

## Only Five of Boston's 1916 Champions Are Left

"Babe" Ruth, Only a Pitcher Then, is Now the Red Sox' Chief in Attack—The Team Then And Now.

Two years ago this time, when the 1916 baseball season was beginning to wane, the fans began to doze out the chances of the Boston Red Sox against the National League champions in the approaching world's series. Boston again is furnishing the American league entry for the October classic and the fans again are talking about the chances of the Red Sox. But it is not about the "same Red Sox." The championship aggregation of two seasons back is now but a memory and it is around a new set of athletics that the dopers work.

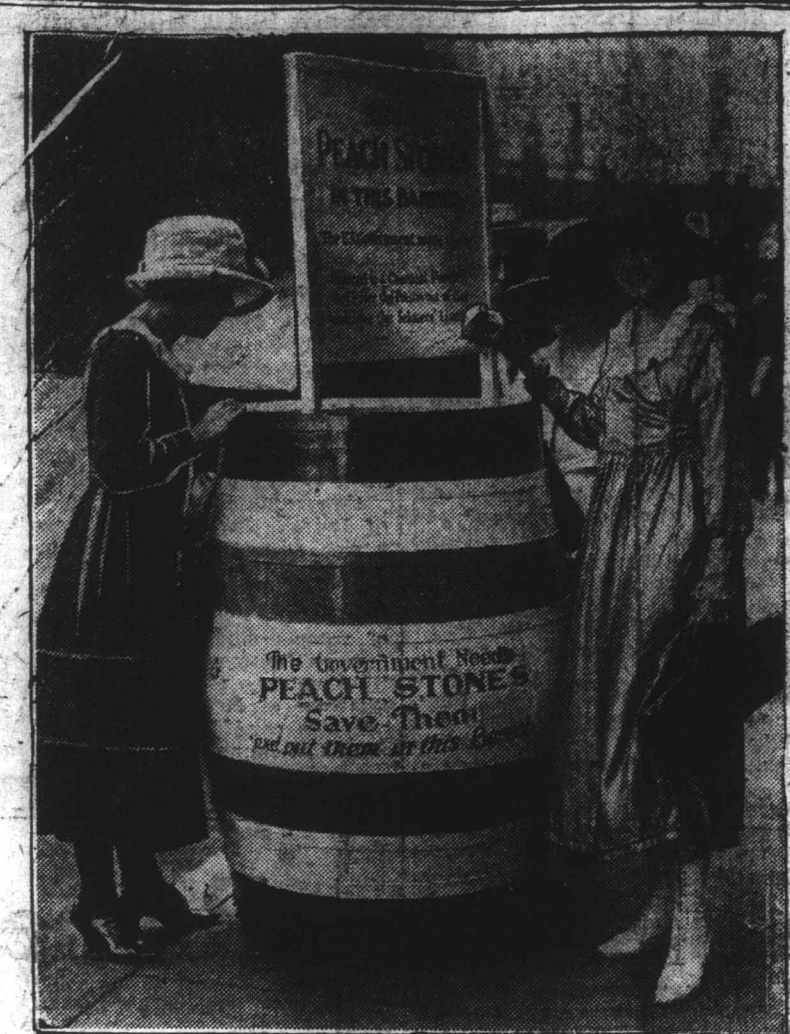
Teams have been reorganized in the past to win new honors, but baseball history records no such instance of almost complete reorganization within such a short space of time as between the championship clubs of 1916 and 1918 at Boston. Here and there one finds a player on the Red Sox roster who will recall some happening of the 1916 triumph of Bill Carrigan's force. Harry Hooper, still patrolling right field on the defense and still leading off the attack, is one memory. Yet the 1916 regulars at Fenway park, Everett Scott, who continues to display both skill and grace to a marked degree, is the only other 1916 regular who will take part in the coming games.

How Ruth Figured. What a difference two years may make in the status of one particular player is shown in the cases of Babe Ruth and Sam Agnew. Both players were with the Red Sox then, but no great importance was attached to the work of either. Carl Mays also was with the 1916 Red Sox. This completes the list of holdovers from the 1916 champions to the 1918 aggregation—one regular infielder, two pitchers and a substitute catcher who did not get into a game. Ruth to-day is regarded as the big gun of the Boston attack. Baseball sharps argue that if the big slugger is still by the slants of the Chicago pitchers the Red Sox will not

have a chance to succeed. What about Ruth and his slugging ability then? Babe in those days was just a left hand pitcher and his hitting did not bring him into a game even as a pinch hitter. He took part in only one game of that series, getting a decision over Sherrod Smith in fourteen innings, the longest game yet played in a world's series. Babe took the plate five times in that memorable engagement, struck out twice and did nothing in particular on his other trips to the plate. He closed that game without making a hit and did not swing a bat in any other game of the set. Two years later Boston's hopes are swinging on slugging ability and he will be the clean-up hitter for the Red Sox when the big series arrives. Sam Agnew, who is pitching or playing as an outfielder.

