

TWO GIANT VETERANS AIDING MITCHELL IN PUTTING CUBS ON MAP

Larry Doyle and Fred Merkle
Battling Side by Side Again
With Old Rivals.

ADD STRENGTH TO TEAM

Manager John McGraw of New York
Nationals Rebuilds His Infield by
Making Trades, Involving Stars.

New York, May 12.—(U. N. S.)—Many strange things happen in baseball, but no turn of fortune came more unexpected than the one which reunited Fred Merkle and Larry Doyle. Imagine these two veteran ex-Giants, who used to battle tooth and nail against the Cubs of other days, fighting side by side to help Fred Mitchell bring the Cubs back. It doesn't seem quite in order, but there they are, and it won't be surprising to see them fill the bill.

On first thought it did not appear that Doyle and Merkle will be world beaters with the Cubs. Didn't McGraw let them both go? Didn't McGraw generally hold onto a ball player until he has outlived his usefulness? But there is another angle in which Cub fans find a lot of consolation. It is the circumstance which brought about the release of both players by New York.

Grab Charley Herzog. When Doyle went to the Cubs in the trade for Heinie Zimmerman, McGraw already had lines laid to secure Charley Herzog from Cincinnati in a deal for Mathewson. His plans were set to fill Doyle's shoes, and Doyle was the best that land of Heine Zimmerman had. Herzog was unable to fill Doyle's shoes, however, and McGraw decided to trade Herzog to the Dodgers and brought Merkle to the Giants. And all the while McGraw had a card to play in young Walter Holke. It took a lot of flurrying to rebuild the infield by faring with two seasoned players without weakening the New York club, but McGraw has a managerial brain that is worth just \$50,000 a year, and that's the answer.

Doyle Timely Hitter. So the wheels have ground on until Doyle and Merkle are united again, and playing side by side, they prove a valuable asset. Doyle hit 278 last season, and, although Sauer outdid Merkle in 1916, there is a good chance that Frederick will come back with the stick.

Doyle is a timely hitter, and, despite an injury to his ankle, he has been playing good ball. From this distance it seems that Fred Mitchell can consider himself lucky to have these two former foemen of the Cubs under his banner.

And to think that the temperamental nature of Heinie Zimmerman had so much to do with it is almost as strange as fiction.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

This country has 3200 golf clubs. First squadron, Virginia cavalry, has introduced polo to Richmond, Va.

Annette Kellermann has donated championship medals to be given winners for boy and girl races on New York Public Schools Athletic League.

Michigan's return to the western conference will make it "Big 10." The Eastern intercollegiate association is made up of 27 colleges.

Art Erb, the best English rugby football player at halfback Leland Stanford University ever had, has won a commission in the army.

Women lawn tennis players numbering more than 1700, are expected to take part in the matches to be played at the West Side club, New York, this summer, the receipts to go to the Red Cross fund.

Association football is over for the season in England. In Scotland clubs are permitted to play for charity until May 15. The 1917-18 season will open August 16 in Scotland and September 1 in England.

San Francisco will hold a Golden Gate swimming race June 9.

Beloit, Wis., students starting next year will be required to participate in some form of athletics to round out the physical side of their training. Compulsory gymnastics has been required for several years.

Cleveland's annual interscholastic track meet will take place June 2.

Baltimore county Boy Scouts will hold a track meet June 9.

Both the American Power Boat association and the Long Island Power Boat association will hold their scheduled races this year.

Jess Willard has a three weeks leave in his contract with the West show with which he is touring the east, which would permit him to secure preliminary training in case his enter into a pugilistic match to defend his heavyweight title. He weighs 270 pounds.

Brown University may revive rowing.

Horse dealers throughout the country are expecting the government to buy more than 250,000 horses shortly as a result of the war preparation.

