

# WANT ALLAN CUP AGAIN

### "Phat" Wilson Big Reason Why Port Arthur Should Rule Dominion Hockey For Fourth Year

PORT ARTHUR, March 11.—Broad-shouldered and smiling as ever, old "Phat" Wilson is the big reason why Port Arthur wants to keep the amateur hockey title of all Canada. Three times in five years, the hilly city on Lake Superior has ruled hockey in the Dominion. Whether the fans admit it or not, they are a little bored at the almost monotonous continuation of their possession of the Allan Cup.

No other city in Canada has gained the three-time title honor now vested in Port Arthur—but backers of the tri-color team are no longer excited. In 1925, when the Ports downed Toronto Varsity, the city went frantic; in 1926, when Varsity yielded again, the fans were wild; last year, however, capture of a third title seemed almost a matter of course.

But this year, there is "Phat" Wilson, who already has handed out his own brand of body-checks on three Allan Cup brigades. No one else in the world has duplicated the feat except wily old Wilf L'Heureux, aged banker of Port Arthur, and this winter Wilf definitely retired.

If Wilson, who is a native son of Port Arthur, can lead his youthful mates to another Canadian championship this winter—and such an achievement is by no means an impossibility—he will have marked up a hockey record that will place him in a niche apart from the cluster of Canada's hockey great. He will have achieved in hockey what Walter Johnson did in baseball, what Clarence DeMar has done in marathon runs and what Bobby Jones has accomplished in golf.

Last winter, the perponderant element of youth in Port Arthur's sextette carried the squad to its third triumph just to win for Wilf and "Phat." True, the youngsters craved the fame of playing on an Allan Cup team—and, too, the resultant pro offers—but the urge that exacted the last ounce of energy in the pinch was the desire to make the old-timers happy.

The kid forward line that won for Port Arthur last year is gone. Jimmy Creighton and Bud Jarvis and Cliff Barton have succumbed to the glittering lure of pro hockey offers. But there are new youngsters in their stead who will be in there fighting in the play-offs to win for "Phat" his fourth draught of champagne from the familiar old Allan trophy.

Probably no other present day amateur has seen more of his mates snapped up by the moneyed magnates. Lorne Chabot and Alex Gray and Bobby Connors, Danny Cox and Albert Pudas and old Bill Brydge, Creighton and Jarvis and Barton—Wilson has played with plenty of boys who crashed the pay-check gate and made the grade.

#### Is Home Man

For a dozen years, Wilson has been trading bumps and scoring goals in senior hockey—he had been at the game only four years when he entered the top level of the amateur game. Most of the time, the Port Arthur defense man has stayed with the home-town outfit, though he ventured as far away as Iriquois Falls in the winter of 1921-22.

He was born back in '95, according to the records, but kind sports writers refer to his age as "about 32." In any case, "Phat"—whose

given name is Gordon—doesn't seem so old to lake-head fans. No one down that way even estimates the age of Wilf L'Heureux, the grey-headed banker who starred with Wilson on three titled squads—"somewhere near forty" is the closest they'll guess on the age of the old-timer who is coaching the Ports this season.

If the Ports get into the Allan Cup eliminations this winter, as their all-year showing indicates they may, Wilson will be leading another bunch of youngsters toward the Canadian title. But they have all seen the Allan Cup hanging around Port Arthur these last few years. It's nothing new, now. They'll be hot on the trail of another championship for "Phat"—but that unheard-of achievement, a fourth Canadian hockey title for a single city, will be just an incidental lure.

## Sport Chat

The draw for the semi-finals of the Scottish Association football cup competition resulted as follows:

Hamilton Academicals vs. Partick Thistles at Celtic Park.  
Hearts vs. Rangers at Hampden Park.

The matches will be played on March 22, a week from next Saturday.

The first week of training in Florida for New York Yankees developed one important fact—the club made no mistakes when it secured Americus Polli, right handed pitcher from the St. Paul club of the American Association. Polli has made a great impression on Manager Bob Shawkey and seems certain to make the major league grade. He is 26, has a good fast ball, a good curve and a baffling change of pace.