Sam a Bench Warmer. Sam Agnew's case is another striking example of the ups and downs of the Red Sox. Sam was with the Red Sox through out the 1916 campaign and was a regular in the batting line. Yet when the big series arrived Sam adjoined the bench from start to finish. The coming series will show Agnew as the ranking receiver of the Red Sox. He lacks the hitting ability of Wally Schang, yet he ranks far enough ahead of the former Mackman in the catching department to get the call, despite his wear and tear this year. Mays, in another Red Sox catcher, and the frequency of his appearance in recent games leads to the belief that he may do some catching in the big games. But Agnew, the bench warmer of 1916, heads the list now.

Mays The Star Now. Carl Mays, who is the star of the Boston pitching staff did not rank very highly in those days, except as a game finisher. Bill Carrigan has said that Mays' rescue work won him the pennant and this probably is true. But in the big series Shore and Leonard all did more



UNCLE SAM IS COLLECTING PEACH STONES. The United States has started a drive for peach stones. The stones are to be reduced to a charcoal powder and they filter the poison out of the gas and save the lives of the allied soldiers. Here are shown a couple of pretty misses throwing peach stones into the barrel set aside for the purpose.

pitching than the exponent of the underhand fling.

Thus three of the five survivors of the 1916 champions are rated far differently now than they were then. As for the two others—Hooper and Scott—they were stars then as now.

The players who battled for Boston and the American league in the series of two seasons back were Pitchers—Shore, Ruth, Leonard, Foster and Mays; Catchers—Thomas, Cady and Carrigan; Infielders—Hoblitel, Javrin, Scott and Gardner; Outfielders—Hooper, Lewis, Shorten, Walker and Walsh; Honkens and Gaiser got into the series as pinch hitters and McNally as a pinch runner.

## COBB AN OFFICER IN AMERICAN ARMY

New York, Aug. 28.—Ty Cobb has made good his pledge to enlist in the service of the Allies. Some time ago he declared he was going to enter Uncle Sam's service. He has just been issued a commission by the War Department.

From now on it is Captain Tyrus Raymond Cobb. He will serve in the Chemical Warfare Service, a branch of the army that tends to the important work of "feeding" poisonous gas to the enemy. It is expected that Christy Matheson, the leader of the Red Sox, will enter the same department. Cobb is expected to communicate his acceptance of the commission to tomorrow. Ty is of the draft age, and applied for a commissions in the Chemical Warfare Service about two months ago. He passed both the mental and physical examinations with flying colors.

## OFFICIAL SANCTION FOR WORLD'S SERIES

Herrman Receives Permission of Provost-Marshal General Crowder

By Courier Leased Wire Cincinnati, O., Aug. 28.—August Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, last night received the official permission of Provost-Marshal-General Crowder for the pennant winners of the National and American Leagues to engage in a world's series. The telegram sent to Mr. Herrmann reads:

"The request contained in your letter of August 20 asking for the extension of the application of the work or fight order to professional baseball players of the winning teams of the National and American Leagues is granted by the Secretary of War. The period of extension will be until September 15. Necessary instructions have been issued by telegraph."

The granting of this permission removes the last obstacle to holding the world's series, which will start in Chicago on September 4.

## ICELAND NOW HAS OWN FLAG

Little Country Claims Freedom She Has Been Struggling For

Skippers in the harbor of Christiania enjoying the warm sun at 10 o'clock of a night in July were startled out of their lazy comfort by the sight of a strange ensign flying at the mast of a trim, new freighter making her way up the beautiful fjord to anchor. It was a red cross edged with white on a field of blue; and it was and is the flag of Iceland, which so far as is known never had been displayed before in a foreign port.

The surprise of the sea captains was no greater than that of the representatives of the British, American, French and Italian Governments who met in council in London to draw up a new trade agreement with Iceland, the compact of 1914 having expired last January. The council chamber walked a mission from the earthquake tormented island. They had with them the British Consul-General to Reykjavik—but not a soul from Copenhagen. A new understanding was reached whereby the Icelanders are rationed liberally, and in return pledge themselves to sell certain of their products to England. All this was consummated without the signature of any representative of the crown to which Iceland nominally still owes allegiance.

Bound to be Free. In both these significant incidents Iceland outstripped the leisurely progress of the law. She has been contending for absolute independence for more than 400 years; now she seems to have gone ahead and taken it. Where at there is great glee from Reykjavik on the west to Rikfang on the east, from Raudagur and Kog on the Arctic Circle to Thorsbar on the south coast.

There's stubborn stuff in these descendants of exiled Norse noblemen. The Norsemen found the place 1,048 years ago, but the Irish already were there. You can't beat the Irish. Disagreeable persons have said that Icelanders still talk Norwegian with a brogue. That is base calumny. The tongue in fact is the language of the ancient sagas, kept undisturbed to this day. Their real heritage from the Irish is the habit of being again the Government.

