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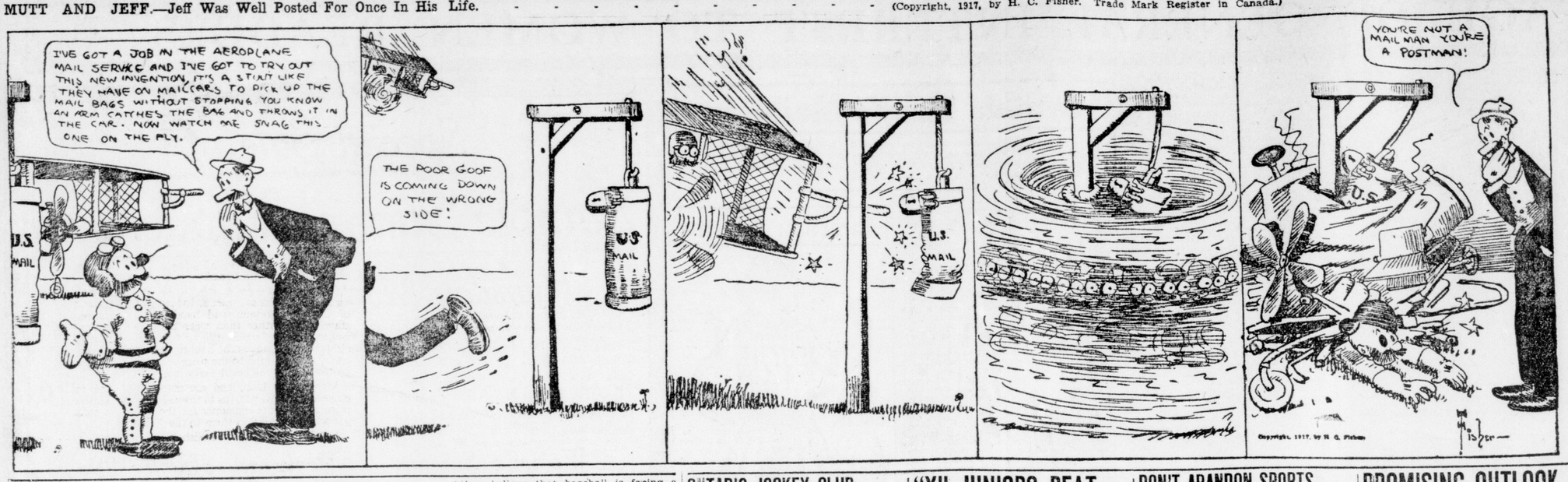


Major Leagues Open Pennant Race Today

"Baseball as Usual" Across the Line — Giants and Braves Rest on Account of Snow at Beanville — Clubs Expect Good Season.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Preceded by a forecast of generally fair weather, but low temperature, the major league baseball season will be formally opened tomorrow in seven of the sixteen cities compromising the National and American League circuits. In the National League, Pittsburg will play at Chicago, St. Louis at Cincinnati, and Philadelphia at Brooklyn. The opening game at Boston, with New York, has been declared off because the grounds are covered with snow.

On the American circuit Chicago will open at St. Louis, Cleveland at Detroit, Washington at Philadelphia, and Boston at New York.

For the first time in the history of either of these baseball organizations the pennant races will be inaugurated while the nation is in a state of war. But once in the 41 years of the senior league's existence has war been proclaimed, and in the case of the Spanish-American conflict, the declaration was made six days after the beginning of the season. The opening games of the 1898 race were played on April 15, and the signing of the war proclamation came on April 21. Peace was declared in December of the same year. Since the formation of the American League in 1900, the major organization has never been confronted with conditions such as prevail today.

Good Season Expbected.

The league executives and club owners are loath to predict the effect of the present international complications upon the national game. In a general way they believe that baseball is facing a fairly prosperous season, but expect the receipts and attendance to fall below estimates made before the developments of the past few weeks. Precedents upon which to base calculations in the present situation are few. During the Spanish-American war baseball experienced little, if any, setback. Last summer the International League clubs in Canada enjoyed marked prosperity notwithstanding that a large proportion of young Canadians were in or training for the trenches.

Unusually close races are expected in both leagues. The clubs of both organizations have been strengthened to a point where at least six teams in each circuit are considered real pennant contenders.

Good War Antidote.

