is the possessor of control he has a shade on the batsman.
Control enables a pitcher to make use of his stuff in the proper manner. Makes it possible for him to mix up his style of pitching.
Some days I always try to get the

CYRIL WALKER, GOLF CHAMPION, IN ACTION



Above is an "international actiongraph" showing Cyril Walker, the new national open golf champion, driving off. Walker, a midget of the links, is said to be one of the slowest players in competition, and is the professional at the Englewood, N.J., club. The action here starts with the three "clips" at the left and is completed by the three at the right.

first ball over. Opposing players, knowing I use a spitball almost exclusively, always look for it. A fast one occasionally crosses them up.
Such a system, however, would not work as a steady diet. The other teams would soon get wise to it.
I early discovered that a spitball pitcher, more than any other style, must have control to be successful. I worked hard to acquire it.
Every pitcher must have control to win. Every pitcher can get it, if he makes the proper effort.

Likes the Sluggers.
Johnny Dundee says the hard-hitting sluggers are easy for him. "I seem to be able to tell in advance when they intend to start a swing and they seldom hit me," the veteran featherweight champion claims.

GOLF

BY JOE WILLIAMS.

From Texas, producer of great baseballers of the Speaker-Hornsby type, and great footballers of the McMillin grade, comes word of a golfing genius, a 19-year-old youth who aspires to glory in the professional ranks. His name is Harry Cooper and Dallas is his home.

Young Cooper has just won the Texas open championship, easily demonstrating his class in a big and rather formidable field. The tournament was held over the long, testing Country Club course in Dallas and Cooper kept close to par all the way.

Only once did he drift into the ways of the duffer. That was over the first nine, where wildness off the tee and slipshod putting swelled his total to 42. Unmindful of his mediocre start the youngster came back in par figures and from that point on continued to play after the manner of a Hagen. His ultimate total of 82 was not at all bad, considering his start of 42.

Cooper's victory was not a surprise to the betting boys around the Adolphus. They had seen him win this same event a year ago at the age of 18, and they knew he was supremely the stuff. As Bobby Jones is look upon with awe and reverence among the amateurs in Georgia, so is Cooper, three years younger than Jones, hailed as a linksman of the first link among the professionals in Texas.

Cooper will invade the northern climes in September to compete in the national professional championship at French Lick, Ind. Not only will the Texas youth be the youngest entrant in the event, but the most potential of the dark horses.

A year ago Cooper was a competitor in this tournament at Pelham Bay. After qualifying handsily he drew Cyril Walker and was bumped off. Possibly you've seen this Walker's name in the sport headlines here lately. At that, Cooper matched the now open champion shot for shot up to the green. It was his inferior putting that gave the decision to the Englishman.

