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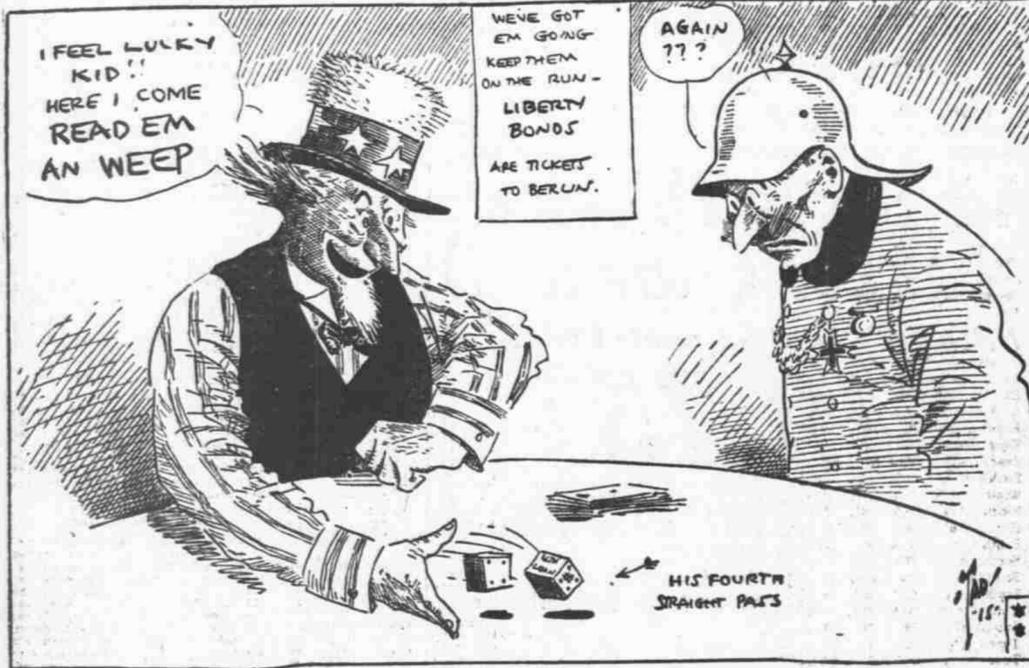
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COL. RUPPERT, SAYS RUMOR, IS READY TO SELL OUT HIS YANKEE BALL CLUB

BY LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

With the St. Louis Cardinals approaching the brink of bankruptcy, the Boston Braves turned back to Jim Gaffney, holder of a heavy mortgage on the property, and Harry Hempstead aniling to sell his rights to the New York Giants, a fourth major league club lands in the limelight with the rumor that Colonel Ruppert is in the field to sell the Yankees.

If the present war continues until 1920, as many believe, new magnates are likely to be found in both major leagues, the old ones finding themselves unable to endure the financial strain of paying out with nothing coming in.

When "Cap" Huston went to France as an engineer officer, he turned over the handling of the Yankees to Colonel Ruppert, his partner. The latter is a wealthy New York brewer and sporting man. One season has been quite enough for Colonel Ruppert. He is now said to be seeking a purchaser.

"Cap" Huston is said to have let it be known last spring that he would part with his holdings in the New York club if a purchaser could be found. Nobody stepped up, however, with \$200,000 in his right paw, and so Colonel Ruppert worried along. It will not be easy to sell the Yankees, for they own no real estate. They merely rent the Polo Grounds. There is nothing to sell save the American League franchise and the player rights. It would be difficult to place a price on this, especially with no league in operation.

Stallings Is Through. With Jim Gaffney returning to the Boston club, George Tweedy Stallings, of Haddock, Ga., is through. He has already announced his retirement from baseball forever. Gaffney and Stallings do not get along well together, and the former "Miracle Man" stepped out before the heavy boot could be heard on the stairs.

