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## On the Sidelines..

We gathered while watching the Cubs' "iron man" stunt at the Arctic Rink the other night that the winners were not unanimously popular. There was considerable heckling of the Cub players from the sidelines. We noticed, too, that the attempts of either the Bankers or the Junior Eagles were given far more ovation than those of the Cubs. The cause of this lack of demonstration for the Cubs may be rooted in the reported remarks of the latter players that they could beat the Bankers and then score at least ten goals on the Eagles. How true this is we don't know. There may be no semblance of truth in it, for though the Cubs appear to be naturally aggressive about their abilities, we believe that they are a first-rate bunch of fellows and not suffering from any "superiority complex." With regard to their ability as hockey players there seems to be little doubt after their double win over the local clubs the other night.

The question of the eligibility of Red Farrell and Hawse Marsh, former goalie and defence player of the Saint John Beavers to play in the Toronto and York Mercantile League, is to come to a head on Saturday. This threatens to be one of the major mid-season hockey issues around these parts. But briefly speaking, this is only a side issue of the more significant and greater dispute which concerns the shifting about of players contrary to both reason and the C.A.H.A. code. Certainly, action is needed but none has volunteered to take that action.

From Montreal comes the report that the Maroons are scouting Bill Miller of the Moncton Hawks. The Montreal Star reports that Miller "is the best player in the Maritimes, has been for many seasons and was recommended to the big red team three years ago by Gus Ogilvie." "Bill Miller's family is well-to-do," the report continues, "and he is not interested in pro hockey."

Jack Sharkey, the former heavy-weight champion, has got a recent idea that he can outgag and outstep Maxie Baer over the 10-round limit. And to this extent he has begun gym work, evidently with the intention of again entering the ring for a crack at Baer's crown. If we remember correctly, Sharkey did have something of the same colorful scowl and lingo while facing an opponent.

"Baz" O'Meara, in the Montreal Star sticks up for the poor goalie, who some people claim is getting entirely too much credit for his contributions to the color of the game. O'Meara's opinions on the matter is as follows:

"Some people claim that there is too much attention given to goalies in hockey. I note the writers all over, even in Canadian centres where one would expect more of a sense of proportion because of a more intimate knowledge of the game, there is a tendency to glorify the goal tender, complains one who takes pen in hand to his column. His contention is that goal tends to be 60 p.c. the best of it, and that their brilliance is considerably over-emphasized as a rule.

"Nevertheless this observer tak-

## Hawks Return To The Mercantile

### BOSTON ROYALS WOULD LIKE TO LOCATE AT BORDER NEXT SEASON

Boston Club Likes Proximity of St. Stephen Kiwanis As Baseball Center—Plan Series On Maine and N. B. Border for 1935

(Special to Daily Mail)

ST. STEPHEN, Jan. 17—A few days ago, Leonard H. Webber, secretary of the St. Stephen-Milltown baseball club who for four years have won the amateur championship of the Maritime Provinces, received a letter from Burrey White, manager of the Boston Royals, informing him that it is the intention of the Royals to locate in Calais, which place they would like to make their headquarters next season, in order to get in touch with the different baseball teams in Eastern Canada and play a series with St. Stephen. Eastport, Calais, Houlton, Woodland, Saint John, Fredericton, Devon, Marysville, Moncton, Charlottetown, Springhill, Halifax and other provincial and State of Maine teams. The Boston Royals have played here

on several occasions and were always a good drawing card. They are a good bunch of boys and every man on the team is a good ball player. They would be a great attraction at any time and the suggestion of Manager White is a good one. People on the border want good snappy baseball and if good fast teams can be induced to come here and play, there should be no trouble in drawing large crowds.

The baseball fans in the St. Croix Valley as well as other parts of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island are enthusiastic over the good old game, and will no doubt support good teams, regardless who win. We have some good material on the border, while other cities and towns in the Maritimes can rightly claim that honor also.

### "Big Three" Continues On Its Own Way—Bill Gill To Join Syracuse; Others to Depart.

MONCTON, Jan. 16—Moncton Hawks will play their last Maritime Hockey League game on Friday night at Charlottetown with the Abbies.

This was the announcement made late last night following a meeting in the Hawks' camp.

It was also stated that by next Monday the Hawks would swing back to Mercantile hockey with a possibility of forming a league with Saint John and Charlottetown.

The reason for this as announced by Budd A. Taylor, director of the Moncton club was "due to the blocking by Amherst officials of Hawks' attempt to obtain players to bolster their lineup for the remainder of the season".

The meeting was held to devise a means to keep the Moncton club in hockey in the Maritimes and this could not be done with but seven eligible men left on the roster. The eighth member, "Big Bill" Gill was ready last night to take his departure from Moncton today for Syracuse to join the Stars in the International circuit or be scooped up by the Detroit Red Wings, who already have strings attached to him.