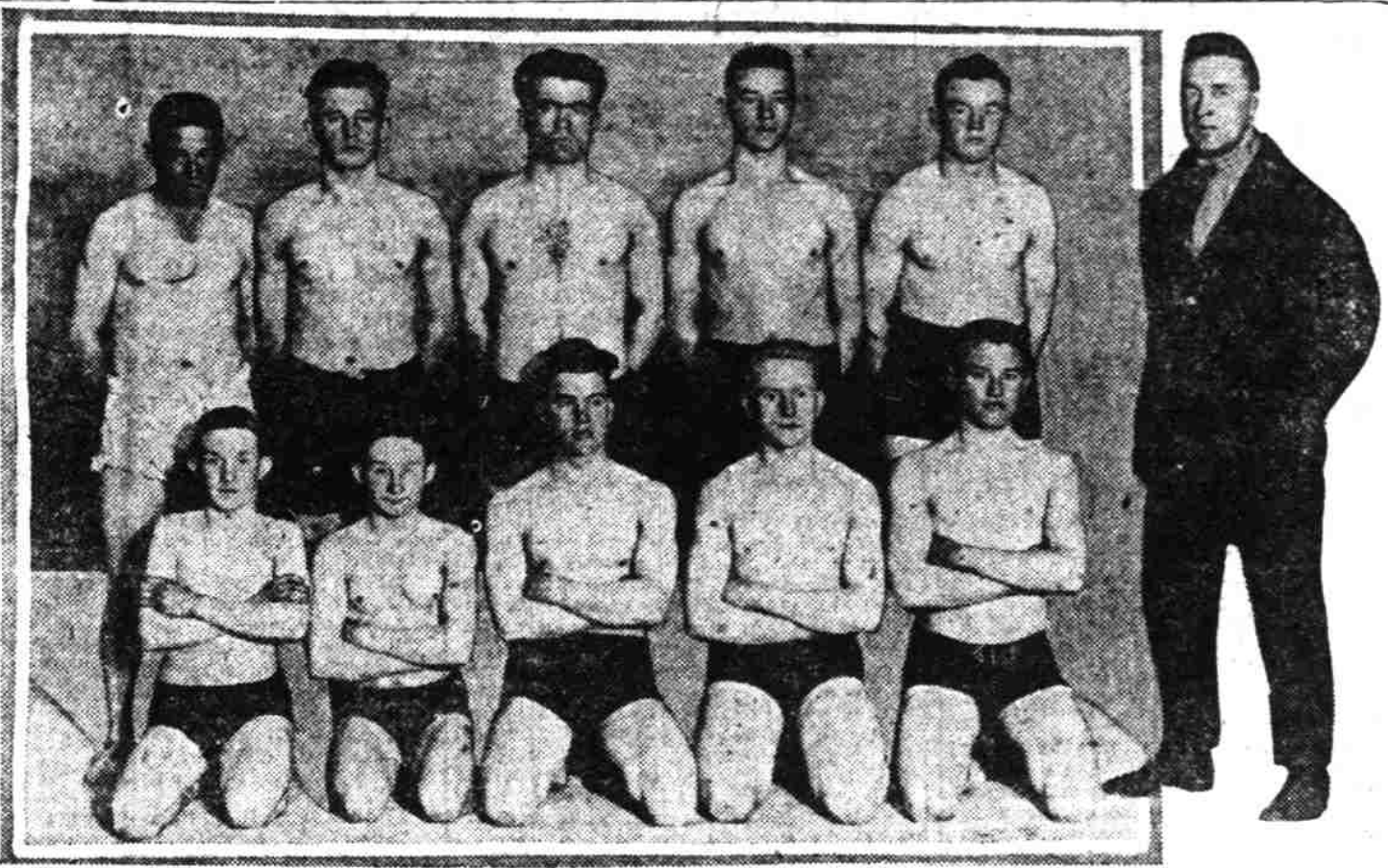
Volga, 2044, will be bred to Lee Axworthy, 13834.

Norman Ross, the Oregonian swimmer, is a versatile athlete. In one day he not only won trophies for running, shot-putting, high and low hurdles, the discus and javelin, but also swimming and canoe paddling as well.

Toronto nine of international league scores, are cable to England every day, so that Canadian soldiers can learn how the club is doing.

City of New York private school athletes will hold a meet May 19. In all a total of 25 events will be contested. Carl Morris has also joined the circus. It is touring the west.