Friends of the game declare that baseball this year will perform a national service by affording a distraction from the grim tension of war. It is expected that the big baseball parks will be among for the outlet of popular enthusiasm awakened by the great conflict and that the crowds will sing battle songs and cheer good news from the front. Before the game at the Polo Grounds this afternoon the players of the New York American League Club will perform military evolutions in which they have been drilled for the past six weeks.

TEAMS OPEN SEASON WITH MILITARY DRILL

For First Time in 20 Years Hans Wagner Will Be Absent.

Chicago, April 11.—The major league baseball season of 1917 was inaugurated here today by the Chicago and Pittsburg teams of the National League, an added attraction being a parade on the field before the game of several companies of National Guardsmen, headed by the brass band from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

The probable battery selections for today were Vaughn and Elliot for Chicago and Mamaux or Cooper and Fisher for Pittsburg.

Governor Lowden is expected to throw the first ball and Mayor Thompson will introduce Manager Fred Mitchell, today being his first appearance on the field as a leader of the Chicago team.

HAS WAGNER RETIRED?

Pittsburg, Pa., April 11.—For the first time in twenty years the major league baseball season opens today without Honus Wagner. When the Pittsburg Nationals take the field against Chicago in Chicago this afternoon, the "grand old man of baseball" will be missing from the lineup. Although Wagner has refused to make any statement, his friends say he has decided to retire from the game.

WEATHER CLEAR AT DETROIT.

Detroit, April 11.—Military drills by both squads was to be the leading feature of the ceremony at the opening game of the season between Detroit and Cleveland here today. The weather was clear and crisp.

James and Stanage was the probable battery selection for Detroit, while Manager Fohl expected to call on Bagby and O'Neill.

CHICAGO vs. ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, April 11.—The Chicago and St. Louis teams of the American League are scheduled to open the 1917 baseball season at Sportsman's Park this afternoon. Batteries announced are: Chicago—Williams and Schalk; St. Louis—Hamilton and Hale.

BAND CONCERT AT PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, April 11.—Washington and Philadelphia meet in the opening game of the American League here today. The opposing batteries probably will be Bush and Schang for the Athletics and Gallia and Henry for Washington.

Prior to the contest, which was to start at 3 o'clock, a band concert, flag raising and military drill were held. Mayor Smith was expected to throw out the first ball.

The weather was cool.

GAMES TODAY

National League.

Pittsburg at Chicago, cloudy, 3 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, clear, 2:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, clear, 3:30 p.m.
New York at Boston, snow on field; postponed to Thursday.

American League.

Cleveland at Detroit, clear, 3 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, clear, 3 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, cloudy, 3 p.m.
Boston at New York, clear, 3:15 p.m.

HOT OFF THE TYPEWRITER

With the big league season now imminent, it is incumbent upon all sporting scribes making any pretensions to omniscience to pick the winners. To do this requires a high degree of experience with the typewriter. The best thing about pickin' 'em is that most fans have short memories. Baseball experts, like doctors, bury their failures. In the American League the Athletics look good to finish. The same is true of the Reds and the Cardinals in the National League. These clubs have everything—bats, balls, masks, gloves and chest-protectors. They'll bear watching—if you have a strong constitution and bylaws. As for the Giants, we don't see that McGraw has any reason to worry about the result—not with his salary and a long contract. The Braves look good to repeat, unless they have learned some new language to hurl at the umpires. The Pirates may cop if they can find a new pacifier for Baby Honus, the Infant Prodigy. Commiskey's White Sox look good, so far as the Sox are concerned, but a lot of Windy City fans say the Pants is punk. The Washington club was not removed to Toronto, but that doesn't detract any from Toronto's chances to win the American League gonfalon. The other clubs will finish in the order named. The clubs which will take part in the world's series will be—this is said after mature consideration of all the dope—those which win the National and American flags.

ONTARIO JOCKEY CLUB INCREASES ALL STAKES

Lowest Value of Overnight Purse Will Be $800—Toronto Cup Has $7,000 Added.

TORONTO, April 10.—The Ontario Jockey Club's liberality with the horsemen is shown by the announcement today that for the coming spring meeting at Woodbine, May 19 to 26, the lowest value of any overnight purse will be $800 added, while no stake event will be for less than $2,000. Like the King's Plate, the Toronto Cup is increased this year, and has now $7,000 added.

