# KER RULING HARD BLOW TO PASTIME-BASEBALL PARKS MAY HAVE TO CLOSE THEIR GATES

## **PRIEVE BY PRESIDENT INTIL OCTOBER 15 ONLY** CAN SAVE MAJOR LEAGUES

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

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Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger LESS President Wilson steps in and gives baseball a reprieve until tober 15 the National and American Leagues will be snuffed out the next week. The game cannot continue under the ruling handed by Secretary Baker, for every club in the league virtually will be out with the exceptions of the bat boys and managers. More than layers will be taken away in the big leagues and more than that number the minors. Baseball for 1918 will come to an abrupt stop, the pennant never will be decided and the world series lost in the shuffle. Under Baker's ruling the only team in the country that is exempt is the n Bloomer Girls.

The situation is serious. Hundreds of thousands of fans-all engaged eful occupations or above the draft age-will be deprived of a naal sport because 150 players have been ordered to quit their chosen on to take up different work which will pay them less than one-If the money they now are earning. Not only that, but millions of dollars ned by club owners will remain idle while the ball parks are closed. all of this because 150 unskilled laborers must take up another line of

It seems unfair, but when one stops to consider that we now are enred in the biggest war in the history of the world, a war which is likely o continue for years and millions of men will be required to go overseas hold the honor and dignity of the United States, sacrifices, no matter large, are to be expected. We all must do our share toward winning he big conflict, and if we are deprived of a few afternoons' enjoyment we uld grin and bear it. The matter was given serious thought by the remment officials and the final ruling must be accepted without protest. the more we do the sooner the war will be over and conditions again will tern to normal

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. Philadelphia is fortunate in having Hog Island, Chester and Sun shipbuilding plants near by, and it rould not be at all surprising to see those teams playing either at Shibe Park or on the Phillies' grounds in the near future. Many former big inguers are working in the yards and can play Saturday afternoons and on holidays.

Furthermore, there will be a big rush for the shipyards within the week and there will be enough talent to start another new league.

The ball players did not express surprise when told of the official veryesterday afternoon. I visited the Cleveland dressing room after the a had been called and watched with interest the effect of the news that men must work or join the army.

Lee Fohl, Tris Speaker, Joe Wood and another player were playing ds and the game wasn't even halted. Between deals Fohl said: "Well you can tell the world that we are not kicking about the order.

Uncle Sam tells us to fight we'll do it. If baseball must go, it goes-Is all there is to it. The war comes first."

Tris Speaker looked at his cards and dropped them on the table. "It's at last," he said, "but I am not worrying. I decided to do my bit a time ago and now am awaiting the call to join an aviation camp. I tered for the service when we were in Washington, delaying it until because I wanted to attend to it myself. I'm ready to go at any

Ray Chapman and Evans, the third baseman, already are in the service they are making plans to join the colors at once.

The men who have dependents plan to go to shipyards or get some aployment that will give them a chance to play ball Saturdays and

### Few Soft Jobs Left-Men Must Work Like the Others

DHNNY CASTLE, manager of the Hog Island baseball team, was at the name yesterday, but did not appear enthused when told that baseball skating on mighty thin ice. He expected to see many of the big ruers down on the island, but stated they would be treated the same as one else.

"We are making no effort to sign star ball players," said Castle. "We neve certain rules to follow and we live up to them. No preference is wn, no overtures are made and a ball player will have to work just as and as any one else in the yard. Our ball club is coming along in good pe, but all of the players work hard on the ships we are building.

"If any new men wish to enter this work they can start at about \$35 week and they will earn every cent they get. If they show any unusual lity they will receive more. Not one cent extra will be paid to ball ayers. Hans Lobert and Chief Bender are on the job\* from morning until acht and play ball on their off days. That's how things are run at Hog know anything about the other yards."



ing out ball players he said: "Yes. Like many other boards, we have been expecting an official rule on the question, and now that we know where the ball player stands we will

sary. Got to keep smiling." If neces-sary. Got to keep smiling." If the leagues decide to finish out their season by signing players outside the draft age, Mack has as a nucleus. Rube Oldring Rube Oldring, Larry Gardner, Pearson, Dugan, Dykes, and Acosta. Dugan and Dykes are in Class 1-A in the 20 term

It is known, however, that members of the local teams have been asked join certain plants in case the work-or-fight order is put into effect, and players virtually have agreed to go. This will stimulate interest in gard athletics and make the games more important. Baseball fans still be able to cheer their old favorites in different uniforms,

The steel mills also will take care of many players and their teams Il be strang:) e.ed. However, those plants are far away from Philadeiphia ad the only interest will be up-State.

No matter toy you look at it there is no chance for baseball to con-There has been some talk of going along with players over and der the draft age, but it would be difficult to find men whose work would the fats. It would be a losing proposition and the baseball magales have lost enough money already.

#### **Big League Chiefs May Ask Wilson to Intervene**

T 18 cerum that the American and National leagues will make an attempt to finish the season and may ask President Wilson to grant a rerisve until the middle of October. It was reported last night that Presi-ents Johnson and Tener wiuld be here today to discuss the Perry case, and after that make a trip to Washington, but no one in Philadelphia seems to know asything about it. But it's a safe bet they will be in Washington a few days.

