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## McCaffery is Hopeful



# League Games at the Ex. Camp

Surprises in Soccer Old Country

es. McCaffery Expects Inernational League to Continue With One Change.

resident McCaffery and Director Soln returned last night from the Inter-ional Baseball League meeting in w York. The president gave it as his nion that the league would operate it year, nearly as usual, the only bable change being Syracuse for Richnd.
Will Montreal stay in?" we asked.
Yes," replied the president, "you cankeep my friend Sammy out," meanMr. Lichtenhein, owner of the Roy-

keep my friend Sammy out," mean-Mr. Lichtenhein, owner of the Royowever, the matter of staying alive
be determined at the adjourned
ting in New York on Feb. 12.
No, Toronto tried our best to keep
row's salary up," said the president.
Ating with Newark for a reduction
to \$4000, and finally with Newark
Montreal against the reductio ad
urdum of \$2500."
To congratulated the president on his
ect Latin and he merely acknowledged
same with his usual urbanity.
he president explained that Bill Manwhose bit is \$1100 per year, and the
ce at \$1200 the twelve months, will
continued; Mr. Barrow will toil at
reduced stipebul until the next meetwhen he will step out, possibly to
ome business manager of the Boston
i. Sox.
he president knows nothing of the
sefer of L. Lajoie to Boston, unless
manager has transferred himself
in Toronto to Beantown, and Mr. Metery explained that this procedure
ild be ultra vires.
he president announced that he and
stat Herrmann, president of the Cinnati Nationals, had closed a deal for
ourchase of Russell Blackburne, shortand field captain of the Leafs. Lena,
formerly played with the Chicago
cricans, was sought by several other
s. The purchase price is said to be
excess of \$6000. Mr. Hermann told
president that Mathewson would untitely stay with the Reds as manr, reports to the contrary notwithiding.

HEAVYWEIGHTS HAVE SIGNED.

PENNY ANTE

## Ottawa Amateurs The Warned Played Pros at Pittsburg

## AMERICAN LEAGUE **OFFICIAL FIGURES**

Averages Show Ty Cobb

## MORE THAN USUAL FOR DECEMBER

## INDOOR BASEBALL AND BASKETBALL

Now Reaching the Final

The indoor baseball and basketball schedules of the Military League, transportation building gymnasium, Exhibition a camp, are now approaching the final stage. The indoor ball shown in this league has been of the finest calibre, even better than that displayed last winter, when such teams as the 198th, Buffs and 205th Tigers (Hamilton) battled for the championship. The competition has been very keen, and a fine showing of spectators have been following the sames. The leadership of group "A" was decided on Monday night, when Machine Gun Corps defeated the Special Service Company in one of the finest games ever staged in the gymnasium by 5 to 2. Three teams are tied for honors in group "B," the Dentals, Gymnastic Staff and Central Ontario Regiment, and this tie will be decided early next week. The final game between the winners of group "A."—

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Leader in Batting, Total

Bases and Steals:

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Little change from unofficial figures in American League batting in 1917 was revealed when the official averages were given out here from the offices of B. B. Johnson, president of the league, today.

Ty Cobb, with 383, is undisputed champlon, his nearest rival among the regulars being George Sisler, of St. Louis, who topped Tris Speaker, of Cleveland, for second place, by just one point.

Sisler hit 383. Three members of the

## CURLERS GETTING IN A LOT OF PLAY

Wifey Returns Unexpectedly

The curlers are getting in a lot of play finneapolis. Dec. 16.—Fred Fulton, shester, Minn., heavyweight fighter, it billy Miske of St. Paul have been ned up for a ten-round. no-decision at, to be held at St. Paul Jan. 18. The curlers of the broom enjoying the first round for the D. Pike 20.

At Queen City on Saturday both afternoon shifts saw the pure sheets full of forty brothers of the broom enjoying themselves and incidentally working out the winter.

It was the same at the Toronto and the Granite, with only an odd member out on the ice at 8 o'clock, for on Saturday been and the Granite, with only an odd member out on the ice at 8 o'clock, for on Saturday both afternoon shifts saw the pure sheets full of forty brothers of the broom enjoying themselves and incidentally working out the winter.

It was the same at the Toronto and some more may join from Parkdale and High Park.

However, the High Park club on Indian road may open up in January, and this will be finally determined on in a week. A friendly game was down for decision one day tast week, Markham v. Queen City, but had to be postponed on account of the suburban rinks being snowbound.

# SOCCER IN LONDON

Military Schedules of Games Liverpool Sustains First De-Stages.

All won today, a chance to get into first position.

Many surprises were made in today's Scottish soccer results. The leaders in the table, Kilmarnock, just scraped home in their away game against Clyde by 2 to 1, and retain their position at the top. one point ahead of the famous champions, the Glasgow Celtic, who put up their best show of the season by beating Motherwell by 4 to 3 away from home.

The Rangers alse gave a good account of themselves by trouncing Falkirk by 4 to 1, and advance to third place, as Morton only managed to share the points with the Hearts, 1-1. Ayr United picked up a useful point by drawing with Partick Thistle before their own supporters.

—Lancashire Section.—

Blackpool. 2 Manchester U. 3 Bolton Wand 3 Oldham Ath 5 Everton. 3 Stoke 2 Manchester City 4 Burnley 1 Burslem Port V 2 Burnley 0

Fulham... Queen's P. R... Clapton Orient... Crystal Palace... League.— Partick Thistle Kilmarnock Ayr United.....

Hamilton Acad.

## CHESS

The following is the score of the match Saturday evening between Central Y. and Toronto Chess Club in the Toronto chess team tournament, at the latter's club-rooms, 65 Church street:

Philadeiphie, Dec. 16.—Mike O'Dowd, the middleweight champion, received the popular verdict over Billy Kramer of Philadeiphia in their six-round bout here last night. The champion had Kramer staggering in the final round.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Shortstop Lavan and Outfielder Bert Shotton of the St. Louis Americans were sold to the Washington Club for \$15.000 and Pitcher Gallia today. The deal was completed by Robert Quinn, business manager of the St. Louis Club, and Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington Club.

## BY GENE KNOTT



# **GREAT CROWDS AT**

feat of Season to Hornets at Rochdale.

MIKE HAD HIS MAN STAGGERING.

FROM ST. LOUIS TO WASHINGTON.

drafted by Indianapolis of the American Association. Alexander opened the season of 1910 with the Hoosers, but did not remain with them thru the first fortnight, for, on April 30, he was released under option to Syracuse.

With the Salt City club he won 29 games and lost 14, and soon attracted the attention of major league scouts. In the draft the Phillies, then under Charley Doom, got the prize. Alexander made good right from the start in the National League, and in time became the closest rival of Matty and Walter Johnson for the top honors of the modern era, and, in fact, of all time in baseball.

Killifer, who goes with Alexander to Chicago, last season was the best catcher in the National League. He will be 32

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and American football are familiar games. When it comes to indulging in the sport, however, the association contest is the one that finds favor.

To some extent this is due to the fact that during their student days abroad the vapanese played this form of football in preference to the rugby of England or the intercollegiate game of the American universities. The latter sport is, however, highly praised by Japanese who have seen games in the United States. A visitor of prominence from the Orient, who has returned to Japan, is at present comparing the American spirit shown in football play to that of the samural spirit of old Japan. In his judgment the game of intercollegiate football as played by American universities is one of the surest signs of American greatness. In a recent lecture he referred to the sport as foilows:

"If any Juggment thinks that the middle of the Eastern the Phillies from Buffalo of the Eastern the Phil

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