LATEST DOINGS IN SPORTLAND

BASEBALL IS DECLARED NON-ESSENTIAL--EASTERN TO CLOSE

Baker Declares That Ball Is Non-Essential

So Rules Secretary Baker for All Men Within Draft Age—Major League Teams Will Be Hit Hard—Result of Ainsmith Case.

Washington, July 20—Baseball is a non-productive and non-essential industry. Ball players of draft age are hit by the "work or fight" order; they must shift into essential industries or lose such deferred classifications in the draft as they have received through dependencies and other reasons.

Such was the decision of Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, yesterday, in the appeal of Edward Ainsmith, catcher of the Washington team of the American league.

The opinion was also expressed by Secretary Baker that the draft rules, so far as was concerned the "work or fight" order, should be altered to include all persons engaged solely in entertaining.

Summarizing his statement, the Secretary held it is far from certain that complete disorganization of the baseball enterprise will follow, as so many players are beyond draft age.

Ship Leagues to Thrive

The decision is regarded in baseball circles as tantamount to the disbanding of organized baseball for the duration of the war. While many ball players are beyond the draft age, it is said there are not enough left to furnish the brand of baseball major league patrons demand, and baseball next year probably will be furnished largely by semi-professional leagues.

However, the rush of baseball players to leagues similar to the Steel in the Middle West, and the Shipbuilding leagues on both the East and West coasts, may give those leagues teams of strength almost equal to the class A leagues, or the American Association and the Pacific Coast league, and afford such territory fair ball playing.

The Ainsmith case went up to the secretary on appeal from the local board in division 9 of the District of Columbia. He had been placed in Class 4 previous to the "work or fight" order. The local board ordered him to appear to show cause why he should not be reclassified and placed in Class 1, because of the nature of his occupation. His deferred classification had been granted because of the dependency of his wife and child.

Ainsmith and representatives of organized baseball appeared and presented arguments against the reclassification, but the board held that the occupation of a baseball player is non-productive in the sense of the regulations, and ordered that Ainsmith's deferred classification be revoked.

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Baker Upholds Board

The case was appealed to the district board for the District of Columbia, which sustained the local board, and was then appealed to the Secretary of War.

The section of the regulations bearing on the case of ball players is:

"Persons, including ushers and other attendants, engaged and occupied in and in connection with games, sports and amusements," etc.

The Secretary of War says:

"Obviously, baseball players are persons occupied in a sport, so that the ruling of the local and district boards must be sustained as plainly correct."

He points out, however, that the appeal was not so much on the basis of the regulations as an appeal for the change to exclude baseball players from their operations. The arguments on this were three fold:

Arguments for Continuance

1—That baseball is a business in which large investments of money have been made, involving the erection of properties, useless and unprofitable unless permitted to continue in the use for which they were erected; and that the application of the rule to professional baseball players would so disorganize the business as to destroy it and render this property valueless.

"The situation of professional baseball," the Secretary ruled on this argument, "differs in no wise from other civilian peace time business which, by reason of the stress of war and its demand upon the industries and energies of the country must be content to bear whatever burden is imposed by temporary inactivity." He points out the fact that many ball players are over draft age and that it is possible organized baseball may be continued.

2—That the occupation of the professional baseball player requires a very high degree of specialized training and skill, procurable only by a substantially exclusive devotion of the time of persons aspiring to become professional ball players, so that there is not much likelihood of such players having any other available occupation or fitness for any other occupation at all adequate in its return to maintain for themselves and their families the standards of living which has been established on their earnings in their professional occupations.

Can Find Occupations

On this Secretary Baker commented as follows:

"Baseball players are men of unusual physical ability, dexterity and alertness. It has been necessary for us in this country to institute processes of rapid industrial training, and it is quite inconceivable that occupations cannot be found for these men which would not only relieve them from the onus of non-productive employment, but would make them productive in some capacity highly useful to the nation. This change will be welcomed by the individuals involved, and its usefulness to the country, both direct and indirect, is obvious."

