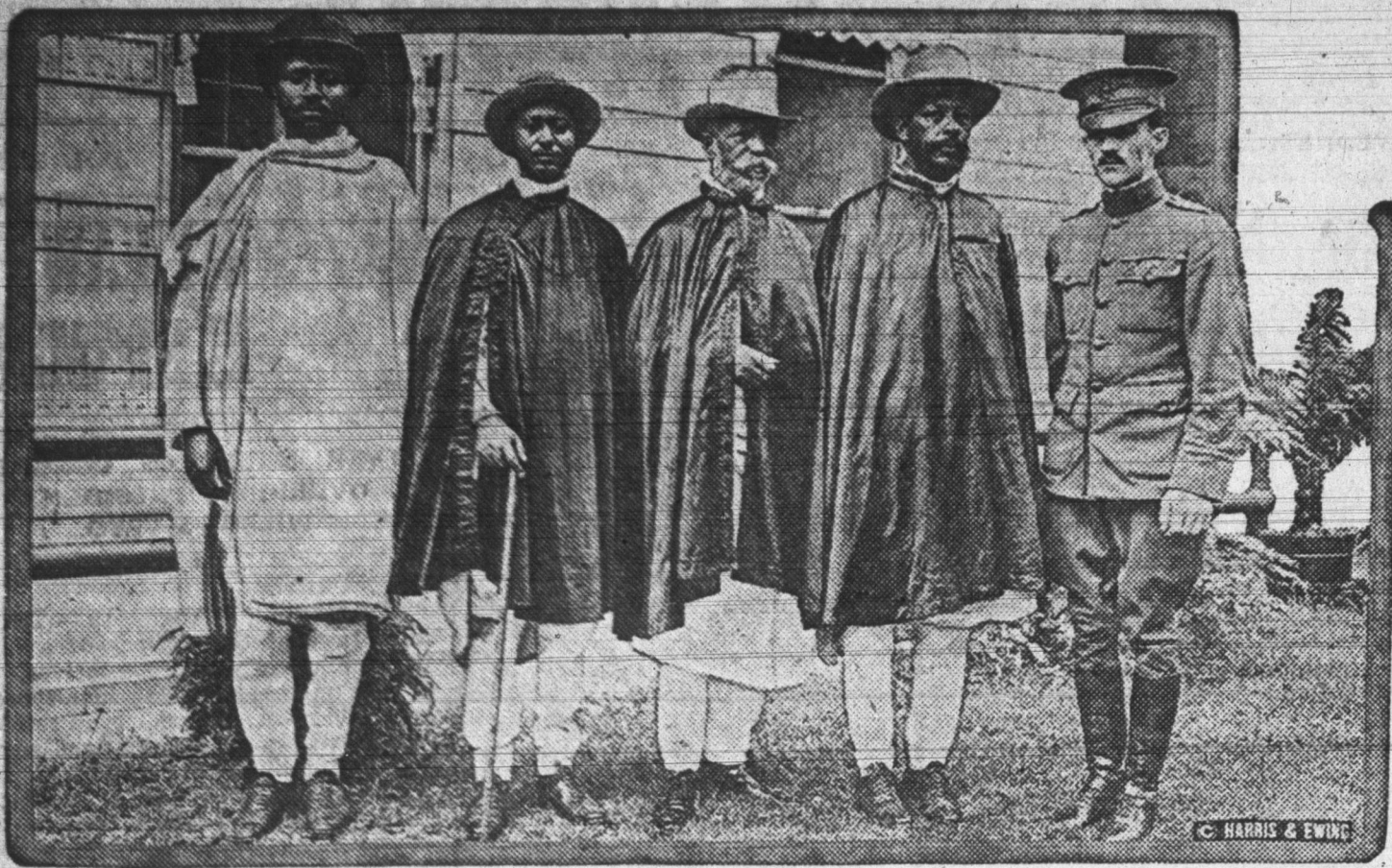


## ABYSSINIA SENDS MISSION TO WASHINGTON



A mission from Abyssinia, one of the most remote countries of the world, is in Washington to offer congratulations to the United States on its successful role in the world war. In picturesque native costumes they have attracted great attention in the capital. From left to right they are: Ato Sinkae (ato meaning a gentleman of high station), Ato Herouy, Kantiba (mayor) Gabrou, Dedjazmach Nado, head of the mission and a duke of the royal Abyssinian family, and Capt. Paul R. Morrissey, the United States officer detailed to attend the mission.

## Blondes Dying Out In America

Big Wars Gradually Eliminate Northern Types, Says Ethnologist.

## DAY OF BRUNETTE AT HAND

American Women Are Tending to Neutral Type, With Brown Rather Than Golden Hair and Brown Eyes Instead of Blue.