HOOD RIVER HIGH WRESTLERS ARE WINNERS



Members of the Hood River High School Athletic club who took part in the four mat contests held at Hood River this season. The team defeated The Dalles, aggregation upon two different occasions by taking all decisions; enroute the Lincoln high school team of Portland in a tie contest, and wrestled an aggregation, who are members of the Multnomah Athletic club of Portland, in a tie contest. The Hood River boys were under the training and management of William McGuire, a former Hood River high school student. From left to right are: First row, Verne Isenberg, "Punch" Isenberg, "Toot" Howell, weight 125 pounds; "Brick" Campbell, weight 135 pounds; Roy Glass, weight 125 pounds, back row.

VETS ARE ABSENT FROM LINEUPS OF MAJOR TEAMS

Hans Wagner Fails to Join
Pirates; Crawford Re-
mains With Tigers.

New York, May 12.—(U. P.)—Hans Wagner failed to show up this spring and the continued absence of his name from the box scores is only one of many similar absences. Famous athletes who have played the game for many long years are out now, and others of the veterans' brigade are slowly slipping back to private life.

Sam Crawford is about the only one of the old time school of ball players left in the big leagues, and Sam's principal duty is to bat in the pinches. Recently he has been playing first base.

Napoleon Lajoie, grand old man of the second sackers is not a major league player any more. He is managing a club in the International league—out of the fight in the big circuits for the first time in most years than many baseball players have lived.

John Evers, main spring of the old Cubs, and principal cog in the new Braves, is a bench warmer these days. A strained neck and strained nerves have combined to keep him out of active participation.

Wagner's case is just a matter of growing too old for the game. Rheumatism has attacked the wonderful old fellow. His eyes are not so good as they once were. He couldn't stand the rigors of spring training, so he stayed at home and got married this year.

Wagner's retirement from active life on the diamond brings to a close a most illustrious career. Whenever one speaks of shortstops and their relative abilities, Wagner's name is always omitted. He is too good for others to be compared with him. There isn't one of the new clan who rates along with him—none in sight. In fact, there are few ball players in any position who deserve the honor of being compared with Wagner.

The same thing can be said of Napoleon Lajoie. For grace in action, ability with the bat and all around baseball usefulness he never had an equal. There have been great second basemen and there are now, but they're not Lajoies.

John Evers is of the same general unfitness and probably has another year of baseball left. He never was as good as Lajoie as a batsman, however, and probably not quite so good a fielder. His nimble brain and energy carried him to inspired heights not attained by the younger ones.

NOTES OF THE TRAPS

The Hartford Gun club has offered its grounds—where the Eastern handicap will be held—to the United States government for use as a rifle range during the war.

One hundred and four United States and Canada trapshooters—two of which were women—won A. A. T. medals last month.

The Birmingham (Ala.) Trapshooters club has opened its new club house.

Trapshooters of Central Texas have formed a league, starting out with 10 clubs.

One thousand two hundred and ninety clubs joined the A. A. T. during its first year. These clubs have a membership of 59,271. Of that number 4000 joined the A. A. T. as individuals.

Three trapshooting clubs were formed in Sherman county, Oregon, during the past month.

According to Stanley Withe, secretary of the American Amateur Trapshooters' association, 4 per cent of the membership are physicians. Doctors know which is the best sport for them. On top of this we desire to announce that Dr. D. A. Atkinson of Pennsylvania is the new champion revolver shot of the United States.

The third of the series of trapshooting matches between the New York Athletic club and Boston A. A. will be shot over traps of the Hartford Gun club, on May 17.

Army officers in Persia have just purchased a number of hand traps. The day will come when trapshooting will be a world-wide sport.

Seventeen thousand four hundred and eighty-five separate medal shoots were conducted by the A. A. T. last year in which 723,075 targets were trapped.

Oakland Plans Net Tournney. A big indoor tennis tournament will take place at the Oakland (Cal.) Civic auditorium May 18. Star players of the Pacific coast will take part in singles and double matches.

OMAR KHAYYAM WINNER OF RICH KENTUCKY RACE

Veteran Jockey Lands First
Place With English Colt
in Great Event.

Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky., May 12.—(U. P.)—The colors of C. K. G. Billings and Frederick Johnson were carried under the wire first in a field of 15 thoroughbreds in the \$50,000 Kentucky Derby here today, when Omar Khayyam, an English bred colt by Marco, out of Lisma, won by out-racing Ticket in the stretch.

Omar Khayyam won by a length and half in the fast time of 2:04 3/4. He was an outsider in the betting, paying \$12.85 to \$1.

Forty thousand people witnessed the race and wagered close to \$200,000 on the result in the 70 pari-mutuel machines operated at the track.

Going into the stretch with Harry Payne Whitney's Ricketty leading, Borel, the veteran jockey on Omar took advantage of the chance to shoot his mount through on the inside, came within a hair's breadth of the lead, and won, going away from Andrew Miller's Ticket.

Midway, a Kentucky colt, came from last place to run third. Omar Khayyam is the first imported horse to win the Derby in the 43 years it has been run.

Company Two Takes Oregon Track Team

University of Oregon, Eugene, May 12.—Company 2, captained by Martin Nelson, varsity track captain for 1917, won the inter-company and field meet held on Kincaid field this afternoon.

Company 2 amassed 89 points, followed in order by Companies 3, 1, 6, 4 and 5 with 58, 41, 37, 31 and 6 points respectively.

Coach Foster, the former John Day high school sprinter, was the big star of the meet, winning the individual honors with a total of 28 points. Foster won the 50, 75, 100, 220 and 250 yard hurdles, and the 100 yard dash in the broad jump. He was presented with a gold medal at the junior prom at the Armory. Jensen and Mulkey were tied with 21 points for second honors.

Considering the little training that the majority of the men have had the time was exceptionally good. Foster won the century in 10:1, while Fremont Hodson collapsed at the tape after running the 440 in 53 seconds. Belding, Montague and Atkinson finished neck and neck in the order named in the 880 yard run and relay.

Coach Bill Hayward pulled off the meet in great style, every event moving along without a hitch. Officers of the Second company, ensigns, artillery officiated in conjunction with members of the Order of the "O." The stands were decorated with the flags of the allies, which lent a distinctly military atmosphere to the program.

Wrestlers to Vie For Medals in Fall

Competition among the wrestlers of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club for the Edgar P. Frank medal will be started in the fall. This announcement was made yesterday by Frank E. Harman, chairman of the boxing and wrestling committees.

The rules and regulations of the matches will be drawn up by Chairman Harman and Eddie O'Connell, mat instructor of the "Winged M." who is in the east at present. There is a medal for each weight division and it is expected that there will be some sensational matches for these medals.

School Boys to Participate. It is expected 40,000 schoolboys, members of the Public Schools Athletic league, will join in the Decoration day parade on Fifth avenue, New York. In the marching lines there will be about 3000 high school boys who through voluntary military training have already become, in a sense, young soldiers. Trophies and banners will be in competition and floats depicting the various kinds of sport participated in will be a part of the parade.

Colleges to Hold Big Meet. Only the mobilization of the different college units will prevent the Inter-collegiate Amateur Athletic association holding the proposed patriotic parade on University of Pennsylvania athletic field at Philadelphia May 26, in place of the annual track and field championships previously held each year of the 44 years of the association's existence, but called off this summer because of the war.

One Man Wins Track Meet. Evanston, Ill., May 12.—(U. P.)—Floyd Smart staged a field day in the dual track meet in which Northwestern defeated Indiana, 77 to 68, this afternoon. The sensational purple star won six events—100 and 220 yard dashes, the 150 high and the 220 low hurdles, the broad and high jumps.

Local Rider to Attempt to Set New World Pace

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Ted Gilbert Hopes to Shatter
DeBell's Motorcycle Riding
Mark for 24 Hours.

Ted Gilbert of this city will attempt to lower the world's motorcycle record for 24 hours on the Rose City speedway in one of the feature events of the annual motorcycle racing championships to be staged Decoration day. The present world's mark is 115 3/4 miles. It was made March 17, 1917, by Allan DeBell of Los Angeles on a 16 horsepower Harley-Davidson stock machine.

