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Smart Catchers Are  
Scarce In Major Ball

Pitching Trouble of Giants  
and Yankees Is Due to Poor  
Catching.

New York, Dec. 14.—Smart baseball catchers have always maintained a pitching was 90 per cent of the mental strength of a baseball club. This season's pitching in the major leagues tends to substantiate such an estimate as fairly true.

Brooklyn was a pennant last year with little but slight pitching. Out of the box this season the Dodgers are not even as strong as a year ago. And though the staff is not so formidable as in 1920 because of the transfer of Pfister and Marquardt, Brooklyn is still rapping at the first division door.

It will be noted, too, that the champions have steadily beaten the good clubs of the league—in particular the Giants and Yankees—perhaps because Uncle Robbie mapped his campaign to throw the very best he had in the pitching art against the clubs whose defeat would add most to failing fame.

Where would the shattered White Sox be in the American League standings but for the wonderful "Red" Faber? To what heights might not the elegant Flamingo or Cardinals climb if they had such pitching as is wasted on Brooklyn's otherwise mediocre club? Given a staff of the excellence of Brooklyn's, both the Giants and Yankees would not be so far in front that the big league races would be ruined.

Why is it, it may be asked, that certain clubs are so strong in pitching while others are so weak? The element of luck enters in no small degree. The Mathewsons, Johnsons and Alexanders are individual products of a decade. Yet there does not seem to be the development of good pitching that obtained a few years back. On paper, the Yankees staff is a corker and McGraw's corps is strong. In the box, both departments are inefficient almost to indifference.

The death is a dearth of real catchers of the prowess of the old school. Neither McGraw nor McGraw has anyone about him capable of instructing pitchers. Wilbert Robinson built up his wonderful staff from a bunch of cast-offs that had failed under rival managers. In the halcyon days of the Cubs, Johnny Kling directed the batteries for "Huck" Chance. Fred Mitchell was with Stallings when Tyler, Rudolph and James accomplished the great "miracle" of baseball in 1914. Uncle Robbie had charge of the Giants' pitchers and catchers when they won three pennants in a row—1911, 1912 and 1913.

The study is an interesting one and a question of men and managers well may ponder deeply.

Trade With  
Sox Unlikely

New York, Dec. 13.—A very light breeze suffices to start the wings of the baseball rumor mill to grinding these days in the interim between the close of the diamond season and the advent of the legislative councils of the league. A minute's conversation with a few men in the clubhouse and the features of another, and lo! great deals and changes are in the air.

A short chat in which Messrs. Huston and Gleason were the only participants the other day flooded the intangible air with reports just as intangible as to what they were. Harry Hooper was to join the Yankees. Eddie Collins was to come to New York in exchange for a fortune in players and cash, and would manage the local American league club next season. Ray Schalk was to doff the white home of Chicago, wearing which came has come to him, and don a Washington uniform. Kid Gleason himself was to drop the wheel of the White Sox craft and pilot the Yankees in place of Miller Huggins.

Having thus swirled from the Lake Shore to the Harlem River or anything of value possessed by the couple of pitchers and a catcher, the complete of modern fables passed for breath. If Colonel Huston and the Chicago Kid had realized what they were starting by merely grasping hands and exchanging greetings they would have stood on opposite sides of forty-second street and shouted "Hullo" at each other above the din of the intervening traffic.

NOTED BULLDOG  
COMES TO MONTREAL

One of the most interesting bulldog importations of the season arrived in Montreal this week, consigned to A. Almon, well-known local breeder and dealer. The dog is the well-known winning English heavyweight, McKie, bred by McNibba, a litter brother of Ch. Tam Hin, which recently completed his championship. McKie is a heavy-weight, of nearly sixty pounds, but exceedingly close to type. He has a tremendous skull and fore-legs, great bone, and a short, choppy body. He will be a decidedly interesting addition to the local bulldog colony for feeding and show purposes, giving the Drummond kennel a very strong hand in heavyweights when coupled with Ch. Tam Hin.

