

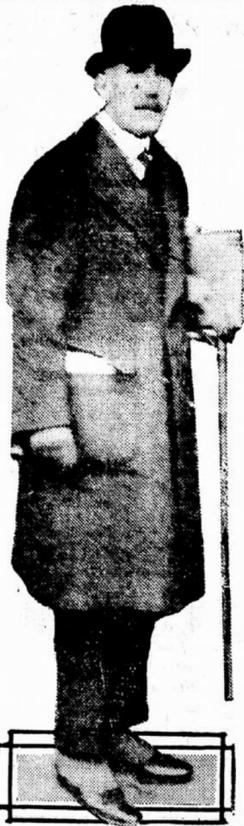
HOCKEY BECOMING A POPULAR SPORT

Teams All Ready for Opening of American Hockey Association Schedule.

New York, Dec. 27.—Riding on the crest of the present skating boom, hockey appears destined to become the premier winter sport throughout the country where either natural or artificial ice is available for the game. The installation of artificial rinks in the leading eastern and southern cities has greatly increased interest in the game in these sections while in the north and northwest, where low temperature can be counted upon to provide ice several months each year, hockey is more popular than ever before.

This is due in part to the prominence given the sport by the colleges during the past few seasons. Hockey is now considered the major sport of the winter months at a number of the leading eastern and western universities. The schedules of the teams are constantly increasing in length and importance of games and the players as they are graduated from college continue to play for clubs either amateur or professional. International contests between the leading teams of United States and Canadian colleges or clubs no longer excite special comment although the interest in the result is keener than ever.

Sectional, city and inter-city leagues are common and there is talk of reviving the famous international professional league, which was in existence for several years and was finally abandoned because of the long jumps between cities. According to the present plan there will be three divisions to the league. It is proposed to group Calumet, Houghton, Michigan Soo, St. Paul and Minneapolis in the western section; Detroit and Cleveland as the nucleus of the central division while teams may be placed in Pittsburgh, Boston, Providence, New Haven and New York, forming an eastern section. It has been suggested that the winning team in each section play a round robin tournament at the end of the season for the championship of the United States, the ultimate victor to meet the best Canadian combination for the championship of the continent.



Capt. Franz von Papen, photographed just before stepping on Noordam.

Guaranteed a safe passage by England, Capt. Franz von Papen, recalled German military attaché at Washington, is now on his way home. Just before leaving, von Papen declared it would give him much greater pleasure to fight the English than to remain inactive in America.

ways hold good. Does it not mark an impressive epoch in the relations of the two countries?

"During the past half century or more those relations have on the whole been intimate and friendly; during the past twenty-five years they have steadily improved, and I believe they were never more firmly founded on true understanding and sincere good will, than at present. At times situations have arisen which proved difficult and delicate if not dangerous; and they demanded forbearance, restraint and the most attentive consideration of the other's viewpoint. All honor to the statesmen who so guided the affairs of either country as to prevent the awful calamity of war between two kindred people. Consider for a moment the course which has been taken. From 1870 up to the present time on how many occasions have differences, important and sometimes acute, been composed by resort to the peaceful arbitration of an international tribunal. At Geneva in 1870, at Halifax in 1877, at Paris in 1893, again at Paris in 1899, at London in 1903 and at The Hague in 1910, on each occasion judgment was given by a great international court to whom each country had submitted for consideration and determination the claims which it put forward and the national interests therein involved. In some cases the decision was in your favor, in other cases it was for us, and in certain instances there was partial success for each. But on every occasion each country by the example which it gave the world and by the influence of that example gained for itself a more conspicuous victory in the light of history, as it must yet be written, than if resort were had to the arbitration of the sword and the most signal success had attended its warlike operations.

"I beg you to consider what might have been spared to humanity during the past fourteen and in many months to come if such examples had been followed.



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SIR ROBERT BORDEN ADDRESSES PILGRIMS

Canadian Premier Touches on Relations Between This Country and Canada.

New York, Dec. 27.—Sir Robert Laird Borden, the Canadian premier, addressed the Pilgrims Society of New York at a luncheon here Thursday on relations between Canada and the United States and between Canada and Great Britain.

The relations between the Dominion and the United States, the premier believed, "were never more firmly founded on true understanding and sincere good will, than at present," and as for Canada and the mother country he said, they were "never so closely united in ideal, inspiration and effort" as at the present time.