New York.—The blondes are doomed as a result of the world war! They will be swallowed up—racially—by the brunettes.

Real blonde Americans are becoming fewer. American women are tending to a neutral type, with brown rather than golden hair and brown eyes instead of blue. This foreshadows the triumph of the still darker brunette type in America, where the old strains of northern European blood are being swallowed by the later immigration to this country. Soon a blonde beauty will be an exception, and "American beauty" will mean the Spanish, French or Italian type.

Such is the prediction, expressed in scientific language, of course, of Madison Grant, trustee of the American Museum of Natural History and counselor of the American Geographical society, who has made a study of the effect of the war, superimposed on centuries of slow progression on the part of the brunette, in his book, "The Passing of the Great Race," published by Scribner's.

Makes Matters Worse. The world war, he says, has made matters worse for the blonde because it is the blonde Nordic element in all peoples that invariably makes the greatest sacrifices in war, while the less energetic brunette element

## MISS ELIZABETH DUBOIS



Miss Elizabeth Dubois, eldest daughter of former Senator and Mrs. Fred T. Dubois, has just graduated from college and is to be a debutante in Washington society next season. She is also an active member of the Big Sister movement at Walter Reed Military hospital in the national capital.

emerges from each world struggle stronger in number than before.

Up to the middle of the nineteenth century the native American, Mr. Grant points out, was the almost purely Nordic. The Civil war destroyed a large part of the breeding stock of the blonde races, and the immigration since then has been largely from the Mediterranean basin and the Balkans.

Mr. Grant believes that the destruction of life of the blondes in the present war has been so immensely greater than that of the brunettes that a great step has been taken in wiping out the blonde type.

"The world war will leave Europe much poorer in Nordic blood," he says.

He points out how the blonde race has been absorbed by the brunettes all over the world, and cites the Aryan conquerors of northern India, who imposed their language and customs on the natives, but were swallowed up

## AIR PHOTOS OF LABRADOR

Forty Men Go There to Make Pictures of 1,000,000 Acres of Country's Forests.

New York.—A commercial aerial expedition that will revolutionize the work of forestry survey and land photography, according to its managers, is announced by Capt. Daniel Owen, until recently of the royal air force.

He said a fleet of four airplanes would leave Battle Harbor, Labrador, under his command and would survey 1,000,000 acres of forest and timber land along the coast of Labrador. The work is being done for a syndicate of Boston bankers, the land belonging to this organization.

A steamship has left Annapolis, Nova Scotia, carrying forty men, who will comprise the airplane expedition. The four airplanes are awaiting the force there, and the forty men will make air photographs of timber lands.

"This has never been attempted before," Capt. Owen said. "We will do as much in this way in six days as we could do in the regular way in four or five years. All of the pilots excepting myself will be Americans, recently discharged from the United States army. The planes will be Canadian training machines."

A staff of physicians, headed by Dr. Irwin Tills of Ashland, Mass., will accompany the crew, with a full commissariat.

Capt. Owen is 29 years old, and was in the British air service three years. He lost one eye in combat with German aviators over the enemy's lines.

## FIND CREEL FAMILY WEALTH

Two Million Pesos Was Turned Over to Mexican Government for Identification.

Mexico City.—When representatives of the famous Creel family of Chihuahua recently appeared before the government officials here with requests for information regarding the whereabouts of mining, railway and other valuable stock valued at close to 2,000,000 pesos, they were astonished to learn that the stock, as well as about 2,000,000 pesos in paper money, was held by the national treasury for identification of ownership and that it only had been discovered a few months ago.

According to published accounts, workmen, while cleaning out a spare room in the building used by the federal district government, found a score of locked boxes which contained the paper money and shares. Neither the governor of the federal district, Gen. Alfredo Breceda, nor the district court, after guarded investigations, could determine who owned the treasure, so

## Here's a Little Primer for Aviation Dopesters

New York.—The meaning of the word "blimp," which has puzzled the brains of two continents for the last three months, was explained by Major G. H. Scott, commander of the R-34.

"Is the R-34 a blimp?" he was asked. "Well," responded the intrepid commander with a smile, after a moment's reflection, "she is an overgrown blimp."

"What is a blimp, then, major?" was the next question.

Without a moment's hesitation he replied:

"A blimp is a fileted rigid."

in the darker stream of blood.

He thinks that the same thing will happen in the United States, and that the only hope of a relatively pure type of blonde community is in northwest Canada, which because of its climate is suitable for the blonde types and unsuitable for the brunettes.

It was turned over in trust to the national treasury.

The theory is that during the first revolutionary troubles which resulted in the downfall of Porfirio Diaz the boxes were sent from Chihuahua to a private residence of the Creels here and that when the Zapatistas first entered Mexico City they were placed in charge of the federal district government.