The third argument was the one on which ball players and their club owners hung their highest hopes, and was also regarded by the Secretary as the most important. It was:

3—That baseball has been accepted as the national sport of the people of the United States, and that it affords wholesome outdoor relaxation and enjoyment to large numbers of the American people and is to many workers and business men of the United States almost the only opportunity for such recreation; so that to bring about the cessation of professional baseball would work a social and industrial harm out of proportion to the military loss involved by the exemption of the limited number of players in question.

"The third consideration is, of course, the serious one," says Secretary Baker, "is the one which has brought about the present appeal to the President. The stress of intensive industry and occupation in America in normal times is such as to give the highest importance and social value to outdoor recreation. It may well be that all of the persons who attend such outdoor sports are not in need of them, but certainly a very large preponderance of the persons who attend them are helped, physically and mentally, and made more efficient industrially and socially, by the relaxation that they enjoy.

War Demand Comes First

"But the times are not normal. The demand of the army and the country are such that we must all make sacrifices, and the non-productive employment of able-bodied persons, useful in the national defense, either as military men or in the industry and commerce of our country, cannot be justified.

"The country will be best satisfied if the great selective processes by which our army is recruited makes no discriminations among men, except those upon which depend the preservation of business and industry of the country essential to the successful prosecution of the war."

In his final denial of the appeal and his approval of the finding of the lower board, the Secretary intimated that the scope of the order might be broadened, rather than contracted, as the baseball interests had suggested, when he said:

"The scope of its provisions should be so enlarged as to include other classes of persons whose professional occupation is solely that of entertaining.

"Our people will be resourceful enough to find other means of recreation and relaxation if there be not enough persons beyond the useful military or industrial age to perform such functions, and they will be wise and patriotic enough not to neglect the recreation necessary to maintain their efficiency merely because they are called upon, in the obvious public interest, to sacrifice a favorite form of amusement."

The Phillies will be the hardest hit by Secretary of War Baker's ruling. The club now carries 17 men, of whom 16 are in the draft age; Boston 22 men, 18 in the draft age; Cincinnati, 17 men, 15 in the draft age; Pittsburg will lose 17 out of 20; the Giants 11 out of 21; the Dodgers, 11 out of 16; St. Louis Cardinals, 13 out of 17, and the Cubs, 19 out of 22.

In the American League, the Yankees will lose 20 out of 23; Chicago, 18 out of 23; the Athletics, 17 out of 20; Cleveland, 18 out of 20; the Red Sox, 15 out of 18; the Tigers, 17 out of 20; Senators, 15 out of 19, and the Browns, 20 out of 23.

Bull Durham Signs Are Hit Many Times

With the 1918 season half completed, the big-stickers throughout the country have batted out prize hits to the amount of $1,550. This amount is the total earned by 29 individuals for 31 hits against the Bull Durham signs, which are located in they arious parks. There were two repeaters among the 29, both hailing from the Texas league; Sears of Fort Worth and Sykes of San Antonio being the fortunate men.

The Texas Leaguers were most industrious in pursuit of the Bull Durham prizes, as there have been nine hits made in that circuit.

The Bull Durham signs have not been hit by any of the Eastern League players.

Yanks Buy Pitcher Quinn From Vernon

Los Angeles, July 20—Jack Quinn, pitcher for the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, has been sold to the New York Americans, it was announced yesterday.

"Pop" Geers Wins All Races at Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo, Mich., July 20.---"Pop" Geers, the veteran reinsman, yesterday made a clean sweep of three events that marked the closing of the local grand circuit meeting. He won the free-for-all trot with St. Frisco, took the 2:11 trot with Heir Reaper and headed the field with June Red in the 2:13 trot.

Jeanette and Kid Norfolk Fight Draw

Jersey City, July 20—Joe Jeanette of Hoboken, and Kid Norfolk of Panama, fought a fast eight-round draw here last night. Jeanette weighed 190 pounds and Norfolk 180.

