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## BALTIMORE IS THROUGH; SKEETER DEAL HELD UP

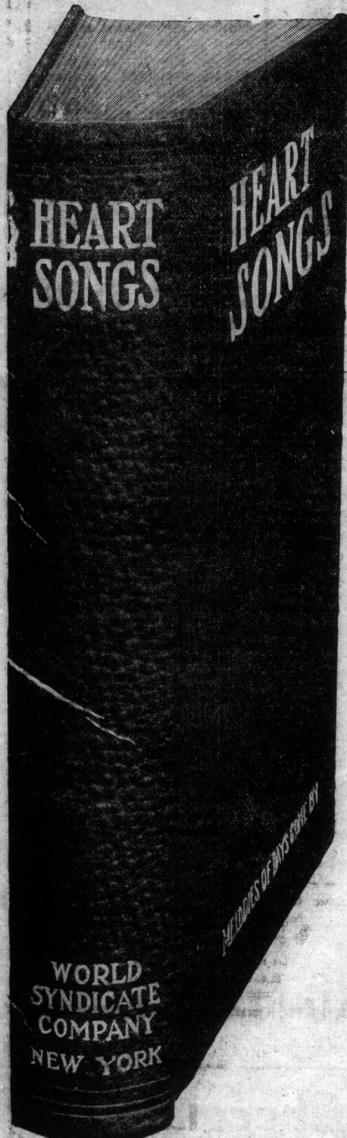
TORONTO, Dec. 14.—While baseball will undoubtedly be more or less affected by the war, the International League looks forward to a good year, said President McCaffery of the Toronto club upon his return from the league meeting in New York. He says that the Barrow circuit, in common with all others, has seen fit to adopt a policy of retrenchment, but he does not believe that the quality of the game will suffer.

President McCaffery made the positive announcement that the Baltimore International Leaguers will leave that field to the Baltimore Federals exclusively, the Orioles franchise having been transferred to Richmond, Va. Committees were appointed to deal with the transfer of the Jersey City franchise to Syracuse and with the sale of the Buffalo club.

## DISTRIBUTING STARS IN FEDERAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Vice-President Robert Ward of the Federal League, who also is chief owner of the Brooklyn Federals, announced that a meeting of the executive committee of the league will be held in Chicago next Wednesday, December 16. The purpose of the meeting is to decide on a system of distribution of players when they are "captured" from the National and American leagues, and to formulate plans which will make it impossible for any Fed-

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## WILLIE RITCHIE TRIES TO REGAIN HIS TITLE

VANCOUVER, Dec. 14.—Willie Ritchie, former world's lightweight champion, will attempt to come back in the northwest within the next few weeks. He has signed for four rounds at Everett, near here, for \$5,000. His first match will be with the winner of the Burns-Neff bout at Seattle next Tuesday. Burns recently won the Canadian lightweight title from Johnny O'Leary.

## CHAMPION SPEED SKATER IS UNDER SUSPICION

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Officials of the Western Skating Association Saturday overruled the decision of the International Ice Skating Association which last Saturday declared Robert G. McLean of this city, holder of several national championships, a professional. A committee was appointed to investigate McLean's amateur status. Yesterday's action will permit McLean to participate in the western championship events here January 17 to 24. Charges against McLean were that he had exhibited for money in a local cafe.

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## BRITISH SOCCER NOT INTERRUPTED

Severe Trouncing by Everton—Heart of Midlothian's Triumphant Career.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Football in the big leagues went on all over Britain on Saturday, much as usual. The attendances were large and the interest keen, though, of course, the crowds are not those of normal times. The agitation against the continuance of the big schedules has lost much of its strength now, and there is an impression in some quarters that perhaps the crusaders may have been a bit hysterical. The scores:

ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION I.	
Blackburn R.	2 Newcastle
Bolton Wanderers	1 Middlesboro
Bradford	1 Liverpool
Everton	4 Manchester C.
Manchester U.	1 Sheffield Un.
North Country	1 Tottenham
Oldham A.	3 Aston Villa
Sheffield Wed.	3 Bradford City

ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIV. II.	
Arsenal	1 Preston N. E.
Birmingham	1 Huddersfield
Clapton	0 Notts Forest
Fulham	0 Wolverhampton
Grimsby	2 Blackpool
Hull	2 Barnsley
Leeds	3 Leicester Fosse
Lincoln	3 Doncaster City
Stockport	2 Glossop