They have only a very slim chance, for Secretary Baker's statement carefully prepared one and probably reflects the views of the entire inistration.

They can refer to the contributions made to the national Treasury d Red Cross, and point out that up to June 1 the sixteen major league shubs paid \$\$8.715.66 in war taxes. This indicates that nearly \$1,000.000 in mions has been paid in less than two months and the game was getmore popula. every day. As for other contributions, big league baseball as given \$450,000 to the Red Cross and the officials and players have subbed \$8,522,450 to the Liberty Loans.

TOWEVER, as Saturday is a half holiday, two games will be played at Shibe Pars this afternoon between the A's and Cleveland, Tomorrow, uch is a day of rest, the teams will journey to Cleveland, where they will another game. It is doubtful if Lee Fohl and his Tribe will return to adelphia to play their game on Tuesday unless there is a change of stiment in Wasnington. . . .

THILE Secretary Baker was administering his knockout wallop the A's defeated Cleveland yesterday in a short legal ball game by the score I to 0. The game would have gone the entire nine innings, only a rain m butted in and Dick Nallin called the game in the last half of the fifth one out and three balls and one strike on Jimmy Jamieson

The conflict was captured in the first frame, when, after two were out. Walker singled and scored on George Burns's long triple to the score-Tiogs. George counted when Steve O'Niell allowed one of Coumbe's to slide through his mitt and the ball sailed to the grand stand. isitors were unable to do anything with Watson's slants,

CRE was lots of excitement in the fourth inning. Speaker was thrown at first on a hit which dropped in front of the plate. Tris held a conversation with Nallin and from the grand stand it looked as if at center fielder would end by hitting the umpire with his bat. Howit was just a friendly argument, like this: What's the matter, Dick? Can't you see?" re. You're out." I'm not. The ball was caught on the fly and it should have been

to hit the ground. You're wrong. Betcha you're wrong." right. What'll you bet?" hat. Prove it by the rules."

w're on. You owe me the hat, because I know the rules."

IAN'S Phillies are ready for a long home stay, finishing up in sh this afternoon. On Monday they will play the A's in a benefit ily of the late William G. Weart, and the chances are at time the fans will be able to witness a big league w. The Phile will be back tomorrow.

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<sup>12</sup> You will see,<sup>21</sup> continued Doctre to secretary Baker bayer that the ball player is no stated and the matter. July 20.—John Heydler, see the do what is expected of him, the has been on the anxious banch and to be the secretary Baker and you will see,<sup>21</sup> control to be set. The order will be received of the secretary Baker and you will see,<sup>21</sup> control to be set. The order will be received of the secretary Baker and you will see,<sup>21</sup> control to be set. The order will be received of the secretary Baker and you will be seen the secretary Baker and you will be any of the the secretary Baker and you will be any of the the secretary Baker and you will be any of the the secretary of the National Leasure. In a state the secret the two orders and the the secretary Baker and you will be any of the the secretary Baker and you will be any of the the secretary of the National Leasure. In a state the secret the secretary Baker and you will be any of the the secretary of the National Leasure. In a state the secret the secretary Baker and you will be any of the the secretary of the National Leasure. In a state the secretary Baker and you will be any of the probability and the secretary of the National Leasure. In a state the secretary Baker and you we will be any of the probability and the secretary of the National Leasure. In a state the secretary Baker and you we will be any of the transit any of the probability and the secretary Baker and you were any secretary Baker and you we will be any of the secretary Baker and you we will be any of the secretary Baker and you we will be any of the secretary Baker and you were any secretary Baker and you were any secretary Baker and you we will be any of the secretary Baker and you were any secretary Baker and you were any severe any secretary Baker and you were any secretary Baker and y

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count. Martin Duffy, of Kensington, and Johnny Crane fought six fast rounds with honors even at the end. In the third round Crane caught Duffy with one of his knockout nlows, and the Kensington had went to the third year and dust passed his forty. Phil Bloom, the crack Brooklyn elight third round Crane caught Duffy with army. Palmer has just passed his forty-third year and during the last two with Weight, would like to get a return hout with Frankle Callahan, the Brooklyn slight third year and during the last two with Frankle Callahan, the Brooklyn slight years he has been giving boxing exhibit. The fourt be fourth buffy outpolned his opponent diers.

the fourth, Duffy outpoined his opponent and earned a draw. Jack Lester, Herman's Hindin's boy, was shaded by Temmy Herman in the opening bout. In the other scraps Joe Wright defeated Jimmy McDonough, and Ren Carlin. of Mahonoy City, scored a forty-second knockout over Eddle Clarke.

coll, one of the greatest featherweight boxers that has been seen in action in this country.