Stallings' baseball career began in 1887. He quit a study of medicine at Baltimore to catch for Harry Wright's Phillies. He had a varied career in the minor leagues until he landed the managerial berth at Nashville, winning the Southern League title in 1898. In 1896 he managed the Detroit club. After two more years as manager of the Phillies Stallings returned to Detroit in 1899 for three terms

This Kind of Golf Ball Might Prove Nuisance Out at Columbia Club

One of the latest musical comedies now running in New York has a plot which centers around a Scotch professional golfer, one MacPherson—a part, by the way, admirably played by Ernest Torrence, himself a Scot and golfer. MacPherson has invented a golf ball which cannot be lost, for it cries like a child whenever it finds the rough. Fair enough for a plot. But the thought which comes to mind is this: In some of the rough, which each of us may recall, it would be a strange experience for one to walk along on a Saturday afternoon, when the course was well crowded, listening to a lot of lost golf balls' whimpering and howling "Mamma," "Papa," or any other special call which it was constructed to say, for it is to be assumed that there would be a variety of them. It would sound like an insane asylum or a home for foundlings.

HARVARD HAS LOST GREATEST NUMBER

A list of the comparative war losses at various universities, based by the Cornell Alumni News upon figures set forth by Huber William Hurt, of McKendree College, shows that Harvard has actually lost more students than any other institution, and that Princeton's percentage of loss in proportion to her enrollment is highest. The table follows:

Table with columns: University, Loss, Percent-ee. Lists universities like Harvard, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Michigan, Nebraska, Northwestern, Wisconsin, Yale, Illinois, Ohio, Cornell, Missouri, Texas, Princeton, Minnesota, Syracuse, Kansas, California, Stanford, Indiana, Virginia, Iowa, Pittsburgh, Johns Hopkins, Washington University, Tulane, Western Reserve.

SHOOTS 'TEX' TATE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 15.—Henry Tate, thirty-five years old, known in the sporting world as "Tex" Tate, a heavyweight boxer, was shot and killed here yesterday. Another boxer, Joe Shaw, is being sought by the officials. Shaw's wife is at present under arrest. The motive for the killing is unknown. Tate's chief bid for fame came last New Year Day, when he won on a foul from Fred Fulton in this city.

LEWIS IS WOUNDED.

Lieut. George Lewis, one of Washington's famous tennis players, has been reported wounded in France. Lewis went to Plattsburgh a year ago and returned just after receiving his commission. He played in the District tournament a year ago just before going to France.

Penny Ante

LADIES' NIGHT.

By Jean Knott



LOOKING 'EM OVER

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER

"If we had enough teachers over here, we'd have all France playing baseball," writes Johnny Evers, the Troy Terror, now serving overseas as an athletic director with the Knights of Columbus, and he goes on to make some wise remarks about the French. The most noticeable comment he makes is that "most of the questions they ask are about the strategy of the game and not the mechanical part."

Those of us who have followed carefully the present war know already that the greatest strategists and tacticians among the allied leaders are Frenchmen. This phase of a game—even the war game—seems to appeal to the French naturally. They absorb strategy faster than do the English, who are also beginning to dabble in baseball. If American soldiers remain in France another year, it is quite within belief that the French will be playing baseball by themselves offering strong teams for competition with the best the Americans have to place against them. And that will be poking along the path leading to a real world's series of the future.

"C'est la Guerre." A gentle blond sells cigars at John Loughran's. Boy, page Percy Given! "The Kaiser decorated me." Said Frederick von Seltz; "I gave a boy a pencil bomb. That blew the lad to bits." —Birmingham Age Herald. Bruno Dumkopf, after a flight. Always hogged his vitals. Because he whet his appetite Bombarding hospitals. —Philadelphia Public Ledger. "Then," smiled Fritz von Helmen-dorf. "I'll never be in the Trench. Because, at Chateau-Thierry, I mined a cursed church." CHURCHMAN CITED. Lieut. Charles J. Churchman, University of Virginia football star of two years ago, has been cited for bravery at Bois de Belleau. Churchman played on the basketball team for Virginia in Washington against Catholic University two seasons ago in a memorable game at the Arcade.

