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CROWDER MANDATE STRIKES AT LEAGUES

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By FREDERICK G. LIEB. The sweeping order of President Marshall Crowder to the effect that all men of draft age employed in non-essential work must either fight or work by July 1 came hurrying like an explosion into the American sporting world yesterday, with professional baseball facing the greatest impact of the war.

If Gen. Crowder's order is enforced to the letter it will mean the crushing of America's national pastime—the big league baseball championship race, the old rivalry of pugilism as the sport of the masses, the elimination of the great individual sports—baseball.

The other sports might weather Gen. Crowder's order, but baseball cannot. The tennis and golf men are affected only by a handful, as the great majority of professionals in these sports are men well past the age of military service.

Racetrack followers will be hit more severely than the rest of the sports. The great majority of trainers are men about the draft age, while the jockeys are in their teens.

It is the intention of the Government to close big league parks for the duration of the war, the order of Gen. Crowder will bring about as it is a one sport which cannot be considered helpless by the strict enforcement of the order. Two hundred and thirty-seven big league players, approximately 85 per cent of the men making the big leagues, will be affected by the drastic order.

Baseball officials and executives seemed to think that if the Government would not close the parks, they would be able to get a specific ruling from Gen. Crowder yesterday as to how the new order will affect ball players.

The absence of President Secretary Crowder did not care to express an opinion on the subject for the league. The other baseball men, Heydler says, had been under the impression that they would be able to get a specific ruling from Gen. Crowder yesterday as to how the new order will affect ball players.

Discussing the matter President Secretary Crowder said that the Government wants us to stop war perfectly willing. If our players are called for more important duties we will gladly give them up. However, we do not believe that the Government has the right to stop us from playing baseball.

Warrior's Case an Example. The fact that military men took considerable parts in baseball affairs also has been taken by baseball men as an endorsement of their business. In 1917 Wood threw out the first ball at the opening of the baseball season.

The first player to be affected by the order is Jack Warhop, former Yankee, who has been pitching for the Philadelphia Athletics. Warhop's case is an example of the order.

The Cuban vs. Bushwicks. The Cuban Stars of Havana and the Bushwicks of New York are scheduled to play a return game at the Polo Grounds on Sunday.

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Leading Baseball Figures Who Are Listed in Draft

AMERICAN LEAGUE. NEW YORK—Ray Caldwell, George Morige, Edward Love, Hugh Beight, Allen Russell, Harry Hannah, Harold Rice, Thomas Clarke, Albert Walters, Walter Phipp, Devereil Pratt, Roger Peckinpaugh, Wilson Fowler, Zinn Heck, Frank Bode, Elmer Miller, Hugh Gilbooth, Hugh High, William Lamar, Andrew Wagner, Total, 23.

WASHINGTON—Bert Gehla, Walter Johnson, Yancy Ayres, James Shaw, Harry Harper, M. Craft, Edward Armstrong, John Sawyer, Eugene Edwards, Foster, John Lavan, Ray Morgan, Clyde Milan, Howard Shanks, Total, 14.

PHILADELPHIA—Vean Gregg, Elmer Myers, Adamo, Adamo, Scott Terry, Frank Fahner, Robert Geary, Forrest Cady, Ralph Perkins, James McAvoy, Total, 15.

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BOSTON—Burlough Grimes, Dan Griner, Rube Marquard, Ray Schott, Oliver O'Mara, Harry Myers, Zachary Wheeler, James Johnston, Dave Hickman, Ernest Krueger, Otto Miller, Mack Wheat, Total, 12.

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PHILADELPHIA—Erskine Mayer, Mike J. Carls, Ed Kelly, Bert Tinscup, Bradley Hogg, Bunny Hearne, Edward Burns, M. W. Watson, Jack Adams, Mike McLaughlin, Milton Stock, Dave Hancock, Jack Fitzgerald, Emil Meisel, Fred Williams, Total, 14.

CHICAGO—James Vaughn, Victor Aldridge, Claude Hendrix, Phil Douglas, George Tyler, William Killefer, Bob O'Farrell, Fred Markle, Peter Kilduff, Charles Holcher, Charles Deal, William Wortman, Leslie Mann, Turner Brasler, Mack Plack, Total, 15.

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GIANTS TRUMPH IN FOURTEENTH INNING

Hits of Zimmerman, Fletcher and Holke Defeat Cardinals, 6 to 4.

