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**EIGHTEEN MAN CLUB MAY BE A POSSIBILITY**

Major Leagues May Cut Down Number of Players Per Team

New York, Dec. 12.—One of the effects of the war is the necessity for a radical re-adjustment of the professional baseball structure and of the many proposed innovations and curtailments suggested, the limitation of each club roster to eighteen players has aroused the greatest discussion. Magnates in both of the major leagues are sharply aligned in favor or opposition to this amendment to rules and it is likely that there will be considerable controversy before the matter is adjusted.

The proposal is one which permits of much argument with plenty of facts to support the contentions of the debaters. For instance it has been pointed out that no club is required at the present time to carry the full limit of players with fifteen go through the season with fifteen if it so desired. Clubs favoring a maximum of eighteen offer in rebuttal the statement that certain organizations, financially capable of supporting a twenty-five player team, would under such condition have a decided advantage over the club which could not afford, in war times, to carry more than twenty at the outside. From other unofficial sources comes the claim that the reduction is advocated by certain clubs, the pennant chances of which would be greatly strengthened if other formidable opponents were forced to cut down their playing staff to conform with the proposed requirements.

The adoption of the rule would also require, in all probability, a change in the National Agreement which at the present time places a maximum limit of twenty-five players upon the clubs of the American and National leagues during the greater portion of the playing season. This is further reduced to twenty-two in the case of the National league thru a regulation in force in the senior organization while the American League holds to twenty-five.

One baseball authority brings out the point that the cost of maintaining a big league team has increased tremendously in the past twelve months and is likely to advance still further during the season of 1918. The charge for hotel accommodations and meals, both on the trains and while playing in rival cities have reached figures far beyond those existing in previous years. The war tax alone on railroad and Pullman reservations will add something like eighteen per cent to the transportation charges of travelling teams.

That numerous pennants have been won in past years by clubs with considerable less than the number of players allowed at this time is shown by a search of the records of the national game. During the early seventies National League teams played through the season without approaching the eighteen player total. The first of the American clubs ranged from seventeen to twenty.

A fair line of the number of players used in recent years were gathered from the lists of eligibles for the World Series as promulgated by the National Commission each season since 1905. The teams, of course, in each case were the winners of their respective league pennants and yet the records disclose that there has been hardly a case where the full number of eligibles were actually called into action. Eighteen players registered by the New York Giants and the Philadelphia Athletics in 1905 is the minimum and the average for the entire thirteen years is twenty-two and a fraction players per team. The list follows:

National League—American League  
1905 New York 18; Philadelphia 18.

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1907 Chicago 22; Detroit 19.  
1908 Chicago 20; Detroit 20.  
1909 Pittsburgh 23; Detroit 20.  
1910 Chicago 25; Philadelphia 23.  
1911 New York 25; Philadelphia 24.  
1912 New York 23; Boston 22.  
1913 New York 24; Philadelphia 25.  
1914 Boston 25; Philadelphia 24.  
1915 Philadelphia 23; Boston 23.  
1916 Brooklyn 22; Boston 26.  
1917 New York 24; Chicago 24.

**SOLDIERS FOR VICTORY**

(Associated Press)  
London, Dec. 13.—J. H. Thomas, head of the National Union of Railwaymen of Great Britain, who has just returned from a visit to the British front in France, has sent the following report of his visit to the members of his organization: "It would be untrue to suggest that our soldiers do not wish the war to end. Clearly they do. They would be less than human if they did not, having regard to what they have experienced. But it is also true that the feeling expressed in their minds is that there must be no repetition of this hell, that their children must not experience what they are now experiencing, and that therefore we must have peace. This will be conclusive and lasting. Everywhere among officers and men alike, there is a very marked optimism that shows clearly that they feel themselves masters of the Germans."

**VIA PANAMA**

(Associated Press)  
Tokyo, Dec. 13.—Thirteen freight steamers of the Japan Steamship Company, hitherto sailing to London by the way of Cape Town, are to be sent through the Panama Canal. The new route besides being safer, is one week quicker.

**ADMIT JERUSALEM'S FALL**

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, Dec. 12.—The following official statement issued by the Turkish war office has been received here: "During the recent fighting west of Jerusalem, the enemy succeeded in pushing his attack as far as the outskirts and our troops south and west of Jerusalem were transferred to the east of the city."  
Bonar Law, announced on Monday that Jerusalem had surrendered to General Allenby's forces that day.

**WIVES TO RETURN**

Melbourne, Dec. 12.—(Via Ruter's Ottawa agency)—The Australian Government is providing free passages for returned soldiers' wives who married in England. The Russian consul-general at Victoria, repudiating the Bolshevik, informed Premier Hughes that if a separate peace were concluded by Russia, he would offer his services to Australia in any capacity.