LEADING BALL ARTISTS WHO MUST WORK

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

New York—Ray Caldwell, George Mogrifige, Edward Love, Joseph Finneran, Ray Keating, Henry Robinson, D. Vance, Herbert Thormahlen, Harry Hannah, Albert Walters, Walter Pipp, Derrell Pratt, Roger Peckinpaugh, Zinn Beck, Frank Bodie, Elmer Miller, Frank Gilhooley, William Lamar, Aaron Ward. Total, 19.

Boston—George Ruth, Lew Bader, Frank Truesdale, Barbore Molyneux, Stansbury, Carl Mays, Leslie Bush, Sam Jones, Samuel Agnew, Walter Schang, Walter Mayer, John McInnis, Dave Shean, Everett Scott, Harry Hooper, Amos Strunk. Total, 17.

Chicago — Albert Russell, Melvin Wolfgang, Ray Schalk, Jacobs, Dave Danforth, Arnold Gandil, Edward Collins, George Weaver, Fred McMullin, C. A. Risberg, Harry Leibold, Edward Murphy. Total, 12.

Detroit—Bernard Boland, Harry Coveleskie, George Cunningham, Geo. Dauss, Eric Erickson, William James, Robert Jones, Rupert Kallio, rchie Yelle, R. S. Young, Owen Bush, Oscar Vitt, Jack Coffey, Bailey, Harper, Robert Veach, Tyrus Cobb, William Walker. Total, 18.

Cleveland — Guy Morton, Stanley Coveleskie, Fred Coumbe, James Bagby, John Enzmann, Steve O'Neill, Josh Billings, William Wambsganss, Ray Chapman, John Graney, Tris Speaker, Robert Roth, Joe Wood, Wheeler, Johnston, Chester Thomas, Joe Evans, Farmer. Total, 17.

St. Louis—Dave Davenport, Allen Sothoron, Wright, Pete Johns, Ernest Johnson, Thomas Rodgers, George Sisler, Joseph Gedeon, Walter Gerber, Fred Maisel, Earl Smith, Timothy Hendryx, John K. Tobin, Leslie Nunamaker, Henry Severeld, George Hale. Total, 17.

Washington — Bert Galia, Walter Johnson, Vancy yres, James Shaw, Harry Harper, Edward Ainsmith, Joe Judge, Edward Foster, John Lavan, Ray Morgan, Clyde Milan, Val Picinich, Hovlik, Matteson, Howard Shanks. Total, 15.

Philadelphia — Vean Gregg, Elmer Myers, William Adams, Scott Perry, Ralph Perkins, James McAvoy, George Burns, Dykes, Watson, Muench, Charles Jamieson, Merlin Kopp, Clarence Walker. Total, 13.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

New York—Ferdinand Schupp, William Perritt, Al Demaree, Cecil Causey, Lewis McCarty, William Rariden, Walter Holke, George Burns, Joseph Wilhoit, Ed. Sicking, George Smith, Jack Ogden, Robert Steele, Lawrence Doyle. Total, 15.

Brooklyn — Burleigh Grimes, Rube Marquard, Oliver O'Mara, Harry Myers, Zachary Wheat, James Johnston, R. Robertson, Nixon, Otto Miller, Mack Wheat. Total, 10.

Boston—Arthur Nehf, Dana Fillingim, Pat Ragon, Canavan, John Rawlings, J. Carlisle Smith, James Smith, Roy Massey, Richard Rudolph, Murphy, Al Wickland, Walter Tragesser, John Henry, Arthur Wilson. Total 14.

Philadelphia — Mike Prendergast, Joe Oeschger, Ben Tincup, Bradley Hogg, Edward Burns, M. W. Watson, Jack Adams Milton Stock, Dave Bancroft, Juston Fitzgerald, Emil Meusel, Fred Williams, Elmer Jacobs, Pearce, Ed. Hemingway. Total, 14.

