SECRETARY BAKER TO TELL BASEBALL FATE TODAY; SHOOT FOR CITY TITLE SATURDAY

FATAL DAY FOR BASEBALL

Sccretary Baker Postpones His Work or Fight Decision Until This Noon

To-day is the day. So declared Secretary of War Baker last night, in postponing his decision on the workbusy," was his excuse for keeping the universe waiting, although a whole regiment of baseball magnates kicked their heels in the lobby. There were: President Tener, National League; President Johnson American League; August Herrnann, of Cincinnati, chairman, and John E. Bruce, of the National Commission; Secretary Heydler, National League, and these club presidents, William F. Baker, Philadelphia; Charles Weeghman, Chicago; Barney Dreyfuss, Pittsburgh; Percy D. Haughton, Boston; Harry Hempstead, New York; Harry Frazee, Poston, and Benjamin Minor, Washiston

stead, New York; Harry Frazee, Boston, and Benjamin Minor, Washington.

There seemed to be confirmation that the federal government would ease up. They based this hope upon the Secretary's previous statement that it was not certain that the baseball industry would be disrupted by operation of the order and their belief that they had presented facts that would convince him that professional leagues would have to suspend unless the order is modified.

General Crowder was told by the baseball representatives that if the regulations were enforced now, less than sixty players would remain in the two major leagues and that there would be no time in which to recruit new players to enable the clubs to complete the present playing schedules. It was expected that Secretary Eaker would send down his decision by noontinfe.

John McGraw Has No Faith in a "Hunch"

John McGraw, who has been handling the Giants with supreme success since 1902, is always in the limelight, because he believes publicity helps the game. He is talking now of takthe game. He is talking now of taking two teams to Paris, and it is safe to say John will stir things up in some way very soon. McGraw has made a record for turning out stars, and all of them will tell you that one-secret of his success is that he takes

secret of his success is that he takes the blame when it is coming to him. A typical story of his, seared deeply in the Giants' logbook, concerns McGraw's system of signalling, for he has always directed his team on the field with signals.

The Giants were playing Cincinnati at the Polo Ground one day, and every time that "Big Larry" McLean, as good a man in a pinch as there is playing ball, came to the bat, so here is playing ball, came to the bat would score on a hit and put the times that McLean faced Crandal, McGraw held up four ingers with the thumb down, which was held signal to pass a batter purposely. However, the second proposely, and the pass a batter purposely, and the next batter failed to bring the runs home each time, thus vindicating McGraw's judgment.

**McGraw's Last "Hunch"

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What They Did Yesterday; Where They Play Today

AMERICAN LEAGUE

NATIONAL LEAGUE St. Louis 10, New York 2. Pittsburgh 3, Brooklyn 1. Chicago 5, Phillies 4. Boston 4, Cincinnati 0.

STANDING OF CLUBS American League

Boston	55		.61
Cleveland			.543
New York		40	.53
Washington		41	.53
St. Louis		46	.46
Chicago		47	.45
Philadelphia			.42
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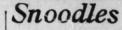
SCHEDULE FOR TO-DAY
American League
Washington at St. Louis.
Philadelphia at Detroit.
New York at Cleveland.
Boston at Chicago.
National League
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn.
Chicago at Philadelphia.
St. Louis at New York.

TO UNDERSTAND

By GRANTLAND RICE Lieutenant, 115th Field Artillery, A. E. F. [Copyright, 1918, by The Tribune Association (New York Tribune)]

He saw long lines of khaki form
In quiet order, clan by clan;
To drive against the blood-red storm
Of flame and steel beyond their
span—
As one might gather for a game
Of two-base hits or tackle runs—
Until the zero hour came
Amid the thunder of the guns.

Amid the thunder out with eager eyes Beyond the gathering barrage, Unmindful of the sacrifice Or service of their final charge; And some, with faces drawn and gray Stood ready for their final night, Still dreaming of a vanished day And one who waited through the night.





It Sounds Very Much Like a Pipe Dream



JULY 25, 1918.