Special Dispatch to The Sun. ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 23.—The Giants required fourteen innings to subdue the Cardinals to-day, but finally accomplished the task, winning the final game of the series, 6 to 4. Three clean hits off Bill Sherdell, the kid southpaw, gave McGraw's men the winning runs after the teams had been locked in a tie for six innings.

With two out in the fourth, Zimmerman doubled down the left field foul line, Fletcher followed with a double to left that scored the great Zim, and Holke brought Fletcher in with a single to the same territory.

McCarthy Twice at Bat. The Cardinals were the first to score. They registered two runs in the opening inning on Smith's single and Cruise's drive into the right field stand for a home run. The Giants put their first run over the plate in the following inning, Holke walked and McCarthy struck out away from the plate.

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Cards Tie Score in Eighth. Pauleta's double, Wallace's out and a single by Snyder gave the Cardinals a run in the seventh. They tied the score in the eighth on Fletcher's double and singled to center and Packard was assigned to run for him.

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HIGH LIGHTS AND SHADOWS IN ALL SPHERES OF SPORT

PROFESSIONAL baseball and everything that goes with it tremble in the balance. A blanket enforcement of Gen. Crowder's "work or fight" order on baseball players no doubt would make every league in the country suspend for the duration of the war.

It involves on Gen. Crowder to decide whether league baseball is merely a sport which the country could forego, or whether it is a business. If it is a legal and legitimate business and a valuable agent in maintaining the morals of our people it merits at least all the consideration which the General's order gives to the theatre, when he excepts "actual performers in legitimate concerts, operas or theatrical performances."

England Rescinded Order Stopping Soccer Leagues. It will be remembered that when England entered this war it forced all the professional soccer leagues to call a halt. Sport and everything else not intimately connected with the war were stopped and England went into seclusion and ashes.

It is in spite of the unsettled conditions in professional baseball there are dickering for several National League clubs. It may be that Gen. Crowder's order will force a halt in negotiations, but we doubt it.

Abadane Repeats. Abadane, the imported celt belonging to George D. Widener which Jack Joyce uncovered earlier in the week, proved that he is more than an ordinary celt. He is a celt of three-year-olds, small but select field of three-year-olds, without doing his best.

Harry Vardon Can't Get a Partner to Play Golf Here. Golfers yesterday were wondering what effect the Crowder order would have on professionals like Jim Barnes who are playing for the benefit of the Red Cross. They do not expect that these men will be hampered in that way.

Biggest Boxing Show Ever to Be Held To-night. The biggest boxing show in the history of the sport in this country will be staged in Madison Square Garden to-night. Aside from its appeal to those who like the sport there is the appeal of the Red Cross, for every cent taken in at the door will go to that great organization.

No Championships in Long Island Sound Yachting. Edwin H. Tucker, secretary of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound, said yesterday that his organization had scheduled six regattas for the season.

FORDHAM AGAIN IS DEFEATED BY A RUN RED CROSS BOYS. Mount St. Joseph's College Leaders of Ring Will Be Seen in Garden To-night.

Eleven boxing bouts contested on the night of May 23 at the Garden. The first was a contest between Eddie Moran and Bill Brennan. Moran won by a knockout in the fourth round.

ST. LOUIS SCORES 2 RUNS IN NINTH AND BEATS WASHINGTON, 3 TO 2. WASHINGTON, May 23.—(American.) St. Louis staged a ninth inning rally here to-day to make it four straight victories over Washington. The score was 3 to 2. The score:

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DOGGERS DINE ON NINE GOOSE EGGS

Weaver Baffles Brooklyn, While Cubs Hit Griner Hard and Win, 5 to 0.

Special Dispatch to The Sun. CHICAGO, May 23.—Harry Weaver, the big right hander who led the Eastern league last season, winning fourteen games and losing three with the fifth place New Haven club, showed his big league timber here to-day when he let the Dodgers down for four scattered hits and blanked them, 5 to 0.

The victory gave Chicago an even break on the four game series. The Dodgers left to-night for St. Louis, where they will wind up the Western series.

Myers bunted safely with two down in the fourth, but promptly was forced by Johnston. Griner got a life on Zeider's fumble in the fifth after two were out and went to third on Oliver's double.

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RED CROSS DAY AT JAMAICA TODAY. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RED CROSS FUNDING SIX GOOD RACES INCLUDING RED CROSS HANDICAP AND HIGHLAND STAKES. PITCHER WYCKOFF RELEASED.