The Creel representative stated that a large sum of metallic currency and a valuable collection of jewels also were being sought, but of these easily realizable riches no trace has been discovered.

## REPORT NEW HUNGER DISEASE

Workers Find Bodies of Children to Have Excess of Water From Starvation.

Prague.—A new hunger disease is reported among the children of some of the remote districts of Czechoslovakia.

It is a form of "hunger edema," and appears to be due primarily to the presence of too much water in the body, owing to starvation.

Great care must be taken that the food gets to the children themselves and not to their parents. It seems almost unbelievable, but the parents are frequently accused of being the worst enemies of their own children in respect to food.

"Most of the children are suffering from this strange 'hunger-edema' and there is also a tremendous increase in tuberculosis."

Turned Brewery Into Cheese Factory. Carnarvon, Wales.—Tanqueray's Llangollen brewery, the oldest and most famous brewery in north Wales, has been bought by a temperance reformer and will be turned into a cheese factory.

## NINE OF FAMILY DIE IN WAR

British Private Soldier Is Most Lonesome Survivor of World Conflict.

London.—The loneliest boy soldier in the world, probably, is Private Thomas William Smith, who lost his father, mother, four brothers and three sisters in the war and is the sole surviving member of his family.

His father and four brothers were killed on the same day—July 15, 1916—in the first advance at the battle of the Somme.

His three sisters were killed in air raids—one at Addiscombe, Croydon, in 1915, and the others in the East end of London in 1916. His mother was killed in an air raid on the East end of London in 1917.

## SELECTS WHITE SOX TO CAPTURE CHAMPIONSHIP

"The White Sox will win the pennant in the American league," said Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics. "The Chicago players, collectively, are a smart crew, and with Cicotte pitching championship ball since the season started, and with some of the other twirlers working in championship form, I do not see where New York or Cleveland will be able to beat Kid Gleason to the flag." Mack said he looked forward to seeing the Giants battle the White Sox for the world championship this fall.

## EMSLIE AN ARBITER TWENTY-NINE YEARS

Famous Umpire First Handled Indicator in Parent League.

Fans Chide Bob About His Wig and Tell Him He Is Blind as a Bat, but He Continues to Hold His Own With Best of Them.

One of the pleasing bits of information announced from the National league offices last winter was the statement from John Heydler, president of the league, that Bob Emslie would be retained as a regular umpire in the coming season. A few years ago old Bob was only a substitute, but his work has been so successful during the last two seasons that Heydler did well in putting him back on the regular staff.

They may chide Bob about his wig, writes Frederick G. Lieb, and tell him he is "as blind as a bat," but just the same old Bob continues to hold his own with the best.

The season of 1919 marks Emslie's twenty-ninth successive year as a National league umpire, as he came into the league on August 19, 1891. On August 19, 1916, the National league had quite a celebration in honor of his twenty-fifth National league birthday.

Emslie is a Canadian and was born in that extremely virtuous city of Guelph, Ontario, on June 21, 1861. Later in life Mr. Emslie removed himself and all his earthly belongings to the lovely little city of St. Thomas, Canada, where he now resides. It was many, many seasons ago that Emslie was first heard of in baseball. Along in the late seventies a young hurler was making a great reputation as an expert in making a baseball curve and curve in a very deceptive manner. Emslie soon gained recognition as one of the best pitchers in Canada, which, of course, was not saying much, for there were few hurlers of class residing within the domains of Queen Victoria at the period.

## BOTH NAMED RALPH

By an odd coincidence, Selbold, the young Athletic pitcher, has the same name as old Socks Seybold, the hard-hitting right fielder of the Athletic champions of 1902 and 1905. Old Sock is Ralph Seybold and the young flinger's name also is Ralph.

## CANNOT LURE WAGNER BACK

Old-Time Pirate Shortstop Refuses Pat Moran's Offer to Get Into Harness Again.

Pat Moran, the manager of the Cincinnati Reds, has written Hans Wagner inviting him to join the Reds and help them in their drive "to the pennant." At least that's the way Pitch-



Hans Wagner.

burg Pat put it. The old lure of the diamond came back to Hans when he read it, but he decided he couldn't spare the time from business to return to baseball. Moran's invitation did not specify whether he wanted Wagner to play or to aid in an advisory capacity with pinch hitting duties.

## MILLER HUGGINS WAS RIGHT

Assertion of Yankee Manager That Hornsby Was Better at Third Than Short Proven True.

Manager Miller Huggins of the Yankees used to say that Rogers Hornsby was a better third baseman than a shortstop. Hornsby's work at third shows that "Hug" knew what he was talking about.