Western Section  
of Hockey League

Representatives Will Assemble  
to St. John Thursday to  
Complete Plans for Season.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 13.—(Special)—Representatives of the Fredericton and Maryville Hockey Clubs will go to St. John Thursday to attend a meeting of the western section New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Hockey League. A schedule will be drawn up. G. M. Healy will represent Fredericton, St. John and Sussex also will be represented.

The Canadiens  
Want Boucher

Dispute Claim of Ottawa Club  
to Player—Say Have Right  
for All French-Canadians.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Officers of the Canadian Hockey Club have disputed the claim of the Ottawa Club of Frank J. Boucher, brother of Georges Boucher, who has played with Ottawa for several seasons. Canadians base their claim on their right to sign all French-Canadian players from Halifax to Fort Arthur, and other clubs cannot make overtures until having obtained permission from the French club to do so. Canadians tendered a contract to Billy and Frank Boucher and have been negotiating with them for some time.

The terms offered to Edward Boucher, of Quebec, by the Canadian Club, are satisfactory and it is expected he will report to the club in time to accompany the players to Toronto on Saturday.

Boucher was suspended as an amateur today by the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association for accepting money when playing with the Hochelaga Hockey Club.

WAR SECRETARY  
ARRAIGNS BLOCS  
IN U. S. CONGRESS

Emphasizes Policy of Pres.  
Harding in Opposing Fac-  
tional Legislation.

New York, Dec. 12.—If the bloc system in Congress were carried to its logical conclusion, the country, divided into hostile blocs, would become powerless to defend or maintain its interests, national or international, declared John W. Weeks, Secretary of War, before the Association of Life Insurance Presidents here recently. He thought effective government had been weakened by the change from the days of "Commonsense" in those days the speaker of the House of Representatives found legitimate ways to prevent enactment of a vast amount of personal and irresponsible legislation.

The Weeks speech, following President Harding's expression of opposition to the bloc system, in his message, was regarded as making it clear that a campaign against the bloc system is to be a leading plank in Republican policy for now on.

Divided Responsibility. Then came what was heralded as reform, when the power of action was taken from the Speaker and the Committee on Rules, and divided among committees. The result was that it was impossible to "test" the type of legislative action which comes from party regularity and responsibility. This led to the promotion of legislation to factional interest.

The curtail of the world's present economic problem, the Secretary said, was work. Much of the legislation enacted for the farmer was unsound economically, and would not benefit him. One of the least excusable of these laws was that increasing the interest rate on farm loan bank bonds to 5 per cent and leaving the rate to the farm borrower as it had been.

Under the present law the government was financing the farmer and producing a vast volume of non-taxable securities, and in effect the farmer was borrowing his money at a much lower rate than the current market warrant.

Secretary Weeks, referring to specific examples of bloc legislation, said that the so-called pure wool bill was unsound, that the proposed law to regulate cold storage would increase the price of food, and the federal highway bill aimed to construct local roads for the benefit of a few. He thought the demands of the agricultural world for a representative of agriculture on the Federal Reserve Board was as worthy as would be similar demands from other groups.

A lot of valuable time is wasted by trying to make people do things which you think they should be doing, instead of taking them just as they are.

If Veno Plays  
McGill Team Won't

College Team Instructed Not  
to Play Against Boston  
Team if Shorty is on  
Line-up.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Should Frank "Shorty" Veno, formerly of Chatham, N. B., take the ice with the Westminister team, of Boston, when the McGill University hockey team meet the latter club on Dec. 20, or 31, McGill has been instructed to refuse to play. These instructions have been issued by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, on the ground that Veno is not in good standing as an amateur.

The McGill club have been invited to meet the Princeton University team on Lake Placid, on Dec. 31, but are unable to make the date owing to the games already scheduled against Boston College, Boston Technical School, and either the Westminster or Pere Marquette Knights of Columbus team on Dec. 29, 30 and 31.

Y. M. C. A. Harriers'  
Club Arrangements

At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Harriers' Club last evening arrangements were completed for the opening of the season. The Y. M. C. A. swimming championships on December 30, and the prospects are good for a close race. In the wrestling competition there will be entries from six or eight clubs in the city. Last year nearly every club captured a prize and the competition this year is better.