Chicago — James Vaughn, Claude Hendrix, Phil Douglas, George Tyler, William Killefer, Rob O'Farrell, Fred Merkle, McCabe, Walker, Carter, Charles Hollocher, Charles Deal, William Wortman, Leslie Mann, Turner Barber, Max Flack. Total, 16.

Cincinnati — Dick Allen, James Ring, Wheezer Dell, Horace Eller, Thomas Griffith, Henry Groh, Earle Neale, Pete Schneider, Harry Smith, Fred Toney, Ivy Wingo, Lee Magee. Total, 12.

Pittsburgh—Carson Bigbee, Wilbur Cooper, Max Carey, Southworth, Erskine Mayer, Ben Shaw, Slopnika, Comstock, James Caton, William McKechnie, Lee King, Frank Miller, Walter Schmidt, George Cutshaw

St. Louis — William Doak, Rogers Hurnsby, Lee Meadows, Eugene Packard, Eugene Paulette, James Smythe, William Sherdell, Grimm, Fisher, McHenry, Betzell, Mattick. Total, 12.

Number in both leagues, 336 players.

GRAYS WIN OVER MURLINS 9-7

New Haven, July 20—In a game in which heavy hitting played a prominent part, the Murlins went down to a 12 inning defeat at the hands of the Providence Grays at the Savin Rock grounds yesterday afternoon. The locals managed to gather 15 safeties from the deliveries of Schreiber and Gearin, while on the other hand the Rhode Island lads pounded Mr. Tyler for a total of 18 that landed in safe territory.

Stimpson Jumped Murlins Thursday

New Haven, July 20.---Earl Stimpson, popular left fielder of the Murlins, must have got a tip in advance what Secretary of War Baker intended to do regarding ball players, for he jumped the club with Nutter on Thursday. Stimpson returned to his home in Detroit, where his local draft board has reclassified him and placed him in class one. He is married, but that fact did not have any effect on the board in making him liable for service at once.

PLANTERS DEFEAT BOOSTERS 4-1

New London, July 20—New London defeated Worcester here yesterday, 4 to 1 in a well played and hard fought game. Connolly, a shop recruit, held Worcester to one hit until the seventh.

McGraw to Take Team to Paris

New York, July 20—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, has promised to take a team of big league players to Paris for a series of games with former professional players now in the army or the navy, according to an annuncement here today by Johnny Evers, former Chicago Cub manager, now of the Knights of Columbus athletic department overseas.

"American soldiers are scheduled to witness some 'big timber' games in France," said Evers. "McGraw assured me it would not cost the Knights of Columbus a cent. I have in mind some of the players, now fighting the Huns, who will play McGraw's bunch. The nucleus of my team is Alexander, pitcher; Gowdy, catcher; Miller, of Cleveland and Philadelphia, first base, and Evans, of Cleveland, third base. The others I shall select as soon as I arrive in France."

Evers said he had packed in his trunk for his trip to Paris his old Cub uniform, including gloves and shoes.

AMERICANS IN DOUBLE WIN

First Game Goes Twelve Innings Before Locals Put Over Winning Run.

The Americans climbed back into a tie for first place yesterday by taking two games from Waterbury. The first game was started with Ferguson on the mound for the locals and Bill Powers tossing them over for the Hinchmen. Aleck got off to a bad start for the locals, the Brass City team getting two runs in the first inning and another in the third. Right here the lcal pitcher tightened up and managed to work himself out of a few holes that he climbed into throughout the game. Powers lasted but one-third of an inning for Waterbury, being relieved by Dick Tuckey. The game went 12 innings, the locals winning 4-3.

In the second game Lennon was on the mound for the local team while Powers went back into the box for the Brass City team. Eddie was in the best of form and the visitors could do nothing with his deliveries. On the other hand the locals lambasted Powers all over the field and at the end of the seventh inning, when the game was called, the score stood 7-0 in our favor.

(First Game.)