## SPITBALL HONOR GIVEN TO CHIC FRASER BY MANAGER MITCHELL OF CHICAGO CUBS



Pitchers Nowadays Do Not Use Spitball Very Much.

Next to the origin of baseball itself there have been more disputes over the inventor of the curve ball, and next to that the discovery of the modern spitball is shrouded in mystery, writes I. E. Sanborn in Chicago Tribune.

Elmer Stricklett, who came out of the bushes to the White Sox in 1904, has been most generally credited with being the first to introduce the moist delivery in practical form. He taught it to big Ed Walsh, who afterward became king of the spitters, while Stricklett never won great laurels in the majors as a flinger.

Gives Credit to Fraser.

Now comes Manager Mitchell of the Cubs with the assertion that Chic Fraser, old-time pitcher for the Cubs and Phillies, beat Stricklett to it. The Cub boss declares that Fraser was monkeying with the spitball at least a year before Stricklett was heard from, but Chic never used it much because he thought it too erratic to control with any degree of certainty.

Fraser showed Mitchell how to throw the thing, and Mitch could get a pretty fair break on it. You remember that before Mitchell was a manager he was a catcher and before that a pitcher in the major leagues. It was while Mitchell and Fraser were on the Phillies together that they were experimenting with the spitball and the present Cub boss thinks he was the first pitcher to use it in a championship game.

Batsman and Catcher Miss.

Chief Zimmer was doing most of the catching then and Fraser, who was a great practical joker, coaxed Mitchell into throwing a spitter to Zimmer just to see what would happen in some situation where it didn't matter what did happen.

Mitchell and Zimmer were working one day in a game which the Phillies had sewed up safely. Near the end of the contest Mitchell had two strikes on a batsman with two out and nobody on bases. Zimmer called for

a fast ball, so Mitchell threw the spitball. The batsman missed it a foot and so did Zimmer, who was so astonished that he forgot to go after the passed ball and let the batsman reach second base. The chief simply stood looking at Mitchell and after he had retrieved the ball, called for a conference.

Zimmer Wants a "Sign."

"Say, kid," said Zimmer, "we'll have to have a sign for that one, whatever it was." Then Mitch told him what it was, but they did not use it much, considering it too risky.

Later on in the season Fraser pitched up a spitball which the batsman knocked on an easy hop to Kid Gleason, second baseman, who was playing close in and tried to nail a runner scoring from third. Gleason threw the ball against the grand stand, then commenced looking over the turf adjacent to his station, searching for a wet spot on the diamond.

"The ball was wet, Chic," exclaimed the Kid, and showed his damp hand to prove it. Fraser explained to him how the ball got wet. That was another reason why the spitball did not "take" very well at the start. The flingers made too many wild throws.

Loses Pennant on It.

Jack Chesbro was the first major leaguer to make much use of the spitter. He worked hard on it in 1904 when he was one of the New York Yankee regulars. But Chesbro did not get perfect control of it and lost a game that might have given the Yankees the pennant in 1904 by making a wild pitch in the ninth inning of the next to the last game of the season.

In recent years the spitball is not used anywhere nearly so much as the public believes. There are numerous pitchers who can use it, but they do not do so regularly. It is merely a bluff most of the time when they seem to moisten the ball. That serves to keep the batsman guessing.

## LEE MAGEE MAKING BIG HIT

His Versatility Makes Him Tremendous Asset to Chicago Team—Can Play Any Position.

Lee Magee has made a big hit with the Cub fans. He is the type of ball player who would make good in any town, being aggressive, decidedly active and playing the game for all it is



Lee Magee.

worth. His versatility makes him a tremendous asset. He is capable of playing any position on the diamond except pitch and catch. In hitting he ranks better than the average because of his ability to operate from either side of the plate and also because of his speed. Magee is expected to be in the Cub batting order as a regular for the rest of the season.

## NOTES of the DIAMOND

Hal Chase has started hitting.

Sicking, shortstop for the Phillies, is some base stealer.

Joe Jackson, in spite of his age, remains a fast fielder.

Arthur Sparks continues to be Tulsa's best pitching bet.

Lees, the young catcher obtained from the White Sox, looks and acts like Ray Schalk.

Maranville is still catching fly balls in the "pocket glove" style, with hands pressed to his belt.

Josh Devore, veteran major league player, has been unconditionally released by Indianapolis.

Roy Corhan is back in the lineup of the San Francisco Seals after a layoff due to an injury.

The wonder is how Scott Perry can keep up his courage pitching for a gang of misfits like the A's.

Commander Cravath threatens to do all in his power to deprive the Phillies of their amateur standing.

Gharitty is a handy gent to have around. He plays first, the outfield or behind the bat, and does all well.

Tony Boeckel, not good enough for Pittsburgh, has won the third-base job with the Boston Braves.