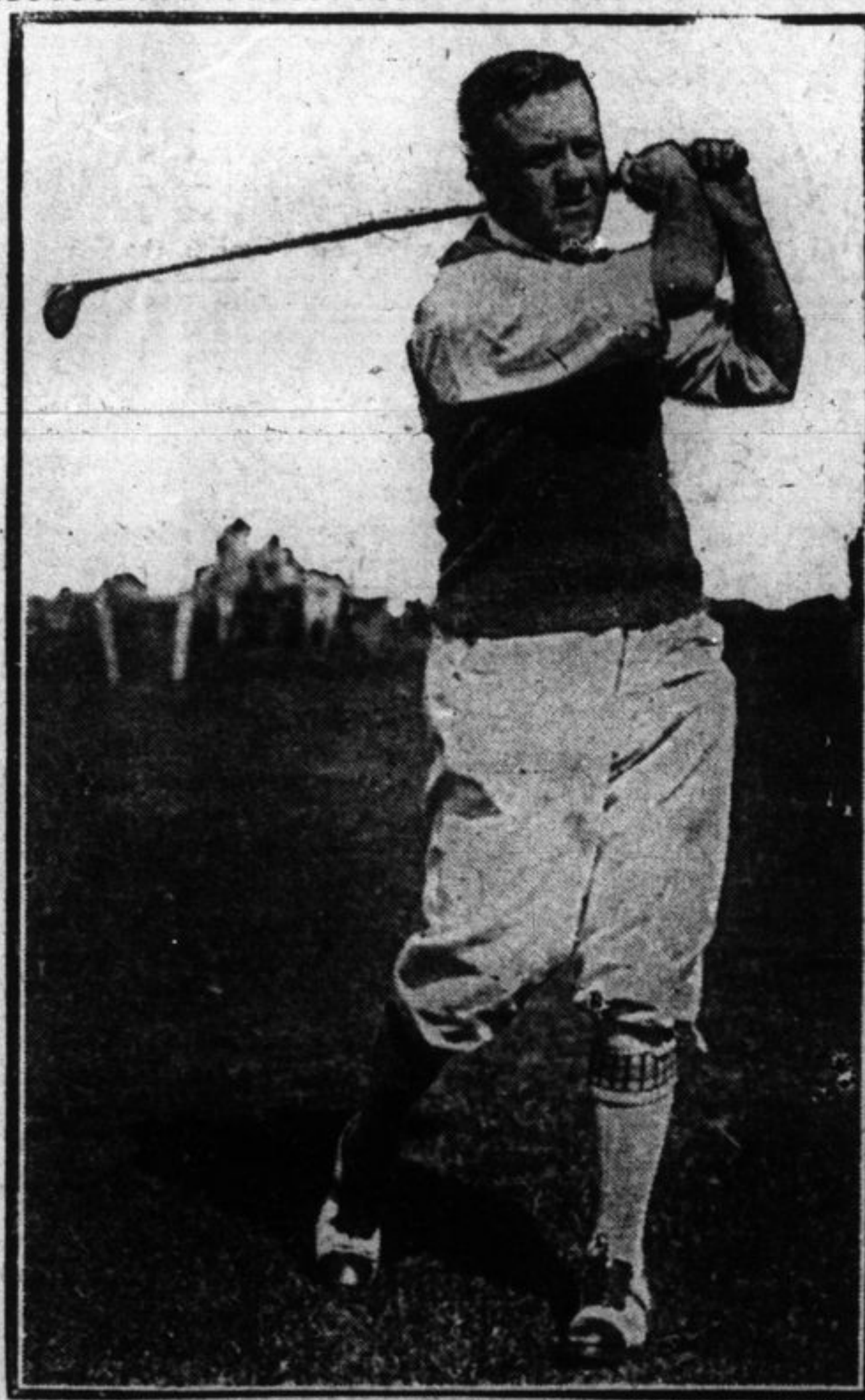
Cooper's game is thoroughly orthodox and is as sound as a marble pillar. It ought to be. Cooper senior was a pro himself.

Hagen Is Favorite.

English bettors have made Walter Hagen the favorite among American entries in this year's British open golf championship.

Not Unexpected.

Helen Wills' double defeat in England was not entirely unexpected. The experts predicted the climate would "get her," and it did.



REVENGED HIS BROTHER'S DEFEAT

W. J. (Bill) Thompson, of the Mississauga Golf Club, Toronto, who won the Ontario provincial title, defeating Arthur Dorman, of Hamilton, the "dark horse" of the tournament, by 7 to 5. In the semi-finals Dorman won from Frank Thompson in sensational style, winning the last six holes to tie the match up.



