

POSTPONE SWIMMING CONTESTS

No swimming contests were held at the Young Men's Gymnasium Club last night because the tank recently had undergone repairs. Instead the annual contests will be held tonight. The Y. M. C. U. started a series of Thursday night amateur swimming contests last night a week and the contests will continue through the summer.

VIRGINIA LEAGUE QUILTS

No. Va., May 17. The Virginia league of professional baseball clubs disbanded for the season because of lack of interest due to the war. No more games will be played and the players will be released. Norfolk, Portsmouth, Lynchburg and Rocky Mount, N. C., are the cities affected.

RAILROAD SCHEDULES

Table with multiple columns listing various railroad lines (Union Station, Illinois Central, Missouri Pacific, etc.) and their respective schedules for different routes and times.

NEW ORLEANS LOST TO LITTLE ROCK

New Orleans lost its first game in Little Rock yesterday in two weeks. A rally in the ninth yielded one run and failed to secure the other necessary to tie the score. Yesterday's results follow:

Table showing baseball game results for the Southern League, including scores for Little Rock vs New Orleans, Memphis vs Mobile, and other games.

Table showing baseball game results for the National League, including scores for Boston vs Philadelphia, St. Louis vs New York, and other games.

Table showing baseball game results for the American League, including scores for Chicago vs Philadelphia, Detroit vs Washington, and other games.

Table showing baseball game results for the American Association, including scores for St. Paul vs Louisville, Memphis vs St. Louis, and other games.

WEST SEEMS OUT OF RACE

Eastern Teams Away in the Lead in Big League Race. New York, May 17.—On top of war and weather, the walloping East is now threatening baseball. The Cubs and Red Sox are making a runaway affair of the two big league races in the early spring going, when it is generally recognized the West must break into the world series again if this classic is to be acceptable.

MAJOR LEAGUE TEAMS PAY BIG RETURNS, DESPITE TENER'S WAIL

By JACK VEIOCK, International News Sports Editor.

New York, May 17. President John K. Tener of the National League recently made the assertion that fortunes are not made in baseball. In a letter to Senator Simmons, chairman of the Senate finance committee, protesting against the proposed tax levy of 10 per cent of the net receipts on baseball clubs as a war measure, Mr. Tener stated that within the past fifty years no one connected with baseball has made a fortune from direct ownership or investment in stock.

Mr. Tener, Ben Johnson or any other baseball magnate, for that matter, cannot be criticised for taking steps to protect the business. A levy of 10 per cent might be ruinous to the game, and it might be well for the government to take careful steps in adopting such legislation. Yet to say that base-ball does not bring big returns, or that fortunes are not made in the business seems out of order in the face of many prodigious baseball deals that have been made within the past ten years alone.

Charley Murphy, former president of the Cubs, often boasts that he ran a show-stopping lot of fortune. Charles P. Taft, formerly associated with Murphy in the ownership of the Cubs, received a large sum of a comfortable fortune for his interests when the club was sold to its present owners. Joseph J. Lamm, who stepped into the ownership of the Boston Red Sox when they were in the ascendency, cleaned up a handsome fortune during his regime at Boston. Barney Dreyfus has amassed a comfortable fortune at Pittsburgh, and he has made most of it in baseball. The New York Giants, a club which could not be purchased for less than a cool million, have nearly always paid great returns to their owners, and Charley Comiskey, president and owner of the Chicago White Sox, has become wealthy in the baseball business.

It is true that some club owners have failed. Mismanagement and poor investments in players have cost many a club owner thousands of dollars, and eventually forced him out of the business, while in the minor leagues the baseball club that pays big returns is a rarity. But fortunes have been made in baseball. The erection of costly baseball plants within recent years by major league club owners, the high salaries paid many players and the comfortable yearly stipends received by the presidents of the two major leagues are proof of the fact that baseball as it is conducted in the big show is not a hungry, threadbare proposition.

The major leaguers evidently feel that the fans should be forced to pay the freight if the game is taxed during the war. It is the fan who must carry the weight, and if the fan wants the game continued he must shell out. If a tax must be levied, say a 2 or 3 per cent tax on each admission, it is our guess that major league baseball should stand the gaff.

Pat Moran won a National League championship with a team of cast-offs. Wilbert Robertson did practically the same thing last year, and cast-off players have been "coming" for a long, long time. This season has been a wonderful one for the return of the cast-offs, particularly the pitchers. Five major league hurlers have pitched their way into the Hall of Fame, and every one of the five is a castoff. Eddie Grothe, who was with the Red Sox ages ago, was the first cast-off pitcher to turn in a hitless contest. George Mogridge followed Cicotte in the no-hit epidemic, and George is a cast-off of the Chicago White Sox. Old Fred Toney, who wasn't good enough to hold a job with the Cubs several years ago, pitched a no-hit game for the Reds, and in the same contest Jim Vaughn, who was once with the Yankees and later with Washington, pitched nine hitless innings. Sixty came old Robertus Groom, a veteran when Washington let him out, and Robertus is one of 1917's no-hit pitchers.

RACING ENTRIES AT WINDSOR TRACK

Table listing racing entries for the first race at Windsor Track, including horse names, weights, and jockeys.

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Table listing racing entries for the seventh race at Windsor Track, including horse names, weights, and jockeys.

HAL HARVEY SEEKS REAL FISTIC MATCHES. Hal Harvey, promoter of the Tulane Athletic Club, has lined out for several matches which he hopes to clinch within the next few weeks. He is in communication with Freddie Welsh and hopes to sign the lightweight champion for a ten-round no-decision match with Joe Mandot. Harvey also is trying to bring Johnnie Erb to terms for a twenty-round match with Arthur Spoons.

RACING ENTRIES AT LOUISVILLE

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INDOOR SERIES STARTED. Four teams are slated to participate in the annual interclass indoor baseball series at the Warren Easton high school, Coach Boehm announced Thursday. The first games will be played Monday afternoon, the Freshmen meeting the Sophomores and the Juniors and Seniors meeting in the other game.

RACING RESULTS AT PIMLICO TRACK

Table listing racing results for the first race at Pimlico Track, including horse names, weights, and jockeys.

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OVER 100 SUBJECT TO DRAFT. Big League Clubs Have Plenty of Soldier Material. Chicago, May 17.—Approximately fifty-five men from each of the two major leagues are subject to national service under the selective draft, according to an estimate made by Ben Johnson, president of the American league, who was here after a trip over the Eastern end of the circuit. He said that the magnates are unwilling to attempt to influence any athlete who believes his country needs him, but there yet is hope that the big leagues will be permitted to finish the season without the disruption of the teams. The belief was based upon the promise that a ball player will be in as good physical condition at the end of the season as the average conscript who has a month or so of military training and that most of the players have had some training in drill.

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