A social committee has been formed for the purpose of holding toboggan and skating parties and it was decided to hold the first party on the second week of January.

U. S. SENATORS  
PROPOSE FULL  
DYE INQUIRY

Charge Made That Lobby Is  
Employed in Interests of  
German Manufacturers.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—German and American interests that are seeking to monopolize the dye industry in the United States, and whose lobbyists are said to be attempting to keep before Congress will be put under investigation by a Senate committee as a result of action taken late yesterday.

Changes that Germany is trying to make in the American dye industry, and the fact that Germany is trying to keep before Congress will be put under investigation by a Senate committee as a result of action taken late yesterday.

Such legislation, declared Joseph S. Frelinghuysen (R.), Senator from New Jersey, who charged that Germany is trying to keep before Congress will be put under investigation by a Senate committee as a result of action taken late yesterday.

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In addition, the chart, around which senators gathered, showed that among the alleged "subsidized" organizations controlled by the dye industry were the Chemical Foundation, the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association, the National Research Council, the Reagents Committee and the American Dye Institute.

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Bowling Results  
In Local Leagues

Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE.  
In the Y. M. C. A. House Bowling League last evening, the Owls took three points from the Sparrows, and the Hawks took all four points from the Gulls. The scores follow:

First game—	Owls.
McCafferty	93 82 104 279 93
Pittsford	83 78 93 254 88
Clary	82 83 92 255 85
McDonald	96 90 80 266 88-2-3
Garvin	91 89 89 263 89-2-3
	443 422 452 1336

Second game—	Sparrows.
Copp	102 87 79 268 89-1-3
Gambell	73 79 85 237 79-2-3
Downing	88 83 96 264 88
Harrington	98 98 89 285 95
Brown	87 101 82 270 90
	445 448 421 1324

Third game—	Hawks.
Jones	68 73 68 207 69
O'Connor	71 92 83 256 86-1-3
Power	83 85 92 270 90
Jarvis	100 104 88 302 100-2-3
Harley	90 84 107 281 97
	420 448 468 1326

Fourth game—	Gulls.
Wall	77 85 89 251 83-2-3
Hawkins	66 91 88 225 75
Sivovios	84 78 71 233 77-2-3
Doucet	74 73 79 226 75-1-3
Brown	76 75 83 244 81-1-3
	377 402 400 1179

ON BLACK'S ALLEYS.  
The T. S. Simms team took three points from the C. E. R. in their game last night in the Commercial League on Black's alleys, and the Sweeps did the same trick in their game with the Nationals in the City League. Two points were scored by the Commercial League team, and the Sweeps did the same trick in their game with the Nationals in the City League.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.	C. E. R.
J. Galbraith	87 74 75 232 79-2-3
Osborne	84 74 82 241 80-1-3
C. Galbraith	96 90 82 277 92-2-3
Whittaker	78 80 72 230 79-2-3
McGuire	91 85 120 296 92
	425 403 425 1268

T. S. Simms.	Sweeps.
Rogers	79 80 97 257 85-1-3
Shepherd	88 82 85 254 83
Partridge	82 88 83 253 84-1-3
Powers	73 78 96 244 81-2-3
Oliver	72 94 91 258 86
	393 421 462 1376

New Grounds For  
Petition Asking  
Separation

Criminal Acts Committed by  
Man After Marriage Re-  
garded as Sufficient Cause.

Quebec, Dec. 13.—Criminal acts committed by a man after his marriage may be a sufficient ground to justify the courts in granting his wife's petition for separation, according to a judgment pronounced in the Superior Court at Quebec by Mr. Justice Poirer.

The case was that of Germain Bourget who petitioned for separation from her husband, L. P. Rivard, who, she claimed, had married her under false pretenses of owning property in Montreal and who had subsequently to marriage been arrested at Rimouski and condemned to six months' imprisonment. She was eventually out of her 15-month-old child and defendant was condemned to pay a monthly pension of \$50 a month and bear the costs of the action.