Gilbert will use the same make of a machine and will start his attempt at noon on Tuesday, May 29, and will finish at noon, May 30, a short time before the first race of the meet is called. Gilbert will ride on the outer edge of the track, which measures 1 1/16 miles to the lap, so that he inside will be in shape for the speed events.

Over 40 riders are entered in the races already and other entries are expected from Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Vancouver, B. C., Salem and other Washington and Oregon cities.

The meet will be staged under the direction of Fred T. Miller, The National Motorcycle Racing association, through its northwest representative, Marks, has officially sanctioned the meet.

MINOR BASEBALL

The Journal baseball team, champions of the Portland league, will cross bats with the Oregonian team this morning at 10 o'clock on the East Twelfth and Davis grounds. Next Wednesday afternoon, The Journal will play the Labrea team.

Fitzgerald, the elongated twirler of the Log Cabin team, has signed to pitch for the Hillsboro aggregation.

Skin Campion, former Jefferson high school player, is playing a great game on first base for the Lang & Co. team.

The Macabees and the St. Johns Moose team of the Multnomah league will play this afternoon at Crystal Lake park, where there will be a picnic for the school fund of the Brotherton of St. Stanislaus.

The Lang & Co. team will clash with the Fleischner-Mayer team at Peninsula park at 12:30 o'clock. Greer, Riddle and Weist will form the battery for the Grocers, while Swartz and Feichtinger will do the heavy work for opponents.

Manager Jack Osborne of the Lang & Co. team, is seeking games with out-of-town teams. For dates write him care Lang & Co.

The Commercial league schedule for next Saturday is as follows: O-W. R. & N. vs. S. P. & S. City Employees vs. Crane Co.; M. Sells vs. Northwest Electric Co.; Blumauer Frank vs. Marshall Wells; and Blake-McFall vs. Lang & Co.

Weather permitting, the opening game of the Multnomah league of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club will be played this morning, the first game being billed for 10:30 o'clock.

The Junior Artisan league season will open today, the Advance team clashing with the Montavilla squad on the Twelfth and East Davis-street grounds at 1 o'clock.

The opening of the Fraternal league, delayed last Sunday on account of rain, will take place today with the following games: Portland Moose vs. K. & L. of S. St. Johns Moose vs. Macabees, and Webfoot camp vs. I. O. O. F.

The Fram Assembly has dropped out of the Junior Artisan league.

Centralia, Wash., May 12.—Tomorrow the Tono baseball team will cross bats with its old rival, Mendota. The line-up of the coal miners will be strengthened by the addition of Tate Berry, a Centralia boy, who has been signed to play third base. Following is the Tono schedule as arranged to date:

May 12—Tono vs. Mendota.
May 20—Tono vs. Dupont.
May 26—Tono vs. Olynose vs. K.
June 3—Tono vs. McKenna.
June 10—Tono vs. Tacoma Smelters.
June 17—Tono vs. Harriman club of Portland.
June 24—Tono vs. Roy.

One Man Wins Track Meet.

BILLY GIBSON TELLS HOW BENNY LEONARD BROKE INTO BOXING

New York Youngster Has
Been a Winner From the
Start.

BANTAMS ARE VERY BUSY

Days of Big Guarantees for Boxers
Are Over—Sensational End of Barry
Recalls Story of Lost Chance.

By Ringside.

Chicago, May 12.—The rapid rise of Benny Leonard, the New York lightweight who recently knocked out Ritchie Mitchell at Milwaukee, brings to light an interesting story of how he broke into the ring. Billy Gibson, manager of the little New York star, told the story when he stopped off in Chicago the other day.

"On the occasion of one of my weekly shows at the old Fairmont club a bunch of youngsters broke into the place through one of the windows," said Gibson. "They had done it many times before, but this time we had been 'laying' for them and nailed the whole bunch. I gave them a good scare by having the cops threaten to take them to the police station. I noticed one youngster who was hanging back. I later turned out to be Leonard. I went up to him and he began to plead to see the show. He was willing to do anything.