Bert Barry, professional sculling champion, will defend his title on the Thames River at London on May 31 for the first time since he won the crown by defeating the Australian oarsman, Major Goodsell at Vancouver, in October of 1928. He will race Ted Phelps over the four mile and a quarter university course on the Thames. Phelps, son of "Bossy" Phelps, famous rowing coach, will row a special shell built by his father.

## BIG MEET HAMILTON

Great Variety of Events Will Be Contested When Empire Athletes Gather in Canada

HAMILTON, March 11—Stars in their own line, boxers, wrestlers, swimmers, oarsmen, bowlers, tennis, rugby and soccer players are all ready for the first British Empire Games to be held here Aug. 16 to 23. Through days, weeks and months of strenuous exercise, they are preparing for the greatest test that many of them have ever faced—that of competing with the stars from all parts of the British Empire this summer.

The Empire Games are not to be confused with the Olympic games, which are held every four years, with the object of promoting international peace. The Empire meet is simply a gathering of athletes from the Empire, a sort of get-together. At the Olympic games in 1928, the idea was formed, and once the ball started rolling it gathered impetus at every turn.

The opening ceremonies will be held Saturday, August 16. Amateur athletes who are British subjects and have resided for six months in the country they represent will be allowed to take part, the definition being that of the Imperial Olympic Committee. There are to be contests in athletics, boxing, wrestling, rowing, swimming, lawn tennis, bowls and rugby and association football. In the athletics each country may enter four competitors for each event and six for the Marathon race. The events will be:

For men—100, 200, 400, 800, 1,600, 5,000, and 10,000 metres, Marathon of 26 miles, 385 yards; 3,000 metre steeplechase, 110 metres hurdles and 400 metres hurdles; high jump; long jump; hop, step and jump; pole vault; throwing the javlin; throwing the discus; putting 16-pound shot and throwing 16-pound hammer.

For women—100 metres; 200 metres; 800 metres; 110 metre hur-

les; high jump; throwing the discus and throwing the javlin.  
For schoolboys, (under 20)—100, 200, 400, 800 and 1,600 metres; 110 metre hurdles; high jump; long jump; pole vault; throwing the javlin; throwing the discus; and putting the 12-pound shot.

Relay races—Men, 400 metres, and 1,500 metres.

Women—400 metres.

Schoolboys—400 and 1,600 metres.

In wrestling and boxing each country may enter two persons in each category, but can have only one competitor in each. The categories are:

Flyweight, 112 pounds; bantam 118 pounds; feather 126 pounds; light 135 pounds; welter 147 pounds; middle 160 pounds; light heavy 175, and heavyweight, over 191 pounds.

The rowing events will be single sculls, double sculls, coxless fours,

fours with coxswain, and eights. Each country may make two entries in each event, but only one may compete. One reserve is allowed for the sculling events, two for the fours and four for the eights.

#### Marine Events

The swimming events will be: Men—100 yard free style; 100 yard backstroke; 200 yard breaststroke; 400 yards free style; 1,500 yards free style; diving from a springboard; plain high diving.

Team races—men's 800 yard relay.

Women—400 yard relay.

Water polo—team of seven men and four substitutes.