By Hungerford



BIG SHOOT FOR THE CITY TITLE





saw the forming row on row, line that raw hell couldn't stop:

New York Yankees, and Manager John J. McGraw, of the Glants, are saw their bodies clear the top; defended then, across the shattered loam smashing shell and shrapnel sent, last—three thousand miles from home what Flag and Country the same say the Polo Grounds, should be also league abandon their pennant. He knew what Flag and Country meant.

MAKING GUNS TO FIT SHOOTER

FRED FULTON DELINQUENT
Harrison, N. J., July 25. — Fred
Fulton, the Minnesota claimant of the
heavyweight puglistic title, has been
classed as a delinquent in the draftand may be taken into custody. Fulton is scheduled to meet Jack Dempsey in an eight-round bout here Saturday night.
According to a letter received yesterday, Fulton failed to appear before his local draft board for physical
examination, and by virtue of this
failure he is classed and decided to refer it to the Attorney General.

FANS TWENTY-NINE BATSMEN

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England Discovers That Baseball Has a "Soul"



BIG LEAGUERS GET OFFERS

Expecting an adverse decision from Secretary Baker, the Duluth baseball team, of the Head of the Lakes-Messaga circuit, has wired Walter Johnson terms of \$300 a game. Hendrix, of the Cubs, and Severeid, of the Browns, also received offers.

"Twas a proud day for Arlie Latham, baseball player in the United States for many, many years and connected with the sport for thirty years, when he umpired the game between American Army teams at Chelsea, England, July 4. Arlie was the master of ceremonies, and as a consequence he became the most important man in connection with the game the king had to recognize. The whole royal family saw the game and heard American doughboys and Jackies yell at the umpire.

leave having been granted to him by Congress to pay us a visit and gracefully return the King's gracious recognition of America's national game. When the age of victory dawns, we shall expect this favour.

offer its services free but the concert, planned for June 21, was postponed until to-day because of rain. The program for to-night is an entertaining one including patriotic, popular and classic numbers as follows:

America.
March "Liberty Loan" ... Sousa
Grand selection, "Macbeth,"

Melodies from the comic opera
"Maid Marian" ... R. de Koven
Grand scenes from "Samson and
Delilah" ... Saint Saens
Ballet "Egyptian" (in 4 parts),
Motives from "The Grand Mogul,"
G. Luders
Star Spangled Banner. Star Spangled Banner.

DEATH OF "DUSTY" MILLER DEATH OF "DUSTY" MILLER
Waynesboro, Pa, July 25. — Martin
Luther Miller, a former resident, of
Waynesboro, died in Philadelphia on
Monday afternoon. Mr. Miller, who
was known here as "Dusty," was an
s, excellent baseball player and a one,
time played professional ball; he also
played with the local club here. He
is survived by several children and
several brothers and sisters. His remains will be shipped to Hagerstown,
where burial will take place.

Brothers Arrive Overseas





WILLIAM E. FORTENBAUGH

ELLWOOD F. FORTENBAUGH

William E. Fortenbaugh and Ellwood F. Fortenbaugh, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Fortenbaugh, of Oberlin, have arrived overseas, announcements to that effect having just been received by their parents. William is attached to the machine gun battalion of the One Hundred Forty-eighth Infantry and Ellwood is a member of Company D, Three Hundred Fourth Engineers. Both of the youths were employed at the Bethlehem Steel Company before their departure and were members the Bressler Social Club.

SHIRTS At Big REDUCTIONS in Price

Boys' and Men's Sport Shirts 75¢; worth \$1.50 Men's Silk Bosom Shirts \$1.38; worth \$2.00 Men's Madras and Percale Negligee Shirts, * \$1.15 and \$1.38; worth \$2.00 Boys' Underwear 50¢; worth \$1.00 Men's Union Suits. . 85¢ and \$1.00; worth \$1.00 and \$1.75

Panamas \$3.00 to \$4.50; worth \$4.50 to \$6.00 Men's Guaranteed Hose, 25¢, 35¢, 50¢; worth 35c, 50c and 75c Railroaders' Overalls; all grades, all sizes.

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