### LOU GEHRIG IS ASKING FOR PAY INCREASE

BOSTON, Jan. 17—While Boss Edie Collins of the Red Sox front office returned to his desk yesterday flatly refusing to discuss any 1935 salary tangles, which may have developed with Lefty Grove or any other stars of the club, word received here indicates that Col. Jacob Ruppert of the N. Y. Yankees will have more than Babe Ruth to satisfy before contracts are finally piled away in the safe.

With Babe Ruth's baseball future a deep puzzle, which none will attempt to untangle at the present time, Lou Gehrig, battering first sacker who is expected to replace the Bambina as the Yankees' home-run hero, and Vernon Gomez, chesty southpaw, already threaten to kick up a fuss concerning salary increases.

deal was made, the next \$100,000 is payable today and the final \$50,000 will be due on February 15, winding up the biggest cash deal in baseball history.

Local baseball observers believe Griffith still is trying to bring Bump Hadley, St. Louis hurler, to Washington.

Reinstates Durham

CHICAGO, Jan. 15—Kenesaw M. Landis, baseball commissioner, today granted the reinstatement application of Edward Durham, Chicago White Sox right-handed pitcher. Durham voluntarily retired last year because of illness.

When a drive against fortune tellers got under way in Indiana it was found they had flown, which was unusually far-sighted for fortune tellers.

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### BILL TERRY'S WISECRACK HAD STRANGE AFTERMATH

NEW YORK, Jan. 17—Reference to that crack of Bill Terry's that set Flatbush on fire and helped to bring about the undoing of the Giants—the while, incidentally, it put thousands of dollars into the coffers of the New York and Brooklyn clubs—calls to mind the utter strangeness of the situation in which the crack was made and that which developed out of it.

In the first place, Terry is not a wise cracker, and this probably was the only wise crack he ever made in his life. In the second place, the reporter who asked the question that let to the crack is not a troublemaker and asked it in all innocence, his only idea being to get a Brooklyn angle to a mass interview with Terry so that he, who covers the Brooklyn club during the season, might hang a story on it. In the third place Stengel, who took it so much to heart, has such a keen sense of humor, anyway, that nine times out of ten wasn't the manager of the Dodgers at the time it was made and he merely would have laughed and let it go at that.

No other baseball feud ever was woven out of such absurd material, but no baseball feud ever was more intense. Terry was more than slightly astonished by the furor with which his remark was received in Brooklyn, but when he realized that it had been accepted as an insult, he got steamed up about it, too. Thus his bitterness at the loss of the pennant in the closing days of the race was enhanced by the circumstances that the final blows were delivered by the Dodgers.

### CONNIE MACK SUGGESTS SALARY PLAN FOR GAME

Athletics' Mentor Has a Good Idea But Others Against It

NEW YORK, Jan. 17—Connie Mack's idea that a uniform system of salary scaling for players be adopted by the major leagues to prevent big time baseball from striking out financially had owners and officials grabbing their hats last night.

Opponents of Connie's plan, led by Col. Jacob Ruppert, owner of the New York Yankees, swatted the proposal as involved and impractical.

Mack, manager and treasurer of the Philadelphia Athletics, made his proposal in an interview yesterday with Daniel M. Daniel, chairman of New York's chapter of baseball writers. He said that modern club owners, doing a business of millions of dollars annually, conduct their affairs more like fans than like business men. Club owners refuse to balance their budgets or to place expenditure against income.

### BOXING NEWS

PARIS, Jan. 17—Marcel Thil, European middleweight and light-heavyweight champion, retained the latter title by outpointing Jack McAvoy, of England, in 15 rounds.

The barrel-chested French boxer's

### BARNEY ROSS SUSPENDED

NEW YORK, Jan. 17—The New York State Athletic Commission suspended Barney Ross of Chicago, world's lightweight champion, for having failed to defend his title "within a reasonable time."

The suspension will hold until Ross accepts the challenge of Lou Ambros, of Herkimer, N. Y., and enters into "proper articles of agreement." Ross' title was not declared vacant.

General J. J. Phelan, chairman, pointed out that Ross had not defended his 135-pound title since September, 1933, but had promised to do so.

If Ross ignores the mandate the commission, "after a reasonable time," will declare his title vacant.

Infighting was the deciding factor. Thil weighed 161½ and McAvoy 162½.

McAvoy outsmarted the short-armed Frenchman through the first 3 rounds and piled up an edge, but Thil won the rest of the way, had the Englishman groggy in the 11th and on the floor twice in the 14th, when he was saved by the bell.

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