Waterbury.

	a.b.	r.	h.	p.o.	a.	e.
Mameo, cf.	3	1	0	2	0	1
Hinchman, 2b.	4	1	2	4	6	0
Cosgrove, lf.	4	0	0	3	0	0
Daley, rf.	5	0	1	1	0	0
Smith, c.	6	0	1	6	2	1
White, 3b.	5	0	1	1	0	0
Cook, 1b.	4	0	0	14	1	0
Burnett, ss.	3	1	0	2	6	0
Powers, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuckey, p.	4	0	1	2	6	0
Totals	38	3	6*	35	21	2

Bridgeport

	ab.	r.	h.	p.o.	a.	e.
Sherwood, lf.	3	2	1	1	0	0
Lai, ss.	5	1	1	3	3	1
H.F. Baker, 3b.	6	0	1	1	2	0
Grimes, 1b.	2	0	1	15	0	1
H. W. Baker, 2b.	6	0	2	2	3	0
Yim, rf.	5	0	0	4	1	0
Burke, cf.	5	0	0	2	0	0
Connolly, c.	5	1	4	8	3	0
Ferguson, p.	4	0	1	0	4	1
Totals,	41	4	11	36	16	3

*Two out when winning run was scored.

Waf. ...2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—3
Bridg. ..2 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1—4

Two base hits, Grimes, Connolly 2. Hit by pitcher, by Ferguson (Daley). First base on balls, off Powers 2; off Ferguson 8; off Tuckey 2. First on errors Waterbury 3; Bridgeport 1. Left on bases, Waterbury 10; Bridgeport 10. Sacrifice hits, Cosgrove 2; Hinchman, Sherwood 2; Ferguson, Tuckey, Lai. Stolen bases, Sherwood, Lai 2; Cosgrove, Burnett, Grimes. Struck out, by Powers 1; by Ferguson 7; by Tuckey 4. Double plays, Smith to Burnett, Burnett to Hinchman to Cook. Passed balls, Smith. Umpire Bligh. Time 2:15. Hits off Powers 1 in 1-3 innings; off Tuckey 10 in 11 1-2 innings. Winning pitcher, Ferguson. Losing pitcher Tuckey.

(Second Game.)

Waterbury.

	ab.	r.	h.	p.o.	a.	e.
Mameo, lf.	3	0	0	2	1	0
Hinchman, 2b.	2	0	0	1	3	0
Cosgrove, lf.	2	0	0	2	0	2
Daley, rf.	3	0	1	1	0	0
Smith, c.	3	0	0	3	0	0
White, 3b.	3	0	1	1	1	0
Cook, 1b.	3	0	1	7	0	0
Burnett, ss.	3	0	0	1	3	0
Powers, p.	2	0	0	0	2	2
Totals,	24	0	3	18	10	4

Bridgeport

	ab.	r.	h.	p.o.	a.	e.
Sherwood, lf.	4	1	0	0	0	0
Lai, ss.	3	1	1	1	2	0
H. F. Baker, 3b.	2	0	0	0	1	0
Grimes 1b.	1	2	1	14	0	0
H. W. Baker, 2b.	2	1	2	1	2	0
Yim, rf.	2	0	0	1	0	0
Burke, cf.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Connolly, c.	3	1	2	3	0	0
Lennon, p.	3	1	1	0	4	0
Totals,	23	7	7	21	9	0

Waterbury, ...0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
Bridgeport, ...0 1 0 2 4 0 x—7

Two base hits, H. W. Baker, Connolly. Three base hits, Grimes. First on balls, off Powers 2; off Lennon 2. First on errors, Bridgeport 2. Left on bases, Waterbury 4; Bridgeport 3. Sacrifice hits H. W. Baker, Yim, H. F. Baker. Stolen bases, H. W. Baker. Struck out, by Powers 1; by Lennon 2. Umpire, Bligh. Time, 1:10. Winning pitcher, Lennon. Losing pitcher, Powers.