Only a stupid woman doesn't know when to act stupid.

ing to curb the production of American dyes, which he declared probably would be the outcome of the Senate investigation, Mr. Frelinghuysen contended that Congress should seek to foster the industry, built up during the war, as an essential factor in American preparedness for another war emergency.

Senator Frelinghuysen said that the paid lobbyists of German dye interests are lobbying the Capital and buttonholing senators and representatives. They are engaged in systematic propaganda to permit Germany once more to invade this country and to prevent investigation of the American dye lobby.

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International  
League Meeting

Adopted 168 Game Schedule  
—Opens April 19, Closing  
September 23—Matter of  
Waivers.

New York, Dec. 13.—Officials of the International League adopted a 168 game schedule, opening April 19 and closing September 23, at their meeting here today.

Opening games will be played at Newark, Baltimore, Jersey City and Reading, and suggested that the four northern teams be permitted to train for one week prior to the opening of the season in parks of the Southern League.

The price of waivers was increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and a rule was adopted which will prohibit the withdrawal of waivers, once they have been made.

George Cook Is  
Good Boxer

New York, Dec. 13.—Australia has sent many ring champions to this country and England in the last thirty years, but few of them have made good. George Cook, who holds the heavyweight championship of the Antipodes, is the latest aspirant for boxing honors. He is matched to fight Georges Carpentier, still the European title holder, in London on December 2, and his task appears to be anything but easy.

Cook arrived in England several months ago and proceeded to beat two third-rounders, Jack Curphy and Frank Goddard. It required twenty rounds of hard milling for Cook to win, decided over Goddard's head. Yet in spite of the fact that Goddard had been knocked out in two rounds by Joe Beckett, then British heavyweight champion, who was stopped in less than one round by Carpentier two years ago. Cook posted \$5,000 as a forfeit and side bet to bind a match with the Frenchman.

In London the impression prevails that Carpentier, as a result of the beating he received at the hands of Jack Dempsey in Jersey City last July, may not be able to secure his skill, stamina and speed when he begins to mix it with the powerfully built Cook.

Finds College Men  
Lacking In Quality

John Hopkins Professor La-  
ments "Too Much Quan-  
tity."

New York, Dec. 12.—American colleges and universities turn out great numbers of graduates but so in for "quantity production" rather than "quality production," said Prof. A. G. Christie of Johns Hopkins University yesterday at a session of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He asserted Dean F. L. Bishop of the University of Pittsburgh "had said there is not a first class engineering school in the country. Quoting Prof. Comfort A. Adams of Harvard, he said that 93 to 99 per cent of the graduates of engineering schools "did not understand in a thorough fashion the fundamentals of the subject."

A more optimistic view was taken by C. F. Pratt of the General Electric Company of Schenectady, who said that a careful study of a large number of college graduates employed in the company plants indicated that the educational institutions are "developing young men of real ability for the industry."

At the morning session the engineers considered the fact that the dinner and dance for 600 was held last night at the Hotel Astor.

Annual National  
League Meeting

Discussion Regarding Rela-  
tions With Minors On Till  
Today—Favor 154 Game  
Schedule.

New York, Dec. 13.—A proposal to boycott Class "AA" and Class "A" minor league players, insofar as the purchase of their players was concerned, was made at the annual National League meeting today by Charles H. Ebbetts, owner of the Brooklyn Club. Other league officials were said to have favored the idea after discussing "prohibitive" prices asked by the minors for star performers, and suggested that the matter be placed before the joint major leagues' meeting Thursday.

"We thought at first," said one club owner, "that we could fix a limit price to be paid by Majors for minor league players, but decided that this would not help matters. The only way to get around high prices is to adopt Mr. Ebbetts' suggestion and refuse to buy players at any price from leagues refusing to draft."

The suggestion of the Brooklyn owner, if adopted by the Majors, would place a "stone wall" about the minor stars even higher than that built in the dropping of the draft according to some of the International League owners who finished up their annual meeting today. They asserted that a boycott would serve to antagonize the minors, and cause a breaking up of the friendly relations now existing.