There will be a steeplechase run each day of the meeting, while the Woodbine Steeplechase, a handicap with $1,000 added, distance about two miles, will be run on May 19, the opening day.

There will be seven races daily, the entrance money in all cases going to the winner. In all races for horses foaled in Canada five per cent of the first money will be paid to the Canadian Racing Associations for the account of the breeder of the winner.

The following stake events will close on Wednesday, May 2:

Toronto Cup (handicap), $7,000 added for 3-year-olds and upward; a sweepstakes of $30 each, $5 forfeit; one mile and a furlong.

The Connaught Cup (handicap), $8,000 added, a challenge cup presented by Field Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, for 3-year-olds and upward, the bona fide property of Canadian owners resident in Canada; a sweepstakes of $20 each, $5 forfeit; 1 1-16 miles.

King Edward Hotel Gold Cup (handicap), $2,000 added; a challenge cup for 3-year-olds and upward; a sweepstakes of $15 each, $5 forfeit; 1¼ miles.

Minto Stakes, $2,000 added, for 3-year-olds and upward; a selling sweepstakes of 15 each, $5 forfeit; 1 1-16 miles.

William Hendrie Memorial Handicap, $2,000 added, for 3-year-olds and upward, foaled in anada; sweepstakes of $15 each, $5 forfeit; 1 1-16 miles.

Woodstock Plate, $3,000 added, for 3-year-olds; a sweepstakes of $20 each, $5 forfeit; one mile and a furlong.

Victoria Stakes, $3,000 added, for 2-year-olds; a sweepstakes of $20 each, $5 forfeit; five furlongs.

Juvenile Stakes, $2,000 added, for 2-year-olds, foaled in Canada; sweepstakes of $15 each, $5 forfeit; 4½ furlongs.

Coronation Stakes, $2,500 added, for 2-year-olds, foaled in Canada; sweepstakes of $15 each, $5 forfeit; 4½ furlongs.

Street Railway Steeplechase (handicap), $2,000 added, for 4-year-olds and upward; a sweepstakes of $15 each, $5 forfeit, about 2½ miles.

SNOWSTORM HOLDS UP BIG ALASKA DOG RACE

NOME, Alaska, April 10.—A terrible storm is blowing on Seward Peninsula, and the All-Alaska sweepstakes racing dogs in the 412-mile run begun yesterday have not been heard from since they left Solomon, 32 miles east of Nome. It is believed all four teams have taken refuge in a roadhouse at Timber, 64 miles from Nome. There is no telephone at Timber.

SPECIAL MEETING OF BOSTON ATHLETIC COM.

Boston, April 11.—A special meeting of the athletic committee of the Boston Athletic Association was called for today to consider the advisability of cancelling this year's races renewal of the American marathon road race, held on April 19 for the past 20 years over the road from Ashland to this city.

Many prominent runners were entered for this year's race.

PRIZES OFFERED TO STIMULATE PRODUCTION

Forest Flax Mills Manager Encouraging Boys and Girls.

FOREST, April 10.—The spring horse show committee of the Forest Agricultural Society has arranged to hold the annual spring horse show on Thursday, April 26. Cash prizes to the amount of $109 will be offered, and an expert judge appointed by the Ontario department of agriculture will officiate in that capacity. The committee in charge is as follows: George W. Beaty, Robt. Hair, A. H. Lougheed, John Vivian, Sam Adair (chairman), and H. J. Pettypiece (secretary).

While the Dominion and Provincial Governments are urging everyone to work harder in order to increase production, Howard Fraleigh, proprietor of the Forest Flax Mills, has adopted a practical plan to encourage the production of flax. He is offering valuable cash prizes to girls and boys in Lambton County for the best one-acre plots of flax. The first prize is $25, second $10, third $5. He will also offer cash prizes for sheaf competition. The following boys have entered the contest in this vicinity: Donald Callan, Fred Donald, George Shepherd, Percy, Gordon and Fred Rawlings, Earl Douglas, David Frayne, Stuart White, Howard Hubbard, Clare and Phonse Leonard.

GREAT WAR VETERANS CONVENE.

WINNIPEG, April 10. — Delegates from all parts of Canada were here for the opening this afternoon of the Dominion convention of Great War Veterans by Sir James Aikins, lieutenant-governor. The delegates were given a reception and dinner by the city tonight, and will devote Wednesday and Thursday to the executive sessions.

71ST MAN HOME.