Denmark got Iceland from Norway in 1800. The Icelandic claim is that the treaty contained no provision destroying her national identity. Resolute always, Iceland secured the segregation of her finances from those of Denmark in 1871, also the payment of a sum in compensation for certain church properties seized and sold by the crown at the time of the Reformation. Home Rule came in 1903. The next step, in 1913, was an amplification of rights. Iceland won the privilege of flying her own flag on her own soil and in her own ports. Danish officials were bent packing home, every one. From that time forth, the Althing at Reykjavik made all Iceland's laws and administered them through its own cabinet. The stipulation was that Copenhagen must be consulted upon affairs of state, specifically upon matters concerning foreign relations.

Would Create Sensation. Naturally the forbidden things were just what Iceland felt the irresistible urge toward doing. Precedents range from Eve and the apple down through the ages to us and wet paint signs. That explains the flag in a foreign port and the conclusion of what amounts to a treaty without so much as "by your leave" to Christian X. In peace times this might have been a minor sensation, provoking a Cabinet crisis in Copenhagen, to say nothing of pictures of Iceland ponies in the Sunday newspapers. Nowadays the European press lets it go with a few lines. As for us, American correspondents did not think the trifles worth cabling.

Somehow we never do get much news from Iceland, and it seems a pity. She is always doing the piquant and unexpected. For instance, after worrying through 1,100 years without a railroad, she suddenly decided in 1914 to build one—seventy-six miles of narrow gauge from the teeming metropolis of Reykjavik, with its 1,200 souls, through the fertile Thingvall region of Rangavall, and branching to Eyraflaki. Is it finished? We never were told. The names took like Kipling's India. Does anybody speak both languages well enough to tell us whether the Icelandic extends to pronunciation?

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## YOU CANNOT FOOL SAMMY DOUGHBOY. Americans Are Suspicious of the Germans in the French Uniforms

"If the Americans are untrained, as some say, they are giving, in the language of the French communiqué, fresh proof of their perfect adaptability to the conditions of modern warfare." In front of Bouresches a body of Americans were holding what passed for a position in open warfare. They had dug in for protection against shrapnel, and they were lying behind rocks and they had made themselves little strong points. The new-born American soldier has learned how to dig in like a badger, as well as to hang on like one. No officers were with the squad. On these thinly held lines it is very often each squad for itself.

"Who's this?" asked the Americans of each other. "Eight men dressed in French uniforms were approaching. They were carrying two machine guns. So far as the transatlantic reason was concerned, it should have been convinced by the showing. The men looked like Frenchmen, they were dressed like Frenchmen, they spoke enough French to deceive boys whose sole foreign language is covered by the phrase 'No compree.' But the Americans are adaptable. They save the conditions of modern warfare."

"Where'd these guys come from?" they asked one another. "There aren't any French out there." Trust No Man. "So they moved onward the eight men, planning to find out about them. They have passed thru that period of recruit trust in all mankind. When the Americans walked forward to the

eight they carried their rifles half thrust forward, just as trapshooters do when waiting for the hum of the clay pigeon. The eight men could not stand the strain. When the Americans were almost on them they tried to raise their guns.

"Fired!" said one of the Americans. "Only we all did." "One of the eight was brought into an American hospital later with twenty-two bullet holes thru him. He was dying, of course, but before he died he was able to say that he and his companions were Germans and that they had been ordered into French uniforms by their officers. They had tried to sneak into the American lines with the two machine guns and 500 rounds of ammunition. It is easy to guess what would have happened if those Americans had not adapted themselves to the new warfare, and to the crooked tricks of the Boche.

"How did they get that machine gun?" I asked the other day. "I don't know," was the reply. "Just went out and took it, I guess."

## AIRMAN KILLED

By Courier Leased Wire Deseronto, Aug. 29.—Cadet A. D. Spooner was instantly killed at Maryville, near here, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning as the result of a flying accident. His father W. Spooner, lives in Moosomin, Sask.

## ARABLE LAND PURCHASED

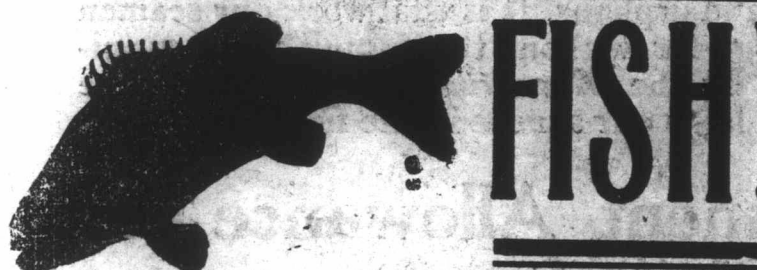
By Courier Leased Wire London, Aug. 29.—The Board of Agriculture states that the arable area in England and Wales amounts to 12,400,000 acres, an increase of 1,152,000 compared with 1917, and a record for twenty years. The wheat acreage has increased by 638,000 acres, and is a record since 1884. Oats have increased by 23 per cent, and potatoes by 25 per cent, all records.

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