CARDS POUND SALLEE AND DOWN GIANTS

St. Louis, July 20—The Cordinals took kindly to the offerings of Slim Sallee yesterday and the Giants were humbled by a score of 5 to 2. The slender Sheriff didn't have much on the ball and yielded 14 hits, including a triple and a homer un. The Giants gathered 10 hits from the roundhouse curves of Leon Ames, but their failure to bunch their blows cost them the game.

Ames was a bit unsteady at the start and the Giants were given opportunities to score in each of the first two innings, but couldn't make good.

Hornsby connected with a fast ball in the seventh and drove it into the right field bleachers for a home run.

CUBS OBTAIN ONLY TWO HITS OF PFEFFER

Chicago, July 20.---Fortunately for the Dodgers, Jeff Pfeffer, at one time their most dependable hurler, who now is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station here, got leave of absence for the day and pitched his old teammates to a 2 to 0 victory over the league leaders.

Not only did Pfeffer neatly kalsomine the Mitchell athletes but in addition he held them to a pair of remote singles, one in the fourth session and one in the seventh frame. Hollocher distinguished himself by hitting for a base in the fourth and eLslie Mann repeated the performance in the seventh. Six Cubs all told reached first base, three on passes, one on an error and two on hits. No Cub got as far as third and only two got to second. It was a nifty day's work for Jeff, and he returned to duty feeling that he had spent a pleasant afternoon.

REDS WIN UPHILL GAME.

Cincinnati, July 20.---Boston obtained a four run lead in the first inning yesterday by consecutive hitting off Ring. But Cincinnati played a strong, uphill game and won out, 6 to 4.

PIRATES DOWN PHILLIES.

Pittsburgh, July 20.---Philadelphia lost to Pittsburgh yesterday, 3 to 2. Comstock, the Pirate pitcher, kept the visitors' hits scattered and was effective with men on the bases.

COBB HURT; TIGERS LOSE TO BOSTON

Boston July 20—Boston took the first game of the Detroit series by a score of 5 to 0 here yesterday.

Cobb, who was injured Thursday, missed the midnight train which his mates took from New York and did not appear in uniform here. McInnis' hitting and fielding were remarkable.

ATHLETICS WIN WHEN RAIN BREAKS UP GAME.

Philadelphia, July 20—The game between the Athletics and the Indians lasted just long enough to be legal, rain stopping play with one out in the home team's half of the fifth, with the Athletics ahead by a score of 2 to 0.

The runs were tallied on Walker's single, Burns' triple and a passed ball in the first inning.

SENATORS RALLY, WHITE SOX LOSE.

Washington, July 20—A ninth-inning rally which netted four runs enabled Washington to defeat Chicago by a score of 6 to 5 here yesterday, in the opening game of the series.

Safe hits by McBride, Johnson and Shotton filled the bases after one out was made in the inning. Foster's single scored McBride. Johnson and Shotton scored on Judge's safety and Schulte sent Foster home with the winning run on a single to left.

Wheat and Chase Join Elite Batters

Fred Merkle and Jake Daubert yesterday were replaced by Hal Chase and Zach Wheat, respectively, in fourth and fifth places in the National League batting race. Only six points separate the second and fifth batters in this circuit.

Here's how the five leaders in each major league are hitting to date:

American League

Player, Club	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	P.C.
Cobb, Det.	76	278	60	106	.381
Burns, Phil.	82	318	41	108	.340
Sisler, St. L.	74	293	47	99	.338
Ruth, Bos.	60	199	41	66	.332
Baker, N. Y.	84	334	43	108	.323

National League

Player, Club	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	P.C.
Groh, Cin.	76	287	47	104	.362
J.C.Smith,Cin.	77	271	32	86	.318
Holl'her, Chi.	84	335	41	106	.317
Chase, Cin.	60	214	24	67	.313
Z.Wheat,Bkn.	60	234	17	73	.312

Vernon Club Sells Battery to Majors

Los Angeles, July 20—Alfred Devormer, catcher of the Vernon Pacific Coast League team, has been sold to the Chicago National League club, and William Dell, pitcher on the Vernon team, has been sold to the Cincinnati National League club, it was announced yesterday.