INGERSOLL, April 10.—Pte. Frank Brown, formerly of Dereham Township, who went overseas with the 71st Battalion, and was severely wounded on the west front last September, has returned to his home here. He has lost the sight of one eye, and one arm is paralyzed. He will remain here for ten days, and will then go on to London for medical treatment.

The arrival here of Sergt.-Major Geo. Wright, and his son, Piper G. R. C. Wright, is expected in a few days. Both these men enlisted with the 168th Battalion. A telegram was received today by Mrs. Wright stating that both the husband and son had arrived at St. John, N.B. Mr. Wright was taken ill at Camp Borden, and apparently has never sufficiently recovered to be able to go to the front.

"Y" JUNIORS BEAT DOWLERS AND WIN BASKETBALL HONORS

Taylor's Pets Are Now City League Champions—Pelton Stars for the Losers.

The "Y" Juniors won the championship of the City Basketball League last night at the "Y" gym by beating the Dowlers five, winners of the first series, by 25—14. This was the second game of the championship series, and by making it two straight, the "Y" kids can now rest until they take on the St. Catharines juniors in the play off for the O. A. B. A. semi-finals.

The clothing men were reinforced by the presence of George Pelton who played with them when they won the championship of the fall series. George added a lot of pep to the team, so much so that a half-time Dowlers were leading by one point, 9—8.

Kids Come Strong.

However, even the presence of Pelton couldn't stop the kids when they got going in the second half. They uncorked some combination stuff that resembled chain lightning more than anything else, and soon drew away from the Dundas street haberdashers, scoring seven points to Dowlers five in this period.

Mascara, Gillies and Lightfoot did most of the scoring for the league champions, getting al but four points, while George Pelton scored the biggest number of points for his old club.

Pelton will return shortly to North Bay, where he is connected with a large wholesale grocery concern.

Davidson and Markle handled the game to the satisfaction of both teams.

The line-up:

"Y" Juniors.		Dowlers.
James 2	L. Forward	Stevens 3
Marcara 9	L. Forward	
Gillies 8	R. Forward	Pelton 5
Lightfoot 4	Centre	Jackson 2
Cline 0	L. Guard	Campbell 2
McGeoch 2	R. Guard	Douglas 2
Total 25.	Total 14.	

ELDRED GOES TO NEWARK.

CHICAGO, April 10. — Outfielder Eldred was released tonight by the local American League baseball club to the Newark club of the International League.

DON'T ABANDON SPORTS, SAYS MAJOR-GEN. WOOD

Athletic and Military Training Go Hand in Hand.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Major-General Leonard Wood, of the United States army, when asked about the value of athletics in connection with national preparedness, said: "Get into the game."

"Athletic training," said the general, "is naturally a part of military training, and they go hand-in-hand. Sound military training involves systematic, careful athletic work, work which tends to turn out a well-balanced physical man, one capable of standing the hard strains of military service.

"The value of sport as a part of military training has been exemplified in the present war by the men of Canada. Baseball, track, lacrosse, football, hockey, and the other sports in which Canadians indulge so freely have been largely instrumental in bringing glory to the Canadian arms and victories to the cause for which they are fighting. England, too, has not encouraged cricket and football in vain.

"It has been said that at the outbreak of this war Great Britain and her dominions were not prepared. Perhaps that is true—it is undoubtedly true, in a military sense, but the world, and notably the Teutonic allies, failed to take into account British love of and indulgence in clean, healthy sport, and the spirit those things inculcate in the physically fit young man who learns to take a 'sporting chance.'

"Athletic training, in my judgment, goes a long way toward solving the 'unpreparedness' problem, and I am convinced that abandonment of outdoor sports in time of war would be a grave mistake."

DUFFY BEATS WELLS

BUFFALO, April 10.—Matt Wells, 147 pounds, tore in close with the famed English style of in-fighting, but youth and aggressiveness carried the day for Jimmy Duffy of Lockport, 142 pounds, who won a rousing decision over the English veteran in their ten-round match here tonight. The contest closed with a double rally that left traces of battle.

EGAN GETS DECISION OVER GRAVES.

BOSTON, April 10.—Joe Egan of Boston was given the decision over "Kid" Graves of Milwaukee in a bout here tonight. The contest, scheduled for twelve rounds, was called at the end of the tenth to prevent further punishment of Graves.