Ad Infinitum. Young Otto Wolf of Germany. Is truly doing fine! For, lo, he has quite recently Killed Baby Forty-nine. —Life. For Heine Schmidt, of Saxony, The Kaiser's bosom swain;

TEN YEARS AGO IN SPORTS

The Chicago Cubs won the second game in the World's Series; score, Chicago 6, Detroit 1. Fielder Jones issues his usual retirement story. Fielder says he's through with the White Sox. He said the same thing last year, but was around when the season opened this spring. The new football coaching system at Princeton was instituted this fall and the conclave of graduate advisers indure a sort of uncertainty until late in the fall. The Fairmont A. C. of New York is negotiating for bouts between Owen Moran of Eng and vs. Harlem Tommy Murphy and Jim Driscoll of Eng and vs. Matty Baldwin of Charleston. Moran recently fought a draw with Abe Attell and trimmed Eddie Hanlon. Al Kaufman and Jim Barry of Chicago have been signed to meet in a forty-five round bout at the Jeffries A. C. Club October 27. (How many of the boys doing business in the ring today would want to travel over the forty-five round route?) DARTMOUTH GETS GAME. HANOVER, N. H., Oct. 15.—Now that S. A. T. C. football will be played here, the management has asked the Pennsylvania reserve November 9, the original date of the Dartmouth-Penn game at Philadelphia. The Quakers have granted the request. FOLWELL HAS RELAPSE. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 15.—Bob Folwell, confined to his bed at his home in Mullica Hill, N. J., has suffered a relapse, according to his family today.

SCHOOLS MAY ABOLISH FOOTBALL FOR SEASON

When the Washington High Schools reopen here football may be abolished for the season. While no definite idea can be gained of the length of the ban on meetings occasioned by the Spanish influenza, it is thought that the schools will hardly open before the first of the month. With a layoff of one month it is thought that football will be given up for this year. The season would run but three weeks, and it would require at least ten days to get the teams into any sort of condition to play for but one or two games.

While no attempt is made to foreshadow a decision of the high school principals at a meeting to be held on Monday it is almost safe to draw a conclusion that action will be taken to call all football activities off for the remainder of the season. Principal Frank Daniel, of the McKinley Manual Training School, is of the opinion that it will be too late to start football if the schools open as late as November 1. "We will be able to save on equipment and concentrate efforts on winter sports and general athletic and military development," said Principal Daniel.

The Late To Start. Over at Western High School, Dr. Elmer B. Newton expressed a doubt as to the advisability of playing football so late in the season. "It would not be worth while to begin all over for but two weeks of competitive football," said Dr. Newton. "I think it possible that football will be delayed even after the opening of schools if they are started up again by November 1. "There is no telling how long the schools will be closed. Naturally everyone is hoping that the epidemic will be passed soon. The hold-up of all athletic activities as well as the military program will probably mean that football would best be stopped for the season. Coach C. A. Metzler, of Central, says he would not care to start up football if the schools opened as late as November 1. "It might pay to start right at the school here. It would mean that we could play only the high school games."

Will Lose Money. The schools are sure to lose financially if the football season is stopped. One or two games might serve as a means of getting the athletic associations started. The first game, that between Business High School and McKinley High School, was to have started a week from today. Two weeks ago all football was ordered stopped here and the teams gave up practice immediately. Games were canceled with out-of-town schools and provisions made for canceling others. Players and coaches have been hoping for a let-up in the Spanish influenza epidemic, but as the time draws out it is thought that football for 1918 will go by the board. The high school principals are expecting to take up the question at their meeting next Monday if the schools have not been started by that time.

Dr. W. H. Dorman, coach of the Business High School eleven, is at Emergency Hospital, with the Spanish influenza, and expects to be out shortly. Over the telephone Dr. Dorman said he was confident that there would be no football this fall. "I had hoped to see things started in football before this, but I fear there will be little chance to continue the sport this fall. Business had begun football in earnest, and had quite a bunch out when practice was called off."