The Commission in London, they said, would hardly stand for such a condition. A discussion of all matters regarding the league's relations with the minors was postponed until tomorrow. The 154-game schedule was suggested as April 12, subject to the approval of the American League.

Bonspiel Planned  
For New Brunswick

Fredericton, Dec. 13.—The Scottish curlers who are coming to Canada on a tour of the Royal Caledonia Curling Club of Scotland next winter will be asked to include New Brunswick in their itinerary.

Judge Walter Limerick has been chosen as the Fredericton Curling Club's representative to attend a Royal Caledonia branch meeting in Moncton, and among other things will report on preparations for a New Brunswick bonspiel here in January, when the Blair Cup—donated some years ago by the late Hon. A. G. Blair and indicative of the provincial curling championship—will be played for.

Ed. Bouchard Has  
Been Suspended

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Following resigning today of announcements by Mayor LaTrobe, of the Hochelaga Amateur Hockey Club, that Ed. Bouchard, the Quebec hockey player, had received money for his services last year, the latter was suspended by President Slatery of the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association.

## GERMAIN TEAM WON.

The Germain street Baptist team, in the Trail Rangers' Basketball League, defeated the St. Mary's outfit on the St. Mary's floor last evening, by a score of 10-2. The line-ups were:

Germain St. Baptist.	St. Mary's.
Dean	Forwards.
Pleat	Hart
	Cummings
Capson	Centre.
Thompson	Defence.
Peters	Gibson
	Chisholm
	Dempster

Two Good Games  
of Basketball

Y.M.C.I. Outlaws Defeated  
Y.M.C.A. Business Boys—  
Y.M.C.A. Won from the  
Alerts on Y.M.C.I. Floor.

There were two games of basketball played on the Y. M. C. I. floor last evening, one in the Intermediate League between the Business Boys of the Y. M. C. A. and the Outlaws of the Y. M. C. I., won by the Y. M. C. I. by a score of 42-11, and the second, a City League fixture, between the Alerts and Y. M. C. A., which was won by the latter 41 to 20.

With the exception of the opening stanza, the senior game was a snappy exhibition of basketball, only three penalties being handed out in the whole game. The combination of the Y. M. C. A. proved baffling to their opponents, who seemed unable to mark their men properly, allowing Willet and Evans to score almost at will. The Alerts concentrated their passes on Ketchum, their fast forward but the excellent defence work of the Y. M. C. A. prevented his getting in any fine shots.

The second period opened with a rush and the spectators were treated to a real game for a while. The Alerts started to turn the tables on their opponents and by some fast work out the Y. M. C. A. lead down considerably. They were too late starting, however, and the game ended with the score 41 to 20 in favor of the Y. M. C. A.

The work of Evans and Willet showed up to advantage for the Y. M. C. A. while Ketchum, Fleming and Milidge were the especially noticeable players for the Alerts.

The line-ups follow:—

Intermediate Game	Outlaws
Business Boys	Forwards
Gregory	Maxwell
T. Yeomans	Lowie
	Centre
E. Yeomans	Johnson
Kirk	Campbell
Priars	Butler
Sparr	Sparr
Killam	Kiley

## Y. M. C. A.

Forwards	Alerts
Willet	Ketchum
Smith	Fleming
	Centre
Evans	Ryan
	Defence
Nixon	Milidge
Marshall	McGrigor
	Christie

BOXERS WHO FAKED  
WERE AT IT AGAIN

Jackie Clark and Eddie Trembley, middleweight boxers, who came within an ace of being thrown out of the ring in Montreal over a year ago for an unsatisfactory performance at the old Francaise, were up to similar tricks this week in Lynn, Mass., where they were declared "no contest" by Referee Larry Sweeney, who has arranged with the Boxing Commission to expend all the receipts, except those paid the preliminary boxers, for Christmas cheer for the poor of Lynn. The main bout was scheduled for twelve rounds, and in the ninth round Referee Sweeney, after conferring with the judges, declared the bout "no contest."