THE LONG AND SHORT OF THE VARSITY CREW

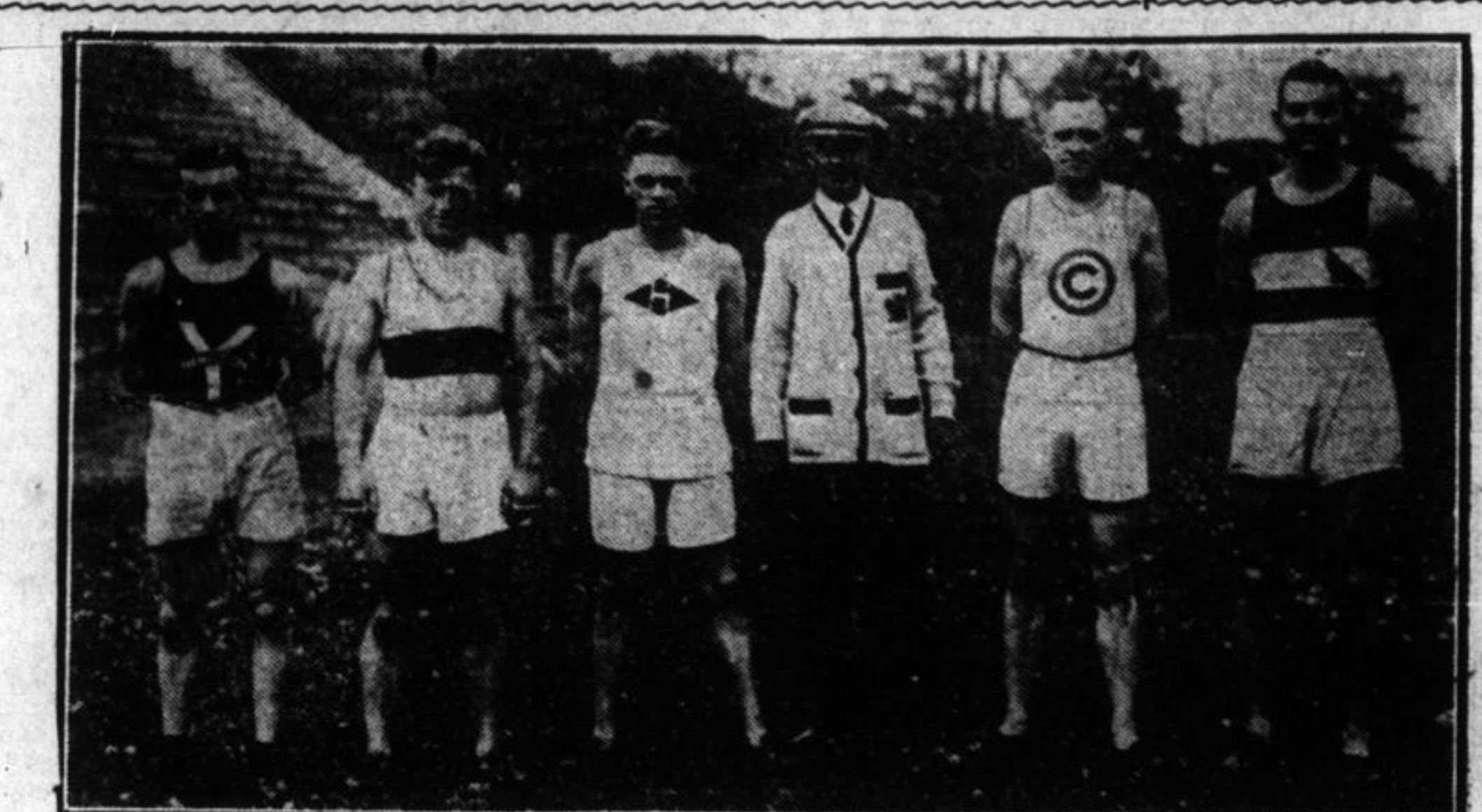
Ivor Campbell, coxswain, who steered the University of Toronto eight to victory in the trials at Port Dalhousie, and L. W. Wallace, the stroke, who set the pace that killed off their rivals for supremacy. The Varsity crew are picked as almost certain representatives of Canada at the Olympic games.