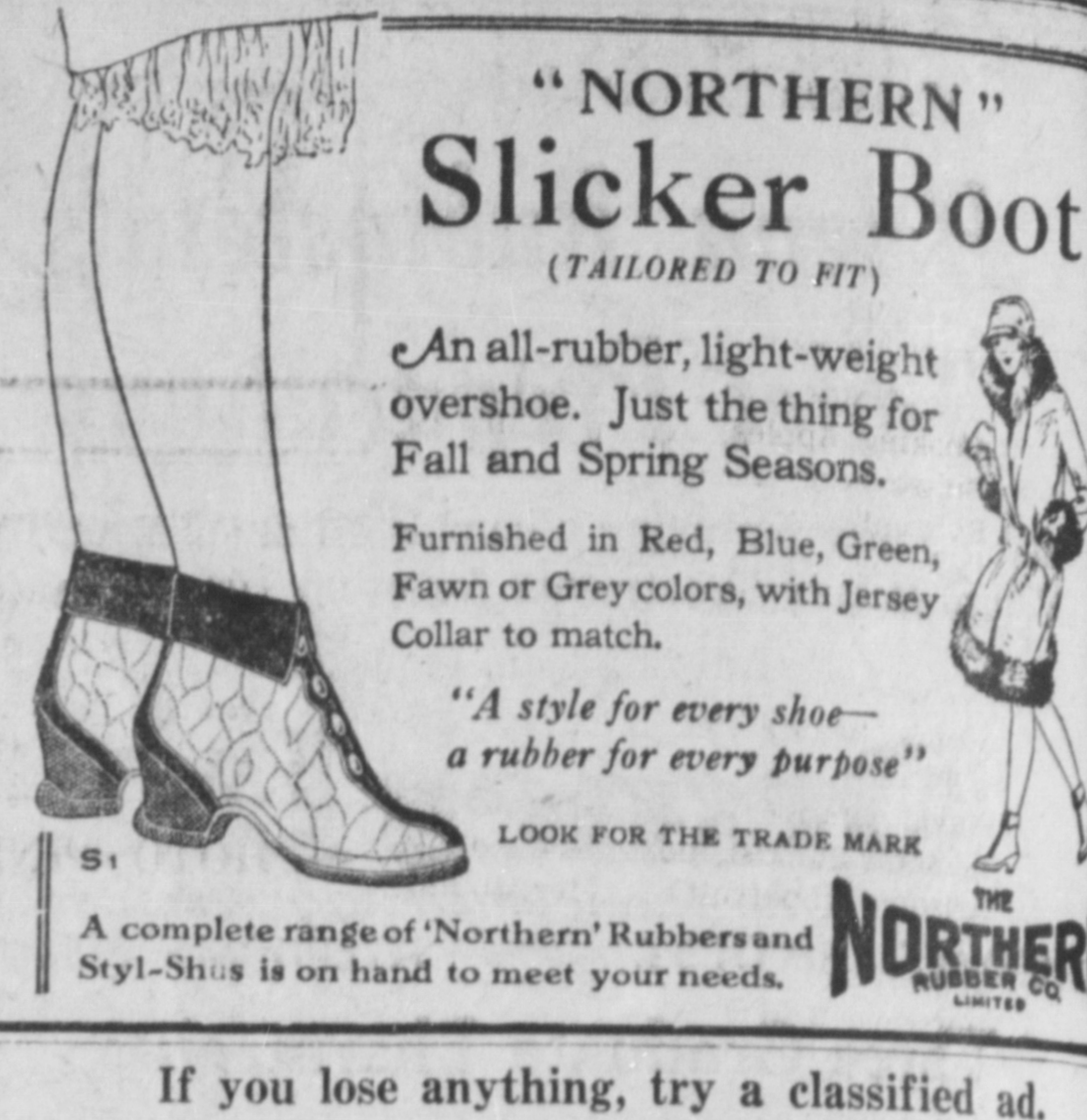
In addition, there will be Association Football, rugby, football lawn tennis, which includes singles and doubles, and singles for boys and girls under 20, and bowling, including singles, Scots doubles and rinks.

A commemoration medal will be given to every competitor, and there are three prizes for every event—gold, silver and bronze medals. In team events, each member of the winning team will receive a similar medal and also a diploma.

Bobby Robinson, of this city, manager of the meet, is in Great Britain at present, settling the preliminary details before the invasion begins. From present indications, it would appear that at least 1,000 athletes, with numerous handlers, trainers, managers, and officials will meet here.

His Majesty King George has consented to be the patron of the games, and the honorary presidents are the Prince of Wales and His Excellency Lord Wellington.