Among some of the boxers from this Would End Season and Leave Red Sox Pennant Winners

fathomed Carey's style, and, taking the lead, soon forged to the front. In the last three rounds Bloom's fast work had carey holding on to escape taking the

FRAZEE HAS SCHEME

country Palmer fought were George Boston, July 29.--- A suggestion to end Dixon, the colored marvel; Billy Plimmer, Dave Sullivan and Billy Botchford. Palmer met his first defeat at the hands of the late Terry McGovern, when he the major league baseball season at the completion of 100 games of the schedule. completion of 100 games of the schedule, with a world's champlonship series be-tween the winning clubs in the Amer-ican and National League clubs early next month in case President Wilson upholds the ruling of Secretary Baker that baseball players come under the "work or fight" order, was telegraphed to the National Baseball Commission by President H. H. Frazee, of the Boston American League Club. was stopped by one punch in 1899. This knockout is the quickest victory ever won in a championship battle. Paimer retired from the prize ring in 1912 after being beaten by Joe Bowker and Ben Jorden. Palmer deserves lots of credit for enby President H. H. Frazee, of the Boston American League Club. President Frazee said he would not consider the possibility of continuing the season with the array of inferior players it would be necessary to call upon to fill up the roster of the various clubs. Of the Red Sox stars only Shean, Wagner, Whiteman and Truesdale would be left. Shean and Wagner are the only regulars. The Boston Americans have played eighty-six games of their schedule and have a comfortable lead. Under the plan suggested by President Frazes, the season would close with two-thirds of the schedule completed. listing at that age to serve his country He already had been refused once I fore by the authorities on account having some defect about him. Billy Minkle, the St. Paul heavyweight has turned farmer. Miskle has bought farm on the Pacific coast and will try hi hand at growing fruits and vegetables in short while. short while. Kid Welf, forters 100-pound tournament champion of England, is now in this city, having turned professional, and is ready to meet any bantam in this city.

bytes are in their names are far down old army, but their names are far down the list, and will probably not be reached before the end of the baseball season.

Acosta, being a Cuban, has not called to the colors. The Cleveland ball club, press

Red Sox for the lead, will ha nucleus, Terry Turner and Bob Manager Lee Fohl greeted the ne

the resigned patience fitting in ager who has just seen a game by rain at the moment legal victory for the opposing s

Amateur Notes

MANAGER JOE MEIMAN. Indiana B. C., wishes to a that the club at the present time ing the best ball of the season has arranged a hard schedule team, as he feels that it will

good showing.

This afternoon the club wi to Parkesburg. Pa., and will en the Parkesburg Iron Company, chiefly composed of former majo players; on the 27th it will p Stetson A. A., at the hatmakers' Fourth and Berks streets. Gar

then be followed with Pottsto Empire City, of Brooklyn.

The addition of Haffey, Mcd and the hard hitting of Edwa verman. Walsh and Lichenste changed the team from a fair t nine to one of the foremost team

East. The team still has a dates and would like to hear f first-class teams having home in Pennsylvania, New Jersey a ware offering a suitable Meiman, manager, 1939 North

second street.

Harry L. Lomas, former membe Central High School, was a four man, having received the henorable in basketball, football, baseball an He also is a former star second and manager of the Towanda A. A. has had years of experience, havin against most of the leading first-cls professional teams in this city and Jimmy McCabe, the local weiterweight, nay be matched to oppose Frank Carbone, of New York, in the main bout at the Wrightstown A. C. in a few weeks.

desirous of pla the leading first-class team or vicinity. He can either stone sack or any outfield team that is willing to obta can address him at Jaspe

Rocky Kansas, the Buffalo lightweight, has started, training for his coming fight with Phil Bloom, of Brooklyn. They are to appear in the final bouleat the Wrights-town A. C. next Wednesday night. The semifinal brings together two colored mid-dieweights, George Christian, of this city, and Jimmy Leggert, of Jacksonville, Fis. Kensington Twilight team will

well-known Holy Name evening. This will mark between the teams, the evening fought that the return game. The game D. m. at Frankford avenue Jack Russo, the local lightweight, woul like to meet either Johnny Dundee or Rock Kansas.

Tommy Rohson, the Malden. Mass., weiter-weight, is now a polleeman in a Boston munition factory. Robson is willing to box any man of his class. Durby Professionals. Delaware, foremost traveling team, has July few later dates during Augunt open class home teams offering suitable tees. E. H. Smith manager, I Sluth street, Darby, or phone D

Charles (Toucher) Murray, the Pittsburgh bantam, who has appeared in this city sev-eral times, has enlisted in the United States marino corns. Murray fought such boya as Dick Loadman, Eddle O'Keefe, Pinky Burns, Benny Kaufman, K. O. Joe O'Donnell and a host of other boxers of that class. Arso A. A., a first-class semi nine, has July 37 open and would like to ar range a game with a team in the class of Wildwood, Cape May, Atlantic City, Rail read, Exp Harbor and Meirose, J Dalley manager, 716 Belgrade atract, or phone Ken sington 365 between 7 and 8 p. m.

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Lee Firm, manager of Kid Norfolk, the Panama heavyweight, is perved because Billy Miskle, of St. Paul, ran out of a bout with his protess. Firm is willing to present either Jack Demper, the coast ac-stion, or Fred Fulles, the Minnesota sha-Trier A. C., a first-class, fully unifo traveling nine fas a few open dates of the months of August and Bertamber frame of that class have been

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