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Smartness in every line and detail characterizes this dress, No. 8511. The very newest style features which are sponsored by several Paris houses are introduced in this chic model. There is the draped surplice waist with sash ends or belt fastening at the back, and giving a snug fit around the waist which is very attractive. The gracefully shaped shawl collar is just the touch needed to emphasize the becoming line of the front closing. The long close fitting sleeves are set in without fulness, and there is a deep gauntlet cuff to match the collar. The four piece skirt, with the draped sections at the side, is known as the melon skirt, and it is very effective with a snug fitting waist.

The lady's dress pattern No. 8511 is cut in four sizes, 36 to 42 inches bust measure. Width at lower edge of skirt is 2 3/4 yards. The 36 inch size requires 6 3/4 yards 36 inch, with 3/4 yard 30 inch contrasting material.

To obtain this pattern, send 15 cents to The Courier, Brantford. Any two patterns for 25 cents.



**MARGARINE FOR CANADA**

Seventy-Five Thousand Pounds Have Been Released in U. S.

By Courier Leased Wire  
Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The food controller has received telegraphic advice from a representative of his office, who has been in Washington, stating that he delivered personally to the War Trade Board, Mr. Hoover's order releasing 75,000 pounds of oleomargarine for exportation to Canada. Other licenses will be issued by the United States authorities, so that there should be no further difficulty with regard to the supply from across the international boundary.

Latest advices from the Allied countries, and particularly from Great Britain, show a steadily increasing demand for butter far exceeding the available supply, so that Canadian dairymen have absolutely nothing to fear by reason of the appearance of oleomargarine on the Canadian market.

Applications for licenses for the importation of oleomargarine should be made to the office of the Veterinary Director General, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

**AMERICAN FIRED FIRST SHOT OF U.S. AGAINST AUSTRIA**

Representative Tinkham of Boston Shelled Poe on Lower Piave

By Courier Leased Wire  
Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Tuesday, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—The first American shot against Austria was fired by Representative Tinkham of Boston on the Lower Piave, when Mr. Tinkham pulled a string firing a large 149 millimetre gun sending a shell hurtling across the Piave to the Austrian positions at Confo. A huge cloud of black smoke marked the place where the shell burst. The Italian batterymen gathered around the gun and raised a cheer as the Austrian congressman fired.

**Snow in Mountains**  
With the French armies in Italy, Tuesday, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—Snow, which has been eagerly awaited and long delayed, began to fall this morning in the mountain district where the Austro-German armies are striving to break through. The beginning of the snow fall adds to the optimism of those who have been confident that the drive would be checked within its present limits.

**SIDE TALKS**

"Every day is a fresh beginning. Every morn is the world made new. How did you begin your day-to-day? Every day is indeed a fresh beginning and were to you or me, if we make a bad one. Of course, by sufficient effort one can overcome it—but sufficient effort is at least doubtful what it would have taken to start it aright. And effort is vital and it is just as important to spend vitality wisely as it is money. Or more so."

I wonder if I Have Any Friends of Such Long Standing.

My mind was turned toward this subject by the valuable reminder of a bad example (I wonder if there is a reader friend of such long standing that he remembers that very, very long ago when I first began to chat with you I wrote on the value of a bad example, claiming that it is the bad and not the good examples that make us see our follies as others see them.)

In this case the bad example was my own.

I got up late this morning. No Wonder I Dreaded To Go To Work.

Then I dawdled. Then I came to the breakfast table with a long face. Then I caught myself talking about what a miserable night I had had. Then I spent more time than I had any right to spend reading the morning paper and dreading to go to work, because I had gotten myself into an inefficient state of mind.

As an inevitable result I was tardy with my morning work ("if you lost an hour in the morning you will be trying to find it all day") late with my afternoon appointments; and out of tune with the universe by night; I went to bed feeling that sense of restless dissatisfaction which comes over one when one has had a day of dropped stitches.

And all because I made a bad beginning.

If We Only Had A Valet!

There was once some great man (St. Simon I think) who had his valet awake him with the words, "Monsieur you have great things to do today. Most of us are so handicapped with the lack of a valet that we cannot make this auspicious beginning. But we can all get up when we are called, dress without dawdling, bring a pleasant morning face to the breakfast table, withhold all mention of our adventures in indigestion or the quality of our night's sleep; use the morning paper as a vitalized glimpse into the bigger world instead of a screen between ourselves and our duties; lastly go at our housework promptly if house work be our lot, or catch our morning car without having to run for it, if morning cars be our lot.

The day so begun may go wrong but it has ten times as much chance of being a satisfactory, accomplished day—the kind that gave the village blacksmith a lien on a night's repose—as the day slinkily begun.

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