SOUTHERN LEAGUE	
Watford	4 Gillingham
Northampton	2 Brighton
Southampton	1 Cardiff
Reading	1 Exeter
Croydon	1 Luton
Bristol Rovers	2 Portsmouth
Millwall	1 Swindon
Queen's Park	4 Southend Un.
Plymouth	2 Norwich
West Ham	3 Crystal Palace

SCOTTISH LEAGUE	
Celtic	5 Queen's Park
Third Lanark	2 Hibernians
Partick	3 Aberdeen
Morton	2 Clyde
Motherwell	4 Falkirk
St. Mirren	1 Hamilton A.
Kilmarnock	0 Rangers
Hearts	3 Airdrieonians
Dundee	2 Ayr
Raith Rovers	1 Dumbarton

### THE LEAGUE TABLES

English League—Division I.				
	P.	W.	L.	D.
Oldham Athletic	16	10	2	4
Manchester City	16	9	2	5
Everton	17	9	4	4
Blackburn R.	17	9	5	3
Sheffield Wed.	17	8	4	5
Bradford City	16	7	3	6
Aston Villa	16	7	5	4
West Brom. Alb.	16	6	6	4
Burnley	15	6	5	4
Bradford Av.	17	7	2	16
Middlesboro	16	4	5	7
Newcastle U.	17	5	7	5
Sheffield U.	17	5	7	5
Liverpool	17	4	4	14
Bolton Wanderers	18	6	10	2
Sunderland	15	6	8	1
Chelsea	15	3	6	12
Tottenham H.	17	4	9	4
Manchester U.	17	9	4	13
Notts County	16	2	9	5

English League—Division II.				
	P.	W.	L.	D.
Derby County	16	11	3	2
Huddersfield	17	10	5	2
Preston N. E.	17	8	4	5
Woolwich Arsenal	17	8	3	19
Bristol City	16	7	5	4
Fulham	17	8	7	2
Bury	16	8	6	2
Barnsley	16	8	6	2
Birmingham	16	7	5	4
Hull City	16	7	6	3
Grimsby T.	17	6	6	5
Wolverhampton	17	7	7	3
Clapton O.	17	5	6	6
Stockport C.	17	6	4	16
Lincoln C.	17	6	8	3
Notts Forest	17	5	8	4
Leeds C.	17	5	8	4
Blackpool	16	10	1	11
Leicester Fosse	18	4	12	10
Glossop	17	3	11	3

Southern League.				
	P.	W.	L.	D.
Reading	18	12	4	2
Millwall Ath.	18	10	5	3
Brighton and H.	18	10	5	3
Watford	16	8	3	5
Portsmouth	17	8	4	5
West Ham United	17	9	6	2
Cardiff City	16	8	5	3
Northampton	17	7	4	19
Exeter City	16	8	6	2
Swindon T.	16	6	5	5
Southampton	17	6	8	3
Bristol Rovers	17	6	9	2
Southend U.	17	5	4	14
Luton T.	18	5	9	4
Plymouth A.	17	3	7	13
Norwich City	16	3	6	7
Crystal Palace	16	5	7	4
Queen's Park R.	15	3	6	12
Croydon	17	3	10	4
Gillingham	17	2	12	3

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St. Mirren	18	6	6	6
Airdrieonians	18	7	8	3
Falkirk	18	6	8	4
Third Lanark	18	5	7	6
Hibernians	20	5	9	6
Partick T.	16	6	6	4
Dumbarton	19	5	8	6
Clyde	18	6	9	3
Raith Rovers	19	5	9	5
Dundee	19	5	9	5
Kilmarnock	18	6	11	1
Aberdeen	19	4	10	5
Motherwell	18	5	11	2
Queen's Park	18	3	10	5

## Hockey Club to Get Ready

Brantford Hockey Club has been put in Group nine and will play in the intermediate series with Woodstock, Paris, Ingersoll and Western University.

With the exception of the London team the group is the same as last year, and therefore Brantford will play in the same circle as last year, when they did not, unfortunately, see the world on fire. However, once again, it is reiterated that prospects are very good, and this time there is something to back up the statement. With one or two exceptions the complete team of last year has been retained; but this fact by no means is meant to show its strength. Its new life and vim this year lies in the additions to the old brigade and they are spoken of most highly.

During the summer, some stars of the Ontario Hockey firmament, have alighted in Brantford and they have agreed to play for the local organization with the result that the outlook is, to say the least, very hopeful. No names are mentioned, but it is altogether likely that Harold Gould will be numbered amongst the Brantford team this year. He will be an addition worthy of the name. The annual reorganization meeting will take place on Monday at 7.45 in the Y. M. C. A. when the players will be selected and the club reformed for the coming season. The officials are confident that they will do something of note this year, so pleased are they with the team.