PROMISING OUTLOOK FOR TORONTO CLUB

Lajoie's Leafs Rapidly Rounding Into Form.

TORONTO, April 10.—Larry Lajoie has something to work on now in the camp at Petersburg, and the news from the Toronto training camp is of a more encouraging nature than it was this time a week ago. The Leafs have much promising material, and Larry is expected to make the most of it. The Canadian Press correspondent points out the Leafs have a record to live up to this season. They win the bunting every five years, and it was in 1912 that they last corraled the Barrow flag. The batting strength in the infield, he says, is unquestioned. The manager is a hitter, as everybody knows. Dawson Graham has always pelted them for the local club, and Larry is teaching him a few additional tricks. Smith is another who is watching Lajoie at the finer points of stickwork. Smith follows every move of Larry, and he is sure to learn something. Blackburne was a dead left field clouter last year, but he promises to change this season. Charlie Allen has all the earmarks of a wallloper. Benny Meyer is doing well with the bat, and Trout hits well when hits count.

Larry may have ambitions to play first base, but he will doubtless sink them after he has seen Graham in action in a few games. Graham is not fast enough on his feet for the outfield, and there are a dozen outfielders to be obtained to a single first baseman. The only weakness apparent in the Toronto team is in the battery department. Another catcher is necessary, and two pitchers of the calibre of Tipple and McTigue.

COPP AND GILL ARE RELEASED TO BISONS

NEW YORK, April 10.—The Boston Americans tonight announced the release of Outfielder Kopp and Infielder Gill to the Buffalo International League club, and Shortstop Fred Thomas to the Providence club, under optional agreements. Pitcher Gregg has consented to report to the Buffalo club, thus enabling the Boston club to obtain the services of Pitcher Bader from Buffalo.

Copp formerly played with St. Thomas in the Canadian League.

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMP WANTS TO ORGANIZE ATHLETIC REGIMENT

Freddy Welsh Writes Gov. Whitman for Permission to Raise Force.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Freddy Welsh, lightweight champion of the world, today sent to Governor Whitman a letter asking that he be allowed to organize a sportsmen's regiment in America for service in the European trenches.

Welsh declares he wants to offer his services and financial assistance in such an enterprise, and he proposes boxing bouts in which he shall appear as one of the principals, the proceeds to go to the support of the force.

"Several friends of mine, graduates of West Point," Welsh wrote, "to whom I have broached the subject, have signified their willingness to join the regiment. Many boxers and other sportsmen are enthusiastic over the project and want not only to join, but to help in every way to raise the necessary funds. A number of these boxers have seen service in the United States army."

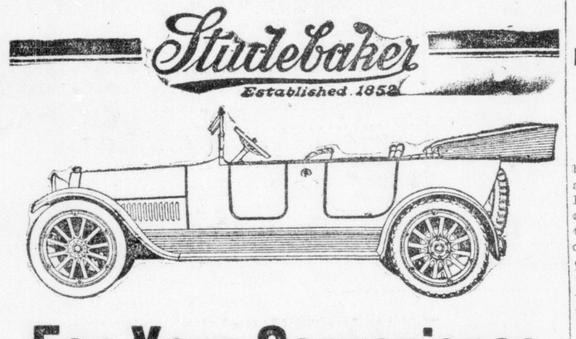
Welsh, who is an Englishman by birth, points out that he has lived in this country for fifteen years. His wife and two children are Americans.

"I feel that the entrance of America into the war," he said, "is the call to arms for every man, who, like myself, has been given an opportunity to earn a living in this great country."

Harry Pollok, manager of Welsh, declared his intention of being the first to enroll in the Welsh regiment.

YERKES GOES TO MIORS.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Steve Yerkes, second baseman with the Chicago Nationals, was released today to the Indianapolis club of the American Association. Yerkes, a former Pittsburg Federal Leaguer, is under a Federal League contract calling for $6,500 a year. His release is taken to mean that Larry Doyle will be in condition to play second.



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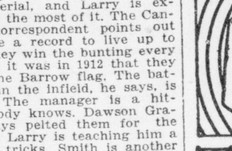

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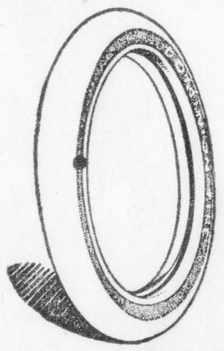

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