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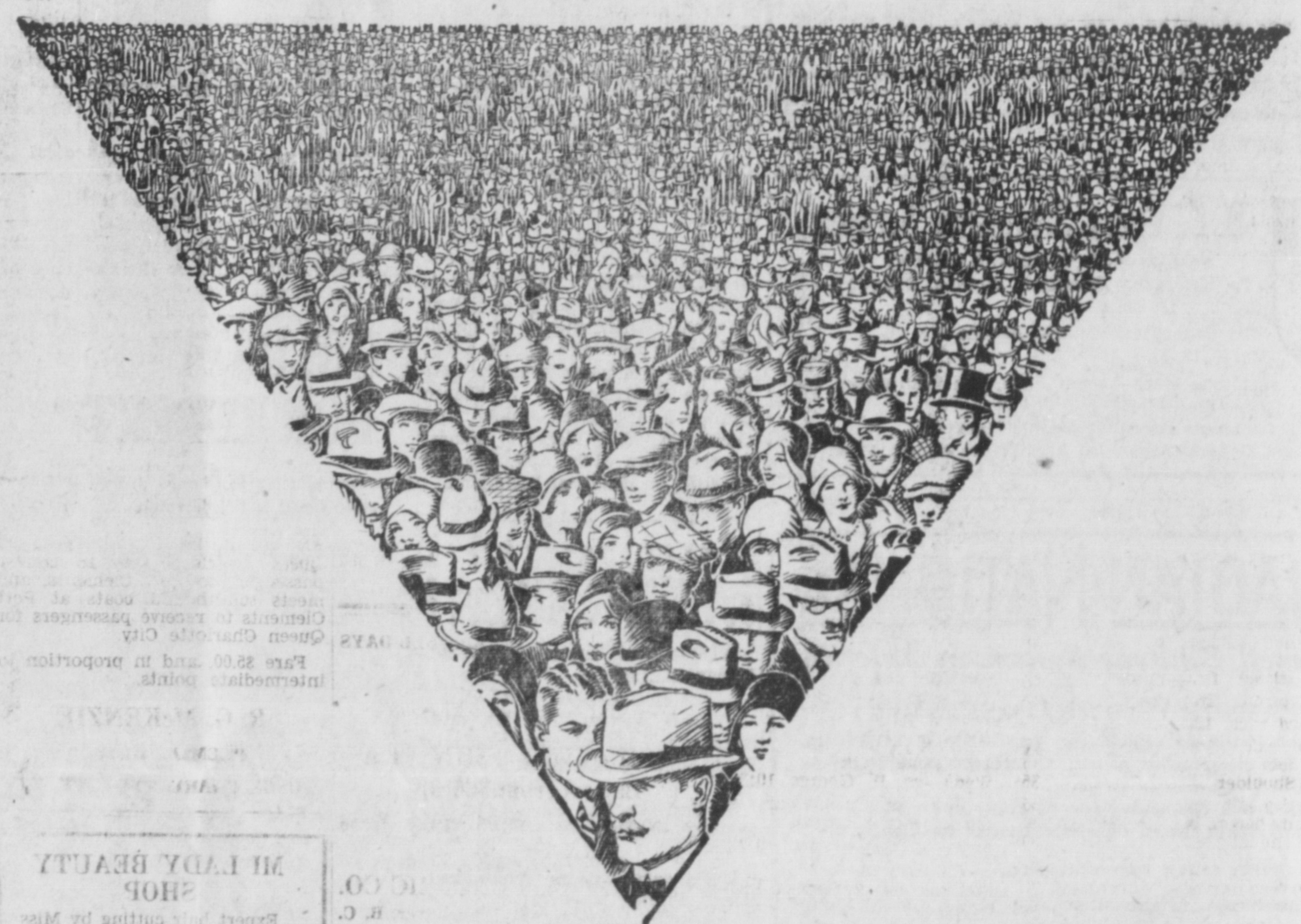
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