In part, Sir Robert spoke as follows:

"From ocean to ocean across this continent runs a boundary line of nearly four thousand miles entirely unguarded on either side. Upon the Great Lakes for more than a century the armed forces of each country have been reduced to a point which forbids the thought of aggression. The agreement which accomplished so great a result was made between Great Britain and the United States fifty years before the Canadian federation came into being. It is embodied in a few letters exchanged between their diplomatic representatives and it can be terminated upon six months notice. But for a hundred years it has held good and I believe it will al-

lowed; and I ask what stronger or more earnest effort could Sir Edward Grey have made for that purpose.

Recalls Treaties. "May I recall to you the provisions of a treaty made in 1910, by which an international joint commission was established for the determination of all disputes between Canada and the United States in respect of the use of the boundary waters? The tenth article contemplated a reference to the commission, by consent of the two nations, of any differences rising between them; and it is thus of the most comprehensive character. The treaty is to continue for five years from its inception and thereafter until either party gives a year's notice of denunciation. I most sincerely trust that the spirit which has preserved the convention of 1814 will make permanent the treaty of 1910. By observation of the proceedings of that commission and my knowledge of what it has accomplished lead me to believe that it has been of inestimable value to the good relations between the two countries, and that matters which might have occupied many months of tedious and unsatisfactory diplomatic correspondence have been dealt with promptly, efficiently and with satisfaction to your citizens as well as to our own. The commission has undertaken and carried on its work in a thoroughly judicial spirit, worthy of the high purposes for which it was created. Its work has not attracted the notice or been attended with the appreciation which would have ensued if the same results had been accomplished by the usual diplomatic methods. For that reason I feel it not only a privilege, but a duty to express my own belief in the great advantage which has resulted therefrom to both countries.

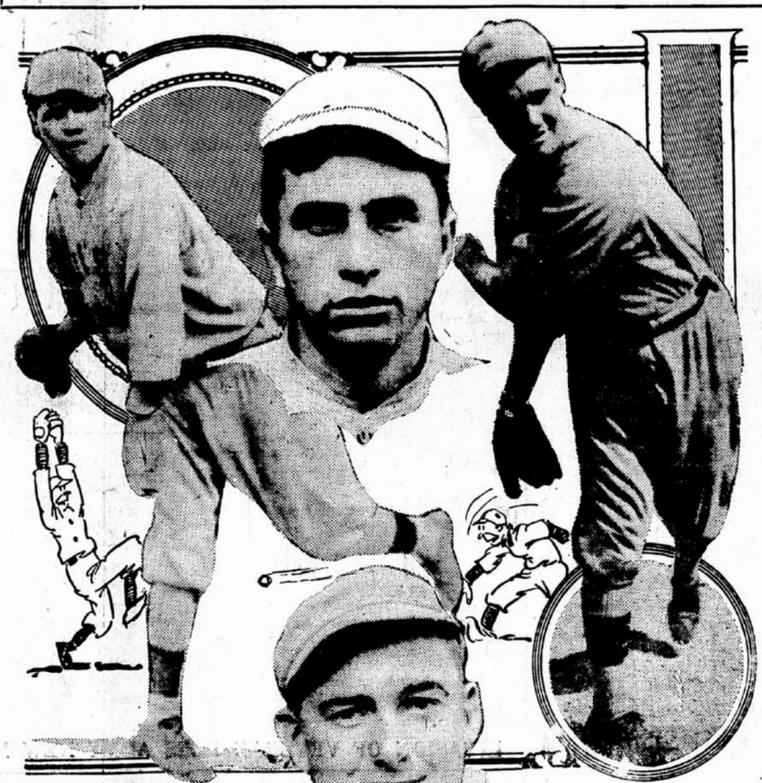
"One who has seen the manhood of a young nation spring to arms at the call of duty and who has been inspired by its wonderful outburst of patriotism and its spirit of self-sacrifice; one who had had the privilege of addressing the flower of his country's youth within sound and range of the enemy's guns as well as in the hospitals and convalescent homes beyond the seas, and has stood by the graves of those who fell in France and in Belgium; one who has looked forth upon the valley of the foot of the hills that sweep around Ypres, and has realized that more than one hundred thousand men had there found their graves within twelve months—such a person must surely realize the tragedy of this war and the awful responsibility of those who forced it upon the world.

