

BAKER RULING HARD BLOW TO PASTIME—BASEBALL PARKS MAY HAVE TO CLOSE THEIR GATES

RELIEVE BY PRESIDENT UNTIL OCTOBER 15 ONLY CAN SAVE MAJOR LEAGUES

Baker's Ruling Baseball Cannot Survive and 150 Players Must Seek Other Employment—Tener and Johnson May Confer Here

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UNTIL President Wilson steps in and gives baseball a reprieve until October 15 the National and American Leagues will be snuffed out...

The situation is serious. Hundreds of thousands of fans—all engaged in useful occupations or above the draft age—will be deprived of a national sport because 150 players have been ordered to quit their chosen profession...

It seems unfair, but when one stops to consider that we now are engaged in the biggest war in the history of the world, a war which is likely to continue for years and millions of men will be required to go overseas to uphold the honor and dignity of the United States...

Shipyard and Steel Mill Teams Will Entertain the Public NO MATTER what happens to big league baseball, the public will be able to witness high-class games this summer...

Furthermore, there will be a big rush for the shipyards within the next week and there will not be enough talent to start another new league. The ball players did not express surprise when told of the official verdict yesterday afternoon...

Few Soft Jobs Left—Men Must Work Like the Others JOHNNY CASTLE, manager of the Hog Island baseball team, was at the game yesterday, but did not appear enthused when told that baseball was skating on mighty thin ice...

We are making no effort to sign star ball players, said Castle. We have certain rules to follow and we live up to them. No preference is shown, no overtures are made and a ball player will have to work just as hard as any one else in the yard...

Big League Chiefs May Ask Wilson to Intervene IT IS certain that the American and National leagues will make an attempt to finish the season and ask President Wilson to grant a reprieve until the middle of October...

HOWEVER, as Saturday is a half holiday, two games will be played at Shibe Park this afternoon between the A's and Cleveland. Tomorrow, which is a day of rest, the teams will journey to Cleveland...

WHILE Secretary Baker was administering his knockout wallop the A's defeated Cleveland yesterday in a short legal ball game by the score of 3 to 0...

WHERE there was lots of excitement in the fourth inning. Speaker was thrown out at first on a hit which dropped in front of the plate. This held a conversation with Nallin and from the grand stand it looked as if grand center fielder would end by hitting the umpire with his bat...

THE Boston Americans have played eight games of their schedule and are in a comfortable lead. Under the plan suggested by President Baker, the season would close with two-thirds of the schedule completed...

WONDER WHAT A CADDY THINKS ABOUT

Humorous cartoon strip with four panels. Panel 1: 'AH-H JIMINY CRICKETS! IF I COULDN'T DRIVE NO BETTER N AT 10 SOAK MY HEAD'. Panel 2: 'I WISH I COULD CADDY FOR MISTER GREEN, ALL TIME LIKE I DID YISTIDDY, HE GIMME TWO BITS EXTRA'. Panel 3: 'AW-W W GOSH- THIS OLD FOOL IS ALL THE TIME LOSING TH BALL HE DONT NEED TO GO AND BLAME ME FOR IT NEITHER'. Panel 4: 'HE AINT NEVER GOIN' T GIT IT OUT OF HERE LIKE THAT! THAT GUY CAN CERTAINLY SWEAR SOMP N FERCE'.

BAKER RULING HITS BASEBALL HARD BLOW

Phillies and Athletics Likely to Be Summoned by Board Next Week

Indications are that every Philly and Athletic player between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one will be called by his local draft board early next week...

Major Leagues to Go On New York, July 20.—John Heider, secretary of the National League, in a statement issued today...

Will Drive Slackers to Ship Leagues St. Paul, July 20.—It is understood here that the enforcement of the work-or-fight order against professional baseball will mean an exodus of players from the American Association to shipyards and other war industries...

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SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

PELLEGRINI PALMER, one of the great pugilists ever sent out from the British Isles, has joined the English army. Palmer has just passed his forty-third year and during the last two years he has been giving boxing exhibitions...

Jack Lester, the local featherweight champion, is anxious to become a boxing instructor at one of the camps in France. Attili put in his application and expects an answer in a few days.

Tommy Robson, the Malden, Mass. welterweight, has been named as a champion in a Boston munition factory. Robson is willing to box any man of his class.

Charles (Tommy) Murray, the Pittsburgh boxer, who has appeared in this city several times, has been named as a champion in a Boston munition factory. Murray is willing to box any man of his class.

Leo Flynn, manager of Kid Norfolk, the Pennsylvania heavyweight, is being called to report to the War Relocation Authority. Flynn is willing to box any man of his class.

GEORGE BURNS CLIMBS EIGHT POINTS IN BATTING RACE WITH TYRUS COBB

Three Tiger Sluggers Suddenly Stopped in Dash Toward Swatting Summit

THREE Tigers—Bob Veach, Donie Bush and Harry Hellman—came an awful cropper when they faced hurlers Jim Shaw and Matteson of the Senators, last week, at the time these ferocious Tigers were all on merry hitting streaks...

HENRY GROH, the star third-sacker of Matty's Reds, was the first National Leaguer to bat out 100 base hits. Groh is leading the hitters of his circuit by a healthy margin...

BATTING FIGURES Table with columns for Player, Club, G, AB, R, H, RB, P, AA. Lists statistics for various players like Veach, Bush, Hellman, Groh, etc.

WILL KEEP ON, MACK DECLARES

Athletics' Leader Says He'll Have Team if He Has to Play Himself

"What will I do? Why, nothing," was Connie Mack's comment on the ruling by Secretary Baker which fixes the status of ball players as within the scope of the work-or-fight order...

CLUB BATTING Table with columns for Club, G, AB, R, H, RB, P, AA. Lists batting statistics for various clubs like New York, Chicago, Boston, etc.

AMERICAN LEAGUE PITCHING

Table showing American League Pitching statistics. Columns include Games Won by Pitchers, Games Lost by Pitchers, Pitcher and Club, W, L, P, C.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PITCHING

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