Wanted to Fight. "But the principal thing he wanted to do was to fight. He told me he had licked the toughest kids in his neighborhood. So when I found I was short a lad I decided I would get rid of Leonard, and sent him in the ring against a tough kid named Mickey Calligan. Well, I got the surprise of my life, and so did Mickey. The tough youngster got a good thrashing in about four rounds.

"But let me tell you how Leonard got his name. When he fought Mickey he asked him his name. 'Loiner,' said the kid. Then the gallery gods began howling 'Good boy, Loiner.' But the announcer thought the name was 'Leonard' and so called him out. The crowd then changed to 'Leonard' and 'Leonard' it has been ever since. Leonard's real name is Loiner."

From that time on Leonard was a fighter. Now he has reached a point in his career where he soon may be wearing the lightweight crown, for many fans believe he has a better line of goods than the present champion, Freddie Welsh.

Little Fellows in Action. There's going to be some heavy fighting in the lightest division of the ring before long. If Pete Herman, the new bantamweight champion, is any good as a prognosticator, Pete believes the bantamweight division is better balanced than any other division, and looks forward to a rough time in keeping his title.

"Lots of people have suggested to me that I must consider Johnny Williams of Baltimore, the man I won the title from, as the hardest of the lot," said Pete.

"While I give Johnny lots of credit for being a great little fighter, I don't regard him as any harder to beat than some of the others."

"The trouble with most of the bantamweights is that they are not bantams. They either will not or cannot make the weight. Most of them want 118 pounds and some want to go as high as 120. Frankie Burns, undoubtedly a great boxer, has grown heavy, and Cup that cheers kills."

The sensational end of Jim Barry, the heavyweight, recalls the story of a lost chance. Barry in the summer of last year was declared to be championship timber by John L. Sullivan. In fact, John L. thought so much of his ability that he taught Barry most of his tricks.

But Barry, like dozens of other boxers, couldn't stay away from the cup that cheers. About 1906 he started to flirt with Demon Rum and a month or so ago the end came in a row at Colon, Panama. Barry had been in South America and was stopping at Colon en route.

The statement of John L. Sullivan that Barry was championship material came while John L. was making a tour of the country in 1906. Frank Hall was managing the tour and incidentally picked up Barry and Charley Cutler. The two met all comers in four round bouts.

Sullivan immediately took an interest in Barry and took him under his wing. Barry was wonderfully developed and could hit with the power of a triphammer. He scored knockouts over numerous heavyweights. But Barry couldn't hold himself in leash. He took to dissipation and from then on began eliminating Barry's hopes for better things.

Big Game. The day of fat guarantees for top-notch boxers is over. Other states plan to follow the action of the Wisconsin boxing commission, which has eliminated large guarantees. This is a lifesaver to the promoters and a big saving to the fans, who have been forced to pay the price when championship events were staged.

One result of the eliminated guarantees will be more all-star cards at Milwaukee and Racine.

Alfalfa Champions Seek a Good Pitcher

Owosso, Mich., May 12.—When a farm hand looks for a job in the Maple River district, south of here, the farmer doesn't ask him: "Can you run a gasoline engine?" He says: "Can you run the bases?" It isn't: "Can you drive a tractor?" but: "Can you drive in a run?"

And just now it isn't important whether a farm hand can pitch hay. It's a question of whether he can pitch ball. That's because Maple River, champions of the Alfalfa league, is short on pitchers.

Charley Vandewater, former Michigan Aggie star, has gone away and the whole community, from the Shawassee town down to Bill Cline's place in Bennington, is looking for a worthy successor to him.

The baseball fever here is a result of the "back-to-the-arm" campaign. The farmers wanted to provide amusement to keep their sons and hired help on the farms. Now they're so interested in the games, themselves, that farming is of secondary importance.

WATER SPORTS

The social party and dance last night was an unqualified success. A gratifying feature was the large percentage of the oldtimers, who seem to be getting back their "pep" in large doses. The entertainment committee are proving themselves right on the job at all their parties and there is a noticeable increase in the get-together spirit among the membership.