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Eastern League To Quit After Sunday

Announced by President O'Neil Last Evening As Result of Secretary of War Baker's Ruling of Baseball As Non-Essential.

Hartford, July 20—The season of the Eastern League of Professional Baseball Clubs will come to a close tomorrow night as ther esult of an announcement made late last night by President Dan O'Neil, following the decision of Secretary of War Baker in the Ainsmith case that baseball is a non-essential business project and ball players coming under the "work or fight" order of Provost Marshal Crowder shall not be exempt from its regulations. As a result the last professional baseball game of the season of 1918 will be played in Hartford this afternoon, when the Hartford Senators go up against the Waterbury club in a double-header, the first game starting at 2 o'clock.

Said President O'Neil: "In view of Secretary of War Baker's decision this afternoon in the Ainsmith case, there is nothing left for minor baseball leagues except to close up shop. The Eastern League at its meeting last Monday was of the opinion that it would make every effort to continue giving baseball to the public, unless such efforts on its part conflicted with the government's desires under the Crowder 'work or fight' rule. There is no doubt but that the government wishes in this matter. Consequently, I have notified the club owners of the Eastern League that the season will suspend next Sunday night, July 21."

The Eastern League executive notified the different club owners of his decision in this matter, the power being left in his hands, in a night letter by telegraph. Four of the clubs of the league will wind up their league games this afternoon, Hartford, New Haven, Springfield and Providence, while four other clubs will terminate the season tomorrow afternoon, Worcester playing at Bridgeport and New London at Waterbury.

The Eastern League anticipated some such decision as this, as can be seen from the meeting that was held in the Hotel Taft, New Haven, last Monday afternoon in order to talk over the advisability of finishing out the schedule, or taking advantage of the National Association's ruling that allows a league to preserve its territorial rights and reserve its players if it plays half of the original schedule. At that time the club owners could arrive at no decision with regard to continuance or suspension, and at the close of the session it was declared that the matter had been left in the hands of President O'Neil to investigate and find out what effect the Crowder order might be expected to have on baseball. The Baker decision yesterday afternoon completely wiped away all doubts as to the scope of that order and as to baseball's status towards complying with it, and as a result the Eastern League executive immediately ordered a suspension for the remainder of the season.

President O'Neil pointed out last night that the Eastern League might have taken advantage before of the National Association ruling regarding a league finishing half of its season, but the club owners wanted to finish out the schedule and give the public baseball, if such was at all possible. However, under this ruling by Secretary Baker, he declared, it was utterly impossible for any minor league to recruit the players necessary to fill up the spots that will be left vacant by the ball players who must now conform to the "work or fight" order, and as a result the Eastern League must suspend for the remainder of the schedule.

The effect of this ruling upon the Eastern League clubs is almost sweeping. This league in normal years is made up of young ball players trying out in professional baseball circles, and older ball players who have gone up but come back for various reasons. This year, however, the young ball player has not been very noticeable around the diamonds; in minor leagues, because of the large number of voluntary enlistments under the draft age, and because of the very good pay that they are receiving in manufacturing plants engaged upon war work. The older ball players have not come back from the leagues of higher classification as in other years, because the scarcity of ball players has compelled these leagues to hang on to whatever they had, in order to fill up the ranks of the drafted and enlisted players. Consequently, there is hardly a club in the circui that would have over two players left, outside of the manager, in the face of this ruling by the secretary of war, making it impossible for the ranks of the clubs to be filled in order to keep on with the schedule. The Hartford club, for example, could retain only one played, Catcher Joe Briger, a veteran of minor league experience, as all of the others are subject to this "work or fight" order.

The announcement of the suspension of the Eastern League now leaves only four leagues playing professional baseball in the United States, in direct contrast to 42 leagues which were in operation in 1913, the year before the opening of the European war. When this season opened there were about 11 leagues that started out, but all of them have suspended except the two major leagues, the new International League and the American Association. Without a doubt the new International League and the American Association also will be forced to close their gates because of inability to get players, and the only two circuits that possibly can get along are the two major leagues.