## BOSTON HAS STALLINGS TIED FOR FIVE YEARS

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—George T. Stallings, who led the Boston Nationals to the world's championship this fall, will continue as manager of the club for at least five years, according to word received here. He has signed a contract extending four years beyond the coming season, when his previous agreement will expire. Neither Stallings nor President Gaffney would announce the salary terms of the new contract.

LINERS.  
Ban B. Johnson, President of the American League left New York yesterday for Chicago, without announcing any conclusion of the deal whereby the transfer of the New York club in his league was expected to be effected.  
John Franklyn Baker, the home run specialist, denies that he contemplates jumping to the Federals, who have made him an enormous offer.  
Johnny Evers, captain of the Boston Braves, who has been ill with pneumonia in a New York hotel for some days, is reported to be on the road to recovery.  
The position of manager of the Highlanders has been wished on about everybody who has had any connection with baseball in the past 25 years. On Saturday the name of B. B. Barrow, President of the International League, was added to the list. Ban Johnson has been in New York for a week trying to find a buyer for the hapless Yankee, but has returned to Chicago without closing a deal.

## O.H.A. SENIOR SCHEDULES ADOPTED BY THE CLUBS

Conflicting Date of January 15th Will Have to be Re-arranged.

The schedule of both groups of the senior series of the O. H. A. were drafted and accepted by the representatives of the various clubs on Saturday afternoon. There is one conflicting date at the Arena. The clubs concerned will be called upon to make other arrangements. On January 15th Victorias, formerly T. R. and A. A. are carded to meet Riversides, while St. Michael's are also scheduled to meet Argonauts.  
Convener Joe O'Grady got the representatives of Group 2 together at the Toronto Rowing Club and arranged the following schedule:  
Jan. 8—Toronto Rowing Club at St. Michael's; Argonauts at Midland.  
Jan. 15—St. Michael's at Argonauts.  
Jan. 15—Midland at Toronto Rowing Club.  
Jan. 22—Argonauts at Toronto Rowing Club.  
Jan. 25—Midland at St. Michael's.  
Jan. 29—Toronto Rowing Club at Midland.  
Feb. 1—Midland at Argonauts.  
Feb. 5—St. Michael's at Toronto Rowing Club.  
Feb. 12—Toronto Rowing Club at Argonauts; St. Michael's at Midland.  
Feb. 19—Argonauts at St. Michael's.  
The representatives in this group were: Argonauts, Ernie Laidlaw; St. Michael's, Tom Meegan; Toronto Rowing Club, Chas. E. Ring. The Midland club was represented by Convener O'Grady.  
For Group No. 1 games were arranged as follows:  
Jan. 9—University of Toronto at Victorias, 2.30 p.m.  
Jan. 11—Riversides at Kingston.

Jan. 15—Victorias at Riversides.  
Jan. 19—Kingston at University of Toronto.  
Jan. 23—Riversides at University of Toronto, 2.30 p.m.  
Jan. 26—Riversides at Victorias.  
Jan. 27—University of Toronto at Kingston.  
Jan. 29—Kingston at Victorias.  
Feb. 2—Kingston at Riversides.  
Feb. 6—Victorias at University of Toronto, 2.30 p.m.  
Feb. 9—University of Toronto at Riversides.  
Feb. 10—Victorias at Kingston.

## Puckerings

Gene Döpp has been elected captain of the Riversides O.H.A. senior team.  
Boyce, a centre player from Cornwall will turn out with the Toronto Rowing Club team for practice this evening.  
On Friday night the Broadview "Y" O. H. A. team purposes holding a "smokeless smoker" in order to get things ready for the season. They are grouped with two Hamilton teams and already have a number of fast men signed.  
Jack Brown, last season with T. R. and A. A., will make his initial appearance with the Ontarios this morning, when he will practice with the local

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"pro" team. Howard Heason, a book-keeper from the Canadian Soc. Inc., recommended by the McLean brothers, will also turn out for trial. Hearty, last season with the Midland O.H.A. senior team, will try for a place, as will Molyneux, a forward player from Sherbrooke.

BRITISH FIRMS GET LARGE ORDERS  
LONDON, Dec. 14.—A despatch in The Times from Boulogne says that one of the greatest obstacles to the advance of the allied forces in Belgium and northern France is the extremely bad condition of the roads. The efforts of an army of French soldiers, working in the mud, to get their knees to rest during the past week, having proved futile, it has been decided to re-make the roads. Orders have been sent to England for 1,000 tons of spades, picks and wheelbarrows. The surface of the roads will be formed of timbers, similar to railroad ties.

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