LOUDOUN GETS IT. The twenty-ninth annual field trials of the National Eagle Club of America will be held on the club grounds near Aldie, Loudoun county, Va. The trials will start on Thursday morning, November 7, with the running of pack stakes. It is necessary this bounds enter in these classes arrive not later than Wednesday evening. Hundreds entered in the single classes and slow must be named grounds at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. An exhibition of beagles will also be held under the American Kennel Club rules on November 19.

DEMPSEY ANXIOUS TO BATTLE MEEHAN. NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Jack Kearns, who looks after the ring destinies of Jack Dempsey, is endeavoring to arrange a return match for his protégé with Willie Meehan, the hunky sailor who received a referee's decision over Dempsey in a recent fight-round bout. Dempsey was greatly surprised by the verdict and is more than anxious to prove that he is Meehan's master. As far as Kearns and Dempsey are concerned, the stage is already set for the bout, the only thing now needed is the word from Meehan. Promoter Dem Gay, of Reno, is ready to promote the bout and has sent his plans to Kearns, who accepted them. Gay is now trying to get in touch with Meehan or his manager. Gay has proposed that the men meet in a 18-round contest to a decision at Reno. The promoter has not named a date, but has announced that he would leave that to Meehan, as Kearns has notified him that he is willing to have Dempsey enter the ring any day the sailor names. If the match goes through the Reno promoter will donate his end to the Salvation Army fund.

PICK OCT. 24 FOR BIG LAUREL RACE

The long-promised match race between Eternal and Billy Kelly for the season's two-year-old championship of the American turf will be held at Laurel Park, October 24. Final arrangements were concluded yesterday, and now all the fans hope for is defeat of Spanish influenza, still rubbing strong at the three-quarter pole, thus allowing the track to reopen. J. W. McClelland, owner, and Kimball Patterson, trainer of Eternal, conferred yesterday with J. K. L. Ross, owner, and Guy Bedwell, trainer of Billy Kelly. It was agreed that each owner put up \$10,000. To this the Laurel park management will add another \$10,000. The successful owner will retain \$10,000 and \$20,000 will be put into Liberty bonds for the American Red Cross. No statement can yet be obtained as to when Laurel Park will be allowed to reopen, but the management expects to receive permission some time this week to start the horses off again.

FORMER G. W. COACH WOULD BRING TEAM

Lieut. Tom Sullivan former coach of George Washington University, now stationed at Camp Merritt, Tenafly, N. J., is desirous of bringing an officers' football team here for a game sometime next month. "We have gotten a team up here among the officers which includes some others of reputation and want to come to Washington for a football game next month," whitest Lieutenant Sullivan. "We expect to practice this week and make take on Columbia University Saturday and have offers to play at Braves Field, Boston, and at the Polo Grounds, New York. Our team will include Sullivan, Colgate; Wilcox, Cornell; Manning, North Carolina A. and M.; Clark, Tobin, Dartmouth; Hillhouse, Brown; Henry, Holy Cross; McGay, Amherst; Bates, University of North Carolina; and others we may discover in the next few days." Lieutenant Sullivan writes he is expecting games with several college unit teams and would like to take on any team here in Washington.

"WIN" LOCKWOOD FOUND.

"Win" Lockwood, former basketball and track star at St. Albans several years ago, has been located in a German prison camp. Lockwood went across with the Devereaux unit and was reported missing some time ago.

"CHAN" RICHTER DIES.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 15.—Hander D. Richter, one of the best known sports writers in this city, is dead at his home here of influenza. He leaves a wife.

BOOKS GREEN GAME.

PROVIDENCE, Oct. 15.—Brown and Dartmouth have made all arrangements for a football game at Braves Field, Boston, November 23.

ALTIZER'S SON KILLED.

YORK, Pa., Oct. 15.—Oren S. Altizer, son of Dave Altizer, former big league writer in this city, has been killed in action in France.