"Ball Parks Must Close Gates," Says President Tener

Cincinnati, July 20.---President John K. Tener, of the National League, after reading Secretary of War Baker's statement relative to baseball as it is concerned in the work or fight order, said:

"I have read Secretary Baker's decision in full, and baseball interests will comply with the finding in spirit as well as in action. As good citizens our obligation is to respect constituted authority. If baseball comes under the classification of non-essential occupation we will most gladly make the sacrifice of our business interests in the country's welfare.

"We feel, however, some provisions should be made that would give us time to determine whether or not the clubs can proceed under the suggestion made by Secretary Baker or whether we will close out our business entirely, and we will request the War Department to make its ruling more definite as it concerns this point.

"My personal opinion is that if every ball player between the ages of 21 and 31 in forced to cease playing baseball at once, professional baseball ranks will have to close their gates immediately.

Mike Gibbons Is 30 Years Old Today

Michael J. Gibbons, the well known Mike, the man who has made St. Paul famous, will celebrate his thirtieth birthday today. Among the middleweights Mike has rarely had his equal.

Mike was born in St. Paul, of parents who hailed from the Emerald Isle, on July 20, 1888. After leaving school he entered a railroad workshop and after four years became a full-fledged sheet-metal worker. In the meantime he had interested himself in several sports, but he preferred boxing to all others and was soon able to lick all his fellow workers.

Mike was eighteen when he decided to try to pick up a little extra coin as a boxer. With his boyhood chum, Eddie Reddy, as his manager, Mike started his professional career, boxing whenever a ten-spot was hung up as a reward.. Gibbons went along without defeat until 1910, when he lost a ten-round bout with Jimmy Clabby in St. Paul. The following year the two met again in Milwaukee and the result was a draw. A little later Mike defeated Clabby in Winnipeg. Jimmy had claimed the welterweight championship title, and Gibbons then announced himself as the successor to that title, and held it against all comers until he entered the middleweight division.

In the fall of 1911 Mike decided to invade New York. His bouts in the Northwest had attracted little attention in the metropolis, and when Mike drifted into the big town nobody knew him. He had landed in New York practically broke, but he cleaned up $1,500 in his rst three bouts there. He soon forged his way to the front until he was the acknowledged middleweight champion.

COBB TO PLAY WITH COLONIALS

Famous Player of Tigers to Play Against Murlins Tomorrow.

With the renowned Ty Cobb, greatest ball player in the world in the lineup, and Ray Fisher, former New York Yankee star twirler, on the mound, the New Haven Colonials look pretty nifty for the opening game of the series with the New Haven club of th Eastern League at Lighthouse Point, New Haven, tomorrow afternoon. This big baseball attraction is causing much interest all over the state. It is without doubt one of the classiest attractions ever staged as a Sunday feature at Lighthouse Point and the event promises to gather a record breaking crowd.

Manager Danny Murphy announces his New Haven team will be able to present its regular makeup with Capt. Neal Ball at second base and Stimpson back in his position in left field. He will send Tyler to the mound and Pjura will catch.

Emmons Bowen, captain of the Holy Cross team, has been secured to play an outfield position with the Colonials and Manager Weiss figures on using Mickey Flaherty as catcher and Bobby Orr at second base. Both of these boys are fresh from the Rochester club in the International League and quit the league to accept war positions at Marlin's in New Haven.

Sunday will be the last chance for many of the state fans to see Ty Cobb in action for some time. Cobb is hitting the apple on the eye these days and his remarkable spurt with the willow in the American League is causing a big sensation in the baseball world.

The management of the big game on Sunday has arranged to take care of the largest crowd that ever turned out at Lighthouse Point. Extra trolley cars will be run to and from the park and everything done to make it pleasant for a big crowd of baseball patrons.

Hugh J. Rorty of Hartford will be the umpire. The game will start at 3:30 o'clock.