

TITLES WILL BE IN ABEYANCE DURING WAR

**Champions of Ring Announce
They Will Not Fight Full
Distance Until Kaiser
is Beaten.**

Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, does not intend to defend his title in a twenty round bout until after the war, according to a statement issued by him the other night in Buffalo, where he fought six rounds with Young Erne. In the statement Benny says that he expects to have many contenders for his laurels after the kaiser is trimmed. In about a week or ten days Leonard will be engaged in imparting the art of championship boxing to the soldiers at Camp Upton.

Reports from the west indicate that Jess Willard, heavyweight champion, will not do any boxing until after the war. Willard, so we hear, believes a match for the title at this time, or until peace has been declared, is not advisable. A bout between Willard and one of the present crop of heavyweights would not prove a profitable venture, most promoters agree.

Mike O'Dowd is one ringster who has really joined the United States army without bombastic bunk. He has gone home to St. Paul, Minnesota, to do his bit for his country.

Hon. L. A. Dugal arrived in the city last night and registered at the Queen Mr. John Hall of East Orange, N. J. is at the Queen.

Mr. J. E. Michaud, M.P.P., of Edmundston, is at the Queen.

Mr. John E. Wilson, gas inspector, is at the Queen.

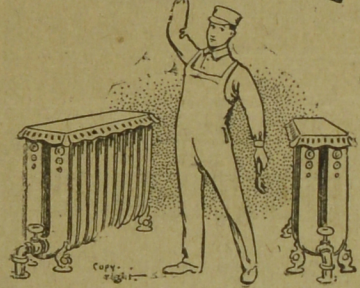
Mr. Thomas Cozzolino arrived in the city last night.

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Sporting News

FRAZEE NOT TO SELL RED SOX, BARRY LEADER

**Statements Made Lately by
Pres. Frazee Would Indicate
That—Will be at Fen-
way in 1918**

Boston, Nov. 1. — Frazee and Ward were the battery for the Red Sox at Fenway Park yesterday afternoon. Almost everybody has met Harry. He is the two-handed flinger who has stuck with us all year. Hugh flopped to Australia shortly after signing and has stopped everything—they say, including an island on the Pacific—encountered when he was on his way back to organized baseball.

The game yesterday was played off stage under the auspices of the Stove League, as a couple of football teams had the field privileges.

Harry Frazee says that he likes this town. "It just grows on you," declared the prexy, as he saved himself from plunging south while hurdling an excavation on Commonwealth avenue. The town sure has been expanding some since he left here four long weeks ago, and yesterday he said that he was on the job that put that Fenway house in order for 1918.

This statement would seem to infer that he intends to stick around and that these sale rumors are just a lot of pure bunk, if there is such a thing as pure bunk. President Frazee says that there is nothing in these yarns about selling out; that the town is growing on him, he likes it and has slipped the icy stare to at least three alleged purchasers.

The substance of the entire story, according to the latest returns, is that Frazee does not intend to sell out, and that Barry will manage the ball club next year.

HEAT WINNERS ALL SHOULD HAVE STARTED

**Secretary Gocher of the Na-
tional Trotting Association
Makes Statement—Mis-
take at Lexington.**

W. H. Gocher, secretary of the N. T. A., in writing to the American Horse Breeder as to not allowing all of the four heat-winners to start in the seventh heat at Lexington, says:

"Both Mr. Curtin and Mr. Smollinger, who were members of the mile American Trotting Association committee, were at Lexington when The Transylvania was trotted, and neither hesitated in stating that the decision of the judges in that race was contrary to rule. Also, before the seventh heat I told Mr. Tipton that the judges were doing the owner of Ross B. and Early Dreams an injustice by not allowing them to start, at least under protest, and he said that he could not prevent it, as the judge told the drivers before the fifth heat that they would construe the rules as they did and all of the pools purchased after that time were sold with that understanding. Later on Harvey Ernest told me that he heard the judges were undecided in the matter, and that he asked for a ruling before the fifth heat was started. John King, the presiding judge, made the ruling, and is responsible for the error."

BOSTON AMATEUR FOR WANDERERS

The Wanderers, of Montreal, have signed up a Boston amateur named Gerand. He is said to be a good centre ice player and, judging from the make-up of Sammy's team last season should have little difficulty in holding his own with the Red Bands.

BAN MEASURED FOR KHAKI

Ban Johnson must know more about his service plans than he or the United States government has announced. The report has come from Chicago that B. B. has been measured for a suit of khaki.

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RING CARNIVAL FELL FLAT AT NEW YORK

**Leonard and Welsh Both Out
on Account of Injuries—
Second String Fighters
Furnished Pep.**

New York, Nov. 1. — The withdrawal of the two luminaries on the program, Benny Leonard and Freddie Welsh, took most of the glitter out of the all-star boxing carnival at the Manhattan Casino last night. Champion Benny Leonard was unable to appear, as he had injured a hand in his last bout. Freddie Welsh sent in his regrets and said he also had a bad hand. The management went through with the balance of the card before a small crowd.

Frankie Callahan, Patsy Cline and Soldier Bartfield were the only remaining attractions. The preliminaries were hooted except the third, in which Artie Lewis stopped Young Wood in a round. Soldier Bartfield handed Tom Kelly of the Bronx, a bad beating in six rounds, but could not put him out.

Irish Patsy Cline won easily from Young Rector in their six-round go. Cline nearly knocked Rector out in both the fifth and sixth rounds, but Rector weathered the volley of punches.

BALL PLAYERS BARNSTORMING

New York, Nov. 1. — In spite of the National Commission's rule against "barnstorming," two teams of major league players are touring the west. They opened at Kansas City the other day. The "Americans" include Walter Johnson, Doc Lavan, Derrill Pratt, Pete Kilduff, George Sisler, Zack Wheat, Mack Wheat, Becker and Packard. The "Nationals" are Douglas Baird, Max Carey, Casey Stengel, Roger Hornsby, Hal Chase, Riggert, Tierney, Snyder and Grover Cleveland Alexander. The "Nationals" won the game in Kansas City, 4 to 3, the pitchers being Johnson and Alexander.

HOCKEY STARTS ON THE COAST

Portland Arena opened up last week for the season, with an exhibition game between picked teams captained by "Moose" Johnson and Charlie Tobin. Charlie Uksila, Portland's fastest amateur player, will play pro this winter. The Patrick Bros.' ice palaces on the coast will open up this week for hockey practice and skating. The P.C.H.A. season commences in November.

SHORT SCHEDULE IS OPPOSED

New York, Nov. 1.—The announcement made a few days ago by President Ban Johnson that the American League intended to cut its playing schedule to 140 games next season as a war measure is not meeting with an entirely favorable response. On the contrary, there has developed a strong opposition to the plan, which will be presented when the two leagues hold their annual meetings in December. This opposition will come from the National League. Although Charles H. Ebbets, president of the Brooklyn club, has endorsed the plan, other National League club owners, particularly those of the western cities, are opposed to it, and are planning to make a fight against it in case the measure comes up for serious consideration, as it probably will. The majority of the owners say that it will materially affect the gate receipts.

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