Don't forget to "Come Down to the Club House" at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the opening regatta of the 1917 season. The regatta committee has lined up a snappy bunch of contests, which will be well worth seeing.

The "old reliable" "Oregon Wolf" and Fred Vogler's champion "Vogler B37 III," are to decide who's who in the speed line, besides two runabout events, a cruiser race, a backing-up contest and some surfboard riding by some of the Multnomah club's mermaids.

The Pacific coast champion, "Vogler Boy III," has been undergoing some strenuous troutry the latter part of the week in anticipation of the Sunday regatta. The new propeller has undoubtedly increased her speed considerably.

although no figures are available. Barring accidents, there is little question of her being able to retain her title.

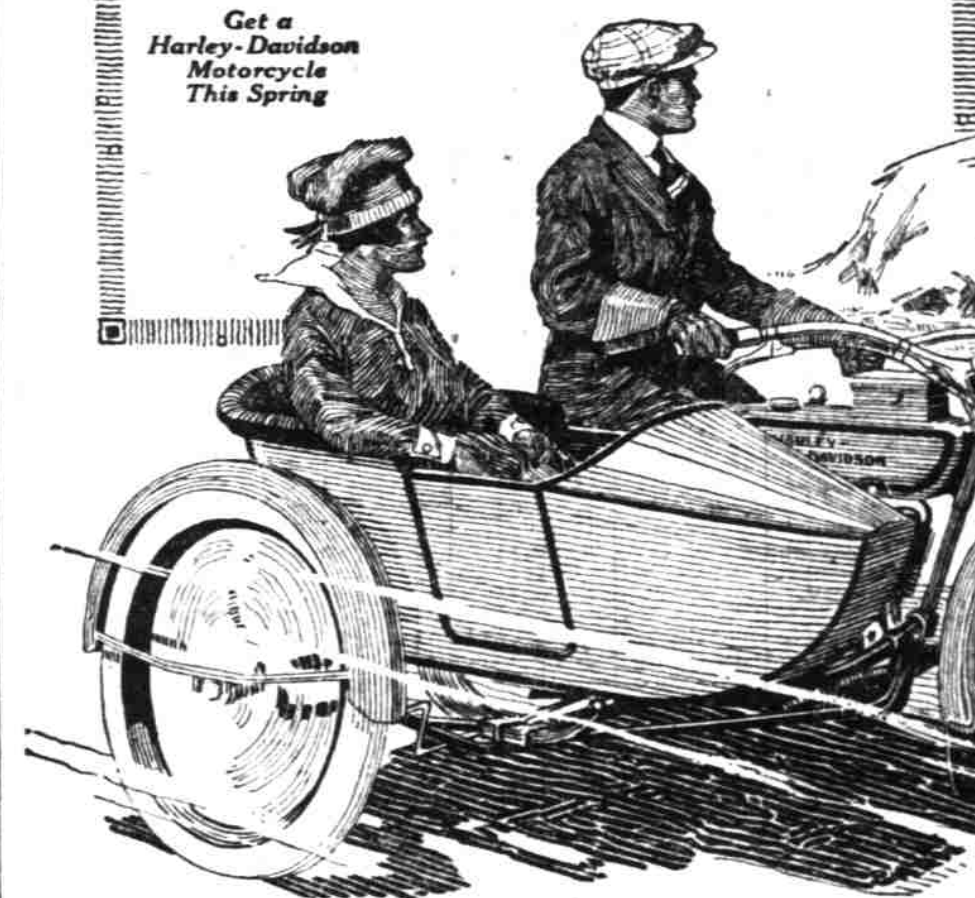
Captain A. Goldstein, one of the club's ardent fish fiends, has undergone a change of heart and the outboard motor has been replaced by a regulation six-horsepower marine motor.

While not quite as convenient as the former engine, the new motor will increase his speed quite a bit and give him more time at his favorite sport.

The cruiser "Elsinore" had her trial trip of the season last Sunday and seems well up to her usual form. All went lovely except an occasional clattering from the engine, which lends color to the suspicion that "Cap" Henderson thoughtlessly left part of his tool kit in the crank case.

The Kentucky derby will be run at Louisville Saturday, May 12.

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