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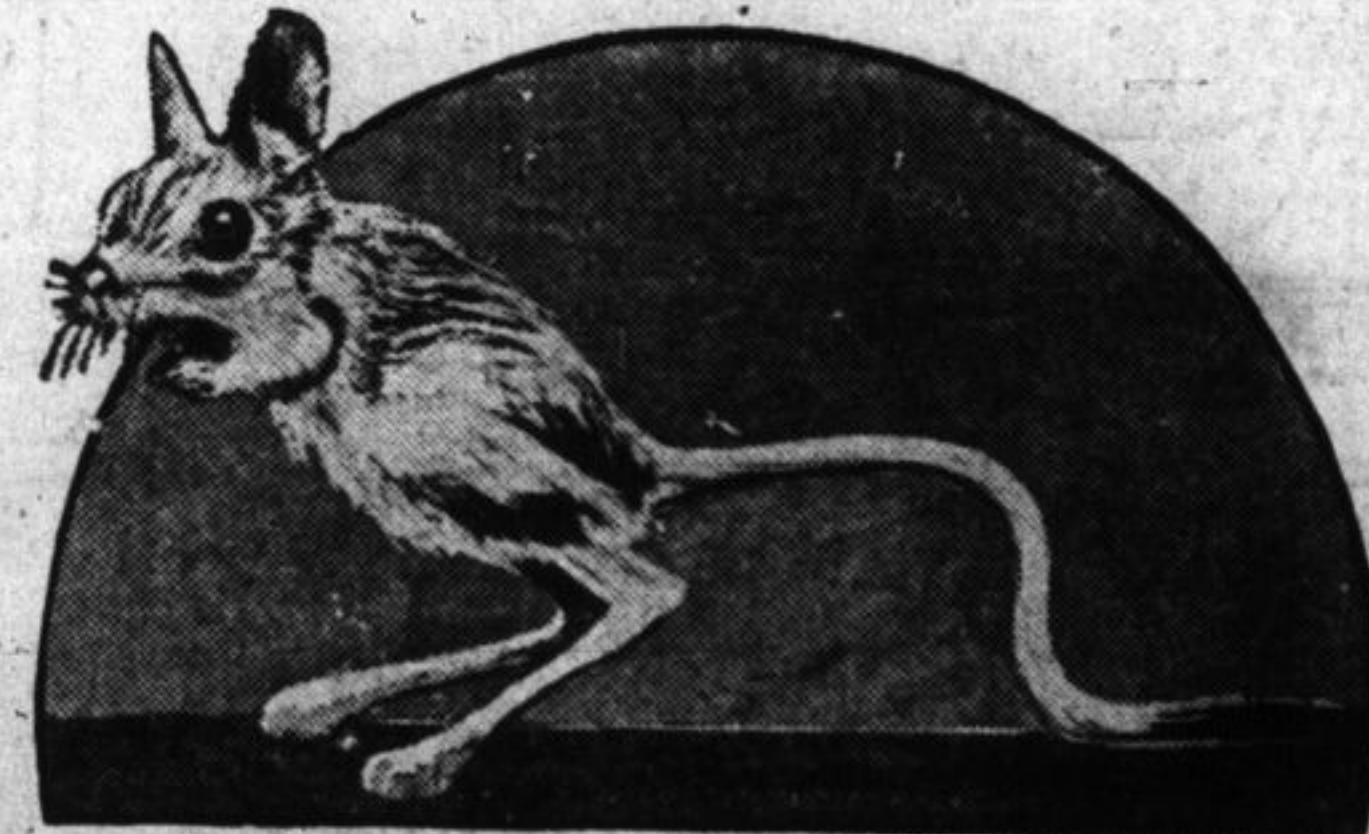
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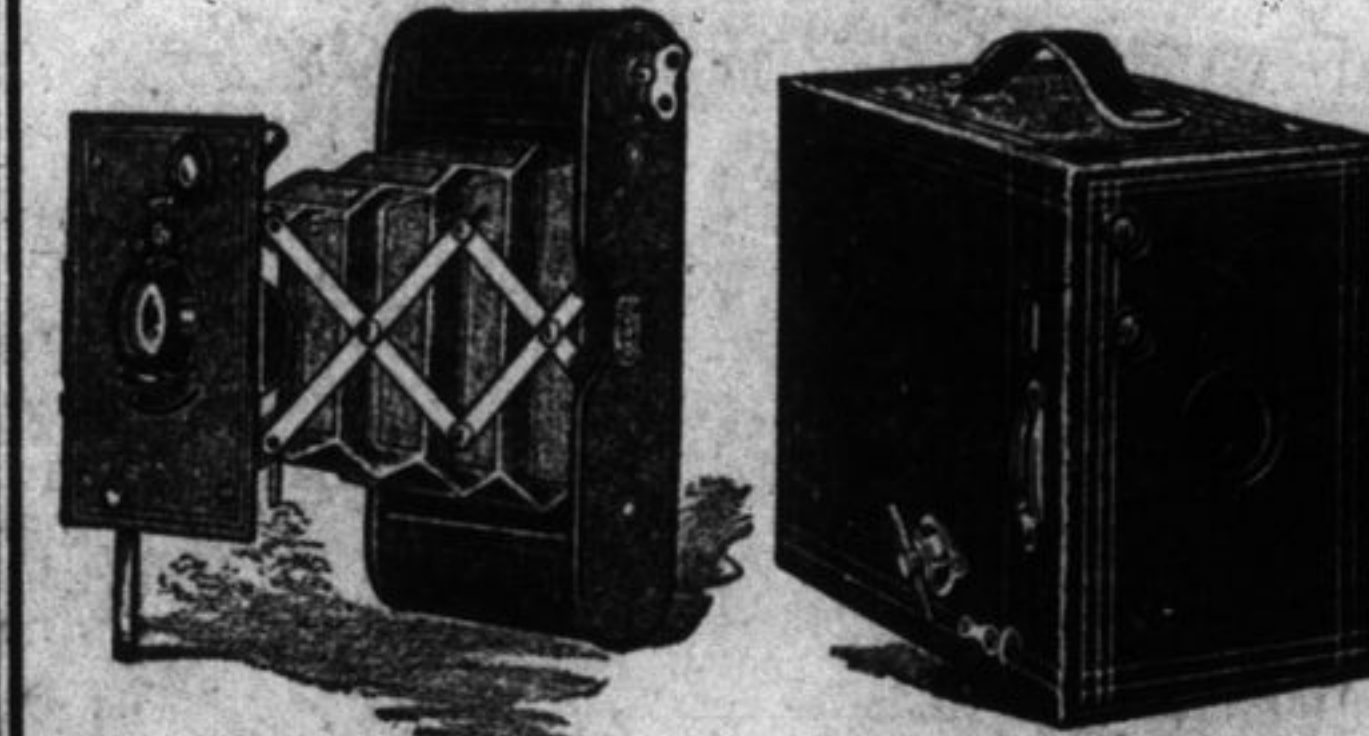
From left to right: Ed. Rae, Hamilton Y.M.C.A., Canadian 5-mile champion; G. Hester, Toronto, 100 and 200 yards entry; J. Hawbolt, Westville, N.S., 5 and 10,000-metre entry; Capt. Cornelius, Canadian Olympic coach; L. of world's record; Dr. C. Ray, Victoria, B.C., 120-yard entry. Hester and Armstrong were two of the selections of the committee to make the trip to Paris.



LEAPING FIELD MOUSE OF EGYPT

This is Mr. Jerboa, from the land of King Tut, who has just taken quarters in the Bronx Zoo, New York. There are but three of his kind in captivity. He's really quite a freak—and thereby hangs a tale. For, thanks to this tail, and spring-like hind legs, he can stay in the air almost as much as a bird. He is commonly known as the "leaping field mouse of Egypt."

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