Were Unprepared. "The outbreak of hostilities found us utterly unprepared with military forces adequate for the vast operations which were immediately found necessary. Never perhaps, not even in the stress which came upon this republic more than half a century ago, has the capacity of democracy been so thoroughly and searchingly tested. We were called upon to meet the assault of the greatest military power ever known in the world, a highly efficient, thoroughly organized and determined people, trained to arms, magnificently equipped, provided with every military necessity and so industrially organized that the whole force of the nation could be thrown behind the blow which it struck.

"Armies cannot be organized and trained, nor munitions provided in a day. The task has been difficult but the effort has been great. It would not have been undertaken nor could it be accomplished except for the most intense conviction of a righteous cause and the firmest determination to make it prevail.

"Without pausing to speak of the mighty influence which this war must exercise upon the world's future I may be permitted to express my conception of what it will accomplish for the closer unity of our empire. Never before have the mother country and various dominions and dependencies been so closely united in ideal, inspiration and effort as in this conflict. In hospitals and convalescent homes beyond the seas I have many

BILL CARRIGAN SATISFIED WITH RED SOX; WON'T SWAP PLAYERS



Left to right, top: Ruth, Hooper and Leonard. Bottom, Lewis.

Bill Carrigan, manager of the world's champion Red Sox, stated the other day that all the stories about his plans to make swaps and deals this winter were fairy stories. He

declares that he is highly pleased with his players, who are practically all young men and in their prime. Among the Red Sox stars highly prized by Carrigan are Pitcher Ruth and Leonard and Outfielders Hooper and Lewis.

BASE BALL PEACE WILL CHANGE PLANS

Chicago, Dec. 27.—There are some new angles of baseball to be taken up before another season begins for the signing of the peace treaty has changed conditions materially, and the leagues will proceed on its 1916 campaign along entirely different lines than it would have if the Federal league still existed. Several Federal league stars are wanted by clubs in the American league and President Johnson thinks it will be well for the members to get together and thrash out that matter. Johnson will leave for Cleveland tonight to have a day to prepare matters before his associates arrive there.

Johnson also is anxious to have the members of the league get acquainted with Phil Ball, then ew magnate who has bought the St. Louis Browns and the chances are that Ball will be glad to talk to his new associates before starting out on the 1916 schedule. There is a rumor that the Frank Baker case will be settled at this meeting and that Baker will sign a new contract for about half what he has been demanding up to this time. The elimination of the Federal league has also simplified the Baker case as well as a dozen or more others where players are simply holding out for more money.

President Johnson was surprised that the Chicago Cubs haven't for-

BASE BALL PEACE WILL CHANGE PLANS

many been transferred from Charles P. Taft to Charles Weeghman. Johnson understood that the deal was so arranged that it hardly would be necessary for Taft and Keeghan to have another meeting.

Mr. Weeghman appeared to have no worries regarding the transfer, however, as he said he hadn't lost a wink of sleep over it and was sure things would be arranged in a few minutes after Mr. Taft returned from his Texas trip. Weeghman had intended to travel to Texas to close up the deal, but changed his mind after learning that it was Mr. Taft's desire to let the Cub matter stand still until he returned.

In the meantime the other clubs are rushing into the open market and bidding for the stars of the Federal league who are to be sold, and Weeghman feels a bit backward about taking such formal action before he actually possesses the Cub stock. He has several players on his Cub and Whale list, who are to be sold or let out, too, and is anxious to waste no time in getting busy on it.

Why Tolerate Catarrh?

You have noticed, no doubt, that any cold aggravates nasal catarrh, and the flow of mucous amazes you that such objectionable matter could find lodgment in your head. To ignore this catarrh when the cold subsides is wrong because it continues to slowly injure the delicate linings of the nasal passages and clog them up.

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A Valuable Fuel. As a fuel lignite is thoroughly recognized to be of great value. Recent experiments have been successful in producing a briquette, stable and weatherproof, of about the same specific gravity as anthracite coal, equal to the latter in heating power and deliverable outside the door of the consumer at a price below that of any eastern coal. This cost is figured without taking into consideration the value of by-products procured during the process of manufacture which would still further reduce the price at which it could be profitably sold. Several plants now exist for the manufacture of these briquettes and more are in contemplation.

For production of fuel and illuminating gas this coal possesses a value superior to almost any other variety, and when the vast deposits underlying thousands of square miles in western North Dakota are recalled, some conception may be formed of the vast wealth now lying beneath the surface awaiting development.

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